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# Residents urged to boil water due to break in line

By KERRI SMITH Staff Writer

City of Pampa officials have asked residents to boil water prior to drinking or cooking due to conditions that occurred recently in the water system.

Several water line breaks Tuesday, including a main water line break near the intersection of Highways 60 and 70, caused low water pressure in some areas of town.

City officials said the cause of the breaks is not conclusive, but the weather conditions, going from hot to cold, was most likely the rea-

Customers should continue boiling water at least today for drinking, cooking and making ice. The water should be brought to a rolling boil and then boiled for two minutes. Bottled water can be purchased in lieu of boiling.

Water samples were sent

to a lab Tuesday night, as per state requirements if water pressure is down for more than one hour, to check for bacteria. The results of testing should be returned late today. If there is a need to continue boiling past this evening, city officials will make notifications through the local media and cable system.

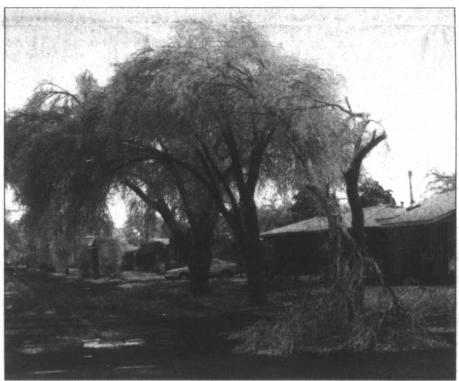
The Beech Park area of town lost all water for a while due to the workers having to close off valves, but the water was restored late Tuesday night. Donny Hooper, public information officer and assistant director of public works, said that all repairs done last night, except the main break at Highways 60 and 70, were permanent repairs. The main break will be permanently fixed once the weather is

"We would like to thank See WATER, Page 3



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

City workers battled to repair a broken water main Tuesday at the corner of Love and Brown streets. The break occurred at about 6 a.m. Tuesday and was thought to be due to the cold weather which invaded the area Monday.





Pampa News photos by KERRI SMITH

Heavy ice on tree limbs caused breakages all over town. City crews were out cleaning up those on busy streets. A tree on 18th Street, left, lost a big limb and a car was covered by broken limbs on West Street.

# Police seek vandals who slashed tires

By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer

Pampa police are investigating a number of criminal mischief reports involving tires which were

slashed or punctured. Seven tires on six vehicles in various parts of the city were damaged between 7 a.m. Monday and 7 a.m. Tuesday, according to police reports. Total estimated cost of the damage is about \$1,500, said Pampa Police Department

Assistant Chief Dennis Burton. "Most of the vehicles were parked on the street or in a driveway," Burton

Two tires were slashed at an address in the 600 block of Red Deer. One tire each was damaged in the 200 block of South Tignor, the 1900 block of Chestnut, and the 700 block of East 16th, along with two other tires at other locations within city limits.

Between 7 a.m. Tuesday and 7 a.m. today, reports of tire damage included one tire valued at \$250 in the 1000 block of South Sumner, one tire valued at \$60 in the 1800 block of North Banks, and two tires

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# Reappraisal plan approved

By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer

A public hearing on Gray County Appraisal District's reappraisal plan for 2007-2008 drew no comments from residents at the district's board of directors meeting at 8:30 a.m. today in their conference room at 815 N. Sumner.

The plan was approved with minor changes after discussion by board members and Chief Appraiser Pat Bagley.

State Senate Bill 1652 amended the tax code to require a written biennial reappraisal plan. The bill requires a public hearing concerning the proposed plan before it can be adopted. The current plan, for 2007-2008, was passed contingent upon the relevant year being typed with each month outlined in the

The plan is required every two years. Reappraisal of all real and personal property in an appraisal district must be completed every three years, according to the Gray County Appraisal District plan.

"There's nothing in here that changes the

way we do our appraisals," Bagley said. "To my knowledge, there's not anything in here that we don't already do. The only area where we have shortcomings is the area where we collect data on sales of large residential properties, because Texas does not have a disclosure law for that information."

All property in the district is already reappraised every three years, according to the plan. Each year, approximately one-third of the real property in the district is reviewed nd reappraised. All business personal property, industrial personal property, mineral properties, field compressors, and large industrial plant properties are reappraised every year.

An amendment to Section 6.05 of the Tax Code which was included in Senate Bill 1652 requires that appraisal district boards complete hearings, make any amendments, and approve a reappraisal plan by Sept. 15 of each even-numbered year.

A calendar of key events for fiscal years

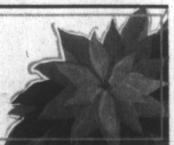
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Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 24. Wind chill values between 17 and 22.

Saturday: A 20 percent chance of snow. Partly cloudy, with a high near 37.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 21. Wind chill values between 10 and 15.

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#### **Obituaries**

### Services tomorrow

REUE, Ella — 2 p.m., First United Methodist Church Chapel, Floydada. SMITH, Howard — Graveside services, 2 p.m., Hillcrest Cemetery, McLean.

#### J.D. Roth, 81

J.D. Roth, 81, of Pampa, died Tuesday, Dec. 19, 2006, in Pampa. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Roth was born on April 24, 1925, in Shamrock and was raised in McLean, graduating from McLean High School. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

He married Myra Jane Merideth on Jan. 10, 1949,

in Panhandle.

He came to Pampa in 1956 where he owned and operated Hardin-Roth Truck Terminal until his retirement in 1996.

Mr. Roth was a member of Central Baptist Church, Pampa Masonic Lodge #966, El



Roth

Lorene Dee Youngblood, 96

Paso Scottish Rite Consistory, Khiva Shrine Temple in Amarillo, and the Moose Pampa Lodge.

Survivors include his wife, Myra Roth, of the home; three sons, Joe Roth and wife Beverly Livingston, Jay Lynn Roth and

wife Heidi of Farmington, N.M., and John Roth of San Jose, Calif.; one sister, Frankie Leasure of Fort Smith, Ark.; and four grandchildren, Kris Roth and Taylor Roth, both of Farmington, N.M., Stephen Lynn Roth of College Station, and Cody Roth of Livingston.

-Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichaelwhatley.com.

Dee Youngblood, 96, died Monday, Dec. 18, 2006, at Heather Nursing and Rehab in Hope. Graveside services were scheduled at 3 p.m. today in Fairview Cemetery in Pampa. Arrangements are

HOPE, Ark. — Lorene by Brazzel/Oakcrest Funeral of Hope Church of Christ, Home of Hope.

Mrs. Youngblood was born Sept. 23, 1910, at Mt. Calm, Texas, to Thomas Dee and Wadie Chancellor Youngblood. She was a homemaker and a member

where she was involved in the Ladies Groups and as a Sunday school teacher.

Mrs. Youngblood was preceded in death by her husband, H.W. Youngblood; a son, Harry Youngblood Jr.; a grandson,

Harry "Skipper" Youngblood, III; and three brothers.

Survivors include daughter, Wanda Ward of Hope; a sister, Emma Lee Allen of Marion, Texas; six grandchildren; and 14 greatgrandchildren.

# **Emergency Services**

Pampa Police Department South Cuyler. reported the following incidents between 7 a.m. Monday and 7 a.m. today.

Monday, Dec. 18 Five traffic stops were

Motorist assistance was rendered on two occasions at unreported locations.

Vehicle accidents were reported at the intersection of Harvester and Duncan streets and the 400 block of

Calls concerning animals were received from the 800 block of West Kingsmill, the 1000 block of East Frederic, the 700 block of East Frederic, the intersection of Harvester and Williston streets, the 400 block of Jupiter, the 1100 block of Juniper, the 1200 block of East Foster, the 1100 block of North Starkweather, and on three occasions from an unreported location.

Found property reported in the 2200 block of North Nelson.

A suspicious person call was received from the 2800 block of Charles.

Suspicious vehicle calls were received from the 1600 block of Highway 60 East and the 700 block of Magnolia.

A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 1100

block of Huff Road.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 600 block of Red Deer. Two tires on a vehicle were slashed.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 200 block of Tignor. The left front tire of a Chevy pickup was punctured with a knife. Estimated cost of damage is \$160.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1900 block of Chestnut. The right front tire

of a Dodge Ram pickup was slashed. Estimated cost of damage is \$200.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 700 block of East 16th. The right rear tire of a vehicle was slashed. Estimated cost of damage is

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1000 block of South Sumner and the police department lobby.

Assault by contact was

reported at Pampa High School, 111 E. Harvester. No injuries were reported in connection with the incident.

Assault was reported in the 2100 block of North Faulkner.

Failure to register as a sex offender was reported in the police department lobby.

A gas drive-off was reported at Allsup's, 309 N. Hobart. Fuel valued at \$21.79 was taken.

Burglary was reported in the 400 block of South

Tuesday, Dec. 19

One traffic stop was made. A vehicle accident was reported in the 100 block of Randy Matson Avenue.

Calls concerning animals were received from the 1400 block of Wilcox and the intersection of 23rd and Charles.

