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### Today's weather



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### Odds and Ends

**NEW ULM, Minn. (AP)** — Too bad firefighters didn't have a pile of popcorn handy — or better yet, loads of lobster tails.

An intense fire consumed half of the roof of the Associated Milk Producers Inc. butter packaging plant, sending melted butter flowing out of the facility.

There were no immediate reports of injuries, but officials worried that the melted butter would interfere with the railroad tracks bordering the plant's east end.

The plant was holding an estimated 3 million pounds of butter at the time of the fire Wednesday.

A plant employee discovered the fire in a utility area, and the 30 workers in the butter packaging plant were evacuated and sent home.

Officials were investigating the cause of the buttery blaze.

**VIRGINIA CITY, Nev. (AP)** — The state's first legal bordello is set to reopen, but the notorious Mustang Ranch name may be shut out of the action.

The Storey County Commission has granted a brothel license to Wild Horse Resort & Spa owner Lance Gilman to operate a second brothel next to the Wild Horse about four miles east of the former Mustang property.

The government seized the Mustang in 1999 after its owners were convicted of racketeering.

Gilman bought it on eBay for \$145,000 and moved the Mustang buildings to the Wild Horse site.

The commission will decide at its next meeting whether to let Gilman keep the Mustang Ranch name, which he says was part of his purchase.

Oscar Williams, the owner of Ambient Entertainment of Reno, claims to have the rights to the trademark for clothing and other merchandise and David Burgess, the owner of the Old Bridge Ranch, also objects to the use of the name.

His brothel is located next to the former Mustang Ranch site.

Gilman said he has spent about \$1.5 million on site preparation and moving the old brothel to his land.

## Perry spares woman just before execution

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — Less than two hours from the time she could have been put to death for the slayings of her husband and two young children, Frances Newton learned she would live for at least another four months.

"I was hopeful someone would hear us," she said, smiling. She was sitting on a stool and huddling with a spiritual adviser in a small cell only a few feet from the Texas death chamber when she got the news.

Gov. Rick Perry agreed Wednesday with a rare recommendation a day earlier from the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles that Newton, 39, convicted of the 1987 fatal shootings of her family, should be spared for 120 days.

"After a lengthy review of the trial transcript, appellate court rulings

and clemency proceedings, I see no evidence of innocence," the governor said. "However, I am granting the additional time to allow the courts the opportunity to order a retesting of gunpowder residue on the skirt the defendant wore at the time of the murders and of the gun used in the murders."

Perry said new technology was available to test for gunpowder residue and the results would allow the courts to properly make a determination.

"Justice delayed in this case is not justice denied," he said. "The courts are the ultimate arbiters of evidence, and this case is now back in the hands of the courts."

That's exactly what Newton and

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## County makes board choices

*Editor's Note: This is the second story concerning Gray County Commissioners' regular meeting held yesterday. The first story was in the Dec 1 issue of The Pampa News.*

By MARILYN POWERS  
Staff Writer

One correction and four appointments were made to the White Deer Land Museum Board by Gray County Commissioners during their regular meeting yesterday in Gray County Courthouse.

At their Nov. 15 meeting, commissioners had appointed Bob Curry to complete the unexpired term of Don Lane on the museum board. At yesterday's session, commissioners corrected the appointment to name John Curry to the board.

Kelley Baker was named to a three-year term on the museum board. He will

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Pampa News photo by DAVID BOWSER

### Painting the town for the holidays

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas around Shamrock. McLean artist Tye Thompson was busy this week painting holiday decorations on businesses in this Wheeler County town. Before starting on this holly wreath at McDonald's, he painted a country Christmas scene of a horse and sleigh at Homestead Antiques. After the wreath, he plans to add a reindeer to McDonald's window. "I would have more done," Thompson said, "but the weather has been so bad."

## Mortars hammer Green Zone, killing one person

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Mortar barrages hammered the heavily fortified Green Zone and elsewhere in central Baghdad on Thursday, killing at least one person and underscoring the vulnerability of even Iraq's best-protected areas ahead of national elections.

Also Thursday, a car bomb exploded next to a Bradley fighting vehicle near Beirut, about 155 miles

north of Baghdad, wounding two U.S. soldiers and two Iraqi National Guardsmen, said Master Sgt. Cynthia Weasner of the 1st Infantry Division. No other details were available.

President Bush insisted that crucial elections set for Jan. 30 must not be delayed, rejecting calls from more than a dozen political parties there to postpone them until security at the polls can be ensured.

"It's time for Iraqi citizens to go to the polls," Bush told reporters in the Oval Office on Thursday.

The Pentagon has said U.S. troop strength in Iraq will be raised from 138,000 to about 150,000 by mid-January in order to provide security for the election.

The Iraqi Islamic party said it would push forward with demands to postpone the elections and would hold a conference on Sunday in a bid to muster more support for the call.

"We're trying to create a force to pressure the (electoral) commission and the government to postpone the elections," party official Ammar Wajeeh said. "We will do our best and we will continue this process"

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## Dewhurst: CPS reforms should be emergency issue

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Rick Perry should declare reform of Child Protective Services an emergency so that legislators can immediately pass legislation on the issue once they meet in January, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst says.

Dewhurst's recommendation came the same day 5-year-old Daisy Perales died. The San Antonio girl, who is believed to have been the victim of abuse, died shortly after she was taken off life support.

A San Antonio lawmaker accused CPS of failing to adequately pursue the girl's case. The agency had investigated the girl's family seven times since 1998.

A state agency on Tuesday sent a review team and a special administrator to the Bexar County Child Protective Services office after Daisy was hospitalized.

State Rep. Carlos Cresti has asked that the experts sent to the county review all information handled by caseworkers who investigated Daisy's case and all files in which there have been at least four allegations that have not resulted in removal of the children.

"CPS clearly dropped the ball on this case," Cresti told the San Antonio Express-News in Thursday's editions. "CPS had plenty of opportunities to intervene."

Six of the cases involving

the family were closed after investigators said they could not prove the complaints or ruled out abuse or neglect.

"The facts surrounding this case are extremely disturbing, and immediate action is necessary to strengthen Child Protective Services in San Antonio," Albert Hawkins, head of the Health and Human Services Commission, had said Tuesday in a prepared statement.

Someone alleged Daisy had been kicked in the stomach, side and buttocks by her mother, according to case documents.

Dewhurst told The

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### Freeway tragedy

## Man dies after being dragged along freeway by friend's car

HOUSTON (AP) — A man who was dragged along a freeway by his girlfriend's car in rush-hour traffic, then thrown into the air, has died at a hospital from his injuries.

The victim's arm may have been severed — or at least badly mangled — in the ordeal, said police. The 43-year-old man's girlfriend told investigators she blacked out and doesn't remember the event.

Dewey Dale Whitehead of Buna died at Ben Taub Hospital around 8:30 p.m. Tuesday night.

Whitehead and his girlfriend had driven to Houston from the East Texas town for a doctor's appointment on Tuesday. The woman suddenly stopped the car in the right lane of traffic of the East Freeway shortly after 3 p.m. Witnesses said Whitehead, who was in the front passenger's seat, got out and walked around to the driver's side, opened the door and stood talking to her.

"The next thing the witnesses know, she floors it, and she's apparently moving at a pretty good clip — and he's hanging on the side of the vehicle," Police Department Homicide Sgt. Mark Newcomb told the Houston Chronicle in Thursday's editions.

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# More than 40 percent of Americans using prescription drugs

By RANDOLPH E. SCHMID  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — More than 40 percent of Americans take at least one prescription drug and one-in-six takes at least three, the

government reported Thursday. "Americans are taking medicines that lower cholesterol and reduce the threat of heart disease, that help lift people out of debilitating depressions, and that keep diabetes in check," Health and

Human Services Secretary Tommy G. Thompson said in a statement. The annual report on Americans' health found that just over 44 percent of all Americans take at least one prescription drug, and 16.5 percent take at least three.

Those rates were up from 39 percent and 12 percent between 1988 and 1994, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported. The report, "Health, United States 2004," presents the latest

data collected by CDC's National Center for Health Statistics and dozens of other Federal health agencies, academic and professional health associations, and international health organizations.

## Emergency Services

### Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents and arrests today.

#### Wednesday, Dec. 1

Evading arrest was reported in the 1000 block of Varnon.

Possible child abuse was reported in the 2200 block of Lynn.

Aggravated assault with a deadly weapon was reported in the 500 block of West Montague. Minor injuries were reported. The weapon was a knife or cutting tool.

Josue Rodriguez, 24, 1113 Seneca Lane, was arrested in the 1200 block of North Hobart for possession of marijuana.

Joseph Rasmussen, 21, 427 Hill, was arrested in the 700 block of West Brown for animal not restrained and no rabies vaccination.

### Accidents

Pampa Police Department reported the following accident today.

#### Tuesday, Nov. 30

5:08 p.m. — A 1999 Dodge Ram, driven by Jackie George Pierce, 37, 8110 N. FM Road 749, collided with a 2003 Kaylyn flatbed trailer towed by a 2004 Mack truck, driven by Chance Nicholson, 24, 718 N. Somerville, in the 800 block of West Brown. No injuries were reported. Pierce was cited for driving while intoxicated, third or more offense.

### Sheriff

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

#### Wednesday, Dec. 1

Bobbie Cole, 29, 134 Starkweather, was arrested for theft by check and issuing a bad

check. Nancy Saldierna, 32, 615 N. West, was arrested for theft by check and issuing a bad check.

### Fire

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

#### Wednesday, Dec. 1

12:16 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a motor vehicle collision in the 2200 block of Duncan.

4:29 p.m. — One unit and four firefighters responded to a carbon monoxide check in the 1000 block of Prairie. None was found.

