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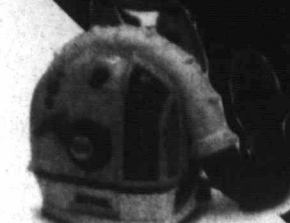
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# THE PAMPA NEWS



## Whooping cough cases abound in Gray County

By KERRI SMITH  
Staff Writer

Gray County has seen an increased number in the cases of pertussis (whooping cough) in 2006 and 2007.

The Texas Department of State Health Services estimated that the 26 counties of the Texas Panhandle would have approximately 15 cases of pertussis this year. Since January, Gray County has already reported 12 cases of pertussis, as compared to one case in Carson County and one case in Hutchinson County.

According to Pampa Regional Medical Center's Chief Nursing Officer Denise Daves, there have also been two confirmed deaths of infants from pertussis in Gray County in the past two years.

"These two cases were diagnosed in Gray County, but the individuals did not live in Gray County," Daves said. "But, this still affects residents living in Gray County because these people were in this area and while here they could have spread the bacteria. Pertussis is a bacteria that can be treated with antibiotics, but it can

be prevented by getting a vaccine and practicing good personal hygiene.

"I'm sure people get tired of hearing how important it is to wash your hands, but this is one major factor in preventing this and many other illnesses. People should cover their mouth and nose when they cough and sneeze, should wash their hands as often as possible and toys that are shared by children should be washed and disinfected daily."

According to the Web site www.pertussis.com, the numbers of

pertussis cases in Texas has risen drastically over the past few years. In 2003, Texas had 670 reported cases of the illness and the United States had a total of 11,647 cases. Those numbers more than doubled to 2,224 cases in Texas and 25,616 cases in the U.S. in 2005.

The symptoms of pertussis can be confused with colds and flu, with a runny nose, sneezing, coughing and in rare occasions a fever. The main difference is in the severity of the

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Pampa News photo by DAVID BOWSER

Donny Hooper, public information officer for the city of Pampa and chief Christmas elf, holds up a clear Christmas ornament as the holiday season begins. City departments will get clear blank ornaments to decorate for the Christmas tree at City Hall on Dec. 4.

## City departments to decorate yule tree ornaments

By DAVID BOWSER  
Staff Writer

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas around City Hall.

The Christmas tree is up and strung with lights, and Public Information Officer and Chief Christmas Elf Donny Hooper is passing out ornaments to be decorated by each of the city's 20-plus departments.

"We talked about this last week," Hooper said, "and thought it would be a neat idea."

Departments started picking up their blank ornaments today and have until Dec. 4 to decorate them.

"Each department is getting a clear blank ornament," Hooper said, "that they can decorate anyway they want."

The ornaments will be put on the Christmas tree during a noon decorating party on Dec. 4 at City Hall.

"This is the first year that we've done this," Hooper said.

He said he hopes it will become a city tradition.

"Eventually," Hooper said, "the tree will be filled with our ornaments."

He said one ornament would be chosen as the Best Design and those involved in decorating it will be recognized at the City Christmas Party.

Hooper said Christmas pizza will be served at the decorating party. He said he expects some creative designs.

## City to consider civic improvements

By DAVID BOWSER  
Staff Writer

The Pampa City Commission will consider spending \$2.1 million on civic improvements Tuesday that would be reimbursed by Certificates of Obligation next year.

They will also consider amending the budget to allow for a museum subsidy.

The Commission is expected to appoint a new person to replace Bill Berry on the Pampa Economic Development Corp. board and reappoint two more whose terms will expire next year.

They are scheduled to discuss an agreement that would change who collects municipal court fees and fines for the city of Pampa.

City Manager John Horst

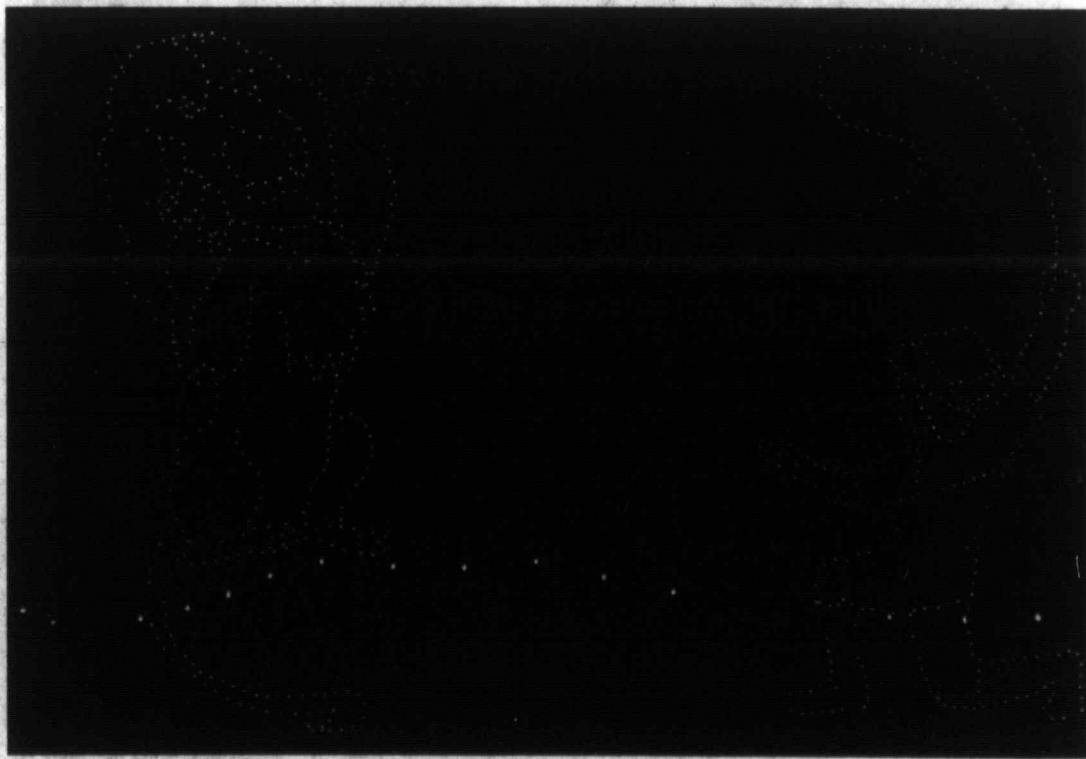
said today that the city plans to use existing funds to pay for water and sewer improvements and expansion, park improvements, street improvements, golf course improvements and new police department facilities including a crime scene building. The money taken from the General Fund will be reimbursed from up to \$2.1 million in Certificates of Obligation issued by the city beginning in January.

Horst said the issuance of the Certificates of Obligation will continue through June 2008.

The commission will also consider amending the 2007-2008 budget to provide a subsidy for the Freedom USA Museum. The subsidy

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## Celebration of Lights



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

A lion performs for a lion tamer as part of a circus scene in the Celebration of Lights display at Recreation Park. The 13th annual display is open for viewing now through Dec. 31. Hours are 6 to 10 p.m. Sundays through Thursdays, and 6 to 11 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays.

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**Tuesday** Partly cloudy **Wednesday** Mostly cloudy **Thursday** Partly cloudy

Tuesday — Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 60s. South winds 10 to 20 mph.

Tuesday Night — Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 30s. Southwest winds 10 to 20 mph.

Wednesday — Mostly cloudy. Highs in the lower 50s. Northwest winds 10 to 20 mph shifting to the north 15 to 20 mph in the afternoon.

Wednesday Night — Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 20s.

