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Texas Ranger cross



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The small dark cross on the right side of the Stengel headstone is the Texas Ranger Memorial Cross that was given to the family. A dedication ceremony was held in Rhineland, Texas, in early December.

Pampans attend Texas Ranger Cross dedication

By KERRI SMITH
Managing Editor

Three Pampa residents recently attended a Texas Ranger Memorial Cross dedication for a relative who is buried in the Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Rhineland, Texas, which is 60 miles south of Quanah. Chuck Albus, Chuck Albus, Jr., and Joseph Adam were in attendance along with approximately 45 other relatives and friends at the ceremony for John Frederick Stengel.

According to Albus, the Texas Ranger Cross was furnished free of charge by the Former Texas Ranger Association in Kerrville. He received this cross in honor of Stengel, his grandfather, when he joined the association.

"To join this association, you have to be a descendant of a Texas Ranger," Albus said.

"It only cost \$25 a year to join and they provide the family with a free cross to place on the grave of the former ranger. It was wonderful to be given this gift and to be able to get close to 50 friends and relatives together along with two former captains of the Texas Rangers for the ceremony in Rhineland on Dec. 1 for my grandfather."

Albus was the master of ceremony for the event, which his son Chuck Albus, Jr. also attended. The ceremony included prayers, the history of Stengel given by a great-grandson, the Texas Ranger address, the unveiling of the cross by a granddaughter, the blessing of the cross and TAPS, which was played by step great, great, great-grandson Joseph Adams of Pampa.

At a reception after the ceremony, Albus
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Lovett Memorial Library names new director

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

While librarians are usually perceived as dry and grouchy, the impish new director at Lovett Memorial Library can often be found wearing her tee shirt with "Don't Make Me Use My Librarian Voice" scrawled across it and a mischievous smile.

She has a sly wit, but she also has a sense of purpose. Misty Guy, 33, and her daughter moved to Pampa in early October to take over the city library.

"I have a wonderful 3-year-old daughter," Guy said. "Her name is Sykora Leigh."

Guy was working on her family's genealogy when her daughter was born.

"Sykora is the surname on my mother's side of the family. It's Czechoslovakian, and it means 'little chickadee.' I thought it was very pretty." Guy came to Pampa from the Amarillo Public Library.

"I had a coworker that informed me that the position of director was opening and I put my application in," Guy said. "I've worked at every one of the branches there."

She worked through the rotation as a rover, she said. "If they were short at any of the branches," Guy

said, "they would send me out."

Born in Amarillo, Guy graduated from Caprock High School. She has an associate's degree from Amarillo College in liberal arts and a bachelor's of science and history from West Texas A&M University.

Guy said that she's always been interested in being a librarian.

"I knew back in high school," Guy said. "I was probably a junior in high school and I did the vocational occupational educational program."

Her senior year, she ended up working with Kathy Jones, who oversees the libraries for the



Amarillo Independent School District.

"I did six week rotations in receiving, in technical services, in cataloguing, six weeks at the professional library positions and

then one as secretary," Guy said.

She said that she filled in a number of positions that were great for a high

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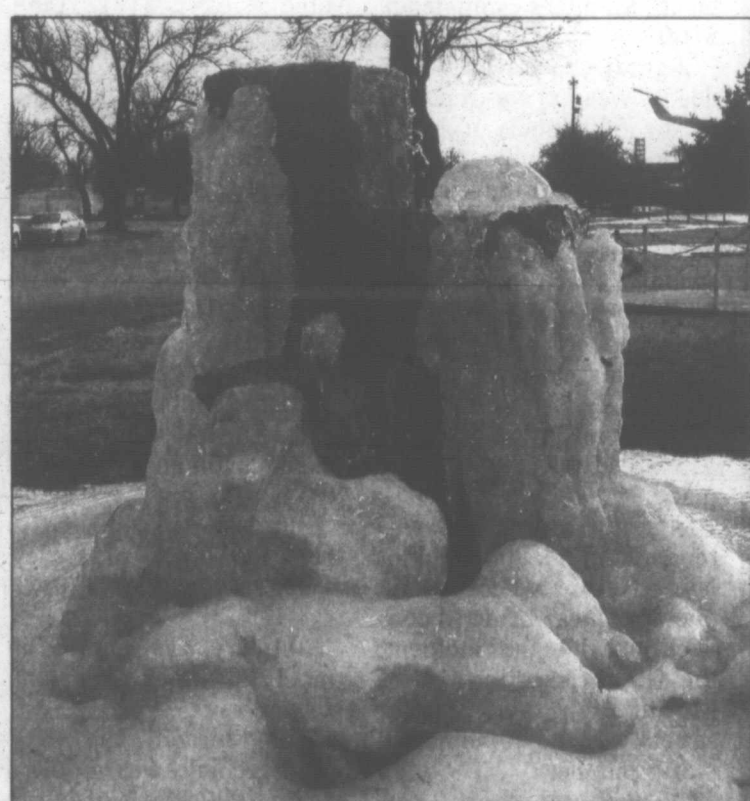
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This fountain at Freedom Museum U.S.A. has been flowing recently, but the cold weather has caused ice to form an ice sculpture around the base.

Before Iowa caucuses, uplifting appeals replace stinging insults

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Uplifting appeals largely replaced stinging insults Tuesday as Democratic and Republican candidates did the only thing left to do in Iowa races that are too close to call — encourage supporters to vote for them.

"The polls look good, but understand this — the polls are not enough. The only thing that counts is whether or not you show up to caucus," Democrat Barack Obama told a fired-up crowd of young and old packed into a high school gymnasium.

Amid murmurs of "Amen!" at a pizza parlor in Sergeant Bluff, Republican Mike Huckabee urged hundreds: "Don't go alone. Take peo-

ple with you. Fill up your car. Rent a van. Hijack your church's bus, whatever you've got to do to get people to the caucus who are going to vote for me."

Candidates made the pitch repeatedly as they canvassed the state for Thursday's caucuses, the first votes of the presidential nominating process. At least 130,000 Democrats and 80,000 Republicans are expected to participate in 1,781 neighborhood meetings at schools, fire stations and community centers across Iowa on what is forecast to be a clear but cold night.

New polls show both races competitive, the outcome extraordinarily unpredictable. Among Democrats,

Obama, an Illinois senator, is fighting with Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton of New York for the lead as former Sen. John Edwards of North Carolina gives them strong chase. Two former governors, Huckabee of Arkansas and Mitt Romney of Massachusetts, are vying for first on the Republican side.

Given the tightness, turning out voters will be critical.

Thus, hordes of volunteers made thousands of get-out-the-vote phone calls Tuesday, the campaigns rolled out uplifting television ads and the candidates made their pitches on the first day of 2008.

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Thursday



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Friday



Sunny

Saturday



Sunny

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 50. Wind chill values between 11 and 21 early. Windy, with a south-southwest wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 31. Wind chill values between 20 and 25. South-southwest wind around 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 63. Southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 42. Southwest wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 68. Windy, with a west-southwest wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 44. Southwest wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

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Obituaries

Ruth Caroline Lunsford, 76

Ruth Caroline Lunsford, 76, died Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2008, in Pampa. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Lunsford was born Dec. 22, 1931, in Waukegan, Ill. She received a B.S. degree from the University of Illinois and later taught school in Illinois. She came to Pampa in 1969 where she taught at Pampa Junior High School for 25 years.

Following her retirement, she volunteered for First Presbyterian Church, Good Samaritan Christian Services, and Pampa Regional Medical Center until shortly before her passing. She was a member of

First Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. Lunsford loved to garden and take walks. She was a devoted Christian woman who spent her life serving and loving her family as well as others in the community. She was preceded in death by her parents, Alfred and Verna Knox.