#### Thursday, Dec. 2

2:14 a.m. — One unit and four firefighters responded to a lifting assist in the 700 block of Lowry.

### Ambulance

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

#### Wednesday, Dec. 1

11:05 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1100 block of Sirroco and transported a patient(s) to Northwest Texas Hospital, Amarillo.

12:14 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 2200 block of Duncan and transported a patient(s) to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

5:36 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to a local nursing facility and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

6 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1200 block of Wells and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

8:34 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transferred a patient(s) to N.W.T.H.

## U.S. force in Iraq expected to grow in January to highest level of war

WASHINGTON (AP) — With the insurgency still a threat to Iraq's planned elections, the U.S. force is about to expand to its highest level of the war — even higher than the initial invading force in March 2003.

The force will grow from 138,000 today to about 150,000 by mid-January, the Pentagon said Wednesday.

Extra troops are needed to bolster security before the national elections scheduled for Jan. 30. The increase in troop strength also underscores the fact that, despite enormous effort and cost, American commanders have yet to train and equip enough Iraqis for security duty.

Lt. Gen. Lance Smith, deputy commander of Central Command, which is responsible for U.S. military operations throughout the Middle East, told reporters at the Pentagon last month that the insurgents have managed to intimidate many Iraqis into not cooperating with the Americans.

The expansion of the U.S. force also recalls assertions made by some Bush administration officials when the invasion was launched that although stabilizing the country would not be easy or cheap, it certainly would not require more U.S. troops than it took to topple Baghdad.

As it turns out, the post-invasion period has been far costlier in blood and treasure than almost anyone predicted. When President Bush declared major combat operations were over May 1, 2003, the United States had about 148,000 troops in Iraq — slightly more than when the war began two months earlier and more than were there when Baghdad fell in early April.

The Pentagon said Wednesday that Defense

Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld approved a plan to send 1,500 soldiers of the 82nd Airborne Division from Fort Bragg, N.C., to Iraq this month and to extend by 60 days the combat tours of about 10,400 soldiers and Marines in Iraq who were to come home in January.

Most of those whose tours are being extended will

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— Statement  
Pentagon officials

serve two months longer than the 12-month tours the Army set as a standard limit to avoid putting too much stress on troops and their families.

The 12,000-troop increase is to last only until March, but it says much about the strength and resiliency of an insurgency that U.S. military planners did not foresee even a year ago, when they were focused on capturing deposed Iraqi President Saddam Hussein.

Pentagon officials said they preferred to expand the force in Iraq mainly by keeping some troops there longer rather than sending thousands of fresh troops from the United States.

"They are the most experienced and best-qualified

forces to sustain the momentum of post-Fallujah operations and to provide for additional security for the upcoming elections," a Pentagon statement said.

The military normally is reluctant to extend soldiers' combat tours because of the potential negative effect it could have on their families, and thus on their willingness to remain in uniform. In this case, Gen. George Casey, the most senior U.S. commander in Iraq, decided it was necessary to keep up pressure on the insurgents while providing security for the elections.

One unit, the 2nd Brigade of the Fort Hood, Texas-based 1st Cavalry Division, is being extended for the second time.

Its soldiers originally were told they would be going home in November at the end of a 10-month assignment, but in October they got the news they would remain until mid-January. Now they are being extended until mid-March.

Rumsfeld's decision also applies to:

—About 4,400 troops of the 2nd Brigade of the 25th Infantry Division, which is operating in north-central Iraq. They will stay until mid-March, instead of departing in early January. Those soldiers' home bases are mostly in Hawaii.

—About 2,300 members of the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, based in Okinawa, Japan, Hawaii and California, who will stay until mid-March instead of leaving in January.

—About 160 soldiers of the 66th Transportation Company, based in Germany.

They were due to depart Iraq in early January but instead will stay until early March.

## Firefighters, vet rescue dog stuck in tire

WACO, Texas (AP) — It took the Jaws of Life and a veterinarian, but Cinnamon the Boston terrier is no longer stuck in a tire.

On Tuesday, Wayne Hyde saw his 10-month-old dog's rear quarters sticking in the air, her head plugged into the center rim of a full-size tire.

Trudy Dillinger, Hyde's

girlfriend, tried using Vaseline to release the 17-pound dog's head, which seemed bigger than the 4-inch-diameter ring around her neck.

Dillinger called the Bellmead Fire Department. Firefighters tried to cut the tire rim with a hand-held metal saw, but they stopped to avoid accidentally hurt-

ing the dog.

Then they used their most serious extraction device, a rescue tool called the Jaws of Life, which uses hydraulic power to pry apart or slice open cars when accident victims are stuck.

The firefighters cut the center of the rim out of the tire, then took Cinnamon and her heavy metal collar to the La Vega Veterinary Clinic in nearby Waco.

"These are things you don't learn about in fire academy at all," Fire Marshall Scott Curry told the Waco Tribune-Herald for a Thursday story.

The vets used an anesthetic to relax Cinnamon's muscles and coated her neck and ears in a lubricant.

"The rim looked like it weighed more than the dog," veterinarian Tamra Walthall said. "It looked like a steel Elizabethan collar on her neck."

The dog's head eventually popped out of the ring. She was no worse for the wear, other than a little bruising and swelling around the neck, Walthall said.

Hyde, a 61-year-old plumbing and utility contractor, praised the firefighters and vowed to keep tires out of his back yard.

"There was just that one, and it's not there anymore," he said. "As a matter of fact, it's all in pieces."

## Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Attebury Grain of Pampa.

Wheat	3.05
Milo	3.09
Corn	3.72
Soybeans	4.58

The 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa were unavailable due to problems with company's satellite feed.

## Gray County Weather

Today: Sunny, with a high near 46.

Wind chill values between 10 and 20.

North northwest wind around 15 mph.

Tonight: Clear, with a low around 22. Wind chill values between 12 and 17.

West northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 52. Wind chill values

between 11 and 21. West southwest wind 10 to 15 mph becoming north northwest.

Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low near 30. Wind chill values between 22 and 27. West northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Saturday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 56. West southwest wind between 15

and 20 mph.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 35. West southwest wind around 15 mph.

Sunday: Partly cloudy, with a high around 55. West wind between 15 and 20 mph.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 31. West southwest wind around 15 mph.

Monday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 49.

Windy, with a west northwest wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low near 29.

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# Execution

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her lawyers had been seeking, contending the former tax accounting clerk may be innocent of the deaths of her husband Adrian, 23, and their children Alton, 7, and Farrah, 20 months. They also argued that an appropriate look at the .25-caliber pistol and blue dress she wore the night she said she discovered the bodies never was conducted because she had shoddy legal help leading to and through her 1988 trial.

"I think we're going to have a chance to do the testing that should have been done long ago," said David Dow, a University of Houston law professor handling her appeal. "It's good news."

Roe Wilson, an assistant district attorney in Harris County who handles capital case appeals and opposed the reprieve, called the governor's decision disappointing.

"But we will go forward with the case just as any other," she said.

Wilson suggested additional tests on clothing might not be possible, since ballistics testing practices 17 years ago may have destroyed the very evidence

Newton's lawyers want retested.

"I'm not confident it's still there," Dow said, referring to problems in recent years with record keeping and evidence processing by the Houston Police Department crime lab, which handles many cases prosecuted in Harris County.

"But I haven't heard anything to the contrary that the evidence is not available."

The parole board historically has turned aside requests from condemned prisoners like Newton. In May, the panel recommended the life of a mentally ill convicted murderer be spared. Perry, however, rejected the vote of the board, whose members he appoints, and the inmate was executed.

That marked the first time a Texas governor rejected a parole board's clemency recommendation for a condemned killer since executions resumed in the state in 1982. During that period, 336 inmates received lethal injection, two of them women.

Other than his authority to issue a one-time 30-day reprieve, a Texas governor can't issue a pardon, commuta-

tion or clemency without the recommendation of the parole panel.

Prosecutors said Newton hoped to collect \$100,000 in life insurance benefits on policies she recently had purchased, including one where she forged the signature of her husband.

Newton acknowledged hiding the existence of the policy from her husband but said recently from death row she didn't want him to know she had been saving money to purchase the insurance.

"With my husband, if he knew we had any extra money at all, it would be gone," she said.

Newton maintained a drug dealer she knew only as Charlie, whom Adrian Newton owed \$500, was likely responsible for the 1987 slayings, which she said she discovered after returning home that evening with a relative.

Newton would have been the 11th woman executed nationally since the Supreme Court in the mid-1970s allowed the death penalty to resume.

Newton's reprieve means Texas closes out 2004 with 23 executions, tops in the nation but one fewer than a year ago. A record 40 were injected in 2000.

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— David Dow  
Appeals lawyer

# County

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replace retiring board member Iris Ragsdale.

Current board members Wanda Carter, Lee Fraser and Joe Wheeley were re-appointed to serve another three years each on the museum board.

Insurance coverage was also voted on at yesterday's meeting. The county had received two bids for insurance coverage, one from the Texas Association of Counties and the other from Duncan Fraser & Bridges Insurance Agency of Pampa.

The county will be insured by Duncan Fraser & Bridges once again, at an overall cost of between \$170,000 and \$180,000. The local agency had provided insurance coverage for the county for the past year, said Gray County Judge Richard Peet. Their proposal was the lower of the two received, he said.

The coverage includes all buildings, vehicles, equipment, elected officials, and workman's compensation,

Peet said.

Pacific Life will also continue to be the county's insurance company concerning county-operated employee health insurance. The company was chosen by commissioners last year for the program, and will provide the same service this year at approximately the same cost, Peet said.

Compliance with GASB 34 policies, which were passed by the state legislature and concern detailed inventories and evaluations of county property by county entities, was discussed.

