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## Rotary Club plans Hearty meals

## welcoming signs

> By DAVID BOWSER Staff Writer Chuck White and the Pampa Rotary Club want to build welcoming signs to Pampa at five different entrances to the city. The Pampa Rotary Club had initially volunteered to head a project to replace the welcome sign on U.S. Highway 60 at Sundown Park on the west side of town after it was destroyed by a runaway truck a decade ago. Appearing before the Pampa City Commission Tuesday afternoon, White, who heads the Rotary committee on the project, told commissioners he would like to see signs welcoming visitors to Pampa on the Texas Highway 70 entrances to the city on both the north and south ends of town and on U.S. 60 on the east and west sides of Pampa and on Farmto-Market Road 152 on the west side of town. He estimated that the five signs, most likely with mar-
ble and brick, would cost
about $\$ 125,000$. He said he about $\$ 125,000$. He said he
thought the money could be raised from the city, Gray County, the Pampa
Economic Economic Development
Corporation and through pit Corporation and through pri-
vate donations. vate donations. Pampa City Manager John Horst told commissioners
that the city already had $\$ 6,000$ from an insurance settlement over the destruction of the sign struck by the truck and that increased sales ax money might be avail-
able for such a project if they able for
White presented an artist's rendering of a marble and brick monument 24 -feet wide and 9 -feet tall with a
waterfall, trees shrubs and waterfall, trees, shrubs and
one flag pole that had been one flag pole that had been
drawn up by West Texas drawn up by West Texas
Landscape. He said that while he thought the quality of the monument was great, he thought the $\$ 65,000$ price tag was too much, even See SIGNS, Page 3


Gloria Campa News photo by DAVID BOWSER Senior Captain serves up spaghetti and meatballs at this week's Southside donation. Thens Center. The center serves Tuesday lunch for a five-dollar one now in use at 438 W . Crawford. Nu to build a new center across from the smothered steak, hominy, green beans, cream potatoes, dessert and dinner rolls.

## Beef prices expected to remain the same next year

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer
AMARILLO -- The market direc-
tor of the Texas Cattle Feeders tor of the Texas Cattle Feeders
Association said this week that there Association said this week that there retail beef prices next year. Jim Gill with the cattle feeders
retail
Jim association said consumers, on aver-
age, paid less this year than last for age, paid less this year than last for
beef. beef. "It is range from $\$ 78$ to $\$ 86$ in the first "It is likely," he said, "that 2007's quarter; $\$ 84$ to $\$ 90$ in the third quar retail beef price will show very little ter and $\$ 86$ to $\$ 94$ in the fourth quar
ter of 2007.
"Fed cattle prices during 2006 averaged near $\$ 86$ per cwt. with a range from $\$ 78$ to $\$ 98$ during the year," Gill said. More beef has been coming to Gill said harvest heavier cattle, but hould harvest weights of cattle hould trend lower because of higher The price of corn, the second the purchase of the cattle, has ris
due to demand for the grain in ethanol production. He said ranchers have seen prices for their cattle, which are sold to feedyards in this highly segmented business, come under pressure
because of higher corn prices. Gill said he expects there to be fewer cattle going into feedyards as ranchers retain heifers in order to build their herds, although that may See BEEF, Page 3

## Local prison serves as wake-up call for parolees



This is one of the buildings of the Jordan Unit just east of Pampa. It houses approximately $\mathbf{2 5 0}$ male medium security inmates.

By KERRI SMITH The good economy has brought some of them are not aware that seven miles east of Pampa is a medium security prison. The Jordan and Baten Units are part of Region V of the
Texas Department of Criminal Justice Texas Department of Criminal Justice
and have been in operation for and have been in operation for more
than 10 years. The Baten Unit, which was named after Texas Ranger Bill Baten and opened in April 1995, houses approximately 400 male parole offendc This facility is used as a wake-up-cal
for people who have violated parole. for people who have violated parole. crime, but instead failed to check in at the appropriate time with the parole officer or have not fulfilled other requirements of their parole. They are
placed here to remind them that they placed here to remind them that they
could easily be put in prison if they do could easily be put in prison if they do
not straighten up and follow the rules not straighten up and follow the rules
laid before them. The "workers in white" that you see around town are white this unit and are known as the

Baten Trustees.
The Jordan Unit was named after The Jordan Unit was named after
long time sheriff Rufe Jordan. He was long time sheriff Rufe Jordan. He was
sheriff for 38 years until he lost reelection in 1988. He died in his sleep at the age of 78 on June 18,1991 . He was known around these parts for hi strict code of law and discipline. This unit opened in October 1992
and currently houses about 1000 male and currently houses about 1,000 male
medium security prisoners. These residents are not transported into town to do community work, but have specific jobs either inside the prison building, outside in the yard, just outside the fence or in the sewing facility housed
at the prison which makes state issued at the prison which makes state issued
boots. None of the prisoners at this facility earn a wage from their jobs o make any money while incarcerated. Four buildings with three wings each make up the Jordan Unit. A cen-
tral gurad station near the front door of tral gurad station near the front door of and conilding can see all the doors. Each section consists of 84 cells, 42 on upper See PRISON, Page 3

## Free Christmas Dinner

Monday, December 25•11:00am to 2:00pm Fellowship Hall of Mary Ellen \& Harvester Church of Christ Come Share With Us The Blessing And Surplus Of God's Grace As We Eat On Christmas Day


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and 11 a.m., then a chance of rain and sleet after 11 am Tuesday Night: A chance of snow or rain. Cloudy, with a low around 28 .
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## Obituaries

## Services tomorrow

Services SUNDAY
PORTILLO, Ramona "Monis" Monis" - Vigil services, Chapel, Pampa.

Services MONDAY
MULLINS, Rubye Stuard -2 p.m., Carmichael PORTIL m., St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, Monday.

## Linda Yell Dorchester, 57



Rubye Stuard Mullins, 79

2003; and by a brother Johnny Stuard. Survivors include a broth er, Dale Stuard of Snyder. ter $\begin{array}{r}\text {-Sign the on-line regis- } \\ \text { book }\end{array}$ $\underset{\text { whatley.com. }}{\text { w }}$

> Rubye Stuard Mullins, 79, 15, 2006, at Amarillo.
> Services are scheduled at
p.m. Monday p.m. Monday in in
Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel with Dr.
Jerry Lane, pastor of Wesley United Methodist Church in
> Linda Yell Dorchester, 57 , She is survived by her husband Ronald; children Dusty, Mark and Alexis; Kenna; brother Lindsey; son-in-law family members. Bor in Pampa, Texas, Linda always thought of her matter where she lived or roamed. She had a wide circle of friends and interests d was a devoted mother,

Emergency Services
Sheriff
Gray County Sheriff's
Office reported the follow-
ing arrests.

## City Briefs

\$1000 REWARD for posi- EXPERIENCED MORN- sons who stole tools and Granny's Home Cookin', 328 equip. from shop on S. Doyle
St. behind Price Rd. Remain anonymous guar. 663-0232.

FOR YOUR Christmas Pot-
tery Needs, call Linda Now;pw as $\$ 69$ down \& $\$ 39$ per no. 665-2788.

AKC SHARPEI male puppy, 1 round of shots. $440-1$
or $669-9877 \mathrm{He}^{\prime}$ a cutie!

BABY'S FIRST Christmas! Will be published Dec. 24th in the Pampa News. Deadline Dec. 18. No e-mailed photos Christmas! 669-2525.

HOLIDAY GIFTS, glamour and glitzy fashions \& Expressions, downtown.
holiday turkeys, fried or smoked, Knights of Co-
umbus. Doug $669-3367$. Wes 665-3786 or Jack 665-7161.

JOE JOHNSON'
, Fence
$\qquad$ Body to enter your name for Grill to be given away on Dec. 22, 101 S . Hobart w.prestigeofpampa.com

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PARTY TRAYS holidays. We deliver! Hoa gies Deli, 665-0292

PLAN TO attend the Fare well Reception for Mary Wilson, long time community This Sun. Dec. 17th from 2pm to 4 pm at First United Meth-
odist
Church Education Building Parlor

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## RHEAMS DIAMOND

 hop open till 8pm thru Diamond Necklace!
garding the Top O' Texas Rodeo Assoc., Valentine's Day Dance, Feb. 10, 2007 at M.K.
Brown.
WEDDING RECEPTION for Rachel Ledford (daughter of Teresa Smith \& Larry Ledford) \& Mitch Cyphers, Dec. 23, 8pm. First Church of Nazof West \& Browning st.


#### Abstract

Thursday, Dec. 14 Clarendon was arrested by Pampa Police Department on capias pro fines for no on capias pro fines for no seat be license.


## Timothy Dail Pritchard

 36, of Sanford was arrested by GCSO on bond surreners for DWI, assault causing bodily injury, failure to identify, possession of marijuana and evawith a vehicle.
Jesica Delatorre, 21, of
Pampa was arrested by PPD
in the 900 block of South Wells on warrants from Taylor County for delivery of cocaine and no driver's
license. license.
Keith
Keith Stewart, 31, of
Pampa was arrested in the 500 block of Oklahoma by PPD for possession of a controlled substance and possession of marijuana.
Rod Lamond Donnell, 30, 500 block of Oklahoma by PPD for possession of a consion of marijuana.
Aaron Jamel Lewis, 27, of
Amarillo was arrested in Amarillo was arrested in the 500 block of Oklahoma by

BAYTOWN, Texas (AP) ties said.

- A serial rapist has been tar-
- A tering young men in Harris

by her daughter, Dora Ivete Kelly; a son; and a brother, David Angel Portillo. The family would like to give thanks to everyone who
came by and gave their concame by and gave their con
dolences. dolences. SPECIAL NOTICE: The family will receive friends at 1144 Rider in Pampa. MEMORIALS: MeMORIALS:
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Serial rapist attacking men in Harris County
rolled substance and possession of marijuana.
Ruben Esovedo Valles, , of Pampa was arrested in the 900 block of Barrett by PPD on capias pro fines for
failure to maintain financial failure to maintain financial
responsibility and fugitive warrants from Lincoln County, N.M., on aggravated assault and DWI. Jorge Ruiz, 49, of Pampa was arrested by PPD for
ure to identify.
Jerrie Nell Cady, 72, of
efors was arrested by Lefors city arrested by
Lershal for assault on a public servant. Carlos Salazar, 49, was arrested by PPD in the 900
block of Barrett for block of Barrett for public identify. Gary Glen Cady, 24, of
Lefors was arrested by efors was arrested by assault by threat and resisting arrest.

Kari Terrell, 19, of Pampa arrested by PPD in the block of Alcock for posounces.
John Franklin Ellis mpa was Ellis, 28, of GCSO
license.

Reyes Olivas, 28, of Pasadena was arrested in the
1000 block of Alcock by 1000 block of Alcock by for public intoxication. Friday, Dec. 15 Joel Ortiz, 40, of Yuma,
Ariz., was arrested by Ariz., was arrested by on a fugitive warrant from Pasco County for possession of a controlled substance
over 400 grams.

## Fire

Pampa Fire Departmen reported the following calls Th the between 7 a.m Saturday.

Thursday, Dec. 14 11:49 p.m. - One unit and the 1100 block of West Alcock on a call for medical assistance.