Thursday — Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s.

Thursday Night — Mostly cloudy. Lows in the upper 30s.

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**Obituaries**

**Services tomorrow**

**HOLLOWELL, Bob** — Graveside rites 2 p.m. Memorial Park Cemetery in Amarillo.  
**HEARD, Curtis Ferrel** — 2 p.m. Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel.

**Curtis Ferrel Heard, 54**

Curtis Ferrel Heard, 54, died Friday, Nov. 23, 2007, in Amarillo, Texas. Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 27, 2007, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel, with Rev. Fred Butcher of Moore, Okla., officiating. Cremation will follow under the direction of Carmichael-

Whatley Funeral Directors. Mr. Heard was born Jan. 25, 1953, in Pampa where he was a lifelong resident. He graduated from Pampa High School in 1971. He was a longtime employee of Crall Products before purchasing the business in 1991. He was a former president of the Pampa Country Club where

he was an avid golfer. Survivors include two daughters, Jennifer McKeown of Lexington, South Carolina, and Dixie Yearicks of Pampa; one son, Ty Heard of Pampa; his father, Ferrel Heard of Kansas, Okla.; a sister, Connie Butcher of Moore, Okla., four grandchildren,

Rebekah, Zoe, and Elizabeth Yearicks, all of Pampa, and Jonas McKeown of Lexington, South Carolina; and his former wife, Leeann Heard of Pampa. He was preceded in death by his mother, Katie Heard in 1981. Sign the online register at [www.carmichael-whatley.com](http://www.carmichael-whatley.com)

**Bob Hollowell, 71**

**BORGER** — Bob Hollowell, 71, of the Four Sixes Ranch in Carson County died Saturday, Nov. 24 at Booker, Texas. Graveside rites will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 27 at Memorial Park Cemetery in Amarillo with Joe

Leathers, foreman of the Four Sixes Ranch, officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Park Cemetery under the direction of Minton/Chatwell Funeral Directors of Borger. Mr. Hollowell was a member of the Panhandle

Church of Christ. He loved to cowboy and loved his grandchildren. He married Shirley Jones Dec. 31, 1962, at Pampa, Texas. He lived at the Four Sixes Ranch for 27 years. Survivors include his wife, Shirley of the home;

sons, Johnny Hollowell of Fritch and Billy Hollowell of Booker; a daughter, Lisa Jones of Stinnett, Texas; his mother, Gladys Hollowell of Pampa; sisters, Rosalie Spies of Fort Worth, Texas, and Kathy Irvin of Pampa; and nine grandchildren.

**Kenneth R. Imgarten, 78**

Kenneth R. Imgarten, 78, died Saturday, Nov. 24, 2007, in Amarillo, Texas. Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2007, in Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel in Pampa with Pastor Bob Matthews of Centennial Community Church in Centennial, Wyoming, and Rev. Jim Powell, pastor of Hobart Baptist Church in Pampa, officiating.

Mr. Imgarten was born Dec. 6, 1928, in Moberly, Missouri, to Emil and Thelma Imgarten. He played the organ for the Lutheran Church in his youth and attended Moberly Junior College and the University of Missouri at Columbia before serving two years in the U. S. Army.

Ken began a career in 1950 at Phillips Refinery in Kansas City where he raised a family and was active in his two sons' school and scouting activities, and coaching Little League baseball. He was an avid outdoorsman and NRA instructor. Ken

relocated to Pampa in 1984 with Phillips Pipeline where he married Evon Elsheimer on Feb. 14, 1986. He retired from Phillips in 1994 after 44 years of service.



Imgarten

Survivors include his wife, Evon Imgarten; two sons, Michael Imgarten and wife Valerie of Newark, Delaware, and Stephen Imgarten and wife Jan Williams of Santa Fe, New Mexico; two grandchildren, Shealyn Imgarten and Gunnar Imgarten; two stepsons, Courtland French and wife Diane and Craig

French; one stepgrandson, George French and wife Jamie; and one stepgreat-grandson, Wyatt French. MEMORIALS: In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to American Cancer Society, c/o Gerry Caylor, 2130 Charles, Pampa, TX 79065 or BSA Hospice, P. O. Box 950, Amarillo, TX 79105.

SPECIAL NOTICE: Visitation will be at the funeral home from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 27, 2007. Sign the online register at [www.carmichael-whatley.com](http://www.carmichael-whatley.com)

**Emergency Services**

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents which occurred between 7 a.m. Nov. 21 and 7 a.m. today.

**Wednesday, Nov. 21**  
 One traffic stop was made.  
 A traffic complaint was

received from the intersection of Tignor and Barnard streets.

Motorist assistance was rendered in the 1200 block of North Hobart.

A vehicle accident was reported in the 1100 block of North Starkweather.

An abandoned vehicle was reported in the 1400 block of Williston.

Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 100 block of South Gillespie, the 2500 block of Perryton Parkway, the 700 block of North Roberta, the 2100 block of North Wells, the 100 block of West Albert and the 1100 block of East Foster.

A suspicious vehicle call was received from the 800 block of West Kingsmill.

A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 700 block of North Hobart.

Disorderly conduct was reported at the intersection of Francis and Hazel streets.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 500 block of North Dwight.

Harassment was reported

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in the 800 block of North Nelson.

A narcotics violation was reported at the intersection of 17th and Beech streets.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 800 block of East Francis.

Assault was reported in the police department lobby. Three alarms were reported.

Burglary was reported in the 400 block of North Russell and the 100 block of South Russell.

A gas drive-off was reported in the 1400 block of North Hobart.

Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was reported on two occasions in the police department lobby.

**Thursday, Nov. 22**

One traffic stop was made, resulting in at least one arrest.

Traffic complaints were received from the 1000 block of Terry Road and the intersection of 22nd and Christy streets.

Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 600 block of North Roberta, the 100 block of South Gillespie and the 1100 block of Darby.

A welfare check was made in the 1200 block of North Hobart.

Civil matters were reported in the 1800 block of Holly and the 800 block of Bradley Drive.

A suspicious person call was received from the intersection of 22nd and Sumner streets.

A suspicious vehicle call was received from the intersection of Frederic and Barnes streets.

A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 1800 block of Dogwood.

Violation of a city ordinance was reported in the 800 block of Denver.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1100 block of Varnon Drive.

One alarm was reported. Two open doors were checked.

**Friday, Nov. 23**

Eleven traffic stops were made, resulting in at least two arrests.

Traffic complaints were received from the 300 block of North Hobart and the 1400 block of North Hobart.

Animal control officers made a stop concerning animals in the 1900 block of North Christy.

A welfare check was made in the 1800 block of North Faulkner.

A prowler was reported in the 600 block of North Zimmers.

A civil matter was reported in the police department lobby.

A threat was reported in the 100 block of South Starkweather.

A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 1500 block of North Hobart.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 500 block of Yeager.

Three alarms were reported.

Theft was reported in the police department lobby and the 100 block of South Starkweather.

Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was reported in the 800 block of North Christy.

**Saturday, Nov. 24**

Seven traffic stops were made, resulting in at least one arrest.

Traffic complaints were received from the 1900 block of North Hobart and the intersection of Hobart and Wilks streets.

An abandoned vehicle was reported at the intersection of Harvester and Duncan streets.

Animal control officers made stops concerning animals at the intersection of Wilks and Oklahoma streets, the 500 block of Doucette, the 200 block of North Sumner and the 400 block of Magnolia.

Agency assistance was rendered in the 1300 block of Barrett.