"We have to give a more accurate valuation of all county property and develop a common policy that all the commissioners would follow" concerning assigning values to such things as paved county roads, Peet said.

"We wanted to make sure we were all on the same page," he said of the guidelines for assessing the value of property.

Bills totaling \$113,679.98 and salaries of \$208,645.54 were approved for payment at yesterday's session.

# Iraq

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until the very end."

"We are not convinced that elections could be held on this date so long as the security situation remains the way it is," Wajeeh said.

The calls for delay also have been strongly opposed by Shiite politicians and the influential Shiite religious authority. Shiites comprise about 60 percent of Iraq's nearly 26 million people and have been eagerly awaiting elections to transform their numbers into the political

power they were deprived of under Saddam Hussein.

In Baghdad, at least five mortar rounds exploded Thursday, including two in Baghdad's Green Zone, the compound that holds Iraq's interim administration and foreign diplomatic missions.

One round struck near a mobile phone office in Baghdad's Ararat neighborhood, killing one person and wounding three, police Lt. Muhsin Khazim said. Witnesses also said people were wounded in the other blasts around Baghdad, but the number of casualties wasn't known.

# CPS

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Associated Press that he and Sen. Jane Nelson, R-Lewisville, plan to outline a proposed bill next week that would put more resources into child protection and provide for stronger involvement by law enforcement. The legislation also would make intentionally misreporting child abuse cases a third-degree felony, Dewhurst said.

Nelson said her CPS bill also would expand funding

for prevention services.

"The latest incidence of child abuse in San Antonio painfully reinforces the need for immediate and major reform in Child Protective Services," said Dewhurst.

The agency opened the seventh case after a receiving reports that Daisy had a broken arm and bruises in March. That case remained open when the unresponsive girl was taken to Wilford Hall Medical Center last week.

Perry has not decided which issues to designate as an emergency for the legislative session.

# Freeway

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The car was moving an estimated 50 mph or more as Whitehead was dragged along the freeway shoulder, passing other vehicles that were stuck in rush-hour traffic, witnesses said.

"I think he was holding on for dear life on to the door," said Newcomb.

The 24-year-old woman sideswiped another vehicle as her car reached a narrowed portion of the freeway. That propelled Whitehead into the air over his girlfriend's car and he landed in a ditch.

Whitehead's girlfriend sustained minor injuries.

"She was more in shock and just very bewildered by it all, because she just doesn't remember any of it," said Newcomb. "She says the last thing she knew, he was reaching for the steering wheel. Next thing she knows, she's smashed into the rear of another vehicle."

He said the woman was taking prescription medication, but it was unknown if that played any role in the events.

Police said Whitehead, formerly of Baytown and Beach City, had a lengthy criminal record dating back to the late 1970s.

Heard-Jones

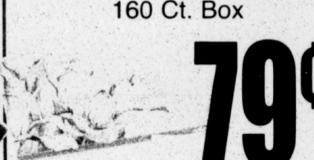


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# Viewpoints

## Fat-induced dementia: Embrace the future

Ah, another reason to go on a diet. ...

Unfortunately, I don't need more reasons.

As reported online by Reuters at Yahoo! News recently, a group of Swedish researchers have concluded in a study published in the journal "Neurology" that obesity may significantly contribute to the depletion of certain areas of the brain.

Not necessarily, I admit, something I want to hear at the height of the holiday season. So, in order to prevent the further dilapidation and deterioration of my poor, befuddled minf, I mean mind, I must not revel in the

scrumptious and fleeting culinary delights available only during the holidays.

Wonderful. As if Thanksgiving and Christmas aren't hard enough to weather through.

I do wonder if the folks at "Reuters Health" and other publications — online and otherwise — are conspiring to put a damper on the holidays. Everywhere I turn, I find some reference to weight and avoiding over-eating during this most happiest of times. And I must say, this information does not in any way diminish a shameful and ever-encroaching predilection I find in

myself towards a decidedly curmudgeonly attitude.

Must I feel guilty for the holiday just past and deprivation for the holiday that is fast approaching?

The Reuters article reports that the Swedes concluded that body mass index significantly impacts certain locations in the brain and obesity may actually threaten those areas. The study followed 290 Swedish women born in the early 1900s through adult-

hood. Approximately every five years the participants' "health, lifestyle and body composition were evaluated," the article read. A CT scan was administered to the

participants when in their 70s and 80s.

The researchers found that women with losses in their temporal lobes — the areas of the brain associated with hearing as well as other functions — had body mass index (BMI) measurements throughout adulthood that

were 1 to 1.5 points higher than women without any loss in brain volume," the article read.

"Statistical analysis confirmed that, along with age, BMI was the only factor related to temporal lobe shrinkage."

Oh, great. Now I have dementia to look forward to in my twilight years. As if gray hair, wrinkles and sagging *everything* aren't enough.

On the other hand, if age is going to get me eventually anyhow and, no doubt, see me tucked away somewhere in an old folks' home — maybe obesity is actually

something to be embraced. If I have to be carted off and cared for by strangers, then perhaps a degree of insanity is to be welcomed.

Huh, now why haven't I thought of this sooner? Yup, I can see it all as in a crystal ball.

Since I'll be too befuddled to remember how much I like and enjoy food, I'll forget all about eating. (They'll probably greatly reduce my food intake as a health measure.) My body will then shrink in proportion to the size of my obesity-induced, pea-sized shrunken brain

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**Skyla Bryant**  
News Editor

## Today in History

Today is Thursday, Dec. 2, the 337th day of 2004. There are 29 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

Fifty years ago, on Dec. 2, 1954, the Senate voted to condemn Wisconsin Republican Joseph R. McCarthy for "conduct that tends to bring the Senate into dishonor and disrepute."

### On this date:

In 1804, 200 years ago, Napoleon was crowned emperor of France.

In 1823, President Monroe outlined his doctrine opposing European expansion in the Western Hemisphere.

In 1859, militant abolitionist John Brown was hanged for his raid on Harper's Ferry the previous October.

In 1939, New York's La Guardia Airport began operations as an airliner from Chicago landed at one minute past midnight.

In 1942, a self-sustaining nuclear chain reaction was demonstrated for the first time, at the University of Chicago.

In 1970, the Environmental Protection Agency began operating under director William Ruckelshaus.

In 1980, four American churchwomen were raped, murdered and buried outside San Salvador. (Five national guardsmen were convicted in the killings.)

In 1982, in the first operation of its kind, doctors at the University of Utah Medical Center implanted a permanent artificial heart in the chest of retired dentist Dr. Barney Clark, who lived 112 days with the device.

In 1993, Colombian drug lord Pablo Escobar was shot to death by security forces in Medellin.

In 2001, in one of the largest corporate bankruptcies in U.S. history, Enron filed for Chapter 11 protection.

**Ten years ago:** The government agreed not to seek a recall of allegedly fire-prone General Motors pickup trucks, striking a deal with GM under which the automaker would spend more than 51 million dollars on safety and research. Reputed "Hollywood Madam" Heidi Fleiss was convicted in Los Angeles of three counts of pandering.

**Five years ago:** Relative calm took over in Seattle, where a meeting of the World Trade Organization was greeted earlier with sometimes violent demonstrations. All six Republican presidential hopefuls, including Texas Gov. George W. Bush, debated in Manchester, N.H. In Northern Ireland, a power-sharing Cabinet of Protestants and Catholics sat down together for the first time.

*'History is but a kind of Newgate calendar, a register of crimes and miseries that man has inflicted on his fellow man.'*

— Washington Irving  
*American author*

*("Newgate calendar" is a British crime chronicle.)*

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## Customs, moral values important

Janet Jackson's "wardrobe malfunction," Nicollette Sheridan's towel malfunction and naked leap into the arms of Philadelphia Eagles wide receiver Terrell Owens in a promotion before ABC's "Monday Night Football," and the recent Detroit Pistons/Indiana Pacers game melee are just the most recent signs of a new culture that has emerged among Americans, and it's just the tip of the iceberg.

Years ago, the lowest of lowdown men wouldn't use the kind of language that's routinely used today not only in the presence of women but often to women. To see men sitting while a woman was standing on a public conveyance used to

be unthinkable. Children addressing adults by their first name was also unthinkable, not to mention the use of foul language in the presence of or to adults. How about guys and girls walking down the street whilst the guy has his hand in the girl's rear pocket?

What might explain the differences in behavior today versus yesteryear? A significant part of the explanation is seen by recognizing that society's first line of defense is not the law but customs, traditions and moral values. Customs, tra-

ditions and moral values are those important thou-shalt-nots such as: Thou shalt not murder, shalt not steal, shalt not lie and cheat. They also include respect for parents, teachers and others in authority plus those courtesies one might read in Emily Post's rules of etiquette.

The importance of customs, traditions and moral values as a means of regulating behavior is that people behave themselves even if nobody's watching. There are not enough cops, and laws can never replace these restraints on personal

conduct so as to produce a civilized society. At best, the police and the criminal justice system are the last desperate lines of defense for a civilized society. Unfortunately, too many of us see police, laws, and the criminal and civil justice systems as society's first line of defense.

For nearly a half-century, the nation's liberals, along with the education establishment, pseudo-intellectuals and the courts, have waged war on traditions, customs and moral values. Many in this generation have been counseled to believe that there are no moral absolutes. Instead, what's moral or

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**Walter Williams**  
Columnist



## Fight harder to win war on AIDS

More people than ever — approximately 40 million worldwide — now live with the human immunodeficiency virus, which causes AIDS.

The world is paying a price for its persistent failure to aggressively attack AIDS with well-funded education, prevention and treatment programs. And as World AIDS Day is observed today, more women and young people are paying the price for the human devastation wrought by the disease.

