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## Gray County Sheriff's Deputy saves men's lives

By MARILYN POWERS


swo local men who found themduring wint in a 26 -vehicle pileup during a winter whiteout Dec. 22
believe they owe their lives to a Gray County sheriff's deputy.
"We think he saved our lives," Jerry Davis of Pampa said in a letter to Sheriff Don Copeland dated Dec. 29. "I think his name is Deputy Baker, and we thank God he was there that day.'
His name is indeed Deputy Baker His name
Robert Baker to be exact Baker and fellow
Deputy Clark Teague were out on a call that Saturday morning when
they were dispatched to they were dispatched to
the scene of a pileup the scene of a pileup
east of Pampa on
Highway 60 . The pileup had been reported to the Texas Department of Public Safety at
about $9: 35$ am about $9: 35$ a.m.
Blowing snow and


## Court upholds state's

 moment of silence lawAUSTIN (AP) - Texas school
children will continue to observe a daily minute of silence to pray or "Whether schoolchildren use
meditate after a federal court threw their morning moment of silence to out a challenge to the state law as pray or to prepare for a pop quiz, unconstitutional.
The ruling issued Thursday stems lessonse and personal freedom are The ruling issued Thursday stems lessons that should be taught and
from a complaint by a North Texas exercised regardless of our environ$\begin{aligned} & \text { from a complaint by a North texas } \\ & \text { couple who say one of their children }\end{aligned}$
$\begin{aligned} & \text { exercised regardless of our environ- } \\ & \text { ment, Perry }\end{aligned}$
said. "Justice was was told by an elementary school served in this ruling and I am proud teacher to keep quiet because the that Texas' children will continue to minute is a "time for prayer." be able to have a moment dedicated The complaint, filed in 2006 by daily to their innermost thoughts David and Shannon Croft, names and contemplations Gov. Rick Perry and the Carrollton- Neither the Crofts nor their attor-
Farmers Branch Independent School District, which the Crofts, . See SILENCE, Page 6

First baby of 2008


Courtesy Photò
Vincent and Brandi Garcia made a little history when their daughter, Aiva Rayne Garcia, was Pampa Regional Medical Center's first baby of 2008. She was born at 7:39 a.m. on Jan. 1 and weighed 6 pounds, 13 ounces and was 20 inches long.


Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS $\Delta$ Kevin Robinson, left, and his stepfather, Jerry Davis, right, believe that Gray County Sheriff's Deputy Robert Baker saved their lives during a 26 -vehicle pileup Dec. 22 on Highway $\mathbf{6 0}$ in the midst of a winter storm.
4 This is what is left of Robinson's black 2001 Jodge pickup that was hit by a salt water truck seconds after Robinson and his passenger exited the vehicle, thanks to the urging of Baker.

## Roberts County hands

 up four indictmentsEditor's note: This story was a person by striking the person in incomplete in Friday's ediftion the head while committing thef
of The Pampa News. It is of The Pampa News. It it
repeated today in its entirety.
of property.
On Jan. 29,2004 , Miller was By MARIIYN POWERS
A Roberts County grand jury handed up four indictments Thursday in 31 st District Court, consisting of one indictment each
for first-, second-, third- and state for irst-, second-, third- and state
jail felonies. Aaron Ray Miller, 23, was indicted for robbery, enhanced. Bond on the first-degree felony was set at $\$ 50,000$. allegedly caused bodily injury to

## Oil reaches \$100-a-barrel

## HOUSTON (AP) - Twenty or lot," said Paul Weissgarber, a yice

 so years ago, $\$ 100$-a-barrel oil president and energy expert amight have had some Texas busi- consultancy A.T Kearney in might have had some Texas busi- consultancy A.T. Kearney in
nessmen lighting cigars with Dallas. "Houston is still largely $\$ 100$ bills. $\quad$ nesmen cigars with $\quad$ focused on oil and gas, but as you Because so much of the state's look at Austin, San Antonio and prosperity hinged on the price of Dallas - the other major metrooil, the winners in such a scenario politan areas - they're far and would have far outweighed the losers.-
These days, the picture is more
mixed, largely because of the state's increasingly diverse econstate
omy.
In addition to oil giants such as Exxon Mobil Corp. and ConocoPhillips, not to mention
numerous service companies and numependent drillers, Texas is now home to three of the nation's largest airlines, big retailers such as J.C. Penney Co., and technology bellwethers like Dell Inc. and Texas Instruments Inc.
For many of those companies,
record oil prices translate to higher costs of doing business.
er costs of doing business.
"Our economy has changed a
convicted in 84th District Court
in Ochiltree County of the felony offense of indecency with a child. Justin Anthony Frauton, 19 was indicted for robbery. Bond on the second-degree felony was set
at $\$ 50,000$.
On Nov. 17, 2007, Frauton allegedly caused bodily injury to a person by striking the person in the head while committing theft of property.
Rosalio
for driving while intoxicated See COUNTY Page 3

## PAMPA NIGHT <br> WIIH TME MMARH1O GORHLAS <br> Smitureax, mumany 12 - TIGKETS $\$ 10$ EACH <br> For More Information Contact The Chamber At 669-3241 <br> Or E-Mail harvest@pampachamber.com

## NEXT DAY FORECAST



Partly cloudy Partly cloudy Sunny Sunday: Partly sunny, with a high near 68. high as 25 mph . Sunday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 44. Southwest wind around 15 mph , with gusts as high as
25 mph .
Monday: Partly sunny, with a high near 61 . Westsouthwest wind between 15 and 20 mph , with gusts as high as 30 mph .
Monday Night: A slight chance of rain before 1 a.m. then a slight chance of rain and snow between $1 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. Mostly cloudy, with slight chance of snow after 2 a.m. Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 44. Northnorthwest wind 15 to 20 mph decreasing to between 5 and 10 mph . Winds could gust as high as 30 mph . East wind 5 to 15 mph becoming south.
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## Services tomorrow

Services MONDAY HOWARD Chapel, Pampa.

## Debbie Howard, 51


#### Abstract

LEFORS - Debbie Howard, 51, of Lefors died Dec. 25, 2007, at Amarillo. Memorial services are scheduled at 1 p.m.Friday, Church in Lefors with the Rev. Dean Young officiating. $\qquad$ arrangements Church of Lefors. Cremation arrangements were under the direction of C a rm i i h a el - Whatle y Funeral Directors of Pampa. Ms. Howard was born on March 28, 1956, in Pampa. She attended Lefors schools and belonged to First Baptist

Leny Frances Howard, 86

She was preceded in death y her father, J.D. Howard. Survivors include a son Justin Howard of Pampa; a daughter, Heather Hickerson daughter, Heather Hickerson Bobbers; her mother, Bobard of Lefors;



daughters, Jane
Steele and husband Richard of Pampa, and Jackie Hess and husband Gene of Littleton, Colo.; two grand-
daughters, Ellen daughters, Ellen and husband Drew of Fort Worth, and Renae Hess Cremation and arrange-
ments are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley

Mrs. Howard was born
Sept. 8, 1921, in Maysville, Sept. 1921 in Maysville,
Okla. She came to Pampa in
sister, Rhonda Gilbreath of Lefors; and two brothers, Kenny Howard of Ray Howard of Lefors: Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichaelwhatley.com. grandchildren, Brianna,
Trever and Jackson Freiberg of Denver, Colo., Cooper Hess of Benton, La., and Joshua Wedemeyer of Fort Worth.
by a was preceded in death by a grandson, Richard
Joshua Steele in 2004; her parents; and two brothers.
MEMORIALS: MEMORIALS: First Baptist Church Library, P.O. Box 621, Pampa, TX 79066 -

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


## Edwin Arthur Waterbury, 73

$\begin{aligned} \begin{aligned} \text { Edwin Arthur Waterbury } \\ \text { was born on Nov. 9, 1934, in Waterbury of Katy; dren, Kaitlyn Best and } \\ \text { daughter, Kayla Waterbury }\end{aligned} & \text { Brittany Best; sister, Vivian }\end{aligned}$ was born on Nov. 9, 1934, in daughter, Kayla Waterbury Brittany Best; sister, Vivian Johnson Switch, Ark., to and Jim Best of Katy; sons, and Orville Smith of Tulsa,
Sidney Eugene and Lucy Keith and Robin Waterbury Okla.; and brothers, Francis Alverda Romack Waterbury. On July 25, 1954, Edwin married Patsy Ruth Cheek in Perryton, Texas. He was a member of Apostolic Faith
Church in Katy
Edwin Arthur Waterbury passed away on Wednesday Dec. 19, 2007, at the age of
73 years 73 years.
He is survived by his wife, $\begin{array}{lll}\text { Keith and Robin Waterbury } & \text { Okla.; and brothers, Francis } \\ \text { of Plano, Texas, and Kylon } & \text { Eugene and Fran Waterbury }\end{array}$ and Christin Waterbury of of Fresno, Calif., Harrol and Round Rock, Texas; grandhildren, Brandon and Laura Best, Brett and Cherise Best Blake and Virginia Best, Blake and Virginia Best,
Jared Waterbury, Rachael Waterbury, $\begin{gathered}\text { Rachael } \\ \text { Joshua }\end{gathered}$ $\begin{array}{lr}\text { Waterbury, } & \text { Joshua } \\ \text { Sydney }\end{array}$ Waterbury and Norah
Waterbury; great-grandchil- ervices
Emergency Services
Sheriff
Gray County Sheriff' Jose Miguel Retana, 18, Gray County Sheriff's of Pampa was arrested by
Office recorded the follow- Pampa PD and charged with Office recorded the following arrest
Saturday.

Friday, Jan. 4 Kachira Sellers, 21, of
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Pampa Police Department Pampa Police Departmen yield at a yield intersectio
and following too
Saturday, Jan. 5 se Retana, 19, of Pamp was arrested by Pampa PD and charged with engaging in an organized criminal activity and possession of
less than 2-ounces of mari-
of Pampa was arrested by
Pampa PD and charged with
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ing in an organized criminal ing in an organized criminal
activity and possession of less than 2-ounces of marijuana.