Survivors include her husband, Gene Lunsford, of the home; two daughters, Linda Osborne and husband Valton of Red Oak, and Terri Senior and husband Richard of Waco; one son, Steve Busse

of Pampa; two stepdaughters, Lynn Wright and husband Gene of Austin, and Lea Hobbs and husband John of Keller; one brother, David Knox and wife Gladys of Williamsville, Ill.; one sister, June Mackey of

Waukegan, Ill.; four grandsons, Brandt Osborne of Red Oak, and Jerrod Busse, Taylor Busse, and Jeremy Busse, all of Pampa; three granddaughters, Lauri Osborne, Ashlie Senior and Stephanie Senior, all of Waco; two stepgrandaugh-

ters, Lauren Hobbs and Jennifer Hobbs, both of Keller, and Christy Wright of Austin; and numerous nieces and nephews.

MEMORIALS: Good Samaritan Christian Services, 309 N. Ward, Pampa, TX 79065; or First Presbyterian Church Book of Remembrance, 525 N. Gray, Pampa, TX 79065.

SPECIAL NOTICE: The family will receive friends from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

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

Emergency Services

In the Tuesday, Jan. 1 edition of The Pampa News, the name of the woman who was indicted in connection with the death of her six-week-old daughter should have been reported as Mary Lee Bolin.

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 48-hour period from 7 a.m. Dec. 31 to 7 a.m. today.

Monday, Dec. 31

Thirty-three traffic stops were made.

Vehicle accidents were reported in the 2800 block of Charles, the 1400 block of North Hobart and the 2100 block of Hamilton.

Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 1500 block of North Nelson, the 100 block of North Sumner, the 1100 block of South Wells, the 2200 block of Lynn and the

2200 block of North Wells.

Agency assistance was rendered in the 11800 block of West Highway 60 and the 1200 block of North Hobart. A K-9 search was conducted in the 1200 block of North Hobart; nothing was found.

Found property was reported in the police department lobby and the 900 block of West 19th.

A civil matter was reported in the 900 block of East Francis.

A suspicious person call was received from the intersection of Barrett and Crawford streets.

A suspicious vehicle call was received from the 600 block of North Gray.

A prowler was reported in the 1200 block of North Wells.

Violation of a city ordinance was reported in the 1200 block of East Browning.

A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 1100 block of South Christy.

Public intoxication was reported in the 600 block of North Starkweather.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 300 block of North Warren. At least one arrest was made in connection with the incident.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 100 block of West 30th.

Criminal mischief and theft were reported in the 1000 block of North Sumner. Two fire extinguishers and their cases were damaged. Estimated cost of damage is \$200. A cell phone and 10 keys were taken, for a loss estimated at \$100.

Aggravated assault with a deadly weapon was reported in the 600 block of North Wynne. The subject drove his pickup into the victim's mother's truck, then pointed a gun at the victim and made verbal threats. No injuries were reported in connection with the incident.

Two alarms were reported.

Tuesday, Jan. 1

Twelve traffic stops were made.

Agency assistance was rendered in the 800 block of North Nelson, where at least one arrest was made in connection with the incident; the intersection of McCullough and Tignor streets; and the 400 block of North Sumner.

A welfare check was made in the 700 block of Lefors.

Found property was reported in the police department lobby. A purse, wallet and \$200 in cash were found in the 600 block of East Frederic.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 1100 block of North Perry, the 1000 block of West Wilks and the 900 block of South Nelson, where at least one

arrest was made in connection with the incident.

A prowler was reported in the 1000 block of South Sumner.

A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 400 block of Graham.

A threat was reported in the 800 block of Scott.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 800 block of East Francis, the 3100 block of Perryton Parkway, the 900 block of South Faulkner and the 1100 block of Starkweather. At least one arrest was made in connection with the incident in the 3100 block of Perryton Parkway.

Arrests were made in connection with a follow-up investigation in the 200 block of North Russell and a medical call in the 300 block of Miami.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 1600 block of North Sumner.

Domestic disturbances were reported in the 500 block of Magnolia, the 800 block of North Nelson and the 600 block of North West.

Assault was reported at the intersection of Campbell and Henry streets. At least one arrest was made in connection with the incident.

Two alarms were reported.

Theft was reported at Allsup's, 1900 N. Hobart. A 20-pack of beer valued at \$14.59 was taken.

Theft was reported in the 1600 block of North Sumner. A DVD player, Santa Claus flag and box cutter were taken. Estimated value of loss is \$121.

Theft was reported on two occasions in the police department lobby. An estimated \$110 in cash was taken from a residence in connection with one of the reports.

Burglary was reported in the 100 block of South Faulkner. Two flat screens, two VCRs, one computer, one futon, one diamond necklace, clothes, shoes and a microwave oven were taken. Estimated value of loss is \$1,435.

Burglary was reported in the 1300 block of Farley. Jewelry valued at \$300 was taken.

Burglary was reported in the 1200 block of South Nelson.

Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was reported in the 1900 block of North Faulkner. The vehicle has not yet been recovered.

Wednesday, Jan. 2

Three traffic stops were made. One stop at the intersection of Foster and Ballard streets resulted in at least one arrest.

Motorist assistance was rendered at the intersection of Highways 60 and 70.

Agency assistance was rendered at the intersection of Somerville and Francis

streets.

Two calls concerning animals were received from the 400 block of North Gray.

A suspicious vehicle call was received from the 1800 block of Holly.

A prowler was reported in the 1800 block of Holly.

One alarm was reported.

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

Tuesday, Jan. 1

Douglas Pritchett, 19, of Pampa was arrested in the 3100 block of Perryton Parkway by Pampa Police Department for purchasing/furnishing alcohol to a minor and minor in possession of alcohol.

Jose Perez, 24, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for hindering apprehension.

Bobby Sanchez, 17, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for hindering apprehension.

John Humburd, 18, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO on a Texas Youth Corrections warrant to serve time in a juvenile facility.

Jesus Maria Velasquez Jr., 38, of Pampa was arrested in the 900 block of South Nelson by PPD on a warrant for criminal mischief over \$500 and under \$1,500.

Forrest Britt, 46, of Pampa was arrested in the 900 block of Campbell by PPD for simple assault.

Wednesday, Jan. 2

Rebecca Jane Carpenter, 35, of Pampa was arrested in the 100 block of East Foster by PPD for no valid driver's license.

Kenneth Dale Putman, 25, of Pampa was arrested in the 100 block of East Foster by PPD for possession of drug paraphernalia.

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

Tuesday, Jan. 1

8:41 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 2100 block of Lynn on an unconscious/unresponsive call.

4:16 p.m. — Two units and six personnel responded to the 700 block of Brunow on a smoke scare.

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

Tuesday, Jan. 1

8:39 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2100 block of North Lynn. No transport.

12:28 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center and transferred a patient to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

7:57 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1900 block of Hilton Road and transported a patient to PRMC.

Fast-food worker returns check for \$185,000 found on sidewalk

NORWICH, Conn. (AP) — Reggie Damone just wanted to jot down a phone number when he picked up what he thought was litter on a sidewalk this week. But what he found was an envelope containing a \$185,000 check.

Damone, who receives food stamps and works at McDonald's, said he didn't

think twice about trying to cash it. Instead, the 47-year-old took a bus Monday from his Jewett City home to a bank and returned the check to the niece of the landlord to whom the check was written.

She thanked Damone with a \$50 bill.

Damone said that although he knew \$185,000

could pay his rent and other bills for a long time, he was never tempted to try to cash it and splurge.