Civil matters were reported in the 1600 block of West Somerville, the 100 block of Warren, the police department lobby and the 600 block of North Wells.

Lost property was reported in the police department lobby.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 700 block of West Browning, the 1400 block of West Somerville and the 100 block of West Foster.

Suspicious vehicle calls were received from the 2200 block of North Hobart and the intersection of Dwight and Montagu streets.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1600 block of West Somerville, the 400 block of Magnolia and the 600 block of North Hobart, where an arrest was made in connection with the incident.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 700 block of North Davis and the 1200 block of North Hobart.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1300 block of Barrett.

Two alarms were reported. Theft was reported in the 900 block of South Hobart and the 1700 block of Beech.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the police department lobby and the 100 block of North Somerville.

**Sunday, Nov. 25**

Seven traffic stops were made, resulting in at least one arrest.

Traffic complaints were received from the intersection of Duncan and Louisiana streets and the 700 block of Magnolia.

Animal control officers made a stop concerning animals in the 1000 block of East Browning.

A welfare check was made in the 300 block of North Hobart.

A missing person was reported in the 1100 block of South Dwight.

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

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

A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 800 block of East Francis.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 800 block of Scott, the 2400 block of Dogwood and the 2800 block of Charles.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1200 block of Wilks and the 800 block of North Hobart.

Domestic disturbances were reported in the 2500 block of Rosewood, the 800 block of East Francis, the 100 block of South Wells, the 1200 block of East Francis and the 300 block of Tignor, where an arrest was made in connection with the incident.

Two building checks were made. One alarm was reported.

Theft was reported in the 2800 block of Charles. At least one arrest was made in connection with the incident.

Theft was reported in the 100 block of South Starkweather. At least one arrest was made in connection with the incident.

Theft was reported in the 300 block of North Hobart. At least one arrest was made in connection with the incident.

**Monday, Nov. 26**

Two traffic stops were made, resulting in at least one arrest.

A suspicious person call was received from the 1000

block of Octavus.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1000 block of North Sumner. At least one arrest was made in connection with the incident.

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

**Wednesday, Nov. 21**

Raymond J. Rosas, 33, of East Stroudsburg, Pa., was arrested by Department of Public Safety for possession of marijuana.

**Saturday, Nov. 24**

Heather Alexis Elsass, 23, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa Police Department in the 600 block of North Hobart for violation of probation, theft more than \$50 but less than \$500.

Lee Dwayne Scott, 55, of Pampa was arrested by PPD in the 100 block of West Atchison for non payment of court costs and fines for public intoxication and a capias pro fine for public intoxication.

**Sunday, Nov. 25**

Wayne Wilson, 21, of Pampa was arrested by PPD in the 700 block of North Faulkner for theft under \$50.

Michelle Shawleen Brown, 32, of McLean was arrested for delivery of a controlled substance.

Chase Austin McCarthy, 21, of Pampa was arrested by PPD in the 700 block of North Faulkner for public intoxication and theft less than \$50.

Michael Kevin O'Neal, 45, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for delivery of a controlled substance.

Jose Luis Crispin, 20, of Pampa was arrested by PPD in the 1300 block of South Hobart for disorderly conduct - obscene language.

Douglas Brown, 45, of Borger was arrested by PPD in the 100 block of South Starkweather for DWI, second offense.

Jesus Silva, 36, of Pampa was arrested by PPD in the 300 block of South Tignor for assault causing bodily injury.

Kelly Jo Trusty, 20, of Pampa was arrested by PPD for theft of property more than \$50 but less than \$500.

**Monday, Nov. 26**

Mary Elizabeth Lennington, 18, of Pampa was arrested by PPD in the 1000 block of North Sumner for interference with public duties.

Adrian Anthony Diaz, 20, of Pampa was arrested by PPD in the 1000 block of North Sumner on capias pro fine for minor in possession of alcohol.

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls ending at 7 a.m. today.

**Friday, Nov. 23**

1:32 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 100 block of Russell on a first responder call.

2:00 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 300 block of East Brown on a medical assist.

**Saturday, Nov. 24**

1:13 p.m. — Two units and six personnel responded to the 100 block of North Houston on a false alarm.

1:59 p.m. — Two units and five personnel responded to a motor vehicle accident five miles west on Highway 60.

3:30 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 800 block of Locust on a vehicle fire.

5:41 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1000 block of North Sumner on a first responder call.

5:49 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1200 block of North Wells on a first responder call.

**Sunday, Nov. 25**

4:45 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 500 block of Russell on a standby to assist Gray County Sheriff's Office.

7:19 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1800 block of West 25th on a medical assist.

7:43 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to One Medical Plaza on a Lifestar stand-by.

8:45 p.m. — One unit and four personnel responded to the intersection of Price Road and Highway 60 on a motor vehicle accident.

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls for the weekend period ending at 7 a.m. today.

**Saturday, Nov. 24**

9:57 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of Juniper and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

1:54 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Highway 60 West at Kingsmill and transported a patient to PRMC.

5:37 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of North Sumner and transported a patient to PRMC.

5:45 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of North Wells and transported a patient to PRMC.

**Sunday, Nov. 25**

9:25 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 600 block of North Nelson. No transport.

3:09 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of North Sumner and transported a patient to PRMC.

6:43 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of Seneca and transported a patient to PRMC.

7:16 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of West 25th and transported a patient to PRMC.

8:42 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Price Road and Highway 60 and transported a patient to LifeStar.

9:00 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to LifeStar.

**Monday, Nov. 26**

3:34 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of Reid and transported a patient to PRMC.

5:54 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1600 block of Russell. No transport.

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## High school heater malfunctions, students get out early

By KERRI SMITH  
Staff Writer

Pampa High School students were let out early today due to lack of heat in the main building.

According to the superintendent's office and high school office personnel,

the students were dismissed at 10:50 a.m. after third period. Something happened to the heating system over the holidays and there was no heat in the building. This is not due to the construction that is currently going on at the campus.

This problem affected only high school students. The problem should get resolved some time today so students should report to school as normal on Tuesday morning.

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cough in the individual. Normally a whoop, or gasping for air, is heard in between coughs and the person may vomit after coughing due to the thick mucus that accompanies the illness. The individual may also start to turn blue due to the lack of oxygen. These symptoms normally appear 5-21 days after the person is exposed to the bacteria.

"Most of the cases seen in Gray County were during the spring and

early summer this year," Daves said. "This is probably due to the fact that more people were indoors during these times due to all of the rain we received. Pertussis is spread through the air by coughing of infected individuals, so schools and day cares are at greater risk. The school nurses have done a great job of combating this problem by educating students on hand washing and covering their nose and mouth when they cough."

"It is easy to diagnose pertussis because the doctor just swabs the inside of the nose. If the person tests positive for pertussis, they can be treated with antibiotics. But the main thing to prevent this disease is for peo-

ple to get vaccinated."

Daves said people can either go see their family physician to receive a vaccine or those with lower income can see if they qualify for shots at the mobile vaccination clinic that comes to Pampa twice a month. The Canyon office of the Texas Department of State Health Services comes to Harvest House, 736 S. Cuyler, the first and third Wednesday of each month. They offer vaccinations for children who qualify due to family income and anyone with questions about how to qualify should call the Canyon office at 806-655-7151 or go by the mobile clinic, which will be here again on Dec. 5 and 19.

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would be paid through the M.K. Brown Auditorium budget, using hotel and motel tax revenues. Horst said the revision would increase the budget of M.K. Brown Auditorium from \$242,500 to an estimated \$295,000, although the city commission will decide on the final figure.

