Police investigating armed robbery

Officers seek man who confronted convenience store clerks late Monday night

report of an armed robbery which

after store clerks had been confront- snuff and beer, said Lt. Fred Courtney said.

Pampa police are investigating a ed with an armed black male.

The man "initially intimidated the Dec. 13, at Allsup's, 1025 W. Wilks. handgun, and the clerks "were Police were called to the store coerced" into giving him some Skoal

Courtney in a news release.

occurred at 11:38 p.m., Monday, clerks" by making references to a leave, he thought one of the clerks was getting a weapon, and he raised said. No arrests had been made as of his shirt, showing a gun in his belt,"

The case remains open, and police "When the suspect started to are pursuing several leads concerning the suspect's identity. Courtney press time today.

-Marilyn Powers, staff writer



Today's weather

Deaths

Joel Lynn Harmon, 43, lifelong Pampan. Flora Mae Kelley, 95,

educator. Jack W. Nichols, 82, educator.

Robert F. 'Bob' Walker. 65, contract pumper.

Texas Today

Dewhurst considers options to encourage health insurance

AUSTIN (AP) — Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst said Tuesday that he's examining options that would encourage businesses to provide employees with health insurance.

Speaking to the Task Force for Access to Health Care in Texas, Dewhurst said one option could be to offer tax discounts to businesses that provide health care to employees.

Dewhurst said the health care system in Texas was nearing crisis, with costs increasing faster than state revenue can keep up.

Lawmakers have said they intend to revamp the state's school finance system during the upcoming legislative session, replacing some property taxes with a broad-based, low rate business tax. That flat tax could be the method for providing businesses with incentives to offer health insurance, he said.

"That would give us for the first time in our history a vehicle to do more with public policy. To be able to look at providing businesses a discount on that ... if they provide health care to employees," their Dewhurst said, noting that 65 percent of all uninsured Texans are employed.

Fans mourn slain guitarist at service

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — The smoke was thick, the music loud. The rum and the bourbon flowed, and so did the

Guitar-shaped funeral wreaths lined the stage as thousands of grieving fans, many wearing concert Tshirts, gathered Tuesday night to remember slain rock star "Dimebag" Darrell Abbott.

"This guy was full of life. He lived and breathed rock 'n' roll," guitarist Eddie Van Halen said in a profanity-laced tribute to his heavy metal friend.

Morris to step in for city mgr.

By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer

City of Pampa Public Works Director Richard Morris was named acting city manager at yesterday's city commission meeting in City Hall.

Morris will serve as city manager during the medical leave of absence of City Manager John Lorst, who underwent coronary bypass surgery Dec. 8 at Bapust-St. Authony's Hospital in Amarillo.

"John's doing very well. He's at home," said Ward 2 Commissioner Ray Boring.

Two agenda items concerning the city's conjunctive use groundwater supply agreement with Canadian River Municipal Water Authority (CRMWA) were approved

Resolution 04-108 authorizes an increase in the amount of project construction costs. Amendment No. 2 spells out the increases. All member cities must agree to the increase,

which is an additional \$50 million for construction costs and an additional \$7 million for additional financing



Pampa's Morris share of the increased costs will be approximate-

ly \$3,823,321 over 20 years.

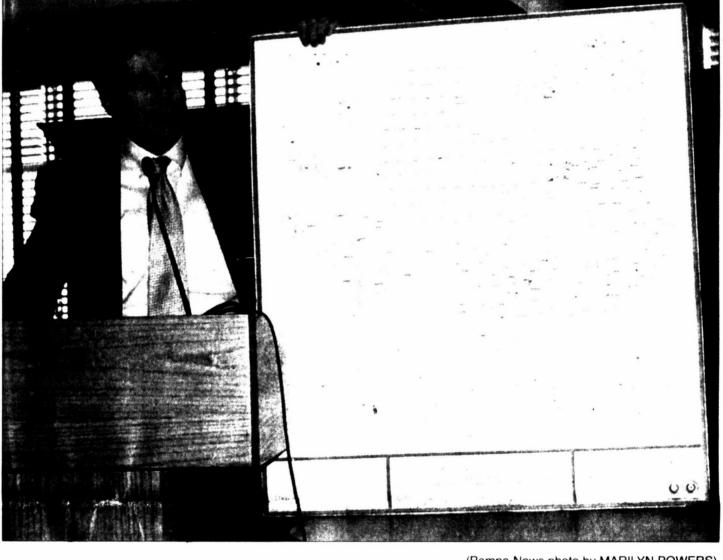
"It seems to me that we're just signing a blank check here," said Ward 1 Commissioner Jeff McCormick.

"In this resolution, we have to agree to it. We have no choice," said Ward 3 Commissioner Robert Dixon.

"The question of participating in the CRMWA additional water rights is probably the most important one we will face this fiscal year. This issue will affect debt service for the next 20 years and our water supply for the indefinite future," said Horst in an interoffice memorandum to commissioners prepared Nov. 22.

The issue of how to fund the increases was not addressed at ves-

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(Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS)

State Senator Robert Duncan displays a map of the State of Texas, with each state senate district marked in a different color. Duncan's district, which includes Gray County, is colored blue. He was in Pampa yesterday for a town hall meeting at Gray County Courthouse, where he discussed school finance, water issues, workman's compensation and raises for state employees.

Duncan says 'tough year' ahead for Texas legislators

By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer

State Senator Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, has named four issues facing state legislators at their next session, which begins in January 2005. Duncan was in Pampa for a town hall meeting in Gray County Courthouse Tuesday.

School finance, water, worker's costs, Duncan said, and compensation and raises for state most school districts employees are the major issues have already reached Duncan listed.

"It's going to be a very tough able property tax rate year," he said of 2005, which is also of \$1.50 per \$100 valuan election year for several state ation. The state legisla-

"I don't need anyone to tell me that the system's not working. It

tutional or not, it needs to be Some suggested changes in replaced," Duncan said of the cur-school finance include a state House rent school finance

system. Costs of education have risen, such as insurance, utilities, and fuel for buses. The current tax system is inadequate to fund the the maximum allow-

ture aims to get the tax rate down to

"A major overhaul and reform of doesn't matter if it's ruled unconsti- our tax system is required," he said.

of Representatives proposal for a payroll tax.