He says he remembered his mother's words: If you take something, you lose three times that amount — and if you do something good, something good comes back to you.

Iowa

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The efforts were intended to maximize media exposure and voter outreach.

There were signs that Democratic voters are more energized than Republicans.

Democrat Joe Biden, who ranks in the low single digits in polls, attracted 500 people to a noontime event at a Des Moines brewery — a bigger crowd than any Republican candidate usually gets.

Obama's campaign drew at or over capacity crowds. When he asked for a show of hands, many people said they'd never been to a caucus. In a boost for Obama, Democrat Dennis Kucinich asked his supporters to support Obama if he doesn't meet the cutoff point for voting in the caucuses.

As they campaigned in Iowa, all but one candidate, Romney, shunned the negativity that spiked in recent weeks.

Obama, Clinton and Edwards played nice. Huckabee made good on a

promise to clean up his act, the day after he held a news conference to say he wouldn't run a critical ad against Romney — but then showed it to a room full of reporters and cameramen.

"It does remind you a bit of a person who stands up and says 'I'm not going to call my opponent any names, but here are the names I'd call him if I were going to call him names,'" Romney told reporters in Johnston.

With two days left in the campaign, Romney continued his ads against Huckabee. He also assailed Huckabee's defense of his own failure to read the National Intelligence Estimate on Iran last month.

"President Bush didn't read it for four years; I don't know why I should read it in four hours," Huckabee said in an interview published Monday in the Mason City Globe Gazette.

Romney seized on the comment: "I'm not sure whether Governor Huckabee meant the attack as a joke, but this is not a time to be mocking our president, and it was I think in bad taste."

A multimillionaire, Romney also indicated that he had funneled more of his personal fortune into his campaign, but wouldn't say how much. He had contributed \$17 million through September.

For the most part, candidates spent New Year's Day trying to energize supporters.

In the Des Moines area, Romney combined football and politics at a series of "House Party Huddles." At one, children ran around bashing one another with large, red foam mitts that read "Mitt '08."

At an Elks Lodge in Cedar Rapids, Huckabee pulled out a bass guitar and played "Blue Suede Shoes" and "Mustang Sally" with a singer and drummer, a warm-up perhaps for his appearance Wednesday with Jay Leno on NBC's "Tonight Show."

Obama's family was enthusiastic, buoyed by a Des Moines Register poll that showed him leading. His wife, Michelle, talked about "when Barack is the next president of the United States" and he referred to her "the next first lady of the United States."

Guy

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school student.

"It was on-the-job training," she smiled.

From high school, Guy was able to get a scholarship to Amarillo College.

"That paid for my schooling at AC," Guy said, "but I worked part time in the library there. I mainly worked on the reference desk there, but I did some circulation and the reserve."

From Amarillo College, she went to work at the Amarillo Public Library for the first time, where she worked her way through West Texas A&M. She worked as a clerk II.

"Then I had a friend

who called me from Texas Tech Medical Library who said there was an opening in the interlibrary loan department as an assistant," Guy said.

That introduced her to a whole new portion of the library system.

"It also meant a pay raise," she smiled, "but it was also a different aspect of the library, and I had never worked in that area before."

After a brief marriage in East Texas, she returned to Amarillo where she returned to the city's library system.

At Amarillo Public Library, she started again as clerk II, but she worked her way up to librarian assistant and once again found herself in the reference department before coming to Pampa.

Guy says she likes the organization of a library.

"Everything has its place," Guy said.

She says that a librarian is always learning and that appeals to her.

"You learn stuff when you do the research for people," Guy said.

She said she always feels good when she can help people find information.

"Sometimes," she admits, "it can be frustrating."

While she has some plans for Lovett Memorial Library, she also has some personal plans and that has to do with her love of learning.

"In January, I'm starting my master's in library science in Denton at the University of North Texas," Guy said. "I have to go down there for five days and the rest of it will be online."

POLICE

Pursuit suspect survives 200-foot bridge jump, police dog does not

CORONADO, Calif. (AP) — A man being chased by authorities grabbed a police dog and leaped off a bridge, taking the animal with him into the cold San Diego Bay 200 feet below.

The dog died after the fall from the San Diego-Coronado Bridge, but the fugitive survived and was in serious condition Tuesday with a collapsed lung.

The 27-year-old man will be charged with causing the dog's death, driving under the influence and evading police, authorities said.

The pursuit began Monday evening

after an Oceanside police officer saw the man driving a pickup erratically. The officer, accompanied by a 6-year-old Belgian Malinois named Stryker, ordered the driver to stop, but he refused, officials said.

The man led police on a chase on Interstate 5 and onto the bridge, where he stopped and the officer released the dog.

"The dog actually took the driver to the ground, and then he actually lifted the dog up and jumped over the side," said California Highway Patrol Sgt. Steven Toth.



Courtesy Photo
Friends and relatives attended the Texas Ranger Memorial Cross dedication for John Frederick Stengel recently at Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Rhineland, Texas.

Cross

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displayed the Stengel Bible that he restored. This bible was brought by wagon when the Stengels moved to Rhineland in 1900. A great, great grandson also displayed old photos of the family along with tools and guns from the 1800's.

In a story submitted by Albus, he gave a brief history of his grandfather's life. John Frederick Stengel was born Nov. 10, 1854, in New Orleans to John and Barbara Stengel, who were originally from Germany. He was the second child of six children that the Stengels had. His father died and his mother remarried and over the next 11 years, he gained more siblings when his mother had four more children.

It is believed that Stengel moved to Texas before 1870 at the age of 15 or 16 because he did not appear in the Louisiana census of that year. He joined the Texas Rangers on June 1, 1876, and served in Company D of

the Frontier Battalion. He served through Aug. 31, 1878 in Menard and Mason Counties of Texas. Albus said the family believes he was a baker and cook while in the Rangers.

One month after getting out of the Rangers, Stengel married Wilhelmina Decker in Austin. Over the next 13 years, the couple had five children. Albus is the son of the fourth child, Mary Stengel's father-in-law, Ludwig Decker, of

brother-in-laws quarried limestone rock from a quarry and hauled this by horse and wagon. These materials were used to build the first Catholic Church in the diocese of San Angelo. After the foundation rocks were set, their work was delayed by the flooding of the San Saba River.

After 10 years of work, the Sacred Heart Catholic Church was dedicated in 1899. On June 9, 1985, the church was dedicated as a historical site.

In 1900, Stengel and his family moved from Menard to Rhineland. This trip was approximately 175 miles and took about three weeks by horse and wagon. They moved everything that could be hauled. The hogs were sold before moving because they walked too slow. Once in Rhineland, Stengel became a school board trustee.

His wife, Wilhemina, died in May or 1905. On May 11, 1911, Stengel died at the age of 56, after having a stroke several days earlier while attending a baseball game in town. He was buried in Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Rhineland.

Fredericksburg deeded 665 acres of land to Stengel and his brother-in-law, Frederick Decker. This land was located on Scalp Creek and the San Saba River, which is northeast of Menardville. Stengel's profession was farming and ranching.

In 1889, he and his two

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Viewpoints

Making sense: Memo to Reid, Pelosi and Co. . . .

What happened in Pakistan is just more proof that when it comes to the war on terrorism, the Democrats are so terribly wrong-headed that they constitute a serious threat to the security of the American people — that's you and me.

The assassination of former Pakistani Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto is just another message — if any more are needed — that we are involved in a global war with an enemy that has no morals, no scruples and no respect for human life.

We can expect that the message will go undelivered to the national leadership of the Democratic party, which has shown a reckless disregard to any hints that hard-headed U.S. policy vis-à-vis Islamic terrorism is right and is justified.