Friday, Dec. 15
:25 a.m. - One 7:25 a.m. - One unit and thee personnel responded to
the 1500 block of North Nelson on a med assist. 9:57 a.m. - One unit and three personnel responded to the 1500 block of Wes Kentucky on a med assist.
rassed or see it as an attack on
their masculinity. They stress their masculinity. They stress that victims' identities will be kept confidential.
"It's not a typical
thing...But it's no difference thing...But it's no difference
whether the victim is male or female, the attacker still ha assaultive, dominating needs
that he is trying to fulfill," said that he is trying to fulfill," said
Baytown Police Capt. Roger Baytown Police Capt. Roge
Clifford. Clifford.
The five known victims
have been white mn late teens or early who are students still living in their parents' homes. Investigators are warning men who fit the victims' pro-
file to be aware file to be aware of their sur-
roundings.

Borger, officiating.
Burial will be in
Cemetery in Pampa Mrs. Mullins was born
Sept. 20,1927 in Sept. 20, 1927, in Snyder,
Texas, and had been Texas, and had been Pampa resident since 1952.
She married James M. $\begin{gathered}\text { United Methodist Women. } \\ \text { She was preceded in death }\end{gathered}$

Ramona 'Monis' Portillo, 41
 Nursing Center and various other
facilities. She was facilities. She was
always attentive always attentive to her
patients, and her patients were very grateful of her
hard work. She will always

Abilene; he died in 1990 .
Mrs. Mullins was a hom maker and ans was a home United Ma member of First She belonged to Crusarch. Sunday Sce to Crusader's United Methodist Wass and She was preceded in death
by a son, Mike Mullins, in

## Delatorre; thre Portillo, Ernesto Portillo and isidro Portillo; and 22 nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death

 include two sons,Jay Kelly and
Russell Kelly, both of Pampa; her par-
ents, Ramona and Mario Portillo of Mario Portillo of
Pampa; two sisters, $\begin{aligned} & \text { Patricia } \\ & \text { Cabrales and } \\ & \text { Hermelinda }\end{aligned}$ Cabrales and
Hermelinda $\rightarrow$ 年


| Prison |
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| Continued from Page 1 <br> floor and 42 on lower floor. The main middle area is where two televisions are off to the side of each wing and the guard can see everything going on in there as well. <br> All of the cells are the same with the approximate size being $8 \times 10$. They have and toilet. To be placed in a cell together, the men's differences have to be no more than 8 years in age, 40 es in height. Personal items that are allowed in the cell are clear radios and fans (so nothing can be hidden books. A count (of people) is done eight times a day and randomly picked cells are inspected every 72 hours. trolled by a guard, is done at 10:30 p.m. on weeknights and $1 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. on weekends. <br> Everyone in the prison has some type of job unless a doctor finds them medically unfit for work. <br> The maintenance of the building's air conditioning, heating, boilers and plumbing are all done by the inmates themselves. <br> The closest guard to the inmates is a field supervisor with a rifle. Back a little farther, is a "high rider," a guard mounted on a horse. ready. Even farther back is another officer with a pistol and he has dogs ready to let loose if needed. <br> Any inmate who does not possess a GED or high |
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school diploma must attend
classes at the prison. There is
a "school building" which
has multiple classrooms, a
library, computers to be used
for reading class and a prin-
cipal's office. The Windham
School District conducts the
classes with six to eight full
time teachers. The comput-
ers are used for reading
assignments only. They do
not have Internet access....
Inmates can have visitors
on Saturday or Sunday
between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.
Each visit can only last two
hours.
Mail can be sent and
received by all prisoners, but
the prison staff opens and
reads most mail before
delivering it to the inmate.
The only mail that is not
read is legal documents, but
a guard is present when it is
opened to make sure no cn-
traband is in the envelope.
The prison has a commis-
sary where the inmates can
purchase food items such as
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## Adopt a friend

Once again meals on Wheels is sponsoring a program
for the Holidays that allows individuals to pay for patrons for the Holidays that allows individuals to pay for patrons
that are presently receiving meals, but do not have the ability to pay, or can only pay the minimum of 25 cents per meal. This is approximately 60 percent of the patrons.
Patrons have the need of a warm, nutritious meal which has to be addressed daily. The cost of each meal averages $\$ 4$. This leaves a large deficit for each meal.

If you would like to pay for the meals of a patron for one fill out the form below and return with your check to Pampa Meals on Wheels, P.O. Box 939, Pampa, TX 79065 or bring to the office at 302 E . Foster. Any donation appreciated.

## NAME:

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DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE

Religion is important to
many prisoners and non-
denominational church serv-
ices are offered on Sundays.
Volunteers from various
churches in the community
also come out and visit the
prisoners. No prisoner is
forced to attend religious
ceremonies. This is one item
that is purely voluntary. A
prison chaplain is also avail-
Signs Continued from Page 1
Landscape was willing donate $\$ 10,000$ of that. "It's a very high maintetunately, and a very high price," White said, "but it is the quality that we think the city needs to have at the entrance.
He sai
He said he thought five such monuments could be
built at each of the city's built at each of the city's
entrances for a total of $\$ 100,000$ to $\$ 125,000$. City Commissioner Brad Pingel asked that the monument be low maintenance
White said another tractor had offered a sketch of a monument with three flag poles, two solar-powered lights and a marble slab with "Welcome - Pampa, Texas" on it.
What I'm bringing to you told the commission, "is that of the seven organizations that have played in the game over 10 years, Rotary is willing to try to pick up the ball and run with five locations."
He said he had been work ing with the state highway engineer with the Texas Department
Transportation
Transportation. "He feels it can be done," White said. "We think Rotary can do it."
White said he would like o see the money from the Super Playground, in which the Rotary was involved, that has not been used. That, he said, should be about $\$ 5,000$
"We'd like the commis sion to commit to 25 percent of whatever the total is," White said.
He estimated that cost to be $\$ 25,000$.
"We think the county will address the issue in the
$\$ 50,000$ range," White said "We think EDC can play in the game if they want to. They have indicated they
would be willing to listen."

## He said that the Altrusa Club and the Rotary Club Club and the R have discussed it. <br> Beef

White said that while there would probably be a lot of suggestions, he would like to see the project turned over to the Rotary Club in order to make the necessary decisions to get the job done. it," he said, "we'll bring it back to you and say, 'This is what we want to put up."" The commission could say yes or no, but would be limited in their suggestions.
He said that doesn't Rotary won't listen to com ments, but to get the job done, there can't be a large committee debating the project and making suggestions. in "It will die just like it has many past if you get too
people involved," White said. "The ideas are great, but it never comes to fruition."
White s
White said he doesn't have any doubt that they will be
able to raise the money for the project.
He said hopes to have final plans ready for the commission's inspection within six
weeks.

Continued from Page 1
be affected by the weath-
"The cow herd expansion that started several years ago has slowed or even stopped
this year due to the drought," Gill said.
Cattle coming off pasture
have lost nearly 20 percent of their value since September as they move
through area livestock aucthrough area livestock aucStill, a steer averaged $\$ 108.10$ per pound during the first 11 months of the year, off only slightly from last year's
record price of $\$ 11056$ Miami ISD to meet

The Miami Independent regular District will hold a regular meeting at 7 p.m.
Monday at the administration office at 100 Warrior Lane, Miami.
are renovatio the agenda are renovations and transportation, the TASB Buy
Board Co-op resolution and Board Co-op resolution and
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tions.


Sunday, December 17•2:00pm-4:00pm First United Methodist Church Education Building Parlor
please join us to honor Mary for her long time community leadership \& volunteer service
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Free Christmas Dinner 2006

Monday December 25 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ 11:00am to 2:00pm at the Fellowship Hall of Mary Ellen \& Harvester Church of Christ

Across From The High School

Come and share with us the blessing and surplus of God's Grace as we eat on Christmas Day!

For take out meals or deliveries call the church office at 665-0031 by December 20 to reserve your meals

## P4AMPA

Pampa Independent School District
Pampa ISD Events For The Week Of Dece:nber 18 - December 20
December 20 Early Release At 1:00pm
December 21 - January 3•Christmas Holiday Pampa High School
December $18 \cdot$ Review For Semester Tests December $19 \cdot 1$ st-4th Semester Tests

Pampa Learning Center
December $20 \cdot$ Graduation/Award Celebration • 10:30am December $20 \cdot$ Open House • 10:30am

## Pampa Junior High

December $18 \cdot$ History and Science Semester Tests December $19 \cdot$ Math Semester Test Austin Elementary
December 19•1st Grade Caroling •9:00am-10:30am
December $19 \cdot 2$ nd Grade Caroling • 12:30am-2:00pm December $20 \cdot$ Christmas Parties

Lamar Elementary
December $18 \cdot$ PHS Band Concert • 8:10am December 19•1st, 2nd \& 3rd Christmas Program • 9:00am
December $20 \cdot$ Head Start Christmas Program \& Make And Take • 8:30am-11:30am Travis Elementary
December $19 \cdot$ Christmas PHS Band Concert $\cdot 8: 10 \mathrm{am}$ December $19 \cdot$ Christmas Parties •2:00pm Wilson Elementary
December $18 \cdot$ Family Night - Decorating Holiday Birdhouses •6:00pm-7:30pm December $19 \cdot 2$ nd Grade Program "A Penguin Christmas" $\cdot 2: 15$ pm December $19 \cdot$ Christmas Parties
For the most up-to-date Pampa ISD information, Go to the school website
at uwnw,pampaisd.het From the parent informai
menu, click on the Pampa ISD Event Calendar

## Viewpoints

Iraq Study Group not a secret like Pentagon Papers tried to be

The report by the Iraq Study Group has caused some consterna-

tion among politicos and American citizens. Both sides of the political spectrum have taken sides and President Bush is being report.
At least this report on an unpopular war is out in the open and people can make up their own minds about whether the recommendations should be accepted or not.
That was not the case on a similar study during the Vietnam War which became what has been called one of the great whistleblower sagas.
In 1967
In 1967 then Secretary of
Defense Defense Robert McNamara
ordered the Pentagon to do a study ordered the Pentagon to do a study
of America's involvement in Vietnam.
The result was a 47 -volume,
7,000 -page top secret document 7,000-page top secret document called the Pentagon Papers that
detailed the United States' political

Vocus from 1945 to 1971. Its policy decisions in the U.S Government.
Leslie H. Gelb, director of policy planning for the Pentagon, headed up the project. He hired 36
military experts, civilian experts military experts, civilian experts
and historians to write the report. The massive work revealed that the government had increased its credibility gap by expanding its role in Vietnam long before the
public was told about public was told about the actions
and while President Lyndon Johnson was promising not to expand the war.
Lies and deceptions from gov-
ernment officials at the ernment officials at the time continued. For instance, the war is
going well was the official line, going well was the official line,
even though it was not. Also, President Johnson, in 1964, told Congress that the North Vietnamese had attacked U.S.
ional waters in the Gulf of Tonkin. Adviser Henry Kissinger, about the ships that were attacked were on a secret intelligence mission in North Vietnam's territorial waters.