Fire
Pampa Fire Department eported the following calls during the 24 -hour period ending at 7 a.m. Saturday. Friday, Jan. 4
$2: 06$ p.m. - One unit three personnel responded to


> Kentucky and Hamilton on a patient to PRMC $\begin{aligned} & \text { motor vehicle accident. } \\ & \text { 2:27 p.m. - One unit and }\end{aligned}$ $\begin{aligned} & \text { 2:27 p.m. - One unit and } \\ & \text { two personnel responded }\end{aligned}$ a Dumpster fire in the 900 block of South Hobart. 900 4:47 p.m. - One unit and four personnel responded to Rham and Hobart on a motor vehicle accident in which one person was transported $\begin{aligned} & \text { by ambula } \\ & \text { injuries. }\end{aligned}$
> Ambulance Guardian EMS ambulance $\begin{aligned} & \text { reported the following calls } \\ & \text { during the 24-hour period }\end{aligned}$ $\begin{aligned} & \text { during the } 24 \text {-hour period } \\ & \text { ending at } 7 \text { a.m. Saturday }\end{aligned}$ Friday, Jan. 4 .
> $\begin{aligned} & \text { 8:26 a.m. - A mobile ICU } \\ & \text { responded to the } 400 \text { block }\end{aligned}$ $\begin{aligned} & \text { responded to the } 400 \text { block } \\ & \text { of Naida and transported a }\end{aligned}$ $\begin{aligned} & \text { of Naida and transported a } \\ & \text { patient to Pampa Regional }\end{aligned}$ patient to Pampa Regional $\begin{aligned} & \text { Medical Center. } \\ & \text { 9:37 a.m. - A mobile ICU }\end{aligned}$ responded to a local nursing facility and transported a CU respan. - A mobile ICU responded to the 200 lock of South Russell and $\begin{aligned} & \text { transpor } \\ & \text { PRMC. }\end{aligned}$
> 11:19 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of Red Deer. No trans. $\begin{aligned} & \text { 1:52 p.m. - A mobile ICU } \\ & \text { responded to the } 800 \text { block }\end{aligned}$ $\begin{aligned} & \text { responded to the } 800 \text { block } \\ & \text { of West } 25 \text { th and transported }\end{aligned}$ a patient to PRMC. $\begin{aligned} & \text { 2:11 p.m. - A mobile ICU } \\ & \text { 2 }\end{aligned}$ $\begin{aligned} & \text { responded to the } 1100 \text { block } \\ & \text { of North Russell and trans- }\end{aligned}$ of North Russell and trans$\begin{aligned} & \text { ported a patient to PRMC. } \\ & \text { 4:45 p.m. }- \text { A mobile ICU }\end{aligned}$ $\begin{aligned} & 4: 45 \text { p.m. - A mobile ICU } \\ & \text { responded to the } 100 \text { block }\end{aligned}$ $\begin{aligned} & \text { responded to the } 100 \text { block } \\ & \text { of South Hobart and trans- }\end{aligned}$ ported a patient to PRMC. 5 p.m. - A mobile ICU transported to PRMC and 800 block of Watient to the 800 block of West 25 th. $\begin{aligned} & \text { 8:17 p.m. - A mobile ICU } \\ & \text { responded to PRMC and }\end{aligned}$ transferred a patient to BSA Hospital in Amarillo.
> $\begin{aligned} & \text { Saturday, Jan. } 5 \\ & \text { a.m. - A mobile }\end{aligned}$ ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient to Amarillo.
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U.S. diplomat meets with African leaders NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) mat for Africa met with Kenya's president and the Saturday to opposition on peaceful to encourage a disputed presiden after the tion that sparked days of deadly riots.
Jendayi Frazer first held date Rail opposition candiwas meeting winga and then Mwai Kibaki, officiesident Kibaki was declared reelected after a tally that
international observations say was seriously flawed.

Martin and the Rev. Fred
Huff officiating. Interment was officiating. Interment Cemetery. Katy Magnolia Those wishing to make memorial gifts may do so to the Apostolic Faith Church, P.O. Box 199, Katy, TX
$7792-0199$ 77492-0199.
Funeral services were held under the direction of
Schmidt Funeral Home, 1508 East Ave., Katy, TX 77493, (281) 391-2424.

Baker

## Continued from Page 1

We went east on Browning Avenue to Loop 171. As we neared Highway 60, we were down to zero visibility. Seeing the hood of the car was tough at times."
Baker kept driving until he and Teague reached the site of the acci-
"We crept down there," he said, The next thing I saw was County Road $121 / 2$. Then an ambulance attendant flagged us down. A truck driver flagged us down, too."
It was known that one fatality had
ccurred as a result of the accident. Emergency personnel were struggling to help those involved in the crash, even as more vehicles joined the pileup.
"I saw a cattle truck in the bar ditch, and then realized there were already a dozen cars stacked up in that mess," blocking the road on the south side. We started getting people out, calling hem to the side of the road and walking them down the fence row
It was eerie, being able to hear but not see approaching vehicles as they neared
said.
"Yo
"You could hear them coming," he said. "They couldn't see anything until "O too late.
"One or two vehicles hit, and then nother one came in. We're back and road shut down." At some point in the series of mpacts, a black 2001 Dodge three-quarter-ton diesel pickup joined the other wrecked vehicles. Davis was a
passenger in the Dodge, which was passenger in the Dodge, which was
being driven by its owner and Davis' stepson, Kevin Robinson of Lefors. "Their truck emerged out of the now and hit," Baker said. "I called them out of the truck and they both go out and ran up to the side of the road. hrough. A couple of seconds later, a truck hit their pickup and moved the whole pileup down several feet.
Robinson said he and Davis were
going to remain in the pickup, but
going to remain in the pickup, but vehicle.
"The officer was yelling to get out. So we got out, and it was a good thing we did," Robinson said.
"We were sitting in our truck and discussing whether or not to get out," Davis said in the letter to Copeland was coming behind us and we were hesitant to get out, as we were afraid that it might slide into us while we were on the road.
There was a deputy standing on the side of the road, yelling and screaming
for us to exit. He was insistent that we exit the vehicle.
"I was blocked in on my side, and Kevin got out and held the door for me as I slid over the console.
"We ran to the side of the road where the deputy was standing. Less
than 15 seconds after we exited, a truck full of salt water hit our vehicle,
"That's the loudest I've ever yelled on the job,' Baker said of his efforts to get people out of their vehicles and call on the radio to have the highway shut down.
totally destroying it.
Photographs of Robinson's pickup which were taken after the pileup
show a mangled mess of metal that is barely recognizable as a vehicle. The driver's side bore the brunt of the impact by the salt water truck, but the entire pickup was affected by the acci-
dent. dent. Upon later observation of the pickor both of us would have been either seriously injured or killed," Davis said in the letter. "If it were not for the deputy insisting we get out, it would have been a very different outcome." to get out wherr we hit," Robinson said. "We got out, and another 10 to 15 seconds later, the semi hit my truck. It went over the top of it."
"Clark was herding people to an truck coming that hit their truck and moved the whole thing down several feet. I don't know how many were hit after that."
Baker and Teague spent about two hours at the scene of the pileup, getting people out of their vehicles and $t$
the shelter of waiting ambulances an looking for anyone who might remain in the vehicles, injured and unable to get out on their own.
"We must've gone through every car twice, us and the fire department, to make sure we got everybody out Baker said. "At some point, the road got shut down and the vehicles quit coming. One ambulance was stuffed to the gills with people."
Some accident victims were injured
and transported to the and transported to the hospital, while Others were brought to the Pampa Red
Cross office Robinson said his was one of the last vehicles to be involved in the pile${ }^{\text {up. }}$ "
"There was nowhere to go," he said of the scene. "Metal was touching metal from fence to fence." on the job," Baker said of his efforts to get people out of their vehicles and call on the radio to have the highway shut down
Emergency workers continued to
assist crash victims assist crash victims and help clean up
the mess until the highway could be reopened hours later. Baker said he saw one ambulance attendant who appeared to be wearing a cap of ice because he had been working out in the winter storm without any head
covering. Another person at the scene appeared to have developed frostbite on his ears. Robinson said people got soaked to the skin just from walking to an ambulance to get warm. You talk to these people, and they all say, 'I was just doing my job,' bu adverse conditions," Davis said Baker has been a Gray County deputy for two and one-half years. He began his law enforcement career at Houston Police Department, where he served 14 and one-half years. He then was a peace officer for Conroe
Independent School District for four years before coming to the Panhandle.

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Lady Harvester Freshmen vs Caprock - 6pm at Caprock Harvester Freshmen vs Borger - 6pm at Borger THESDAY - IMNUARY 8 Lady Harvesters vs Caprock • 6pm at Pampa FRID JV vs Caprock • 7:30pm

- JNUARY 11 Lady Harvesters vs Palo Duro 0 opm at Palo Duro Harvester JV vs Palo Duro - ©pm at Palo Duro Lady Harvester
Harvesters vs Palo Duro - $7: 30$ pm at Palo Duro

SATURDAY - JANUARY 12
ady Harvester Freshmen vs Palo Duro • 10 am at Pampa Harvester Freshmen vs Palo Duro - TOam at Pampa

WRESTLING
TUESDAY - JANUARY 8
Harvesters vs Borger, Palo Duro - 5pm at Borger
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21, was indicted for evading motor vehicle to intentionalarrest/detention with a vehi- ly flee from a peace officer
cle. Boond on the state jail
fellony felony was set at $\$ 4,000$. ly to arrest or detain him. On March 2007
Continued from Page 1 Gutierrez allegedly used a
third or more offense. Bond on the third-degree elony was set at $\$ 2,500$. On Sept. 8, 2007, Vigil allegedly operated a
motor vehicle in a public place while intoxicated on place w
alcohol.
On Aug. 14, 1998, Vigi was convicted in Ochiltree County Court of
driving while intoxicated driving while intoxicated, 19, 1998, he was convicted in Hutchinson County Court of driving while intoxicated.