In stubborn resistance to reality, Congressional Democrats have steadfastly clung to the notion that the Bush administration is wrong in its determination to face the war being forced on us by worldwide Islamofascism and expend its energies in fighting it wherever it is with all that is required.

The Democrats, on the other hand, have turned a blind eye to the true nature of the war, especially in their insistence that the

war in Iraq is not part of the total war and wants us out, pronto, leaving Iraq to deal with a threat it is not yet able to deal with.

Their myopia over Iraq and the need to pursue an aggressive strategy to root out and destroy the enemy wherever he is, as we are now doing with the surge in Iraq, is not limited to that struggle. It seems that whenever tough measures are called for, they rise up in strident opposition.

Such is the case in Pakistan, where Nancy Pelosi not long ago expressed her disapproval of Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf's hard-line stance towards the huge radical element in his country, where polls show that fully 48 percent of the population favors al Qaeda and the Taliban.

When Musharraf imposed emergency rule and suspended his nation's constitution in the face of massive unrest in Pakistan, Pelosi — who seems to labor under the misapprehension that among her roles is secretary of state for Capitol Hill — let loose with this broadside, pinning the blame on the Bush Administration, which she neglected

to note shared her unhappiness with Musharraf's actions, but not her stridency:

"For too long, President Musharraf failed to confront effectively his growing unpopularity" Madame Pelosi said. "The Bush Administration enabled Musharraf's delusion by ignoring his undemocratic acts and lack of internal support in exchange for his assistance in efforts against terrorism. Pakistan will only be a reliable and capable ally against terrorism when its government is not seen as an enemy by its own people," Pelosi added.

This in the face of that near-majority of the population that sees its government as the real enemy and supports al Qaeda, which wants to kill us all and has tried nine times to kill Pervez Musharraf, who just happens to be our sole hope of keeping order in a nuclear-armed Pakistan and preventing the horrendous Taliban from re-conquering Afghanistan.

War, as the Kennedys used to say about politics, "ain't beanbag." Victory does not go to the fainthearted. And like it or not, what we face in Pakistan and Afghanistan

and Iraq, and in a lot of other troubled areas of the world, is all-out war. Musharraf understands that.

Wherever we are engaged in that war, the Democratic party, now thoroughly in the hands of the greatest conglomeration of fanatic far-out left-wingers in all creation, prefers to treat the struggle as if it were beanbag, where one plays by gentlemanly rules even as the enemy kills people in suicide bombings or chopping off heads.

Pakistan is not an isolated case. We are as much at war there, by proxy, as we are in Afghanistan where our troops battle the Taliban. If we lose Pakistan, al Qaeda could be the world's ninth nuclear power, and playing the Democrats' game of beanbag could threaten us with mushroom clouds over Manhattan.

As the Nixon folks used to say, when the going gets tough, the tough get going — if they want to survive, that is. For today's Democrats, when the going gets tough, it's time to wring your hands and tsk-tsk while the tough get going.

—Mike Reagan, the eldest son of the late President Ronald Reagan, is heard on more than 200 talk radio stations nationally as part of the Radio America Network.

Michael Reagan
Columnist



Death will come to us all eventually

The state of New Jersey has eliminated the death penalty, as is its right. The Constitution intended that the legislatures of the states would decide moral and philosophical issues for their own people without any dictation by the national government.

I have mixed feelings about the death penalty. As it is now administered, it is a farce. Appeals drag out the process to the point that many condemned men are in danger of dying of old age before they can be executed. It is excessively expensive, makes a mockery of justice and defeats the very purpose of having a death penalty — to wit, deterrence.

On the other hand, we must remember that all

humans are sentenced to death at birth. Thus, the question of the death penalty is not whether the defendant will die, but simply when and under what circumstances. I would favor a death penalty that was administered promptly — say, within 12 months of the original sentence.

But with the courts tolerating unlimited and frivolous appeals by lawyers ideologically opposed to the death penalty, it would certainly save money to abolish it. Condemning a man to spend his life rotting in a prison is not an act of mercy or benevolence.

There is now a case before the Supreme Court in which some lawyers are arguing that lethal injection

is cruel and inhuman punishment. It is a silly argument. If you're going to kill a man, what difference does it make how you do it as long as the person dies quickly?

Burying a man in an anthill would be cruel and inhuman punishment, as would be burning him at the stake, but giving him a lethal drug seems about as humane as you get. A lot of terminally ill patients might prefer a lethal injection to a natural but painful death. The communists favored a bullet in the back of the head, which I suppose is both quick and

cheap. Besides, the only person who can testify as to the painfulness of an execution is never around to testify.

Personally, I think hanging should be brought back. That's at least ecologically

sound, since the rope can be reused any number of times. Done right, the neck is snapped.

There are several arguments on both sides of the question. The court system is not perfect, and some innocent people could be condemned. That's a proven fact. Furthermore, after a

man is dead, his innocence becomes moot. As my father was fond of saying, it's too late to be sorry.

On the other hand, the recidivism rate for executed murderers is zero. That can't be said for killers who get their sentences commuted and wind up free on parole or by escape.

Psychopaths, who are sort of the royalty of the criminal class, are often very skilled at manipulating people. Mike Huckabee, the former governor of Arkansas, isn't the only man to misplace his sympathy. William Buckley and several other famous people went to bat for a prisoner some years ago. They succeeded in getting him paroled, and he eventually committed a new crime.

Predicting future behavior by a human being is not easy.

But if any kind of punishment is going to be effective as a deterrent, certainty and swiftness are the most important characteristics. Obviously, some people will not be deterred by anything, but at least killing them eliminates any danger they pose.

Finally, I cannot resist pointing out the gargantuan hypocrisy of those who favor abortions and wars but are opposed to the death penalty. That is quirkiness of several orders of magnitude.

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Charley Reese
Columnist



Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Jan. 2, the second day of 2008. There are 364 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 2, 1900, Secretary of State John Hay announced the "Open Door Policy" to facilitate trade with China.

On this date:

In 1492, Muhammad XI, the sultan of Granada, the last Arab stronghold in Spain, surrendered to Spanish forces.

In 1788, Georgia became the fourth state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

In 1921, religious services were broadcast on radio for the first time as KDKA in Pittsburgh aired the regular Sunday service of the city's Calvary Episcopal Church.

In 1929, the United States and Canada reached agreement on joint action to preserve Niagara Falls.

In 1935, Bruno Hauptmann went on trial in Flemington, N.J., on charges of kidnapping and murdering the 20-month-old son of Charles and Anne Lindbergh. (Hauptmann was found guilty, and executed.)

In 1942, the Philippine capital of Manila was captured by Japanese forces during World War II.



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Texas Thoughts

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A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

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San Antonio Express-News on Congress' budget:

In what has become an annual occurrence, Congress has passed another monstrous omnibus budget bill.

Though the new fiscal year started Oct. 1, lawmakers failed to pass 11 of the 12 appropriations that fund government operations. But the omnibus budget puts a little fiscal gift in just about every politician's holiday stocking.

The gifts are special-interest earmarks as many as 9,170 of them that members piled into the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2008.

You might be thinking that all those earmarks were vetted in the vaunted new ethics and disclosure process established this year by Congress. And you'd be wrong.

Many of them were parachuted into a 500-page report attached to the act the night before Congress voted on it. House and Senate appropriators wrote the report, and few of their colleagues took the time to read it or had an inclination to determine whether those earmarks serve a legitimate public interest.

If few members read the appropriations committees' report, even fewer read the act itself. At more than 3,400 pages and with a price tag of \$555 billion, it's simply beyond the comprehension of most sentient humans. Lumping 11 appropriations together in a single gargantuan bill is bound to produce even more waste than Congress normally generates.