Congress used that claim to expand the war that eventually claimed the lives of more than
50,000 American troops and two million Vietnamese.
Daniel Ellsberg had served in Vietnam and worked for the
Pentagon and the Rand Corp Pentagon and the Rand Corp. He
had access to the Pentagon Papers and knew that the U.S. policy in Vietnam was misguided.
He approached numerous offi
secret report and was met with disinterest.
As opp
increased in the late ' 60 s, Ellsberg knew he had to get the word out. He painstakingly copied all
7,000 pages of the document and finally leaked them to The New York Times after all the politicians he approached said they were not interested.
The first installment was printed n June 13, 1971.
The Nixon administration immepublication, the first such to halt restraint in U.S. history. Of course, that piqued the interest of many Americans who wanted to kn what the report was hiding. Tune 30,1971 , when the Supreme Court voted to lift the prior restraints on a 6-3 decision. Ellsberg became a marked man.
ague Anthony Russo, who helped copy the documents. Surprisingly, Ellsberg's lawyers discovered that
it was not a crime to leak government documents.
Nixon was incensed that
Ellsberg blew the whistle Ellsberg blew the whistle, even
though the report did not mention Nixon's involvement, only that of his predecessors.
As part of his hatred of Ellsberg, a burglary of Ellsberg's psychiatrist's office was undertaken by
"plumbers," a secret unit set up in "plumbers," a secret unit set up in
the White House. When this became public, a judge dismissed the case against Ellsberg. Nixon soon became embroiled in the Watergate scandal and resigned in 1974.
That was a sad era in our government's past. Power corrupts and
absolute power corrupts absolutely. Arrogance seemed to rule the day. That is why I was pleased to see See SECRETS, Page 7 Todays Highlight in Histor experimental craft, the Wright Flyer.

On this date:

Army announced it was ending its po "Tonight Show."

## Our readers write

 ever else had anything whowith the correctiong to do paper about the record holding score which is held byour daughter, Nakesha Ryan our daughter, Nakesha Rya
a.k.a. Nikki Ryan in 1992. recognition now than she did its of Pamp
advance.

## Today in History

 By The Associated PressToday is Sunday. Dee. . 77 , the 351 st day of 2006. There
are 14 days left in the year
On Dec. 17, 1903, Wilbur and Orville Wright of Dayton, Ohio, conducted the first successful manned powered-airplane fiights, near Kitrty Howk North Carolina, using their
experimenal reat

In 1777, France recognized American independence. In 1830, South American patriot Simon Bolivar died in In 1925, Col. William "Billy" Mitchell was convicted at

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|  | pended from active duty. |
|  | In 1939, the German |
| - B.C. Forbes <br> Scottish journalist (1880-1954) | pocket battleship |
|  | Admiral Graf Spee was |
|  | scuttled by its crew, |
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In 1957 , the United States successfully test intercontinental ballistic missile for the first time.
In 1969, an estimated 50 million TV viewers watched
singer Tiny Tim marry his fiancee, Miss Vicky, on NBC'
In 1975, Lynette Fromme was sentenced in Sacramento, Calif., to life in prison for her attempt on the life of President
Ford.

Recognition where recognition is due

## We would like to thank when she set a new record in

 We would also like to wish Britteni good luck and it is an honor to hold Barbara and John Ryan
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Idle American: 'Man Laws' to the rescue?
"Black Friday." That's
how they've labeled the frenzied shopping onslaught on the day after
Thanksgiving. who'll be singing later about "peace on earth, good will
toward men" bare fangs annually on this day. Would that this annual
madness be compressed to thadness one calendar day. But no! Its blackness smudges the days until Christmas, when the annual observance
chases away the darkness. Christians celebrate the blessed event of long ago when the brilliance of a blessed birth reduced all co ors to nothingness.
The observance is a time of gitt-giving. And way too
many men strike out group, we are pitifully poor $\underset{* * * * *}{\text { shoppers. }}$
Despite promises we

## Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

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## 音Dec. 11

The Dallas Morning N
Washington working together.
The House's new majority leader, signal last week when he said representatives can bid goodbye to three-day Washington workweeks. Starting in early January, the House will return to a five-day schedule. No more fly in, fly out, do little.
Of course, meeting for meeting's the answer; legislators heard the public's cry at the polls for progress. So here are some bipartisan
places to start when the new Congress
ter next year, we don't. Our
blackest day is Christmas Eve. As if held back by magnetic force, we somehow trudge to the malls when
shopping hours hit single shopping
digits.
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stores, the
epitome epitome of
quiet desperation, hushed in our plea for help.
Would Would that riders on white horses could race to the
scene, sparing wretched souls the annual failings of gift-giving sameness. (Hey, this might be a chance for those TV guys around the square table who claim to reach consensus on "man
take more than laws to rescue men in
moments.
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What, pray tell, should a suy buy, pray tell, should a e'll yield to temptation to by GIFT CERTIFICATES $\underset{* * * * *}{\text { again. }}$
Sales people salivate, with certificates stacked high. It's as simple as flashing a "" card and "plugging "the gift figure. Some of them are smug with little gems like,
"Cutting back this year? Is Cutting back this year? Is Think she'll waste her time coming down to redeem this?"
Our sails, already listing, are dead in the water, and we up the figure a bit.
Retail folks' smiles become fiendish laughter as we exit. They',ve got us fig-
ured to a "T," happier than hogs in sunshine that we've in opted for gift certi See IDLE, Page 7
convenes next month.
Pass an ethics bill that includes lobby reforms and curtailing of earslip into legislation spending requests of special interests. Democrats can look like they're cleaning up the joint,
and Republicans can play to their conand Republicans can play to their conervative base by controling spending,
Let the Senate begin by passing another immigration bill that creates a guest worker program and a pathway to citizenship for illegal immigrants. The president wants this; so do many Democrats and some Republicans. Get going and generate good will.
Social Security reform. They would give Democrats a chance to air their ideas and let the parties see where they
have common ground. It's hard to have common ground. It's hard to
magine Dems don't want to cure the woes of FDR's signature achievement. President Bush does.
Find a way both parties can pass a minimum wage increase. The Democrats want it, and the White House is not set in stone against it Focus on securing ports, including
the underfunded program to install radiation detection devices at foreign ports. What party can be against this? Start rewriting the landmark No Child Left Behind Act. Democratic education champions Ted Kennedy and George Miller are committed, as are Secretary Margaret Spellings. A fast See UNITY, Page 7

## New faces at Lake Meredith National Recreation Area



Stephen M. Williams, law enforcement park ranger, at Lake Meredith.

National Monument recently and bookkeeping. During announced the addition of her 30 -plus career, she has everal new faces to its park worked for CPAs as well as staff. Since the retirement of with companies in the oil several employees in 2006, and gas industry. She and her
the parks have been steadily husband Bill have eight working to fill the vacant grandchildren and are active positions. members of Celebration New to the staff are
Phyllis Seamster, new fire program management assistant at Lake Meredith; John ire management officer Southern Plains Group, Lake Meredith; Michael C. Bland, new fire management offi-
cer, Southern Plains Group, cer, Southern Plains Group, Lake Meredith; Becky

Seifert-Smith, fire effects crew lead, Lake Meredith; and Stephen M. Williams, aw enforcement park law enforcement park Payson Hotshot crews, was | ranger, Lake Meredith. | park $\quad \begin{array}{l}\text { assistant on a T-3 Engine and } \\ \text { forman on a T-6 Engine, In }\end{array}$ |
| :--- | :--- | 2001, he relocated to Cedar

City, Utah, as the assistant City, Utah, as the assistant
superintendent of the hotshot superintendent of the hotshot
crew there. His current qual-
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ifications are ICT4, task-
force leader, firing boss, force leader, firing boss,
division supervisor $(t)$ and division supervisor(t) and
burn boss 2(t). eran of the Smokey Bear Interagency Hotshot Crew, Region 3 Lincoln National Forest, Bland started fighting fires with the Ruidoso Municipal Fire Department,
Ruidoso, N.M., in 1993. In Ruidoso, N.M., in 1993. In
1997, he received an appointment at the Bitter Lake National. Wildlife
Lefuge near Roswell Refuge near Roswell, N.M., and from 1999-2004, Norked
as a heavy engine as a heavy engine
captain/module leader on a type 4 engine. During this time, Bland was stationed at
the Bureau of Land Management Field Offices in Carlsbad, N.M., Las Cruces, N.M., and
Winnemucca, Nev. While
Whemuctioned Winnemucca in 2004, he was honored with the Paul Gleason-Lead by Example Award in the category of Initiative and Innovation. In
mid-summer 2004, he mid-summer 2004, he
accepted a position as assisaccepted a position as assis-
tant fire management officer tant fire management officer
for the U.S. Fish \& Widlife Service, Region 2. In September of this year, he was appointed fire manage-
ment officer for Southern ment officer for Southern
Plains Fire Management Plains Fire Management
Group based out of Lake Meredith.
Bland is an alumnus of the


Above, from left: John Todd Wood, assistant fire management officer; Becky Seifert-Smith, fire effects crew lead; Phyllis Seamster, fire program management assistant; and Michael C. Bland, fire management officer

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log
University of Nevada, Las Vegas, completing the biological sciences for Federal Land Managers program. He has logged more than 150
hours in all-risk fire training at the New Mexico Fire Academy in Socorro, N.M., and holds the following qualifications: Type III incident commander, prescribe
fire burn boss fire burn boss II,
division/group supervisor(t), division/group supervisor(t),
and taskforce leader. - Seifert-Smith. natural resource intern at Itasca State Park, SeifertSmith started at the Lake Meredith fire cache in
January. During college, she January. During college, she
volunteered with natural resource programs in her area and did volunteer work at the closest National Wildlife Refuge. After obtaining a degree in natural resource management at the University of Minnesota,
Crookston, she started her Crookston, she started her
fire career at Yellowstone National Park, serving as a
fire effects technician while first seasonal law enforceassisting the helitack crew first seasonal law enforceand fire use module for five National Recreation Area in years prior to instituting the the summer of 2002. In May fire effects program at 2003, he accepted another
Meredith. She and her hus- seasonal law enforcement Meredith. She and her hus- seasonal law enforcement camping, biking, surfing and $\stackrel{\text { National Park Pannison }}{ }$ anything outdoors. Canyon. His first permanent law enforcement job was at Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore.
From April to September 2005, Williams attended the Training Center, graduating with top honors in the pursuit driving course. After FLETC, he went to Delaware Water Gap a FLETC 12 week field training program. He returned to Indiana Dunes in December 2005 with a Level I Law Enforcement commission. He accepted the posi2006, is single and has no children.


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## Texas prepares for possible pandemic flu outbreak

By JAMIE STENGLE DALLAS (AP) - With a statewide drill planned for next year to test Texas' preparedness for a possible pandemic flu outbreak, health officials are continuing to tweak the state's response plan. Several similar drills have already been
done locally and resionally done locally and regionally. out as a local response," said Emily

Palmer, spokeswoman for the Texas that the Asian bird flu could cause a panDepartment of State Health Services, demic if it starts easily spreading among which is heading up the response to a pos- humans. The state plan has been in place since pandemics, the worst being were three flu 2004 and updated several times since. break that killed about 50 million people Local health departments, hospitals, businesses and schools also have prepared their own plans in coordination with the state. A pandemic flu outbreak occurs when a virus emerges. There is heightened concern
worldwide, and 500,000 in the U.S. Cherise Rohr-Allegrini, epidemiologist at the San Antonio Metro Health District, said that the department has been working not only with city and county agencies to
plans, but also with schools and businesses. "A large part of our preparedness is making sure other people are prepared," RohrIn Dallas th fill spots if a third of working on a plan to sick or caring for a sick person. For instance, library personnel, who would not be essential during a pandemic, could be trained to be 911 operators, said Kenny

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## Extension

## Vegetable Conference coming up

LUBBOCK - Vegetable growers, be awarded.
processors and gardeners can renew their
production and marketing skills at the production and marketing skills at the Conference in Canyon. The Jan. 25 conferen information relevant to management, food safety, biosecurity management, food safety, biosecurity and agriculture. than 10 presentations fre feature more than 10 presentations from an array of
knowledgeable speakers," said Russ Wallace, Texas Cooperative Extension vegetable specialist with the Texas A\&M University System Agricultural
Research and Extension Center at Research and Extension Center at Registration begins at 7:45 a.m. at the West Texas A\&M University Alumni Banquet Facility at the corner of North Third and 25th streets in Canyon. The cost is $\$ 25$ per person before Jan. 15 , and
$\$ 30$ per person at the door. This fee cov$\$ 30$ per person at the door. This fee covers all by agribusiness exhibitors will

The conference is designed specifially for vegetable growers and shippers, ives, Extension agents, researchers and gardeners," Wallace said. "We'll start off the day with industry updates. "Those who attend can qualify for six continuing education units approved by
the Texas Department of Agriculture, and Master Gardener certification credits,""ff he added.
The morning session will focus on marketing strategies, potato breeding, head and moisture stress, and integrated disease management. The afternoon sestrol, a Texas Department of Agriculture pesticide update, biosecurity and agriculture, foodborne diseases and food safety.
For re For registration or exhibit information contact Russ Wallace or Wendy Durrett
at $806-746-6101$.

