

**Tomorrow's Weather**

**HIGH 66**  
**LOW 41**

See expanded weather on Page 2

**DOUG BOYD MOTOR CO.**  
Open 9 am - 6 pm Monday - Saturday Hwy 60 - Hwy 70 - Pampa TX - 669-6062 - www.DougBoydMotors.com

**BUY HERE • PAY HERE • NO CREDIT CHECK**

**WHL**  
POWER EQUIPMENT  
SALES & RENTAL  
103 S. HOBART  
665-2366

# THE PAMPA NEWS

Volume 103 • No. 209 50¢ Daily • Sunday \$1.50

**We're Small But Good!**  
Friendly Faces and Competitive Prices

**36+ Years Experience**

Ceramics • Laminate  
Hard Wood • Carpet

**The Floor Store**  
2100 Perryton Parkway  
665-4455

Floor Care Essentials by Mohawk  
Professional Carpet & Upholstery Cleaning System

FREE PROFESSIONAL ESTIMATES

**CHILDERS BROTHERS INC.**  
HOUSE LEVELING

Uneven Floors  
Floor Bracing  
Cracks In Bricks  
Sticking Doors & Windows  
Interior Wall Cracking

FREE ESTIMATES

**1-800-299-9563**  
WWW.CHILDERSLEVELING.COM

WE CARRY THE LARGEST SELECTION AND THE LATEST STYLES OF FLOORING IN STOCK WITH THE BEST PRICES!

**One STOP Flooring**

1533 N. HOBART  
MONDAY-FRIDAY 9-5  
SATURDAY 10-1

**24HR WATER EXTRACTION**  
**RUG RATS**

Professional Carpet & Air Duct Cleaning

FREE ESTIMATES

Ronnie Harvill Owner  
665-1976 or 662-9219

**ADRIAN PAY, MD**  
INTERNAL MEDICINE

PHONE 665-2120  
3023 PERRYTON PKWY  
SUITE 201

**Ashmore & Associates**  
INSURANCE AGENCY, LLC

1224 North Hobart  
79BC Plaza 2, Suite 11  
Pampa, TX • 806-688-7081  
www.ashmoreassociates.com

"For Your Business & Personal Needs"

**JIM BRUTON**

**Rebecca McCall**  
Sales - Associate

PAMPA REALTY INC.  
Central Office  
182 N. Gray  
Pampa, TX 79065  
669-0007  
Fax 669-0008  
cell 662-2790

**Thomas Automotive Inc.**  
Premier Auto Service and Repair

**665-4851**  
**217 E. ATCHISON**  
Monday - Friday • 8am - 6pm

**LET US HANG YOUR LIGHTS!**  
HOUSE • LAWN • TREES

**West Texas Landscape**  
120 S Hobart St • 669-0158

**TOP OF TEXAS**  
YOUR COMPLETE ICE COMPANY  
(806) 665-2061

1945 N. Hobart  
Pampa, TX 79065

Sales • Service • Lease Ice Equipment  
Merchandisers • Package Ice • We Deliver

**Pampa Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade**  
Join The Fun December 8th at 2:00pm

The 1st Drawing for the Shop Pampa & Win will follow at Rheams and at 5:00pm the 2nd drawing in front of Plaza III.

Bring your tickets to the drawings ... **MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN**



**Accident**

Two Pampa men were injured in this one-vehicle rollover Tuesday morning on Highway 60 East. According to a DPS report, the accident occurred when the driver tried to answer his cell phone.

Pampa News photo by JORDAN REAGAN

## Two Pampa men injured in rollover

**By JORDAN REAGAN**  
Sports Editor

Two Pampa men were injured in a one-car accident Tuesday morning in Gray County, 9 miles east of Pampa on Highway 60.

The driver, Harlan Sealman of Pampa, and passenger David Bowers also of Pampa were transported to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

According to a Texas Department of Public Safety spokesperson, Sealman was eastbound on Highway 60 when he was distracted by his cell phone ringing. When he attempted to receive the call, he veered into the westbound lane of traffic, and turned hard to the right, overcorrected and rolled the vehicle twice.

The vehicle came to a stop facing northwest with its top on the ground.

**WARNING**

## GCSO warns residents of possible identity theft operation via phone

**By MARILYN POWERS**  
Staff Writer

Gray County Sheriff's Office is warning residents about a possible identity theft operation in which the person is asked for information concerning their bank account.

At least one local resident has reported receiving a call from someone claiming to be a representative of the Internal Revenue Service, said Sheriff Don Copeland. The caller claimed that the IRS had a refund to send to the person, and asked for the person's bank routing number and bank account number in order to deposit the refund in their account.

This information may be used by the caller to remove money from the account and may also lead to identity theft, Copeland said.

The IRS warns all citizens not to give personal information over the phone, through the mail or on the Internet unless they have initiated the contact or they are sure they know who they are dealing with. The IRS does not ask for personal or financial information in this way; such information is sent through the mail.

See IRS, Page 3

## CC to hold first nursing graduation

**By KERRI SMITH**  
Managing Editor

Clarendon College will hold its first vocational nursing graduation ceremonies in Pampa at 7 p.m. Thursday at Pampa Junior High School, 2401 Charles.

Thirty-three graduates from around the area will participate in the ceremony. The guest speaker for the evening will be Dr. Bobby W. Smith, general surgeon.

The instructors for this year's class were David Williams, Peggy Stewart, Phyllis Norton and Jennifer Black. Clinical instructors were Mindy Burrow, Connie Baten and Connie Ferrar.

Local graduates include Kathym Apperson, McLean; Lauren Bowen, Pampa; Pamela Brown, Groom; Jordan Douglas, Pampa; Alicia Driscoll, Pampa; Jennifer Harper, Pampa; Ashley Huff, Miami; April Martinez, Pampa; Kimberly Menefee, Pampa; Leilani O'Loughlin, Miami; Tiffany Presson, Pampa; Lashaunda Robicheaux, Pampa; Christy Shook, Pampa; Katrina Sonnier, Miami; Fabian Soto, Pampa; and Erika Trevino, Wheeler.

For more information about the graduation or vocational nursing classes, contact Jennifer Black at Clarendon College Pampa Center, 665-8801.

## Cable ONE announces 2008 price adjustments

After not raising television rates for nearly two years, Cable ONE is introducing changes to its 2008 pricing.

Adjustments will become effective Jan. 1 for various television programming packaging. While there are several different programming packages, on average, customers will see a 6.2 percent increase.

Since Cable ONE's rates have not been adjusted since 2006, its annual increase to customers averages out to 3.1 percent per year.

"We understand that no one wants to see increases, but we are faced with the rising costs of doing business," said General Manager Terry Harris. "Programming costs have gone up 14 percent over the last two years and soaring gas prices and the expense of maintaining our cable system have also played a factor in our rates.

"The nation's largest cable provider charges \$52 for basic cable, about five dollars more than Cable ONE for a similar package," Harris added. "We worked hard to control costs and are pleased to keep rates lower in our markets."

Cable ONE offers a variety of packages and services starting with a Lifeline service at \$20. Cable ONE customers can also save \$10 to \$20 a month by taking multiple services. In addition, the company states, customers are raving about Cable ONE's unlimited long-distance home phone service. Harris said customers are telling them they are saving significantly on their phone bill each month.

In 2007, Cable ONE increased HSD speeds and added more HD programming and other digital channels.

"We will continue to bring the latest technology to the communities we serve so you can expect more innovations from us in the future," Harris said. "At the same time, we remain committed to offering live, local, cus-

See RATES, Page 3

## Logo designers



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

Yesenia Soria, right, was the winner of a contest among certain Pampa elementary school students to design a logo for the JCV Teens in Action, a volunteer youth group of CASA of the High Plains. Ofelia Marszal, center, presented Soria with a \$20 gift card for her winning design at a school assembly Monday morning. Also recognized for her entry was McKinley Nunn, left. Both students are fifth-graders at Lamar Elementary School. CASA, or Court-Appointed Special Advocates, provides services to children who have been removed from abusive and/or neglectful homes in the area. The logo contest was open to Pampa public school fifth-graders and those in grades three and four of private school.

**NEXT DAY FORECAST**

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Sunny</b>	<b>Sunny</b>	<b>Partly cloudy</b>

**Thursday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 66. Wind chill values between 25 and 35 early. Windy, with a south-southwest wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.  
**Thursday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 41. Southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.  
**Friday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 60. North-northwest wind between 5 and 15 mph.  
**Friday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 45. East wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south.

**Saturday:** Partly sunny, with a high near 59. South-southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.  
**Saturday Night:** A 20 percent chance of rain. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 38. South-southwest wind 10 to 15 mph becoming northwest.

© This information brought to you by...

**PRESTIGE**  
**AUTOBODY & ACCESSORIES**  
 101 S. HOBART 806-665-3500  
**GET READY FOR WINTER WITH HUSKY MATS -OR- A TONNEAU COVER**

**Services tomorrow**

**FERRELL, Wilbur Leroy** — 2 p.m., First Baptist Church, Pampa.  
**SHAW, Larry Wayne** — 10 a.m., Church of the Nazarene, Pampa.

**Suspect passes out in Corpus Christi police car, dies in custody**

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — A man died in police custody after he was beaten with a baton and pepper-sprayed in the face by officers because he resisted arrest, police said.  
**Richard Parr, 45,** died early Tuesday after being

rushed to Bay Area Medical Center when he slumped over in the police car, Corpus Christi police Chief Bryan Smith said.  
 Smith said Parr fought with officers when they tried to arrest him during a response to a family violence call at an apartment complex. Smith said officers gained control over Parr with a baton and pepper spray. Parr was placed in the police cruiser, where he continued to kick the car and bang his head. Officers then bound Parr's feet and placed a permeable "spit shield" net over his mouth because he was spitting at officers, Smith said.

**Stocks**

The following grain quotations are provided by Attebury Grain of White Deer:

Wheat	8.30
Milo	6.36
Corn	7.34
Soybeans	9.42

The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa:

OXY	70.71	+1.35
BP PLC ADR	73.05	+0.70
Cabot Corp	35.12	+0.45
Celanece	39.31	+0.59
Cabot Oil Gas	34.29	+0.70
Coca Cola	62.67	-0.08
VLO	64.14	-0.10
HAL	36.89	+0.60
XCEL	23.35	+0.13
Anadarko	60.23	+1.55
XOM	89.74	+1.62
Nat'l Oilwell	72.10	+1.04
Limited	20.04	-0.09
Williams	35.02	+0.19
MCD	59.55	-0.48
Atmos	26.76	+0.27
Pioneer Nat	45.51	-1.13
JCP	45.54	+0.80
COP	81.38	+1.67
SLB	96.37	+2.53
Tenneco	26.64	+0.49
CVX	88.88	+1.72
Wal-Mart	48.62	+0.43
OKE	47.74	+0.14

New York Gold ..... 807.60  
 Silver ..... 14.47  
 West Texas Crude ..... 88.32



**Dec. 5**  
**20 shopping days to Christmas**

**PAMPA NURSING CENTER**

*Where Caring And Living Meet*

From rehabilitation to long-term care, our compassionate, competent staff is here to help our residents live each day to the fullest.