"I'm not so sure it works real well for all of us. It's kind of like an income tax paid by the employer. It discriminates against businesses that are labor intensive, and might encourage folks to cut back on job creation," Duncan said.

A revision of the franchise tax has the support of Lt. Governor David

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Egypt charts new course for peace in Middle East

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) Egypt is generating new hope for Mideast peace after four bleak years, transform-Ariel Sharon from pariah to peacemaker and seeking to wary public into its efforts.

The peace drive has included appeals to Arab rulers to support the new Palestinian leadership and an for peace and every step envision, according to economic deal Tuesday that holds the potential for a set- Bassiouni, a March meeting

Egypt appears determined ing Israeli Prime Minister to show Israel and President the atmosphere (so) that the Palestinian state by 2009 is start to talk," draw Arab leaders and a realistic, that the matter can Mohammed be settled in 2005.

> an old one the internationally backed "road map"

is arguably the biggest step back, though it is making in Israeli-Egyptian relations fresh commitments to lessen

"We are trying to prepare Bush, who has said a two parties can sit down and Bassiouni, Egypt's former ambassador Lgypt's plan is to follow to Israel, who insists Egypt's goals are realistic.

Egypt's diplomatic efforts

Board of Education members for the Pampa

'I don't need

anyone to tell me

that (the school

finance) system's

not working."

Robert Duncan

Texas State Senator

Independent School District plan a special meeting at 7 a.m., Thursday, Dec. 16, at Pampa ISD administration building, 321 W. Albert.

Five items are listed on the agenda: Call to order, financial audit report, budget amendment, revised policy for compensation and benefits, and personnel.

LEFORS - Lefors Independent School District's School Board will meet at 7 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 16, in the high school library, 209 5th Street, to nominate a board member for the Gray County Appraisal District board of

Eugene Wilton will report on tardies and absences. The superintendent's report will also be heard. Finance topics on the agenda include current billings, and the district's

An executive session is scheduled for discussion of student placement with parents.

Services tomorrow

NICHOLS, Jack W. — 10:30 a.m., Memory Gardens Mausoleum, Pampa. **WRIGHT**, Carvol — Memorial services, 10 a.m., First Church of the Nazarene, Portales,

Joel Lynn Harmon, 43

Joel Lynn Harmon, 43, of Pampa, Texas, died Monday, Dec. 13, 2004, at Amarillo, Texas.

Memorial services Carmichael-Colonial

will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 17, 2004. Whatley Chapel with the Rev. Lynn Hancock, pastor of the Briarwood Full

Gospel Church, and elder Stephen Porter, of the Primitive Baptist Church of Paducah, officiating.

Harmon

Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Harmon was born March 21, 1961, in Borger. He. had been a lifelong resident of Pampa. He formerly attended the Pampa Sheltered Workshop.

He was preceded in death by his father, James M. Harmon, Sr. in 1998.

Survivors include his mother, Vi Harmon, of the home; two sisters, Cheryl Ely of Pampa and Linda K. Pawelski of Amarillo; one brother, Jim Harmon, Jr. of Yuma, Ariz.; one uncle, George Kilcrease of Pampa; two aunts, Ruth Meyer of Findlay, Ohio, and Betty York of Yuma, Ariz.; and several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and greatnephews.

The family requests memorials be to BSA Hospice, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, TX 79176. -Sign the on-line register book at

www.carmichael-whatley.com.

Flora Mae Kelley, 95

MOBEETIE Mae Kelley, 95, died Panhandle.

First United Methodist Church with Gary Jahnel, Dick Irvine officiating.

Burial will be in Wheeler Cemetery under the direction of Wright Funeral in 1939 and moved to Dallas

Flora Home of Wheeler.

Monday, Dec. 13, 2004, at Throckmorton County, to John Henry and Gertrude Services are scheduled at Gordon, Mrs. Kelley moved 2 p.m. Friday in Mobeetie to Mobeetie as a child. She graduated from Wheeler High School and later former pastor, and Pastor earned a degree in home economics from West Texas State University.

She married Clyde Kelley

for several years, returning Born Sept. 14, 1909, in to Mobeetie in 1945.

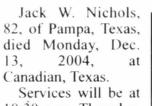
Mrs. Kelley taught school for several years in Wheeler Co. and was a member of First United Methodist Church of Mobeetie.

She was preceded in death by her husband in

Survivors include three sons, Joe Kelley and Jeff Kelley, both of Mobeetie, and Robert Kelley of Amarillo; a daughter, Mary Beth Schoon of Amarillo; a brother, George Gordon of Monmouth, Ore.; two sisters, Elda Wilson of Pampa and Lucille Kilbreath of Lubbock; 10 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to First United Methodist Church of Mobeetie.

Jack W. Nichols, 82



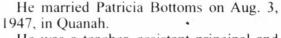
10:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 16, 2004, at Memory Gardens Mausoleum with the Revs. Ernie and Suzie Wilkinson, deacons of St. Matthew's

Episcopal Church, officiating.

Entombment will be in Memory Gardens Mausoleum under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Nichols

Mr. Nichols was born Aug. 12, 1922, in Spur. He had been a resident of Pampa since 1945. He received his BA and MBA degrees from West Texas State University in Canyon and did post graduate work at the University of Texas.



He was a teacher, assistant principal and principal for the Pampa Independent School District, and he was assigned as the first principal at Robert E. Lee Junior High School.

Mr. Nichols was a member of the PCTA, TSTA and NEA.

He was an active member of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church and was a former member of the Downtown Kiwanis Club.

Survivors include his wife, Patricia Nichols, of the home; one sister, Rita Groves of Roaring Springs; a brother-in-law, Malcolm Bottoms of Quanah; and several nieces and nephews.