"Today the face of AIDS is increasingly young and female," according to Peter Piot, executive director of UNAIDS, the Joint United

Nations Program on HIV/AIDS.

That's why the topic for this year's World Aids Day is "Women, Girls, HIV and AIDS."

About 3 million people die annually from AIDS. An estimated 5 million contracted HIV in 2003, the largest number ever reported in a single year.

More than 20 million people worldwide, including more than 500,000 Americans, have died from AIDS since the first cases

were reported in 1981. Millions of children have been orphaned.

Women now make up nearly half of the adults infected with HIV and

approximately 57 percent of those infected in sub-Saharan Africa, where seven out of 10 people with HIV live.

An estimated 10.3 million people ages 15-24 are living with HIV/AIDS, and half of all new HIV infections occur among young people, according to the Global

Fund to Fight Aids, Tuberculosis and Malaria.

In many countries, particularly in sub-Saharan Africa, women's vulnerability to HIV/AIDS is greatly increased by oppressively male-dominated societies, poverty, lack of access to family planning services and health care, illiteracy and limited legal rights.

As UNAIDS said in a report, "In many parts of the world, marriage and long-term monogamous relationships do not protect women from HIV."

"In a study in Zambia, for example, only 11 percent of

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# Jobless claims rise but still point to recovering labor market

WASHINGTON (AP) — The number of new people signing up for unemployment benefits rose sharply last week but the overall level of applications still points to a recovering job market.

The Labor Department reported Thursday that new filings for unemployment insurance increased by a seasonally adjusted 25,000 to 349,000 for the week ending Nov. 27, which included the Thanksgiving Day holiday. Some analysts were expecting

a smaller rise. Private economists and Labor Department analysts say claims around Thanksgiving and other holidays are typically more volatile. The unadjusted figure for

new claims last week showed a steep decline of more than 36,000. In other economic news: —Retailers had a disappointing start to the holiday season, reporting sluggish sales for November as a much

hoped-for surge in Thanksgiving weekend business failed to materialize. Downbeat reports came from across the sector, including Wal-Mart Stores Inc., Limited Brands, Federated Department Stores Inc., and

Bombay Co. Even high-end stores like Nordstrom Inc., which have enjoyed a sales surge over the past year, had only modest gains. —Orders to U.S. factories rebounded in October, rising by a solid 0.5 percent.

## Values

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immoral is a matter of convenience, personal opinion, or what is or is not criminal. During the 1960s, the education establishment launched its agenda to undermine lessons children learned from their parents and the church with fads like "values clarification." So-called sex-education classes were simply indoctrination that sought to undermine family/church strictures against premarital sex. Lessons of abstinence were ridiculed, considered passe, and replaced with lessons about condoms, birth control pills and abortion. Further undermining of parental authority came with legal and extra-legal measures to

assist teenage abortions with neither parental knowledge nor consent. Customs, traditions, moral values and rules of etiquette, not laws and government regulations, are what make for a civilized society. These behavioral norms, mostly transmitted by example, word of mouth, and religious teachings, represent a body of wisdom distilled through ages of experience, trial and error, and looking at what works and what doesn't.

*Customs, traditions and moral values have been discarded without an appreciation for the role they played in creating a civilized society, and now, we're paying the price.*

have been discarded without an appreciation for the role they played in creating a civilized society, and now, we're paying the price. What's worse is that instead of a return to what worked, many of us fail to make the connection and insist "there ought to be a law."

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women believed that they had the right to ask their husbands to use a condom — even if he had proven himself to be unfaithful and was HIV-positive. UNAIDS said that "strategies such as reducing violence against women, protecting property rights, ensuring access to reproductive health care, investing in female-controlled prevention methods such as microbicides and female condoms, keeping girls in school longer and supporting community-based care for people living with HIV, must become part of our HIV prevention effort."

AIDS has increased, but it is still not enough. In 2003, President Bush commendably called for the United States to commit \$15 billion over five years to fight AIDS and other diseases, but the bulk of that money hasn't yet been appropriated. In America, annual deaths from AIDS — which totaled 16,371 in 2002 — have dropped as a result of greatly improved drug therapies. But in poor countries, these drugs are much less affordable, and there are far fewer medical facilities and health care professionals to provide treatment. In many cases, lives of HIV patients could be considerably prolonged at

*Bush and other world leaders must continue to push for greater funding and more effective strategies to combat HIV/AIDS.*

modest cost. For example, the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria notes that effective prevention and treatment of tuberculosis would have strongly beneficial results because "TB is a leading killer of people with HIV/AIDS." Bush and other world leaders must continue to push for greater funding and more effective strategies to combat HIV/AIDS. It's the humane thing to do. And because of the economic disaster that AIDS wreaks on society, it's the fiscally prudent thing to do. It makes sense all the way around.

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which, let's face it, has never been too substantial anyway.

After I become thin and wasted, I will finally get to have fun, with the loss of my inhibitions as afforded by the complete disintegration of my already questionable gray matter. I will experience a new, unvitalizing, and totally unconscious child-

hood! How grand! I've long suspected there must be something good about old age.

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## States don't meet anti-smoking spending minimums

WASHINGTON (AP) — Only three states — Maine, Delaware and Mississippi — are spending money on anti-smoking efforts at the minimum levels recommended by federal health officials, a coalition of public health groups said Thursday.

The states have set aside \$538 million for smoking prevention for fiscal 2005, which began in October and runs through September. That is just a third of the \$1.6 billion minimum the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention say should be

spent nationwide, says the report. The CDC's minimum funding recommendations for each state are based on population and other factors. The states are expected to receive an estimated \$7.1 billion this year from the tobacco industry through legal set-

tlements they reached with cigarette makers in the late 1990s, according to the report released by the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids, American Heart Association, American Cancer Society and American Lung Association.

## Calendar of Events

- **Tralee Crisis Center.** Tralee Crisis Center Women's Support Group for victims of domestic violence offers peer counseling, group support and education on issues resulting from family violence and/or sexual assault from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursdays. For more information, call 669-1131.
- **2CARE for Moms & Babies.** 2CARE for Moms & Babies conducts car safety classes. Participants must pre-register to attend. To pre-register, call 664-2459.
- **West Texas Parent Education Network.** WTPEN, a program serving West Texas children with disabilities and their parents, is headquartered in Lubbock. For more information, call (806) 762-1434 or toll-free at 1-877-762-1435 or write West Texas PEN, 1001 Main St., #804, Lubbock, TX 79401.
- **YMCA Diabetes Class.** Amarillo YMCA is offering new water exercise classes specially-designed for diabetics. Schedule of classes are as follows: 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Mondays; 6 p.m. Tuesdays; 2 p.m. and 6 p.m., Wednesdays; 6 p.m. Thursdays; and 9 a.m., 10 a.m., and 2 p.m. Fridays. Cost is \$4 per class for non-members and \$3 per class with a 10-class punch pass. Y members get in free. For more information,

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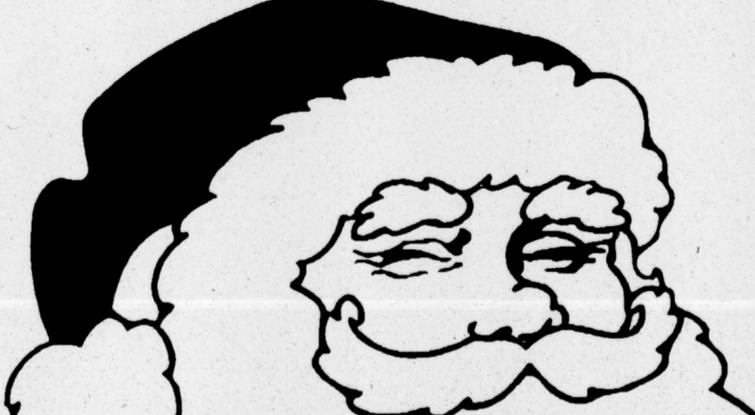
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### Little Native Americans

For "Mother's Day Out," Linda Bodie's 4- and 5-year-old class at First Christian Church learned about Indian life just in time for Thanksgiving. Above: (back row, left-right) Lexi, Burkley, Philip; (front, l-r) Dylan, Alexander, Brennen, Brittney and Reese.

### International affairs

## In Ukraine, opposition pushes for quick revote

KIEV, Ukraine (AP) — Ukraine's Supreme Court met on Thursday to consider appeals of bitterly disputed presidential election results, a day after two rivals who both claim victory agreed they would abide by the court's ruling.

Amid the tense electoral standoff, outgoing President Leonid Kuchma left for Moscow on Thursday to meet with Russian President Vladimir Putin. Interfax-Ukraine news agency reported.

Kuchma and Putin planned to hold political consultations, Interfax said, citing Kuchma's press secretary Olena Hromnytska. A man who answered the phone at Kuchma's office said he could not confirm the report.

Kuchma has proposed holding new presidential elections as a way out of the political crisis that has engulfed Ukraine since the Nov. 21 presidential runoff. Kuchma's hand-picked candidate, Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich, was declared the official winner, but opposition candidate Viktor Yushchenko, a Western-leaning reformer, claims his victory was stolen by fraud.

The Kremlin has backed Yanukovich, who was considered pro-Russian. On Wednesday, Yushchenko, savoring the momentum generated by street protests and Western pressure on Kuchma's government, told thousands of his shivering supporters massed in Kiev's Independence Square that victory was near.

He urged the crowds to remain in the streets until a revote is called and a date set. Yushchenko suggested such a vote could be held as early as Dec. 19.

The Supreme Court was expected to rule Thursday on the appeal by Yushchenko's campaign to invalidate the runoff result,

based on claims of widespread violations across Yanukovich's eastern and southern strongholds.