**1321 W. KENTUCKY AVENUE**  
**PAMPA, TEXAS**  
**PHONE: 806-669-2551**  
**FAX: 806-665-1722**

Preneed Arrangements Available Including Caskets  
 Special Veterans Garden  
**Memory Gardens**  
 Cemetery & Mausoleum of Pampa  
 665-8921  
 23rd St and Price Rd  
 www.memory-gardens.tripod.com

**Obituaries**

**James Lee Middleton, 53**

James Lee Middleton, 53, of Pampa, died Dec. 4, 2007, at Amarillo.  
 No services are scheduled at the present time. Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.  
 Mr. Middleton, a lifelong Pampa resident, was born

May 25, 1954, at Pampa. He married Melody Edwards on May 3, 1982, in Pampa.  
 He worked as a roughneck in the oil and gas industry, and was a Baptist.  
 Mr. Middleton was preceded in death by Bob Middleton and Joyce Murphy, and infant twin sisters.

Survivors include his wife, Melody Middleton, of the home; one son, James Lee Middleton, Jr., of Ada, Okla.; two daughters, Kaysi Middleton and Kayla Middleton, both of Pampa; two brothers, Montey Middleton of Houston and Larry Middleton of Pampa; a stepfather, George Murphy

of Pampa; and two grandchildren.  
**SPECIAL NOTICE:** The family will have visitation from 5-7 p.m. Friday at 1421 N. Russell in Pampa.  
**MEMORIALS:** Charity of choice.  
 —Sign the on-line register book at [www.carmichael-whitley.com](http://www.carmichael-whitley.com).

**Johnnie I. Reynolds, 86**

Johnnie I. Reynolds, 86, of Pampa, died Dec. 5, 2007, at Pampa. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.  
 Mr. Reynolds was born March 8, 1921, in Montague County. He married Wauline Haynes on May 20, 1945, in Pampa.  
 Mr. Reynolds retired from Culberson-Stowers in 1983

after 27 years of service. He attended Briarwood Church.  
 He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in the Pacific during World War II, and belonged to Disabled American



Reynolds

Veterans and American Legion.  
 Mr. Reynolds was preceded in death by two sisters, Geneva Reynolds and Madell Kimmey; and two brothers, Dennis Reynolds and Joe K. Reynolds.

Survivors include his wife, Wauline Reynolds, of the home; and one sister, Sylvia Kesler of Abilene.  
**M E M O R I A L S :** Briarwood Church, 1800 W. Harvester, Pampa, TX 79065.  
 —Sign the on-line register book at [www.carmichael-whitley.com](http://www.carmichael-whitley.com).

**Larry Wayne Shaw, 57**

Larry Wayne Shaw, 57, of Pampa, Texas, died Dec. 1, 2007, at Pampa.  
 Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 6, 2007, at the Church of the Nazarene with the Rev. Greg White, Mr. Shaw's brother-in-law, and Pastor Jimmy Cole, of the Church of the Nazarene, officiating.  
 Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Shaw was born May 14, 1950, in Merkel. He graduated from Pampa High School in 1968. Larry was a best friend and employee of Larry Beck and had been a resident of Pampa since 1977.  
 Survivors include his companion, Sharon Mack, of the home;



Shaw

three daughters, Marsha Ann Shaw of Dalhart, Misty Dawn Thomas of Bowie and Ashley Meagan Shaw of College Station; one son, Frank David Shaw of San Antonio; his mother, Bina Grace Shaw of Pampa; father, Frank Shaw of Piedmont, Mo.; three sisters, Brenda

Kay Clason of Lubbock, Martha Ann White of Wolforth and Teresa Joy Smith of Pampa; one brother, Michael Gene Shaw of Cedar Park; and one grandson, Colton James Thomas.  
 He was preceded in death by a daughter, Christina Denise Shaw.  
 —Sign the on-line register book at [www.carmichael-whitley.com](http://www.carmichael-whitley.com).

**Emergency Services**

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.  
 Sixteen traffic stops were made. Stops in the 300 block of North Hobart, and the intersection of Sloan and Jordan street resulted in arrests.  
 Motorist assistance was rendered at the intersection of Beryl and Henry streets.  
 Vehicle accidents were reported at the intersection of Randy Matson and Hobart streets, Highway 60 East, and the intersection of Somerville and Foster streets.  
 An abandoned vehicle was reported at the intersection of Buckler and Somerville streets.  
 Driving while intoxicated was reported at the intersection of Alcock Street and Price Road.  
 Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 1900 block of Fir, the 1200 block of Finley, the 500 block of Lefors, the 300 block of North Banks, the 600 block of North Sumner, the 300 block of North Christy and the 200 block of Miami.  
 Welfare checks were made in the 500 block of Lowry, and the intersection of Kentucky and Sumner streets.  
 Found property was reported in the 600 block of North Wells.

Suspicious person calls were received from the intersection of Nelson and Gwendolen streets, where at least one arrest was made in connection with the incident; the 1100 block of Darby; and the intersection of 23rd and Sumner streets.  
 A prowler was reported in the 2300 block of Charles.  
 A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 1900 block of Hamilton.  
 Disorderly conduct was reported in the 2000 block of North Hobart, the 1100 block of Garland and the 1000 block of North Sumner.  
 Public intoxication was reported in the 100 block of West 30th.  
 Telephone harassment was reported in the 800 block of North Dwight.  
 Criminal mischief was reported in the 2600 block of North Hobart. Glue was poured on the grille and hood of a vehicle. Estimated cost of damage is \$1,500.  
 A domestic disturbance was reported in the 800 block of North Nelson.  
 A domestic disturbance and assault were reported in the 400 block of North Zimmers. Minor injuries to a face were reported. Medical treatment was refused.  
 Assault was reported at Pampa High School, 111 E. Harvester. At least one arrest was made in connection with the incident.  
 Two alarms were reported.

Theft was reported at Pampa Communications, 641 N. Hobart. A laptop computer was taken.  
 Theft was reported in the police department lobby. Taken were a paycheck in the amount of \$734.55, a photocopy of a Social Security card and a photo ID card.  
 Theft was reported in the 600 block of North Wells.  
 Information and possible identity theft were reported in the 1200 block of East Francis. The victim received telephone bills for a cell phone, and has never owned a cell phone.  
 Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests today.  
**Tuesday, Dec. 4**  
 Dale Rasmussen, 27, of Pampa was arrested in the 800 block of North Wells by Pampa Police Department for public intoxication.  
 Benjamin Reyna, 22, of McLean was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety for no valid driver's license, displaying expired registration, failure to maintain financial responsibility and two counts of failure to appear.  
**Wednesday, Dec. 5**  
 Stacy Earl Lamm, 40, of Pampa was arrested in the 300 block of North Hobart by PPD for possession of drug paraphernalia and no valid driver's license.  
 Kolby Dale Johnson, 21, of Pampa was arrested in the 100 block of South Warren by PPD for minor in possession of alcohol.

ter.  
 1:08 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1700 block of Holly on a natural gas leak.  
 1:46 p.m. — One unit and four personnel responded to the 500 block of Lowry on a call for medical assistance.  
 3:31 p.m. — Two units and seven personnel responded to the 2000 block of Charles on a false alarm.  
 4:36 p.m. — One unit and four personnel responded to Foster and Somerville on a motor vehicle accident.  
 Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.  
**Tuesday, Dec. 4**  
 7:23 a.m. — A mobile ICU Unit responded to the 1500 block of West Kentucky and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.  
 8:43 a.m. — A mobile ICU Unit responded approximately 9-miles east on Highway 60 and transported two patients to PRMC.  
 9:23 a.m. — A mobile ICU Unit responded to the 1500 block of West Kentucky and transported a patient to PRMC.  
 9:50 a.m. — A mobile ICU Unit responded to the 3000 block of Perryton Parkway and transported a patient to BSA Hospital in Amarillo.  
 12:33 p.m. — A mobile ICU Unit responded to PRMC and transferred a patient to North Texas Hospital in Amarillo.  
 1:48 p.m. — A mobile ICU Unit responded to the 500 block of Lowry and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.  
 7:47 p.m. — A mobile ICU Unit responded to the 100 block of Randy Matson and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.  
 8:30 p.m. — A mobile ICU Unit responded to the 300 block of Tignor. No transport.

**CITY BRIEFS**

The Pampa News is not responsible for the content of paid advertisement

**BRANDONS FLOWERS** has a new arrival of family photo frames, candle/arrangement holders and framed crosses. Hurry in for best selection- Open till 8:00 on Thursday! 123 N. Cuyler

**SHOP DOWNTOWN** Pampa each Thursday till 8:00 PM. Participate in contest and games- See Stores for details!

**OAK TRIPLE** dresser, hutch & night stand. Exc. cond., \$500 for all. Must see or photos avail. by email. 665-4369 or 662-7238.