"The veterans have provided an invaluable service to this community and country," Horst said. "It's a worthwhile project."

Museum Curator Andy Epps spoke to the city commission earlier this month concerning a \$500 subsidy. He explained that the U.S. Department of Homeland Security is now requiring the museum to hire a full time employee for security reasons.

Horst said the unfunded federal mandate puts the museum in a cash deficit position.

The museum brings an average of 25 tourists a day to the city, Horst said. The commission will also discuss changing the procedures for collecting municipal court fees and fines.

"Earlier this year," Horst said, "the city hired the law firm of Perdue,

Brandon, Fielder, Collins and Mott to collect delinquent property taxes. We thought it'd be a good idea to switch to collections of court fines to the same firm, and let them do all the collecting."

The Pampa EDC has nominated Tyson Curtis to replace Bill Berry on the board of directors. Members of the board whose two-year terms expires in December and have agreed to serve another two-year term are Dennis Stowers, Kathy Cota and Gary Sutherland.

The commission meets at 4 p.m. Tuesday in the commission chamber on the third floor of City Hall.

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# Viewpoints

## Young outlaw ran out of rope before being hanged

Maybe he thought stringing law enforcements officials along with a tale of buried treasure could save him from being strung up, but Daniel H. Evans ran out of rope just the same.

Described by one newspaper as a "handsome young man," the 20-year-old convicted murderer-robber left behind "respectable connections in Tennessee, Missouri and Texas" as well as a long forgotten legend of hidden loot.

An overlooked Old West outlaw, Evans might have been infamous if he had gotten better press. Unfortunately, widespread publicity eluded him until Sept. 4, 1875, when newspapers across the nation reported that he and five other convicted criminals had been hanged in Fort Smith, Ark.

His sentence had been set three months earlier by the famous jurist Isaac C. Parker, better known as the Hanging Judge. The Tennessee-

born outlaw would have the honor of being one of 160 men whose execution the judge ordered during his 21 years on the federal bench.

Evans had been convicted in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Arkansas during a busy spring term. Though most federal judges of the day heard only civil cases, Judge Parker handled criminal cases coming from the wild and woolly country immediately to the west: Indian Territory.

The murder of a man named Seabolt in November 1874 first landed Evans in Parker's court. In addition to that killing near Eufaula, as the New York Times later reported, "Evans admitted that he associated with outlaws, and, with two others, robbed a wealthy man in the Creek Nation in 1873 of \$32,000."

That much cash is still more than most folks can write a check for, but given inflation, that amount

today is the equivalent of \$556,137.93.

According to the Times story, to find out where the victim kept that \$32,000 in 1873 dollars, Evans "stuck a pine stick in his victim's flesh and set it on fire to compel him to tell where the money was."

Mike Cox

Texas Tales



Of that torture-induced haul, Evans claimed he had buried \$25,000 in Bosque County. This presumably occurred while visiting some of his "respectable connections" in Texas. If he thought that revealing his Bosque County cache would buy him time, he miscalculated.

Hearing that his brief life would end on Sept. 3, 1875, no matter what, Evans "smilingly rose and thanked the court for the courtesy shown him."

What Judge Parker told him that day is not known, but the remarks made by the judge in sentencing one of the other five men hanged with Evans that day was reported.

"When you return to the solitude of your prison let me entreat you by all that is still dear to you in time, by all that is dreadful in the retributions of eternity, that you seriously reflect upon the conduct of your past life," the judge intoned. "Bring to your mind all the aggravated horrors of that dreadful hour when the soul of the [murder victim] was sent unprepared into the presence of God where you must shortly meet it as an accusing spirit against you."

And on and on. Evans may have wished he could die right there in

the courtroom rather than endure the judge's grim lecture. Parker finally concluded:

"The sentence of the law as pronounced by the court against you is that you be hanged by the neck until you are dead and may that God, whose laws you have broken and before whose dread tribunal you then appear have mercy on you."

Evans got to think about all that, and possibly reflect on the buried Central Texas fortune he would never get to spend, until 9:30 a.m. on Sept. 3, 1875, when guards removed him from his cell and walked him to the awaiting gallows.

"All six were launched into eternity at the same time," the Galveston Daily News reported a few days after the mass hanging. "[U.S.] Marshal Fagan and his

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## Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, Nov. 26, the 330th day of 2007. There are 35 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

Nov. 26, 1607, is believed to be the birth date of London-born clergyman John Harvard, the principal benefactor of the original Harvard College in Cambridge, Mass.

On this date:

In 1825, the first college social fraternity, Kappa Alpha, was formed at Union College in Schenectady, N.Y.

In 1832, public streetcar service began in New York City. The fare: 12 1/2 cents.

In 1933, a judge in New York ruled the James Joyce book "Ulysses" was not obscene and could therefore be published in the United States.

In 1942, President Roosevelt ordered nationwide gasoline rationing, beginning Dec. 1.

In 1943, during World War II, the HMT Rohna, a British transport ship carrying American soldiers, was hit by a German missile off Algeria; 1,138 men were killed.

In 1949, India adopted a constitution as a republic within the British Commonwealth.

In 1950, China entered the Korean War, launching a counteroffensive against soldiers from the United Nations, the United States and South Korea.

In 1965, France launched its first satellite, sending a 92-pound capsule into orbit.

In 1973, President Nixon's personal secretary, Rose Mary Woods, told a federal court that she had accidentally caused part of the 18 1/2-minute gap in a key Watergate tape.

In 1986, President Ronald Reagan appointed a commission headed by former Sen. John Tower to investigate his National Security Council staff in the wake of the Iran-Contra affair.

Ten years ago: Under heavy international pressure, Iraqi President Saddam Hussein said he would allow visits to presidential palaces where U.N. weapons experts suspected he might be hiding chemical and biological weapons. In a small but symbolic step, the United States and North Korea held high-level discussions at the State Department for the first time.

Five years ago: WorldCom and the government settled a civil lawsuit over the company's \$9 billion accounting scandal. A United Nations report said that for the first time in the 20-year history of the AIDS epidemic, about as many women as men were infected with HIV.

*'Love your neighbors, but don't pull down the fence.'*

— Chinese proverb



## Throw the rascals out of modern system

Americans should remind their elected representatives and senators that we do not have the parliamentary system in this country.

Under that system, which the Founding Fathers rejected, the executive branch is chosen from the majority party in the legislature or, if there is no majority, from a coalition of parties. The Founding Fathers were wise to reject this system, because for one thing it makes the majority party virtually a dictatorship.

Our system elects members of the House and the Senate independently. The president and vice president are elected independently of Congress. The legislative branch is entirely separate from the executive branch and from the judicial branch, and vice versa.

Unfortunately, in recent years the low-caliber people we've elected have tried to make it a parliamentary system in fact if not in form.

Republicans are not elected to represent the Republican Party or a Republican president. They are elected to represent all the people in their district. Yet the Republicans in office today slavishly obey the president.

The same is true of Democrats. Both parties, however, have allowed their partisanship to trump their constitutional duty. Republicans support a Republican president no matter how wrong he is;

Democrats support a Democratic president no matter how wrong he is.

The way to remedy this is for the people to take back their government by voting out of office all incumbents. I've

advocated this for years, and others have, too. People won't do it, though. They may cuss Congress, but they tend to think their particular representative is OK. Well, he or she might be, but the person still needs to be tossed out of office to make the point that the legislative branch is not the cheering section for the president.