The runoff has been discredited by both sides, and Yanukovich submitted his own appeal against the results, focusing on pro-Yushchenko western provinces and the capital.

*'(O)ne million more votes were thrown in.'*

— Ruslan Knyazevich  
Central Election Commission

The Supreme Court on Thursday rejected Yanukovich's objections to parts of the opposition's appeal, leaving open the possibility that the judges might name Yushchenko the president based on first-round results, which Yushchenko won. The court has not yet started deliberating on the merits of the appeal itself.

Ruslan Knyazevich, a member of the Central Election Commission who refused to sign the official results, told the court Thursday that after the polls closed on Nov. 21, "one million more votes were thrown in." He also noted election data from the east came later than other regions, after what he suggested was an order to "increase the numbers."

International mediators brought the two candidates and Kuchma together Wednesday for compromise talks. An agreement was won from all sides that they would respect the court's ruling.

While a new election in this divided nation of 48 million is looking increasingly possible, what remains unclear is whether Ukraine will stage a repeat of the runoff, as Yushchenko is demanding.

Ukrainian media have frequently said Yanukovich's former campaign chief, Serhiy Tyhytko, is the most likely choice. Tyhytko, a young and charismatic politician, might fare well against the reform- and Western-oriented Yushchenko.



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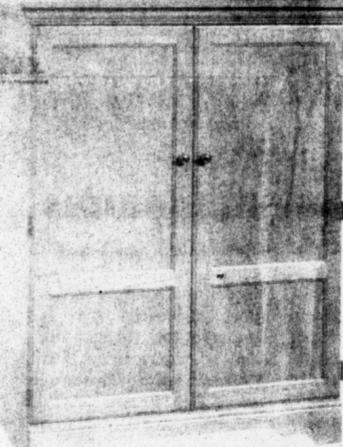
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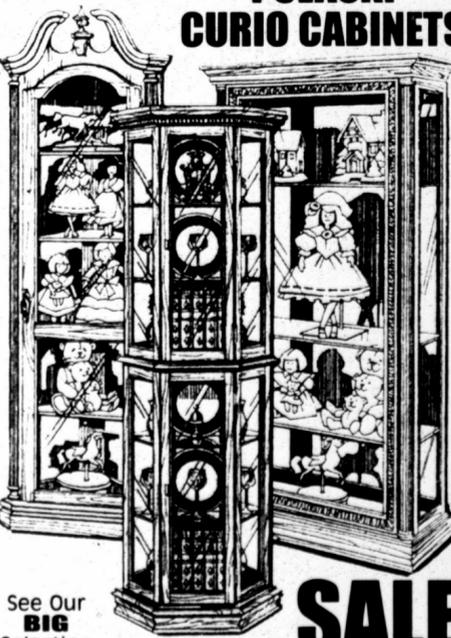
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## New drug touted as restoring lost libido in women

WASHINGTON (AP) — The hormone patch Intrinsa aims to restore women's lost libido, but some health experts are concerned that potential health risks may eclipse the benefit of marginally better sex.

A Food and Drug Administration advisory panel was considering Thursday whether the

Women who applied the patch to their abdomen twice weekly had one more "satisfying sexual event" per four weeks, compared with a placebo.

The FDA, chastised before Congress for ignoring safety concerns with drugs, has asked its Reproductive Health Drugs advisory committee to consider whether that slim benefit offsets potential risk from long-term use of the hormone testosterone. Women using the Intrinsa testosterone patch will also take estrogen.

The Women's Health Initiative, a program established by the National Institutes of Health, found that postmenopausal women taking the hormones estrogen and progestin had higher risks of heart attack, stroke and breast cancer.

"The unexpected safety findings ... indicated that short-term or uncontrolled studies may not provide adequate estimates of the risks of hormonal therapy," the FDA told its advisory panel.

Mary Johnson, a Procter & Gamble spokeswoman, said, "Those questions were not unexpected and they will be addressed during the presentation."

Procter & Gamble's safety testing of the drug included 419 women who used Intrinsa for up to one year. A three-year safety study will include 321 women.

In addition, the company plans a post-marketing study to track women taking Intrinsa for five years to determine rates of heart disease and breast cancer.

*'The unexpected safety findings ... indicated that short-term or uncontrolled studies may not provide adequate estimates of the risks of hormonal therapy.'*

—FDA  
Federal agency

agency should approve the first drug to treat hypoactive sexual desire disorder in women who have had their ovaries removed or damaged and are receiving estrogen therapy.

Women with the disorder have a sex drive that is so diminished that they no longer fantasize about sex or crave it, causing stress and strained relationships.

Procter & Gamble is seeking FDA approval to sell the testosterone patch Intrinsa, the first such product to treat a condition that affects up to 3 million surgically menopausal American women.

Clinical trials showed that women using Intrinsa had only modest improvements to their sex lives.

## Lawyer pleads for Scott's life

REDWOOD CITY, Calif. (AP) — Scott Peterson occasionally dabbed his eyes with tissue as his father and half-sister told jurors in his murder trial that he used to sing for senior citizens on Sundays and worked his way through college.

Lee Peterson and Susan Caudillo took the stand Wednesday, the second day of the trial's penalty phase. They hoped to paint a picture of Peterson as a son and brother whose life should be spared, even though he was convicted last month of killing his wife, Laci, and the 8-month-old fetus she was carrying.

Peterson, 32, faces either the death penalty or life in prison without the possibility of parole for the 2002 murders.

"I'm frightened, deeply saddened," Lee Peterson testified. "Losing someone you love and now having our son in such jeopardy — it's just beyond belief."

All the witnesses talked about how sentencing Peterson to die would affect his family. More testimony was scheduled for Thursday.

Caudillo called Peterson her "baby brother" and said a death sentence would devastate the family.

"I can't describe exactly how I would go on," Caudillo said, stifling tears. "I know it would kill my parents. I see the pain in their faces every day."

Asked by defense attorney Pat Harris how he would feel if his son was sentenced to death, Lee Peterson paused and looked over toward the defense table. "I don't even want to entertain that thought," he said. "I just can't imagine anything worse."

Lee Peterson looked tired but maintained his composure, a stark contrast from Laci's mother, Sharon Rocha, who sobbed uncontrollably at times when she testified Tuesday.

In his opening statement Wednesday, Harris had told the jurors that they needed a more complete picture of Peterson before deciding his fate: "What we're going to now show you is the 30 years that preceded this. And when we show you those 30 years, I believe that you will agree that this is a life worth saving."

## This year's most looked-up words

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (AP) — The most requested online definition this year was "blog" — a word not even yet officially in the dictionary, Merriam-Webster says.

Editors had planned to include "blog" — the short term for Web log — in the 2005 annual update of both the print and online versions of Merriam-Webster's 11th Collegiate Dictionary, said Arthur Bicknell, spokesman for the dictionary publisher.

But in face of demand, the company quickly added an

early definition to some of its online sites, defining "blog" as "a Web site that contains an online personal journal with reflections, comments, and often hyperlinks provided by the writer."

Typically, it takes about 20 years of usage for a word to become prominent enough to merit a place in an abridged dictionary. Some Internet terms and new diseases, such as AIDS and SARS, have made it in a fraction of that time.

## The Nutcracker



Pampa Civic Ballet's annual production of "The Nutcracker" will be staged at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, in M.K. Brown Auditorium under the direction of Jeanne Willingham. Above: Shawna Salazar, Angela Woodin, Monica Kohler, Shauna Friend, Maegan Wheeler, Jessica Baggerman, Kaitlin Winegeart, Deanna McGill, Tanner Davis, Glennette Goode and Danielle Wall.

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THE PAMPA NEWS COMICS

# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: You missed the mark with your advice to "Sad in the South," the woman who said she was miserable in her 35-year marriage to "Homer." She said she was afraid her "small pension" was insufficient to support her if she divorced him. You advised her to get a volunteer job that might turn into a paying position.

Abby, after 35 years of marriage, that woman is entitled to a significant portion of her husband's "very nice (retirement) annuity" and any other benefits he will receive. She should consult a lawyer specializing in family law about her rights, if she's as miserable as she says she is, and then divorce him. Life is too short. She has already missed 35 years of it by staying with a man who made her so unhappy. -- CALIFORNIA LAWYER

DEAR LAWYER: In my own defense, I felt that volunteering would get the woman out of the house and give her enough of a boost that she would feel better. I was surprised at how many readers disagreed with me. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: You should have advised "Sad in the South," who is married to "the most manipulative, cunning, critical man ever born," to see an attorney about her rights to some of his assets if she should decide to leave. She may also need counseling to regain enough self-esteem to leave, and it would be better than staying in the situation she's in. I hope she gets out while she still has some enjoyable years left. -- A FRIEND IN THE MIDWEST

DEAR FRIEND: She called her husband cunning, clever and manipulative. Although those traits are obnoxious, nowhere did she say he mistreated her.

Instead of divorcing her husband, I'd rather she saw a counselor and learned how to stand her ground. She said at first she gave in because she loved him, then she did it to avoid an argument, and now she does it out of habit. Instead of just walking away, wouldn't it be better if she first gave him a chance to change?

DEAR ABBY: That woman needs to educate herself about the laws governing pension plans and Social Security, and the best way to do it is to see a lawyer. Then, like me, she may learn she has more coming to her than she thinks.

I not only have enough money to get by, I have enough to enjoy things I never would have experienced with my husband. I live comfortably in a retirement village where I pay according to my income, and I'm enjoying the new friends I've made here. I was granted half my husband's pension, half the savings and stocks, and all of the household items. After his death a few months ago, my Social Security increased, so I went on a cruise with friends to celebrate. Everyone says my happiness is what killed my husband, who died an angry and bitter man.