## CONGRATULATIONS

to Daniel Gatlin on his recent graduation from Universal Technical Institute.. with honors and a 3.95 grade point average!

## HIGH PLAINS CRUISERS are

 pleased Mr. Gatlin was able to take advantage of our "Burnin' the Bricks in June" scholarship. Good fortune to Congratulations again! HIGH PLAINS CRUISERS

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## Pampa Independent School District

 PAMPA HIGH SCHOOL
January 7-Chillin Together with Chill $5: 30 \mathrm{pm}$ (PJH Cafeteria)
January 8-Club Pictures for Yearbook (Auditorium)
January 9-Football Banquet 7:00pm (MK Brown) January 10-Report Cards Distributed
January 10-Financial Aid Night 7:00pm (Auditorium)
January 11 \& 12-All Region Band Clinic (Randall) anuary 11 \& 12-All Region Band Clinic (Randal) PAMPA JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL January 7-Chillin Together with Chill 5:30pm (PJH Cafeteria) January 7-8th Grade Parent Meeting 6:30pm (Library)

January 10-Report Cards Distributed
January 11-All Region Band (Amarillo)
AUSTIN ELEMENTARY
January 9-Early Release $1: 15 \mathrm{pm}$
January 10-Report Cards Sent Home
LAMAR ELEMENTARY
January 8 \& 10-Kids Café 5:30-6:30 PM
January 10-Early Release $1: 00 \mathrm{pm}$ January 10-Early Release $1: 00 \mathrm{pm}$

TRAVIS ELEMENTARY
January 11-3rd 6 Weeks Awards Assembly 8:15am
WIL SON ELEMENTARY
January 7\&9-Kid's Café $5: 30-6: 30 \mathrm{pm}$
For the most up-to-date Pampa ISD information, Go to the school website
at mwwepampaisdeet riom the parent information drop
click on the Pampa ISD Event Calendar.

## Viewpoints

## My goal is to get one good night's rest ... <br> usually have to yell at him

Everyone has something taken care of and our num in life that they wish they bers are replenished. could do and in my case one The three cats are always
of those things is to get a doing something in the mid good night's sleep. I am very die of the night like playing, envious of my husband who
can usually sleep all night can usually sleep all night
long without waking up at all ong without waking up at all get ready for work in the I will be the first one to admit that many of my sleeping problems are of my own
doing and those reasons fave names like Betty Barney, Mama Kitty and
Sally (our pets). Im a sucker Sally (our pets). I'm a sucker or animals and as soon as we beco

## Today in History

## By The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, Jan. 6, the sixth day of 2008. There are 360 days left in the year.
Today's Highlight in History Today's Highlight in History
On Jan. 6, 1941, President On Jan. 6, 1941, President Franklin D. Roosevelt, in his
State of the Union address, outlined a State of the Union address, outlined a goal of "Four
Freedoms" for the world: Freedom of speech and expression; the freedom of people to worship God in their own way;
freedom from want; freedom from fear. On this date:
In 1540, England's King Henry VIII married his fourth wife, Anne of Cleves. (The marriage lasted about six
months.)
In 1759 , George Washington and Martha Dandridge Custis were married.
In 1838, Samuel Morse and Alfred Vail gave the first successful public demonstration of their telegraph, in In 1912, New Mexico became the 47th state. Roosevelt, died in Oyster Bay N. Y at age 60 tes, Theodor In 1942, the Pan American Airways Pacific Clipper
arrived in New York more than a month after leaving California and following a westward route.
In 1945 , George Herbert Walker
In In 1967, U.S. Marines and South Vietnamese troops Mekong River delta.
was out to sea during the
Navy because it made me
feel safe. But, I used to be able to go right bleep and to sleep and
usually
sleep the sleep the
rest of the night. Now, I'm not so

Kerri fighting, hacking up hairballs or being chased dow
the hall by the dog. The dog is always doing somethin like chewing up the comforter, eating one of my son's side or charg if she's put outthe hall. So, I know by down ting these pets that my possibility of being awakened I've alway ishly likely. leeper and been a light will wake any little noise like wake me up. I used to Now,
lucky. Smith Now, anytime I wake up, Im usually up for at least an
hour or more before I can hour or more before 1 can
drift back off to sleep. During these times is usually when I write my columns for the newspaper. Just like right now, it is 1:50 $\mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. and I'm

We were not one of the
lucky parents that had a child lucky parents that had a child
that slept through the night

with a facemask that is
hooked up to a machine that blows air into your nose and mouth? This machine only made it harder for me to sleep, so that quickly got
stored in the top of the clos-
stored in the top of the clos-
I know that if I lost weight
would probably be able to 1 would probably be able to
sleep better at night, but it's just too much fun to eat and keep up my chunky physique.

1 just wish 1 could sleep through the night like my husband. Nothing wakes him up, no animals, not Kooper, no loud noises like thunder don't stop breathing. I was no loud noises like thunder and shake him before h wakes up each morning. Luckily, I'm usually able to take naps during th weekends and that helps m catch up on the sleep I'
missed during the week. always the first one to offe to lay down with Koope when it's his nap time. I will say that I'm very
thankful of a few things that do help during these times of early morning periods o being awake. Thank good ness for late night TV Tylenol PM, compute games and the Internet


## The Idle American: Hold the phone

It was a "coolish"' night an 'A minus' instead of Speaking of goal posts, Phoenix, dialing a wrong toward year's end. docking you to a 'B," he fans of the Dallas Cowboys the newspaper sports sec- be closer to correct with tion, wasn't aware of his grapdson's arrival. When he
felt the 7 -year-old's breath on the back of his neck, he knew that silence, for hours gently punctured only by the crackling fireplace, was
about to end.
"I'm getting pretty good youngster bragged. "Soon Tll be reading the newspaper. Confident that he could
read the sports headline, the youngster was urged to do
so. Granddad, whose doting meter is set on "occasional" as compared to Grandma's $24 / 7$, smiled when the words: "STEROID PITCHER DENIES ALL CHARGES.
"I'll have to grade you down a letter," Gramps first word. It is 'STORIED'"
Settling Settling back in his over-
stuffed chair he reflected his kin's goof. his kin's goofl
"Maybe I'll just give you

## Texas Thoughts

[^0]and steered the Trinity-River project and steered the Trinity River projeet
though a contentious vote. Now he's aggressively pursuing southern Dalla redevelopment and city-community support for education, not to mention Can he continue to unites community. Can he continue to unite?
Hunt, outspoken City Council Angel and the mayor's antagonist on the Trinity. We hope she can direct her immense energy and talent towar rebuilding relationships with col eagues.
We wish we could be as positive about Dallas County Judge Jim Foster ly underwhelming. Would that he actu-

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Continued from Page 4 ally had goals for the county and the attention span to achieve them. Likewise, tur-
moil at the Sheriff's Department has Lowell
Cannaday, a former Cannaday, a former Dallas
police commander and Irving police chief, emerging as one pof several challengers to
of Sheriff Valdez in the local race to watch in 2008. The jury may be out on his
overall effectiveness, but $\begin{array}{ll}\text { overall } \\ \text { Dallas } & \text { effectiveness, but } \\ \text { County } & \text { District }\end{array}$ Attorney Craig Watkins has brought a new tone and a willingness to review old convictions in the pursuit of justice. You read about him last week
recently as one of our Texan recently as one of our Texan
of the Year finalists, and you'll hear more in the coming year. Old tensions resurfacing at the Dallas school district
could signal a growing divide, could signal a growing divide,
with trustees Lew Blackburm with trustees Lew Blackburn
and Carla Ranger the bigges and Carla Ranger the biggest
skeptics. Superintendent

## Michael Hinojosa is toppling few fiefdoms, and with the a few fiefdoms, and with the

 district missing its academic goals again, it's critical thateducational reform isn't held hostage to personality conflicts. Real news in our back yard Michael Sorrell, new president of Paul Quinn College, historically black college, such as repairing buildings, stabilizing finances, boosting enrollment, gaining students, improving academics and returning the school to the good graces of its accrediting
agency. We're confident he's up to the task.
The coming year begins without Dr. Kern Wildenthal as president of UT Southwestern Medical Center,
the first time that's been he first time that's been said
in decades. We'll watch the UT System Board of Regents as it searches for his successor in this pivotal job. At Dallas County juvenile services, director Mike
Griffiths' leads us to expect another

## strong year of innovative lead-

 ership. Similarly, we'rewatching Mike Rawlings, watching Mike Rawlings,
who, as Dallas' homeless czar, who, as Dallas' homeless czar,
faces a critical year with the opening of the city's new Homeless Resource Center. And Gail Thomas, who heads the Trinity Trust's efforts to marshal private sector sup-
port, should play a vital role in port, should play a vital role in
shaping the vision for the coming park.
Jody, Grant, chairman of
Texas Capital Bank, returned a measure of "local" to Dallas banking and is leading the
drive for a multi-use park atop drive for a multi-use park atop
Woodall Rodgers Freeway OK, it's not Central Park, but it's an ambitious project to change the feel of downtown. Speaking of bankers, Ralph
Babb chairs Comerica, now Babb chairs Comerica, now Texas' largest bank company,
The Sherman-born Mr. Babb has been meeting and greeting since the move from Detroit. What'snext?
T. Boone
T. Boone Pickens, who recently donated $\$ 100$ million
to UT health centers in Dallas and Houston, turned loose another $\$ 6$ million to help the Jubilee Park neighborhood
near Fair Park. We hope he near Fair Park. We hope he has more such giffs in his
fuuture. Games and other diversions
Despite a contract extension, the clock is ticking on
coach Dave Tippett, the last coach Dave Tippett, the last
man standing from the Dallas

## Newbury

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Ethridge spoke of the
Ethridge spoke of the
mercy rule; this means that when a team is 45 points ahead and at least a half has been played, the game ends. Only in the
2007 championship game this season was the full game played. All other goes went home early. Tyler's dad, Harley Jr., had an early clue that football might be
boy's sport of choice At age 3, he threw a perfect spiral with a toy
football, cracking a win-
 Lawrence Wright won a Pulitzer for The Looming Tower: Al-Qaeda and the Road to $9 / 11$, an incisive event. What remarkable endeavor is next for the Austin resident and Dallas native? And thanks in part to Michael Cain, the AFI-Dallas

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Back to the phone call. ackson, sensing a pause the proud granddad's minutes, promising a "to be continued" visit later. He said that Mr. Ethridge reminds him of whother proud grandfather whose quadruplet grand-
sons were legendary footsons were leg
ball players.
"Old granddad claimed that they were so tough, any one of them could whip the other three," Jackson said. ..
-Dr. Newb
speaker and author in the speaker and
Metroplex.