I would like to see every single Republican in office

dumped in 2008, and then in 2010, every single Democrat dumped. The American people are the only people in the world who have the power to effect a peaceful revolution. All 435 House members must stand for election every two years. Can you imagine the shock if all 435 were defeated? Every two years, one-third of the Senate has to stand for re-election, and the senators, too, could be dumped out of office.

Never let anyone blame the ills of government on the government. All of the problems of the government are the direct responsibility of the people who are supposed to judge those running for office and to reject those who don't meet the people's standards. In America, we do

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Charley Reese  
Columnist



## Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

Nov. 19  
The Dallas Morning News on the nation's racial divide:

In three weeks, America will celebrate the Civil Rights Act's 50th anniversary, but its supposed beneficiaries African-Americans are less inclined to celebrate these days, according to results of a poll by the Pew Research Center. Growing numbers feel there's been a steady erosion in the quality of their lives and the progress of civil rights in recent years.

Certainly, the political and social status of blacks has improved vastly in the past 50 years. But surveys indicate that during the heady boom times of the

1990s, blacks felt particularly left behind. According to the Pew poll, African-Americans are less upbeat today about the state of their progress than at any time since 1983. Only a fifth of those surveyed feel they're better off today than five years ago. Fewer than half are positive about the future.

Most blacks believe racial discrimination still affects their ability to find a job, obtain housing, get seated in a restaurant or gain access to higher education. The reality might be far different, but this is the prevailing perception nonetheless. Recent events, such as the Jena Six case in Louisiana and slow arrival of aid to victims of Hurricane Katrina, have bolstered these attitudes.

In a post-Katrina 2005 speech, President Bush acknowledged that a gap persists for poor Southern blacks: "That poverty has roots in a history of

racial discrimination, which cut off generations from the opportunity of America. We have a duty to confront this poverty with bold action ... (to) let us rise above the legacy of inequality."

But bold action remains in short supply, and Dallas is one of the cities where that's most evident. The racial divide between the northern and southern halves of the city coincides with patterns of poverty, blight and persistent neglect if not deliberate abandonment by commercial and residential developers.

It'll take more than words to restore African-Americans' sense of hope, and nothing can work faster to start closing our city's gap than providing good jobs, better housing and access to supermarkets and building a sense of social inclusion. It's a national problem, but the solution starts right here.

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# Sports



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Juniors Blake Sieck (12) and Matt Smith (5) bring the ball to Pampa's side of the court during last week's game against Borger. At this past weekend's Lions Club Tournament, Sieck had a total of eight points in the Harvesters' three games, and Smith totaled 50 points.

## Duncan, Parker, Ginobili, defensive spurt lead Spurs past Sonics, 116-101

SEATTLE (AP) — Tim Duncan and the defending champion Spurs broke out of an early game funk with playoff-like precision. After allowing 64 points and settling for a halftime tie with a young Seattle team nowhere near its elite class, San Antonio scored the first 12 points of the third quarter and went on to a 116-101 win over the SuperSonics on Sunday night.

Duncan had 26 points for San Antonio, which is off to its best start in team history. "Well, we had to work hard for that one," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said. "When they scored 64 points in that first half, we weren't used to that. I think the guys wanted to come out and play a little better defense."

The Spurs are too accomplished, too proven to go into halftime tirades over that embarrassing first half, in which Sonics reserve Wally Szczerbiak scored 22 of his 27 points — with a Seattle season-high 20 in the second period.

"We didn't say anything," Duncan said. "We understand what it takes to win a game."

In other NBA games, it was: Toronto 93, Chicago 78; Utah 103, Detroit 93; Cleveland 111, Indiana 106 and New Jersey 102, L.A. Lakers 100.

That championship experience is part of why the Spurs (12-2) are one game better than last season, when they finished with their fourth NBA title in nine seasons.

"It's about taking steps to improve, because everybody knows we are going to the

playoffs," said Manu Ginobili, who joined Tony Parker with 22 points. "So it's about in April being in as good a shape as possible."

Kevin Durant ended a shooting slump with 25 points on 11-for-15 shooting for the Sonics, who matched their worst start since their inaugural season of 1967-68. They are 0-6 at KeyArena, their worst home start ever.

"I'm learning every game," Durant said.

What's left of their fan base isn't seeing much more than Durant maturing and the Sonics folding late in games before an intended move to Oklahoma City for next season.

Seattle's one surge came when Delonte West made a 3-pointer and Nick Collison drove under Duncan for a reverse layup to cut San Antonio's lead to 101-97 with 5:11 left.

But then West turned the ball over and missed a 3 and Chris Wilcox missed a dunk. Parker, meanwhile, made consecutive baskets — the second a fadeaway pushing off one leg — and two free throws to put the Spurs up 107-99.

"We've got to stick with guys and let them play through their mistakes and get better at it, because a lot of guys aren't used to having the ball in the fourth quarter," Szczerbiak said.

Seattle coach P.J. Carlesimo had a mostly warm reunion with the team he was an assistant for the previous five seasons, including dinner with Popovich on Saturday night and a pregame hug Sunday.

## Harvesters take third place at 3rd Annual Lions Club Tournament

By JORDAN REAGAN  
Sports Editor

The Pampa Harvesters finished well this past weekend at the 3rd Annual Pampa Lions/VFW Invitational held at McNeely Field House.

Wrapping the first round of games on Friday, Pampa defeated Alvarado 90-66.

Junior Matt Smith and sophomore Alex Clendening led in points scored with 22 points each.

Also contributing were Heath Skinner with 16 points, Hayden Skinner with 11, Mark Stone with eight, Blake Sieck with four, Wayne Parker with three and Josh Humphrey and Garrett Eggleston with two each.

For winning their first game, Pampa advanced through the winners bracket and took on Lubbock Estacado early

Saturday afternoon.

The Harvesters were defeated by the soon-to-be tournament champions 73-56.

Smith led with 26 points, Clendening had 15, Hayden Skinner had six, Heath Skinner had five and Blake Sieck had four.

Competing for the third place trophy, Pampa hit the court with El Paso Bowie Saturday evening, and easily won the match 73-43.

Clendening, who was later named all-tournament led the Harvesters with 23 points, Stone had 12, Parker had 11, Hayden Skinner had seven, Heath Skinner had six, Alex Torres and Adam Anguiano had five each and Smith and Humphrey had two each.

"We definitely grew up some this past weekend," head coach Dustin

Miller said, "We finished off two games very well and gave Estacado all they wanted for about 2 1/2 quarters. I think it is good for us to know that we belong on the same court with really good teams like Lubbock Estacado."

Pampa's only loss was to Lubbock Estacado, which defeated Fort Worth Poly in the tournament championship late Saturday evening.

Al Duvall of Lubbock Estacado was recognized as the tournament MVP and was rewarded with a \$1,000 scholarship by the Pampa Lions Club.

The Harvesters will hit the road Tuesday as they take on the Perryton Rangers in Perryton.

The varsity boys will play at 7:30 p.m. following the varsity girls, and the JV boys will play at 6 p.m. in the other gym.

## Redskins safety Sean Taylor shot in Florida, in critical condition

MIAMI (AP) — Washington Redskins star safety Sean Taylor was in critical condition after he was shot at his Florida home Monday, police said.

Officers were dispatched to Taylor's home at about 1:45 a.m. He was airlifted to Jackson Memorial Hospital, police Detective Alvaro Zabaleta said. He didn't know what part of his body was injured.

Taylor's family asked that no information about his condition be released, hospital spokeswoman Lorraine Nelson said.

Taylor has a home in the Miami suburb of Palmetto Bay that he bought two years ago. The 24-year-old player is in his fourth season with the Redskins after playing at the University of Miami, where he was an All-American in 2003. He leads the team with five interceptions but has missed the last two games because of a knee injury.

Taylor has been in trouble numerous times since he was drafted as the No. 5 overall pick in 2004. He has been fined at least seven times during his professional career for late hits and other infrac-

tions, including a \$17,000 penalty for spitting in the face of Tampa Bay running back Michael Pittman during a playoff game in January 2006. He also was fined \$25,000 for skipping a mandatory rookie symposium shortly after he was drafted.

Redskins coaches and players have defended Taylor, saying he was smart and misunderstood. Taylor has been slow to let anyone into his inner circle. He has rarely spoken to reporters, saying he does not trust them. Teammates said he became more mature over the last

year after he became a father for the first time.

In 2005, Taylor was accused of brandishing a gun at a man and repeatedly hitting him during a fight that broke out after Taylor and some friends went looking for the people who had allegedly stolen his all-terrain vehicles.

Taylor reached a deal with prosecutors last year after they agreed to drop felony charges against him. He pleaded no contest to two misdemeanors in the assault case and was sentenced to 18 months probation. The pleas prompted another

fine from the NFL but kept his football career intact.

He also was ordered to talk about the importance of education at 10 Miami schools and had to contribute \$1,000 for scholarships to each of those schools.

The man Taylor allegedly hit, Ryan Hill, sued, seeking at least \$15,000 in damages. Hill sustained bruises to his body, incurred medical expenses and lost wages because of the fight, the lawsuit said.

## Browns look playoff hungry in 27-17 romp over Texans

CLEVELAND (AP) — Maybe it was the throwback jerseys, vintage late 1950s. Maybe it was the Jamal Lewis left cleat marks on defenders like Jim Brown once did. Or maybe it was the Dawg Pound's howl.

On Sunday, everything looked and felt right about the Cleveland Browns.

Derek Anderson threw touchdown passes to Kellen Winslow and Braylon Edwards, Lewis rumbled for 134 yards and a TD and the Browns inched closer to a playoff berth, rolling to a 27-17 win over the Houston Texans.

Winslow, taking on multiple tacklers with nearly every catch, had 10 receptions for 107 yards as the Browns (7-4) won for the fifth time in six games. Blown out 34-7 by Pittsburgh in its season opener, Cleveland has also reeled off five straight wins at home for the first time since 1994.

"We're winning games and there's something special starting to happen with us and this city," said wide receiver Joe Jurevicius, a Cleveland native who grew up cheering for

the Browns. "It's so much fun out there." And it may only get better.

With their best all-around performance this season, the Browns stayed within striking distance of the first-place Steelers in the AFC North and moved atop the wild-card contenders.

In fact, if the season ended today, the Browns would qualify for the postseason. "We kind of control our own destiny," said linebacker Andra Davis, one of the few Browns still around from Cleveland's 2002 playoff team. "I've been waiting a long time to say that."

For the first time in four weeks, Browns fans weren't reaching for antacids in the final minutes. Cleveland's three previous games had all been decided by three points, with two going to overtime.

This one was easy. Afterward, Winslow, his body bruised and a nasty knot swelling on his forehead, slid into the seat at the front of the interview room and looked out at the overflow crowd.

## Sherman not commenting about Texas A&M opening

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — Houston Texans assistant Mike Sherman declined comment Sunday on reports that he's the leading candidate for the Texas A&M job.

Auburn coach Tommy Tuberville, another rumored replacement for Dennis Franchione, also said Sunday he hasn't been contacted by Texas A&M officials and doesn't expect them to come calling.

Franchione resigned Friday after A&M's 38-30 victory over Texas.

Texas A&M athletic department spokesman Alan Cannon said the university has scheduled a news conference for 11 a.m. Monday

to make an announcement regarding the program.

Sherman, who turns 53 on Dec. 19, has been the Texans' assistant head coach for two seasons under Gary Kubiak, a former A&M quarterback. Sherman became the offensive coordinator this season. The Texans lost 27-17 to the Browns in Cleveland on Sunday.

A Texans spokesman initially said Sherman wouldn't be available.

When Sherman left the Texans' locker room, he was trailed by several reporters who asked for comment on the Texas A&M situation. He politely declined, saying he would only talk about the

loss. Earlier, Houston owner Bob McNair addressed Sherman's status.

"I think the report says he may be the leading candidate," McNair said. "They (Texas A&M) haven't called me. That's not to say they haven't called someone in the organization. I don't think they could find anyone better. He's an outstanding coach. We certainly would not stand in his way."

Like Kubiak, Sherman has A&M ties. He was the Aggies' offensive line coach from 1989-93 and then in 1995-96 under R.C. Slocum. Kubiak coached A&M's running backs in 1992 and '93.

**ATTENTION FOOTBALL SENIOR PARENTS**

2007 football season has come to a close but there are several details and dates coming up that we are asking you to make note of in your calendar.

•Football banquet is set for Wednesday, January 9th at MK Brown. If you would like for your senior player, trainer or video tech to be a part of the video you will need to turn in three photographs (NOT INCLUDING THE BLUNCKS PICTURE) to the athletic office no later than Wednesday, Dec. 19. Ed Copeland has graciously volunteered to create the video.

•YARD SIGNS: All varsity players need to turn in their yard signs to Coach Cavalier ASAP. Seniors may purchase their signs for \$25. Anyone not turning in their sign will be billed \$25.

•Booster parents plan to decorate for the football banquet on Tuesday, Jan. 8. This banquet is especially for the seniors; therefore, we strongly encourage senior parents to help decorate and clean up.

If you have any questions you may call Johnny and Cheryl Malone.

Thanks so much,  
Booster Club Officers

## Eight Brazilian soccer fans die after stadium bleacher collapses

SAO PAULO, Brazil (AP) — A section of stands at a soccer stadium in northeastern Brazil gave way Sunday as fans cheered at the end of a game, killing eight people, police said.

At least 60,000 were in the stadium for the game at the Fonte Nova stadium in the coastal city of Salvador when the victims fell several stories to the ground after a hole several yards wide opened in the concrete floor of a section of the highest bleachers.

At least nine people fell through and eight of them died, said Maj. Edmilson Tavares of the city's federal police. He said he could not immediately confirm how many people were

hurt.

The accident happened as fans of the Bahia club went into a wild celebration, storming the field when their team managed a 0-0 tie with Vila Nova which secured Bahia a place in the nation's second division.

Globo TV reported that fans had been jumping up and down in glee, and that dozens of people were injured.

Many fans did not realize that the bleachers had given way and continued to celebrate by swarming the field after the game.

The stadium was built in 1951, according to the Web site of Salvador's A Tarde newspapers.

## Missouri moves to No. 1 for first time in 47 years

NEW YORK (AP) — Missouri is No. 1 in The Associated Press Top 25 for the second time in school history. The Tigers have to be hoping this stay is longer than the first.

Missouri became the fourth team this season — joining Southern California, LSU and Ohio State — to hold the top ranking, a day after beating Kansas 36-28 to earn a spot in the Big 12 championship game. Not since 1997 have so many teams been No. 1 in a season.

The Tigers' only other time at No. 1 lasted a week in 1960.

West Virginia moved up to No. 2 on Sunday, its highest ranking ever, and became the eighth team this season to be ranked second. The Mountaineers' 66-21 victory over Connecticut earned them the Big East title and knocked the Huskies

out of the rankings.