Found property reported in the police department lobby, the 2200 block of Nelson where a Nokia cell phone valued at \$50 was reported found and in the 300 block of Virginia where a Kyocera cell phone valued at \$50 was found.

A civil matter was reported in the 400 block of Texas.

Welfare checks were made in the 1000 block of South Faulkner, the 1500 block of Williston, the 500 block of 19th and the 100 block of West 30th where injury to an elderly person was reported.

911 hang-ups were reported from the 300 block of North Banks and the 600 block of North Faulkner.

Violation of a city ordinance was reported in the 1100 block of East Kingsmill.

Crossing guard duty was See RECORD, Page 12

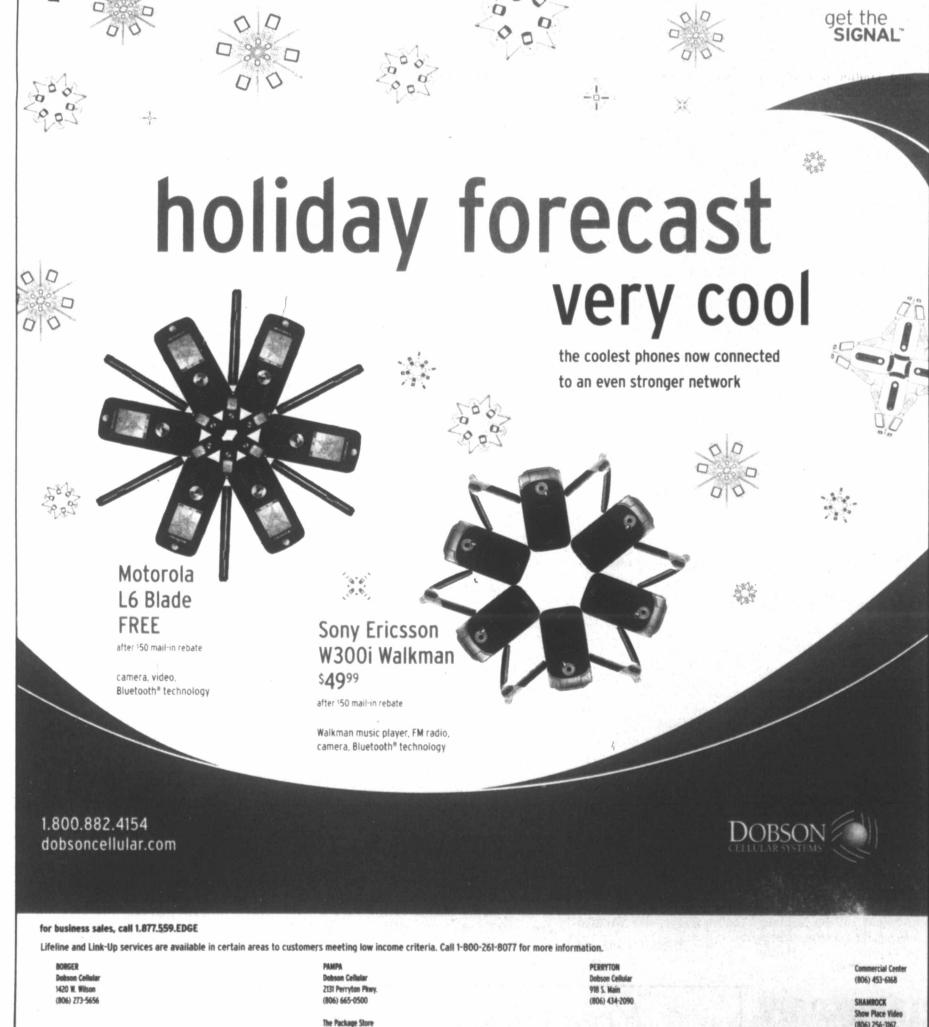
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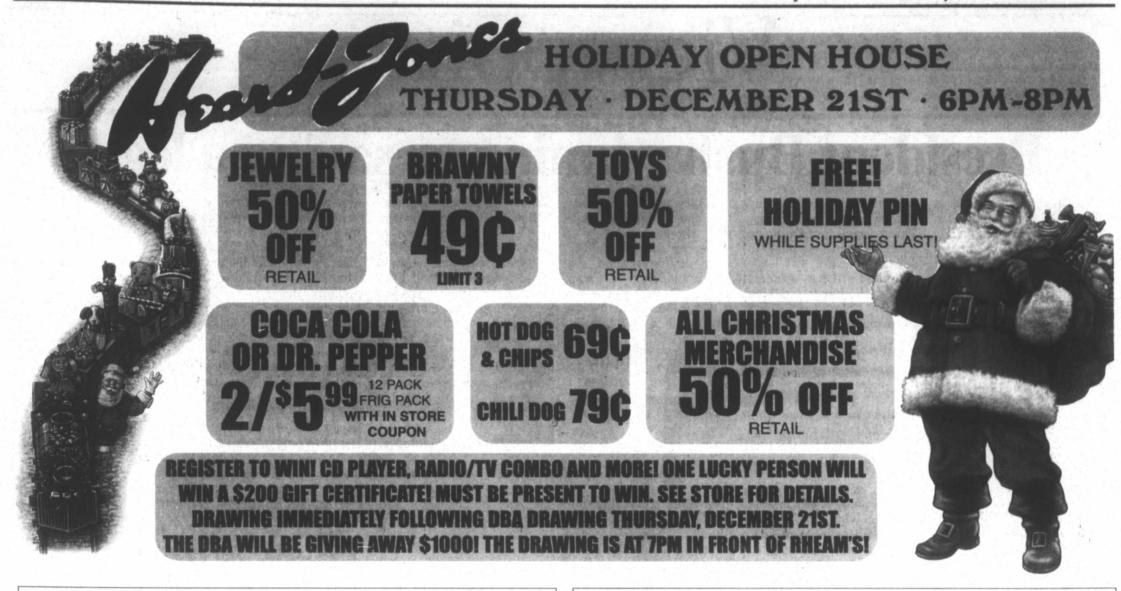
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all of the citizens who were supportive and understanding during this time last night," Hooper said. "The guys working out in these cold, wet conditions really appreciated the people that came by and brought them hot chocolate and coffee. One woman even brought the workers some banana bread and they were very appreciative."

In the 11 years that Hooper has been working with the city, this is the first time that he knows of that the city had to send out water samples due to low water pressure for more than one hour.

Other developments from the weather included the Pampa Senior Citizens Center which closed today because of the water main

Nancy Looper, director, said the center would be open Thursday for their Christmas dinner.

Local conditions were not as bad as weather forecasters said they would be. Roads in town were wet, but not as iced over as predicted.

Pampa Fire Department was kept busy Tuesday night and this morning by responding to eight calls on arcing and downed power lines across the city caused by ice on the lines. Calls began at 4:34 p.m. Tuesday and continued until 2:48 this morning.

Tree limbs were down in various parts of town also, the result of ice and snow buildup.

Both westbound and eastbound lanes Interstate 40 were shut down between Soncy Road in west Amarillo and Tucumcari, N.M., Tuesday night because of icy conditions, but had reopened this morning.

"Even though I-40 is open, we still have some dangerous road conditions in our area and drivers are reminded to slow down and use caution," Trooper Wayne Beighle of the Amarillo DPS office said this morning.

Tonight should be cloudy with a low of 27. Thursday's high should be about 38 with a chance of snow showers.

# **COP CORNER**

HO! HO! HO!. Tis the season to "Shop till you drop." Christmas shopping season is in full swing. I thought this would be a good time to give everyone "The rules for shopping" (so you won't be a victim) for the holiday season. Christmas gifts. When we go shopping, we pay for our purchases at a store. When a certain element of the population goes shopping, they cruise the parking lots of malls and shopping centers for the gifts you left in your car.

They will have no qualms about getting into your car and taking your Christmas for their own, or



Courtney

trading it for dope. The number one rule of smart shopping is: LOCK YOUR CAR. The number two rule is: PUT YOUR PACKAGES IN THE TRUNK.

But, Officer Courtney, I

have an SUV and can't lock them in the trunk. I've thought about this and have decided that you should get some large cardboard boxes to put in the SUV and then put your packages in them. My point is not to advertise to thieves that you have valuables in the car. The last rule is: LADIES, DON'T LEAVE YOUR PURSE ON THE FRONT SEAT OF THE CAR. I hope this helps because I want everyone to have a Merry Christmas.

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

# Board

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2007 and 2008 is included in the local plan. The 2007 calendar begins with August 2006, the first year of a new fiscal year for the appraisal district. That month, damage to rural properties by this year's wildfires reviewed. Properties in and near McLean and Lefors were scheduled to be reviewed and reappraised in September. The balance of 2006 was devoted to new construction, demolitions, building permits, manufactured housing, and business and industrial personal prop-

In January 2007, Walnut Creek Estates, Keller Estates, property on Loop 171 from Highway 70 North running south to Highway 273, and residential properties north of 23rd Avenue to the city limits of Pampa are scheduled to be reviewed and revalued.