## International Film Festival

 gets bigger, better and more nfluential each year.In the post-Andrew Litton cal director Jaap van Zuede should inject his unique star power into the nationally acclaimed orchestra. And on
Grammy night, Texas will be Grammy night, Texas will be
well represented by nominees well represented by nominees
LeAnn Rimes, Miranda Lambert (at right), Kelly Clarkson, George Strait, Steve Earle, Brave Combo, Willie
Nelson, Brooks Nelson, Brooks \& Dunn, Lucinda Williams, Beyoncé, Jennifer Peña, Patty Griffin and will be particularly bittersweet for UGK after the recent death of Chad Butler, better known as Pimp C, who was half of the Houston rap duo.
In our thoughts, too, is Buffalo Bills tight end Kevin
Everett, a prep star in Port Arthur who was nearly paralyzed during a game this sea-
son, and former Dallas son, and former Dallas
Cowboy Ron Springs, who is Cowboy Ron Sprind
Miles and miles of Texas
Tom Craddick held on as House speaker, but now we wonder whether we should expect a kinder, gentler speak-
er or one who would turn his er or one who would turn his
still formidable power in November against those who tried to unseat him.
Keep an eye on David Bonderman, one of the private
equity investors who acquired TXU Corp. with promises of a new corporate culture and greener energy. Will the new Energy Future Holdings Corp. measure up? And, if not, will Public Utility Commission
chair Barry Smitherman

## Silence

Cont from Page 1 ney, Dean Cook, returne calls from The Associated Press seeking comment.
The 2003 law allows children to "reflect, pray, meditate or engage in any other silent activities" for one minute after the American and Texas
pledges at the beginning pledges at the beginning of each school day.
The law permits dren to use the minute as they wish. District Judge Barbara Lynn upheld the constitucluding that "the primary
Ring in 2008 with these Great Deals


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cut his profit expectations for four major North American rails, including
Burlington Northern. Burlington Northern.
Specifically, Klaskow Specifically, Klaskow
noted, an 11 percent jump in noted, an
diesel fuel prices since the diesel fuel prices since the
end of the third quarter "should prove to be a difficult headwind to mitigate for railroads, especially against the backdrop of a softer
$\qquad$ aren't the only ones feeling the pinch. Consumers can expect the cost of filling their gas tanks, heating their homes - in fact, the price of
most everything - to go up most everything - to go up
if oil prices continue to rise. Gasoline prices at the pump reached a national average of $\$ 3.05$ a gallon in the past week, according to AAA and the Oil Price Information Service. That's
below a May peak of $\$ 3.23$ a below a May peak' of likely to
gallon, but they're go higher as spring approaches.
But $\$ 100-\mathrm{a}$
But $\$ 100$-a-barrel oil has its pluses too, as many will
tell you in Houston and tell you in Houston and
Midland-Odessa, the centers of the state's oil industry. The Texas unemploymen rate was 4.1 percent in November, compared to the national raté of 4.5 percent.
Midland had Midland had the lowest
unemployment rate in the state, 2.7 percent, and Odessa was close behind at
commissioners Paul Hudson and Julie Caruthers Parsley act? On the academic side at
Texas A\&M Elsa Murano, Texas A\&M, Elsa Murano, a
vice chancellor and dean, is poised as the first woman and Hispanic to become president of the university. A legislator of the House's education committee, who will lead a special panel in 2008 that starts drafting new standards for Texas kids to meet. This rewrite is he most important education Sadler and George W. Bush in 1995.
And Texans on the national And
scene
Ever Everyone in Texas politics, particularly on the GOP side, Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison will announce that she's leaving the Senate early to start her almost-certain gubernatorial campaign. That would launch a tsunami across the Perry gets to name her interim successor, setting off a calfscramble.
An interesting race could An interesting race could
be shaping up for Texas' other be shaping up for Texas other
Senate seat, with Rek Noriega, a Democrat and fiveterm state rep from Houston, taking on Republican incumbent John Cornyn. This figures to be a test of Republican and Democratic strength in our state in the post-Bush era. And will Kathy Seei, the
ormer Frisco mayor and long-rumored challenger to U.S. Rep. Ralph Hall, succeed nher finally take on the fight? URL: http://www.dallas-
effect of the statute is to nstitute a moment of inhibit religion."
Lisa Graybill, legal director for the Texas ACLU, said even though Lynn found the language of the law neutral on reli-
ion, "we know that that gion, "we know that that
intent (to put prayer back in school) is manifest in school districts across the state. We receive those kinds of complaints on a "onstant basis."
"Judge Lynn clearly
arefully examined the egislative history," Graybill said. "We disagree with the outcome, but the judge herself said question."

3 percent, as oil operators scrambled to fill jobs. Since 2003, the mining sector, including oil and gas rilling, has added jobs
faster than the state econoaster than the state econothe Texas Workforce Commission.
"If you add it all up, it's a slight positive for the Texas Brown, an energy economist for the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas. "The oil industry contributes to the lower unemployment rate in he state."
It also contributes heavily of the bottom lines of some of the st
nies. Irving-based Exxon Mobil posted the largest annual profit by a U.S. company in 2006, and
ConocoPhillips also had its most profitable year on record. Poth companies will eport results for 2007 in the coming weeks.
Oilpatch service companies like Schlumberger Ltd. and Halliburton Co., both Houston based, also have
reported soaring profits hanks to bustling exploration and production activi${ }_{\text {ty }}$
Analysts say oil prices at
or near triple digits should or near triple digits should keep such companies busy. high prices, one would think it would be prudent to invest more money to go after more oil and gas reserves," certainly is a direct correla tion."

## Drilling Intentions

## Intentions to Drill

 CARSON (WEST PANHANDLE) SNW Operating Co., \#1 Sanford ' 160 ', 2350 ' from North \& 330 ' fromWest line, Sec. $12,3, A B \& M$ West
$3000^{\prime}$. 3000'.
HEMPHILL (WILDCAT) Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado, \#10H Earp
' 60 ', 1150 ' from North \& 467' from East line, Sec. 60,B-1,H\&GN, PD 12850' (BHL: 1250' from South \& $900^{\prime}$ from East Sec. line) Horizontal HEMPHILL (WILDCAT HEMPHILL Granite Wash) Samson Lone Star, L.L.C., \#21 Hobart '49', 467' from North \& 1400' from Eas
line, Sec. $49, A-2$, H\&GN PD $14000^{\prime}$ HEMPHILL (WILDCAT \& NW. MENDOTA $\begin{gathered}\text { HEMPA } \\ \text { Granite }\end{gathered}$ Chesapeake Operating, Inc., \#10 Mendota ' 55 ' SW, 2250 ' from South \& $750^{\prime}$ from West line, Sec. $15,1,1 \& G N$, PD 14000'.
HEMPHILL (WILDCAT \& N.W. MENDOTA Granite Wash) Samson Lone St
\#3 Campbell Unit '11', 1925' from South \& 1180' from West line, Sec 11, 1, 1\&GN, PD 12500'
\#2116 Campbell, 1501' from South \& 2501 from East line, Sec 16, 1,I\&GN, PD 14000'. ROBERTS (WILDCAT \& N.W. MENDOTA Granite Wash) Samson Lone Star, L.L.C., \#3112 Waterfield
1320' from South \& 1500' from Eas 1320 from South \& 1500' from Eas
line, Sec. 112,C;G\&M, PD 11500'. line, Sec. 112,C;G\&M, PD 11500
ROBERTS (WILDCAT \& S CLAIR Granite Wash) Texakoma Operating, L.P., \#2 McMordie '91', $1650^{\circ}$ from South \& $660^{\prime}$ from Wes line, Sec. 91,C,G\&M, PD $10500^{\circ}$. WONEELER (WILDCAT \& ALLI-SON-BRITT 12350') Samson Lone

North \& West line, Sec. 9,1,B\&B, PD WHEELER (WILDCAT \& MILLS RANCH Granite Wash) Sanguine Gas Exploration, L.L.C., \#206 Walser, $660^{\circ}$ from North \& 1980' from Eas line, Sec. 6,L, J.M. Lindsey, PD
WHEELER (WILDCAT \& STILES RANCH Atoka) Apache Corp., \#1101 Stiles '1', 467' from South \& 1980 from East line, Sec. 1,-,AB\&M, PD 18000'.
WHEELER (WILDCAT \& STILES RANCH Atoka) Chesapeake Operating, Inc., \#2 Alexander '23',
500 ' from North \& 350' from West Sec. OS-2 L J Swope Survey, PD