**NEW HOME** for sale, 8484 Rabbit Lane. Phone 669-1287 or 662-0462 for appointment.

**TOURNAMENTS ARE** back! Bonapart's Retreat, 120 W. Foster.

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.  
**Tuesday, Dec. 4**  
 7:35 a.m. — Two units and six personnel responded to the 1500 block of West Kentucky on a call for lifting assistance.  
 8:03 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to Harvester and Randy Matson on a motor vehicle accident.  
 11:24 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to One Medical Plaza on a standby for LifeStar helicop-

**Wednesday, Dec. 5**  
 2:23 a.m. — A mobile ICU Unit responded to the 1200 block of North Wells and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

Heard Jones



**SPECIALS GOOD WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 6TH**  
**MONDAY-FRIDAY 8AM-6PM • SATURDAY 8AM-4PM**

**114 N CUYLER**  
**669-7478**

BILL HITE  
PHARMACIST

---

**FASHION JEWELRY**  
**50% OFF**  
RETAIL

**FOUNTAIN SPECIAL**  
**FRITO PIE...99¢**  
**5:30-7:30PM**

COUPON

**CHRISTMAS TREES**  
**50% OFF**  
RETAIL

LIMIT 1 COUPON PER CUSTOMER  
GOOD 12/06/07 6-8PM ONLY

**2 HOURS ONLY!**  
**THURSDAY DECEMBER 6TH • 6PM TO 8PM ONLY!!**

COUPON

**10% OFF A PURCHASE**  
**OF \$50 OR MORE.**

(EXCLUDES CIGARETTES • PRESCRIPTIONS  
FOUNTAIN • CHRISTMAS TREES • LIGHT SETS)

LIMIT 1 COUPON • PER CUSTOMER  
GOOD 12/06/07 • 6-8PM ONLY

**CHRISTMAS LIGHT SETS**  
**50% OFF**  
RETAIL

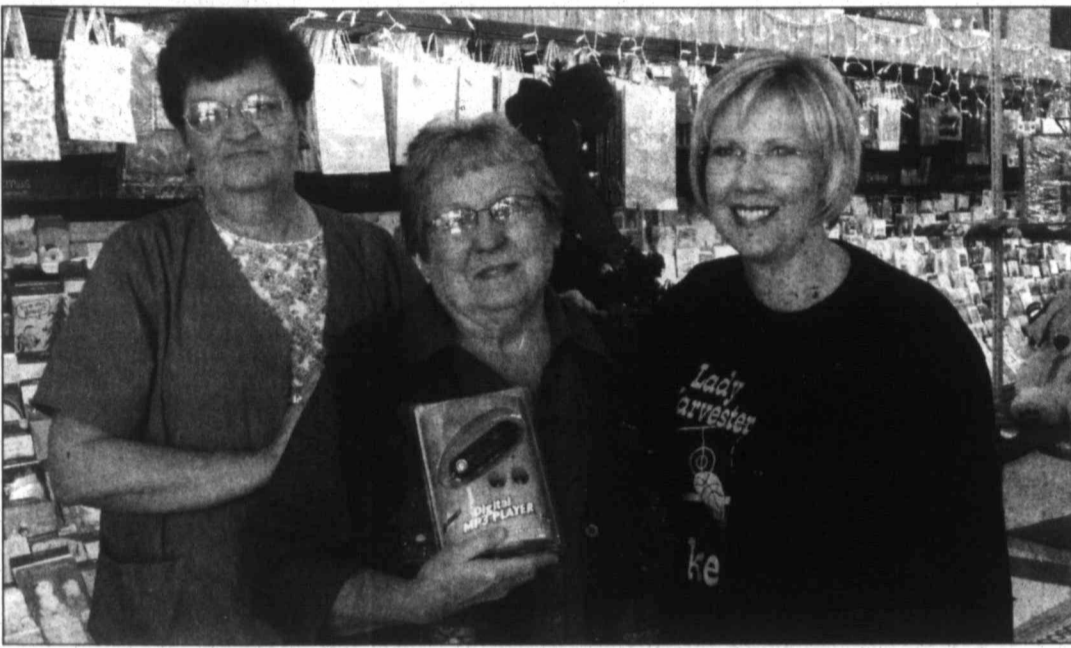
LIMIT 1 COUPON PER CUSTOMER  
GOOD 12/06/07 6-8PM ONLY

COUPON

**BOUNTY PAPER TOWELS**  
**49¢** LIMIT 4

**SIGN UP FOR A \$200 GIFT CERTIFICATE WITH EACH PURCHASE TO BE GIVEN AWAY DECEMBER 20TH. MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN.**

*Prize winner*



Courtesy Photo

Heard Jones recently gave away a gift for one of their monthly drawings. Marlene Hamby, center, won the prize which was awarded by Ada Westbrook, left, and Carole Lesly.

**Santa Anna's brass spur missing**

DALLAS (AP) — Police are investigating the possible theft of a box of historical artifacts, including a brass spur used by Mexican Gen. Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna.

The box of 21 items was reported missing late last week from the Dallas Historical Society's offices at the Hall of State in Fair Park.

Other missing artifacts are a silver Mexican Medal of Honor from 1836, a five-star collar insignia worn by Adm. Chester W. Nimitz at the Japanese surrender ceremony and a Bible belonging to one of Dallas' first families.

The artifacts were grouped together in a box after an awards ceremony in mid-November.

"At the moment, we're treating this as a theft," police Detective W.B. Prettyman said. "They looked for the box quite diligently and haven't found it."

David Rago, a New Jersey-based antiques dealer, said it would be difficult for a thief to profit from the items because they require documentation to prove their value.

dress spur by itself isn't worth a lot of money, unless you know it came from Santa Anna. It's the story that makes it valuable."

He said anyone who purchased the items would have a hard time reselling them.

Executive Director Michael Duty said the Historical Society has put out the word that the spur is missing.

"Even if they had documentation that the spur belonged to Santa Anna, that would make it even more difficult to sell," Duty said.

Sandra Palomino of Heritage Auction Galleries in Dallas said antiques dealers must always be aware that the artifacts they're handling may have been stolen. The business polices itself, making it difficult to resell suspicious items, she said.

"It's a small community, and there's the Internet," she said. "People are going to know about it."

*'An old brass dress spur by itself isn't worth a lot of money, unless you know it came from Santa Anna. It's the story that makes it valuable.'*

— David Rago  
antiques dealer

"I can't imagine any of that stuff would be easy to sell," he said. "An old brass

and/or financial information should not give the information unless they are certain who the caller is and they wish to share such information, Copeland said. To report suspicious telephone calls and e-mails con-

cerning the IRS, call the IRS hotline at 1-800-366-4484 or visit the IRS Web site at www.irs.gov. Also notify local law enforcement of any unsolicited calls, e-mails or mail asking for personal and/or financial information.

**IRS**

Continued from Page 1

they have initiated the contact or they are sure they know who they are dealing with. The IRS does not ask for personal or financial information in this way; such information is requested on tax forms which are submitted by the citizen.

Anyone receiving a telephone call in which the caller asks for personal

**Rates**

Continued from Page 1

Company, Cable ONE provides basic cable, high-speed Internet and phone service. Cable ONE operates 52 locations and serves 750,000 households in the U.S.

For more information about the services Cable ONE offers, contact the Pampa office at 665-

**SMALL JOBS FOR**

**BIG SAVINGS**

SMALL QUANTITIES OF CERAMIC TILE AND LAMINATE FLOORING

**STARTING AT 79¢ A SQ. FT.**

**CASH & CARRY**

DISCONTINUED INVENTORY CLEARANCE

**ONE STOP FLOORING**

**1533 N HOBART • 665-0995**  
**M - F • 9AM - 5PM      SUN • 10AM - 1PM**

**Driver killed in tanker crash**

SAN ANGELO, Texas (AP) — A tanker carrying liquefied propane crashed and exploded on Tuesday afternoon, killing the driver and damaging parts of the bridge where it happened.

San Angelo-based Schneider Distributing Co. owns the tractor-trailer but officials couldn't conclusively say who was driving the truck, the San Angelo Standard-Times reported for Wednesday editions.

The driver's remains were to be sent to Lubbock County Medical Examiner's office for identification, said Department of Public Safety Trooper Shawn Baxter.

The tanker was going from Robert Lee to San Angelo on State Highway 208 when it rolled near a curve around 12:30 p.m. It then skidded about 200 feet before dropping into the bed of South Red Creek in far northern Tom Green County, Baxter said.

The vehicle was carrying about 8,500 gallons of liquefied propane gas. It exploded, sending flames into the sky and rocking homes more

than 10 miles away, the newspaper reported. Parts of the tanker were blown under the bridge and out onto the roadway by the explosion, witnesses said.

"When they arrived on-scene, they, of course, tried to approach the truck ... and they couldn't get into the cab because it was burning and engulfed," Baxter said of emergency responders.

The explosion ignited a grass fire that threatened several mobile homes, said Deen Dickson, Wall Volunteer Fire Department chief.

Workers with the Texas Department of Transportation later determined the fire disintegrated the wooden posts holding the bridge's steel guardrails.

**Hand and Upper Extremity Surgery**

Tel: 806-273-7596  
600 W. Third St.  
Borger, TX 79007

**Ed Quiros, M.D.**

Board Certified  
Fellow of American College of Surgeons  
Fellow of International College of Surgeons

- Congenital Hand Deformities
- Deformities Due to Arthritis
- Carpal Tunnel
- Dupuytren Contracture
- Trauma to the Hand and Upper Extremity
- Other Hand Related Problems or Injuries

**DOWNTOWN OPEN HOUSE**

**Thursday • December 6th**

- Participate in the Reindeer Run contest for your chance to win the grand prize on Thursday, December 20!
- Register for door prizes at select businesses
- Receive a ticketed entry into the drawing for Downtown Bucks with each purchase made at participating downtown businesses
- Remember to Purchase a ticket for the PHS Band Booster Raffle!
- Register for the Santa Shout contest held on December 20th
- Make donations to Socks for Soldiers at participating businesses

**Saturday • December 8th**

- Enjoy an Open House atmosphere and refreshments at participating businesses
- Register for door prizes at select businesses
- Receive a ticketed entry into the drawing for Downtown Bucks with each purchase made at participating downtown businesses
- Annual Christmas Parade at 2 p.m.



# Viewpoints

## Child abuse worsens as family structure fades

Child abuse is growing out of control here in America, and there's a good reason why — the traditional family is coming apart at the seams.

According to reports made to state agencies, there were 900,000 incidents of child abuse in 2005 alone. These raw numbers give no clue just how much child abuse correlates with parents' marital status or the make-up of the victim's household, although these are vitally important factors in child abuse cases. The proof is in the news far too often.

Nothing is more important to child welfare than living within the bosom of a stable family, and nothing is more destructive to their well-being than being forced to

live in a fatherless household where dad is replaced by the live-in boyfriend, or as is often the case, by a series of live-in boyfriends.

In almost all cases of horrific child abuse that is exactly the situation of the victim. Nobody is more at risk today than children living in fatherless homes where the mother's boyfriend is sharing her bed while avoiding the commitment of marriage or a new husband views her children as unwanted consequences of the new marriage.

You have young women who for one reason or another have not gotten the love of their child's father, their former husband, who confuse sex with love, and give no thought to the consequences

of bringing a man who has no emotional ties with their children into their homes and expect them to act as substitute dads.

In pursuit of maintaining their so-called relationship, many allow these men to beat their children, often as punishment for having disturbed their boyfriends in some way such as crying or soiling their diapers.

It never occurs to them that in most cases the boyfriend views their child as an inconvenience to be put up with as a price for getting sex without commit-

ment. Yet they do not hesitate to put their child in his care, especially if she is the breadwinner in the household while the often jobless boyfriend stays home with their son or daughter and lives on her income.

We read about the deadly consequences children pay for being forced to live in these circumstances where they find themselves in a home where their real father is no longer present and a stranger is taking his place.

A tragic case in point involved 2-year-old Riley Ann Sawyers whose body

was found in Galveston Bay, in a plastic box, on Oct. 29. Riley's mom and real dad were not married and had split up and gone their separate ways.