The southern half of Pampa is scheduled to be reviewed and revalued in January 2008.

A contract with Morgan Ad Valorem Services of

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with a total value of \$896 in the 2100 block of

"I don't think this is a

random thing," Burton

said. "We have detectives

on top of it, and our school

resource officer will be

**Tires** 

Chestnut.

assigned to it."

year for three years. The company, which conducts mineral valuations for the district, was formerly named Tyler Technologies. The renewal was approved pending review by the appraisal district's attorney concerning certain ambiguities in the contract's wording.

Gary Willoughby, Gray County's representative on the appraisal board, was recognized as having been reappointed to another twoyear term on the board, beginning Jan. 1.

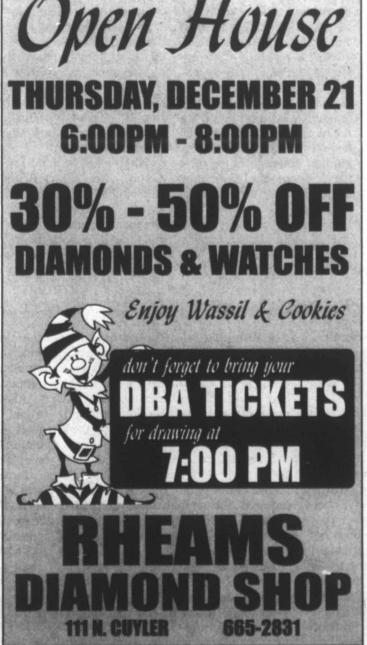
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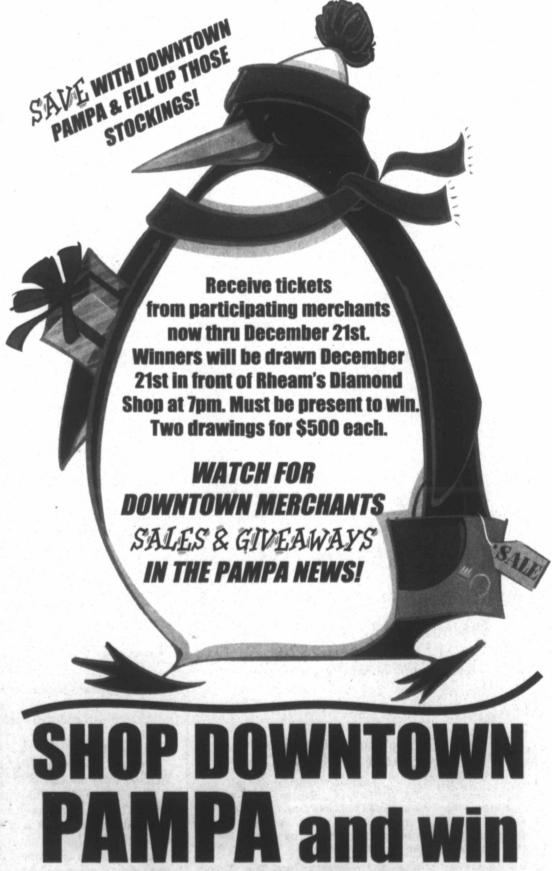
Amarillo was renewed. The was also recognized. contract is for \$45,000 per Morgan was chosen to represent McLean, McLean schools and Lefors schools on the appraisal district board, according to Bagley. Morgan replaces Sam Haynes, who is retiring when his term of office ends on Dec. 31.

"I've been on this board probably longer than anybody ever will be -- 20 years," Haynes said at the end of today's meeting. "I've had a whole lot of pleasant experiences, and I wouldn't trade my time here for anything. Thank you

# Open House

The implement believed to have been used to damage the tires is a knife. Anyone with information concerning the vandalism is asked to call the police department at 669-





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# Viewpoints

# Is President Bush winning or saving a legacy?

If there are any places President Bush hasn't visited or made plans to visit while seeking solutions to the sad state of the war in Iraq, I don't know where they are.

It's almost as if he is on a vast scavenger hunt where the prize will provide the clues needed to help him solve his current dilemma in is to figure out ways to Iraq. Unfortunately, it's becoming more and more obvious as he goes about his search that it's more about saving his legacy than it is about winning a war that simply must be won.

for a way to end the struggle in Iraq, where wholesale slaughter is becoming a daily ordeal for the Iraqi people and combat deaths

uniform, he'd find a ready answer from those military experts who counsel doing whatever must be done to defeat the enemy.

Instead he wanders around Washington talking to the likes of State Department diplomats whose idea of waging a war appease world opinion even if it means surrendering to a rag-tag but determined bunch of Islamic thugs.

die in Iraq he wastes precious time talking to James If he were really looking Baker and his collection of geriatric has-beens known as the Iraq Study Group, all the while knowing full well that their mundane recommendations are more designed to the price of wearing a U.S. save face - and his legacy -

tory and a lasting peace in that strife-torn area.

George Bush doesn't seem to understand that where his legacy is concerned, the only way to save it will be for him to leave office with a well-thought-

Michael

Reagan

Columnist

out plan in place being vigorously pursued to ensure final victory As our troops continue to over the global

> Islamic jihad now being waged in

Anything less will see him go down in history as a badly flawed chief executive who wandered aimlessly into a war without having any idea cessful conclusion and then survivor of his father's years left it to his successor to cope with.

One would think he would have learned a lesson from his father's failure to create a legacy that would outlive his infamous "read my lips"

> was that soon followed by the tax increase he pledged he would never allow.

exhortation

Instead, as his reputation and his popularity plunge by the hour, he chooses to surrounded himself with the very people most associated with his father's administration – even to naming as his

in office – a man who promptly expressed his gratitude for the honor the president bestowed on him by publicly disagreeing with him, not once but twice within a space of 24 hours.

Waiting in the wings to assume the chairmanship of the powerful Government Reform Committee in the House is what may be the biggest threat to the Bush legacy, California's Rep. Henry Waxman, who can't wait to get his hands on that panel's investigative machinery and turn it loose on George Bush and his

administration. "The most difficult thing will be to pick and choose,' Waxman gleefully told the

than they are to achieve vic- of how to bring it to a suc- new Secretary of Defense a Associated Press, which noted that the choices he makes could help define Bush's legacy.

> "There is just no question that life is going to be different for the administration," Rep. Tom Davis, R-Va., the current committee chairman told the AP. "Henry is going to be tough. ... And he's been waiting a long time to be able to do this.

> Given that grim prospect, if George Bush wants to leave behind a worthwhile legacy he is going to have to concentrate on creating a policy designed to obtain ultimate victory in Iraq - and one that begins to show solid results while he is still in office.

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# Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Dec. 20, the 354th day of 2006. There are 11 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 20, 1803, the Louisiana Purchase was completed as ownership of the territory was formally transferred from France to the United States during ceremonies in New Orleans.

On this date:

In 1790, the first successful cotton mill in the United States began operating at Pawtucket, R.I.

In 1860, South Carolina became the first state to secede from the Union.

'We are all citizens of history.

Clifton Fadiman American author, editor and radio personality (1904-1999)

In 1864, Confederate forces evacuated Savannah, Ga., as Union William Gen. Sherman continued his "March to the Sea."

In 1945, the Office of Price Administration announced the end of tire rationing, effective Jan. 1, 1946.

In 1946, the Frank Capra film "It's A Wonderful Life," star-

ring James Stewart and Donna Reed, had a preview showing for charity at New York's Globe Theatre, a day before its "official" world premiere.

In 1968, author John Steinbeck died in New York at age

In 1976, Chicago Mayor Richard J. Daley died at age 74. In 1987, more than 4,300 people were killed when the Dona Paz, a Philippine passenger ship, collided with the tanker Vector off Mindoro island.

In 1989, the United States launched Operation Just Cause, sending troops into Panama to topple the government of General Manuel Noriega.

In 1999, the Vermont Supreme Court ruled that homosexual couples were entitled to the same benefits and protections as wedded couples.

Ten years ago: President Clinton selected Federico Pena for energy secretary, Rodney Slater for transportation secretary, Andrew Cuomo for housing secretary and Alexis Herman for labor secretary. A judge in Orange County, Calif., gave O.J. Simpson full custody of his young children. Astronomer Carl Sagan died in Seattle at age 62.

Five years ago: Argentine President Fernando de la Rua resigned, hours after his economy minister, following two days of anti-government unrest that left about two dozen people dead and more than 200 injured. The U.N. Security Council authorized a multinational force for Afghanistan. Microsoft admitted its new Windows XP operating system software was vulnerable to hacking. Comedian Foster Brooks, known for his "Lovable Lush" fake drunk act, died in Encino, Calif., at age 89.