WHEEIER (WIIDCAT \& STILES RANCH Granite Wash) Pogo Panhandle 2004, L.P., \#103R Calcote, $667^{\prime}$ from South \& 1902' from West line, Sec. 3,-,AB\&M, PD 16500'.
Gas Well Completions
HEMPHILL (HEMPHILL Granite Wash) Cimarex Energy Co., \#3069 Hobart Ranch, Sec. 69,A-2,H\&GN spud $9-4-07$, drlg. compl 9-19-07, tested 11-14-07, potential 458 MCF,
TD 12527,' PBTD $12459^{\prime}$ TD 12527',
HEMPHILL (HEMPHILL Granite Wash) Mewbourne Oil Co., \#2233 $223, C$,G\&MMB\&A, spud 10-9-07 drig. compl 10-22-07, tested 11-16 07, TD 10650', PBTD 10590' -
HEMPHILL
(N.W. MENDOTA Granite Wash) Mewbourne Oil Co \#1923 Leslie Webb, et al 'R', Sec 192,C,G\&MMB\&A, spud 11-1-07 See INTENTS, Page 8

## Dozens want to protest selling alcohol at Six Flags

ARLINGTON, Texas Arlington resident Linda<br>$\qquad$ (AP)-After officials at Six Rosenberry said in a story

Flags revealed their inten- for Friday's editions of the tion to sell alcohol at the amusement park, about 60 ing Thursday night to find out how to protest the deci$\stackrel{\text { sion. }}{\text { six }}$ Flags Over Texas and Six Flags Hurricane Harbor posted notification on Dec, ing for liquor licenses Following that posting, the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission got more than 600 phone calls, so
Thursday's
information Thursday's information
meeting was scheduled. The intent of the meeting was to tell the public how to formally protest the applications, but residents spent most of the time expressing displeasure that a mixedbeverage permit could be
issued for the parks.
to families and children," Thursday. Rosenberry, said in a story mally accept Six Flags
 "It's just putting your own customers at risk."
The Rev. Bart McDonal a season pass holder and
father of two young girls father of two young girls,
said he planned to file a protest. "To me, it's a safety issue and a health issue," said
McDonald, pastor of Tate McDonald, pastor of Tate
Springs Baptist Church in Arlington. "If someone gets drunk, it will affect the peace of the park. TABC Sgt, Charlie Cloud
said dozens of written said dozens of written protests have already been there will be a public hearing on the Six Flags applications.
New
New York-based Six clags submitted a faxed copy of its permit applica-
tion to the TABC on has expired, which is about
Feb. 17 . Feb. 17
After After that, the area office
will review the application and the protests before sending the information to Austin, where the commission's legal department will
decide whether to schedule decide whether to schedule a
public hearing. public hearing.
Six Flags of say that "moms and dads" are the ones who have asked Six Flags to offer beer, said that the company will have controls in place to sell beer "It is our
responsible," said John Bement, senior vice presi dent of in-park services. "I we do so, we will maintain that Six Flags remains
family friendly environfamily,
ment."


## Intents

Cont. from Page 7 07, TD 11000', PBTD 10942 HEMPHILL (N.W. MENDOTA Granite Wash) Chesapeake
Operating, Inc., \#1 Mendota ' 33 ' NW, Sec. $33,1,1 \& G N$, spud 7 -1107, drlg. compl 8-14-07, tested 10-25-07, potential 2756 MCF, TD 11550 ', PBTD ${ }^{11505 '}-\overline{\text { ROBERTS }}$ (HANS. FORD Lower Morrow) FORD Lower Morrow)
Mewbourne Oil Co., \#1 Mewbourne Brainard ' 5 ', Sec. 5,E,H\&GN, spud 10-1707, drlg. compl 10-26-07, tested 12-1-07, TD 8650', PBTD 8576' ROBERTS CLAIR Granite Wash) Texakoma Operating,
L.P. \#9 McMordie ' 84 ' L.P., \#9 McMordie ' 84 ,
Sec. $84, C, G \& M$, spud 10-1-07, drlg. compl $10-$ 18-07, tested 11-12-07, potential 1924 MCF, TD 9782', PBTD 9695 -
WHEELER (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Devon Energy
Production Co., L.P., \#8036 Hefley,
\#8036 Hefley, Sec
$36, \mathrm{M}-1, \mathrm{H} \& \mathrm{GN}$, spud $9-1$ 18-07, drig. compl 10-1707, tested 11-8-07, TD 13710', PBTD 13626' WHEELER (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Samson Lone
Star, L.L.C.. \#9 Hefley Star, L.L.C., \#9 Hefley
'47'. Sec. $47, \mathrm{M}-1, \mathrm{H} \& \mathrm{GN}$ spud 5-8-07, drig. compl spud $5-8-07$, drig. compl TD 13576', PBTD 13518'
WHEELER (STILES RANCH Granite Wash) Newfield Exploration Mid-Con., Inc., \#10 Britt
Ranch ' 36 ', Sec 36 A Ranch ' 36 ', Sec. $36, A-$
$3, H \& G N$, spud 12-30-06, drig. compl 3-29-07, tested 10-16-07, TD 15796', PBTD 15701'

## AG NEWS

## TDA urging producers to fill out census


#### Abstract

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Texas agriculture reached a milestone in 2007 - for the first time ever we estimated farmers, ranchers and agribusinesses generated more than $\$ 100$ billion in the state's economy.' - Todd Staples State ag commissioner vides informa- tion that is not tion that is not available anyavailable any- where else where else directly impacts agricultural producers and their communities in untold ways," said Abbe, director of the Texas Field Office. "Federal lawmakers use Census data to develop agriculdevelop agriculprograms, and community planners use the information to target needed e eir operations." Producers receiving the census survey are required by law to operate a farm or ranch in 2007 The same law also guarantees strict confidentiality of the reported information, which is not shared with any other state or fed eral agency. of Texas agriculture the future or rexas agricuiture and our rural communities," Staples said "Taking time to complete the questionnaire will help shape the way agricultural policies can meet your chronging needs. The Census need to be heard." For more information, contact the Texas Field Office at 1-800-$626-3142$ or log onto www.agcen- sus.usda gov on the Internet sus.usda.gov on the Internet.


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## Cotton Resource DVD available to growers

By TIM McALAVY

LUBBOCK 2005 Cotton Resource CD provided many things Texas producers needed to know about cotton production. The new 2007 Cotton

Resource DVD goes even Resource DVD goes even
further, serving as a veritable encyclopedia of
tat Texas cotton information, according to a Texas AgriLife Extension Service specialist. "At this
stage of the game, it's as stage of the game, it's as
close to one-stop shopping close to one-stop shopping
for cotton information as we can get," said Dr. Randy Boman, AgriLife
Extension
based at Lubbock. "Many of the common challenges producers encounter are
addressed by publications on this DVD."
"Information on the DVD is indexed according
to key topic areas," said to key topic areas," said
Dr. Robert Lemon, AgriLife Extension agronomist based at College
Station. "The publications address general production problems; irrigation
management; soil fertility; management; soil fertility;
insects, weeds, nematodes insects, weeds, nematodes
and diseases; harvest concerns, fiber quality and ginning; and production economics. We also included a list of Interne

The photo gallery illustrates insects, weeds, grasses, diseases and
symptoms of herbicide injury. Bark contaminaion, irrigation and insect scouting are covered in
short videos, Lemon said hort videos, Lemon said.
The DVDs possible by a grant from the Texas State Support Committee of Cotton Inc.
This funding allowed This funding allowed AgriLife Extension and
Texas AgriLife Research Texas AgriLife Research to produce and target this
resource for AgriLife esource for AgriLife
Extension agents, producers and industry personnel.
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Resource DVD can con- Extension Service is the tact Lemon at 979-845- new name of Texas
0870 or Boman at 806 Cooperative Extension, 746-6101. The contents of Cooperative Extension, the DVD can also be all 254 counties with non-
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services in agriculture and
soon be available at cotton
natural resources, $4-\mathrm{H}$ and gins, because we know youth development, famithey typically have a lot of ly and consumer sciences, traffic in and out," Boman and community economic said. "This resource will development. Texas
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We've also made it avail- Agricultural Experiment able to agribusiness repre- Station, which annually sentatives and crop con- conducts more than $\$ 150$ sultants, as a key training million in agriculture and tool for the cotton indus- life-sciences research. Ch Th Tox AgiLite

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Make-N-Take $\qquad$


Ana and Felipe Balderrama display their "crafty" work at Pampa Junior High's recent "Make-N-Take" "crafty"

## Houston counselor faces 20 years

 in prison for $\$ 25$ urine swapHOUSTON (AP) - A $\$ 25$ payoff for a
urine swap could cost a Houston drug counurine swap could cost a Houston
selor 20 years in federal prison Prosecutors say 42 -year-old Al Green pleaded guilty Friday to falsely certifying a probationer's test specimen. Authorities say Green in April allowed the man to submit another person
exchange for a $\$ 25$ payment.
The name of the man, who had been told by Green when his next urine specime

Outcry over naming 'Texan of the Year'
DALLAS (AP) - When edito- Morning News, has been an annuMorning News, has been an annusince 2003 year-nd editorial page feature It recognizes - without passing judgment - someone who has had a major impact or affected change in Texas during the past year. Previous recipients included the city of Houston for its
response to Hurricane Katrina and an ex-police officer whose two sons died in Iraq and Afghanistan, as well as George W. Bush and Karl Rove.
None provoked a reaction on
the scale of this year's he scale of this year's choice,
Jones said. "All of those readers, it seems to me, who objected, conceded that it is a huge story," said Jones. "They just don't like the label applied. They construed that as some kind of honor that we
bestow",
In its editorial, the News noted that illegal immigration directly affects Texas because of its prox-
imity to the border and reviewed imity to the border and reviewed
how policies aimed at curbing it how policies aimed at curbing it
have played out across the state. For example, it cited efforts by Irving police to identify suspected illegal immigrants arrested for minor infractions, even traffic offenses, and turn them over to immigration agents. In Farmers Branch, another Dallas suburb,
local residents and leaders marched into the nationwide immigration debate by requiring landlords to make sure renters are U.S. citizens or legal residents exceptions. And, the Morning News noted, a planned border fence has riled local officials throughout Texas' Rio Grande Valley.
The n
The newspaper wouldn't say
how many readers actually and how many readers actually can-
celed their subscriptions as result of the editorial. who hadn't read it," said editorial
The Texan of the Year designation, announced Sunday in the
would be required, was not released by pros ecutors.
Green Green pleaded guilty to making a false
entry in a document with the intent to impede, influence or obstruct the administration of a probation matter.
He faces up to 20 years in prison and a
fine of as much as $\$ 250,000$ when fine of as much as $\$ 250,000$ when sentenced
March 28 . March 28.
Green is

## FREE BROADCAST

'Politics through the Lens of History'
This month all three local author and historian David aired via the firm's private Edward Jones offices will McCullough will share his video network.
 cast titled "Politics through the Lens of History," The broadcast will be
offered three times Tuesday offered three times Tuesday,
Jan. 8 - at $10: 30$ am $5: 30$ Jan. 8 - at 10:30 a.
p.m. and 7:30 p.m. In this presidential year, Pulitzer prize-winning
politics during the special presentation, and Edward Jones Chief Market Strategist Alan Skrainka cial markets. cial markets. Lens of History" will be

Watson at 665-3359; Tom Reynolds at 665-7137; or Duane Harp at 665-6753 Additional viewing opporthose unable to attend. those unable to attend.