Her mother, 19-year-old Kimberly Dawn Trenor, met Royce Clyde Zeigler II a couple of years ago while playing an online game, World of Warcraft, according to the Associated Press, which reports that she moved with her daughter from Ohio to Spring, Texas, and married Zeigler.

In a statement to police, first reported by Houston television station KTRK, Trenor said that she and Zeigler, 24, killed her daughter last July 24.

She said that the little girl was beaten with leather

belts, had her head held underwater in a bathtub and then was thrown across a room, her head slamming into a tile floor, and added that they kept the body in a storage shed for one to two months before they put it in a plastic bin and dumped it into Galveston Bay.

Sadly, we read about this kind of outrage all the time. We are appalled that it happens but we are unwilling to look at the causes. Americans have said that they are willing to accept all these distortions of family life, and they do not dare to define marriage as a lasting arrangement between a man and a woman. Nowadays, marriage is whatever aberration

See REAGAN, Page 5

**Michael Reagan**

Columnist



## Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Dec. 5, the 339th day of 2007. There are 26 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 5, 1791, composer Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart died in Vienna, Austria, at age 35.

On this date:

In 1776, the first scholastic fraternity in America, Phi Beta Kappa, was organized at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Va.

In 1782, the first native U.S. president, Martin Van Buren, was born in Kinderhook, N.Y.

In 1792, George Washington was re-elected president; John Adams was re-elected vice president.

In 1831, former President John Quincy Adams took his seat as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives.

In 1848, President Polk triggered the Gold Rush of '49 by confirming that gold had been discovered in California.

In 1932, German physicist Albert Einstein was granted a visa, making it possible for him to travel to the United States.

In 1933, Prohibition ended as Utah became the 36th state to ratify the 21st Amendment to the Constitution, repealing the

*'Neither a lofty degree of intelligence nor imagination nor both together go to the making of genius. Love, love, love, that is the soul of genius.'*

— attributed to Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)

18th Amendment.

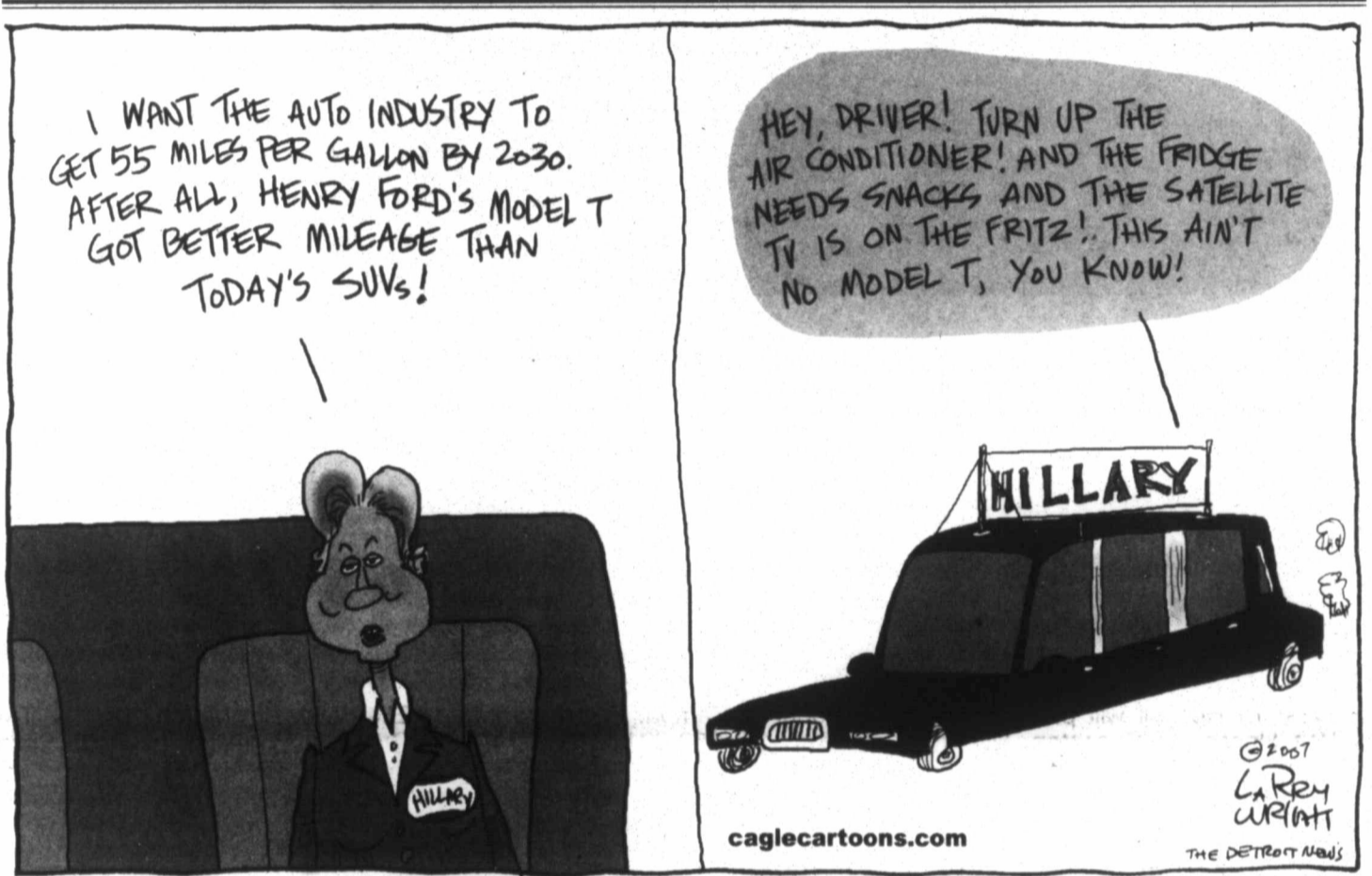
In 1955, the American Federation of Labor and the Congress of Industrial Organizations merged to form the AFL-CIO under its first president, George Meany.

In 1991, Richard Speck, who had murdered eight student nurses in Chicago in 1966, died in prison a day short of his 50th birthday.

In 1994, Republicans chose Newt Gingrich to be the first GOP speaker of the House in four decades.

Ten years ago: The space shuttle Columbia returned from a 16-day mission that had been marred by the bungled release of a satellite. The World Trade Organization rejected American claims that the Fuji film company had conspired with the Japanese government to keep Eastman Kodak products out of Japan.

Five years ago: Strom Thurmond, the oldest and longest-serving senator in history, celebrated his 100th birthday on Capitol Hill. (It was at this gathering that Senate Republican leader Trent Lott, in toasting Thurmond, seemed to express nostalgia for Thurmond's segregationist past; the resulting firestorm prompted Lott to resign his leadership position.)



## No fearless leaders left in the nation ...

President Andrew Johnson once referred publicly to a group of people as "God-forsaken and hell-deserving, money-loving, hypocritical, backbiting, Sunday-praying scoundrels."

It's too bad today's politicians don't have the nerve to talk straight. If you try to pin them down simply on where they stand on an issue, most of them evade you like a greased snake. It's difficult to listen to most politicians talk without nodding off. They are jammed full of bromides and platitudes.

The press is no better. Where is the editorial that lays the whistling lash on the back of a bad guy or a bad policy? Where is the editorial that thunders its approval? Most editorials read as if they had been written by a Victorian English parson and then

edited by a pack of lawyers. Johnson — whom I've been reading about, if you're wondering why I bring him up — was described by his contemporaries as a blunt talker, tactless and utterly fearless.

Warned that he would be assassinated if he spoke in a certain town, Johnson mounted the platform and said, "I've been told that part of these proceedings involve shooting, so I think we ought to get that out of the way first." With that, he pulled a pistol out of his pocket and stared down the crowd. There was dead silence. After a few minutes, Johnson put the pistol away and said, "I guess I was misinformed." Then he proceeded with an

uncompromising speech.

With the exception of two senators and one member of the House — all three former Marines — you can't even imagine a modern politician doing that. One hint of a threat and the politicians scamper like scared dogs. They have more hired guards than most dictators.

We have developed an anemic political system because the great majority of candidates believe in only one thing — getting elected. They raise money and hire public-relations people to sell them to the gullible voters like soap.

The last two great presidents we had were Harry Truman and Dwight

Eisenhower. Both were 19th-century men. Starting with Jack Kennedy, politics became nothing more than marketing. As likable as Ronald Reagan was, there was a gap between his speeches and his policies as wide as the Mississippi River.

The party system in this country is as dead as roadkill. Neither party has an organization independent enough that a candidate would have to go to it and seek its support. Today, candidates rely on paid advertising, and the party organizations do nothing but raise money and tag along behind the candidates.

Party platforms are meaningless. The conventions are nothing more than a dull television show. The only cure for this situation is to abolish

See REESE, Page 5

**Charley Reese**

Columnist



## THE PAMPA NEWS

403 W. Atchison • Pampa, TX 79065

806-669-2525 • 800-687-3348

Fax: 806-669-2520

email: editor@thepampanews.com

**Publisher: Sean Smith**

Managing Editor: Kerri Smith

Advertising Director: ReDonn Woods

Composing Supervisor: Brenda Cook

This newspaper (UPS 781-540) is published daily, except Saturdays, Thanksgiving and Christmas Day, by The Pampa News. Periodicals postage paid at Pampa, Texas. Postmaster: Send address changes to The Pampa News, P.O. Drawer 2198, Pampa, TX 79066-2198.

All carriers are independent contractors and The Pampa News is not responsible for advance payments of two or more months made to the carrier. Please pay directly to the Pampa News any payment that exceeds the current collection period. There are no mail subscriptions available within the city limits of Pampa. Mail subscriptions must be paid three months in advance.

© 2005 The Pampa News

## Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas: **Nov. 26**

San Antonio Express-News on reading for fun:

A book is a portal to another world, its possibilities so fresh and exciting that readers forget the drab environment of their day-to-day lives.

If books open the door to other universes, however, they also represent the gateway to a bright future.

When students read on their own, whether it is Harry Potter or the latest offering from the Oprah Winfrey book club, they do better on tests that measure both their reading and math skills.

Unfortunately, the reverse is also true; when they do not read, their test

scores decline.

The National Endowment for the Arts recently released a report that should be a wake-up call to every parent and teacher in America.

Based on an analysis of data from a host of academic, foundation and government surveys, including studies by the Census Bureau, the report shows that, while test scores are improving among elementary school students and remaining flat among middle school students, they are declining at the high school level, the New York Times reported.

And the report links the drop in test scores to a corresponding drop in the amount of time the students spend reading not reading for school, but reading for fun.

Dana Giola, chairman of the endow-

ment, said the results of the study are alarming.

"It's no longer reasonable to debate whether the problem exists," Sunil Iyengar, director of research and analysis for the endowment, told the Times. "Let's not nitpick or wrangle over to what extent reading is in decline."