There's a better way. Congress is supposed to pass all 12 appropriations in a transparent budget process before the fiscal year begins. Presumably, that was part of the Democratic leadership's pledge to reform the way Congress does business.

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Sports

Georgia romps past Hawaii 41-10, ending Warriors' perfect season

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Georgia would love to be back at the Superdome next week, playing for the title it really wanted.

Instead, the Bulldogs will have to settle for being Sugar Bowl champs.

Overpowering the country's last unbeaten team, black-clad Georgia took out its frustration at getting passed over for a shot at the BCS championship with a 41-10 rout of Colt Brennan and the Warriors on Tuesday night.

Next Monday, on the very same Superdome field, Ohio State will meet LSU in the national title game. The No. 4 Bulldogs feel they're as deserving as either of those teams, and they'll certainly get no argument from Hawaii, which came to the Big Easy with a perfect record and left all beaten up.

"We're No. 1," Georgia safety Kelin Johnson proclaimed. "We're supposed to be in the national championship game. The nation knows it, everyone knows it."

Added linebacker Marcus Washington as he celebrated on the field: "We're the best in the land. We should be

playing next week."

In nothing else, the Bulldogs got a headstart on next season on the first day of the new year.

Georgia (11-2) established itself as a leading contender in 2008 with a total whippin' of the 10th-ranked Warriors (12-1), who cracked the BCS with an unbeaten run through the Western Athletic Conference, then fell flat in their biggest game ever.

There was no repeat of the Boise State Miracle. This night was nothing but a four-hour-plus rendition of "Glory, Glory To Ol' Georgia."

"We wanted to make it like a national championship game," said Georgia quarterback Matthew Stafford. "We prepared really hard and it showed."

Knowshon Moreno ran for a pair of touchdowns in the opening quarter and the Bulldogs' defense made life miserable for Brennan, a Heisman Trophy finalist and catalyst for the nation's highest-scoring team. He was sacked eight times, threw three interceptions and lost two fumbles, one of them recovered for a Georgia touchdown.

Hustlin' Harvesters



Pampa News photo by JORDAN REAGAN

Sophomore Alex Clendening brings the ball into the paint during the Harvesters' game against Lubbock Monterey last Thursday in the first round of the Caprock holiday tournament. Also pictured here is teammate Matt Smith (5). The Harvesters will hit the road again Friday when they take on the Bulldogs in Plainview.

USC gets all the bounces and the points in 49-17 win over Illinois

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — This would have been a perfect Rose Bowl for the USC Trojans, except for the one part they couldn't control.

The sixth-ranked Trojans routed Illinois 49-17 on Tuesday and showed the rest of the country that, yes, maybe they are the best team in college football right now.

Certainly, a better test could have come against Georgia or Virginia Tech, or maybe next week against Ohio State in the national title game.

But the Rose Bowl wanted a Pac-10-Big Ten matchup, and the national title game didn't want Southern California. So, it wound up being USC-Illinois in

the Granddaddy of 'Em All, and the Trojans made the Illini pay.

"I would love to play one more," defensive lineman Sedrick Ellis said. "I don't think any team in the NCAA could beat us right now. Not Ohio, not LSU."

Freshman tailback Joe McKnight finished with 170 of USC's Rose Bowl-record 633 yards. The 49 points tied a record, too, and the blowout gave the Trojans 11 wins for an unprecedented sixth straight season.

They have arguably been the country's best team over that span, and might have been the best this season, too. Lacking the playoff that coach Pete Carroll favors or the trip to the title

game he lobbied for, the Trojans (11-2) will have to take this overwhelming display in Pasadena.

"Everything that was out there for us, we took," Carroll said. "The rest of it is up for discussion. But would I love to still be playing right now? Sure would. We'd go out there any time, any place, any venue and throw our football out there and see what we could do."

The game featured 1,078 total yards of offense. Despite the margin, things were truly competitive for a brief moment. Illinois' Rashard Mendenhall broke a 79-yard touchdown run early in the third quarter to trim what had been a three-touchdown deficit to 21-10.

ALUMNI SOCCER SCRIMMAGE

The annual PHS Alumni Soccer Scrimmage will take place Saturday at the Travis Elementary soccer fields.

Any and all PHS soccer alumni and current high school athletes are invited to attend and compete.

The girls game will take place at noon and the boys will play at 2 p.m.

For more information, please contact the Pampa High School Soccer Booster Club.

Late FG lifts Texas Tech over Virginia in Gator Bowl

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Facing swirling wind and a 41-yard field-goal try with 2 seconds left, Texas Tech's Alex Trlica wasn't worried. He had experience with game-winning kicks.

The senior's last try as a Red Raider was good Tuesday, and so was Tech's outrageous comeback story. Down by 14 in the fourth quarter, the Red Raiders rattled off 17 points in about 6 minutes to stun Virginia 31-28 and win the Gator Bowl.

So what went through Trlica's mind during Virginia's timeout to ice him?

"I try not to think about it," Trlica said.

Tech's Graham Harrell had 44-of-69-for 407 yards and three TDs, All-American Michael Crabtree had nine catches for 101 yards and a touchdown and the Red Raiders

did just enough to win.

They were lucky to have a chance, after nearly giving the game away with costly penalties and a fumble. Harrell moved the ball, but Tech's high-octane offense couldn't put up points through three quarters. Though they won, the Red Raiders actually had fewer points than all but two games this year, both October losses to Missouri and Colorado.

"Those guys are hard to hold down, and we held them down for a long time," Cavaliers coach Al Groh said. "There were two possessions where we should have had the ball that we didn't — the onside kick to start the second half and fumble at the end of the game."

The teams together shredded the 63-year-old Gator Bowl record book, as Harrell set new marks for passing yardage, attempts and

completions, and Virginia tailback Mikell Simpson broke off a 96-yard TD run. It was the longest in NCAA bowl history by a running

back, and second-longest in history behind Oregon State QB Terry Baker's 99-yard scamper in the 1963 Liberty Bowl.

Tech seemed sunk after a 73-yard drive in the fourth quarter failed to produce any points. It ended on Virginia's 1 yard line with an incomplete pass to Crabtree, with the clock at 5:38.

But the Cavaliers couldn't get a first down the next possession, so Tech had another chance. Harrell took them 51 yards in nine plays to

make it 28-21, completing the drive with a 20-yard TD pass to Crabtree.

Then, Virginia practically handed the Red Raiders a score. The ball was knocked out of the hands of backup Virginia quarterback Peter Lalich at the 4-yard line, Tech recovered and Aaron Crawford's run a play later tied it at 28.

"I feel like we got better and better as the game went on," Tech coach Mike Leach said.

Virginia wasn't the same after losing Jameel Sewell at the start of the fourth quarter. He was running the offense well, completing 14-of-

23 passes for 78 yards and running nine times for 32 yards.

Sewell was helped off the field after being tackled on the opening play of the fourth quarter. He didn't return until the last drive, and by then it was too late.

"It's still shocking right now to know that we were up 28-14 and couldn't hold it," Simpson said. "We knew they had an explosive offense, but our defense was playing good the whole game. The turnover late in the game really hurt us."

Virginia forced one of the country's most prolific and efficient passers into two safeties in the first half. They happened similarly — Harrell was backed into his end zone and desperately tossed the ball toward his linemen, earning two grounding calls that counted for four Virginia points.

'It's still shocking right now to know that we were up 28-14 and couldn't hold it.'

— Mikell Simpson
Virginia tailback

Temple's 281 yards, four TDs run Missouri past Arkansas, shows BCS what it missed

DALLAS (AP) — Chase Daniel is bracing for a lecture about the importance of pretending to still have the ball after handing off to try confusing the defense.