The family requests memorials be to BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, TX 79065, or to a favorite charity.

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

Robert F. 'Bob' Walker, 65

Robert F. "Bob" Walker, 65, of Pampa, Texas, died Tuesday, Dec. 14, 2004, at Amarillo, Texas.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Walker was born April 23, 1939, in Henryetta, Okla.

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Walker

until 1961. He married Louise Ledbetter on Feb. 17,

1961, in Pampa.

He was a department manager for Furr's www.carmichael-whatley.com. Grocery Store for 15 years.

He was a contract pumper in the oilfield until retiring in 2001.

He was a member of the Central Baptist

Survivors include his wife, Louise Walker, of the home; two daughters, Gina Seitz and husband Dean and Bobbie Walker, all of Mobeetie; one son, Mark Walker of San Antonio; two sisters, Jean Marshall and Ruby Delso and husband Dan, all of Dewar, Okla.; and two brothers, Don Walker and wife Irma and Charles Walker and wife Doris, all of Henryetta, Okla.

The family requests memorials be to Central Baptist Church Building Fund, 513 E. Francis, Pampa, TX 79065.

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Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department today reported the following incidents

Monday, Dec. 13 An assault by threat was reported in the 700 block of Perry.

Tuesday, Dec. 14

Criminal trespass was reported in the 800 block of South Sumner. Damage to a back door was estimated at \$20.

Simple assault with minor injuries was reported in the 200 block of North Nelson.

Identity theft was reported in the 2100 block of Coffee. Soliciting gang membership was reported in the 600

block of North Wynne. A gas drive-off involving

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\$5 of gasoline was reported in the 200 block of West

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Wednesday, Dec. 15 A scanner valued at \$75 was reported stolen in the 1400 block of North Wells.

Accidents

Pampa Police Department today reported the following accidents.

Monday, Dec. 13 Escape driven by Jason Raylon Wier, 26, Amarillo, and a 2002 Ford F-150 pickup driven by Keith Wayne Rodgers, 31, Lefors, collided at Hobart and Foster streets. Rodgers and a passenger in 47, Lefors, were taken to while intoxicated.

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7:14 p.m. – A 1988 Ford F150 pickup driven by Phillip Daniel Littrell, 34, 425 S. Carr, collided with a 2001 Chevrolet Impala driven by Misty Dawn Basden, 27, 736 S. Barnes, at U.S. Highway 60 and South 5:42 p.m. - A 2004 Ford Barnes. At 7:15 p.m., the ble injuries. pickup collided with a utility pole owned by Excel Energy in the 300 block of South Barnes, causing approximately \$1,000 damage. Littrell was cited for no proof of liability insurance the pickup, Cletta Thomas, and arrested for driving

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Tuesday, Dec. 14

4:31 p.m. – A 1994 Oldsmobile Achieva driven by Shelly Renae Lenning, 22, 902 N. Fisher, and a 2002 Ford E450 driven by Paul Edward Weller, 26, 1628 N. Nelson, collided at Nelson and 22nd streets. Lenning was cited for running a stop sign. Lenning was transported to Pampa Regional Medical Center by ambulance with possi-Fire

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

Tuesday, Dec. 14

4:31 p.m. – One unit and three firefighters responded to a motor vehicle collision at 22nd and Nelson streets. No injuries were reported.

4:45 p.m. – One unit and two firefighters responded to a motor vehicle collision at 400 South Cuyler. No injuries were reported. Firefighters cleaned up the

5:16 p.m. – One unit and three firefighters responded to a motor vehicle collision at Foster and Cuyler streets. No injuries were reported. Firefighters cleaned up the street.

Ambulance

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

Tuesday, Dec. 14

1:05 p.m. – A mobile ICU unit responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center and transferred a patient(s) to Baptist-St. Anthony's West, Amarillo.

1:53 p.m. – A mobile ICU unit responded to the 800 block of West 25th. No transport.

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Duncan

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Dewhurst, Duncan said most corporations, which are the target of the tax, have found ways around pring it by operating as limited partnerships.

A rise in the state sales tax is not the answer to school financing, Duncan said.

"Texas has the fifth high-

est sales tax in the nation. It's a regressive tax. One notion is to expand the sales tax base to services, and a bill doing that was passed 31-0, but that was before a lot of people had read the bill. Internet sales are hurting us because you can't charge sales tax on Internet sales,"

A plan which Duncan said had state Senate support was a tax on franchise and other business productivity, including a tax on services,

which are not currently taxed.

"This is a fair, even, level playing field type of system," Duncan said. "What we have now is an unfair tax on business."

Allowing video lottery terminals, or slot machines, to be placed at racetracks has also been proposed to raise education funds.

"Basically, we would be approving gambling in the State of Texas, and I don't think Texas is ready for gambling," he said.

Whichever measure or measures are adopted, not everyone will be happy, Duncan said.

"If you operate a business, you're not going to be happy at times with what we're going to do," he said.

The water issue is important to the Pampa area as well as statewide. Duncan said the legislature should strengthen the ability of local ground water conservation districts to protect against

kets, ward off legal challenges and practice conserva-

for us to manage our own water supplies and do it in a reasonable way. We do not want Austin allocating our water for us," Duncan said.