The study points to the profound significance of the non-school setting, because if books are accessible to the students at home, they will perform better at school.

Which means that the problem, while disturbing, is not insurmountable.

But it can only be solved if parents realize that education is not the sole province of teachers. URL: <http://www.mysa.com>

## Lions Club



Bill R. Jenkins, assistant vice president and senior financial advisor for Merrill Lynch in Amarillo, addressed a recent meeting of Pampa Lions Club.

Pampa News photo by ReDONN WOODS

## Events calendar

- **The Texas Department of State Health Services** will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, HIB (haemophilus influenzae Type B) and chickenpox (varicella). Flu vaccines may also be offered at designated clinics. The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinic(s) will be offered: 9:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-3 p.m., Dec. 5 and 19, TDH, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa.
- **Leadership Perryton** with Western Hot Oil will present Phillip Van Hooser of Princeton, Ky., in a motivational seminar titled "Leading With Change" from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Dec. 6 at Frank Phillips College Allen Campus in Perryton. Hooser draws upon his experience as a manager for Fortune 500 heavy manufacturing and consumer products companies. His approach is based on actual experience and incorporates practical applications. Registration will be from 6-6:30 p.m. Admission will be free. To find out more, contact the Perryton Ochiltree County Chamber of Commerce at (806) 435-6575. For more about Hooser, log onto [www.vanhooser.com](http://www.vanhooser.com) on the Internet.
- **Pampa Altrusa Club** will hold "Soup with Mrs. Claus" from 11 a.m.

- 3:30 p.m. Dec. 8 at the old Pampa Hardware Building, 120 N. Cuyler. Cost is \$5 per person and \$6 per person at the door. Soup and comdogs will be served.
- **Memory Gardens of Pampa** will host a Christmas candlelight service at 6 p.m. Dec. 10 at Memory Gardens Cemetery. Over 1,000 luminaries will be lit until 11 p.m.
- **Lovett Memorial Library** in Pampa will stage its December "Story Time" at 10 a.m. Dec. 12 and 19 at the library. Story Time is open to children between 18 months and 4 years of age. A Christmas party is planned the 19th. For more information, call the library.
- **Red Hat Dollies of Pampa** will meet at 9 a.m. Dec. 13 at Sisters Spudnut in Pampa. For more information, call 669-9916, 669-9297 or 669-3580.
- **Pease River Productions** and Quana Historical Museums will hold their second annual quilt show from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Dec. 15 at Quana Depot Museum in Quana. The event will include quilt demonstrations, music, chuckwagon cooking and more as well as a cowboy ball in the evening. For more information, call (940) 663-2040, (940) 663-5959, (940) 839-7332, e-mail [info@peaseriverproductions.org](mailto:info@peaseriverproductions.org) or log onto [www.peaseriverproductions.org](http://www.peaseriverproductions.org) on the Internet.
- **Madeline Graves Dance Studio** will stage "Scrooge - All Jazzed Up Like the Dickens" at 7 p.m. Dec. 17 at

- M.K. Brown Auditorium in Pampa. A spaghetti meal is scheduled prior to the show at 5:30 p.m. Admission to the program will be \$3 for adults and \$2 for children. Cost of the meal will be \$8 for adults and \$6 for children.
- **Applications for Miss Teen Gray County 2008** will be accepted until Dec. 17. The title-winner will represent the county at the Miss Teen Texas Pageant in April at San Antonio. To find out more, call (210) 403-0589 or log onto [www.missteeintexasinternational.com](http://www.missteeintexasinternational.com) on the Internet.
- **Pampa Book Club** will review the following books in the coming months: "Memory Keepers Daughter" by Kim Edwards, Jan. 9; "I Heard That Song Before" by Mary Higgins Clark, Feb. 13; "Night" by Elie Wiesell, March 12; "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn" by Betty Smith, April 9; and "Walking Drum" by Louis L'Amour, May 14. The club meets at 10 a.m. the second Wednesday of each month in the Texas Room at Lovett Memorial Library in Pampa.
- **The 2008 High Plains Irrigation Conference & Trade Show** will be Jan. 16 at the Amarillo Convention Center in Amarillo. The event will be presented by Texas Cooperative Extension and Texas Agriculture Irrigation Association. CEUs for pesticide applicators, certified crop consultants and certified irrigation designers will be available. For more information, call (806) 677-5600.

## Reagan

Continued from Page 4

tion we say it is. We don't want to offend anybody, and while we are avoiding offending single mothers living with their current boyfriends or men and women who treat their marriage vows as temporary arrangements without regard to the damaging effect divorce has on the kids, children are being beaten and children are dying.

And in the face of all of this, Massachusetts is worried about spanking.

—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.

## Reese

Continued from Page 4

all primary elections and return to state conventions. The old smoke-filled back rooms were better at choosing candidates than the handful of bored people who turn out to vote in primary elections.

This is a serious problem, provided Americans wish to remain free. Under today's system, the big-money people pick two horses, and we the voter get to choose between Big Money A and Big Money B. Just as George Wallace once said, there's not a dime's worth difference between the two parties. Huey Long said the same thing previously. Both men got shot.

The most obvious example of this was the race between Gerald Ford and Jimmy Carter in 1976. We had a choice between Ford and Henry Kissinger, Nelson Rockefeller's foreign-policy adviser, or Carter and Zbigniew Brzezinski, David Rockefeller's foreign-policy adviser.

Truly democratic politics and political correctness don't mix well. Political correctness belongs in dictatorships. A free people ought to be able to think and say whatever they please. Of course, our main problem is that our politicians choose to say nothing.

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

### CHIEF PLASTIC PIPE & SUPPLY INC.

**1237 SOUTH BARNES**  
806-665-6716 OR 800-649-6716

*"Your Total Plumbing Store"*

 <p><b>WATER HEATERS</b> <i>Premier PLUS</i> By American</p>	 <p><b>PVC Schedule 40 PIPE</b></p>
<p><b>LARGE SELECTION OF FAUCETS IN STOCK</b></p> <p><b>MOEN Premier</b> <small>May it be better, may it be true</small></p> <p><b>DELTA KINGSTON BRASS</b></p>	<p><b>We Stock A Good Selection Of TOILETS &amp; SINKS</b></p> 

**WE WILL SPECIAL ORDER**

**LARGE INVENTORY... HARD TO FIND PLUMBING PARTS**

# Pets of the Week...

sponsored by The Pampa News

Pictures Of All The Animals Can Be Viewed In The Window Of The Shelter Office 24 Hours A Day



**SNOOPY**  
PEKINGESE



**SCRAPPY**  
BLUE HEELER PUP



**SCOOBY**  
JACK RUSSELL



**SHAGGY**  
TERRIER CROSS



**FREDDIE**  
GERMAN SHEPARD  
CROSS

**DAPHNE**  
SIAMESE CROSS



**MONDAY-FRIDAY**  
**12 NOON - 5 PM**  
**SATURDAY - SUNDAY**  
**3 PM - 5 PM**

**CONTACT THE ANIMAL SHELTER AT 669-5775 OR COME BY THE SHELTER AT HOBART STREET PARK**

# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR ABBY:** I have a part-time job taking care of an older gentleman who is disabled. He is very pleasant and interesting, and for the most part I like my job. There is just one problem. After I bathe him, he wants me to put lotion on his genitals. When I do it, he tells me how good it feels. He has noticed my embarrassment and has said that it is just part of the human body. He also tells me that he likes me doing this because I do it "better than anyone has before." I have tried to think about it as just a part of the job, but frankly, this situation makes me very uncomfortable, and now I dread going to his house. I live with my boyfriend, whom I love very much. I have not discussed this with him because I'm too embarrassed and I'm afraid he would get upset. What should I do? — UNCOMFORTABLE IN CORPUS CHRISTI

**DEAR UNCOMFORTABLE:** You did not mention exactly how disabled your employer is. If he is physically able to apply the lotion himself, then that's what he should be doing. If not, then it's time to inform your employer that you are no longer comfortable bathing him and therefore he should hire a male bath attendant. Frankly, what you have described sounds more like erotic massage than regular caregiving, and your feelings are valid.

**DEAR ABBY:** Every year, when our family gathers for Christmas, my father's wife, "Marian," brings her camera along. She takes pictures of all the kids, and then asks the "non-O'Brien" kids to step aside so she can snap a photo of "just the O'Briens." One of my brothers has a wife with a son from a previous relationship, and another brother is with a lady who has two children

from a previous union. The kids call my parents "Papa" and "Nana" and get upset about being excluded from the photos. Their moms feel the same. When it happened two years ago, my brother said that if she did it again he would say something. I know I should have talked to Marian and told her not to single out the children, but I didn't want to be put on the spot. Well, it did happen again -- last Christmas -- and an argument broke out. There were many hurt feelings. Marian said she had done nothing wrong and demanded an apology from my brother. He felt quite the opposite. Abby, my family lost a baby to SIDS and our mother to cancer at 47. Life is too short to live this way. How can I tell them that no one is right and we're all wrong? Please help! — HAS ISSUES IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

**DEAR HAS ISSUES:** Who elected Marian the official family photographer in the first place? Perhaps if more people brought cameras to these family get-togethers and snapped pictures, Marian's insensitivity would be less glaring. This mess will be straightened out faster if you speak to both your brother and Marian and admit your role in it by not speaking up when you should have. Although I can understand Marian's wish for a picture reflecting the "family bloodline," she's ignoring the fact that the "O'Briens" are a blended family -- with an emphasis on the word FAMILY -- and her membership rules are so stringent that even she doesn't qualify.