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# Jeffersonian Democrats are a rare breed

Jefferson Davis, one of America's greatest statesmen, said that a question settled by violence would inevitably arise again, though at a different time

and in a different form. And so it has. Lovers and sycophants of the great empire on the Potomac must be feeling uneasy that at least some Americans are again questioning the efficacy of a gargantuan central

government. Perhaps the recent shift of control of Congress to the Democrats has made them nervous, though God knows there are precious few Jeffersonian Democrats in the modern Democratic Party. My daddy used to say that Democrats were for the working man Republicans were for big business. If he were alive today, he'd say they're both for big business.

And what, you might well Declaration ask, is a Jeffersonian Democrat? He's a person

who hasn't forgotten Charley that the sov-Reese ereign states creat-Columnist ed the federal government, not

the reverse, as some today seem to assume. He believes that what the Constitution created was a republic of sovereign states, and that the carelimited powers believes the Constitution is a a pinko." binding contract, not a rubmean anything a judge or a politician says it means. He believes in a system of

Independence. That document, you might



government is to protect rights already granted by God, and that when a gov-

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ernment fails to protect those rights and begins to abuse them, the people have the right to alter or overthrow it. "Sounds communistic to assigned to the federal gov- me," grumbles old Jack ernment were all the powers Jingoist. "That guy Jefferson it had, in peace or in war. He must have been some kind of

Why else would Lord bery document that can Acton, the great British philosopher of liberty, have written to Robert E. Lee, America's greatest soldier, checks and balances. In that, "I grieve more for what short, he believes in the was lost at Appomattox than

of I rejoice at what was gained at Waterloo." Lord Acton saw clearly what many American professors of history do not - that the defeat of the South was the end of America's experiment in liberty and self-government and a conscious choice to emulate the central governments of Europe.

H.L. Mencken, Baltimore journalist, in his usually blunt way said the only thing wrong with Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address was that it was the South, not the North, that was fighting for government "of the people, by the people and for the people.'

Davis had said, "I love the Union and the Constitution, but I would rather leave the Union with the Constitution than remain in the Union without it."

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### Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around

Texas:

■ Dec. 10 Austin American-Statesman on stealing from the deceased:

Given the responsibility to carry out the last wishes of a person as expressed in a will, most people will try hard to honor them faithfully out of a sense of legal obligation and moral duty, if not personal affection and respect.

But occasionally someone does not, and weaknesses in Texas law make it too easy for a dishonest executor to dishonor the dead and rob the estate, as American-Statesman staff writer Tony Plohetski reports in today's editions.

One weakness in particular probably

would surprise most Texans: Executors are not required to notify those named in the will as beneficiaries. That's not a problem for executors who are honest and conscientious, because they will make it a point to distribute appropriately the assets of the estate to those named in the will.

State law does require executors to notify any charitable organizations named in a will. But no notice is required for anyone else, no matter what the relationship is to the dead person or the amount of money or value of property involved.

Of course, people who expect to be named in a will can serve as a check on an executor by going to the courthouse to examine the will. But that doesn't help the beneficiary who might not presume that a remote relative, a good or long ago friend or even a perfect stranger has left him or her money, property or other valuables.

Another weakness in state law that might surprise most Texans is that it does not even require executors to file automatically an accounting for how they distributed the assets of an estate.

Executors must file a copy of the will with the court and then, within 90 days, a list of the dead person's belongings. Heirs who suspect the executor is cheating must hire a lawyer and sue or wait 15 months after the executor takes charge of the estate to compel an accounting in court.

Ironically, those who die without a

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# Madeline Graves to present 'Scrooge'

Madeline Graves Dance will Studio present "Scrooge Jazzed Up Like the Dickens," a Christmas program adapted from "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens, at 7 p.m. today at M.K. Brown Auditorium.

Jonathan Tyler will play the part of Marley, and Chris Steward the part of Scrooge.

Also appearing in the upcoming production will be Elysa Clements, Caylee Steward, Jenna Munsell, Danielle Zuniga, Ashley Williams, Kimberly Curtis, Allison Cooper, Kalli Marak, Hector Leal, Cassi Munsell, Austin Breeding, Cooke, Caylee



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# People in the news ...

Donald Trump gave Miss USA a reprieve Tuesday, allowing the boozing beauty queen to retain her title after she agreed to enter rehab and undergo drug testing.

In a moment of television drama filled with redemptive tears and longing looks, a tough-talking Trump, coowner of the pageant, turned soft and decided to forgive Tara Conner for her debauched behavior.

"I've always been a believer in second chances," said Trump, who owns the Miss Universe Organization and Miss USA with NBC. "Tara is going to be given a second chance."

'It's a story that has happened many times before to many women and to many men who came to the Big Apple. They wanted their slice of the Big Apple, and they found out it wasn't so easy.

— Donald Trump

Trump met with Conner earlier Tuesday morning fully expecting to fire her, he said. But he walked away convinced the young woman was a "good person" with a "good heart" and not deserving of the boot.

"She left a small town in Kentucky, and she was telling me that she got caught up in the whirlwind of New York," Trump said at a news conference with Conner at his side. "It's a story that has happened

many times before to many women and to many men who came to the Big Apple. They wanted their slice of the Big Apple, and they found out it wasn't so easy.'

Conner won the title in April and moved to New York. Since then, she has partied hard, admitting she frequented clubs, where she threw drinks back - despite being underage. She turned 21 on Monday.

Miss USA is considered a role model, and her conduct must reflect that, and behavior such as underage drinking is prohibited, a Miss Universe Organization spokeswoman said.

At the news conference, in a tear-choked voice, Conner said, "In no way did I think it would be possible for a second chance to be given to me."

Turning to Trump, she said, "You'll never know what this means to me, and I swear I will not let you down."

A few minutes later, a smiling and clearly relieved Conner donned her sash with the famous words: "Miss

Trump said Conner would be entering rehab. A pageant official said details would be worked out privately with Conner over the next weeks.

Asked if she was a drunkard, Conner said: "I wouldn't say that I'm alcoholic. I'd think that would be pushing

the envelope." She also declined to discuss any of her problems that the tabloids had chronicled with much relish.

"My personal demons are my personal demons," she told a horde of reporters.

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# Reese

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On another occasion, he said: "We feel our cause is just and holy; we protest solemnly in the face of mankind that we desire peace at any

sacrifice save that of our honor and independence. We ask no conquest, no aggrandizement, no concession of any kind from the states with which we were lately confederated; all we ask is to be let alone; that those who never held power over us shall not now attempt our subjugation by arms."

A newspaper in New Hampshire said: "The Southern Confederacy will not employ our ships or buy our goods. What is our shipping without it? We must not let the South go."

So to add to the definition of Jeffersonian Democrats, they were a majority of the Founding Fathers, a majority who fought the American Revolution, a majority who wrote the Constitution, and a majority who fought for Southern independence. No wonder the precious few still extant make big-government lovers so nervous.

-Write to Charley Reese at P.O. Box 2446. Orlando, FL 32802.

# **Austin**

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will may be somewhat better off, because in those cases, the executor, usually a lawyer, must post a bond and get permission from the court to sell any

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Finally, executors who illegally take assets from an estate for their own use appear to have little reason to fear criminal prosecution. Other lawyers and judges are usually reluctant to seek criminal charges, preferring to rely on civil actions. However, some district attorney offices, including Travis County's, will file charges.

Sen. Jeff Wentworth, a San Antonio Republican whose district reaches into part of Travis County, has indicated an interest in studying these weaknesses, and he's in a position to do something as chairman of the Senate Jurisprudence Committee.

The Legislature will convene Jan. 9.

# Reagan

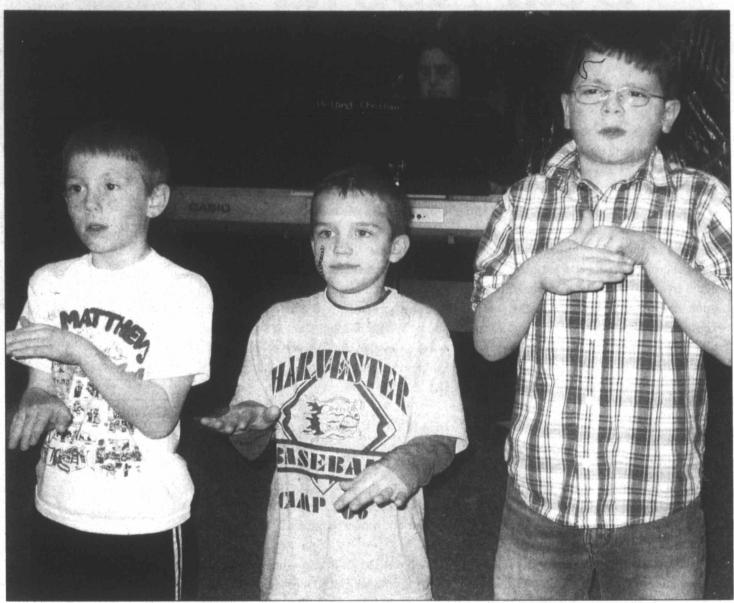
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If he does that, what dirt Henry Waxman manages to dig up will amount to no more than a hill of beans being on the road to victory will triumph over all

other considerations.