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## Idle

Continued from Page 4 cates. fourth of them will that almost a fourth of them will never be used,
and of the ones redeemed, another and of the ones redeemed, another
fourth will not be for the full amount. The reasons are myriad. Some will be lost, misplaced or stolen. And some will be too small to mess
with.
Add the "wherefores and where-
ases" to the small print that estab-ases" to the small print that estab-
lishes deadlines, fees and terms of use, and the result is a candy stick world of big profits. Little wonder that gift certificates are pushed. .. ***** Uncle Mort, who lives down in the thicket, doesn't get caught up in
the hubbub of Christmas Mostly he just chuckles his way through life. just chuckles his way through life.
He notes, though, that Christmas He notes, though, that Christmas
has come early for Coach Bill

Parcells' Dallas Cowheys He called the other night to share some of the "ringers" he'll submit if Carson's "Carract the late Johnny Carsin's "Carnac, the Magnificent" He . He offered some dandies. My memory stirred: I pictured Carson donning his swami garb, holding the
envelope to his head, offering the envelope to his head, offering the
answer and then reciting the question found in the envelope. .. $* * * * * 5$ His first
"Gramatica(ly) correct." The ques-
tion: "Did Parcells pick the right fiold "Doal kicker?" field goal kicker?"
Mort's next answer: "The as a pig in the Preakness." Question "What are the odds of Baylor ever competing in Big 12 football?" Finally, this answer: "Empty staplers." Question: "What do Staples' $\underset{* * * * *}{\text { delivery trucks brake for?" }}$
Mort switched to another favorite Mort switched to another favorite
topic - Cowboy Terrell Owens, a
guy he thinks should be shown the guy he thinks should be shown the states.
door.
He was enraged about Owens, He was enraged about Owen
night-long birthday party in night-long birthday party in
California, and how he continues to enjoy kid glove treatment. "Reckon Owens comes up with his senseless shenanigans by himelf, or has a committee helping ut?" Mort questioned. . - Dr. Newbury is a speaker and
author whose weekly column appears in 125 newspapers in six states.

Events calendar

- A farewell reception
for Mary Wilson, long-
time community service
volunteer, is scheduled
between 2-4 p.m. Dec. 17
in the parlor of First
United Methodist
Church's Education
Building. United Way of
Amarillo and Canyon is
hosting a Medicare infor-
mation event from t2-3:30
p.m. Dec. 17 at the Tyler
Street Resource Center in
Amarillo. The event will
include health screenings
and more.
- The office of Duane
Harp, local Edward Jones
investment representa-
tive, will host a holiday
open house to celebrate
Christmas starting at 12


## Secrets

Continued from Page 4
that the Iraq Study Group made its findings public. At least we know what they think and own minds about the recommenda-
tions.
Besides, most things Besides, most things
always look better with the light of day shining on them rather than hiding in a cloak of secrecy

## Unity <br> Continued from Page 4

start could get the complicated bill overhauled before year's end. Yes, issues like Iraq divide the parties. But this o-do list is achievable reassure voters that they can get things done.

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| 11 | beds - will be the biggest problem. |
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| Continued from Page 6 | hospital staff will need |
| Shaw, director of the city's | er |
| office of emergency man- | employees are unable to report to work |
| In West Texas, about | Among points still to be |
| 120 people attended the | completed are how many |
| Ector County Health | extra antivirals Texas will |
| Department's two-day flu | order. Antivirals like |
| summit at the end of | Tamiflu can be used to |
| November, said Sallie | reduce flu symptoms and |
| Connor, public health pre- | can also help protect |
| paredness program man- | against it. Th |
| ager for the department. | already has access to |
| The state's plan est | about 3.3 million antivi- |
| an internation | rals as part of the national |
| atbreak of a new varia | stockpile. |
| tion of the flu could have a | Officials are in the |
| 25 to 50 percent attack | process of tweaking the |
| rate, meaning 5 to 10 mil- | guidelines for who will get |
| lion Texans could get sick. | antivirals, both as a pre- |
| Of those, 4 percent | caution and a treatme |
| between 200,000 to | Much of the planning |
| 400,000 - might have to | for a pandemic - which |
| be hospitalized. Between | could last up to a year with |
| 75,000 to 500,000 Texans | two waves of outbreaks |
| could die. | will depend on various |
| The plan notes that | factors, including how |
| hile local communities | much warning is available |
| considering alterna- | before the pandemic |
| es to provide care for | strikes and its severity, |
| the sick, there won't be | Palmer said. It is also |
| ough hospital beds for | own whether antivi- |
| e severely ill. The Texas | rals would be effective |
| Hospital Association says | against whatever strain |
| the state's 554 hospitals | hits and how long it might |
| have about 77,000 beds. | take to get a vac |
| Most people would have | "Everybody would go |
| be cared for at home. | into their response plan- |
| But during a pandemic | ng mode," Palmer said. |
| health officials say | know there's goin |
| staffing the hospitals | a lot of decisions |
| rather than a shortage of | are made at a last m |

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Spreading Christmas cheer


Pampa News Photo by KERRI SMITH Pre-K students from First Baptist Church Child Development Center recently sang Christmas carols in the lobby of First Bank Southwest. Pictured from left are Taylor Segler, Allie Rankin, Georgie Sue Osborne, Brandon Maxwell, Taylor Jeffries, Zoe Fry, Carlie Hampton, Kambry Smith, Avery Cochran,
Kameron Odell, Jacob Baker, Garrett Cadenhead, Espn McCall, Halley Hollan, Logan Wood and Carlee Kameron Odell, Jacob Baker, Garrett Cadenhead, Espn McCall, Halley Hollan, Logan Wood and Carlee Parks.

## Iraq: Officials struggle with new strategy

## By ROBERT H. REID

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) - After years BAGHDAD, rraq (AP) - After years
of optimistic claims from Washington, Iraq is ending 2006 with the American strategy in shambles and a politically weakened Bush administration struggling for a way out of the impasse.
Sectarian slaughter rages in Baghdad and religiously mixed areas, carried out
by shadowy militias and death squads believed linked to Shiite and Sunni politicians and clerics. Prime Minister Nouri al Maliki has done little to curb the militias. In the dusty towns of Anbar province,
Sunni Arab insurgents ambush American Sunni Arab insurgents ambush American
and Iraqi forces daily. An estimated 100,000 Iraqis flee the country every month to escape the violence, according to the Washington-based Refugees
International. The U.S. death toll neared International. The U.S. death toll neared

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3,000 in December.
Gone is talk of "staying the course," a phrase which President Bush himself has disowned. Gone too is the hope that the mere establishment of a democratically elected government of national unity would be enough to stem the bloodshed. ongtime Bush family friend James Baker, has described the situation as "grave and deteriorating" and warned that America's ability to influence events in this turbulent country "is diminishing."
Equally damning, the commission accused the Pentagon of significantly nearly four years of war, the U.S. "still does not understand very well either the insurgency in Iraq or the role of the militias," the commission said See WAR, Page 12


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Scott Dickerman, left, received an award jacket recently from D.W. Stidham area service manager with Cameron Compression Systems. Dickerman wa one of three employees recognized for their safety records in 2006.


## Drilling Intentions

## Intentions to Drill

HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Noble Energy Production, Inc., \#5420P Vandiver, 1286 ' from North \& 471' from West line Sec. 54, M1,H\&GN, PD 13500 .
HEMPHILL (WILDCAT \& N.W. MENDOTA Granite Wash) Dominion Oklahoma Texas E\&P, Inc., Sec. 10,1,I\&GN, for the following wells:
\#5 Mendota Ranch '10A', 1700' from North \& West ine of Sec., PD 12530
\#6 Mendota Ranch '10B', 1980' from North \& 660' from East line of Sec., PD 12300'
\#8 Mendota Ranch ' 10 ' ' $^{\prime}$, 660' from South \& 1655' ROBERTS (WILDCAT above 12300') Latig Petroleum Texas, L.P., \#1 Theis Smokey Hill 'A' 354 , 2020' from South \& 1509' from West line, Sec. 134,2,I\&GN, PD 12300
ROBERTS (WILDCAT \& LARD RANCH Granite Wash) 'C') Grayhawk Operating, Inc., \#302 Lard 2,-,BBB\&C, PD 11000' (BHL: 500' from South \& 1750' from East Sec. line) Horizontal well
ROBERTS (WILDCAT \& N.W. MENDOTA Granite Wash) Cimarex Energy Co., \#7062 Flowers-Liston, $2000^{\prime}$ from South \& 1350' from East line, Sec. 62,B1,H\&GN, PD 11700 .
ROBERTS (WILDCAT \& SHREIKEY Granite Wash) CHI Operating, Inc., \#1 McCoy, 1294 from 11050'. L.L.C., \#7 Price, 2310' from South \& 990' from East
line, Sec. 34,13, H\&GN, PD $2300^{\prime}$ WHEELER (WILDCAT \& STILES RANCH Atoka) line, Sec. 1,-AB\&M, PD 18000'

## Oil Well Completions

HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE) Pogo Panhandle 2004, \#19 H.W. Carver, Lot 31,4, Wm. Neil Survey spud $6-10-06$, drlg. compl $6-19-06$, tested $11-10-06$, pumped 4 bbls. of 39 grav. oil +120 bbls. water on 24 HUTCHINSON (SHIRE Simpson) Latigo Petroleum Texas, L.P., \#1 Coble Shire 'A-37', EPI Co Survey, A-37, spud 7-7-06, drlg. compl 8-11-06, tested $9-20-06$, pumped 58 bbl. of - grav. oil +12 bbls. water on 24 hour test, GOR 91, TD 9630' ROBERTS (N.W. MENDOTA, S.W. Granite Wash) Devon Energy Production Co., L.P., \#1505 Flowers 'B', Sec. 5,-BS\&F, spud 6-4-06, drlg. compl 6-24-06, tested 7-18-06, flowed 179 bbl. of 42.2 grav. oil +153
bbls. water thru $23 / 64^{\text {" }}$ choke on 24 hour test, GOR 11642/1, TD 10602', PBTD 10560'

Gas Well Completions
HUTCHINSON (WEST PANHANDLE) Pantera Energy Co., \#2 Ansted, Sec. 28,Y,A\&B, spud 9-6-06 drlg. compl 9-8-06, tested 11-24-06, TF 2622', PBTD 2587
HUT
EnUTCHINSON (WEST PANHANDLE) Pantera Energy Co., \#4 Penny 'A', Sec. 35,Y,A\&B, spud 8-31. 06, drlg. compl 9-3-06, tested 11-23-06, YF 2746',
PBTD 2583'WHEELER (BILLY ROSE Granite Wash) Noble