## For Better Or For Worse



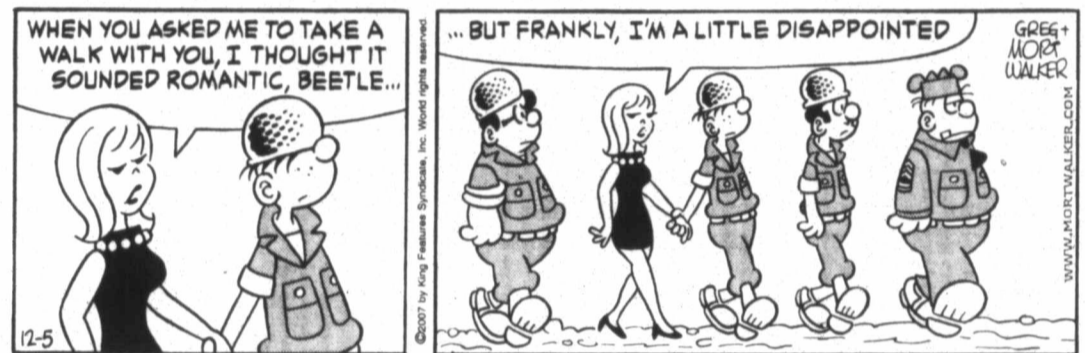
## Zits



## Garfield



## Beetle Bailey



## Marvin



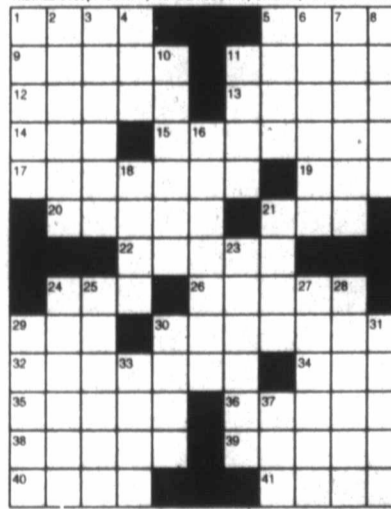
## Crossword Puzzle

### CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS** 39 More  
1 Without rational repairs  
5 Gush forth down  
9 Boom type 41 Honcho  
11 Barber offering  
12 Kama —  
13 Set the radio  
14 Metal source  
15 Result of bad language, maybe  
17 Hit song of 1957  
19 Birth name  
20 Cut off  
21 Assist for  
22 Decree  
24 Pot fill  
26 Home of "Biography"  
29 Remote  
30 "Goin' Back to Cali" rapper  
32 "It's my treat!"  
34 Writer Rita — Brown  
35 Velocity  
36 Merge  
38 Midterms, e.g.
- DOWN** 1 Org.  
2 Origin  
3 Hospital worker  
4 Knight's title  
5 Close back, Italian sand-wiches  
7 Flattened  
8 Cheese buy  
10 Checked for ID  
11 Castor or Pollux  
16 Calls character  
17 Spotted tile  
28 Brightens  
29 Boxing weapons  
30 Tops  
31 Mocks  
33 Goes down  
37 Collar

NEW CROSSWORD BOOK! Send \$4.75 (check/m.o.) to Thomas Joseph Book 1, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475



## Marmaduke



## The Family Circus

THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane



## B.C.



## Hagar The Horrible



## Peanuts



## Blondie



## Flo & Friends



# Sports

## Don Carthel named AFCA Region Four Coach of the Year

CANYON, Texas - Three years ago, Don Carthel awoke the slumbering giant that was West Texas A&M football program and after earning a third straight Lone Star Conference title and recording only the second undefeated regular season in school history, Carthel has been selected as the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) Region Four Coach of the year.

"What makes this award so special is that this is the only coach of the year award voted on exclusively by the coaches themselves," AFCA Executive Director Grant Teaff said. "The winners are selected by the coaches they compete with and against on a daily basis."

The AFCA recognizes five regional Coach of the Year winners in each of the Association's five divisions: Football Bowl Subdivision, Football Championship Subdivision, Division II, Division III and NAIA. The winners are selected by Active members of the Association who vote for coaches in their respective regions and divisions.

In three seasons at the helm of the Buffalo football program, Carthel has compiled an overall record of 33-5 (.868) and help the team make the first three playoff appearances in school history after capturing each of the last three Lone Star Conference Championships.

This season, the Buffs broke at least 20 team and individual school records as they sweep through the regular season with a perfect 11-0 slate, which saw them post four nationally ranked opponents. Carthel and WT went on to defeat No. 25 Washburn in the postseason's first round to notch only the second playoff victory in school history.

### 2007 AFCA Regional Coach of the Year Winners

#### Football Bowl Subdivision

- Region 1: Jeff Jagodzinski, Boston College; Rich Rodriguez, West Virginia (tie)
- Region 2: Sylvester Croom, Mississippi State
- Region 3: Ron Zook, Illinois
- Region 4: Mark Mangino, Kansas
- Region 5: Troy Calhoun, U.S. Air Force Academy

#### Football Championship Subdivision

- Region 1: Dave Clawson, Richmond; Tom Masella, Fordham (tie)
- Region 2: Al Lavan, Delaware State
- Region 3: Danny Hope, Eastern Kentucky
- Region 4: Mark Farley, Northern Iowa
- Region 5: John Stiegelmeier, South Dakota State

#### Division II

- Region 1: John Luckhardt, California (Pennsylvania)
- Region 2: Chip Hester, Catawba College
- Region 3: Chuck Martin, Grand Valley State
- Region 4: Don Carthel, West Texas A&M
- Region 5: Pat Behrens, Nebraska-Omaha; Bill O'Boyle, Chadron State (tie)

#### Division III

- Region 1: Bob Ritter, Middlebury
- Region 2: Mike Donnelly, Muhlenberg
- Region 3: Pete Fredenburg, Mary Hardin-Baylor
- Region 4: Larry Kehres, Mount Union
- Region 5: Jeff McMartin, Central College (Iowa)

#### NAIA

- Region 1: Dino Kaklis, Bethel College (Tenn.)
- Region 2: Dale Carlson, Ohio Dominican
- Region 3: Paul Troth, Missouri Valley
- Region 4: Kalen DeBoer, Sioux Falls
- Region 5: Mike Van Diest, Carroll College (Mont.)

## Harvesters split Tascosa Tuesday

By JORDAN REAGAN  
Sports Editor

The Pampa Harvesters traveled to Amarillo Tuesday night to take on the Tascosa Rebels in a double header that promised much excitement.

In the boys game, Hayden Skinner led the team with 17 points in the Harvester's 62-59 victory over the Rebels.

Pampa started the game with a steady lead in the first quarter, and maintained that lead going into halftime, where they led Tascosa, 38-31.

The Harvesters slipped up a little bit in the third quarter as the Rebels outscored them 16-5 to take a 47-43 lead going into the final period.

Pampa took back their lead in the quarter that counted as they defeated the Tascosa Rebels 62-59.

Other high scorers from Tuesday night's game were Matt Smith with 11 points and Alex Clendening with 10.

The Pampa JV boys were defeated by Tascosa, 62-54.

Ryan Jimenez led with 22 points, and Ryan Funderburg had 13 points.

The Harvesters will take on Sachse at 1:45 p.m. Friday in the Brooke D. Nichols Memorial Shootout at South Garland High School.

Pampa will continue to play in South Garland through Saturday.

#### Lady Harvesters

The Pampa Lady



Pampa News photo by JORDAN REAGAN

Pampa's Blake Sieck guards a Plainview player while teammates Matt Smith and Mark Stone stand ready to play some defense under the goal during this past weekend's Gene Messer Tournament.

Harvesters were defeated by the Tascosa Lady Rebels Tuesday night, 68-31.

Jasmaine Moore and Emilie Troxell led Pampa, scoring six points each in the Lady Harvesters' tough loss.

Pampa started off behind by 18 points, as the fourth quarter ended at 22-4, and scored seven points in the

second quarter to bring the score to 11-43 going into halftime.

Nine more points in the third quarter didn't help the Lady Harvesters as the Rebels further increased their lead to 56-20, and the game ended with Pampa 37 points down at 68-31.

The JV girls defeated Tascosa 49-29 as they

improved to 7-5 on the season.

Taryn Eubank led with 13 points, and Ashley Facio, who was 10 for 13 from the free throw line had 10 points.

Next for the Lady Harvesters, they will take on Canadian at 6 p.m. Friday in Pampa at McNeely Field House.

## Grand jury identifies 17-year-old Eric Rivera as gunman in death of Redskins star Sean Taylor

MIAMI (AP) — The 17-year-old suspect in the death of Sean Taylor is scheduled to make his first appearance in court one day after he was accused of firing the shot that killed the Washington Redskins safety.

Eric Rivera is expected to make his first appearance in a Miami-Dade court Wednesday. A grand jury here identified him as the gunman in its indictment issued Tuesday.

The indictment charges Rivera and the others — Charles Wardlow, 18; Jason Mitchell, 19; and Venjah Hunte, 20 — with first-degree felony murder and armed burglary. Wardlow, Mitchell

and Hunte were ordered held without bail during brief court appearances via a videoconference from Miami-Dade County jail.

The three, who stood silently during the hearing, will remain at the jail under suicide watch after Judge John Thornton Jr.'s ruling.

Rivera was being transported from Fort Myers to Miami-Dade on Tuesday night. One of his attorneys said the grand jury's identification of Rivera as the gunman was expected.

"This does not come as a surprise," said Sawyer Smith, who along with his father Wilbur represents Rivera.

The 24-year-old Taylor died Nov. 27, a day after he was shot in the bedroom of his home. Police have said he was a victim of a botched burglary.

"I think he's in disbelief over what occurred," Wilbur Smith said. "His expression to me was that 'I can't believe this kind of thing happened.'"

Asked how he would defend his client, Wilbur Smith said simply: "Stay tuned."

Attorneys said the four young men were agitated.

"He's very distraught," said Hunte's attorney, Michael Hornung. "He's scared."

## Rights group: China evicting 13,000 each month in Olympics preparations

GENEVA (AP) — China continues to evict 13,000 people each month in preparation for the Beijing Olympics, despite worldwide attention and increased scrutiny, a housing rights group said Wednesday.

The Center on Housing Rights and Evictions said a recent trip to the Chinese capital confirmed an estimate it made earlier this year that 1.5 million people would be displaced by the time the 2008 Games are held.

Beijing says the group is grossly inflating the number of people being relocated as a result of the Olympic preparations, and that residents are content with the compensation they have received.

"Despite courageous protests inside

China, and condemnation by many international human rights organizations, the Beijing municipality and Beijing Organizing Committee of the Olympic Games have persisted with these evictions and displacements," said Jean du Plessis, the Geneva-based COHRE's deputy director.

The group — which claimed in June that 1.25 million had already been displaced — said it returned to Beijing in August and found that forced evictions were continuing unabated.

In September, the Beijing municipality demolished several buildings in a run-down neighborhood called the "petitioners' village" in Fengtai District, which provided housing for thousands from all over China who

came to complain to the central government about land seizures, forced evictions and corruption, COHRE said.

"Evictions in Beijing often involve the complete demolition of poor peoples' houses," the group said. "The inhabitants are then forced to relocate far from their communities and workplaces, with higher transportation costs driving them further into poverty."

"In Beijing, and in China more generally, the process of demolition and eviction is characterized by arbitrariness and lack of due process. In many cases, tenants are given little or no notice of their eviction and do not receive the promised compensation."

## Poker star David 'Chip' Reese dies at age 56

LAS VEGAS (AP) — David "Chip" Reese, a card star who anchored one of the biggest cash games in the world and won three World Series of Poker bracelets, has died. He was 56.

Reese died in his sleep and was found by his son early Tuesday morning at his Las Vegas home after suffering from symptoms of pneumonia, said poker great Doyle Brunson, his longtime friend.