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

# 'Deck the Halls'



**COURTESY PHOTO** 

In CREATE-a-Beatl's Christmas program recently, Matthew Wheeler, Brendon Woelfle and Austin Hernandez show the audience the hand movements that they learned to the tune of "Deck The Halls."

# Search for missing climbers scaled back

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) dead Sunday. An autopsy A glove, a candy wrapper. Searchers say they want any small sign of two climbers still missing on Mount Hood.

But instead, rescue teams are finding more indication the men have been lost to the mountain. Climbers Brian Hall and Jerry "Nikko" Cooke have been on Mount Hood for 12 days.

A third climber, 48-yearold Kelly James, was found was tentatively scheduled said the climber had a dislocated shoulder.

Hood River County Sheriff Joe Wampler said abandoned equipment, photos and notes left behind indicate the two men are likely in a small but treacherous portion of the moun-

tain known as "the gullies." The area is known for falls. This, as well as avalanche conditions, freezing winds over the past week, has lessened hope for the

"This office isn't going to give until someone tells me the risk of doing this outweighs the results," said Wampler. He said he confers regularly with experts on the survival chances of the men.

But the search has been

acknowledged the time is for Wednesday. Officials temperatures and fierce approaching when the effectiveness of the search and the safety of its searchers need to be re-evaluated.

Officials said photos taken by James show that the team was not well-equipped for a long stay. Ice axes left in a crude shelter indicate the men had a difficult stay and moved forward without crucial tools.

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# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: Do you ever feel sometimes that your life is going backward instead of forward? In my early 20s, I had a life. I was engaged, going to college, hanging with my friends, loved my family, had standards for myself and goals in my life. As I have gotten older, I feel like all I have is a graduate degree, a good job, my health, a truck that's paid for, and wonderful, generous parents for letting me once again live with them. (Another relationship gone bad.) Somewhere along the way, I kept losing the things that mattered to me, that kept me together, that made me who I was. And now, here I am at 28, and if I died tomorrow the only people at my funeral would be my family and some co-workers. I am lost and I can't seem to find my way back. I don't even recognize the girl in the mirror anymore. And the saddest thing is I am a licensed therapist, trying to help other people put their lives back together while I'm still searching for mine. Ironically, I'm amazed at what I do and have a deep-seated passion for it. Abby, how do you get a life when you've lost the one you thought you were living in? -- AT SEA IN WIS-**CONSIN** 

DEAR AT SEA: All of us have down days when we feel like we are going backward instead of forward. How can we appreciate a bowl of cherries if we don't encounter a few pits from time to time? Or a worm? Being a licensed therapist (or an advice columnist, for that matter) is no guarantee that life isn't going to have its ups and downs. As human beings, we are as vulnerable to depression as the next person -- and people in the helping professions are not except. If you want to figure out where you lost your way and how to get back on track, then your best bet is to find a colleague you.

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can talk to. (Many therapists do this.) Accept that you need a dose of therapy and embrace it. You're in the perfect position to get the help you need, so stop procrastinating.

DEAR ABBY: I am wondering what the rule of thumb is as far as giving your roommates notice that you're moving out. I know it is usually a 30-day notice, but I never signed a lease. All I do is rent a room from a couple of my friends who own the house. Would it be all right if I gave them a week's notice and offered to pay to the following month's end? — CLUELESS IN ILLINOIS

**DEAR CLUELESS:** That seems fair to me. It would be the equivalent of a month's notice and would not cause your friends any inconvenience. However, be sure to give your notice in writing. It will eliminate any misunderstandings.

**DEAR ABBY:** Is it true what people say while drunk, or not? Does alcohol cause one's true feelings to come out? — **LINDA IN CRESTVIEW, FLA.** 

DEAR LINDA: Drinking lowers a person's inhibitions. When that happens, things he or she would not say under normal (sober) circumstances can come out. Are they a reflection of the person's true feelings? Yes, often they are -- but not always. Drinking can also distort one's sense of reality, causing the drinker to become defensive -- or offensive -- and react to a threat, insult or "invitation" that exists only in his or her addled imagination.

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# Sports Day

# Wrestlers take leading positions | Suns keep winning streak alive, at tournament in Holly, Colo.

By JORDAN REAGAN Sports Editor

Over the last weekend prior to Christmas break, four of Coach Cadenhead's best wrestlers ventured to Holly, Colorado to compete in the annual Holly

Christmas Tournament. 119 lbs. senior, Richard Leal was undefeated 4-0 and declared Champion in his weight class, while senior

John Burns was also Champion in his weight class, 189 lbs. finishing 3-0.

The two underclassmen that went along with Leal and Burns also performed extremely well.

Freshman Steven Botello finished in 3rd place with a 4-1 record in weight class 125 lbs. 145 lbs. sophomore Jeremy Maxwell placed 2nd, also with a 4-1 record.

"The guys did an awesome job competing out of state," said Cadenhead, "These four wrestlers have really come on strong and have heightened their level

of competition." Cadenhead expects that these four, as well as the rest of the team, will continue to work hard and be motivated to carry the team to victory this next semester.

# Will the Nuggets have enough basketballs to go around?

By JIM LITKE AP Sports Columnist

There's not much upside in predicting happy endings, not when Allen Iverson gets final approval of the script.

First, anytime teams make a deal with this many moving parts, it's much easier to get it wrong than right. Then, factor in things beyond anyone's control, like injuries, or the numbers on the envelopes Philadelphia pulls in the draft lottery, or even whether any good tattoo parlors in Denver stay open

Yet something tells me Iverson is going to make this work.

For everyone.

No, really.

Forget about tossing this one on the scales and declaring a winner right away. The 76ers got a solid point guard in Andre Miller, who's signed for three more seasons, and a serviceable forward in Joe Smith, whose contract is up after this one. But the real counterweight in the deal is the two firstround picks in 2007. If general manager Billy King is no better at rebuilding the ballclub than he was at building it, all bets are off. And that won't be known for

Much more immediate, not to mention intriguing, is what Iverson does with the opportunity.

"I talked to Allen this afternoon," Nuggets coach George Karl said. "He's fired

It's worth noting that Iverson probably said much the same thing to everyone who ever coached him including several he helped

On paper, this looks like a promising union. A team that iust lost the league's top point-producer, Carmelo Anthony, for 15 games due to a sucker punch he threw near the end of last Saturday's brawl with the Knicks, replaces him with the No. 2 scorer. For four weeks or so, Iverson can take his usual complement of shots — about two dozen or so — and he won't get much grief for the clunkers. It gets interesting, though, when the honeymoon ends and Anthony comes back and wonders where his quota went. Then the hard part of the marriage begins.

scorers played for the same team, the last time when the Nuggets high-flying employed Alex English and Kiki Vandeweghe in 1982-83. To make it work this time around, Iverson is going to have to prove that he's not interested in the same things at 31 that he was at 21.

Somewhere in between, Charles Barkley dubbed him "Allen, Me, Myself and Iverson." But anyone who watched the little guy play in All-Star games or with the U.S. national team knows Iverson can share with players he respects. He asked to be named co-captain of the

team headed to the 2004 Summer Games and when Brown Larry coach answered that the job was more about purpose than talent, Iverson demonstrated he could put the team first — up to a point.

"If one of those guys gets going, you get him the ball. If I'm going," Iverson said at the time, "they'll do the

same for me." What's changed is that the kids who followed him into the game are even more selfcentered — and most are less talented — than he ever was. There were precious few memories worth saving from the Americans' disastrous showing in Athens in 2004, but one of them featured Iverson sounding suspiciously like an elder statesman.

Right after getting run out of the Olympics by a loss to Only twice before in NBA Argentina, he pleaded with history have the top two some of his fat and happy counterparts who took a pass on those games to show up next time, to remember how they got so fat and happy in the first place.

"Understand first and foremost that it's an honor to be on a team like this," he said. "It's something you should cherish."

Here's hoping Iverson does the same with this new lease on his NBA life, that he respects Karl's sincerity in trying to structure an offense that gives everybody their chance to shine, and that he treats Anthony's immaturity as a challenge instead of a reason to ignore him.

# 15 in a row after defeating Raptors

PHOENIX (AP) — Make it 15 in a row Feb. 4 to March 13, 2000. and counting for the Phoenix Suns.

Amare Stoudemire dominated Toronto with 28 points and 10 rebounds in 28 minutes, and the Suns set a franchise record with their 15th consecutive victory Tuesday night in a 115-98 victory over the Raptors.

The Suns try to extend the NBA's longest winning streak in seven seasons at Denver on Wednesday night.

Stoudemire was 11-for-14 from the field and sat out the final 15 minutes in arguably his most impressive outing since he returned after missing all but three games of last season following microfracture knee surgery.