## New Year's resolution: Store lawn chemicals safely

## By KATHLEEN PHILLIPS Extension News

COLLEGE STATION - While most plants go dormant in the winter, the chemicals that many people use for gardening remain active.
That's why a Texas Cooperative Extension horticulturist urges people to winterize pesticide storage areas. "Now is the perfect time to pre-
pare a safe holding area for thest pare a safe holding area for thest
materials," said Dr. Don Wilkerson,

Extension horticulturist and
EarthKind advocate. "This is important for environmental protection, human and pet safety, and for maintaining the effectiveness of the chemicals and fertilizers." program earthKind is Extension,s program for focusing on environlandscape. Wilkerson in the urban landscape. Wilkerson said a storage area for lawn and garden chemicals
should be:

- Secure from children and pets.
- Well ventilated.
$\qquad$ ing. - Dry and not prone to flooding - Large enough to separate spac ing for herbicides, insecticides and ing for he
fertilizer. quickly cleaned. - Protected from temperature extremes. He also noted that flammable liquids should be stored outmable liquids should be stored out-
side living areas and away from any
potential ignition sources. An the product name, active ingredient,
attached garage, for example, may
date of purchases and date/volume not be the best place for this type of stored." product.
Chemicals should be kept in the original container, Wilkerson added, and never mixed in an empty food "An upd
"An updated storage inventory allows for keeping track of what has in planning purchases when spring arrives," he said. "Make a record of

Storage problems can be minimized, Wikerson suggested, if a
person uses the list to plan ahead buying only the amount of product that is needed for a season. - "Small containers that seem expensive may actually be the most economical over time if larger amounts do not ha

## TBC under new leadership

 AUSTIN - The Texas board," Sartwelle said. "Each Beef Council's (TBC) newly director is a beef producer elected board of directors nominated by one of the of the fiscal year to lead the state's producer-run beef marketing organization. The TBC board of directors consists entirely of beef producers pro-viding representation of the viding representation of the
state through geographic state through geographic
region, industry segment, organization affiliation and atlarge members.
Lavinia "Sugie" Sartwelle, an at-large member, is the new chair of the TBC board. Sartwelle and her husband
James D. Sartwelle Jr., operate livestock markets in Sealy and Brenham. They also own Sartwelle Brahman Ranch in Sealy where they raise registered Brahman and certified F -
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Billie McGill, a Pampa Nursing Center resident, celebrated the New Year by attending the center's "New Year's Party."

## Wiraivems

## Expansion underway at Meredith museum

FRITCH - The Lake Meredith expansion while other funds came from Aquatic \& Wildlife Museum is currently the LaNelle Poling Memorial Fund and
expanding its annex room to house the donations and fund-raising activities. expanding its annex room to house the
"Gems of the Plains: Playa Lake Exhibi" given to the museum by the Northwest Texas Museum Association. "The Northwest Texas Museum Association chose our museum because the playa lakes exhibit fits with our col-
lection as playas are natural resources, Renee Laney, museum director stated. "It is a wonderful exhibit that has been on tour since 2002 in all of the plains states. Thousands of people have seen it and
thousands more will want housands more will want to see it,"
According to Laney raising funds for According to Laney raising funds for
the expansion of the annex room has been no small accomplishment. Raffles and donations have been added to the LaNelle Poling Memorial Fund that the museum's board of directors with the permission of the Fritch City Council set aside for the purpose of expanding the room. "Many people think that the City of Fritch is paying for the expansion," Laney said. "However, that is not the case." According to Laney the museum board donated most of the money to pay for portunity to partner with we found an pportunity to partner with the Amarillo Laney said. "We only matching funds," $\$ 50,000$ and the foundation matched it with $\$ 50,000$."
Funds for the expansion were sent to the Amarillo Area Foundation who will keep the funds in an account entitled the Fritch Community Fund until the museum requests to use the funds.
$\qquad$ going much faster than expected. Upon winning the sealed bid from the City of old and workers began tearing down the is expected to be the new. Construction is expected to be complete by Jan. 15 . Laney said that the museum remains
open during the construction and invites open during the construction and
all to come and see the progress.
"This is really a great opportunity to increase tourism to our area," Laney said. "Look for a great celebration soon as we
celebrate a grand opening."

## Study scrutinizes

shock treatment

By STEPHANIE NANO
Associaed Prose Whiter
Associated Press Writer
NEW YORK (AP) - Just because you're in the hospital doesn't mean you'll quickly get treated if your heart stops beating. Abou ne-third of patients don get a potentially live-savin
shock within the recom mended two minutes, a new study found.
Those who don't get
prompt defibrillation are prompt defibritiation are more likely to die or end up
brain damaged or disabled, the study showed. For every minute of delay, the chances
of survival worsens, of survival worsens,
researchers reported in a recent New England Journal of Medicine. hat most patients assume infortunately, incorrectly that a hospital would be the best place to survive a car-
diac arrest," Dr. Leslie A. diac arrest, Dr. Lestie A. University of Southern California, wrote in an editorial in the journal.
Recent attentio Recent attention has
focused on getting quicker focused on getting quicker
treatment for heart attacks that occur outside hospitals, and adding defibrillators to public places like airports and schools. The researchers instead looked at what happens inside hospitals and
how response time affects how response time arvival.
survil Their study found that 39
percent of those quickly percent of those quickly
treated survived to leave the hospital, compared with only 22 percent of those whose
treatment was delayed past the two-minute guideline. "We still have a lot to
learn as to how to deliver learn as to how to deliver
treatment in an effective treatment in an efthor, Dr.
way," said lead aut Paul S. Chan of St. Luke's
Mid America Heart Institute in Kansas City, Mo.
The study used data from a national registry of 369 hospitals that track response
It is probably fair to say that most patients assume unfortunately, incorrectly - that a hospital would be the best place to survive a cardiac arrest.'

- Dr. Leslie A.
Saxon
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times and outcomes. It included 6,789 cases of car-
diac arrest caused by an abnormal heart rhythm, the kind most responsive to getting shocked back to a normal heartbeat. Only cases mal heartbeat. Only cases the ho
that occurred in intensive- nation.
care units or regular units were included, not those in
the emergency room or durthe emergency room or dur-
ing surgery. ing surgery. patients got a jolt from defibrillator in one minute or less, but it took more than two minutes - sometime
more than 6 minutes \& for about 30 percent to ge zapped. The research showed delays were more likely smaller hospitals, after-hours
or on weekends, and for or on weekends, and fo
patients who weren't con stantly being monitored or were admitted for non-heart problems.
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## Sports

## Lady Harvesters fall short in district debut

By JORDAN REAGAN Sports Editor DUMAS - The Pampa
Lady Harvesters gave up an Lady Harvesters gave up an
eight-point lead against the eight-point lead against the
Dumas Demonettes Friday Dumas Demonettes Friday
to lose their district opener to lose their district opener
$36-28$. The Lady Harvesters cur-
rently stand with a record of $12-2$ overall, and $0-1$ in district.
Halfway through the first quarter, Pampa held on to a more Emilie Troxell sank a free throw at the three minute marker, neither team scored again as they went
into the second quarter with into the second quarter with
the Lady Harvesters ahead, the Lady Harvesters ahead, The Demonettes threw in
a basket within the first 30 seconds of the second quarter to tie the game at 7 .
Pampa's Jasmaine Moore Pampa's Jasmaine Moore sank a basket near the six-
minute marker to put the minute marker to put the
Lady Harvesters back in the lead at 9-7, but Dumas followed with a three-point shot less than 30 seconds later to pull ahead, 10-9. Four points by Moore and
two points by Carlyn two points by Carlyn
Teichmann ultimately helped the Lady Harvesters pull ahead once more to take a 15-13 halftime lead over the Dumonettes.
Just seconds into the third Just seconds into the third
quarter, Teichmann hit two quarter, Teichmann hit two
free throws, which were followed up by two more free throws by Kiersten Taylor four minutes later while the Demonettes remained score-
 Sophomore Emilie Troxell pulls down an offensive rebound during the se
the Dumas Demonettes. Also pictured here is teammate Amber Brown
quarter by Shelbie Watson unable to contribute any game at 28, and in the las
less.
Until the three-minute and two points each by more points during the quar- minute made four free
mark, when Dumas made a Teichmann, Taylor and ter. three-point play, the Lady Moore helped the Lady Three minutes later, the Harvesters maintained an Harvesters maintain a six- Lady Harvesters had their the Demonette's three points final period, 26-20. narrowed Pampa's lead 21-
Fiye points in the third


#### Abstract

throws to finish the game The Lady Hastan Shead, 36-28. Shelbie Watson led Pampa Tuesday their district run with 12 points, and Jasmaine Caprock at McNeely Field


 Optimist tryouts Monday Optimist Boys' Basketball will begin with registration and tryouts Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of next week from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Optimist Club, according to Commissioner Chris Engle."We originally were going to have five days of registration
and trouts," Engle said, "but we did not want to conflict with the Harvesters' and Lady Harvesters' home games on Tuesday. So we will not be registering that day,"
Pampa High School Boys' Basketball Coach Dustin Miller Pampa High School Boys' Basketball Coach Dustin Miller
will conduct a coaching clinic Sunday at 2 p.m. in the will conduct a coaching clinic Sunday at 2 p.m. in the
Optimist Gym. "Dustin will show us some ideas of how to Optimist Gym. "Dustin will show us some ideas ored.
teach the fundamentals of basketball," Engle explained. "We are expecting to have six teams in the fifth and sixth grade divisioin and six teams in the third and fourth grade division," Engle told a group of coaches who assembled to plan the season Thurssay lean up duty have been prepared. concession stand and clean up duty have been preparh "We will assign
"Teams will begin practice on January 14 and have two weeks to prepare for the season," Engle continued. "The first games will be on January 28. We have enough coaches for the third and fourth grade division, but we need some vol ${ }_{5}$ unteers tocoach the fifth and sixth grade teams. The Pampa Optimist Youth Club is a Pampa United Way agency.