My life has become a paradise, and everything I have dreamed of has come to pass. -- FINALLY HAPPY IN INDIANA

DEAR FINALLY: It appears you're sitting in clover, while your husband is lying under it. I don't know what he did to you that makes you take such joy in the circumstances of his death, but I wonder if the punishment fits the crime.

P.S. One woman to another: It isn't nice to gloat.

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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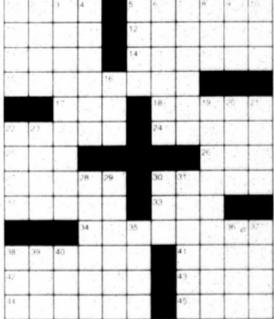
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# Sports Day

## Passing lane



Pampa News photo by BEN BRISCOE

Pampa senior guard Clayton Hall, #15, looks to pass the ball to an open teammate during Tuesday night's win over Perryton. The Harvesters, 5-2 thus far, will compete in the Canyon Varsity Tournament in Canyon beginning this evening.

## Harvester Lanes to host Toys for Tots event Dec. 11

By MARILYN POWERS  
Staff Writer

Harvester Lanes will once again collect toys for the Toys for Tots holiday program during a tournament Saturday, Dec. 11 at the bowling center, 1401 S. Hobart.

"Each entrant is asked to bring an unwrapped new toy of at least \$5 value," said JoAnn West, Harvester Lanes owner.

This year's collection of toys will be given to Tralee Crisis Center, she said. Each year, a charity is chosen to receive the toys and also to receive food collected during a Thanksgiving drive.

"We just gave them 360 cans from our Thanksgiving food drive," West said.

Between 75 and 100 toys are usually collected during the annual event. Anyone wishing to donate a toy may bring it to the bowling center, whether or not they are participating in the tournament, she said.

"This is a highly anticipated tournament every year for our customers," West said. The tournament will include both adult and youth bowlers.

Tournament squad times are 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. An appearance by Santa Claus will be made.

The Dec. 11 tournament is also a scholar-

ship tournament, West said. Part of the proceeds from entry fees will go toward scholarships for junior bowlers.

"We usually award \$600 to \$750 in scholarships on that day," West said.

"Every junior bowler gets a scholarship, for them to use toward continued education, whether it is trade school or a two- or four-year college," she said.

Each time scholarship funds are awarded, the monies are deposited with the Young American Bowling Alliance, which has a nationwide program that manages and distributes the scholarship funds. Documentation of the amount of funds in each young bowler's account is sent to their homes annually, and the funds are held in trust until the bowler's 23rd birthday.

If a bowler does not use the scholarship funds to attend college or trade school, the money reverts back to the bowling center that awarded it, for redistribution as scholarships to other junior bowlers, West said.

"Since 1999, we have exceeded \$8,000 in scholarships to Pampa bowlers," she said.

Anyone who wishes to participate in Saturday's tournament may call West at Harvester Lanes, 665-3422.

*'Every junior bowler gets a scholarship, for them to use toward continued education, whether it is trade school or a two- or four-year college.'*

— JoAnn West  
Owner, Harvester Lanes

## Pampa on mats tomorrow

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS  
Sports Editor

Head Coach Josh Cadenhead and his Pampa Harvester wrestling team will travel to Randall tomorrow night to take part in the Raider Duals. That tournament will last through Saturday.

### The 2004-05 Pampa Harvester Wrestling Team

103lbs	Richard Leal	Sophomore
112lbs	Toby Lynch	Sophomore
	Scotty Brown	Freshman
119lbs	Matt Railsback	Freshman
125lbs	Michael Moore	Sophomore
130lbs	Trevor Collins	Freshman
135lbs	Keith McKean	Sophomore
140lbs	Ross Andreen	Junior
145lbs	Jimmie Logan	Freshman
152lbs	John Burns	Sophomore
160lbs	Nick Dudley	Freshman
	Josh Brack	Junior
171lbs	Cody Wood	Freshman
180lbs	Dustin Forney	Sophomore
	J. D. Parish	Freshman
189lbs	Jesse Marcum	Junior
	Bobby Sikes	Sophomore
	Ben Gibson	Sophomore
215lbs	Chris Veal	Senior

## SIGNS OF THE TIMES

# School spirit in a cup is cool, left along the highway not cool

It's been a month since Pampa defeated Andrews in the opening round of the extended football season. Yet there is a chain link fence I pass every morning with yellow cups stuffed in it encouraging Pampa to "Beat Andrews." It also announces the arrival of a newborn baby, just as it has for weeks now.

I don't have a problem with the cups-in-the-fence signage. In fact, I like it. I do have a problem though with the lack of maintenance they receive.

If you are going to take up the mantle of school spirit, you then agree to keep

your billboard maintained and up to date. Highway 60 is a major thoroughfare that hundreds of people travel every day.

To leave your cups-in-the-fence sign unkempt for weeks is not effective advertising. Nor does it speak for the caliber of your school spirit. After all, the football season is over and we are now nearly 10 games into the basketball season and a month into wrestling.

Now I know some of our

opponents have school names that may require many additional cups. Just this past Tuesday, the

Harvester basketball teams all won their games against the Perryton Rangers and

Rangerettes. Probably not easy to offer plastic cup encouragement. Still, "Beat Perryton" would have sufficed.

Even tougher would be, "Good luck at the Canyon Varsity Tournament," which

the varsity boys team will compete in beginning today.

Wrestling can pose the same problem now and then. But during those times when just too many cups are needed, I think a default "Go Pampa" would do the trick. Creativity is the key to solid advertising, and it will help your cups-in-the-fence billboard stand out from the others. Imagine enjoying a dinner out one night and hearing someone next to you talking about your sign. Encouraging others to drive by and look at it. That's advertising. It could also be the start of a new enterprise.

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Michael J. Stevens  
Sports Editor



## Pampa travels to Canyon tonight

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS  
Sports Editor

The Pampa Harvester boys varsity basketball team travels to Canyon tonight to compete in the Canyon Varsity Tournament. That tournament will last through Saturday. Pampa enters the night with a record of 5-2.

The boys and girls junior varsity teams travel to Miami for a tournament there that gets underway tonight as well.

Coach Troy Fry and his Lady Harvesters will be in action again this Tuesday when they host the Lady Rebels of Tascosa. The Lady Harvesters are 4-7 so far this season.

## Hidden Hills results

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS  
Sports Editor

Here are the results from yesterday's Senior Scramble at Hidden Hills golf course.

**First Place (60)**  
Pat Montoya  
Gerry McCabe  
Jerry South  
Carroll Pettit

**Second Place (62)**  
Eldon Maxwell

Bob Young  
O.K. Lee  
Howard Musgrave  
Morris Driver

**Third Place (64)**  
Bill Hammer  
Howard Wells  
Buddy Epperson  
Jack Davis

**Closest to Pin-** Jack Davis on #6.

## Report: Giambi testified he used steroids

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — New York Yankees slugger Jason Giambi injected himself with human growth hormone in 2003 and used steroids for at least three seasons, according to his grand jury testimony that was reviewed by the San Francisco Chronicle.

The testimony given in December 2003 to the federal grand jury investigating BALCO contradicts Giambi's public proclamations that he never used performance-enhancing drugs.

Baseball probably cannot punish Giambi. Penalties for steroid use began in 2004. Human growth hormone, or hGH, is not specifically banned by the major leagues.

Giambi described to grand jurors how he injected hGH in his stomach, testosterone into his buttocks, rubbed

an undetectable steroid known as "the cream" on his body and placed drops of another, called "the clear," under his tongue, the Chronicle reported Thursday.

Giambi testified that he obtained several different steroids from Barry Bonds' personal trainer, Greg Anderson, one of four men indicted by the grand jury probing the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative. He said he got the hGH from a gym in Las Vegas.

Anderson's attorney, Tony Serra, declined comment to the Chronicle, citing a court order.

Anderson, BALCO founder Victor Conte, BALCO vice president James Valente and track coach Remi Korchemny all have pleaded not guilty to the charges, which include steroid distribution.

The Chronicle report came out the day before Conte is scheduled to speak on the ABC program "20-20."

On Wednesday, a federal judge refused to immediately dismiss the charges in response to accusations that prosecutors illegally searched BALCO headquarters and Anderson's house and car. U.S. District Judge Susan Illston said she may conduct hearings into the matter in January.

Giambi was among dozens of elite athletes — including Bonds, Gary Sheffield and track stars Tim Montgomery and Marion Jones — who testified before the grand jury last year under a promise of limited immunity from prosecution.

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# 2004-05 college football bowls

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**Tuesday, Dec. 14**  
**New Orleans Bowl**  
 Payout: \$750,000  
 North Texas (7-4) vs. Southern Mississippi (6-4), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

**Tuesday, Dec. 21**  
**Champs Sports Bowl**  
 At Orlando, Fla.  
 Payout: \$850,000  
 Georgia Tech (6-5) vs. Big 12, 7:45 p.m. (ESPN)

**Wednesday, Dec. 22**  
**GMAC Bowl**  
 Mobile, Ala.  
 Payout: \$750,000  
 Memphis (8-3) vs. Bowling Green (8-3), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

**Thursday, Dec. 23**  
**Fort Worth (Texas) Bowl**  
 Payout: \$750,000  
 Cincinnati (6-5) vs. Marshall (6-5), 6:30 p.m. (ESPN)  
**Las Vegas Bowl**  
 Payout: \$750,000  
 Wyoming (6-5) vs. Pac-10 No. 4/5, 9:45 p.m. (ESPN)

**Friday, Dec. 24**  
**Hawaii Bowl**  
 At Honolulu  
 Payout: \$750,000  
 UAB (7-4) vs. WAC, 7 p.m. (ESPN)

**Saturday, Dec. 25**  
**Blue-Gray Classic**  
 At Troy, Ala.  
 Blue vs. Gray

**Monday, Dec. 27**  
**MPC Computers Bowl**  
 At Boise, Idaho  
 Payout: \$750,000  
 Fresno State (8-3) vs. Virginia (8-3), 2 p.m. (ESPN)  
**Motor City Bowl**  
 At Pontiac, Mich.  
 Payout: \$750,000  
 MAC vs. Connecticut (7-4), 5:30 p.m. (ESPN)

**Tuesday, Dec. 28**  
**Independence Bowl**  
 At Shreveport, La.  
 Payout: \$1.2 million  
 Big 12 vs. ACC, 6:30 p.m. (ESPN) Insight Bowl  
 At Phoenix  
 Payout: \$750,000  
 Pac-10 No. 4/5 vs. Notre Dame (6-5), 9:45 p.m. (ESPN)

**Wednesday, Dec. 29**  
**Houston Bowl**  
 Payout: \$1.1 million  
 Texas-El Paso (8-3) vs. Big 12, 4:30 p.m. (ESPN)  
**Alamo Bowl**  
 At San Antonio  
 Payout: \$1.55 million  
 Ohio State (7-4) vs. Big 12 No. 4, 8 p.m. (ESPN)

**Thursday, Dec. 30**  
**Continental Tire Bowl**  
 At Charlotte, N.C.  
 Payout: \$750,000  
 Boston College (8-3) vs. North Carolina (6-5), 1 p.m. (ESPN2)  
**Emerald Bowl**  
 At San Francisco  
 Payout: \$750,000  
 New Mexico (7-4) vs. Navy (8-2), 4:30 p.m. (ESPN2)  
**Holiday Bowl**  
 At San Diego  
 Payout: \$2 million

Pac-10 No. 2 vs. Big 12 No. 3, 8 p.m. (ESPN)  
**Silicon Valley Classic**  
 At San Jose, Calif.  
 Payout: \$750,000  
 WAC vs. MAC, 11 p.m. (ESPN2)

**Friday, Dec. 31**  
**Music City Bowl**  
 At Nashville, Tenn.  
 Payout: \$780,000  
 SEC vs. Minnesota (6-5), Noon (ESPN)  
**Sun Bowl**  
 At El Paso, Texas  
 Payout: \$1.5 million  
 Purdue (7-4) vs. Pac-10 No. 3, 2 p.m. (CBS)  
**Liberty Bowl**  
 At Memphis, Tenn.  
 Payout: \$1.35 million  
 Boise State (11-0) vs. Louisville (9-1), 3:30 p.m. (ESPN)

**Peach Bowl**  
 At Atlanta  
 Payout: \$2.2 million  
 ACC No. 3 vs. Florida (7-4), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

**Saturday, Jan. 1**  
**Cotton Bowl**  
 At Dallas  
 Payout: \$3 million  
 SEC vs. Big 12 No. 2, 11 a.m. (FOX)  
**Outback Bowl**  
 At Tampa, Fla.  
 Payout: \$2.75 million  
 Wisconsin (9-2) vs. Georgia (9-2), 11 a.m. (ESPN)

**Gator Bowl**  
 At Jacksonville, Fla.  
 Payout: \$1.6 million  
 Florida State (8-3) vs. West Virginia (8-3), 12:30 p.m. (NBC)  
**Capital One Bowl**  
 At Orlando, Fla.  
 Payout: \$5.187 million  
 Iowa (9-2) vs. SEC, 1 p.m. (ABC)  
**Rose Bowl**  
 At Pasadena, Calif.  
 Payout: \$14.5 million  
 Michigan (9-2) vs. Pac-10 champion or TBA, 5 p.m. (ABC)  
**Fiesta Bowl**  
 At Tempe, Ariz.  
 Payout: \$11-14 million  
 BCS vs. BCS, 8:30 p.m. (ABC)

**Monday, Jan. 3**  
**Sugar Bowl**  
 At New Orleans  
 Payout: \$11-14 million  
 BCS vs. BCS, 8 p.m. (ABC)

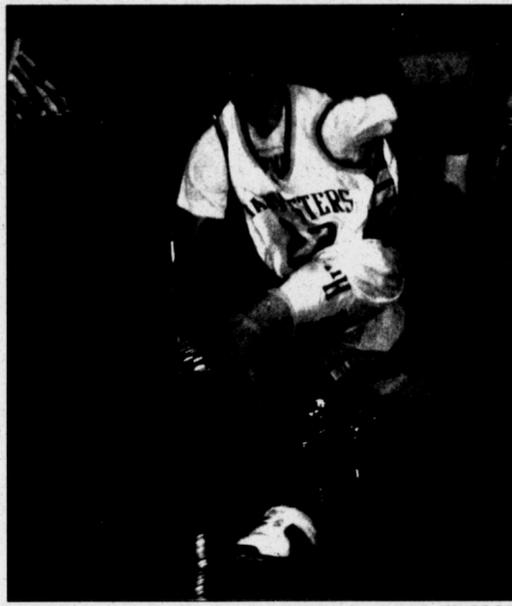
**Tuesday, Jan. 4**  
**Orange Bowl**  
 At Miami  
 Payout: \$11-14 million  
 BCS1 vs. BCS2, 8 p.m. (ABC)

**Saturday, Jan. 15**  
**Gridiron Classic**  
 At The Villages, Fla.  
 North vs. South, 11 a.m. (ESPN2) East-West Shrine Classic  
 At San Francisco  
 East vs. West, 2 p.m. (ESPN)

**Saturday, Jan. 22**  
**Hula Bowl**  
 At Maui, Hawaii  
 Aina vs. Kai 7, 7 p.m. (ESPN2)

**Saturday, Jan. 29**  
**Senior Bowl**  
 At Mobile, Ala.  
 North vs. South, 4 p.m. (ESPN2)

## Fast break



Pampa News photo by BEN BRISCOE

**Pampa sophomore guard Tyler Hall hustles down the court during Tuesday's game against Perryton. Hall and his Harvester teammates travel to Canyon High School tonight to take part in the Canyon Varsity Tournament.**

## Williams rejects deal

MIAMI (AP) — Ricky Williams rejected a deal that would have allowed him to serve a four-game drug suspension this season and return to the NFL next year.

"Ricky indicated to me that he is no longer interested in resuming his career at this time," Williams' lawyer, David Cornwell, said in a statement e-mailed to The Associated Press on Thursday.

The 1998 Heisman Trophy winner needed to let the league know by Thursday so he could be moved from the retired list to the suspended list by the deadline. He would have served the suspension for the Miami Dolphins' final four games, starting Dec. 12 at Denver.

"David Cornwell informed our office that Ricky Williams has declined to accept the terms of his reinstatement," NFL spokesman Greg Aiello

said. Dolphins spokesman Harvey Greene wouldn't comment, saying the matter is between Williams and the NFL.

Williams, 27, stunned his team by retiring shortly before Miami opened training camp in July. The Dolphins filed a lawsuit in federal court against the running back, seeking the \$8.6 million an arbitrator ruled he owes the team for breaching his contract. Williams is fighting the decision.

He is now enrolled in a 17-month course at the California College of Ayurveda in Grass Valley, Calif., studying holistic medicine.

The talks to allow Williams back into the league involved a promise to return to the field next season and to re-enter the NFL drug program immediately, including being tested on a regular basis.

## Spirit

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In spite of the upkeep (or lack thereof), at least the effort was there.

Now, for one that I do not like.

In the past month or so, I have seen little signs along Highway 60 and 70, as well as I-27. They were made of poster board, attached to stakes and placed along the highway. They were signs of encouragement for the

Canyon Eagles football team. They were placed along Highways 60 and 70 for the Eagle's trip to Perryton. They were placed along I-27 for a game in Lubbock. However, they were never picked up. They sat there, slowly eroding in the weather. Evolving from spirit signs to plain old litter. Garbage left behind for someone else to clean up.

School spirit is wonderful. It should be displayed as both encouragement as well as warning to the visiting team. However, if you

are going to place such signs every 5 miles or so alongside a major interstate or highway for 130 miles, you should then know it is your responsibility to retrieve them. A discarded drink cup or cigarette butt is not easy to trace back to the one who tossed it. But a poster board sign tacked to a wooden stake with "Go Eagles" painted in purple does not present much of a challenge when figuring out who might have left it behind.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, Dec. 3, 2004:

You will make an impact, especially if you don't trigger or get overly emotional. Your ability to take in the big picture could make all the difference. Share a different perspective more often and help others open up. You need to repeat yourself often. Learn new ways of expressing the same thoughts. Lead and be independent if possible. Bosses and partners could be touchy at best. Still, you are able to accomplish what you want. If you are single, romance and friendship mix, which will delight you. If you are attached, plan on that special trip you both have been discussing. VIRGO pushes you hard.