Steve Nash had 10 points and 15 assists in three quarters for Phoenix, which hasn't lost since an overtime setback at Utah on Nov. 18. Six Suns reached double figures on Tuesday night. Shawn Marion scored 17, Leandro Barbosa 14, Raja Bell 13 and Boris

The Suns broke the franchise record of 14 straight set Dec. 1-30, 1992. The 15-game streak is the longest in the NBA since the Los Angeles Lakers won 19 in a row from

T.J. Ford scored 19 for Toronto before leaving in the fourth quarter with a bruised lower back. Top draft pick Andrea Bargnani 18 for the Raptors.

Phoenix led by 27 in the third quarter, when coach Mike D'Antoni began to rest his regulars. Bulls 94, Lakers 89

CHICAGO (AP) — Luol Deng scored 23 points and tied a season-high with 12 rebounds, and Chicago won for the 12th time

Ben Gordon hit two free throws to close out the win with 10.9 seconds left, after Smush Parker cut the Bulls' lead to three with two foul shots and a dunk in the final 40 seconds. Deng hit 9-of-16 shots, and Gordon scored 22 as Chicago won its fifth straight.

Kobe Bryant was a non-factor for Los Angeles after scoring a combined 98 in the previous two games. He was content to defer and finished with 19 points on 6-of-19 shooting. Kwame Brown went right at Chicago's Ben Wallace, scoring 18 points and grabbing 12 rebounds, and Parker scored 16.



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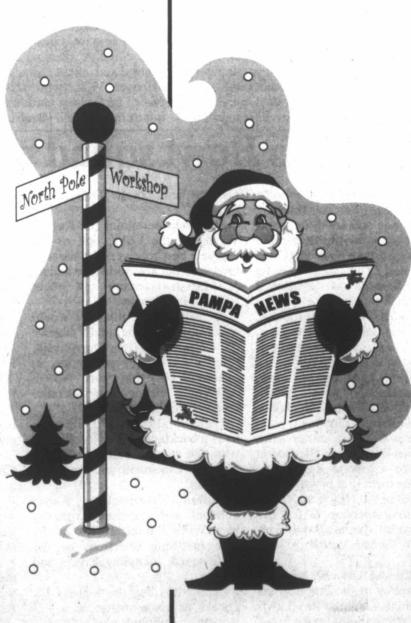
LOS ANGELES (AP) — Josh Shipp scored 18 points, Darren Collison had 11 points and nine assists, and No. 1 UCLA overcame a sluggish start to beat pesky Sam Houston State 75-61 on

Tuesday night. Arron Afflalo added 12 points and Luc Richard Mbah a Moute had nine points and eight rebounds for the Bruins (10-0), who broke open a close game midway through the second half.

Ryan Bright and Jejuan Plair each had 12 points and six rebounds for Sam Houston State (6-5). Bright, who leads his team in scoring, fouled out with 4:47 remaining.

The Bruins scored the first five points of the second half for a 40-29 lead before Sam Houston State went on an 11-4 run to make it 44-40. But that's as close as the Bearkats would get.

A 3-pointer by Michael Roll and six straight points by Shipp extended UCLA's lead to 57-43 with 8:45 remaining, and the Bruins led by as many as 21 points after that.



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# Drexel continues winning streak, gets sweet revenge

By The Associated Press

Drexel is on a five-game winning streak that's sweeter than most five-game winning streaks.

have been against schools that have dominated them over the years.

It started with an 81-76 victory over Villanova 10 days ago, Drexel's first win over the Wildcats after 17 straight losses. Then came another win over a fellow Philadelphia school, 72-56 against a 7-42 record in the rivalry.

On Tuesday night, Frank Elegar had 27 points and 10 rebounds to lead Drexel to an 84-79 victory

over No. 23 Syracuse, which had won the first two meetings between the schools.

"I think we have a good team," The Dragons' last three wins Drexel coach James "Bruiser" Flint said. "We're not coming into these games thinking we'll lose. We have a good chance to win."

And the 6-foot-9 Elegar is a good reason why. He averaged 18.8 points, 10.3 rebounds and 2.3 blocks in the Dragons' previous four wins. He was 11-for-16 from Saint Joseph's to give the Dragons the field against Syracuse (9-3) and keyed the decisive 14-4 run that gave the Dragons (7-2) a 71-61 lead with 5:34 left in the game.

"I let the game come to me. I

didn't try to force anything," said Elegar, who hit a hook in the lane to begin the spurt and added six more points. "My teammates were getting me the ball, and I did the best I could with it."

In other games involving ranked teams on Tuesday, it was: No. 1 UCLA 75, Sam Houston State 61; No. 2 North Carolina 105, Florida Atlantic 52; No. 3 Ohio State 75, Iowa State 56; No. 6 Duke 79, Kent State 72; No.8 Wichita State 74, Kennesaw State 65; No. 11 Kansas 94, Winston-Salem 43; No. 19 Marquette 80, Oakland, Mich. 62; and No. 20 Notre Dame 86, Portland 69.

but 6-9 forward Terrence Roberts sprained his left knee in the final minute of the half and never returned. Without him, they had no answer for Elegar, especially after 6-11 center Darryl Watkins fouled out with 1:33 left and the Orange down by five points.

"We're fragile. We can't afford to play without Terrence," Syracuse coach Jim Boeheim said. "I was disappointed with what we did defensively with him out of couple of rebounds that I couldn't there. He's our best defensive player, and we had no answer."

Senior forward Demetris Nichols had a career-high 31 points

Syracuse led 43-36 at halftime, for the Orange, who were coming off their best performance of the season — a 94-71 victory over Baylor on Saturday. Without Roberts, however, they squandered the halftime lead.

"We had to get our stops. We would have won the game if we could have stopped a couple of people," said Watkins, who had 14 points and 13 rebounds, his first double-double of the season. "We needed that other big man to get a get to get our offense moving."

# Pro Bowl Buzz

# second Pro Bowl nod

HOUSTON (AP) — Andre Johnson is returning to the Pro Bowl, and he hopes to take along the man who helped him

The Houston Texans receiver rebounded from the worst season of his four-year career to lead the NFL in receptions, thanks in part to the addition of fellow receiver Eric Moulds. In his second appearance in the game, Johnson will start for the AFC squad with Cincinnati's Chad Johnson.

Johnson said he planned to invite Moulds to join him at the February game.

"He's just been a good mentor for me," Johnson said. "That's something that I didn't have my first three years. Most guys, when they come in, they have a veteran guy to show them the ins and outs of the game and I didn't have that. So I have Eric here now and he's helped out a whole lot."

Johnson struggled last season while dealing with a nagging injury and near-constant double teams with no other credible receiving threat and finished with a career-worst 688 yards receiving. The 25-year-old has 97 receptions and is sixth in the league with 1,087 yards receiving. He needs just 56 yards to surpass the 1,142 yards he gained in 2004 when he made his first trip to the Pro Bowl.

He said he's also been helped by first-year coach Gary Kubiak.

When he first got here he told me: 'Hey, how does 100 balls sound?' I just laughed and I said: 'Hey, it sounds great," Johnson said. "He's been giving me the opportunity to make plays and I think that by him doing that I've been able to go out and show the ability that I do have.

Kubiak said Johnson has been a bright spot as the Texans (4-10) struggle through another tough season. He has five touchdowns and 52 of his receptions have been for first

"I really can't begin to talk about how well he's played because you see the number and just to tell you he's getting those numbers when everybody in the business is trying to take him away from us," Kubiak said. "It's a credit to him.

We move him all over the place to try and get him the ball." Johnson, who was at the mall Christmas shopping when he learned of the honor, said making the team was a goal he set at the end of last season. It's important to him that he was recognized for his work despite the problems of the team.

"Sometimes when you're in the position that we're in some players get overlooked," he said. "It just lets you know that people are paying attention to what you are doing out on the field on Sunday.

Johnson's day was tempered a bit by the fact that teammate DeMeco Ryans was not chosen for the game. The rookie linebacker has 137 tackles and leads the NFL in solo tackles with 76, but was only named an alternate.

"I think DeMeco should be a starter. He's had a tremendous season," Johnson said. "If you look at him playing on the field you would never know that he's a rookie. I think he's our team MVP this year."

Ryans was more diplomatic about the snub.

"It's not really disappointing," Ryans said. "It's just great to be mentioned. To be a part of the Pro Bowl is awesome ... and a great honor coming in as a rookie."

# Texans' Johnson gets | Tony Romo headed to Pro Bowl with 3 teammates, but no T.O.

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Tony Romo is headed to the Pro Bowl along with three teammates - none of whom answers to the initials "T.O."

Romo was honored and Terrell Owens was snubbed Tuesday when rosters were released for the NFL's allstar game.

While Owens' absence may indicate his antics are wearing out players, coaches and fans, the inclusion of Romo continues his storybook rise from from benchwarmer to budding star.

Remember, this is a guy who'd never thrown a pass until Oct. 15. His first start came a couple days before Halloween.

definitely changed my life," Romo said Tuesday night on his radio show, a gig he had even before he replaced Drew Bledsoe as the starter.

Linebacker DeMarcus Ware, safety Roy Williams and punter Mat McBriar were the other Dallas Cowboys selected to the NFC squad.