"I knew him for 35 years, I never saw him get mad or raise his voice,"

Brunson said. "He had the most even disposition of anyone I've ever met. He's certainly the best poker player that ever lived."

After attending Dartmouth College, Reese was on his way to Stanford business school in the early 1970s when he stopped by a Las Vegas poker room and won big, said World Series of Poker media director Nolan Dalla.

"He just accidentally stumbled into Las Vegas and never left," Dalla said.

## Bryant scores 20 points to help Lakers beat banged-up Wolves

By The Associated Press

An ailing Kobe Bryant was still good enough against the banged-up Minnesota Timberwolves.

Bryant shook off the same stomach flu that sent teammate Andrew Bynum to the hospital, scoring 13 of his 20 points in the first quarter to set the tone in the Los Angeles Lakers' 116-95 victory on Tuesday night.

"How are you going to tell if

he's got the flu?" acting Wolves coach Jerry Sichting said. "He's a lot like Jordan. It doesn't matter with guys like that. He made ME sick."

Bryant spent the day in his hotel room, unable to keep any food or fluids down for most of the afternoon. But he refused hospital treatment leading up to a game he knew his team had to win.

"It's tough, but as the leader of

this ball club you have to come out and play through that," Bryant said. "Set the tone early, and I was able to do that."

Two other top scorers couldn't. LeBron James missed his third straight game, and Cleveland was routed 100-79 by New Jersey. Sacramento's Kevin Martin strained his right groin and is expected to miss four to six weeks, but the Kings recovered to beat

Utah 117-107.

In other games, it was: Detroit 106, Atlanta 95; Phoenix 121, Indiana 117; and Milwaukee 87, the Los Angeles Clippers 78.

Bryant appeared to be a little less explosive than his usual self, until he threw down a 360-degree dunk off a fast break late in the second quarter. He also had five assists, helping the Lakers snap a two-game losing streak despite playing

without Ronny Turiaf (concussion), Kwame Brown (ankle) and Bynum.

"I made a point to come out and be really aggressive. Kind of set the tone a little bit," Bryant said. "I kind of let my teammates know that this is a game we have to get. No matter if we're short-handed or not, we have to come out here and take care of business."

## Miami Warriors



Courtesy photo

Miami's Alyne Grantham, Rachelle Graue and Bailey Adcock play some defense in a recent game against Samnorwood. The defense proved to be effective as Miami won the game, 39-36. The Miami boys also defeated Samnorwood, 32-29.

## Scottish lawmakers may save Trump golf resort plan after local council rejected it

EDINBURGH, Scotland (AP) — Scottish lawmakers on Wednesday backed government efforts to save Donald Trump's proposed \$2.1 billion golf resort that would be built on an unspoiled beach near Aberdeen.

The Scottish government took the unusual step of agreeing to review Trump's application after a local council rejected it.

The project is now before the Scottish Parliament's economy, energy and tourism committee and a final decision on the project is still likely months away.

"The committee felt the decision has given a worrying message to the rest of the world that Scotland is closed for business," Tavish Scott, the head of the committee, said after the meeting.

Trump's organization has said it is considering moving the billion-pound

project to Northern Ireland after Aberdeenshire Council last week threw out plans for two championship golf courses and a five-star hotel on the northeast coast.

Environmental groups and local campaigners opposed the plans to build near sand dunes that are home to rare birds, skylarks and lapwings. The area is protected as an area of special scientific interest.

"The council is being bullied," said Councilor Martin Ford who cast the deciding vote when the council became deadlocked over the proposal.

"There is an important principle at stake here," Ford said. "It is certainly true that the council has been subject to hardball corporate American tactics."

The billionaire property developer wants to turn the Menie Estate into a resort complete with two 18-hole

courses, a 450-room hotel, 950 vacation homes, 36 golf villas and 500 luxury homes costing up to 1 million pounds (1.4 million euros, \$2.1 million) each.

"This is not about a golf course, it's about a massive housing development. You could pave a golf course with gold and it still would not cost a billion," environmental campaigner Mickey Foote said.

The project would create 1,440 jobs across Scotland, Councilor Debra Storr said.

The Trump Organization claims it has received more than 50 offers of land to build the resort.

"An option to buy land in Northern Ireland has been signed and the clock is ticking on that at 30 days," said Neil Hobday of Trump International Scotland.

## No. 2 Memphis beats Southern California 62-58 in overtime

NEW YORK (AP) — It wasn't as if Madison Square Garden became a kiddie park for the day. All people were talking about as the Jimmy V Classic approached were the freshmen who would be on display in the doubleheader.

None of the three — Michael Beasley of Kansas State, O.J. Mayo of Southern California or Derrick Rose of Memphis — had a spectacular outing. They all looked like, well, freshmen.

"I think what you saw tonight was maturity, decision-making in the flow of the game, when to go and when to stop," Memphis coach John Calipari said after his second-ranked Tigers beat No. 24 Southern California 62-58 in overtime Tuesday night. "They both did the same things, took bad shots. That's freshmen

stuff." Rose had nine points and 10 rebounds but the 6-foot-3 guard was 3-for-9 from the field and had five turnovers.

"The hype sometimes you want to be that person but that comes with the territory," Rose said. "You want all the hype. You just go out and play hard and you'll get it but you've got to make sure you don't get too bigheaded when you get it."

In other Top 25 games, it was: No. 1 North Carolina 106, Penn 71; No. 9 Michigan State 66, Bradley 61; and No. 10 Tennessee 76, Chattanooga 70.

Mayo was 6-for-20 from the field — including missing seven straight shots over the last 14 minutes of regulation and the first 4:45 of overtime.

"I'm just trying to get bet-

ter as a player," Mayo said. "I'm not perfect, but I strive to be perfect. Nobody plays perfect, but I just try to get better."

Beasley, the leading scorer (26.7) and rebounder (15.0) in the country, had 19 points and 13 rebounds — his eighth double-double in as many college games — but the Wildcats lost 68-59 to Notre Dame in the opener.

Beasley is not available to the media until Dec. 16.

The Trojans (6-3) slowed down the pace of the game to their liking and used a triangle-and-2 to further hinder Memphis' offense.

"There's only a few teams that will try to run with us," Calipari said. "What you're doing is hoping we don't make shots and tonight we didn't make any."

## Texas center Dallas Griffin wins the Draddy Award

NEW YORK (AP) — Texas center Dallas Griffin won the Draddy Award as the top scholar-athlete in college football.

Griffin, a senior, was honored by the National Football Foundation at its Hall of Fame induction banquet Wednesday night at the Waldorf-Astoria in midtown Manhattan.

Griffin has already graduated with a double major in business and finance and is enrolled in UT's MBA program.

Fifteen other players were nominated from all levels of college football for the so-called academic Heisman.

The finalists from the Bowl Subdivision were Washington State quarterback Alex Brink, Notre Dame tight end John Carlson, Oregon quarterback Dennis Dixon, Iowa linebacker Mike Klinkenborg, Illinois linebacker J. Lemman, Rutgers linebacker Brandon Renkart, Tulsa quarterback Paul Smith and Kentucky tight end Jacob Tamme.

The Championship Subdivision finalists were Texas State defensive end Nick Clark and Dayton safety Brandon Cramer.

## A year behind schedule, Paterno gets his Hall of Fame induction

NEW YORK (AP) — The College Football Hall of Fame news conference had already started by the time Joe Paterno showed up and grabbed his seat at the end of the dais.

"I apologize for being one year and 20 minutes late," the 80-year-old Penn State coach said.

No apologies necessary, JoePa.

The second-winningest coach in the history of major college football was voted into the Hall of Fame in 2006, but his induction had to be put on hold because this time last year he was recovering from a broken leg which was the result of two players ran into him during a game.

The rest of the class of 13 new hall of famers, including 1984 Heisman Trophy winner Doug Flutie and former Oregon star Ahmad Rashad, were voted in earlier

this year and were to be inducted at a banquet Tuesday night at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in midtown Manhattan.

Paterno, who led Penn State to an 8-4 record this season, was hoping to take his children back to his old neighborhood in Brooklyn while he was into town, but he's been too busy.

"I'll always be a New Yorker. It's great to come back," he said.

On Monday night, Penn State threw a reception at another Manhattan hotel for Paterno. About half of the 400 people who showed up were Paterno's former players, including Franco Harris, John Cappelletti and Lydell Mitchell and Todd Blackledge.

"So many of the kids came back," Paterno said. "It was very emotional. I didn't get to spend enough time with any of them. It was like

holding court."

Paterno will complete his 51st season as head coach at Penn State in the Alamo Bowl on Dec. 19 against Texas A&M. No other major college coach has been at one school longer and his 363 career victories ranks second only to Bobby Bowden (366).

Bowden and Paterno were supposed to be inducted into the Hall of Fame together last year, but Paterno was still gimpy from surgery to repair a broken left shinbone and torn ligaments in his knee.

"I'm only sorry I wasn't here last year with Bobby Bowden, somebody I respect so much; somebody I think has done a magnificent job at his school," Paterno said. "We've been very fortunate. God's given us good health. Every once in a while you get a little sloppy on the sideline and let somebody

run into you."

Paterno became the head coach at Penn State in 1966, before any of the 12 players in the latest hall of fame class started college.

Chris Zorich, who played defensive tackle for Notre Dame from 1988-90 and was the youngest member of the induction class, marveled at how Paterno's career has spanned generations of college football players.

"He represents what college football is supposed to be about: Tradition and building character," Zorich said. "It's not about hiring a new guy every three, four years."

The rest of the new Hall of Famers were: Oklahoma center Tom Brahaney; Michigan defensive back Dave Brown; Clemson linebacker Jeff Davis; Texas defensive back Johnnie Johnson; Ohio State quarterback Rex Kern; Indiana run-

ning back Anthony Thompson; Houston defensive tackle Wilson Whitley; Dartmouth linebacker Reggie Williams; and Southern California linebacker Richard Wood.

Former Central Michigan coach Herb Deromedi, who led the Chippewas to 14 winning seasons from 1978-83, was the other coach going into the hall.

Brown and Whitley, the 1976 Lombardi Award winner, are both deceased and were represented by their wives.

"It's a huge validation, knowing he made a contribution to this great institution of college football," said Norma Whitley, whose husband died in 1992 of a heart attack at the age of 37.

Brown, part of a Michigan defense from 1972-74 that recorded 11 shutouts in 33 games, died in 2006 at 52 of a heart attack.

"He was an exceptional man. Not only an exceptional football player, but an exceptional father and an exceptional husband," said Rhonda Brown, who attended the news conference with her sons, Aaron, 27, and Sterling, 25.

Paterno, who said recently he feels like he can coach at least another three more years, didn't anticipate a long coaching career when he got into it as an assistant at Brown, his alma mater.