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) **★★★★** Be forewarned: Whatever you do today, you might very well have to repeat. In fact, why not try to call it an early workday? A business lunch could develop into a fun happening. Tonight: Let your hair down.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) **★★★★** You feel pressure from your family and your personal life. Focusing on work might be difficult, and that might cause you to have to later redo whatever you are trying to do. If you can leave work early or call in and take a personal day, do so. Tonight: Move from work mode to playful.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) **★★★★** You say what you think. Return calls and reach out for those who make a difference in your life. Clear your desk and schedule meetings

for next week. Be the king or queen of networking. Do your thing. Tonight: Chat on the way out the door.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) **★★★★** You must deal with finances whether you like it or not. Though you might believe you have corrected it, the problem could reappear. You could easily make a mistake in your calculations. Ask for feedback from someone who handles funds well. Tonight: Out with friends. Celebrate Friday.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) **★★★★** You still are the cat's meow. If you are counting on getting a lot done other than socializing and networking, you could be in for a rude awakening. Use care with communications. Even if you think someone "got it," you might discover otherwise sooner or later. Tonight: Party the weekend in.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) **★★★★** Take your time and don't push. You might get more done if you focus on what you can do by yourself. Others might be off or in another world. Use your efficiency. Schedule a late lunch or early dinner. Tonight: Once you leave work, you perk up.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) **★★★★** You know what you want, and you could go off and get just that today. Yes, you could pull a white rabbit out of a black hat. Your ability to draw makes today to you and to others. Tonight: Head home early.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) **★★★★** Deal with those in charge -- you really don't have much of a choice. Of all signs, you need to be diligent at work and tuck away a case of weekend fever. You can let go soon enough, but make sure you have dotted your "i's"

and crossed your "t's." Tonight: Now let off steam and celebrate.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) **★★★★** Your mind might be on taking off quickly this weekend. You do need to complete some calls and/or research. Avoid chatter and gossip. Your focus could make or break your work in the next few weeks. Tonight: Split town if you can.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) **★★★★** Listen to a partner or associate. Together you bulldoze through paperwork and get more done than you thought possible. Study any agreement before putting your John Hancock on paper. Your instincts work. Tonight: Dedicate the evening to one special person.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) **★★★★** Others seek you out, for work or socializing. If you can work, you could be unusually successful. Still, you might find it difficult to focus with all the calls and visits. Others are in weekend mode already. Tonight: Accept an invitation.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) **★★★★** You get more done than many because you are able to concentrate. In fact, with everyone out for long lunches or taking half-days, you accomplish what you want. The quiet enhances your concentration. Take a break and go for a walk if possible. Tonight: Meet your pals.

**BORN TODAY**  
 Actress Daryl Hannah (1960), actor Brian Bonsall (1981), singer Andy Williams (1927)

Jacqueline Bigar is on the Internet at <http://www.jacquelinebigar.com>.

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## Texas Tech 105, SMU 67

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Devonne Giles scored 18 points to lead five double-digit scorers as Texas Tech got a 105-67 victory Wednesday night against Southern Methodist University.

The Red Raiders (3-1) went on a 23-5 run over the game's first 5 1/2 minutes, while SMU (2-2) had seven turnovers including three travel calls.

The Mustangs were hurt by a poor shooting effort throughout the game, shooting 25-of-57 from the field. They also committed 24 turnovers, resulting in 36 Tech points.

Tech committed just nine turnovers on the night.

Tech's four other players to score in double figures were Jarius Jackson with 16, Ronald Ross and Curtis Marshall with 15 points each and Martin Zeno with 12.

The Mustangs were led by Justin Isham, who scored 16 points and Devon Pearson, who added 12.

SMU trailed by as many as 50 points at numerous times in the second half. The win marked the second time in three home games this season Tech has broken the 100-point mark.

## Giambi

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Bonds, Jones and Montgomery deny using performance-enhancing drugs. Sheffield told Sports Illustrated and ESPN he used "the cream" and "the clear" from BALCO, but that he did not know they contained steroids. Giambi told grand jurors

that he didn't notice a "huge difference" in his performance after starting to use the drugs, the newspaper reported.

Giambi came to spring training this year looking noticeably trimmer as baseball began a steroid-testing program that included punishments for the first time. Asked in February whether he had ever taken performance-enhancing drugs, Giambi said: "Are you talk-

ing about steroids? No."

Giambi won the AL MVP in 2000 for Oakland and signed a \$120 million, seven-year free-agent contract with the Yankees after the 2001 season.

He hit 155 homers from 1999-2002 and batted over .300 each season, but injuries slowed him down the last two years.

Bothered by a balky knee, Giambi hit just .250 in 2003. Giambi batted .208 and played in only 80 games last season, missing time because of a tumor, which the New York Daily News reported was in his pituitary gland.

Medical experts told the Chronicle that Clomid, a female fertility drug Giambi said he thought Anderson had given him, can exacerbate a tumor of the pituitary gland.

Giambi's younger brother, Jeremy, who last played in the majors with Boston in 2003, also testified that he used performance-enhancing drugs given to him by Anderson, according to the Chronicle.

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One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

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## The Nutcracker



Jordan Dodge, Toy Soldier, Erin Buck, Dancing Bear and Claire Boyd, Mechanical Doll. These cast members will appear in Pampa Civic Ballet's annual production of "The Nutcracker" set for 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, in M.K. Brown Auditorium.

Pampa Civic Ballet's annual production of "The Nutcracker" will be staged at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, in M.K. Brown Auditorium. Above: (Back row) Monica Kohler, Jordan Dodge, Jessica Baggerman; (middle row) Angela Woodin, Shawna Salazar; (front row) Bailey Read and Elyxcus Anaya.

## Massachusetts boasts first electronic fingerprinting for gun licensing

BOSTON (AP) — With a quick electronic scan of a fingerprint, gun shop owners in Massachusetts will know immediately if a customer is eligible to buy a weapon, using a system that officials say is the first of its kind in the nation.

The Massachusetts Instant Record Check System, developed over the past six years with nearly \$7 million in information technology grant money, will be in place in all police departments and gun shops across the state by next summer. It is currently operating in three shops and about 140 police departments.

The system allows police and gun shop owners to have instant access to updated arrest warrant and restraining order information, which was not readily accessible under the old paperwork-intensive system.

"It represents a real quantum leap in public safety information technology applications," Public Safety Secretary Ed Flynn said. "This enables us to make sure that the only people bearing arms in the commonwealth have the right to bear arms."

With the system, Massachusetts becomes the first state in the nation with a biometric-based firearms license and sales application, Flynn said. Biometrics are physical identifiers, such as facial photographs and fingerprints.

Gun owners have long complained

that the process of getting a license is cumbersome and time-consuming, often taking weeks or months.

Previously, police departments had to take a fingerprint manually and

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paste a photograph onto a license that was much larger than a driver's license.

Under the new system, local police will still be the licensing authority, but fingerprints and photographs will be taken electronically and stored in the statewide system. The license will be produced by the state's Criminal History Systems Board and fit into a wallet, much like a driver's license.

Gun buyers will then present their license to the store owner and have their forefinger scanned, which will verify their identity and simultaneously review their record since they received the license.

If something sends up a red flag, the request will be turned down, the gun cannot be purchased for at least three days, and the shop owner will tell the would-be buyer to contact the police department that issued the license.

This system, according to officials, also works to alert police stations of people with restraining orders against them or outstanding warrants, which would disqualify them from buying a gun.

It would be used for all new licenses and renewals.

Philip Mahoney, police chief in Woburn, one of the first communities to test the system, said one of the biggest benefits is knowing immediately if a person licensed through that city has become ineligible.

Under the old system, a person's criminal history would only be updated after the license expired, or if police happened to learn of an arrest.

"Until he came in for renewal, we would not have had any knowledge of that," Mahoney said. "Now it would be an automatic suspension."

It also eliminates paperwork for shop owners, who now have to pay 50 cents per form per gun, and alert the state of each sale.

"You hit the button, before the customer leaves the store the state knows they purchased that firearm," said Carl Ingrao, owner of Four Seasons Firearms in Woburn.

## Attorney comes forward week before reporter's sentencing

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — A defense lawyer has acknowledged he leaked an FBI videotape to a TV reporter facing jail time for protecting his source, but claims he never asked that his identity be kept secret.

Joseph Bevilacqua Jr. confirmed to a special prosecutor on Nov. 24 that he provided the undercover videotape to WJAR-TV reporter Jim Taricani, court papers filed Wednesday said. Bevilacqua is the lawyer for former city tax official Joseph Pannone, who was convicted in a Providence corruption scandal.

Taricani, 55, was to be sentenced next week for criminal contempt and faces up to six months in jail. It was unclear whether the confirmation of the source's identity would change Taricani's fate.

In a court filing, special prosecutor Marc Desisto said Bevilacqua came forward voluntarily — after learning he might be subpoenaed — and told the prosecutor he had previously offered to waive his confidentiality and allow

Taricani to identify him, but the reporter asked him not to reveal himself.

"I would never have jeopardized my health and reputation and put my family and my company through this ordeal if my source had not required a promise of confidentiality," Taricani said at a news conference Wednesday.

Bevilacqua signed a waiver that would have allowed him to be revealed as the source, but Taricani said the lawyer "repeatedly insisted that I keep his name in confidence. ... He told me he had to sign the waiver, otherwise it would have raised suspicions that he was my source."

The tape, which showed a top aide to former Mayor Vincent "Buddy" Cianci Jr. taking a bribe, was aired in 2001 by the NBC affiliate before trials began in the case.

Cianci and the aide shown on tape, Frank Corrente, were convicted in 2002 and are serving time in federal prisons. Pannone also was convicted.

The reporter broke no law by airing

the tape, but U.S. District Judge Ernest Torres appointed DeSisto to find out who leaked the tape because the court had ordered no one to release any tapes from the investigation.

Calls to Bevilacqua and DeSisto weren't immediately returned.

Taricani had refused to identify his source and became one of several journalists locked in battles with the government over confidential sources. Reporters for Time and The New York Times have been held in contempt in the investigation into the disclosure of an undercover CIA officer's identity.

Taricani has insisted he has a First Amendment right to keep his source confidential.

In March, the judge found Taricani in civil contempt and imposed a \$1,000-a-day fine until he identified his source. WJAR, owned by NBC Universal, reimbursed Taricani \$85,000 for the payments until the judge suspended the fine a month ago, saying it had not achieved its goal.

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