No. 3 Ohio State, Georgia and LSU complete the top five.

Missouri, West Virginia, Ohio State, Georgia and Kansas were the top five teams in the Bowl Championship Series standings released Sunday. The Tigers were No. 1 in the Harris poll and West Virginia was No. 1 in the coaches' poll.

This most unpredictable season took another tumultuous turn when Nos. 1 and 2 lost in the same weekend for the second time in two months. Top-ranked LSU lost its second triple overtime game of the season to Arkansas on Friday and second-ranked Kansas had its unbeaten season spoiled by Missouri.

On Oct. 6, then-No. 1 LSU lost in three OTs to Kentucky and later

that day No. 2 California fell to Oregon State. Before that, Nos. 1 and 2 hadn't lost in the same regular season weekend in 10 years.

Three times this season No. 1 has been beaten. That hasn't happened since 1990, when No. 1 went down five times.

LSU became the 12th top-five team to lose to an unranked team when it fell 52-50 to Arkansas and Kansas was the sixth team ranked No. 2 to lose this season. LSU became the first team since Notre Dame in 1990 to lose as No. 1 twice in the regular season.

The new top-ranked Tigers from Missouri face Oklahoma in San Antonio on Saturday, a victory away from playing in the BCS championship game on Jan. 7.

"Obviously, it's a nice honor for our program," Missouri coach

Gary Pinkel said. "But we've got so much to play for and so much preparation to put in for a great Oklahoma team that we really can't spend much time thinking about that."

Missouri last rose to the top of the media poll on Nov. 14, 1960. The next week coach Dan Devine's Tigers lost to Kansas 23-7 in the regular-season finale, though the Jayhawks later had to forfeit that game because they used an ineligible player.

Missouri finished that season No. 5.

The rest of the new top 10 was Virginia Tech at No. 6, followed by Kansas, Southern California, Oklahoma and Florida.

Hawaii, the only unbeaten team left in major college football, moved up three spots to No. 11

after beating Boise State 39-27 on Friday night to win the Western Athletic Conference title.

No. 12 Boston College plays Virginia Tech for the Atlantic Coast Conference championship on Saturday.

Arizona State was No. 13 and No. 14 Tennessee plays LSU in the Southeastern Conference championship game Saturday.

No. 15 Illinois was followed by Clemson, Texas, Oregon, Wisconsin and Cincinnati.

The final five were BYU at No. 21, Virginia, Auburn, Boise State and South Florida.

USF, which was No. 2 for a week in October then fell out of the rankings after a three-game losing streak, moved back into the Top 25 for the first time in a month.

## No. 4 Buffs playoff run ends with 56-28 loss at NW Missouri State

MARYVILLE, Mo. — Four turnovers and four rushing touchdowns from Northwest Missouri State's Xavier Omon derailed the National Championship hopes of the Buffaloes on Saturday, as the fourth-ranked West Texas A&M football team suffered a 56-28 defeat at the hands of the No. 5 Bearcats on a cold, cloudy day at Bearcat Stadium.

Despite the setback, the 2007 Buffs will go down in the WT record books as the team with the most wins in a season at 12 and having reached the highest national ranking, fourth in both the American Football Coaches Association poll and the d2football.com top 25, since the 1986 season. Additionally, the Buffs return much of their firepower on both sides of the ball as they will enter the 2008 season in search of an unprecedented fourth straight Lone Star Conference Championship and NCAA-II playoff appearance.

Junior quarterback Keith Null, who was forced to leave the game late in the third quarter with an injury, completed 36-of-53 passes for 360 yards and a pair of

touchdowns, both to junior wide out Charly Martin. Null, who impressive season drew Harlon Hill award consideration, finishes the year with 41 touchdown passes and 4,134 passing yards to set new school records in both categories.

The opening drive of the game saw the Bearcats strike the first blow as the Northwest offense went to work at its own 26-yard line and proceed to march the length of the field on 10 plays to register the first points of the afternoon as quarterback Josh Mathews found junior wide out Kendall Wright for a 29-yard score.

After a three-and-out by the Buffs during their first possession and a solid return by Wright into Buff territory set up the second Bearcat possession of the afternoon which resulted in a three-yard rushing touchdown by senior running back Xavier Omon, that made the score 14-0.

The West Texas A&M offense finally came alive after going down by two scores, making their first appearance on the Northwest Missouri side of the 50-yard line on their third drive,

which appeared to stall at the NWMSU 14-yard line. The Buffs and place kicker Jon Roberts took the field to line-up for a 31-yard field goal attempt, but head coach Don Carthel elected to take a gamble as holder Dale Davis took the snap an executed the fake with a rush that achieved the first down and ended just short of the Bearcat goal line. Two plays later it was junior Wayne McKnight who got the Buffs on the scoreboard, reaching pay dirt with a one-yard plunge.

Omon and the Bearcats made it a two-score game once again on their ensuing drive, as the Northwest running back leaped high over the mass of linemen into the end zone from one yard out to cap off a 10-play, 61-yard drive.

The Buffs appeared to be on the verge of putting more points on the scoreboard and closing to within one score as they drove down to the NW 12-yard line with just over five minutes to play. But like their fist scoring possession, the drive stalled deep in Bearcat territory and the WT coaching staff was forced with another fourth down decision.

## Like Favre, Cowboys LB Ellis getting better with age

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Greg Ellis looks at Brett Favre and sees a guy getting better with age. With a wide smile, Ellis acknowledges the same can be said about himself.

Although he's 32, coming off a potentially career-ending injury and still learning how to play linebacker, Ellis is enjoying the best season of his 10-year career. Better yet, the Cowboys are 10-1 and closing in on their first division title since his rookie season.

"You can just look at the stats and obviously Brett is having a great year — and the same thing for me," Ellis said. "It's like a fine wine. I tell Jerry (Jones) that all the time."

Ellis had two sacks against the New York Jets on Thanksgiving, upping his season tally to 8.5. That's a half-sack shy of his best ever, set back when he was a defensive end.

Reluctantly turned into an outside linebacker last season, Ellis quickly discovered it was a good fit. Just look at the results: 13 sacks in 17 games, despite that run being interrupted last November by a torn Achilles' tendon.

That injury usually takes a year to recover. After some training-camp drama sur-

rounding his return, Ellis was back Sept. 30 and celebrated with 1.5 sacks in limited action. Three weeks later, he returned to the starting lineup and celebrated with two sacks.

Over his five starts, Ellis has six sacks. "Because of the injury and to have played only about a season at linebacker, people might be like, 'Maybe he can go out there and make a couple of plays, but he probably won't have it yet.' Thank God I do," Ellis said.

Ellis certainly benefits from offenses worrying more about fellow outside linebacker DeMarcus Ware. Yet it's worth noting that Ware's numbers have improved, too. He had 3.5 sacks in Ellis' first three games and still leads the team with nine.

"They can't double both of us," Ware said. "So it's a big deal when Greg's in the game. We're able to get more pressure on the quarterback from both ends."

The Cowboys will need the tandem as much as ever Thursday when they take on Favre and the 10-1 Green Bay Packers. With the teams tied atop the NFC, the winner will have the inside track on home-field advantage in the playoffs.

## Cox

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deputies superintended the execution. The gallows was erected close up and in front of an old pentagon-shaped building [the old Army post of Fort Smith]. Just over the trap was a strong rope-beam, framed on posts and firmly braced. The six men were placed in line, standing side by side.

Some of the condemned men had a few words to say, but not Evans. "All showed nerve" before the trap sprang, the Times reported.