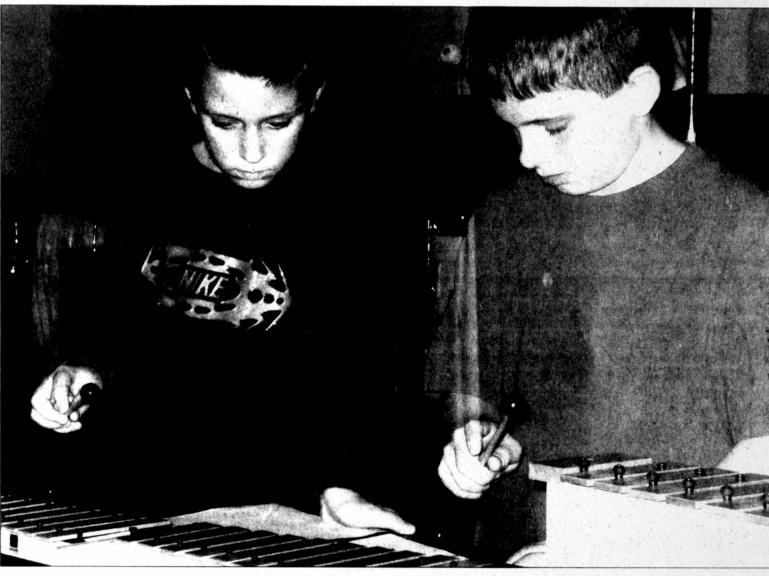
A balance needs to be found between health care providers and employers regarding workman's compensation, he said. One step toward better balance could lasted for about one hour.

unfair and unreasonable mar- be achieved by changing the makeup of the state commission, Duncan said.

State employees deserve a "I think it's very important raise, which hasn't been granted them in three years, he said.

"These are the guys who make \$20,000 to \$25,000 a year. If we don't give them a raise, we'll have turnover and the services you receive

will suffer," Duncan said. About 25 attended the town hall meeting, which



Create-A-Beat musicians

Ryne Davis and Larry Ragan demonstrate their newly acquired ability to play the glockenspiel. More than 30 other students also took part in the Create-a-Beat Christmas program Monday evening to show parents and supporters the work and talents of the approximately 55 children enrolled in the "after school arts" program directed by Julie Long.

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terday's commission meeting. Horst had listed several possibilities in the Nov. 22 memo, including a two-cent increase in the tax rate, a 17-cent increase in the water rate, reduce minimum water usage billed, reduce the administration fee from the water and wastewater fund paid to the general fund, or transfer sales tax collected above the budgeted amount to the water fund.

The 2004 tax roll was unanimously accepted. Total appraised value of property inside city limits is \$491,037,527, of which \$401,195,434 is taxable. The tax levy due is \$2,788,311.17.

Commissioners approved sending three firefighters to the Kilgore Fire Academy.

A bid of \$105 by Eric Ballew, 825 S. Banks, for delinquent tax property at 827 S. Banks was accepted.

the courtyard of the library. The statue is to be created David Frech and will depict "the strength of early pioneer women who settled in this area and all that they brought to family and educational life in the

Texas Panhandle," according to the memoran-

dum. In addition to donating the sculpture, Franklin will also donate required installation and landscaping.

Recreation donate his services to a Superintendent Stokes reported that repairs which has been offered to to the roof of M.K. Brown the city. Documentation on

approved. The project con- als. Total cost of the project its handlers. cerns a statue to be place in was \$111,700.

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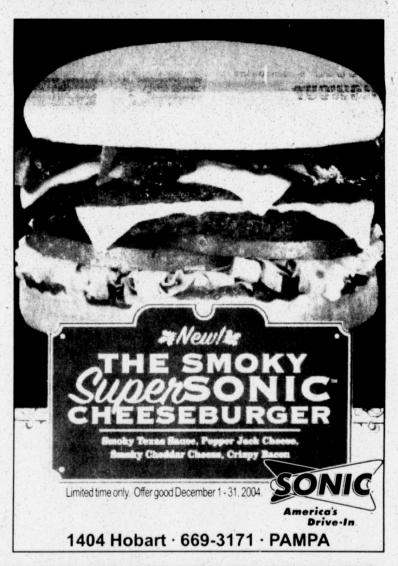
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"This is a forensic scenttrained dog. It will mostly be used to help fire and police personnel in activities such as finding a lost child or a person escaped from custody," Burns said.

"What will be the costs of training? We need to know that up front," said Boring. No action was taken concerning the dog pending further information on train-

In their last official act of 2004, commissioners voted unanimously to cancel their Dec. 28 meeting.

Tuesday's meeting had been moved from 4 p.m. to 3 p.m. so as not to conflict with a town hall meeting by State Senator Robert Duncan, which was held at Gray County Courthouse. Commissioners adjourned after a 29-minute session.



Pet of the Week

Gray County Weather

Today: Mostly sunny, with a high near 52 Wind chill values between 13 and 23. South southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Tonight: Increasing clouds, with a low mph. around 30. Wind chill values between 20 and 25. North northwest wind between 5 and 15

Thursday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 45. Wind chill values between 19 and 29. North northwest wind between 15 and 20

Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low near 26. Wind chill values between 19 and 24. North northwest wind around 5 mph.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high around 51. Northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph. Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 29. West wind between 10 and 15

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high around 56. West northwest wind between 10 and 15

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 29. Northwest wind between 10 and

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 52. North northwest wind around 15 mph becoming southwest.

Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near

Monday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 29.

Tuesday: Partly cloudy, with a high

around 50.



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4:33 p.m. – A mobile ICU unit responded to 22nd and Nelson and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

to PRMC and transferred a patient(s) to

Baptist-St. Anthony's West.

Correction

In the final paragraph of the Walter William's column that ran-on the Viewpoints page Thursday, Dec. 9, Franciscan University is located in Steubenville, Ohio, 5:33 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded according to a correction posted by Creators Syndicate, Inc.

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Viewpoints

Mid-term exams prepare for what's to come

In my first period class ment often abuses that role. today, I opened to the index page of my economics textbook trying to hunt down the definition of the phrases, "inferior goods" and "market elasticity" along with 98 other terms.

All the while, I was madly trying to scribble down the notes that were being given to my class from our instructor about the proper role of the government in the world's four major economic systems and how governIn one short class period I

had to refresh my member about everything I have learned in the class since the beginning of the year.

It was chaotic to say the least. The hectic situation was a sure sign of the most dreaded time of the year for students - mid-term examinations.

With such large amounts of material to review, the stress leading up to the exam can be grueling.

two days of each other.