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Pampa's Jasmaine Moore brings the ball to the goal past a Dumas defender early in the second quarter of Friday night's game. Also pictured here is teammate Emilie Troxell (10).


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By Anna Henry
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Katie Fraser is one of Dr. Benavides patients. Her pictures show her accomplishments with the LAP-BAND ${ }^{\bullet}$ system.

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The program is committed to giving each patient the tools and resources they need to succeed, and includes access to nutritionist, psychologists and exercise physiologists. It also includes patient care advocates who are banded themselves. Not feeling alone helps our patients be successful and experience fewer complications." Dr. Benavides explains.

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Thomas/Etter
Billie Jo Thomas and Rowland Lee Etter Jr. plan to wed Saturday, Feb. 2, at Calvary Baptist Church in Pampa. The bride-elect is the daughter of Rocky and Belinda Thomas of Pampa. She is employed with West Texas Landscape in Pampa. The future groom is the son of Rowland and Lucy Etter of Angelton, and Rosie Sanchez Service.

## Cradle call



Vanessa Mae Vargas
Vanessa Mae Vargas was born Nov. 22 at Pampa Regional Medical Center, to Ignacio Vargas III and Janice Marie Vargas of Pampa. At birth, the infant weighed 5 -pounds, 14.8 -ounces and was $18 \frac{1}{1}$-inches long. Vanessa is a sibling to brother, Wayne Vargas, and sister, Mae Vargas, both of the home, and is the granddaughter of Larry and Brenda Bennett, and Ignacio Vargas Jr., all of Pampa, and Lousie Moss of Del Rio.

Video game appealing to scifi fans
(NAPSA) - For decades, the "hack//G.U." trilogy are the "Star Wars" trilogy has expanding the storytelling stood as the benchmark in
science fiction entertainment. Now a new breed of video games delivering
interactive storytelling is interactive storyteling is
appealing to the online genappealing to the online gen-
eration to once again define science fiction entertainment.
One such property that has resonated with the connected generation is the ".hack//G.U." (pronounced the PlayStation 2. What sets this trilogy apart from other games is that the entire story takes place in a simulated online world, never actually requiring an Internet connection
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story line, the to an engaging story line, the game also fea-
tures fun battles against increasingly powerful enemies. After each battle, the player can earn new skill
and pick up new items incentive to keep moving forward with the narrative. While classics such as "Star Wars" will always live on with science fiction fans,
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## Bell/Nolte

Kristen Elizabeth Bell of Pampa and Isaiah John Nolte of Amarillo plan to wed Saturday, Feb. 23, at St. Paul United Methodist Church in Pampa. The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Bell of Pampa. She graduated from Pampa High School in 1999 and holds a certificate of office technology from Clarendon Panhandle Mental Health Mental Retardation The future groom is the son of Darlene Nolte of Prosper, and Mr. and Mrs. Dwaine Nolte of Moscow, Russia. He graduated from PHS in 1997 and holds a degree in computer networking and system administration from TSTC. He is currently employed by McCoy Myers in Amarillo.

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## Dear Abby...

By Pauline \& Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I have been faithfully mar- DEAR MISERABLE: First, remind your ried for more than 20 years. My wife and I son that marriage should be postponed are known as the "cute couple" who still until he completes his education. Then hold hands in public, take time to play realize that although you want to help him together, and never say a negative word avoid the disappointment and frustration about each other in public. My son, who that you have experienced, you may not be has just turned 19, wants to marry some- able to save him after keeping him blindbody "just like Mom," whom he views as folded all these years. A giant step in the the world's greatest wife and mother. He's right direction would be to sit him down making good on this and has begun getting and tell him exactly what you have told serious with a young woman who is much me. And when you do, point out that like his mother in many crucial ways. At because you did not confront the problem this point, how do I tell my son that the and insist that your wife get treatment for biggest mistake of my life was marrying her emotional problems, you became her his mother, and his future happiness enabler, because in addition to her illness, depends on getting away from this girl your failure to intervene is what ruined before it's too late? The girl he is dating your marriage. shows the same severe anxiety disorders as my wife, and manipulates him through DEAR ABBY: I have an etiquette queslearned helplessness and (presumably) the tion. When going out for an office lunchsame psychosomatic chronic illnesses. She eon in honor of someone's departure, new displays the severe mood swings that have hire, baby shower, etc., and the boss is made my wife completely ineffectual as a picking up the tab, is it proper to order mother and companion. My wife's disorders completely dominate our lives, as she example: If six people at the table order wonderfil itmon stuffed with crabmeat, would解 and high schoo,, lots of international travel relative peotions -- to live in squalor and for the freedom that will come fromging the other of us passing on. I have done a good job of hiding my agony from my wife and children, accepting that which I cannot change, and I have been careful to be as supportive as possible and never undercut her position in her eyes or the kids'. My son limit shows the same potential that I once had. How do I help him not ruin his life as I THE NORTHEAST

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## Malta's mummified dinosaur

 heading to Texas museumGREAT FALLS, Mont. Leonardo to be gone," said the transportation costs,
(AP) - A mummified dinosaur discovered on the manager. "A lot of people the truck, Schmoeckel said Hi-Line is heading to the Houston Museum of
Natural Sciences, where it Natural Sciences, where it
will be studied and displayed for more than a year. The 77 million-year-old duckbill, complete with fossilized skin and organs, was
discovered in the badlands north of Malta during the summer of 2000 .
The brachylophosaurus,
dubbed "Leonardo" is currently being housed in a former automotive shop in Malta called the Dinosa in Texas, the fossil will return to be the main attracfion at the new dinosaur museum opening in Malta in June.
Malta dinosaur fans are disappointed that Leonardo
will miss the museum's grand opening but say researchers can learn more about the well-preserve ossil in Houston.
Until now, scientists have nology only on Leonardo's tongue, beak and stomach - since much of the dinosaur is encapsulated by thick rock. The Houston NASA CT scan machine arge enough to examine conardo's organs.
manager. A lot of people
come to the field station just
to see Leonardo. We feel io see Leonardo.... We feel long run."
The 77 million-yearold duckbill, complete with fossilized skin and organs, was discovered in the badlands north of Malta during the summer of 2000.

Carolyn Schmoeckel, president of the Judith River
Foundation, leaves Foundation, leaves for
Houston on Monday to work out final contract deiails. The fundraising board wants to ensure that Leonardo returns by September 2009 and that
the Great Plains Dinosaur the Great Plains Dinosaur to display for its June 6 grand opening.
Leonardo will travel to Leonardo will travel to Texas in March via an air-
sealed semi tractor-trailer sealed semi tractor-trailer
with special hydraulic whocks and a specially made sarcophagus. The Houston sarcophagus. The Houston
museum has agreed to cover The Discovery Channel is planning to film the process as part of a docu-
mentary on Leonardo and what 'high-tech research has revealed about how dinosaurs lived. The Judith
River Foundation is River Foundation is work-
ing on a deal to show the ing on a deal. to show the
film at the Malta museum film at the Malta museum
opening. Once Leonardo returns to Malta, the replica will begin a tour of the country. "I think it's great," said
foundation board member foundation board member
Jack Millar. "It'll give the Jack Millar. "It'll give the
Malta community and museum a lot of favorable
publicity. It'll help bring people here
(Leonardo) returns." Millar said the Grea
Plains Dinosaur Museum Plains Dinosaur Museum
should be finished by April, giving organizers roughly a month to assemble the exhibits. The museum will display many of Murphy's Malta-area discoveries
including a family including a family of
stegosauruses. A $\$ 500,000$ allocation
from the state Legislature paid for the first phase o the project. The county and area economic development
groups are working to raise groups are working to raise
roughly $\$ 3$ million in grants and donations to complete and donations to con
the next two phases.

## Sentement

## Maker of tainted dog food agrees to $\$ 3.1 \mathrm{M}$ settlement

forgets to provide drop-off
(AP) - A handkerchiefwearing thief had a videotaped message for his vic tim: pay a $\$ 3,000$ ransom, games back. There was just one problem. The burglar forgot to include any instructions for dropping off the cash. We're not dealing with brain surgeons here,
Lt. Joe Cawley said. The message was delivered by videotape, but over-
looked until recently. The.