Daniel Evans seems to

have been quickly forgotten. Since a family can have more than one bad sheep, it's interesting to ponder whether Daniel had a younger brother named Jesse.

While Daniel was born in Tennessee, Jesse Evans was born in 1853 either in Missouri or Texas. Jesse and his parents got arrested in Kansas in 1871 for passing counterfeit money, and his career went downhill from there. He fell in with Billy the Kid and gang in New Mexico and later, as leader of his own outlaw band, got in a shootout with Texas Rangers in the Big Bend on July 3, 1880.

Evans killed a Ranger

and one of the Rangers killed one of Evans' gang. Finally forced to surrender, Evans was convicted and sentenced to prison in Huntsville. He escaped from a work party in May 1882 and was never heard from again.

Maybe someday a researcher adept at outlaw genealogy will establish a blood tie between the two hard cases named Evans. Of course, the real find would be that \$25,000 in loot Daniel Evans claimed he hid in Bosque County.

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## No. 13 Baylor has big second half, beats No. 12 California

WACO, Texas (AP) — Jessica Morrow scored 18 points and Angela Tisdale added 16 to lift No. 13 Baylor to a 69-56 victory over No. 12 California on Sunday.

Baylor (5-0) shot 61 percent from the floor after halftime to improve to 53-1 in home nonconference games since Kim Mulkey became coach in 2000.

The Lady Bears trailed 32-25 at halftime, but scored 11 straight points early in the second half to take the lead for good.

California (4-1) shot just 39 percent from the field and turned the ball over 21 times.

Ashley Walker scored 20 points and grabbed 12 rebounds, and Alexis Gray-

Lawson added 15 for the Golden Bears.

Baylor's Jhasmin Player scored 15 points and Danielle Wilson added 10, all of which came in the second half.

California led 34-27 when Baylor took control of the game. Wilson's layup tied things at 34, and the Lady Bears took the lead on Player's basket with 15:45 left.

Tisdale hit consecutive 3-pointers to put the Lady Bears up 44-38. Baylor's lead swelled to 15 points when Jessica Bradley hit a pair of free throws to give Baylor a 59-44 cushion with 9:02 remaining.

California got no closer than 13 the rest of the way.

## Reese

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You can't tell me that in a nation of 300 million people, the 435 members of Congress and the 100 senators are the best we can do. That's only 535 people out of 300 million. If that paltry number of office-seekers is the cream of our crop, then we have declined in quality to the point of no resurrection.

Part of the problem is that the best of our

people no longer want to serve. As much as Congress has inflated its own salaries and perks, it's still below what a reasonably bright and energetic lawyer or businessman can make. Then, too, there is the harassment that goes with being in public office.

Nevertheless, we wouldn't exist if some of the best people in the past had not sacrificed to serve the public and the country, often at great personal expense. Think about it. The government belongs to you, not to the politicians.

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



# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR READERS:** Thanksgiving dishes are back in the china cabinet, and the last of the leftovers are finished. The party season is starting, and Christmas carols fill the air. While this is an exciting and joyful time for a lot of us, for many individuals the holidays can be an intensely difficult time, triggering feelings of stress, loneliness and loss. If a person is prone to depression, these feelings can be magnified. How can anyone feel depressed at this time of year, you ask? The reasons are many: People who are separated from their families often feel isolated because they are unable to celebrate in the traditional way. Families who have lost a loved one during the year often feel his or her absence especially at this time. Others become depressed because they imagine that everyone else is enjoying a warm, idealized family experience, while they are on the outside looking in. Even people who enjoy the holidays can find them stressful. At this time of year people are stretched for time, energy and money -- particularly the latter. They may feel embarrassed because they can't celebrate the way they would like to, or celebrate in the style they have in years past. Some ways to ward off the holiday blues:

- Keep expectations reasonable. Do not take on more activities than you can comfortably handle -- financially or otherwise.
- Don't overspend. Plan a holiday budget and live within it, regardless of the temptation.
- Do not run up credit card debt, or January will be like a serious hangover.
- And speaking of hangovers: Watch your alcohol intake. Remember, although alcohol appears to be a mood elevator, it is actually a depressant. If you have a problem with alcohol, get whatever support you need to make it through the holidays. And

finally, if you are feeling down and in need of an instant "upper," the surest way to accomplish it is to do something nice for someone else. Call someone who lives alone and invite that person to dinner. Better yet, say, "I'm coming to get you, and I'll see that you get safely home." (Some older people no longer drive at night, and those who do might prefer not to be behind the wheel after dark.) Give it a try! You'll be glad you did. And another reminder: We have so much for which to be grateful -- our health, our sanity, our freedom. For those of you with a little time to spare, how about showing our gratitude to our wounded veterans by visiting a veteran's hospital and raising the spirits of those who have served our country? As I said before, the quickest way to lose those holiday blues is to extend a hand to someone who could use one. Try it and you'll see what I mean.

LOVE, ABBY

**DEAR ABBY:** I keep reading that having sex regularly will improve your health and extend your life. However, my wife of 34 years has lost all interest in sex and keeps pushing me away. So what do I do? Am I justified in taking on a lover on the side, discreetly, of course? -- **CONSIDERING IT, SAN MATEO, CALIF.**

**DEAR CONSIDERING IT:** I, too, have read that engaging in sex regularly can improve one's health and extend one's life. However, rather than asking me for permission, you should address that question to your wife. If it's all right with her, it's all right with me. But if she says no, please remember that the stress of carrying on an illicit affair could shorten your life, and if she catches you it could be fatal.

## For Better Or For Worse



## Zits



## Garfield



## Beetle Bailey



## Marvin



## Crossword Puzzle

### CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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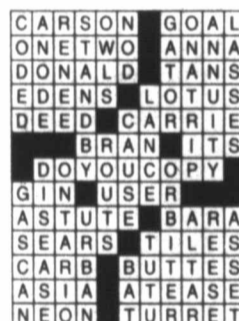
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"If running is good for you, I should live forever."

## The Family Circus

THE FAMILY CIRCUS, By Bil Keane

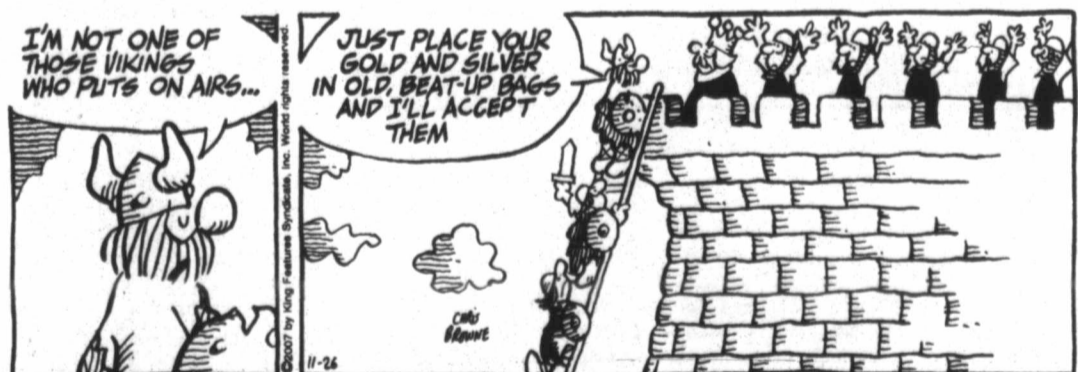


"We're always going slow when we pass it."

## B.C.



## Haggar The Horrible



## Peanuts



## Blondie



## Flo & Friends