Ware is the only Dallas player who will start the February exhibition games, although McBriar is essentially a starter, too. Williams will be making his fourth trip to Hawaii, while Romo, McBriar and Ware are first-

time choices. Owens went every year from 2000-04, then was left behind 2005 after playing only seven games then essentially being fired by the Philadelphia Eagles.

He's bounced back with big numbers this season, including an NFL-best 11 touchdown catches. It's the other things Owens does to draw attention to himself that hurt him at the ballot box.

How else can you explain him being omitted but Arizona's Anquan Boldin making it? Boldin has two fewer catches, 13 fewer a run. That's what you play yards and seven fewer TDs the game for. That's what than Owens.

Keep this in mind, too: Voting ended BEFORE T.O. spit on Atlanta's DeAngelo Hall on Saturday night, leading to a \$35,000 fine.

"I felt really disappointed for a few guys on our team," Romo said, specifically mentioning his good buddy Jason Witten, an invitee the last two years. "It's tough sometimes on me because I feel like those guys make me look good. I guess I have to "The last two months have accept it, but it still hurts a little bit."

> 'It's neat that we're able to play so well right now. That's what you play the game for. That's what makes it fun."

> > — Tony Romo Dallas Cowboys QB

An undrafted player who didn't take a snap his first three NFL seasons, Romo has gone 6-2 as the starter, guiding the Cowboys to a 9-5 record and into the postseason. Dallas can win the NFC East for the first time since 1998 with a victory over Philadelphia Monday.

"I'm still just doing the same things that I tried doing before I started playing, as far as preparation and time,"

Romo said. "It's neat that we're able to play so well right now. Hopefully we can win these last two games and get on the playoffs and make makes it fun."

When the notion of Romo making the Pro Bowl came up after his fourth start, coach Bill Parcells called it "ludicrous." Now it's a reality, with Romo becoming the sixth Cowboys quarterback to make it, and the first since Troy Aikman in 1996.

The selection is still a bit surprising, though far from crazy, considering Romo's production.

His quarterback rating of 98.4 is second in the NFL and tops in the NFC. He's Atlanta on Saturday, even completed 66.3 percent of though that didn't factor into his passes and has thrown 16 the voting. touchdowns. He was the NFC offensive player of the week twice in a three-week span, with a victory over Peyton Manning and the then-undefeated Colts in between, then tied a club record with five TD passes in one game. It was almost automatic that he won the conference offensive player of the month award for November.

Romo was aided by this being a down year for NFC quarterbacks. After New Orleans' Drew Brees, there were a pool of relatively equal candidates for the other two spots, one of which went to Marc Bulger of St. Louis.

Among those Romo beat out: his childhood hero, Brett Favre of Green Bay, who could've been an easy sentimental pick; Atlanta's Michael Vick, who set a record for rushing yards by a quarterback; and Seattle's

Matt Hasselbeck, who might have made it on reputation after leading the Seahawks to the Super Bowl last sea-

Williams is tied for second in the NFC with five interceptions, but isn't having his best overall season. He's given up a lot of big plays in pass coverage and doesn't have any sacks, although he does have plenty of other bone-rattling hits.

In his second season, Ware has established himself as the kind of "catalytic" player Parcells expected when he brought up comparisons to Lawrence Taylor. He has a team-best 7 1/2 sacks and returned an interception for a touchdown against

McBriar leads the NFL in gross punting average (48.3 yards per punt) and his net average of 39.5 is tied for the top spot. He becomes the third Cowboys punter to make the Pro Bowl and the first since Ron Widby in 1971. The best part for McBriar is returning to Hawaii, where he went to college.

"This is an honor that I wasn't really expecting," said McBriar, a native Australian.

Two other noteworthy selections for Dallas fans: Larry Allen made it for the 11th time, but first with San Francisco; and Hall, the Falcons cornerback who served as Owens' human spittoon.

Chicago was the only NFC team with more picks than Dallas' four. Seattle also had four.

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# hargers, Bears and Colts lead Pro Bowl squad nominations

NEW YORK (AP) — The San also a positive reflection on their Diego Chargers and Chicago Bears lead the NFL in wins — and Pro

The Chargers placed nine players on the AFC squad Tuesday and the Bears had seven on the NFC team, which also includes a quarterback — Dallas' Tony Romo who wasn't a starter when the season began.

San Diego's contingent includes quarterback Philip Rivers, who sat on the bench for his first two seasons behind Drew Brees. The forthe offseason and will start for the

Also among the players representing the Chargers is linebacker Shawne Merriman, last year's defensive rookie of the year, who made it despite missing four games

for flunking a steroid test. "I'm very proud of our team and players," said general manager A.J. Smith of the Chargers, who like the Bears are 12-2. "We have a special group of players. These individuals are being recognized, but this is

teammates and the overall strength and depth of the entire roster."

The game will be played in Honolulu on Feb. 10. representatives Chicago's

demonstrate how the Bears won: with defense and special teams. Three of the seven Bears, led by

linebacker Brian Urlacher, are on defense and three are on special teams - kicker Robbie Gould, specialist Brendan Ayanbadejo and rookie return man Devin Hester, who has shattered records with six mer Chargers quarterback signed returns for touchdowns on three as a free agent with New Orleans in punts, two kickoffs and a missed field goal.

> Center Olin Kreutz, a perennial at his position, is the only Bears Pro Bowler on offense.

> The NFC team also includes the Barber twins — running back Tiki of the New York Giants and Ronde of Tampa Bay. The first twins to make it together, they now become the second set of brothers to make the Pro Bowl for three straight seasons — Shannon and Sterling Sharpe from 1993-95 are the oth-

"With this being my final season in the NFL and the final time my brother Ronde and I will be teammates, the honor carries even more significance than in previous years," said Tiki Barber, who described himself as "emotional and ecstatic."

In a year of outstanding rookies, Hester is the only one to make it, although Tennessee quarterback Vince Young is an alternate.

And Romo is almost a rookie. Until this season, he hadn't thrown a pass in three seasons with Dallas, mostly as a third-stringer.

But he is 6-2 as a starter since taking over from Drew Bledsoe at halftime of a loss to the Giants, leading the team to a playoff berth and control of the NFC East. When his potential selection to the Pro Bowl came up after his fourth start, coach Bill Parcells called it "ludi-

Like Kreutz, Urlacher and the Barbers, many of the Pro Bowlers are perennials although Ray Lewis of the Ravens didn't make it beaten out at inside linebacker on the AFC roster by Al Wilson of

Denver and Zach Thomas of Miami.

One non-perennial is Reggie Wayne of the Colts, one of the league's best receivers for the past few years but always in the shadow of Marvin Harrison and never before a Pro Bowler.

"I really didn't think he would make it, not that he didn't deserve it," Colts coach Tony Dungy said. "But it's a tough perception to overcome — that your No. 2 receiver is better than 28 other receivers in the league."

Harrison also made it, although he is a backup to the two Johnsons who will start at wide receiver -Chad of Cincinnati and Andre of Houston.

Buffalo linebacker Aaron Schobel and Pittsburgh running back Willie Parker are two of the nine first-time selections on the AFC squad, including Rivers and Wayne.

"From this day on, I guess I'll always be remembered as a Pro Bowler," Schobel said. "That's something nobody can take away

Arizona safety Adrian Wilson joined 12 others, including Romo, Hester, Gould, San Francisco running back Frank Gore and St. Louis running back Steven Jackson as first-timers on the NFC team.

Wilson said he got a phone call from Cardinals vice president Michael Bidwill on Tuesday after-

"I had to go in the closet because I didn't want to scare my son," Wilson said. "I was pretty ecstat-

The position with the most repeaters is traditionally the offensive line.

Guard Will Shields of Kansas City will go for the 12th time, tying a mark held by former Viking Randall McDaniel, also a guard. Another guard, Pittsburgh's Alan Faneca, will represent the AFC for the sixth straight time.

The AFC quarterbacks in addition to Rivers are the Colts' Peyton Manning, who'll start, and the Bengals' Carson Palmer.

The Rams' Marc Bulger joins Brees and Romo as the NFC's quarterbacks.

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20) \*★★★ Surprises come from out of left

do an about-face, leaving you in shock, if nothing else. Be aware of what might be going on with this person. Discuss this ssue with someone whose judgment you trust. Together you make quite a team. Tonight: Dinner for two.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★ Slow your pace and listen more to what others are saying, whether it is the grocer or your boss. With perspective, you might understand some of the recent uproar. Trust a friend to tell you what is going on. Tonight: Sort through invita-

ity unfurl. Others aren't able to stay away from the magical Lion. Still, certain errands or other such to-dos demand your attention. Put your energy where it counts. Tonight: Easy does it.

\*\*\*\* Your imagination and creativ-

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

\*\* Personal matters might dominate more than you would like. By the afternoon, with some creativity and imagination, you can unlock from what appears as a routine. Pressure builds if you don't have an outlet. Tonight: Very spunky, aren't we? LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) \*\*\*\* Speak your mind in the morn-

ing, but it might be wise to clam up in the

p.m. Keeping your own counsel will pre-

vent you from getting locked into a negative situation. Recognize that you have only so much energy and time. Tonight: At home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) \*\*\* Before you do anything, please make sure you know what you are spending and when and where. You might want to initiate talks before a problem ensues. Communication can and will flourish. Don't take any risks right now. Tonight: Hang out or run last-minute errands.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★ Tally up costs before the problem, not afterward. Ultimately, you will be able to get past any hassles if you follow these procedures. Tap into your imagination. Your ideas flow as they rarely have before. Tonight: Finish up any errands or CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

\*\*\*\* You are in your element.

Though someone might provoke your

day might get older, but you get more

anger, you don't need to say anything. Could you be slightly reactive? Process things first before saying anything. The

vigorous. Tonight: Wish-upon-a-star AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★ If you feel uneasy about a party, friend or spending, step back. Before you find yourself upset, disengage. Consider the most positive interpretation of what is happening. Give someone the benefit of the doubt. Tonight: Spruce up the pad.

\*\*\*\* Speak your mind, but choose

your words with care. Your tone also

might have something to do with a strong

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

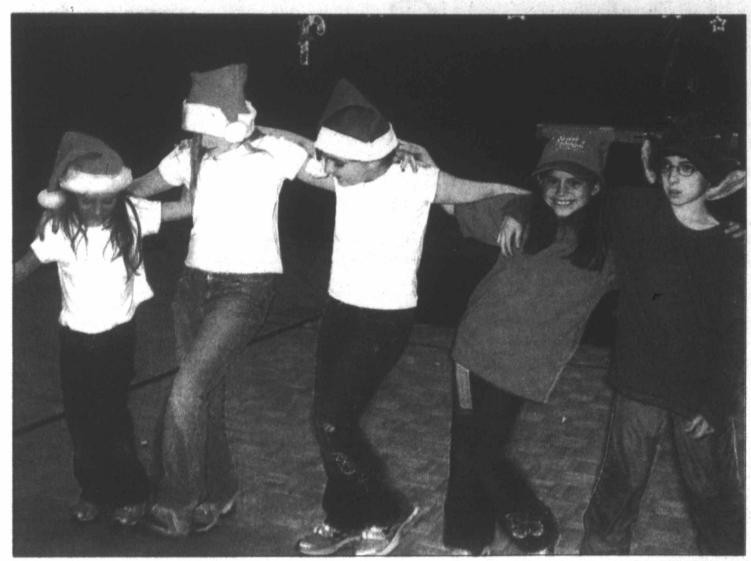
reaction you get. Remember what you want and expect. A meeting or gettogether provides much fun and good will. Tonight: Where people are. **BORN TODAY** 

Soviet leader Josef Stalin (1879), British Prime Minister Benjamin Disraeli (1804), actress Jane Fonda (1937)

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### CREATE-a-Beat!



**COURTESY PHOTO** 

600 block of Somerville and

transported a patient to BSA

5:33 p.m. – A mobile ICU

unit responded to the 600

block of Wynne and trans-

ported a patient(s) to PRMC.

unit responded to the 2800

block of North Charles. No

ICU unit responded to the

2900 block of Rosewood

and transported a patient(s)

ICU unit responded to the

1300 block of West

Kentucky and transported a

patient(s) to PRMC.

11:25 p.m. – A mobile

10:20 p.m. - A mobile

6:09 p.m. – A mobile ICU

Hospice in Amarillo.

transport.

to PRMC.

Just like the Radio City Rockettes, Jaslyn Slagle, Alexis Thomas, Kelsey Henry, Tory Robles and Daniel Winton performed a "leg kick" routine as part of the CREATE-a-Beat! Christmas program recently.

# Record

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provided in the 2300 block of Primrose

Sex offender registration was made in the 1400 block of North Banks.

Harassment was reported in the 1200 block of North Hobart.

Suspicious persons were reported in the 1000 block of North Hobart and the 1200 block of North Wells.

Criminal mischief was reported in three locations where tires were slashed. One report was made in the police department lobby of two tires that were slashed on a 2002 Ford pickup with a value of \$896. The second report was in the 1000 block of South Sumner where one tire valued at \$250 was destroyed. The third report was made in the 1800 block of North Banks where a tire valued at \$60 was slashed.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1100 block of Sirroco.

An assault was reported in the 100 block of East Harvester with no injuries

One alarm was reported.

Suspicious vehicles were reported in the 800 block of West Kingsmill and in the 2100 block of North Faulkner.

An abandoned vehicle was reported in the 2100 block of North Hobart.

Two stolen vehicles were reported in the police department lobby. One was a white Ford van valued at \$3,000.

A theft was reported in the 400 block of Texas where a 56-inch RCA big screen tele-

\$100. Sessions begin Jan.

and March 20 (6:30 p.m.).

mail

vision and rack stereo valued the 2900 block of Rosewood at \$2,900 was stolen.

A prowler/attempted burglary of a habitation was

Pampa Police Department reported the following accidents today.

Sunday, Dec. 17

2:22 p.m. - A 1998 Chevrolet Cavalier, driven by Amy Diana Coil, 17, of 1128 Willow Road, and a 1991 Ford F-150, driven by James Alvin Sinyard, 48, of 907 E. Fisher, collided at the intersection of Harvester and Duncan streets. No injuries were reported. Coil was cited for failure to maintain single

Monday, Dec. 18

11:52 a.m. – A 1999 Oldsmobile Alero, driven by Alexander Reid Torres, 16, of 1837 N. Nelson, and a 2002 Ford Explorer, driven by Teena Jane Cox, 34, of 2235 N. Christine, collided in the 1400 block of Duncan. No injuries were reported. Torres was cited for following too

6:53 p.m. - A 1982 Chevrolet C/K 3500, driven Ignacio Ovirez Hernandez, 40, of 1104 Prairie Drive, and a 2001 Toyota Corolla, driven by Alfred D. Kelley, 67, of 1905 N. Williston, collided in the 400 block of South Cuyler. No injuries were reported. Hernandez was cited for backing without safety and no valid insurance.

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls between 7 a.m. Monday and 7 a.m. today.

Monday, Dec. 18 10:22 p.m. - One unit and

three personnel responded to

on a medical assist. Tuesday, Dec. 19

3:17 a.m. – Two units and reported in the 500 block of six personnel responded to the 2800 block of Charles on a fire alarm.

4:34 p.m. - One unit and three personnel responded to the 600 block of Frost on arcing power lines.

6:58 p.m. - One unit and two personnel responded to the 500 block of North Sumner on arcing power

10:38 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to 1000 block Sandlewood on arcing power

11:29 p.m. - One unit and two personnel responded to the 300 block of Jean on arcing power lines.

11:44 p.m. - Two units andfive personnel responded to the 300 block of Henry on arcing power lines.

Wednesday, Dec. 20 1:08 a.m. - One unit and three personnel responded to the 1000 block of North Wells

on arcing power lines. 1:23 a.m. – One unit and three personnel responded to the intersection of Kentucky and Duncan on arcing power

2:48 a.m. - One unit and three personnel responded to the 2200 block of Chestnut on arcing power lines.

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls between 7 a.m. Monday and 7 a.m. today.

Monday, Dec. 18

9:41 a.m. – A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1600 block of Sumner and transported a patient(s) to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

10:35 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the

# FDA seeks sterner warnings for aspirin, similar drugs

Popular over-the-counter pain pills such as aspirin, ibuprofen and acetominophen would have to carry labels with sterner too, are linked to thousands warnings under a government proposal to better emphasize the drugs' risks.

Federal health officials on Tuesday cautioned the tens of millions of Americans who take the drugs of their potentially serious side effects and released the planned label changes.

Aspirin, ibuprofen, acetaminophen and the other related over-the-counter drugs remain safe and effective when used as directed, the Food and Drug Administration said.

However, overdoses of acetaminophen can cause serious liver damage, even death, the FDA said.

For aspirin, ibuprofen and other nonsteroidal anti-

WASHINGTON (AP) - inflammatory drugs, there is a risk of gastrointestinal bleeding and kidney injury even when patients take the correct dose. Those risks, of deaths each year. The FDA cautioned the risk is low when compared to the number of patients who take the drugs.

Experts called stepped-up warnings long overdue, since federal advisers called for similar label changes in 2002. An FDA official chalked it up to the time required to write new regulations.

"That is one of the disadvantages of the rule-making process," said Dr. Charles Ganley, director of the FDA office that oversees nonprescription products.

The drugs are found in hundreds of medicines sold to treat pain, headache and fever.

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abeat.org.
• The Comprehensive **Breast Center of the Don** and Sybil Harrington Center Cancer announced the following upcoming breast cancer screening clinic: Dec. 26 and Jan. 23, Shepard's Crook Nursing Center, 916 N. Crest, in Pampa. All exams are by appointment only. For more information, call (806) 356-1905 or 1-

800-377-4673

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