#### Abstract

COLUMBIA, S.C. The company contends (AP) - A company that it did nothing ${ }^{\text {sillegat }}$ (AP) - A company th made contaminated pe food that killed dozens of dogs nationwide will pay $\$ 3.1$ million in a settlement with pet owners, an attorney said Friday attorney said Friday. contained a mold called aflatoxin, was produce at Diamond Pet Foods' plant in South Carolina. The company will set up a fund to reimburse pet owners for the loss of their dog, veterinarian bills and the cost of any unreturned contaminated food, said attorney Jim Andrews, who representfamily that sued the com. pany. Diamond Pet Foods, based in Meta, Mo., acknowiedged that work- ers at its Gaston S plant failed to follow, internal testing proceucts were safe. The company made the acknowl edgment after the Food and Drug Administration released a report showing the company thas the company has no record of test results for 12 shipments of corn in with when grain tainted slipped into deadly fungus  ment. An attorney for the company said Diamond would cooperate with claimants. "Diamond's taken care of its customers since the very first day that they found out about this, and I think the settlement that we've entered into continues to do that," lawyer Jeffrey Thompson said Jeffrey Thompson said from his office in Knoxville, Tenn. Aflatoxin, a naturally occurring chemical that comes from a fungus sometimes found on corn and in other crops, can cause severe liver damcause age. The The contaminated pet food was sold in 23 states. Diamond recalled about 20 varieties of dog and cat food when a New York veterinarian said in had linked a-dog's death to the company's food. An estimated 350,000 bags of dog food were recalled, acc settlement. Both attorneys said Friday they did not know how many people were expected to file claims against the company According to the settlement agreement, Diamond and its ance company have already settled about 1,200 related 1,200 related claims for compensation ranging from the price of recalled from the price of recalled and pet deaths. The settlement states that owners of a dog that died as a result of eating the contaminated food the contaminated food could receive up to $\$ 1,000$. Owners could also be compensated up to $\$ 1,000$ for testing and treatment for aflatoxin poisoning, as well as pay- ment for up to two bags ment for up to two bags of pet food. Andrews Andrews and other attorneys representing the claimants will receive a fee of $\$ 465,000$, which will be paid out from the $\$ 3.1$ million, according o the settlement The 2005 recall is unrelated to the contamination problem that prompted recalls of more than 100 pet-food brands in early 2006. In that case, investigators traced case, investigators traced pet deaths to a toxic chemical, melamine, that had been added during manufacturing in China.


Burglar demands ransom,
y after the woman had November, she heor car in her own videotape stuck her her mailbox. While she reported the theft and finding the videolape right away, she just got entire tape last week, Cawley said. That's when she discovered that part of the original
content - the recerit birth of her child - had been taped over with a message
from the burglar who stole
her video games, a compact disc player, camera equipment, clothing and a video
camera. camera. "We would really like to catch this guy," Cawley said. "We don't know i
they intended actually to bribe them for money or were fooling around. But the victims are living in a lot of fear because they know personal things about them personal things
via the video."

Man accused of stealing from sleeping toddler's piggy bank

SHEBOYGAN, Wis. (AP) - A man has been charged with sneaking into a toddler's bedroom and stealing $\$ 20$ from
a piggy bank while the 2 -year-old girl
slept.
Authorities say DNA evidence linked Ryan A. Mueller, 30, of Sheboygan Falls to the crime that occurred Aug. 10 in Wilson.

Authorities say the girl's mother was in another room with another child when She saw a light turn on in her 2-year-old
daughter's room. She walked into the girr's bedroom and saw a man shaking the piggy bank as the girl slept.

The man fled before police arrived stealing the money but leaving the piggy
bank. Authorities say blood was found on a window blind where the burglar had forced his way into the home. Mueller was charged Thursday with felony burglary, which carries a penalty of up to $91 / 2$ years in prison. His bond was set at $\$ 10,000$, and a preliminary
hearing was set for next Wednesday. Messages left Friday for his defens
Men attorney, the prosecutor in the case and for Mueller at the jail were not immediately returned.

National Academy report stresses importance of teaching evolution
WASHINGTON (AP) - Scientific advis- politics. Comer said she came under pres$\begin{array}{ll}\text { ers to the government emphasize in a report } & \text { sure after forwarding an e-mail that her } \\ \text { the importance of teaching evolution in pub- } \\ \text { superiors felt made the agency appear to be }\end{array}$ lic schools. $\quad \begin{aligned} & \text { superiors feits made tie ageticy appear to be } \\ & \text { biast the instruction of intelligent }\end{aligned}$ The report by the National Academy of design, an alternative to evolution favored Sciences and its Institute of Medicine follows up on similar past publications, the last of which came out in 1999. The new document includes recently discovered evidence
supporting evolution, including an important fossil find. by some religious conservatives. Intelligent design holds that the universe's order and complexity are so great that evolu tion cannot explain it expected to begin a review of the state science curriculum soon.
Josh Rosenau, a spokesman for the California-based National Center for Science Education, which supports the teaching of evolution, said the new report is important because the debate over evolution in school is not going away.
Casey Luskin, program officer for the Discovery Institute, a Seattle-based think tank that supports teaching students about the criticism of evolution, was critical of the document.
"Students should learn about the evidence for and against evolution," he said.
The Institute of Medicine is part of the National Academy of Sciences, a private organization chartered by Congress to advise the government of scientific matters.

The report released Thursday also takes
swipes at creationism and other anti-evolu-
tion views. "Despite the lack of scientific evidence
Despite the lack of scientific evidence
for creationist positions, some advocates for creationist positions, some advocates
continue to demand that various forms of creationism be taught together with or in place of evolution in science classes," the report says.
Evolution is
ays. in some states. Florida officials are considering revisions in state science standards that
would add the word "evolution" to the standards. The state Board of Education plans to vote on the guidelines next month.
In Texas, the state's director of science
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Week of January 7-11
Pampa Schools blend, beets, beans, Breakfast: Biscuits, or banana pudding, slaw, gravy. " tossed or jello salad, hot Lunch: Chicken fried rolls or cornbread. steak or pizza, mashed TUESDAY potatoes, English peas, Meatloaf or tuna $\begin{array}{ll}\text { pineapple, rolls. } & \text { casserole, } \\ \text { TUESDAY } & \text { O'Brien, Italian green }\end{array}$ Breakfast: Scrambled beans, fried squash, $\begin{array}{ll}\text { eggs, toast. } & \begin{array}{l}\text { beans, tomato spice cake } \\ \text { Lunch: }\end{array} \\ \text { oreeseburger pineapple squares, }\end{array}$ pockets or chicken slaw, tossed or jello nuggets, western beans, salad, hot rolls or cornsalad, pears, chocolate b pudding.
WEDNESDAY Breakfast: Waffle b
sticks. afle brisket/brown gravy or Lunch: Ravili cook's choice, mashed alad, corn, or cher potatoes, carrots, English applesauce, garlic toast. $\begin{array}{ll}\text { phocolate cake or }\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{cl}\text { applesauce, garlic toast. } & \begin{array}{l}\text { chocolate cake } \\ \text { coconut cream pie, slaw }\end{array} \\ \text { THURSDAY }\end{array}$ Breakfast: Sausage, tossed or jello salad, hot donuts. rolls or cornbread. Lunch: Corndogs or THURSDAY cheese cup/chips, green Chicken strips or chili
beans, carrot sticks, rellenos/cheese sauce beans, carrot sticks, $\begin{aligned} & \text { rellenos/cheese sauce, } \\ & \text { peaches. }\end{aligned}$ sour potatoes peaches.
FRIDAY $\begin{aligned} & \text { sour cream potatoes, } \\ & \text { cheese hominy, spinach, }\end{aligned}$ Breakfast: Cereal, beans, strawberry cake toast. or chocolate icebox pie, Lunch: Fish strips or slaw, tossed or jello breaded chicken patties salad, hot rolls or corn on a bun, fries, vegetari- bread.
an beans, fruit, cornbread FRIDAY
muffins. Catfish/hushpuppies
Kid's Cafe-Wilson or beef stew, potato
MONDAY wedges, brussels sprouts, Tacos, Yettuce, toma- beans, brownies or tapiotoes, Spanish rice, pinto $\begin{aligned} & \text { ca cups, slaw, tossed or } \\ & \text { jello salad, garlic bread }\end{aligned}$
beans, fruit. beans, fruit.
WEDNESDAY $\begin{aligned} & \text { jello salad, garlic bread } \\ & \text { sticks, hot rolls or corn- }\end{aligned}$ Fried chicken, mashed bread. potatoes, gravy, green Meals On Wheels
beans, bread, fruit.
beans, bread, fruit. MONDAY
Kid's Cafe-Lamar Barbecue meatballs, Chili or veggie stew, salad, applesauce.
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Spanish rice, dessert. $\begin{gathered}\text { beans, }\end{gathered} \begin{gathered}\text { Ham, dressing, corn } \\ \text { casserole, green beans, }\end{gathered}$ Senior Citizens cranberry salad. $\underset{\text { MONDAY }}{\underset{\text { M }}{\text { Micken fried steak or }} \text { or }} \quad \begin{gathered}\text { Funa casserole, pic }\end{gathered}$
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Continued from Page 3-B \(\begin{array}{r}\text { America recommends } \\ \text { scheduling an eye } \\ \text { exam and utilizing the }\end{array}\) remaining money in your flexible spending account.
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    The Dallas Mo Nows Half the fun of picking news 2008: Half the fun of picking newsmakers
    to watch in the upcoming year is to look back, often with chagrin, at the folks we forecast last year. Yes, we have a crystal ball, and, yes, sometimes it has a few cracks.
    Keep an eye, we said, on Ron Washington, who "could be the right baseball obscurity." So far, that's an error.
    We
    We also mentioned Booker Washington graduate Norah Jones, who had a new CD coming out and was set
    to make her movie debut in My but the movie isn't due out until th coming year. Half-credit, at best. Hey, we dff string together a few first downs, beginning with Dallas Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo. And Dallas County Sheriff Lupe Valdez, for whom it was "past time to pass a state jail inspection and produce some of her promised reforms." That makes the coming year way, way past time.
    But, as they say, you haven't failed if
    you keep trying. So here's a new list you keep trying. So here's a new list of
    folks not comprehensive and far from scientific to keep in mind as news unfolds in 2008:
    Tom Leppert wơn the mayor's office