Daniel usually is good about such nuances of playing quarterback. He ditched the fakes Tuesday, though, because he wanted to stand still and watch teammate Tony Temple run.

And run. And run. And run some more.

Temple ran for 281 yards and four touchdowns, both records in the 72-year history of the Cotton Bowl, to carry No. 7 Missouri past Arkansas 38-7.

"All I did was run through the holes," Temple said.

Guys who say that usually are being modest. Not Temple. He truly had wide open spaces thanks to the No. 25 Razorbacks dropping practically everyone into coverage because they feared Daniel, the Heisman Trophy finalist, more than Temple, the 5-foot-9 senior who is lobbying the NCAA for a sixth season of eligibility.

"He was running on air, guys," said Arkansas interim coach Reggie Herring, who had been the defensive coordinator until Houston Nutt resigned in late November. "We never play the run that poorly."

Temple's memorable performance was a nice exclamation point to the greatest season in school history, with a record 12 wins and their first No. 1

ranking since 1960.

The Tigers were atop the poll after beating Kansas and before playing Oklahoma in the Big 12 title game. Had they won it, they would've gone to the national championship game. Instead, they lost and wound up out of the BCS, stuck in Dallas on New Year's Day while the rival Jayhawks they beat got an at-large invitation to Miami for the Orange Bowl.

"We were upset for a couple of days," said Martin Rucker, Missouri's All-American tight end. "We just felt we'd deserved, we'd earned to be in the BCS. But the Cotton Bowl is a great bowl and we were honored to be in it."

Booker, Mays lead No. 19 Clemson over Alabama

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. (AP) — The 19th-ranked Clemson Tigers resumed their domination of the Southeastern Conference, handing Alabama its worst home loss in seven years in the process.

Trevor Booker and James Mays scored 18 points each inside and Terrence Oglesby added 17 to lift the hot-shooting Tigers (12-1) to an 87-61 win over the Crimson Tide on Tuesday night.

It was the worst loss at Coleman Coliseum since a 93-60 defeat to LSU in 2000 for the Tide (10-4) and the most lopsided home nonconference defeat since losing by 28 to Ohio State in 1970. Alabama had won six straight games.

The Tigers have won seven of their last eight games against SEC teams, the only loss coming to No. 18 Mississippi on Dec. 22. It was their worst home loss to a non-conference team.

They took control of this one midway through the second half, setting up uncontested shots and denying any such chances for the Tide.

HAPPENINGS AROUND TEXAS

Two Houston researchers working on cocaine vaccine

HOUSTON (AP) — Two Baylor College of Medicine researchers in Houston are working on a cocaine vaccine they hope will become the first-ever medication to treat people hooked on the drug.

"For people who have a desire to stop using, the vaccine should be very useful," said Dr. Tom Kosten, a psychiatric professor who is being assisted in the research by his wife, Therese, a psychologist and neuroscientist. "At some point, most users will give in to temptation and relapse, but those for whom the vaccine is effective won't get high and will lose interest."

The vaccine, currently in clinical trials, stimulates the immune system to attack the real thing when it's taken.

The immune system — unable to recognize cocaine and other drug molecules because they are so small — can't make antibodies to

attack them.

To help the immune system distinguish the drug, Kosten attached inactivated cocaine to the outside of inactivated cholera proteins.

In response, the immune system not only makes antibodies to the combination, which is harmless, but also recognizes the potent naked drug when it's ingested. The antibodies bind to the cocaine and prevent it from reaching the brain, where it normally would generate the highs that are so addictive.

"It's a very clever idea," says David Eagleman, a Baylor neuroscientist. "Scientists have spent the last few decades figuring out reward pathways in the brain and how drugs like cocaine hijack the system. It turns out those pathways are difficult to rewire once they've seen the drug. But the vaccine just circumvents all that." Kosten asked the Food and

Drug Administration in December to green-light a multi-institutional trial to begin in the spring and is awaiting a response.

Approval would mark a breakthrough in the treatment of cocaine addiction, which now mostly involves psychiatric counseling and 12-step programs. It presumably would be the final clinical hurdle before the vaccine — more than a decade in the making — might be approved for treatment. But one expert warns against expecting too much.

"Addiction vaccines are a promising advance, but it's unlikely any treatment in this field will work for everyone," said Dr. David Gorelick, a senior investigator at the National Institute on Drug Abuse. "Still, if they prove successful, they will give those working in drug addiction an important option."

WASTE

Austin hopes to reduce landfill waste to nothing

AUSTIN (AP) — The city of Austin is hoping a new plan will help reduce its landfill waste to nothing.

The city has hired a California firm, Gary Liss & Associates, to write a zero-waste plan — a strategy to reduce to zero the amount of garbage sent to landfills by reusing, recycling and composting materials instead.

Several cities, such as Seattle and San Francisco, and countries either have or are writing zero-waste plans.

The goal of Austin's plan will be to reduce the garbage sent to landfills by 20 percent per capita by 2012 and to achieve zero waste — an international standard set by the U.N. Environmental Accord — by 2040.

"With the focus on global warming in the past few years, more communi-

ties seem to feel comfortable adopting the zero waste goal," said Gary Liss, who has written zero-waste plans for cities like Palo Alto and Oakland, Calif. "These plans could dramatically affect climate change by reducing the methane from landfills and changing the flow of materials through the economy."

Austin Solid Waste Services Director Willie Rhodes said that besides the zero-waste plan, the city will also boost recycling with the opening of a single-stream recycling facility in Southeast Austin in the next two years. That program will let homeowners place various recyclable materials in one big curbside bin rather than having to sort them.

Police searching for father suspected of killing daughters

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Police continued searching for a man suspected of shooting his two teenage daughters, including one who called 911 about an hour before officers found them dead in his taxi, police said.

Yaser Abdel Said, 50, of the Dallas suburb of Lewisville, is accused of shooting Sarah Yaser Said, 17, and Amina Yaser Said, 18, in his taxi Tuesday night and abandoning it in a parking lot, leaving them to die.

Police have not released a motive for the shootings, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported in its online edition Wednesday.

One of the teens called 911 on a cell phone about 7:30 p.m. Tuesday and said she was shot, but she couldn't tell police

where she was, Irving police said.

Officers were dispatched to the area, which turned out to be about half a mile from the taxi, but didn't find anyone. The Dallas Morning News reported in its online edition Wednesday. Police found the taxi with the bodies inside an hour later after a witness called and reported a suspicious vehicle in a hotel parking lot, said David Tull, an Irving police spokesman.

Police described Yaser Abdel Said as about 6-foot-2, weighing about 180 pounds with black hair and brown eyes. He was last seen wearing a black turtleneck shirt or sweater, a brown coat and tan pants. He is believed to be armed with a handgun, police said.

LAWSUIT

Passengers sue over being stranded on plane for hours

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Two passengers who were stranded for hours on American Airlines airplanes diverted during a major storm over North Texas have sued the carrier, accusing it of false imprisonment, fraud and negligence.

Kate Hanni, of Napa, Calif., and Catherine Ray, of Fayetteville, Ark., were on flights diverted from Dallas-Fort Worth Airport to Austin on Dec. 29, 2006. After landing, passengers sat in the planes for more than eight hours, unable to leave despite overflowing toilets and little food or water.

American officials said they haven't seen the suits and could not comment.

Passengers were deprived of medication and "suffered hunger, thirst, anxiety, physical illness, emotional distress and monetary loss," according to the lawsuits.

"The toilets became full and would not flush, and the stench of human excrement and body odor filled the plane," Ray's suit alleges.

The lawsuits ask for unspecified dam-

ages as well as legal expenses.

Both suits were filed in circuit courts; Hanni's in California and Ray's in Arkansas. They seek class-action status, claiming the airline's decisions affected 12,000 passengers that day.

The flights were among hundreds diverted when an unusual system of storms snarled traffic over the airport.

"A major weather event that no one predicted" happened and caused 119 flights to be diverted that day, the most since 9/11, said airline spokesman John Hotard.

The airline has worked to improve its system for dealing with severe weather, having installed new software for tracking diverted flights and now permit passengers to leave planes after four hours if safety allows, Hotard said.

Hanni was inspired to create a passenger-rights group and has lobbied Congress to pass an "airline passenger's bill of rights" that would guarantee minimum service levels for air travelers. No bill has yet been passed.

Bridge security guard killed

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — A security guard at the Paso del Norte Bridge died after a confrontation with a male pedestrian who was crossing into Juarez, police said.

Police, who are calling the death a homicide, were still investigating what exactly happened that led to the guard's death on Tuesday.

"We know that (the security guard) was physically assaulted but we are still trying to determine what injuries were received

and what inflicted those injuries," police spokesman Officer Chris Mears said Tuesday night.

The security guard, who was working for a company contracted to maintain order at toll booths at the bridge, was taken to Thomason Hospital where he later died.

Police said that a man was detained at the scene and witnesses were being interviewed.

The names and ages of the two men were not immediately released.

Texas A&M - Kingsville getting \$4M for programs

KINGSVILLE, Texas (AP) — Four programs aimed at low-income, minority and first-generation college students at Texas A&M University-Kingsville have been awarded nearly \$4.4 million by the federal government.

The programs getting the funding from the U.S. Department of Education are the McNair Scholars, Upward Bound, Upward Bound Math and Science and Education Opportunity Center. All but the \$1 million going to the Upward Bound program are renewals.

Grants for the McNair Scholars and Education Opportunity Center will be dispersed over five years, the others over four.

"Our No. 1 focus is to get first-generation, low-income students out there, expand their experiences and get some collegiate experience," said Mary Gonzalez, A&M-Kingsville's assistant vice president for special programs.

The McNair Scholars program, which will receive \$1.26 million, serves 28 college juniors and seniors each year. The students conduct research

and are encouraged into doctoral programs.

It's named after Dr. Ronald E. McNair, who was killed in the space shuttle Challenger explosion in 1986 and was the second black person to fly in space.

The Upward Bound programs bring 50 high school students to campus for the summer and offer them seminars, tutoring and counseling during the school year.

Education Opportunity Center helps adults interested in starting or finishing college with GED prep and counseling.

Motorist shoots driver who threatened him with bat

SAN ANTOINO (AP) — In an apparent case of road rage, a motorist shot a driver to death who threatened him with a baseball bat.

Police said that the shooting just after midnight on New Year's Day appeared to be in self-defense, so they didn't plan to charge 24-year-old Brian Correa.

"It was apparent to us that he was defending himself," said police spokesman Sgt. Gabe Trevino, who added that the shooter had a license to carry a concealed weapon.

Correa shot the 24-year-old driver three times with a handgun, a police report said. The Bexar County medical examiner's office identified the deceased driver as Tomas Garza.

Correa and several witnesses quoted in

the report said that Garza had maneuvered his Mitsubishi Lancer behind Correa's Chevrolet Camaro around 1 a.m. Tuesday and began driving aggressively, trying to hit the Camaro.

When the cars came to a stop at a traffic light, Garza got out and hit the Camaro several times with the bat, according to the police report.

Correa told Garza to stop, but Garza began toward him so Correa fired at him, according to the report.

Witnesses corroborated Correa's account with police.

"I'm still really shaken up. I don't really want to talk about it at all," Correa told a reporter with the San Antonio Express-News when contacted at his home.

Charter bus accident in Victoria kills one, injures dozens

VICTORIA, Texas (AP) — One person was killed and dozens were injured early Wednesday after the driver of a charter bus with 49 people on board veered off a highway then overcorrected, causing the bus to land on its side, the Texas Department of Public Safety said.

At least nine of the injured were in critical condition, hospital officials said.

After the bus overturned on U.S. 59, a small pickup truck rammed

into it, DPS spokesman Tom Vinger said. The driver of the truck was uninjured. The bus left Monterrey, Mexico, about 7:30 p.m. Tuesday and was headed to Houston when crashed about 4:15 a.m., Vinger said.

"The investigation is centering on driver fatigue," Vinger said. "It looks like he ran off the road, way overcorrected then tipped over on the passenger side."

The identity of the man who was

killed on the bus wasn't immediately released, nor was the name of the bus company or its driver. Vinger said the driver wasn't seriously injured, and that it's too early to tell whether he'll face charges.

Vinger didn't know whether there was more than one driver. He also said weather was not a factor in the wreck.

Of the 49 people on the bus, 25 were taken to Dettar Hospital Navarro in Victoria, nine of them

in critical condition, spokeswoman Judith Barefield said.

At 9 a.m., six people were in surgery, and five were in the emergency room awaiting evaluation, Barefield said. One person had been transferred to another hospital in San Antonio for a higher level of treatment, she said. Two people had been treated and released, and 11 were being treated for minor injuries, Barefield said.

Officials at Citizens Medical

Center in Victoria said 24 people were taken there, and three were being airlifted to hospitals in San Antonio.

Spokeswoman Shannon Spree said the emergency room was dealing with multiple orthopedic injuries, including three or four broken backs. Several people had been treated and released, though she didn't have a specific number.

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1-2 CRYPTOQUOTE

A R S K R Y O H V G S T Z G
D O M O X H R J O V J Z O R H H C U R M
G E J Z O S O T K O R H V Z G F M W
D O M O X H R J O C S V J O R W J Z O
V F H U C U R M G E J Z O G M W
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How you handle things and what you do this year could determine the following 10 years. With this concept, look at new events, jobs and relationships as christenings. Be sure you want these happenings to be a part of your life. Extremes punctuate your daily life. Trust that you are like the proverbial cat with nine lives. Be careful with money, as you could experience an intrinsic deception around funds. Use care with whom and how you handle them. If you are single, you might be shocked by the many shiny prospects that pass your way. You easily could meet someone who might be unusually important to you. If you are attached, share more with your sweetie. You could be stunned by all that appears on the horizon if you are more open. SCORPIO is always a friend.

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)
★★★★ A partner continues to dominates the scenario. You could choose to fight city hall, but the implications could be difficult. You might want to veer in another direction later. The Force is with you. Go with the flow. Tonight: Make the most of the moment.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You are personality plus, and others let you know clearly their thoughts. You know you are on top of your game, but it feels great to know that others realize the same. Your creativity flourishes in an unprecedented manner. Tonight: In the whirlwind of life.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ Getting a project done might be more important than you realize. Investigate and think before you launch into action. You might not be up for running around. Wind down and relax. Tonight: You need R and R.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Your creativity surges to an unprecedented level. Your perspective changes radically as some confusing information comes to light. You might not have all the answers, but you have a lot. Investigate and think. Tonight: In the whirlwind of fun.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You might want to try something in a far different manner from in the past. You need to build on a stronger foundation. Evaluate and think. Communication comes in from someone in your daily life. This person makes a world of difference. Tonight: At home.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Talk helps clear the air. On some level, though, you must tune in to your creativity to make what you most want happen. Lighten up and let others know your more convivial side. Think before you act. Tonight: Ask what you have been dying to ask.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Expenses could be quite out of whack. How you handle another's inquiry could change substantially. Use your savvy to get to the bottom of the problem. Your creativity emerges financially. New beginnings become possible. Tonight: Your treat.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You are high-powered energy. You might discover how difficult it is to stop a cycle once it's begun. If you wish to try something differently, do. New beginnings become possible. Relax and

work with others. Tonight: Go for it.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Take your time. In fact, not jumping into action might be the best action. Lie back and study the lay of the land. What you find out might surprise you. A lunch could be 100 percent off. Try hard luck. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Aim for more of what you want. You have the ability to think and move a situation forward. Money runs through your hands, and you might not know what to do next. Think in terms of gains and growth. Tonight: Hang with friends.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ How you see a situation could profoundly change with events right now. What is clear is that you need to step to the forefront and accept responsibility. No, you aren't getting all the information. Tonight: Toss the rose-colored shades.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Taking an overview should come naturally, but you might have a problem at the last minute. How you handle a personal matter might not be as strong as you'd like. Think positively. Tonight: Reach for the stars.

BORN TODAY
New York Giants quarterback Eli Manning (1981), actor, director Mel Gibson (1956), entertainer Victor Borge (1909)

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I am one of your faithful readers and have personally related to some of the problems that appear in your column. I have been particularly moved by letters in which people share their personal experiences regarding acts of kindness. As a foster child, I was lucky to have been placed in a secure and loving home. I try each and every day to pass on the love that I have received (from both my biological family and my extended one) to the people I meet. It can be a gesture as simple as helping to carry someone's groceries to the car, or offering a ride to a mother with small children whose car has broken down or a parent pushing a stroller in the rain. I hope I will be able to teach this trait to my children. I would like them to help others because it is the right thing to do, not because there is a benefit to be reaped. So please, fellow readers, pay it forward. Help others not only because it feels good, but also teaches our kids that being a good person is its own reward. — **ANDI IN ATLANTA**

DEAR ANDI: Thank you for an "upper" of a letter. I am certain that you will pass along to your children the lesson of selfless giving because children learn by example. And lucky they are to have a parent like you.

DEAR ABBY: When is it OK to correct the mispronunciation of a word? I need to, but I'm not sure how to go about it. My husband, "Rob," is an intelligent and educated man, but he has no idea how to pronounce some words that he uses on a daily basis.

Most of these words pertain to Rob's hobby, which is salt-water aquariums, and I'm afraid his credibility is taking a beating because of it. He talks about his tank a lot. Rob knows what he's talking about, but he doesn't know how to say it. Should I say something to him? — **TREADING WATER IN HAWAII**

DEAR TREADING: It is no more "snob-bish" to say to one's mate, "Honey, I love you, but you're mispronouncing that word," than to tell him that his zipper is open. It shows that you care. When you mention it, do it in private, and be sure to have a dictionary close by. After that, what he chooses to do about it is his choice.

DEAR ABBY: I was married in November, and one of my co-workers, "Brooke," attended the ceremony. Her gift to me was a vase. When we opened the box, my husband and I discovered that the vase was engraved with Brooke's and her husband's names and their wedding date. Tucked inside the vase was a card from the couple who had given it to them for their wedding. How should I handle this? Should I return the vase to her, or ignore it and give it to Goodwill? — **JENNIFER IN PORT ORCHARD, WASH.**

DEAR JENNIFER: Neither. Remove the card, re-wrap the gift, and give it to Brooke on her next anniversary.

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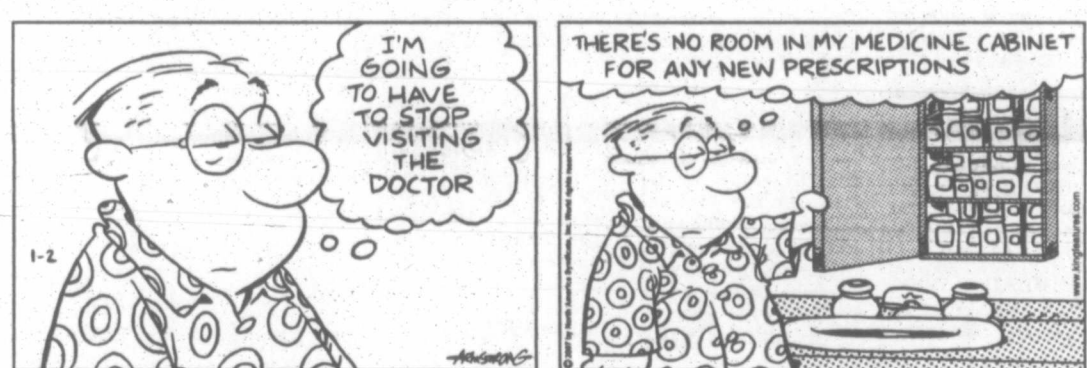
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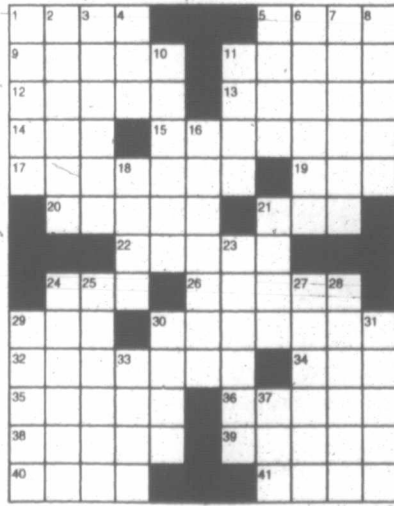
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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5 Cornfield
9 Decree
11 Form
12 Musical sounds
13 Like some sneakers
14 Radius setting
15 Chapter start
17 Out in front
19 Take to court
20 Mongrel sound
21 Diamond expert
22 Mixes up
24 Volcano output
26 Bush and Gore, e.g.
29 Guitar booster
30 Furniture trim
32 Pennsylvania city
34 Goose egg
35 Spanish hero
36 Visibly shocked
38 Brother's girl
39 Marginalia
40 Appropriate
41 Sea dogs
- DOWN**
1 Iron or gold
2 Puts on a pedestal
3 Oz visitor
4 Tennis feat
5 Sudan neighbor
6 Bigot's problem
7 Become chatty
8 Cheese buy
10 Casual top
11 Smelting waste
16 Put some zest into
18 Zest
21 Exploited
23 Carter's successor
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29 "— we all?"
30 Await
31 She played
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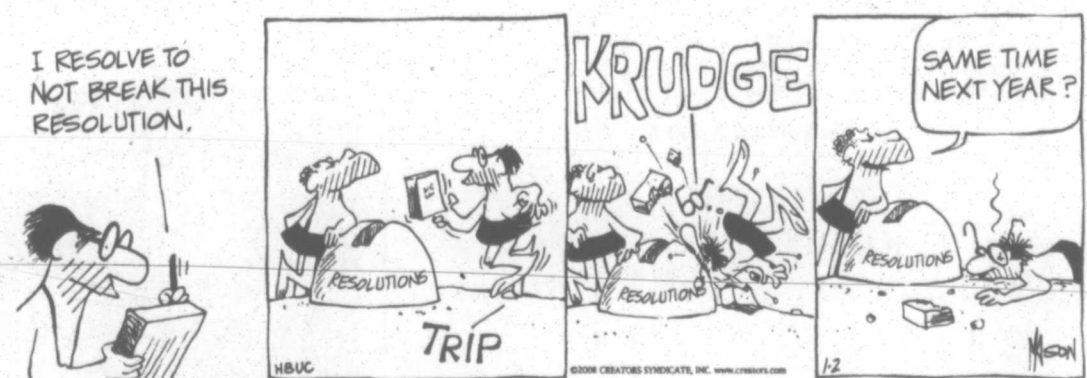


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