Production, Inc., \#1316P W.R. Hefley, Sec. 13,A $8, \mathrm{H} \mathrm{\& GN}$, spud 3-27-06, drig. compl 4-14-06, tested 10-20-06, TD 8603', PBTD 8515' -
WHEELER (FRYE RANCH Granite Wash 'A Questar E\&P Co., \#1033 RE Morrison, Sec. 33,A$3, \mathrm{H} \mathrm{\& GN}$, spud 8-2-06, drig. compl 9-6-06, tested 11
2-06, potential 4533 MCF, rock pressure 3589 psia, 15650, PBTD $15541^{\prime}$ - Re-Entry
WHEELER (STILES RANCH Atoka) Apache Corp \#6068 Stiles ' 68 ', Sec. 68,A-7,H\&GN, spud 1-2-06 drig. compl 9-2-06, tested 11-14-06, potential 6023
16663' -
WHEELER (STILES RANCH Granite Wash) EOG Resources, Inc., \#3 Britt '8', Sec. 8,1,B\&B, spud 9-10 06, drig. compl 9-28-06, tested 11-6-06, potentia 3401 MCF, rock pressure 1617 psia, MD 12918 PBTD MD 12832' - Horizontal well

## Plugged Wells

HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE) B.R. Roberts Oil Co., Red Rock, Sec. 4,Y,M\&C (oil) - for the following
\#1, 250 ' from South \& West of NE/4 of Sec., spud unknown, plugged 11-9-06, TD 2986' - Form 1 in Cities Service Petroleum Co. \#2, $330^{\circ}$ from North \& $990^{\prime}$ from East Lease line spud 8-25-81, plugged 1-1406, TD $3150{ }^{\circ}$ Wheekr (MLES RANCH Atoka) BP America roduction Co., \#4301-A E.T. Davis '1-43', 2303 ' from $7, H \& G N$, spud unknown, plugged $9-5-06$, TD 13940' (gas) -

## Clarendon College

 signs agreements with WTSU, OPSUCLARENDON - Clarendon College recently made two from its Information Technology program to two four-yea niversities.
Jack McCarty, CC IT program instructor, worked with West Texas A\&M University in Canyon and Oklahom
Panhandle State University in Goodwell to secure the agree ments, which pave the way for transferring students to enter baccalaureate programs as upper-division students meeting all lower-division competencies.
Students will be able to transfer
Students will be able to transfer 69-70 credit hours to WT to use towards a Bachelor of Applied Arts and Science
(BAAS) degree with a professional development core in computer information systems.
Students will be able to transfer $67-68$ credit hours to
OPSU to use towards a Bachelor of Technology degree with OPSU to use towards a Bachelor of Technology degree with major emphasis in computer information systems. Students in the CC IT program learn the basic fundamenals of building computers and adding them to the network.
This program also provides the student with the knowledge and principles to plan, install, implement, manage and sup port a Microsoft Windows 2003 Network environment. This course is designed to provide the student with the knowledge to take Microsoft's MCDST, MCP, MCSA, and MCSE for Windows 2003 Certification Exams. Upon certification the student has the knowledge and industry certifiAdministrator, a member of a network support organization, or other network and PC support related job.
The IT program is located at the Clarendon College Pampa Center. For more information about the program, contact McCarty at 669-1255 or jack.mccarty@clarendon college.edu


## Sports Day



Sophomore Hayden Skinner prepares to take a shot early in the game on Friday night Photo by Jordan Reagan
Sophorore Skinner was one of the large tak a
Estacado. Skinner was one of the large contributors to JV's 63-55 victory over Estacado.

## JV Boys defeat Lubbock Estacado, ruin fan's nachos

By JORDAN REAGAN It took the referees a
By JORDAN REAGAN Sports Editor To start off the night with a bang, Coach Farmer's JV boys team defeated Lubbock Estacado, 63-55.
Leading the first quarter junior Wayne Parker sank points, but Pampa wasn'
ahead of the game yet, finishing at 12-17. Other scorers were Heath Skinner, Hayden Skinner and Josh Humphrey, who each scored
first quarter.
When the second quarter began, the boys began to pick up the pace and the defense, only allowing Estacado 4 more points. sophomore Hayden Skinne helped both teams out with a free break by accidentally knocking the ball into the stands, which happened to land in an unsuspecting

It took the referees a minute to clean the cheese game started back up. Pamp went into halftime in the lead, 37-21.
Estacado seemed to have just learned the importance of defense when the second half started and did an excellent job at keeping the ball on their side of the court. Their efforts were not behind at the end of the third quarter, Pampa still ahead By the fourth quarter Pampa had a good enough lead and a strong enoug when the final buzzer sound ed. ter were Hayden Skinner with 4 points, Ryan Jiminez with 3, Humphrey with 2 Heath Skinner with 2 and

Dallas Mavericks add one more game to 76ers losing streak


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Photo by Jordan Reagan
ball from Estacado Junior Josh Humphrey makes it down to his side of the court after stealing the ball from Estacado Humphrey was one of the leaders of the team in the number of steals during Friday night's game.

## Oregon defeats

 Eastern Washington EUGENE, Ore. (AP) -Bryce Taylor had 24 points Bryce Taylor had 24 points and four other Ducks scored
in double figures in No. 22 Oregon's $100-74$ victory over Eastern Washington on Friday night.
The win, coming in the first meeting between the two schools, keeps the Ducks undefeated at $9-0$ and off to their best start since winning the first 10 games of
the 1996-97 season.

Harvesters face tough loss against Lubbock Estacado

The Pampa Harvesters had to choke another tough
loss this week on Friday's loss this week on Friday's Estacado, whose strong and aggressive defense was superior.
Pampa started the first quarter with an equally strong defense, and ende
close behind at 13-16. In the second qua Tyler Hall led by sinking 6 points, followed by Alex Torres and Alex Clendening who both scored 3 .
Going into halftime, the gap grew wider as Pampa
was down, $27-41$.

## With the help of Blake

 Sieck in the third quarter, Pampa stole the ball from theMatadors plenty of times Matadors plenty of times, Estacado's rebounds, which were more often than not run back in for 2 points. The Harvesters went into the
fourth quarter behind fourth quarter behind 26
points, $40-66$. points, $40-66$.
During the During the final period, catch back up, but Estacado kept the gap wide. Hall scored 6 points in the fourth
quarter,
followed quarter, followed by
Clendening and Torres with Clendening and Torres with
4, and Matt Smith with 3 .


Alex Torres tries to keep the ball on Pampa's end of the court, while an aggressive Estacado player keeps him from going anywhere too fast.

## Appalachian State wins second title, 28-17 over UMass

$\begin{aligned} & \text { CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. (AP) } \text { coach Jerry Moore said. "It } \\ & \text { - Appalachian State has found a } \\ & \text { just an awesome feeling all ni }\end{aligned}$ second home in the national championship game.
The Mountaineers The attendance of 22,808 was $\begin{array}{ll}\text { ond straight NCAA Division I-AA } & \text { the largest since the game moved } \\ \text { to Chattanooga in } 1997\end{array}$ title with a $28-17$ victory over And the Mountaineers may be Massachusetts on Friday night in back next year with most of their front of a record-breaking crowd top offensive players returning.
loaded with Appalachian State Kevin Richardson wanted to fans. Officials had to bring in temporary bleachers to hold all the ried it out of the locker room and Mountaineers' supporters, and as table.
the final second ticked off the "A couple of guys had the trophy clock, most of them streamed onto in the locker room, and I was like the field to celebrate with fire- 'Why not? Let's bring it over here
works going off over head.
and let you all look at it," works going off over head. "It was like playing at home Richardson said. almost. We had such a great fol-
lowing over here," Mountaineers $\begin{gathered}\text { Appalachian State (14-1) is the } \\ \text { first team to take home the newly }\end{gathered}$
named NCAA Division I Football Championship. The NCAA is
phasing out the terms Divisions IAhasing out the terms Divisions I-A is now the Football Bowl Subdivision, while I-AA is the Football Championship
Subdivision.
Georgia Southern was the last Georgia Southern was the last 1999 and 2000. The Minutemen (13-2) were hoping to win their first title since His third touchdown put the
Mountaineers Mountaineers ahead 21-14 at the beginning of the fourth quarter. The Minutemen cut it to 21-17
on Chris Koepplin's on Chris Koepplin's 42 -yard field goal with 8:46 left.

6:46 of the clock as Richardson
2003. He finished with 10 times in a long drive before Richardson capping it with his last touchdown during last week's semifinal game, from 2 yards out with 1:51 remain- but he didn't appear to have any
ing. UMass got the ball back, but UMass got the ball back, but
Appalachian State's Corey Lynch Appalachian State's Corey Lynch
intercepted to seal it. "When we accepted the trophy I was talking about what a good team they were. Good defense, good quarterback, good running back," Moore said. "They are not here accidentally."
Appalachian State was ranked fourth nationally in rushing, and Richardson came into the game
with 1,497 yards on the ground with 1,497 yards on the ground.
Richardson broke the I-AA rushRichardson broke the I-AA rush-
ing TD record of 29

Asia takes
lead at Lexus Cup

SINGAPORE (AP) Playing captain Grace Park and Hee-Won Han beat
Julieta Granada and Morgan Pressel 1-up in best-ball play Saturday to help Asia take a lead over the
International team in the Lexus Cup. $\begin{gathered}\text { After splitting } \\ \text { alternate-shot }\end{gathered}$ $\begin{aligned} & \text { the six } \\ & \text { matches }\end{aligned}$ alternate-shot matches
Friday, Asia won four of six matches Saturday to take the lead on Tanah Merah's Garden Course. The LPGA Tour-sanctioned event will
conclude Sunday with 12 conclude Sunda
singles matches.
singles matches.
Granada birdied the 16 th to tie the match against Park and Han, the teams halved the 17th with pars and Han birdied the 18 th for the victo-
The teams of Annika Sorenstam and Natalie and Stacy Prammanasudh won matches for the International squad.
Sorenstam, also a playing
captain, and Gulbis held off captain, and Gulbis held ofn Jee Young Lee and Meena
Lee 2-up, and Creamer and Lee 2-up, and Creamer and Hyun Ahn and Joo Mi Kim 3 and 2. Gulbis eagled the short, par-4 16th to break a
tie and ended the match with tie and ended the match with a birdie on 18
Se Ri Pak and Seon Hwa Lee won their match for Asia, beating Sherri Stanford and Angela ther two 4 and 2. In Asia's Kung two victories, Candie beat Brittany Lincicome and Nikki Campbell 3 and 1 , and Young Kim and Sakura Yokomine held off European Solheim Cup stars Laura Davies and Carin Koch 2-up. If the teams finish in a tie Sunday, Sorenstam and Park will have a sudden-death playo
ner.

Going Up?


Tyler Hall takes a jump shot, and doesn't mind taking out one of Estacado's players on the way up


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## War <br> Continued from Page 8 The situation has become so desperate that some U.S. politicians believe the best politicians believe the best course is to give up on a unified Iraq and partition the country along religious and ethnic lines - even though the idea finds little support the idea finds little support among the majority of Iraqis. among the majority of Iraqis. That bleak reality is vastly That bleak reality is vastly different from what U.S. different from what U.S. officials were hoping for a year ago. With a With a new constitution ratified and a freely elected parliament in place, hopes mark a turning point in the mark a turning point in the U.S. campaign to build a stable democracy on the wreckage of Saddam Hussein's dictatorship. dictatorship. U.S. officials even spoke of reducing strength in

100,000 by the end of 2006 ,
and Iraq's national security and Iraq's national security
adviser confidently assured reporters of a "sizable gross reduction" in American forces here. Those hopes were dashed
after Feb. 22 when Surni After Feb. 22 when Sunni Arab extremists blew up a
sacred Shiite shrine in Samarra, a Sunni city north of Baghdad. That brazen attack outraged the country's long-suffering Shiite majoricide attacks, car bombings and assassinations by Sunni religious extremists, including al-Qaida in Iraq. The Samarra blast triggered a wave of sectarian
reprisal killings that has led many scholars and political analysts to conclude that the country is now in a lowintensity civil war - with the 140,000 U.S. troops
caught in the middle. caught in the middle. he wake of Samarra
who had cautioned patience efforts to promote trust elections. during years of vicious sec- among Sunni Arab, Shiite tarian attacks, could no and Kurdish politicians at a
longer curb the tide of Shiite critical longer curb the tide of Shiite
retribution. critical moment. Iraq's leaders were just beginning the

With the Iraqi army and police riddled with Shiite militiamen, many Sunnis saw the security operation as a cover to crack down on their community. Many Sunnis who had stayed out of the insurgency took up arms to protect their neighborhoods. Many Shiites did the same.
The crackdown faltered, forcing the U.S. command to send thousands of American soldiers into the streets, some from flashpoints in the insurgent-ridden Anbar province.
U.S. Ambassador Zalmay Khaliizad, who had worked tirelessly to promote a politedly that a unity said repeatof Shiites, Sunnis and Kuent of Shiites, Sunnis and Kurds
offered the best chance for offered the best chance for
Iraq to build a stable democ Iraq to build a stable democ-
racy on the wreckage of Saddam Hussein's dictator-
ship.
Although negotiations continued and a government took office three months
later, sectarian bitterness later, sectarian bitternes
runs so deep that al-Maliki has been unable to forge an effective administration and see through a program of national reconciliation. Instead, political momentum belonged to the sectari-
an extremists. The United an extremists. The United
Nations estimated that by last summer, an average of 100 people were dying each day. Scores of bodies appear


The bombing and the fren- process of forming a governzied vendetta that followed ment of national unity after
and sidestreets of the capital,
and sidestreets of the capital,
often with horrific signs of often with horrific signs of
torture. Iraqis fear the extremist goal is to divide Baghdad, a religiously and ethnically mixed city, into a mostly river and a largely Sunni area to the west.
Al-Maliki promised to restore order and as one of his first acts, he announced a major crackdown to rid the capital of the killers. He Qaida and other Sunni religious extremists.
That angered Sunni leadThat angered Sunni leaders, who complained that the real threat was posed by
Shiite militias, including the Shiite militias, including the
Mahdi Army of radical antiAmerican cleric Muqtada alSadr, a close al-Maliki ally. With the Iraqi army and police riddled with Shiite militiamen, many Sunnis saw the security operation as
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Business students design software
CANYON - Students of
computer science (CS) and computer information systems (CIS) at West Texas
A\&M University must purA\&M University must pursue a mutual capstone course
in which they are challenged to solve a real problem in software engineering.
The Meat Lab at West
Texas A\&M University had Texas A\&M University had
such a problem - no elecsuch a problem - no elec-
tropuic means of tracking its meat products to comply Animal Identification Animal (NAIS).
System,
"We've been using a man"We've been using a man-
ual system that is paper intensive, with no inventory tracking system," Dr. Ty
Lawrence, assistant profes Lawrence, assistant profes-
sor of animal science, said. sor of animal science, said.
"Now, thanks to this capstone course and the students
in it, we have awesome new in it, we have awesome new
software providing carcasssoftware providing carcass-
to-cut information. It's a def-to-cut information. It's a def-
inite boon to the Meat Lab inite boon to the Meat Lab
and the Department of Agricultural Sciences. "And equally important is its benefit to students in the

## Over 80 Channels

\$1999 Choose to add local channels in any package, just $\$ 500$ college of Business," he said. "I asked them if they learned anything, if it was
hard and if it was a real-life hard and if it was a real-life
problem, and they answered 'yes' to each of the questions."
Students first priced software capable of solving the Meat Lab's problem of tracking cuts of meat after har-
vest. They found something vest. They found something
for about $\$ 20,000$, but their budget was only half that amount.
"It became apparent right off that they were going to have to develop the software themselves," Jeremy Pauli, instructor of CIS and teacher The group worked for approximately the last three months on the project, analyzing the problem, then designing and building the software. The end result is a system capable of not only
tracking all the cuts that come from an animal, it also provides for a retail Point of Sale (PoS) capability.
The system is divided into two parts that share one database. The first part is the Inventory Management
System (IMS) that allows System (ab staff to input animal, carcass and cut information as the normal processing occurs. The second part of the system, the Point of Sale, provides traditional retail functionality - entering orders, accepting payment
and viewing reports of sales and inventory levels.
"The combination of the IMS and PoS provide the Meat Lab with a solution that puts them several years ahead of USDA requirements," Pauli said. "This will
serve as a learning opportuserve as a learning opportu-
nity for agricultural students as well as CIS and CS students."

## Lifestyle



## Army basics

Army Pvt. Robert L. Brown, son of Christie Redding of Pampa, recently graduated from basi military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio. During the six weeks of training, the air man studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations. In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn
credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force. Brown is a 2006 graduate of Pampa High School.

Air Force Staff Sgt. Jimmy L. Reed Jr. is a maintenance crew chief who recently returned to Dyess Air Force Base in Abilene after a deployment in Southwest Asia. He is the son of Jimmy and Dinah Reed of Pampa

## Maintenance crew chief battles tough conditions

By RICH LAMANCE $\quad$ port Operation Iraqi Freedom. $\quad \begin{aligned} & \text { Air Force Base in Abilene after }\end{aligned}$ Army \& Air Force Hometown But for Air Force Staff Sgt. Jimmy L. deployment where he was responsible News Service eed Jr., son of Jimmy L. and Dina Reed of Pampa, there were the added conventional weapons for the B-1. ABILENE - Sixty-mile-an-hour threats of roadside bombs, ambushes "I led and managed a 12 -man crew sandstorms, 130 -degree heat and and a host of infectious diseases that responsible for building various 500 lb | $\begin{array}{l}\text { months without a glimpse of family and } \\ \text { friends was just the beginning of some }\end{array}$ motentoyment to Southwest Asia a $\begin{array}{l}\text { and } 2,000 \mathrm{lb} \text {. bombs for the B-1, } \\ \text { explained Reed, a } 1996 \text { graduate }\end{array}$ |
| :--- | $\begin{aligned} & \text { of the things the son of a Pampa couple } \\ & \text { endured during a recent mission to sup- } \\ & \text { who recently returned home to Dyess }\end{aligned} \quad$ See REED, Page 3-B




## Menus

Week of December 18-22

| Pampa Schools | en strips |
| :---: | :---: |
| Mranday | meatballs/noodles, potato wedges, turn |
| Breakfast: Sausage, French toast sticks. | greens, corn, blackeyed peas, Boston cream pie or cherry cheesecake, slaw, |
| Lunch: Egg rolls or steak fingers, carts, broccoli/cheese, fruit. <br> TUESDAY | tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread. <br> WEDNESDAY |
| kfast: Biscuits, gravy | f brisket/brown gravy or |
| Lunch: Chicken strips or pizza, ashed potatoes, English peas, peaches, olls. | cook's choice, mashed potatoes, English peas, baby carrots, beans, strawberry cake or tapioca cups, slaw, tossed or jello |
| WEDNESDAY <br> kfast: Cereal, toast. | salad, hot rolls or cornbread. <br> THURSDAY |
| Lunch: Corndogs or burgers, fries, rn, applesauce. <br> THURSDAY-FRIDAY | Baked turkey, dressing, giblet gravy, mashed potatoes, Italian green beans, yams, pumpkin spice cake, cherry cob- |
| Holiday. | spice cake, cherry cob- |
| Kid's Cafe-Wils MONDAY | lo or tossed salad, rolls, deviled eggs, uffed celery, cranberry sauce, cheese |
| Spaghetti, meatballs, corn, garlic bread, dessert. | ewers, olives, pickles. <br> FRIDAY |
| WEDNESDAY | Clos |
| rbecued chicken wings, green , fries, dessert. | Meals On Whe MONDAY |
| Kid's Cafe-Lamar | e chicken, baked beans, |
|  |  |
| dogs, pork beans, chips, dessert THURSDAY | TUESDAY ressing, sweet potatoes, |
| Closed. | , fruit salad |
| Senior Citizens MONDAY | WEDNESDAY <br> casserole, cabbage, blackeyed |
| ak | ass |
| nbread, mashed potatoe | THU |
|  | tomatoes, cornbread, pud- |
| na nut cake | AY |
| rnbread. | meat sauce, green beans, |
| TUESDAY | ead sticks, salad, cookies. |

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event. The evening begins with The evening begins with a
Viennese-style concert fea-

turing tenor Eric Barry and See GALA, Page 4-B

## Reed

Continued from Page 1-B Pampa High School. "W orked in conditions of up with sand storms that completely blocked visibility at
times."
The men and women at Dyess make up the 7th omb Wing, a B-1B Lancer bomber unit. Airmen at
Dyess were deployed at numerous locations through out the region, ranging from an island in the Indian Ocean to outlying forward operating bases north of Baghdad. Air Force participation in the war on terror now simply dropping bombs on a target. Close air support for soldiers on the ground, convoy duty, detainee operations, explosive ordnance disposal, medical care, even security forces operations are now routine duties for
Air Force men and women. "Keeping our ground troops alive was our number one priority. It was very important for us to build every bomb without error, asked for close-air ground support from our bombers, we had to be there for them. The thing that kept me going throughout my deployment was knowing that these bombs helped keep a little Mom alive."
om alive.
days didn't leave much time to dwell on what they missed back home, the Dyess airmen felt a void that put
added stress on an already $\begin{aligned} & \text { mind because of the fact that } \\ & \text { stressful time in their lives. she was filling my shoes }\end{aligned}$ stressful time in their lives. she was filling my shoes
"The thing I missed most while I was gone. The first while I was deployed was while I was gone. The first my family," said Reed. "My was to hug and kiss my famchildren Bradyn and Mycala ily. I then went out and were constantly on my mind washed my vehicles to help and my wife was on my me relax."

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## Book chronicles historic courthouses within the Lone Star State

$\begin{array}{cc}\text { WHARTON, Texas (AP) } \\ \text { When Wharton County Judge W.J. } & \begin{array}{c}\text { Texas courthouses. } \\ \text { The Wharton County Courthouse }\end{array}\end{array}$ When Wharton County Judge W.J. The Wharton County Courthouse
Croom and his commissioners is among 100 profiled in "Historic announced plans to build a new Texas Courthouses," a 276-page courthouse, rancher Able coffee table book written by attorney "Shanghai" Pierce raised such a and former Houston Congressman ruckus the governor called in the Michael Andrews and illustrated by $\begin{array}{ll}\text { Texas Rangers to keep the peace. } & \text { architectural photographers Paul } \\ \text { When Pierce got an injunction to } & \text { Hester and Lisa Hardaway. }\end{array}$ save the old wooden courthouse, the "I've always loved Texas history judge and commissioners cut a hole and have been fascinated by these in the roof in an effort to flee and great old buildings," said Andrews, avoid being served, but the judge got 62, whose congressional career stuck in the hole.
Everything ended peacefully in "Traveling around the state, the 1888 squabble. The judge was would see these buildings and unstuck. A settlement was reached. always be curious about how did unstuck. A settlement was reached. always be curious about how did
A new courthouse was built the fol- that get there and what happened," Almost he said. "The more I looked into it, I Almost 120 years later, the found very little has been written restoration of that courthouse is about these individual counties, the
nearing completion. It should be architects who designed the buld nearing completion. It should be architects who designed the buildrededicated early in 200, the latest ings and about the buildings them-
meant in early Texas."
What became apparent
Andrews was that for Texans Andrews was that for Texans up until about World War II, the county government had a much larger impact on a family's life. The courthouse for a society far less transitory became the repository for someone's
life, from birth certificate, marriage life, from birth certificate, marriage
license, other legal documents and finally to death certificate
"It was more than a structure," Andrews said. "But as a structure, the courthouse became the predominant symbol of a county's life, of its culture, of its pride."
As a result, Texas and its 254
counties counties wound up w
nificent architecture.
Englarchitecture. England-born architect Alfred
Giles, whose style Giles, whose style is marked by symmetry and art, is credited as the designer of the famous landmark
courthouse in Presidio County
where cattle outnumbered residents of majestic courthouses they can Marfa was selected in 1885 when build," said Andrews, who describes Marfa was selected county seat. The as "one of the state's most prized," dominated the landscape. "There was no town, just the
courthouse," Andrews said. "The courthouse,". Andrews said. "Th
people there spent their resources to people there spent their resources to
build this majestic courthouse in the middle of nowhere. It was the way people would find their way acros the desert - the sight of this courthouse." In 1910, a celebration was held a the courthouse to mark the arrival of electricity. Laredo and Falfurrias. "Especially toward end of the 19th century, when wealth started coming to different counties in
Texas, county leaders would Texas, county leaders would com-
pete with each other to see what kind
houses.
houses. "At no other time in Texas history has public architecture so clearly defined an era," Andrews writes. "Many of the elegant and monumental buildings that remain still domi-
nate and symbolize their communinate and symbolize their communi-
ties today, just as they did when their doors first opened."
There's plenty of history associat ed with the courthouses. In 1922, Nathan Lee became the ast convicted killer in the state to be legally hanged, in front of the
Brazoria County Courthouse, for killing a local farmer. In 1948, a young Texas congressman named Lyndon Johnson began his success-
ful U. S. Senate campaign in front of the Shelby County Courthouse the Shelby County Courthouse.


## Barwreats

## Gala

Continued from Page 3-B violinist Keith Redpath performing with the Symphony, under the direction of Music Director \& Conductor James Setapen. Redpath, the Symphony's principal Violin 2 and a
member of the Harrington String member of the Harrington String
Quartet, will perform Mozart's Violin Concerto No. 4, while Barry will join the orchestra for such arrias as "La donna è mobile" from Rigoletto and others. The Symphony also will perform selec-
tions by Strauss, Tchaikovsky and tions by Strauss, Tchaikovsky and
more. Festivities will then spill out into the rest of the Globe-News Center for the Performing Arts in the
biggest public party the center has biggest public party the center has
seen since its unveiling almost one seen since its unveiling almost one
year ago.
"It"l be year ago.
"It'll be a fantastic concert, and
and nobody throws a party like the
Amarillo Symphony Guild," said Amarillo $\begin{aligned} & \text { Symphony Guild," said } \\ & \text { Nathan } \\ & \text { Newbrough, }\end{aligned}$ the Symphony's executive director. " can't imagine a better way to pam-
per yourself after a hectic holiday per yourself after a hectic holiday between the Amarillo Symphony per yourself after a hectic holiday between the Amarillo Symphony
season."
and the Amarillo Symphony Guild

Five food stations will offer an Working together, we have planned
array of international foods from an absolutely dazzling and lavish array of international foods from an absolutely dazzling and lavish
Paris, New Orleans, Rome, New evening of entertainment," Durrett Paris, New Orleans, Rome, New evening of entertainment," Durrett
York and Mexico City, all catered by said. "Where else in Amarillo will York and Mexico City, all catered by said. "here else in Amarilio wind
The Ambassador Hotel and served you be able to learn the tango and in spectacularly appointed sample crawfish etoufee from New $\begin{array}{ll}\text { in } \frac{\text { spectacularly }}{} \text { appointed } & \text { sample crawfish etoufee from New } \\ \text { citysoapes designed by Wilson and } & \text { Orleans? It's a grand vision for a }\end{array}$ Tonya Freeman of Freeman's Fresh splendid evening, and I want everyFlower Market. The Gilliland Education Center will be trans-
formed into a smoldering Havana formed into a smoldering Havana led by Amarillo choreographer Shawn Walsh. The popular Amarillo jazz band The Martinis will perform on a dance floor in the lobby. The night will culminate in a champagne toast at midnight, as well as the presentation of a host of door prizes, including a 9 -liter bottle
of champagne - the equivalent of a full case of champagne all in one bottle.
Uncorked is Uncorked is a joint venture of the
Amarillo Symphony and Amarillo Symphony and the Amarillo Symphony Guild, led by So-chairs Kathy Durrett and Kathy
"The premier New Year's Eve event Uncorked is another highlight
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throughout the Texas Panhandle each year. For more information please contact Nathan Newbrough


## 2007 Nitro is Dodge's small version of a sport utility vehicle; name says it all

By ANN M. JOB
No one will mistake Dodge's new sport
utility vehicle for a soft, crossover version. The Nitro is boldly styled, with an exag gerated front bumper, an aggressive grille, black door handles, and sizable fender flares. It's determinedly macho.
Dodge, the manufacturer
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And it doesn't skimp on safety features And it doesn't skimp on safety features.
The standard, five-passenger Nitro comes The standard, five-passenger Nitro comes
with air bags and stability control, which helped it earn a five-out-of-five-stars rating in federal safety tests.
The vehicle also can come equipped with a 20-gigabyte hard drive in the dashboard more computer power than many people
have at home - for music, videos and on-

Its price
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Automatics start at $\$ 22,220$
Listed under Dodge's larger, Durango SUV, the Nitro is meant to compete with Nissan Xterra, which starts at $\$ 20,665$ for a base model with 261-horsepower; and the 2007 Hummer H3, starting at $\$ 29,995$ with 42 -horsepower, five-cylinder engine and standard four-wheel-drive There are three Nitro versions: SXT, SLT

## Club news

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Red Hat Dollies
The Red Hat Dollies met
Dec. 5 at Pampa Senior
Citizens Center with Shirley
Nicholson presiding.
Rita Geiger gave an
accounting of members who
were ill, and members sang
songs.
Door prizes, provided by
Marie Smith, were won by
Emily Schneider, Sidney
Jackson, Geneva Barton and
Joyce Gray. Marian Jenkins
won a centerpiece donated
by Kay Harris.
The next meeting will be
at 11 a.m. Jan. 18 at Pampa
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BOISE, Idaho (AP) More than 1,000 mallard ducks have died in a bizarre Idaho creek bed, puzzling wildlife agencies.
The Idaho Department of Fish and Game and the U.S. Department of Homeland
Security were testing tissue samples Wednesday, hoping to rule out an avian flu outbreak.
The The ducks mysteriously began dying last week
around Land Springs Creek, near the remote town of Oakley, about 180 miles southeast of Boise.
Some migratory mallards from Canada and their local cousins were still perishing
at the creek Wednesday staggering and struggling to breathe before collapsing said Dave Parrish, regional supervisor for Fish and Game.
"I've never seen anything like this in 20 years here," he
said. "There were dead malsaid. "There were dead mal-
lards everywhere - in the water and on the banks. It was odd, they were in a very small area."
The massive outbreak is vexing scientists because
dying. Golden eagles, geese, magpies, crows and other
birds in the area all remain healthy.
Tissue from the ducks' intestinal tract and water samples from the creek were
sent to the Fish and Wildlife sent to the Fish and Wildlife
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in Wisconsin, the University of Idaho and Washington State University. The agencies expect to review test results Thursday to deter-
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erinarian with the stat erinarian with the state
Department of Agriculture, said the ducks likely were exposed to a single contami-
nation source and gathered nation source and gathered at the creek, their mutual
roosting point, to die. He did not suspect the mallards were passing a contagious
The ducks may have contracted a bacterial or fungal infection by eating grain treated with pesticides by
local cattle farmers, Drew local cattle farmers, Drew
said. Farming chemicals may also have spilled into the small spring-fed creek, which measures just 3 - to 6 inches deep.
In addition to Idaho Fish and Game and Homeland

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Security officers, representa-
tives from the U.S Department of Agriculture, the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality and
the local health district was the local health district were investigating the deaths. The agencies posted signs
warning hunters not to eat warning hunters not to eat
any birds killed near the creek. "I'd say there's no reason for alarm in the sense that literally the sky is falling and there's disease spreading,"
Drew said. "It's unusual in Drew said. "It's unusual in
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sense that it's only mallards but it's nothing that would

> LAS VEGAS (AP) Federal lawmakers have approved a plan by southern Nevada water officials to build a reservoir to capture
Colorado River water that otherwise flows into the Gulf of California.
> Language authorizing the reservoir was contained in a tax bill passed in the waning hours of the 109th Congress.
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MEETINGS \＆PSAS

CLUBS，ASSOCIATIONS，ETC County Extension Education meets．at 1.30 Gray County Courthouse Annex． Gray Co．Genealogical Society．Gray p．m．The fourth Monday of each month in p．m．He
the Gray County Sherifis＇Department
classoom．Enter throught the north dor of classroom．（Enter through the north door of
the jail building．）For membership inquiries， contact Harley Madison at 669－6294．
Las Pampas Water Garden and Ko Koi Society meets at 7 pm ．the second Monday of each month at First Landmark mation，contact Sharron Andrew at 665
6138 or Loyd Waters $665-6466$ ． 6138 or Loyd Waters 665－6466．
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 The
Coffee Shoo， 220 N ．Cuvier．Working busi－ ness women are invited to attend．For more ness wation，call Wynona Seely at 669
infor or Estelle Malone at $669-9614$ ． Paxpa ciizens on Patrol Assn．Pampe
Citizens on Patrol Asociation meets af 8
p．m．the second Saturday of each month at

824 S．Cuyler Pampa Duplicate Bridge Club play Monday at 1 p．m．and Thursdays at 10 a．m．
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more information，please call Carol more information， ，please call Caro
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May．Meeting location changes monthly
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meets at 12 noon every Wednesday at Pampa Country Club． Pampa Takedown Club．Pampa years of age．Practices is at 900 N ．Frost．
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Woodcarving Club meets at 7 p．m．，the
second and fourth Thursday of each month at First Christian Church， 1633 N ．Nelson． Meetings are open to any individuals inter－ ested in woodcaning from beginners to all
experience．Projects and instructors are experience．Projects and instructors are
available．For more information，call 669 － 3008．Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild． at $6: 30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$ ．the fourth Thursday of each month at Pampa Senior Citizens Center． covered dish mampa Shrine Club holds a covered dish meeting at 7 p．m．every third
Friday of each month at the Sportsman＇s Club on South Bames．
Top O＇Texas Rodeo Ass＇n．Top O＇Texas Rodeo Association meets at $7: 30$ p．m．the first Monday of every month in the Nona S．
Payne Room of Pampa Community Building．
MEDICAL，SUPPORT GROUPS，ETC Al－Anon．Al－Anon meets at 12 p．m． Mondays at Bible Church of Pampa， 300
W．Browning．For more information，call
Alzheimer＇s Support Group．The Alzheimer＇s Support Group meets the sec
ond Thursday of each month from 12－1
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provided．Programs provide information provided．Programs provide information more information，call $665-0356$ or 665 American Heart Ass＇n．American Hear American Heart Ass＇American Heart
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Amarillo，TX， 79105 ．

## Dear Abby...

## By Pauline \& Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My friend "Suzy's" hus- who was never a slim child, has gained band recently got a pet monkey named about 100 pounds over the past year. He "Jocko." He and the monkey play games logether. The problem is he has now begun ignoring Suzy in favor of the monkey. When Suzy wants to have sex and asks him to come to bed, her husband refuses and tells her, "Id rather spend time with Jocko." That's only the beginning. She told me she and her husband no longer share the same bed. He says, "Jocko needs company," and he sleeps with it on the couch. He also has a special chair for Jocko at the table, etc. I feel very bad for Suzy, but she doesn't want to break up with him. She thinks it's a passing fad. What should I do? BILL IN BRONX, N. $\mathbf{Y}$

DEAR BILL: This couple has deeper problems than a simian in the household. I speak from personal experience when I say that monkeys do not make good house pets. (My mother had two cinnamon ringtail monkeys for about six months when I was a child. Among other things, they cannot be housebroken.) When a husband would rather monkey around with his monkey than monkey around with his wife, you know the marriage is in serious trouble. My advice to you is to take a giant step backward, but before you do, recommend marriage counselor She and her husband a marriage counselor. She and her husband
need more help than I can offer in a letter. EAR ABBY: I am very worried about a 3 -year-old boy I know. Ill call him Jimmy. Although we are not blood-related, have been friends with his mother, Monica," since before he was born. There no male parent in the picture, and there depressed, possibly bipolar, and not entire ty capable of taking care of her son. Jimmy now weighs nearly 300 . Monica and Jimmy eat almost every meal at fast-food restaurants, despite her chronic unemployment and a debt load that recently forced hem out of their house. Jimmy isn't seldennary -- he is virtually immobile. Healthful snacks are rare in their apartment, and he rinks soda almost to the exclusion of water. When Jimmy stays with me, we rink water, eat fruits and vegetables, and go outside every day and walk. These activities are nonexistent at Monica's. How an I help this family get healthy before Jimmy's health is further compromised? -FEARFUL FRIEND IN IDAHO

EAR FEARFUL: You are right to be concerned about that child's welfare. meal needs to be seen and evaluated by a eath-care professional because 100 pounds is an enormous amount of weight anyone -- child or adult -- to put on in ne year, and the problem could stem from something other than excess calories. Your friend Monica could be battling chronic depression, or she could -- like many other parents in the United States today -- be is about what healthful meals conlist of and how to prepare them. Please encourage her to check into adult educeton courses in nutrition through her local high school, community college or hor tal. As it stands, Jimmy's lifestyle could put him at risk for serious illness, including heart disease and diabetes. If she is unwelling or unable to help her son, then please tact Child Protective Services and let hem know the boy needs help in the form of an intervention.

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For Better Or For Worse


Garfield


## Beetle Bailey



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"I kept my napkin nice and clean."

## Flo \& Friends



Drought keeps Texas cotton crop down

By BETSY BLANEY Associated Press Writer LUBBOCK, Texas (AP - West Tuxas cotton proall 4,000 of his dryland acres to drought, and the lack of rain made his irrigated crop just average. "I'm considerably down from last year," he
"Just lack of rainfal," Just lack of rainfall.
Growers across Tex nation's leading producer of the fluffy fiber, suffered from the drought. Despite the dry conditions, Texas is on track to harvest 5.7 mil largest crop ever, 32 percent below 2005 .
The estimates for this year's crop were released Monday by the U.S Department of Agricultur and were virtually
unchanged from last month. They follow back-to-back record years for Texas producers. Last year, the state produced 8.5 million bales bout 700,000 bales mor than 2004. called for 21.3 million bales to be harvested, down 11 percent from last year.
Cotton is grown across the Cotton is grown across the nations Southern tier from California.

Fund-raiser for the children


Community Daycare Center recently had a fund-raiser so all of the children an receive a gift from Santa at the annual Christmas party. Pictured left, winning second place with $\$ 420$ earned, is Keisha Patrick holding McKinley Hendrick. Winning first place with $\$ 520$ earned is center (from top down) Mary O'Harrison and Tabitha Bruce holding Juliana. Colleen Stidham, right, with Mikaela and Elijah won third place after earning $\$ 300$.

A caroling we will go


Fourth-grade students from Austin Elementary School sang Christmas carols on the steps of Gray County Courthouse Friday morning. Songs included "O Holy Night," "The 12 Days Of Christmas," "Do You Hear What I Hear?" and "We Wish You A Merry Christmas."

Texas Forest Service warns about firewood with oak wilt

AUSTIN - Texas Forest Service is encouraging Texans to be careful when col-
lecting and purchasing firewood at this time of year. Transporting and storing diseased wood is a known means of spreading the devastating oak wilt fungus to previously
uninfected neighborhoods. Utilizing these prevention steps is the key to safeguarding against spreading the disease through the selection and use of firewood:
-Select well-seasoned firewood. Well-seasoned wood is cut before the summer and is typically dry with loose bark and cracked
ends. Avoid oak wood that appears unseasoned, that may have tight bark and cut ends which show no cracks or signs of aging. The extreme heat and drying of a full Texas summer effectively destroys the fungus in cut
firewood. - Safely store unknown sources of firewood. If the oak wood comes from an
unknown source and it is not well seasoned unknown source and it is not well seasoned,
cover the woodpile with a clear piece of plastic. Burying the edges of the plastic will prevent the entry or exit of insects that might have been attracted to diseased wood and fungal mats.

- Destroy
- Destroy diseased red oaks. A knowledgeable arborist or forester should diagnose
red oaks (i.e., Spanish, Texas red, blackjack or shumard oak) that die rapidly ( $2-3$ weeks) or in groups ( 2 or more trees over several years) for oak wilt. Trees suspected to have died recently from oak wilt should be
destroyed by burning, burying or chipping destroyed by burning, burying or chipping.

The heat of a fire destroys the fungus and the smoke emitted poses no threat to healthy trees. Red oaks that have died from oak wilt
should not be stored or used for firewood When planning to do any outdoor burning be sure you check with local officials to see
if an outdoor burning ban is in place for your county and take care not to burn on windy days with low humidity. - Avoid wounding oaks during vulnerable avoid injuries to oaks from February throug June. The best times for pruning of oaks are
during the heat of summer (minimal production) or the cold of winter (minima insect activity) - Paint all oak wounds including prunin
cuts. Throughout the year, immediately apply a thin coat of latex or pruning paint to all fresh wounds and other injuries that expose the inner bark or sapwood of oaks This prevents contaminated sap beetles fro
infecting the wound with oak wilt spores. Oak firewood is an important commodity to Texans, whether it's used for firing up the barbecue pit or for warming up the home on a cold winter's day. By selecting well-sea soned, disease-free firewood and by follow-
ing other disease prevention guidelines, ing other disease prevention guidelines,
homeowners are taking the correct steps to prevent a new oak wilt disease outbreak in their neighborhood. Visit www.texasoak wilt.org or call Jim Houser, TFS Coordinato for Oak Wilt at 512-339-4589 for more infor mation.

## Medical spas move into malls to reach more customers

DALLAS (AP) - Amy Andrade Association. Malls and other retail Center, is one of two had been thinking about Botox for a while. So when she spotted a spa-
like "cosmedical" clinic in the une cosmedical" clinic in the upscale Dallas mall she visits about once a month
ly interested.
When she learned the clinic was
linteren connected with one of Texas' leading medical institutions, she was sold. She had Botox injected into her She had Botox injected into her
32 -year-old forehead and near her 32 -year-old forehead and near her
eyes to smooth out infinitesimal eyes to smooth out infinitesimal
wrinkles.
"Il "It was great. I felt like I was
getting a facial," said the furniture showroom manager.
She was hoping to look younger and knew about Botox because several of her friends have had the
injections. injections.
Medical spas like the one at Dallas' NorthPark Center are booming. The number in the
United States has jumped from 50 United States has jumped from 50
in 2002, when Botox injections in 2002, when Botox injections won federal approval, to about
2.500 this year, according to the 2,500 this year, according to the
International Medical
sites are the hot spot locations a companies and medical institution move closer to their customers.
Such spas offer minimally Such spas offer minimally inva
sive sive cosmetic procedures lik
injections of Botox, which relaxe injections of muscles to make lines fade and fillers like Restylane, which add volume.
Not all medical spas have ties with a major medical institution like the Klinger Advance
Aesthetics Cosmedical Center and Salon at NorthPark, which has teamed up with the University o Texas Southwestern Medical Center.
Some "cosmedical" clinics don't even require their practitioners to gists.
Those who specialize in the field say involvement by a plastic surgeon or dermatologist ensures consumer safety.
Dr. Rod Rohrich, professor and chairman of the department of
plastic surgery at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical

Center, is one of two plastic surgeons who help oversee cosmetics tion. "When you peel back, "When you peel back 'Botox in the mall,' you have a top-notch medical facility in a mall setting," he said. "What you're doing is
you're getting the best of the best in a place where people shop and you're doing it safely." The doctors are generally there just half a day a week - sometimes more. But they say they are always available for the nurse prac-
titioner, who does most procedures Benjamin Akande, dean of Webster University School of Business and Technology in St. Louis, said that it's a bu
sion that makes sense.
"The makes sense.
The partnership with these ind of credibility that cannot be questioned," Akande said. "They're saying this is as good or better as you coming to your local lastic surgeon."
o consumers also makes sense
because "cosmetic surgery in the Akande said. "It's a daily fact of life." The Klinger spa in Dallas is located across from the Barneys
New York store and near Neiman New York store and near Neiman
Marcus. It offers haircuts, massages and nail services along with its cosmedical procedures. Botox there starts at $\$ 400$ for one area of the face, Restylane at $\$ 650$.

Andrade, the 32 -year-old who got the Botox treatment, said that she $d$ made a few phone calls to
research the procedure before being drawn in by the sleekly designed spa, which is connected to the Sephora cosmetics store next door.
Almost two weeks after her njections, she said she's been described as a natural look. "I still have expression," she said, while getting rid of some creases between her eyes. "Nobody really Aware that the three to five months, she said she'll
decide then whether to do it again "She has gotten some compliments. your skin looks so beautiful."' He typical reply is that she's been using a new skin product. like it, counts." Botox is the No. 1 minimally invasive cosmetic procedure, with 3.8 million treatments done las year, according to the America
Society of Plastic Surgeons The International Medical Sp Association estimates that by the end of the year revenue from medical spas will exceed $\$ 1$ billion, said Hannelore Leavy, founder and
executive director of the group. The Dallas location is an example of a concept Klinger plans to market to other medical spas and doctor's offices, said Klinger chair man and chief executive officer Richard Rakowski. For a licensing fee, the Norwalk, Conn.-base company plans to put the Klinger
name on other spas that adhere to its standards.

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