Ben

Each year during the week pre-Briscoe ceding the finals the **News Intern** stress which the student body feels

seems to the task can seem insur- care about grades.

Especially when you are mountable; however, there facing seven finals within are several key ways that students have found to deal with it.

The first

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method many use is not one I recom mend.

"forget grow. As we try to remember about studying" method, everything that we have most commonly found learned in our classes so far, among those who do not

The next is to simply study for one test at a time and work hard at time management. This system seems to work well for anyone who chooses it.

Regardless of what way each student finds to alleviated their stress, it is important that each one does find a way.

Because, after all, these tests consist of nothing more than what we already know, and that can't be too stress-

But, more importantly, I have to think that in just one short year, I will be taking midterms on the college level.

Then I will be in appreciation of the stress which came with the mid-terms of this week because I know it is only preparing me for what is to come.

Ben Briscoe is a senior at Pampa High School and an intern at The Pampa News.

Today in History

By the Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Dec. 15, the 350th day of 2004. There are 16 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

encounter between

character and

circumstances.'

Donald Creighton

Canadian historian

On Dec. 15, 1944, a single-engine plane carrying bandleader Glenn Miller disappeared over the English Channel while en route to Paris.

On this date:

In 1791, the Bill of Rights went into effect following ratification by Virginia.

In 1890, Sioux Indian Chief Sitting Bull and 11 other tribe members were killed in Grand River, S.D., during a fracas with Indian police.

In 1916, the French defeated the Germans in the World War I Battle of Verdun.

In 1938, groundbreaking ceremonies for the Jefferson Memorial took place in Washington, D.C.

In 1944, American forces invaded Mindoro Island in the Philippines.

In 1944, the Senate approved the promotions of Henry H. Arnold, Dwight D. Eisenhower, Douglas MacArthur and George C. Marshall to the five-star rank of General of the

Army and the nominations of William D. Leahy, Ernest J. King and Chester History is the W. Nimitz as Admirals of record of an the Fleet.

In 1961, former Nazi official Adolf Eichmann was sentenced to death by an Israeli court.

In 1964, Canada's House of Commons approved dropping the "Red Ensign" flag in favor of a new design.

In 1965, two U.S. manned spacecraft, Gemini 6 and Gemini 7, maneuvered to within 10 feet of each other

while in orbit. In 1979, the deposed Shah of Iran left the United States for Panama, the same day the International Court of Justice

in The Hague ruled that Iran should release all its American Ten years ago: President Clinton, in a 12-minute primetime address, presented a package of tax cuts for middleincome families raising children, and outlined deep reduc-

tions in government programs to help pay for them. Five years ago: With President Clinton's close mediation, Syria reopened peace talks with Israel in Washington.

One year ago: Iraqi leaders exuberant over the capture of Saddam Hussein said they wanted to send the former leader to a quick trial with an eye toward executing him by summer. But U.S. officials signaled the Iraqis would probably have to wait. Former nurse Charles Cullen was charged with murder after telling prosecutors he had killed 30 to 40 severely ill patients in Pennsylvania and New Jersey since 1987 by injecting them with drugs. The late Sen. Strom Thurmond's family acknowledged Essie Mae Washington-Williams' claim that she was his illegitimate mixed-race daughter.

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People power now taking over

be seen historically as the beginning of a dramatic reshaping of the techniques, methods and tactics of American politics.

This year, the nation's political process was turned upside down as the elites lost power and the masses of average voters gained it.

"Mass communication" usually denotes the few speaking to the many through the journalistic and electronic media that they control. Now it must be redefined as the masses communicating and imposing their views on the elites, often over the furious objec-

tions of their former masters. The defeat of the networks in the war of CBS tions of this new political dynamic. All of Dan Rather's men could not put over a forgery of Bush's National Guard record on America's bloggers, who eventually forced the CBS anchor from his perch atop our politics.

The way a handful of Dick Swift boat **Morris** Vietnam veterans Columnist with only a few hundred thou-

sand dollars among them were able to defeat the entire propaganda apparatus of the Democratic Party and nullify the effect of a four-day national con-

The election of 2004 will the most dramatic illustra- panoply of stars and massive Election media coverage is another example of the emerging people power. And when the national

elite media broke the October surprise New York Times/CBS story of the disappearing munitions from an Iraqi storage site — the



denials and explanations were broadcast so widely by the talk-

administra-

tion's

radio hosts and Internet bloggers that the story first was blunted and then backfired on the Democrats.

The final manifestation of versus the bloggers is one of vention with its extensive people power came on

Day, Republicans rallied 1.4 million voters to work at getting out their voters in swing states. This massive outpouring of volunteers, reminiscent of the 1964 Goldwater and 1972 McGovern campaigns combined, has never happened in any campaign of the past 30 years. While Democrats relied mainly on paid workers and hired legions of lawyers to prepare for the challenges to voters that Republicans threatened but never actually lodged, the GOP created a gigantic national organization to funnel manpower into swing states, which generated a record turnout of GOP loyal-

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Putin marching opposite freedom

President Vladimir Putin recently condemned any international interference in Ukraine's on by election fraud.

Putin then promptly dismissed the idea of repeating the flawed presidential runoff election a course that opposition candidate Viktor Yushchenko demands. Ukraine's Parliament favors and its Supreme Court has ordered.

Putin apparently still regards Ukraine as a Russian province, or at least an inviolable sphere of influence. Putin's desire to keep Ukraine oriented toward

is understandable, given the long political and cultural attachment of the two coun- autocrat's advice should constitutional crisis, brought tries and the rapid expansion have a bearing on the course of NATO to Russia's bor- of Ukrainian democracy.

ders not maintain its ties to Ukraine at the expense of democra-

cy and honest elections.

institutions worked to relieve the crisis and ensure democratic rule untainted by voter fraud perpetrated by the government, Ukrainian energy sector.

Russia rather than the West President Leonid Kuchma traveled to Russia to meet with Putin, as if the Russian

Russia can- Texas Thoughts democratically elect-

Houston Chronicle

Putin, cally elected, has used his

tenure in

office and

the excuse of Chechen ter-As Ukraine's democratic rorism to reduce state and local control by elected officials. He is also trying to reestablish government control over Russia's media and

Putin visited Houston and President Bush's ranch at Crawford in 2001, Bush said the more time he spent with Putin, the more he could see the latter's heart and soul, and the more sure he became that the two could form a relationship built on trust.

Bush should tell his Russian counterpart that the relationship also requires mutual reverence for democracy and fair elections.

At a time when Bush says freedom is on the march, Putin is all too willing to march in the opposite direcBowl

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Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

Bowling for toys

Local bowlers helped Harvester Lanes bowling center raise \$1,200 in scholarship funds for junior bowlers and 146 toys for Tralee Crisis Center during a tournament Dec. 11. Shown with the toys are, clockwise from top left, Santa Claus, youth bowling coach Vickie Long, Andy Dunn, Jason Hartune, youth bowling fundraising chairman Kristi Lee, Phillip Rodriguez, Andy Anderson, Nick Hess, youth bowling coach Carlton Cates, Atlanta Son, Zach Wilson, youth bowling coach Moriss Long, Scott Fowler, Cody Hess, Kelsi Hinds, Tralee Crisis Center Executive Director Kim Davis, Shayley Morriss, Aubrey Grubritz, Tyler Hughes, Jacee Hughes, Sean Skovbo, Nicholas Rodriguez, Stephen Nord, Bryce Parker, Christian Skovbo, Allen Osborn, Holly Osborn, Ryan Lee, Colton McPherson and Andrew Morriss. Forty-eight three-bowler teams, or a total of 144 bowlers, participated in the tournament.

Cheney says making tax cuts permanent critical for economy

second term while achieving suits. broader reforms in the tax Security.

tion believed Bush's four tax cuts over the past four years had provided a badly needed boost to get the economy out of recession. But he said now the focus needed to be on making the tax cuts perma-

"We still have = more work to do, but we spokesman, told the confer- weakness of the economy we believe we are on the right ence that the administration worried about a few years track," Cheney told the audi- was determined to enact an ago is now essentially all ence of business leaders, overhaul of the tax system in gone thanks to supportive, economists and Washington the coming term, calling the stimulative Fed policy and lobbyists.

The administration is hopthe White House.

Various panels were sched- "A complicated code robs cit- ment account option. As he

said Wednesday it is critical code and Social Security as their time and money. And it

The effort is already facing voluntary compliance." Speaking at the start of a resents millions of retired pating in a panel on econom-

Fundamental tax

priority of

reform is a top

President Bush's

second term in

office.

— John Snow

Treasury Secretary

S o c i a l period of weak job growth. Security reform in economy is now in very good Congress. shape," Feldstein said.

Treasury "National income is growing, Secretary growing at an above-trend John Snow, pace, employment is rising, whom the inflation is low. So by all of president the key measures, we're in decided last good shape." Feldstein, a Republican to keep on as who is a candidate to succeed his chief Federal Reserve Chairman

economic Alan Greenspan, added, "The current system too complex. the combination of personal

"Fundamental tax reform tax cuts and the tax incening to build inomentum for is a top priority of President tives for business." Bush's ambitious second- Bush's second term in office. Feldstein plugged Bush's term agenda during the two- This administration is com- top domestic priority: day conference sponsored by mitted to the task, and we reforming Social Security will get it done," Snow said. and including a private retire-

WASHINGTON (AP) — uled to address Bush's pro- izens and business owners of spoke, Cheney sipped from a Vice President Dick Cheney posals on overhauling the tax precious resources, namely coffee mug and took notes. Bush aides acknowledge to make President Bush's tax well as promoting freer trade also allows too many people new proposals aren't in the

cuts permanent during his and placing limits on law- to find loopholes, which cards for the forum on undermines our system of Wednesday and Thursday at the Reagan federal office code and bolstering Social major obstacles with such Harvard economics profes- building near the White groups as AARP, which rep- sor Martin Feldstein, partici- House. two-day White House confer- people, and organized labor, ic conditions, said he panel on lawsuit reform

"I'm pleased to say the

Bush planned to listen to a ence on the economy, represented by the AFL-CIO, believes the country has Wednesday and deliver Cheney said the administra- vowing to fight Bush's pro- emerged from the 2001 remarks closing the sessions posals on recession and the prolonged Thursday afternoon.

People

Continued from Page 4

If people power was the big winner of the 2004 elections, money power was the big loser. With a record amount of money spent in the 14 swing states – and almost nothing in the other 36 – the vote tabulations show how little money

Bush ran 2.6 percent better in the swing states than he did in the same states in 2000 and 2.9 percent better in the nonswing states where no money was spent. All of George Soros's millions and the vast sums spent by the 527 committees, on both sides, made very little difference.

Indeed, the real losers of 2004 were the parties and the presidential campaigns. In past elections, the vast majority of inputs that determined the outcome of the vote came from the two party organizations or from the candidates and their committees.

But in 2004, the campaigns lost control over the election. Many new forces emerged, quite beyond their control, to shape the outcome and form public opinion.

Bookstores were filled in the past year with volumes on both sides of the struggle. Tatum O'Neal and Bob Dylan couldn't get a word in edgewise as the likes of Richard Clarke and the Swift boaters dominated the best-seller list. Michael Moore – a man neither political party wants to touch - showed his incendiary film, "Fahrenheit 9/11," to tens of millions with the complicity of lib-

Talk radio, Fox News, and Newsmax.com all circulated an alternative view from the networks and the elite newspapers, creating a sort of Radio Free America that rebutted the distortions of the mainstream media.'

eral movie chains. Less well-endowed, his critics and I circulated hundreds of thousands of copies of the rebuttal "FahrenHYPE 9/11" (still available at www.overstock.com).

Talk radio, Fox News, and Newsmax.com all circulated an alternative view from the networks and the elite newspapers, creating a sort of Radio Free America that rebutted the distortions of the mainstream media.

And then there were the bloggers. Every week, every day, everybody got first a few and then a deluge of blogs from friends and family about the election. Websites offering daily commentary proliferated. These informal, unpaid, unedited, unsanctioned expressions of opinion, a kind of political spontaneous combustion, came to dominate the dia-

In a way, this mass expression of grassroots opinion has its parallel in the financial markets, which have put global economics out of the control of presidents, prime ministers, chancellors and even international bankers. The markets have ruled economics for a decade now. In 2004, public opinion, spontaneously generated, came to rule politics.

Dick Morris is a political analyst who was an adviser to Bill Clinton for 20 years.

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Downtown Business Association. Pampa Downtown Business Association meets at 8:30 a.m., the first Thursday of the month at The Coffee Shop on Cuyler. All members are urged to attend.

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Gray County Association for Retarded Citizens meets at 7 p.m. the first Monday of every month at Pampa Sheltered Workshop.

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Las Pampas Water Garden and Koi Society. Las Pampas Water Garden and Koi Society meets the second Saturday of each month. Anyone interested in the hobby of water gardening and fish keeping is welcome. For more information, contact Gary Stevens at 669-7956, Jack Chisum at 665-2878 or Debbie Davis at 665-0123.

Magic Plains ABWA. Magic Plains Chapter of the American Business Women's Association will meet at 7 p.m. the second Monday of each month at Clint and Sons Smokehouse, 1421 N. Hobart. Working business women are invited to attend. For more information, call Pat Winkleblack at 669-7828 or Estelle Malone at 669-9614.

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS Sports Editor

The Pampa Harvester boys' basketball team improved its record to 10-3 by muzzling the Borger Bulldogs in The Pit last night, 67-43.

Pampa used four periods of double-digit scoring, including a 24-point fourth, and a stiff defense to tame Borger.

The two teams started off almost even in the first period with Pampa taking a 15-14 lead. The Harvester defense then stepped up in the second period, holding Borger to just five points, while Pampa posted 11. At this Saturday. Game time is 8:30 p.m.

the break, Pampa held a 26-19 lead.

The third period was much like the first in that Borger managed to hang with Pampa bucket-for-bucket. Pampa seored 13 points in the period while Borger managed 12.

The fourth period began with Pampa hanging on to a 39-31 lead. Then Pampa pulled away.

Top scorers for the night were Jarett Kotara with 16 points. Sharod Young and Clayton Hall added 13 each. Braydon Barker finished with 11 points.

Pampa, now 10-3 will next visit Clovis



Pampa News photo by BEN BRISCOE

Heading into the teeth of the Bulldog defense, Pampa's Clayton Hall takes to the air and launches a shot toward the basket in last night's home win over Borger.

Sophomore guard Britteni Rice faces a Lady Bulldog defender in last night's home win over Borger. Rice put up 30 points en route to the win. She and her Lady Harvester teammates are on the road in Clovis this Saturday.

Rice scores 30 points in 82-71 Pampa win

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS Sports Editor

Led by Britteni Rices' 30-point performance, the Pampa Lady Harvester varsity basketball team outlasted the Lady Bulldogs of Borger at McNeely Field House last night, 82-71. This was a hard fought, close match

throughout with each team scoring 20 points or more in the first and fourth peri-

However, it was the third period that would prove Borger's demise.

The two teams started the night strong with Pampa scoring 26 points in the first. while Borger scored 20. The second period was just as close. The Lady Harvesters managed 14 points in the period. Borger

Pampa 43, Borger 34.

The third period is where Pampa created something of a comfort zone. The Lady Harvester defense held Borger to just nine points for the period while the Pampa offense posted 15. Entering the fourth, Pampa built its lead

Pampa News photo by BEN BRISCOE

to 15 points, 58-43.

Borger came roaring back in the fourth with 28 points however. But 24 Pampa points for the period managed to stave off the Lady Bulldog charge.

The win improves Pampa's overall record to 6-8.

Top scorers last night were Rice with 30 points. Callie Cobb tossed in 17 and Lindsey Ammons added 10.

The Lady Harvesters are in Clovis this Saturday. That game will get underway at 7 added 14 to its point total. At the half, it was

Mean Green humbled

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Southern Mississippi coach Jeff Bower relied on an array of linebacker blitzes to slow down freshman running back Jamario Thomas.

The scheme stifled North Texas' passing

game as well. Southern Miss ended Thomas' streak of

100-yard games at seven, sacked quarterback Scott Hall six times and got a 62-yard touchdown on Michael Boley's interception of an attempted screen pass. The result was a 31-10 victory in the New Orleans Bowl on Tuesday night, Southern Mississippi's first postseason triumph in four years.

"The key was getting pressure on the quarterback and make him throw quick No quarterback wants to be out of rhythm," Bower said. "Sometimes when you do that you get a little more effort. When you blitz and go fast you maybe pick up the tempo a

Boley, named MVP of the first bowl of the postseason, made eight tackles, including two sacks.

As for the Southern Miss offense, Dustin Almond threw for 247 yards. He had a touchdown pass and ran for another score in the opening quarter, giving the Golden Eagles an early lead they never relinquished.

North Texas' season had been defined by adversity overcome. Quarterback Andrew Smith died in a car accident just before training camp, starting running back Patrick Cobbs injured his knee in the second game of the season and never returned; and the Mean Green lost their first four games before winning seven straight to earn their fourth straight trip to the New Orleans Bowl.

Dec. 16, 2004: You are unusually appealing to others

this year. Your smile and actions drawstrong responses. Once in a while, a ... After some evaluation take a stand or ... round you. Someone might make more family member or friend could become at least present your ideas. You'll get of a caring gesture than you intended. jealous or create some upheaval, as he or she needs and wants more attention. Way to get where you want to be from you. You also might decide to Tonight Work late update your domestic life, making it. CANCER (June 21-July 22) transforming during the past few years. kept up with you. Be understanding and indulgent. If you are single, you certainly will have the opportunity to Work with unanticipated news. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) change that status. You will find that. Tonight: Think about a weekend away. many want to nestle in with you. You'll im January. have your pick. A friendship might be LEO (July 23 Aug -22) instrumental in this new relationship. If ★★★★ Dealing with people is one you are attached, plan for more quiet of your specialties, which you will time together as a couple. Put yourself draw on both professionally and per-100 percent into your relationship PISCES reads you cold.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

** You don't have to reveal everything you understand or perceive. In fact, you might want to keep your opinions to yourself. Look at an important relationship with distance and don't trigger so much. Tonight: Be an observer not a player.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

*** Your sense of responsibility allows you to head in a new direction that might involve more meetings and networking. Someone lets you know how much he or she appreciates you. Others surprise you. Tonight: Start enjoying yourself as if it were the

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, GEMINI (May 21 June 20) *** You have thought about reflected on and studied an issue. Your

> probably have found experts as wellpowerful feedback and discover a new

corner with this person. Others admire your willingness to try something new

sonally Make plenty of time for conversation and brainsforming with individuals. A triend or loved one could be: your life

VIRGO (Aug. 28 Sept. 22) *** (oncentrate in the morning. because by the afternoon, you are the main focus of everyone around you. Don't expect any peace and quiet in the afternoon, when everyone will be knocking on your door. Visit, network *** You perk up midday and and brainstorm. Make the most of this opportunity. Tonight. Where the

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22).

*** Plug your creativity in where it counts. Not everyone can or will be able to come up with the ideas you come up with. Your work and daily routine dominate the afternoon, though the (1770), author Arthur C. Clarke (1917). unexpected is likely. Tonight. Bring producer Steven Bochco (1943) extra work home

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

**** You might be slow to get started, but once you do, you'll have a difficult time stopping. Laughter marks the afternoon, when good feelings sur-

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

*** Schedule calls and meetings for the early part of the day. Show carmore suitable to you. You have been **** A partner or associate might sing and take the time to work out a misnot agree with you. Focus on teamwork understanding. Trust your diplomacy and others might not have noticed or and cooperation, and soull turn the, and charm to come through If you can, make it an early day and head home Tonight. An easy night at home

> **** Investigate a confusing matter in the morning. A friend or associate might urge you to take a risk, which ultimately could backfire. Question and get others opinions. Schedule meetings for fater in the day. Tonight: Spontaneity works

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 Feb. 18) *** You peak early in the day, only contrary. Tonight Add more spice to to slide downhill Excitement surrounds the later afternoon. You don't realize how many fans you have. Your friends come through in the clinch Be more open to discussion and other points of view. Tonight: Hold on tight to your funds

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

become a veritable force to be dealt with. You will have it your way come hell or high water. A boss smiles, as you seem to complete your work more to his or her liking. Tonight: As you like it.

Composer Ludwick Van Beethoven

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City of Pampa Fall Mixed Volleyball Final League Standings

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N.B.C.	3	5	6th
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Farm	2	6	7th
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Construction	1	7	8th
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	6. Chipola, Fla.	11-1	63	9
	7. Lon Morris, Texas	11-1	51	7
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	9. Arkansas-Fort Smith	12-2	44	6
	10. Santa Fe CC, Fla.	12-0	32	11
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	16. Southwestern Illinois	10-1	15	20
	17. Truett-McConnell, Ga.	10-0	12	17
	18. Okaloosa-Walton, Fla.	10-2	9	18
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	20. Highland CC-Illinois	8-1	6	15

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There's no way I can let that happen. She has too much drama in her life, and I have grown accustomed to living by myself. When I get home, all I want is peace and quiet. How can I tell her that I don't want a roommate without hurting her feelings? --PEACE IN THE MIDDLE **EAST**

DEAR PEACE: Be direct, and don't go into detail. Tell her that your tour of duty has been stressful -- it's the truth -and that when you return home you plan to live alone. Do not talk about the drama in her life. Talk about the drama that's been going on in your life. You have a right to peace of mind, and your friend should not expect you to straighten her life out for her. After a tour in Iraq, you've done enough.

DEAR ABBY: I was seeing someone in the apartment complex where I live. It was the maintenance man, "Stan." At first, we kept it quiet because of problems I have with my ex, "Mac." Mac and I have children together and he always finds ways to destroy my new dates -- so the less he knows, the better.

But I was falling in love with Stan, so one night we decided to go out in public. Mac found out and had a friend of his tell me Stan could lose his job.

and didn't want Stan to lose his job, I started avoiding him. It's for the daddy-to-be to step up been six weeks, and I feel I have lost the best thing that ever happened to me. Please

tell me what to do. -- GRIEV-ING IN MICHIGAN

DEAR GRIEVING: The first thing to do is pick up the phone and contact the office of the building. Without being specific, inquire if there is any formal policy regarding residents fraternizing with staff.

If there is a rule that forbids it, rather than avoiding Stan, I advise you to have a serious chat with him. If you both want to pursue a relationship and moving isn't an option, perhaps he should find a job with another building. Good maintenance nien are hard to find.

DEAR ABBY: I met someone almost a year ago. "Donald" and I dated for several months, but it ended badly. A few months ago, we started communicating again -- and I thought everything was going well. Then, all of a sudden out of the blue, he stopped call-

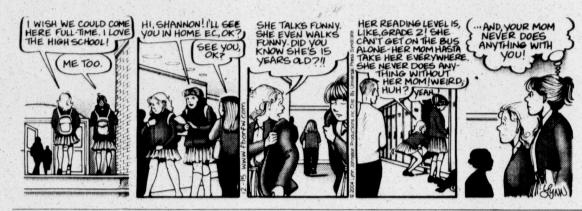
We were intimate each time I saw him. Now I am pregnant.

Abby, I'm 44 and have never had a child. Donald is 50 and has never been married or fathered a child either. I have left him several messages since I learned I was pregnant and have asked why he hasn't returned my calls. He has not contacted me.

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