"My dad wanted me to be a lawyer. I started coaching to save some money and pay off some debts we had before I started Boston University Law School," he said. "Then I got hooked."

"My Mom got on the phone and said 'What did you go to college for?' My dad said 'Whatever you're going to do, have an impact.'"

"I think he'd be proud."

## Tigers reach preliminary agreement with Marlins to acquire Cabrera and Willis

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — One swift move, two new stars. The Detroit Tigers are loading up for another run at the World Series, this time with Miguel Cabrera and Dontrelle Willis.

Detroit reached a preliminary agreement Tuesday to acquire Cabrera and Willis from the Florida Marlins for a package of six players, an unexpected blockbuster trade that developed quickly at the winter meetings.

"I'm glad we're in the other division," Red Sox manager Terry Francona

said. "That lineup just got scary."

In a huge deal that took the spotlight away from Boston's pursuit of Johan Santana, Florida gets lefty Andrew Miller, outfielder Cameron Maybin and four other prospects from the Tigers, a baseball official with knowledge of the talks said on condition of anonymity because the trade had not yet been finalized.

The Marlins also receive catcher Mike Rabelo and right-handers Burke Badenhop, Eulogio De La Cruz and Dallas Trahern.

The players involved must pass physicals for the deal to be completed.

"It's very serious, but nothing is finalized yet because some issues need to get worked out," Tigers manager Jim Leyland told The Associated Press.

Cabrera, an All-Star in each of the past four seasons, would join an imposing lineup that already includes Magglio Ordonez, Gary Sheffield, Ivan Rodriguez, Curtis Granderson and Placido Polanco.

## Season to remember for Cowboys can be ruined by December repeat

IRVING, Texas (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys so far have had a season to remember, with the NFC's best record and a playoff spot already secured.

Just don't forget December.

Sorry, Jerry Jones, we can't fast-forward from now to the playoffs. There is still one-fourth of the regular season remaining.

Despite the best start in franchise history at 11-1, even better than when the Cowboys won three Super Bowls in a four-year span in the 1990s, Jones still has an uneasy feeling:

That's because the calendar has turned to December, which has provided plenty of letdowns for the Cowboys

since their last championship seasons.

"I am more excited about what is going to happen, without a doubt," the Cowboys owner said this week, then followed that immediately with a cautionary statement.

"Consequently, I am apprehensive about what can happen."

Since winning their last playoff game during the 1996 season, the Cowboys haven't had a winning record for regular season games played in December and early January. They are 16-29 in such games, plus the four playoff losses after losing momentum late in those seasons.

Dallas entered December

2003 with an 8-4 record in Bill Parcells' first season, then went 2-2 to miss out on the NFC East title. That also dropped the Cowboys to the sixth seed in the NFC and they lost the wildcard game.

The Cowboys reached December at 7-4 and atop the division each of the past two years. They went 2-3 both times, missing the post-season in 2005 and winding up a wildcard last season before the playoff loss at Seattle in Parcells' final game.

"We've tried to let go of the past, but one thing that we've done since I've been here is just faltered," linebacker Bradie James said. "We've nose-dived in December."

I Pub  
"Noti  
320' c  
is plan  
on a p  
along  
Lat: 3  
100 4  
inform  
at (918  
H-93  
3 Per  
\*ADO  
LOVE  
outdoor  
cal far  
baby.  
861-40  
ROOM  
Pampa  
more i  
5 Spe  
ADVE  
al to  
Pampa  
placed  
pa Nev  
10 Lo  
FOUN  
Femal  
1801.  
LOST  
Staffor  
& whi  
gressiv  
REWA  
gray  
Buckle  
call 66  
13 Bu  
GREA  
Pampa  
couple  
1875.  
14d C  
Carpe  
placem  
siding  
gutters  
669-99  
OVER  
REPAI  
structu  
SHAW  
Custom  
& m  
frank  
662-29  
14e C  
NU-W  
ice, c  
walls,  
doesn't  
steam  
owner  
3541,  
town,  
J  
Opp  
Jone  
panh  
us ir  
have  
invol  
exper  
miles  
You  
1) G  
sion,  
2) Q  
oil fo  
3) E  
Bene  
1) Pe  
2) 40  
cont  
3) H  
4) C  
5) 2  
6) C  
If yo  
care  
rklin  
Note  
check  
HA  
6, 2  
Yo  
you  
suc  
ma  
step  
sup  
gro  
star  
If  
ass  
fir  
qua  
atta  
star  
or r  
res  
The  
Ha  
3-A  
AR  
★ ★  
her  
the  
Yo  
per  
To  
TA  
★ ★  
the  
hav  
res  
one  
be  
GE  
★ ★  
mig  
dea  
cou  
bei





## Ex-teacher violates terms of her probation while on house arrest

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — A former teacher serving house arrest for having sex with a 14-year-old student was arrested Tuesday on charges of violating her probation, state records show.

According to a Department of Corrections report, Debra Lafave discussed her personal life and other subjects with a teenage waitress at a restaurant where both worked. One of the terms of her probation was that she was not allowed to have unsupervised contact with minors without permission.

Lafave, 26, is serving three years of house arrest and seven years of probation after pleading guilty to having sex with the boy in a classroom and her home in June 2004.

She was arrested Tuesday morning and released from jail on her promise to appear

in court. It was not immediately clear when that hearing would occur.

Defense attorney John Fitzgibbons said he was disappointed that Lafave's probation officer ordered her arrest for what he called an "insignificant" violation. He said Lafave and the 17-year-old girl had a "typical workplace conversation that women have with their women colleagues."

"It was a workplace friendship — no more, no less," he said.

State attorney's office spokeswoman Pam Bondi said prosecutors would not comment on Lafave's arrest until the hearing.

Probation records show Lafave worked at a Tampa-area restaurant until last month, when her probation officer ordered her to quit.



COURTESY PHOTO

## Art project

Students at Pampa Junior High recently worked on Christmas papier-mache art projects. Above: Heather Nelson, from left, Austin Starbuck, Julia Soto and Kelsey Freelen.

Special Deals  
Friday & Saturday Only  
**25% Off**  
Seiko Watches  
**30% Off**  
Diamond Earrings  
**RHEAMS**  
DIAMOND SHOP  
111 N. Childer Downtown Pampa  
669-2831

## VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Peake places priority on health care

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ret. Army Lt. Gen. James Peake is promising to stand up to the White House when necessary if confirmed as Veterans Affairs secretary, saying he will fight for the appropriate money to make sure injured veterans get the care they need.

Peake, a former Army surgeon general who has spent 40 years in military medicine, was set to testify Wednesday for his confirmation hearing before the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee.

Seeking to avoid the crossfire between President Bush and Congress over budget spending, Peake told the Senate panel in a written statement that he will be an independent advocate for

veterans. He also pledged to keep an open mind about setting a guaranteed level of funding for the VA each year — something the VA has generally opposed — to ensure the embattled agency can provide high-quality health care without shortfall risks to millions of veterans.

"I believe I am in the administration with the responsibility to not only advocate for veterans, but to ensure that our veterans receive the best of care; that they have their benefits provided in a timely fashion," Peake said in responses provided to the committee and obtained by The Associated Press.

"I recognize that this means appropriately forecasting the needs and advocating for the funds to meet those needs while making sure that the funds provided are well used," he said.

Peake, 63, does not face significant resistance for the VA post.

Senate Veterans Affairs Chairman Daniel Akaka, D-Hawaii, has indicated that he would like to see Peake approved by the full Senate this month. Even the administration's most ardent critic on the committee, Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash., plans tough questions but expects him to be confirmed.

# Holiday Ideas

• contents vary

**Pampa Flowers & Greenhouse**  
410 E Foster Ave • 669-3334

**Call Now!**

## Iran: Ahmadinejad claims intel review 'declaration of victory'

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — A new U.S. intelligence review concluding Iran stopped developing an atomic weapons program in 2003 is a "declaration of victory" for Iran's nuclear program, President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said Wednesday.

Russia's foreign minister, meanwhile, indicated that the U.S. report's findings undermined Washington's push for a new set of U.N. sanctions against Iran.

The U.S. intelligence report released Monday concluded that Iran had stopped its weapons program in late 2003 and shown no signs since of resuming it, representing a sharp turnaround from a previous intelligence assessment in 2005.

"This is a declaration of victory for the Iranian nation against the world powers over

*'This was a final shot to those who, in the past several years, spread a sense of threat and concern in the world through lies of nuclear weapons.'*

— Mahmoud Ahmadinejad  
Iranian president

the nuclear issue," Ahmadinejad told thousands of people during a visit to Ilam province in western Iran.

"This was a final shot to

those who, in the past several years, spread a sense of threat and concern in the world through lies of nuclear weapons," Ahmadinejad said, drawing celebratory whistles from the crowd.

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice would not directly respond to Ahmadinejad's remarks, but told reporters in the Ethiopian capital Wednesday that the U.S. intelligence report's public release showed the Bush administration was committed to transparent democracy while Iran was not.

Iran has touted the report as vindication of its claims that its nuclear program is peaceful and Iranian officials insist that Washington should take a less hawkish stance and drop attempts to impose new sanctions in light of the report's surprise conclusions.

Mohamed ElBaradei, head of the U.N. nuclear watchdog agency, called the report a "sigh of relief" Wednesday because its conclusions also jibe with the agency's own findings.

"Iran has been somewhat vindicated in saying they have not been working on a weapons program, at least for the past few years," ElBaradei told reporters in Brazil's capital.

The U.S. National Intelligence Estimate was released two days after the world's major powers met in Paris on Saturday and indicated that a compromise text on a third sanctions resolution could be circulated at the U.N. as early as Friday by the six countries — the U.S., Britain, France, Russia, China and Germany.

Russia, a veto-wielding member of the U.N. Security Council, said Wednesday there was no proof that Iran has ever run a nuclear weapons program.

## GIVE A HOLIDAY GIFT THAT DOESN'T END WHEN THE BATTERIES RUN OUT.

Why not start a new holiday tradition? Make this the time of year that you save for a child's college education.

Edward Jones can work with you to develop a strategy to save for college. One option is a 529 Education Savings Plan, where today's gift can have tax benefits in the future for you, family members and the child.\*

\*Contributions are tax-deductible in certain states for residents who participate in their own state's plan.

To make your college-savings gift in time for the holidays, call or visit today.

Ben Watson  
408 W. Kingmill, Ste. 197A  
Pampa, TX 79065  
806-665-3359

Duane Harp  
1927 N. Hobart  
Pampa, TX 79065  
806-665-6753

Tom Reynolds  
1540 N. Hobart  
Pampa, TX 79065  
806-665-7137

www.edwardjones.com Member SIPC

Edward Jones  
MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING