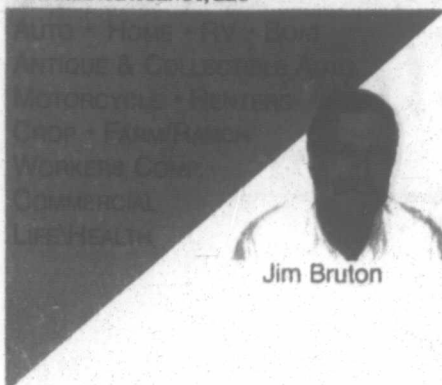


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Pampa Learning Center's Steele named TCTA Principal of the Year

by Rachel Stennett
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Hard work apparently does pay off for people like Richard Steele, who has been working hard for the past 15 years for the Pampa Learning Center.

Steele will be recognized in February as Secondary Principal of the Year by Texas Classroom Teachers Association.

Steele will be honored at the TCTA Awards Luncheon in Austin, along with two other professionals in the elementary school category, and the central office category. The TCTA is an independent, non-union association for Texas teaching professionals and has over 50,000 members across the state.

Steele was selected for the award after his staff submitted a secret nomination in his name. During the selection process, the TCTA Communications/Public Relations Committee eliminates nominee names, school districts, and CTA affiliations to "ensure a fair and impartial judging process."

Steele described himself as shocked when he found out that he had won the award. "I'm still in shock," Steele explained. "I never thought I would be nominated, much less win the award. I appreciate it."

Many aspects of Steele's career seem to make him a good candidate for the nomination, but the nomination process specifically requires that a nominee exemplify in areas of faculty interaction, commitment to site-based decision making, and support of professional activities and local professional associations.

With 34 years of work in public education, 30 of which have been in Pampa ISD, Steele is set apart through his work as director for PLC. The center is designed to assist at-risk



staff photo by Rachel Stennett
Pampa Learning Center staff member Sara Wheeley (left), Director Richard Steele, winner of the TCTA Secondary Education Principal of the Year, and Carrie Johnson review material together Thursday afternoon at PLC.

students through self-pacing methods and credit recovery programs. Through his work with PLC, Steele has created models to better student learning, and he also has created models to facilitate staff interaction.

"We meet each week to discuss student progress and concerns. (He) works with us to discover the recipe for success for each stu-

dent, but allows us the freedom to accomplish the task as we see fit," Carrie Johnson, PLC English Teacher explained.

Even though alternative learning centers are sometimes looked as a place for "trouble-makers" Steele explained that is not the case for PLC. All students must go through

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State Rep. Chisum: Wind is next boom

by Betsy Phillips
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While the north Texas wind howled outside Wednesday, State Rep. Warren Chisum (R)-Dist. 84 spoke to the Pampa Rotary Club about plans to harness that energy, and other business the upcoming legislature hopes to address.

The Texas State Legislature will convene its 140-day bi-annual session on Jan. 13. The first order of business will be to select a Speaker of the House. Chisum said there are nine representa-

lot of expansion on the horizon. This week, Dec. 1 - 5, the Public Utilities Commission of Texas (PUCT) is conducting hearings on proposals from those who would like to build transmission lines.

According to Chisum, the PUCT could make a decision on who will be the Transmission Service Providers (TSPs) for all the new wind energy expected to be produced as early as February. Once the PUCT designates TSPs, each will have one year to complete their environmental and routing work and file their applications for Certificates of Convenience and Necessity required for PUCT approval of individual line routes.

Once the PUCT receives these applications, state statute requires that the PUCT take action within six months.

The timeline, according to Chisum will be:

- By February 2009, the Service Providers should have their applications in to the PUCT.
- Within six months, the PUCT must select the builders of transmission lines.
- Construction of the transmission lines should begin in 2010 and take a year to a year and a half.

"This is a big deal for us," Chisum told the crowd. "There could be 18,000 megawatts (MW) produced off this line." Texas' current wind production is 4,356 MW, followed by California's 2,439 MW. The 18,000 MW expected is more than the U.S. currently produces.

The lines that will be constructed are already fully subscribed, Chisum noted. One of those subscribers is expected to be T. Boone Pickens, who recently said his wind farm construction will be delayed due to lack of financial backers. a member of the audience asked Chisum about rumors that Pickens is having eco-

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Don't Forget - Jingle Bell Rock!
 The Pampa Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade is tomorrow, Saturday, at 2 p.m.
 The parade will begin at M.K. Brown Auditorium, go down Somerville to Francis and will end at Cuyler. Santa will be there!

PHS cheerleaders need help with travel to dome

by Rachel Stennett
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The Pampa High School cheerleaders will soon be making their way to "a once in a lifetime opportunity," according to director Sandee Stokes. They are scheduled to perform at the Alamo Dome in front of 60,000 fans, but they need help from the community to get there.

According to Stokes, the team is \$4,000 short of its fund-raising goal to make it to San Antonio on Dec. 29.

The team is scheduled to leave on Dec. 27, and be apart of the nationally televised halftime performance of The Alamo Bowl, where a Big Ten team will be up against a Big 12 team. Cheerleaders from across the nation will participate

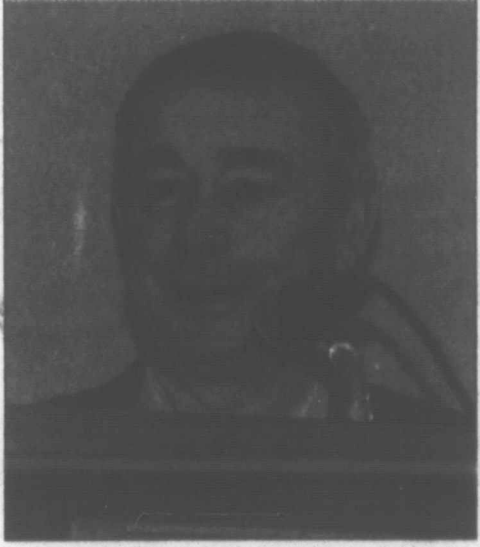
in the event.

The PHS cheerleaders have made fund-raising efforts, including visiting different businesses in the community for sponsorship, but they are still short of the goal.

"There probably won't be another chance like this for these girls," Stokes said. In Stokes eight years working with PHS cheerleaders, there has never been an invitation of this nature and to her memory there hasn't been one even before that.

"The experience of being able to perform at such a big event, with thousands of other cheerleaders there from across the U.S., they can look back on it and remember that they got to participate," Stokes said as she explained the importance

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State Representative Warren Chisum

tives vying for that spot, from virtually every faction.

He then turned to what he considers to be the primary issue for the Panhandle. "Wind," said Chisum, "is the next boom." He added jokingly, "Today you could sell a lot of electricity (here) if you could stand up."

In 2007, Texas consolidated its lead in terms of installed wind capacity. California used to lead the nation in wind energy, but now Texas produces almost twice as much - with plans for a

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Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 55. North-northwest wind between 3 and 10 mph.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 27. South-southwest wind between 3 and 9 mph.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 57. South wind between 7 and 10 mph.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 32.

Monday: A 10 percent chance of rain. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 51.

Monday Night: A slight chance of rain and snow. Cloudy, with a low around 22. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

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Wayne Jones, 81

Wayne Jones, 81, of Pampa, Texas, died Dec. 4, 2008, in Pampa.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Jones was born Jan. 28, 1927, in Cordell, Okla. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, joining on July 19, 1945, and serving during World War II. He was honorably discharged on Jan. 8, 1947.

He married Jean Walker on April 24, 1954, in Pampa. He was a former member of the Church of the Brethren and was currently a member of the First United Methodist Church.

Wayne was employed by Cabot Corp. for 34 years, retiring in 1987. He was a member of the Hidden Hills Golf Course Advisory Board. He was also a member of the Pampa Optimist Club, where he spent 29 years working with various Optimist sports programs, coaching and attaining the



Jones

rank of Babe Ruth State Commissioner.

He enjoyed many years of travel throughout the United States and overseas, as well as RV camping with the Texas Panhandlers Camping Club.

Survivors include his wife, Jean Jones, of the home; two daughters, Pam Minchin and husband John of Encinitas, Calif., and Connie Thornburg of Amarillo; one son, Tim Jones and wife Katie of Westfield, N.J.; six grandchildren, Sgt. Ryan Chisum, USMC, Camp Lejeune, N.C., Marlee Chisum of Amarillo, Sydney Minchin and Madison Minchin, both of Encinitas, Calif.; Andrew Jones and Daniel Jones, both of Westfield, N.J.; and one brother, Dale Jones of Cordell, Okla.

Wayne was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters.

—Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whitley.com.

Grain prices

The following grain quotations are provided by Attebury Grain of White Deer for the close of the last open market day.

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James Weldon Carter, 50

AMARILLO, Texas — James Weldon Carter, 50, died Dec. 3, 2008, in Amarillo.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Carter was born May 30, 1958, in Pampa, where he was a 1976 graduate of Pampa High School.

James attended West Texas State University in Canyon. He had been a resident of Amarillo since 1976. He was a former member of First United Methodist Church in Pampa.

He worked for Tumbleweed Sound and

Lighting in Amarillo as a technician. He worked many productions across the Panhandle, especially "The Nutcracker," the Amarillo Ballet, and for Paramount Terrace Christian Church for their annual Christmas pageant.

James also did sound and lighting work for the Amarillo and Lubbock Civic Centers, and the United Spirit Arena at Texas Tech. In addition, he worked for the



Carter

Midnight Rodeo in both Amarillo and Lubbock.

Survivors include his father, Weldon Carter of Pampa; two sisters, Cynthia Bedford and husband Alvin of Broken Arrow, Okla., and Linda Hamby of Lubbock; five nephews, Trey Bedford and wife Shannon of Broken Arrow, Brian Bedford, Daniel Bedford and wife Katie, all of Tulsa, Okla., Garret Hamby and wife Heather of Chicago, Ill., and

Tyler Hamby of Lubbock; one niece, Kayla Hamby of Lubbock; and a great-niece and great-nephew, Kaitlyn and David Bedford, both of Broken Arrow.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Elizabeth Carter, in 1998.

MEMORIALS: American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 50433, Amarillo, TX 79159; or First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 1981, Pampa, TX 79066.

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Bill Lee Odell, 80

Bill Lee Odell, 80, of Pampa, Texas, died Dec. 3, 2008, in Ramona, Okla.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Odell was born May 9, 1928, in Ramona, Okla. He married Claudene Stephens on June 30, 1952, in Tulsa,

Okla. She preceded him in death on May 17, 2006.

He had been a resident of Pampa since 1954.

Bill worked for Phillips as a gauger for 35 years. He was a member of CrossPointe Church and the V.F.W.

Survivors include one son, Jimmy Odell and wife Ella of Ramona, Okla.;

two daughters, Leanna Cowan and husband Danny, and Billie Steele and husband David, all of Pampa; one sister, Ester Thompson of Norman, Okla.; one brother, Ernest Odell of Ochelata, Okla.; six grandchildren, Daniel Odell, Douglas Odell, Gabriel Cowan, David Steele, Raecanna Humphrey and Teddi

Cowan; and seven great-grandchildren.

Bill was preceded in death by a great-grandson, Ethan Odell.

MEMORIALS: Cross Pointe Church, 711 E. Harvester, Pampa, TX 79065.

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Emergency Services

Sheriff

Gray County Sheriff's Office recorded the following arrests this week.

Wednesday, Dec. 3
 Dillon Thomas Downs, 32, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa Police Department for interfering with an emergency call.

Standley Erle Nash, 53, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO and sent to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Justin Allen Thomas, 21, of Dennison was arrested by GCSO for burglary of a habitation.

Ricky Eugene Cates, 46, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for theft by check; DWI, third or more offense; and on a bond surrender for evading with a vehicle.

Van Johnson, 54, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO on a bond forfeiture for DWI, third or more offense.

Thursday, Dec. 4
 Miguel Angel Chavez, 19, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa PD for minor in possession of alcohol, failure to maintain financial responsibility and failure to appear.

Jesus Quezada, 17, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for driving under

the influence-minor and no driver's license.

Luis Conrado Hernandez, 23, of Amarillo was arrested by GCSO for expired motor vehicle inspection, failure to appear and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

Friday, Dec. 5
 Randall Wayne Kirkland, 51, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa PD for DWI.

James Robert Ostercamp, 29, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa PD for no valid driver's license, no insurance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Fire

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

Monday, Dec. 1
 7:55 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to a motor vehicle accident in the 1000 block of Alcock. No injuries were reported.

10:45 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 2300 block of Mary Ellen on a call for medical assistance.

4:39 p.m. — Two units and six personnel responded to a motor vehicle accident with injuries at Highway 273 and Farm-to-Market Road 749.

5:32 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to a motor vehicle accident in the 2800 block of Perryton Parkway. A hazardous material removal was reported but no injuries.

9:05 p.m. — One unit and

three personnel responded to the 2100 block of Wells on a call for medical assistance.

Tuesday, Dec. 2
 4:31 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 700 block of Banks on a call for medical assistance.

Wednesday, Dec. 3
 6:16 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 12000 block of White Acres on a medical call.

5 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1100 block of Starkweather on a motor vehicle accident. No injuries were reported.

6:24 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to the 500 block of Oklahoma on a gas leak. The firefighters stood by at the scene until personnel from Atmos Energy arrived.

10:57 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to 1 Medical Plaza on a standby for LifeStar Helicopter.

Thursday, Dec. 4
 10:59 a.m. — One unit and four personnel responded to the 100 block of South Russell on a call for medical assistance.

1:37 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1700 block of Duncan on a carbon monoxide check. No carbon monoxide was found.

Ambulance

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

Monday, Dec. 1
 7:52 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Banks and Alcock streets. No transport.

10:44 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2300 block of Mary Ellen and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

2:41 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of North

Cuyler. No transport.

4:36 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Highway 171 and Farm-to-Market Road 749 and transported a patient to PRMC.

5:19 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2800 block of Perryton Parkway. No transport.

7:08 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of North Cuyler and transported a patient to PRMC.

9:05 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2100 block of North Wells and transported a patient to PRMC.

Tuesday, Dec. 2
 4:47 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 300 block of East Brown and transported a patient to PRMC.

Wednesday, Dec. 3
 7:31 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1900 block of Hilton Road and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

9:31 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of Hamilton and transported a patient to PRMC.

11:49 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 700 block of East Browning and transported a patient to PRMC.

2:42 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient(s) to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

5:48 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 12000 block of Highway 60. No transport.

Thursday, Dec. 4
 12:19 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of Gwendolyn and transported a patient to PRMC.

11:03 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 100 block of South Russell and transported a patient to PRMC.

1:21 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1900 block of Hilton Road and transported a patient to PRMC.

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Steele

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case for PLC. All students must go through an application process to study there. "Mr. Steele makes PLC such a great place, that all of the teachers on our campus requested to be here, some of us even waiting for a few years for an opening," Johnson said.

Steele has made an effort to make the educational experience different and better from when he grew up, because he "didn't like school growing up," he said. His approach to students is also what makes him distinguished as a director. "Students don't have to disrupt and show off for attention," he explained, "they learn this and it makes them act better."

Even further, PLC works together as a staff for every student and discusses them and any behavior problems individually, instead of writing discipline referrals.

"All the discipline

issues are discussed amongst the entire staff, where we decide how each situation should be handled... Everyone is on the same page, and the student knows that we deal with issues as a group," Johnson said.

PLC adopted the Disciplinary Alternative Education Program, which Steele volunteered to do, and was not asked according to Johnson. "He volunteered his expertise with at-risk students," she said. The program assists students in desperate need and who are in severe trouble, and possible legal programs, Steele explained. Two teachers help the students full-time, but other PLC teachers volunteer time within their own subjects.

"These kids are treated respectfully," Steele said. "We have rules, and they work, and we respect them." Good behavior can help students get reduce the amount of time students spend in the DAEP program.

Wind

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conomic difficulties. Chisum laughed, "T. Boone's taking good care of himself - he's OK - he can feed his quail."

The United States' wind power fleet currently numbers 16,818 MW and spans 34 states. American wind farms will generate an estimated 48 billion kilowatt-hours of wind energy in 2009, just over one percent of the U.S. electricity supply, powering the equivalent of 4.5 million homes.

The PUCT staff seems to be concerned over a few municipalities asserting eminent domain on land in their jurisdiction. Cities including Garland and San Antonio, according to Chisum, have said because they are a municipal entity do not need to file Certificates of Convenience and Necessity - or need to be approved as Service Providers.

Fabric passes tests to protect against chemical agents

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — A composite cotton fabric designed to protect humans against biological and chemical agents has passed laboratory tests and could be in products on the market within two years, officials said.

The layered blend of absorbent cotton and carbon created by Texas Tech University researcher Seshadri Ramkumar proved better at wiping off hazardous industrial and military chemicals than 30 other

materials tested by the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, university administrators and other officials said Wednesday.

The testing results have opened opportunities to use the fabric, dubbed Fibertect, in clothing liners for first responders and chemical workers or as wipes in decontamination kits, the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal reported in Thursday editions.

Emergency crews now often use a carbon-based

powder to soak up chemicals, but the black coating of dust left behind can be messy when trying to decontaminate a large number of people, said William Smith, project manager on the tests at the Livermore, Calif.-based laboratory.

Fibertect sandwiches a layer of active carbon between cotton. The cloth is flexible, holds together under a variety of chemicals and can quickly decontaminate sensitive surfaces like skin or electronics.

The one that didn't get away yields long-lost ring

BUNA, Texas (AP) — The one that didn't get away held an unlikely surprise for a Texas man.

The blue-stoned class ring of Joe Richardson, engraved with his name, turned up inside an 8-pound bass 21 years after he lost it while fishing on Lake Sam Rayburn.

"My first reaction was — you gotta be kidding," he said Wednesday.

The fisherman who discovered the tarnished ring

inside his catch contacted Richardson on Nov. 28 in Buna, about 100 miles northeast of Houston, after tracking him down with help from the Internet.

His fisherman hero asked to remain anonymous.

Richardson, 41, said he lost the ring about two weeks after his 1987 graduation from Universal Technical Institute in Houston. His mom had

bought it for about \$200 and wasn't pleased when it went missing.

As a mechanic, Richardson said he doesn't wear jewelry so he tucked the undamaged ring away.

"I have not cleaned it," he said. "I told my wife I don't want to clean it."

NRC to review application for new Texas reactors

DALLAS (AP) — The Nuclear Regulatory Commission says it will review an application by Dallas-based Luminant to build two new reactors at a nuclear power plant near Glen Rose.

The NRC made the

announcement Wednesday. The commission says that accepting the application for review doesn't indicate whether it will approve or reject the request.

Luminant applied in September to build the

reactors at its Comanche Peak plant about 70 miles southwest of Dallas.

If approved, Luminant chief executive officer David Campbell has said it would take nine to 10 years before the reactors would be up and running.

Toddler death: Man had skirted judge's order

HENDERSON, Texas (AP) — A series of missteps in the legal system allowed a 19-year-old man to be free at the time a Rusk County child was killed when he should have been behind bars as part of a condition of probation for a felony, according to a newspaper report.

Blaine Milam, and Jessica Carson, 18, were arrested Tuesday and face capital murder charges for allegedly beating to death Carson's 13-month-old toddler during an "exorcism." Investigators think the couple used a hammer to "beat the demons out" of her. Authorities said the toddler, Amora Bain Carson, was also bitten more than 20 times. They are jailed in lieu of a \$2 million bond for each.

According to court documents obtained by the Tyler Morning Telegraph, Milam was sentenced by state District Judge Clay Gossett to 180 days in jail as part of the probation conditions agreed upon on Aug. 22 for a second-

degree felony criminal solicitation of a child.

That sentence, if followed, would have had Milam behind bars until February.

Officials also confirmed that Milam had failed to register as a sex offender in Rusk County and had not changed his previous address from Longview.

Rusk County District Attorney Michael Jimerson and Gossett both indicated that anytime a sentence is ordered as part of a probation agreement, the confinement period is to be served before the person began their probation.


"It is what we refer to as upfront time," Jimerson said.

Neither man would comment on the specifics of the baby's death, but did say one could conclude that Milam should not have been out on the streets at the time of the murder and should have been behind bars.

Rusk County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Darryl Norris said records indicate Milam only served

48 days on work release, meaning Milam went to work each day, but was locked up in the Rusk County Jail each night.


He then stopped returning.



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By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Dec. 5, the 340th day of 2008. There are 26 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 5, 1933, national Prohibition came to an end as Utah became the 36th state to ratify the 21st Amendment to the Constitution, repealing the 18th Amendment.

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 eighth president of the United States, Martin Van Buren, was born in Kinderhook, N.Y. (He was the first chief executive to be born after American independence).

In 1791, composer Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart died in Vienna, Austria, at age 35.

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 James K. Polk triggered the Gold Rush of '49 by confirming that

'As a rule, there is no surer way to the dislike of men than to behave well where they have behaved badly'

— Lew Wallace
american author

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

Ten years ago: James P. Hoffa claimed the Teamsters presidency after challenger Tom Leedham conceded defeat in the union's presidential election. Former Sen. Albert Gore Sr., father of the vice president, died at his home in Carthage, Tenn.; he was 90.

Five years ago: The two makers of flu shots in the United States, Chiron and Aventis Pasteur, announced they had run out of vaccine and would not be able to meet a surge in demand. One year ago: A teenage gunman went on a shooting rampage at the Westroads Mall in Omaha, Neb., killing six store employees and two customers; Robert A. Hawkins, 19, then took his own life.

Today's Birthdays: Singer Little Richard is 76. Author Joan Didion is 74. Author Calvin Trillin is 73. Musician J.J. Cale is 70. Opera singer Jose Carreras is 62. Pop singer Jim Messina is 61.

Is green the answer to stress?

by Skyla Bryant

Do you feel the stress? Is Christmas approaching a little too fast for comfort? Don't be afraid and NEVER fear. You aren't alone. I have my "list," but not all my gifts. In fact, since, oh, mid-November, I've carefully avoided checking my list. ... And I am a list person.

You see, if I don't look at my Christmas list I can trick myself into believing I don't really have that many loved ones still for to buy. Of course, as always, my problem is the men in my life. It has been my experience that choosing a gift for a male is WAY harder than choosing one for a female, so needless to say my stress quadruples when I consider possible "guy-buys."

I don't despair, however. Want to know why? You ready for this? An electronic news release, shouting "Relieve Holiday Stress" from the subject line, assures me that managing stress caused by the Christmas season is only a matter of tone — color tone, that is.

Green, the e-release states, is not only the color of money, but as it happens is the color of L-O-V-E. Wow. Green is a magic color. Chunk the Valium. The path to Nirvana is beaten with vibrant green.

"Wear green, the color of love (see, I told you so!) to enhance peace within yourself and encourage patience in others," the e-release suggests.

Well, I sure could've used this information a lot sooner. I must make a point of wearing LOTS of green around my mom. In fact, growing up might have been considerably easier had I clothed myself in head-to-toe green. All the time.

"Green is nature's color," the e-release continues the green-theme a paragraph or two later, "the color of living things. Its balance of warm and cool is easy on the eye and distinguishes it as 'the color of love and

compassion.'"

Love AND compassion. Okay, I'm investing in a whole new wardrobe just for mom.

The e-release, sent via Earth Design Inc., promotes the author's work of Jami Lin who has evidently written the book, "Color Alchemy."

Um, catchy.

The e-release encourages gift-givers to create

cles are symbols of togetherness and longevity.) Instead of traditional red accents, which may cause impatience, --"

Note to self: Harvest any reds around Mother, and nix on any red clothing items I might be tempted to purchase this Christmas for the family matriarch.

Oops. I interrupted again, didn't I? Silly me. Let us continue.

"Use blue (green's partner) for more natural inspiration. Just like the color of a crisp, spring-time sky, add blue silk flowers, bows, or ornaments for more tranquility."

You know, this STILL doesn't help me resolve the dilemma of what to get the thankfully few men in my life for Christmas and thus relieve me of holiday stress. Truth be told, if I presented any one of my male relatives with a "duded-up" green wreath for Christmas they would not be happy!

Skyla Brant
Lifestyles reporter



"homemade" gifts with a special eye to color.

"Eliminate stress and expense-anxiety by gifting --"

Please excuse the interruption, but have you checked out the price of craft supplies lately? And this relieves "expense-anxiety" how?

Okay, okay, I'll get on with the rest of the quote.

"Loved ones with handmade, live or silk evergreen wreathes (cir-



Editorial Thoughts

by the Associated Press

a sample of editorials from around the world:

Dec. 1

Journal Star, Peoria, Ill., on President-elect Barack Obama's cabinet choices:

In choosing his Cabinet, Barack Obama reportedly has tried to draw inspiration from the "team of rivals" that Abraham Lincoln put together to advise him through perhaps the most difficult time in this nation's history.

We're not sure we'd characterize his nominees as rivals, but if the most effective leaders are those who surround themselves with highly intelligent and able people who will challenge them — who will speak truth to power, as it were — then Obama's choices for the most part speak well of him. ...

Consistency of message will be critical, as foreign leaders don't want to hear one thing from the State Department and another from the White House. Between Hillary (Clinton) and her husband ... well, let's just say life is never uneventful with the Clintons. What's that they say about keeping your friends close and your potential foes closer?

Obama seems not in the least intimidated by that, which speaks to someone who is secure, confident, comfortable in his own skin. You want that in a leader.

In fact Obama has drawn quite a bit from the Clinton White House. Certainly that's true with his economic team. ...

Again, most of these folks have

long records of public service, giving them time to pile up some regrets as well as rewards. But on balance they are well regarded.

And as a first test of an Obama presidency, this potential Cabinet is encouraging, reassuring.

Dec. 2

Pensacola (Fla.) News Journal, on a survey that shows high level of stealing, cheating and lying among teenagers could be from adult influences at home:

Clearly, a national survey by an ethics institute of almost 30,000 public and private high school students that shows an astonishingly high level of lying and cheating demands action.

Starting with the adult generation acting as their role model.

No, we're not excusing the students. But we wonder: How many of them come from homes with strong ethical standards?

Because they learn from us. That includes everyone from a president who thinks it's OK to flaunt his marriage vows, to parents who boast about cheating on their taxes because "everyone does it." ...

There's a wise admonition in the Bible: Before worrying about the splinter in your neighbor's eye, do something about the plank in your own.

So yes, parents have a responsibility to imbue their children with a strong ethical foundation.

But that starts with walking the walk.

Dec. 1

Japan Times, Tokyo, on the West's relationship with Russia:

Russian President Dmitry Medvedev is pushing a proposal for a Euro-Atlantic security pact. ...

Mr. Medvedev's eyes are clearly set on the new U.S. administration to be led by President-elect Barack Obama. Hours after Mr. Obama's election as the next U.S. president, Mr. Medvedev threatened to deploy Iskander missiles ... in the Russian enclave of Kaliningrad between Poland and Lithuania. He later said Russia could cancel the deployment if Mr. Obama abandoned the missile-shield plan in Europe. Mr. Obama has not yet made clear his stance on the issue. While the United States says the missile shield is a defense against "rogue states" such as Iran, Russia suspects that the shield is designed to destroy its strategic missiles. ...

With the global financial crisis and the plummet in oil prices, both of which are battering the Russian economy, the momentum for rapprochement between Russia and EU should give Russia a chance to steer away from confrontation with the West and deepen mutual trust in security and other areas. The U.S., for its part, should learn that treating Russia in a disrespectful manner, as President George W. Bush did in pushing the missile-shield plan in Europe, will not contribute to building a secure world.

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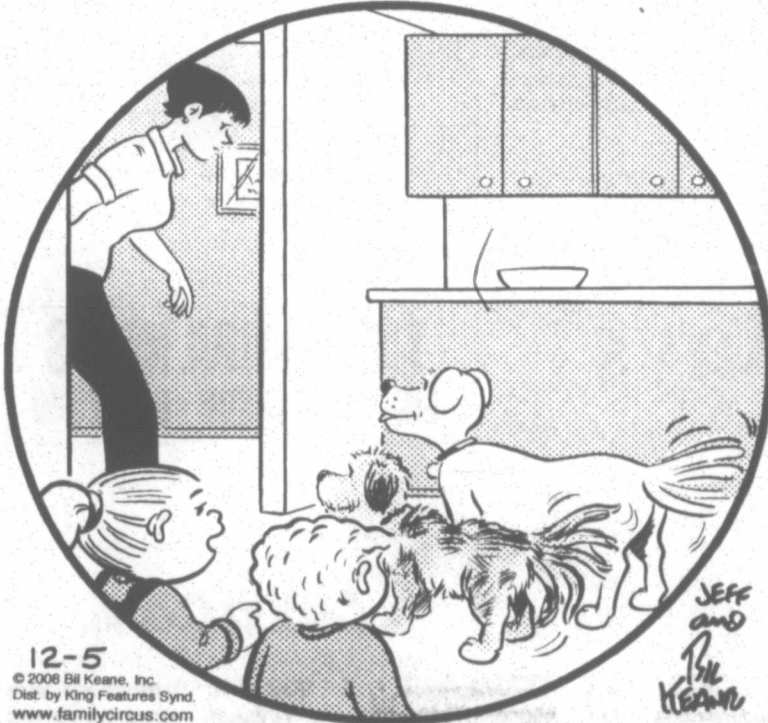
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"The only time he's excited to see me is when I bring him a doggie bag."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



"Their tails go faster when they see Mommy."

Daily Crossword Puzzle

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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 - 13 Edison's — Park
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 - 39 Dance maneuver
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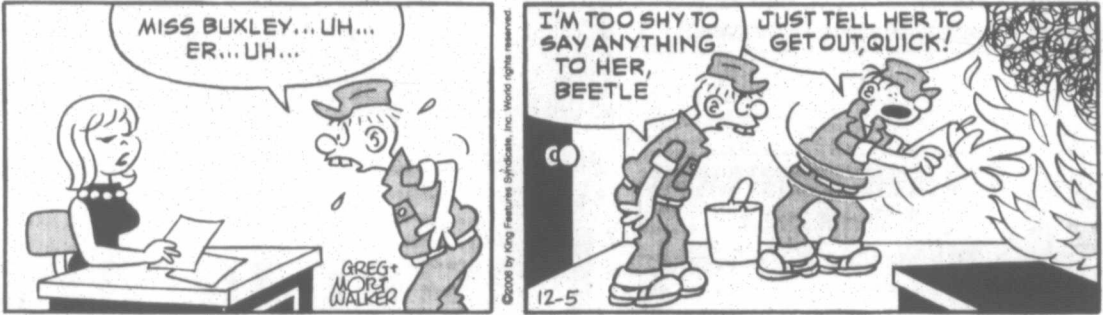
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Pastor Mike Sublett, of Hi-Land Christian Church, in his Christmas t-shirt.

Pastor to wear shirt for 28 solid days

by Mike Sublett
Hi-Land Christian
You may not believe this, but I, Pastor Mike Sublett of Hi-Land Christian Church, am going to wear his specially made "Merry Christmas" t-shirt for 28 straight days — every day from the day after Thanksgiving to Christmas Day. Why?

Too many people get so wrapped up in the hustle and bustle of the holiday season that they forget that there is no Christmas without CHRIST. December 25 isn't a national holiday because Americans give gifts or because they get together with their families and friends. December 25 is a special "holy-day" to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, our Savior.

Maybe this deal with the shirt will help more people remember to make CHRIST the center of their Christmas. And the more who remember and commit to make Him the center, the more ways God just might show others something special to do this Christmas season. Wouldn't that be great?"

I first got the idea from a magazine ad. Then I went to Holmes and bought a shirt, and then drove out to Patches to visit with my friend Margo Delong.

I told her about the basic idea and then (since I'm not very creative) I asked her to just use whatever font she thought would look the best. Well, I picked up the shirt on Monday, Nov 24. By the time I got back to the office the Lord had already prompted me concerning wearing the shirt for the days between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

I've been asked if that went for Sundays, too. Of course! I normally only wear a polo-type shirt anyway. But this year I'll be wearing my new Christmas shirt for the four Sundays between the two major holidays. After all, a prompting from the Lord doesn't give a Christian much choice, does it?

I've talked with my wife, Shari, and she said that she was going to show me how to use the washing machine so that I could put it on to wash each day when I got home. So it looks like I'll be washing it, and then Shari is going to partially dry it each time and touch it up with an iron if necessary. It's kind of our joint CHRIST-mas project.

So there you have the whole story about the one shirt in Pampa, Texas, that is sure to be worn the most often this coming CHRIST-mas season. God bless.

CHRISTMAS AT CALVARY

Calvary Baptist Church preparing for pageant

Calvary Baptist Church, 900 E. 23rd, is gearing up to present its annual Christmas program, "Christmas at Calvary," at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14. This year's show, organizers say, will "transform the church sanctuary into Bethlehem on the first Christmas night."

"As you, the audience, enjoy the music, provided by the choirs and orchestra at Calvary, 'strange' events begin unfolding in the surrounding countryside," a news release from the church states. "These events, including a phenomenal star sighting, angels appearing to shepherds

and the Messiah born in a stable, will introduce you to the Christmas story."

A number of choirs will perform during the program along with the Calvary Christmas orchestra. The 20-piece orchestra is made up of Calvary Baptist musicians as well as area college and high school band students.

The year's performance is written and directed by Sandy Crosswhite.

No admission will be charged for the pageant. Seating, however, will be on a first-come-first-serve basis.

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Abrams leads No. 8 Texas over No. 12 UCLA

By JIM VERTUNO
AP Sports Writer
AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas' Damion James took a hard elbow to the face. The Longhorns gave up a big lead in the second half and had to claw their way back behind A.J. Abrams and some tough team defense.

Nobody said anything would be easy against UCLA. And with the way these teams have battled the last two years, No. 8 Texas and No. 12 UCLA have started a rugged little rivalry.

Abrams matched his career high with 31 points, including the last six of the game for Texas, sending the Longhorns to a tough 68-64 victory Thursday night.

"Tonight was a good win for us," Texas coach Rick Barnes said. "We persevered."

Abrams broke a 62-62 tie with a 3-pointer with 2:53 to play, then made two free throws a minute later to push Texas' lead back to three. After the

Bruins' Josh Shipp missed the front end of a 1-and-1 with 15 seconds left, Shipp fouled Abrams, who made one of his two free throws for the final point.

The Longhorns have won nine straight at home against ranked opponents. The Bruins (4-2) and Longhorns (6-1) have met only four times — and this one proved every bit as exciting as Texas' 63-61 road win last season.

In other games involving ranked teams on Thursday, it was: No. Connecticut 68, Buffalo 64; No. 6 Oklahoma 73, Southern California 72; No. 17 Villanova 93, Houston Baptist 57; and No. 19 Arizona State 81, Jackson State 60.

The game with UCLA produced a rare early season sellout at Texas and the game got testy at times as both teams played physical defense and challenged each other around the basket on nearly every shot.

James, who had 13

points and 13 rebounds, took the elbow to the face from Shipp under the basket with about seven minutes left in the first half and fell to the court. The game officials reviewed video of the play while the home crowd lustily booed Shipp, but did not assess a foul.

After the game, Texas team officials said James had a bruised forehead but no concussion.

"I think it kind of rattled him. I don't think he could see for a while," Abrams said.

"I wasn't trying to elbow him in the face. It was unintentional," Shipp said. "I was just trying to clear space. We're both competitors, trying to help our teams win."

Texas led 46-36 in the second half before the Bruins rallied and grabbed the lead with a 13-2 run behind a 3-pointer from Nikola Dragovic and consecutive dunks by Shipp. Shipp got the crowd riled up again when he turned and stared at Texas' Justin

Mason after the first dunk. The game stayed tight from there as the Longhorns and Bruins traded one-point leads or were tied 10 times, the last one on a basket by James that tied it at 62. Abrams finally gave Texas the lead for good with his fifth 3-pointer.

"It was a big shot," Abrams said of his 3. "At that point we were struggling at offense and we hadn't hit a bucket in a while."

Collison, who led UCLA with 22 points, spent the night chasing Abrams on defense and marveled at the speed of his catch and release in tight spaces.

"He hits the shot fast. You can't lose sight of him," Collison said.

The Bruins had several chances after Abrams' two free throws made it 67-64

at the end," Barnes said. "When we get settled into our defense, we're a pretty hard team to score against. ... We talked about going out there to scrap."

No. 6 Oklahoma 73, Southern Cal 72

At Norman, Okla., Blake Griffin of the Sooners (7-0) scored 11 of his 25 points after getting hit with a cheap shot elbow in the second half. He had to come out of the game briefly after getting elbowed below the waist by USC's Leonard Washington, who was ejected, with 13:54 left.

Cade Davis, a 97 percent career free throw shooter, missed two foul shots for Oklahoma in the final seconds, and DeMar DeRozan's desperation heave from beyond half-court sailed wide right at the buzzer.

When Abrams finally got to the free throw line, the Longhorns' best shooter nearly fell to the floor in surprise when he missed the first, but calmly swished the second for the final margin. It was Abrams' only miss in nine attempts from the line.

"Our guys made plays

National Finals Rodeo opens in Las Vegas

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Luke Branquinho won the first round of steer wrestling on Thursday night in the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo to take the top spot in the world standings, while Billy Etbauer moved into the season lead in saddle bronc.

Branquinho, from Los Alamos, Calif., won with a time of 3.6 seconds to move up from second to first in the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association world standings with \$147,547. Curtis Cassidy of Canada was second in 3.7.

Wade Sumpter of Fowler, Colo., entered the NFR as the leader with \$133,685, but was unable to place among the top six finishers with a time of 4.4 and fell to second place in the standings.

"I just think of it as 10 one-headers. Go at 'em and try to win as much as I can because you can't worry about the average," Branquinho said. "If you go win five, six or seven rounds, that pretty much takes care of it."

In saddle bronc riding, Etbauer, from Edmond, Okla., moved into first place by finishing second in the opening round with an 85.5 on Aces Full. Etbauer moved up from second to first in the standings with \$153,624, while previous leader Cody Wright of Milford, Utah, didn't cash a check as one of the top six and fell to second with \$145,192. Bryce Miller of Buffalo, S.D., won with an 89 on Knife Money.

In bareback riding, world leader Steven Dent of Mullen, Neb., remained in first place by placing second in the opening round with a score of 86.5 on Lunitic Fringe. Chris Harris of Itasca, Texas, won with an 88.5 on Power Play.

In team roping, Garrett Tonozzi of Fruita, Colo., and Kinney Harrell of San Angelo, Texas, won in 4.6 seconds. Tonozzi and Harrell entered the NFR as the 15th and final qualifiers. Former world champions Trevor Brazile of Decatur, Texas, and Patrick Smith of Midland, Texas, placed second in 4.8.

In tie-down roping, Hunter Herrin of Apache, Okla., won in 7.5 and remained second in the world with \$134,390. Josh Peek of Pueblo,

Colo., held the standings lead with \$132,539, but didn't place with a time of 9.10 in the opening round.

"When you get out of the barrier and get your calf roped, you just have to get a time," Herrin said. "It's kind of been a problem out here in the past, but maybe I've matured a little bit to where I can just get it around their necks and tie them down."

Tyson Durfey of Colbert, Wash., was second in 7.7.

In barrel racing, Jill Moody of Letcher, S.D., who remained third in the

world standings, won in 14.02, while standings leader Lindsay Sears of Canada was unable to place among the top six with a time of 14.24. Cassie Moseley of Farwell, Texas, was second in 14.06.

In bull riding, Bobby Welsh of Gillette, Wyo., took the round with a score of 89.5 on Reeces Pieces. Standings leader Chance Smart of Philadelphia, Miss., was fifth with an 85.5 on Night Moves and remained first with \$164,908.

Hidden Hills results

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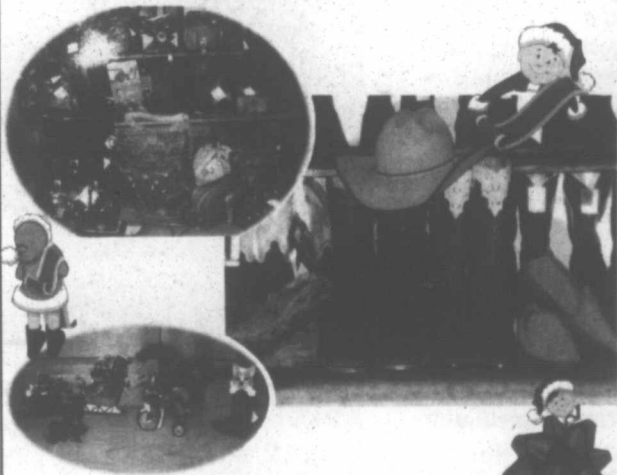
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Example

2008 AP All-Big 12 Team

By The Associated Press
 DALLAS (AP) — The 2008 Associated Press All-Big 12 team, as selected by a panel of 20 sports writers who regularly cover the league for newspapers throughout the league's seven states. Players at all positions are listed alphabetically; "u." denotes unanimous selections.

FIRST-TEAM OFFENSE

Center

Jon Cooper, Oklahoma, 6-2, 285, Sr., Fort Collins, Colo.

Offensive Line

(tie) Phil Loadholt, Oklahoma, 6-8, 350, Sr., Fountain, Colo.

(tie) Russell Okung, Oklahoma State, 6-5, 290, Jr., Fort Bend, Texas

Rylan Reed, Texas Tech, 6-7, 294, Sr., Dallas

Duke Robinson, Oklahoma, 6-5, 330, Sr., Atlanta

Jason Smith, Baylor, 6-5, 298, Sr., Dallas

Tight End

Chase Coffman, Missouri, 6-6, 245, Sr., Peculiar, Mo.

Receivers

Dez Bryant, Oklahoma State, 6-2, 210, Soph., Lufkin, Texas

u-Michael Crabtree, Texas Tech, 6-3, 206, Soph., Dallas

Jeremy Maclin, Missouri, 6-1, 200, Soph., Kirkwood, Mo.

Running Back

u-Kendall Hunter, Oklahoma State, 5-8, 180, Soph., Tyler, Texas

Quarterback

Sam Bradford, Oklahoma, 6-5, 213, Soph., Oklahoma City

All-purpose

Jeremy Maclin, Missouri, 6-1, 200, Soph., Kirkwood, Mo.

Kicker

Jeff Wolfert, Missouri, 6-2, 185, Sr., Overland Park, Kan.

FIRST-TEAM DEFENSE

Defensive Line

Jeremy Beal, Oklahoma, 6-4, 254, Soph., Carrollton, Texas

u-Brian Orakpo, Texas, 6-4, 260, Sr., Houston

Ndamukong Suh, Nebraska, 6-4, 300, Jr., Portland, Ore.

Brandon Williams, Texas Tech, 6-5, 248, Jr., Fort Worth, Texas

Linebacker

James Holt, Kansas, 6-3, 222, Sr., Altus, Okla.

Travis Lewis, Oklahoma, 6-2, 220, Fr., San Antonio

Joe Pawelek, Baylor, 6-3, 236, Jr., San Antonio

Sean Weatherspoon, Missouri, 6-1, 235, Jr., Jasper, Texas

Defensive Back

Daniel Charbonnet, Texas Tech, 5-11, 188, Sr., The Woodlands, Texas

Jordan Lake, Baylor, 6-2, 206, Jr., Houston

Darcel McBath, Texas Tech, 6-1, 197, Sr., Gainesville, Texas

Darrell Stuckey, Kansas, 6-1, 205, Jr., Kansas City, Kan.

Punter

Justin Brantly, Texas A&M, 6-3, 241, Sr., Sealy, Texas

SECOND-TEAM OFFENSE

Center

David Washington, Oklahoma State, 6-4, 305, Sr., Guthrie, Okla.

Offensive Line

Cedric Dockery, Texas, 6-4, 315, Sr., Garland, Texas

Matt Slauson, Nebraska, 6-5, 325, Sr., Colorado Springs, Colo.

Adam Ulatoski, Texas, 6-8, 302, Soph., Southlake, Texas

Louis Vasquez, Texas Tech, 6-6, 335, Sr., Corsicana, Texas

Tight End

Jermaine Gresham, Oklahoma, 6-6, 250, Jr., Ardmore, Okla.

Receivers

Dezmon Briscoe, Kansas, 6-3, 200, Soph., Dallas

Quan Cosby, Texas, 5-11, 200, Sr., Mart, Texas

Jordan Shipley, Texas, 6-0, 190, Sr., Burnet, Texas

Running Back

DeMarco Murray, Oklahoma, 6-0, 191, Soph., Las Vegas

Quarterback

Colt McCoy, Texas, 6-3, 210, Jr., Tuscola, Texas

All-purpose

DeMarco Murray, Oklahoma, 6-0, 191, Soph., Las Vegas

Kicker

Alex Henery, Nebraska, 6-2, 170, Soph., Omaha, Neb.

SECOND-TEAM DEFENSE

Defensive Line

George Hypolite, Colorado, 6-1, 285, Sr., Los Angeles

Gerald McCoy, Oklahoma, 6-4, 289, Soph., Oklahoma City

Roy Miller, Texas, 6-2, 295, Sr., Killeen, Texas

Stryker Sulak, Missouri, 6-5, 250, Sr., Rockdale, Texas

Linebacker

Sergio Kindle, Texas, 6-4, 239, Jr., Dallas

Rod Muckelroy, Texas, 6-2, 235, Jr., Hallsville, Texas

Andre Sexton, Oklahoma State, 6-1, 210, Jr., Houston

Jeff Smart, Colorado, 6-0, 210, Jr., Boulder, Colo.

Defensive Back

Dominique Franks, Oklahoma, 5-11, 183, Soph., Tulsa, Okla.

Nic Harris, Oklahoma, 6-3, 226, Sr., Alexandria, La.

Lendy Holmes, Oklahoma, 6-1, 196, Sr., Dallas

William Moore, Missouri, 6-1, 230, Sr., Hayti, Mo.

Punter

Matt Fodge, Oklahoma State, 6-1, 195, Sr., Garland, Texas

HONORABLE MENTION

Centers: Ryan Cantrell, Kansas; Chris Hall, Texas; Stephen Hamby, Texas Tech; Daniel Sanders, Colorado; J.D. Walton, Baylor.

Offensive line: James Barnard, Baylor; Colin Brown, Missouri; Brandon Carter, Texas Tech; Kurtis Gregory, Missouri; Adrian Mayes, Kansas; Lydon Murtha, Nebraska; Brandon Walker, Oklahoma; Trent Williams, Oklahoma.

Tight end: Brandon Pettigrew, Oklahoma State.

Receiver: Brandon Banks, Kansas State; Juaquin Iglesias, Oklahoma; Kerry Meier, Kansas; Nate Swift, Nebraska.

Running back: Chris Brown, Oklahoma; Jake Sharp, Kansas; Derrick Washington, Missouri.

Quarterback: Graham Harrell, Texas Tech.

All-purpose: Brandon Banks, Kansas State; Baron Batch, Texas Tech; Dez Bryant, Oklahoma State; Quan Cosby, Texas; Perrish Cox, Oklahoma State; Cyrus Gray, Texas A&M; Jordan Shipley, Texas; Josh Smith, Colorado; Nate Swift, Nebraska.

Kicker: Dan Bailey, Oklahoma State; Hunter Lawrence, Texas; Grant Mahoney, Iowa State.

Defensive line: Frank Alexander, Oklahoma; Ian Campbell, Kansas State; Eric Childs, Kansas State; McKinner Dixon, Texas Tech; Auston English, Oklahoma; Brandon Harold, Kansas State; Ziggy Hood, Missouri; Cyril Obiozor, Texas A&M; Zach Potter, Nebraska; Kurtis Taylor, Iowa State; Colby Whitlock, Texas Tech.

Linebacker: Rashad Bobino, Texas; Keenan Clayton, Oklahoma; Brian Duncan, Texas Tech; Matt Featherston, Texas A&M; Brad Jones, Colorado; Shaun Mohler, Colorado; Joe Mortensen, Kansas; Ryan Reynolds, Oklahoma.

Defensive back: Larry Asante, Nebraska; Castine Bridges, Missouri; Cha'pelle Brown, Colorado; Alton Dixon, Texas A&M; Carl Gettis, Missouri; Brian Jackson, Oklahoma; Jacob Lacey, Oklahoma State; Joshua Moore, Kansas State; Ryan Palmer, Texas; Ricky Price, Oklahoma State; James Smith, Iowa State; Jamar Wall, Texas Tech; Ryan Walters, Colorado; Earl Thomas, Texas.

Punter: Mike Brandtner, Iowa State; Derek Epperson, Baylor.

Offensive player of the year — Colt McCoy, Texas

Defensive player of the year — Brian Orakpo, Texas

Offensive newcomer of the year — Robert Griffin, Baylor

Defensive newcomer of the year — Travis Lewis, Oklahoma

Coach of the year — Mike Leach, Texas Tech

Pampa events & opportunities

• Tralee Crisis Center of Pampa

launched its annual Tree of Blessing program this month to benefit victims of domestic violence and/or sexual assault. Client families are screened and submit "wish lists." Paper ornaments are made for each item requested and hung on the tree. Families are kept confidential. Persons interested in picking up an ornament and purchasing the item listed may contact Tralee. The deadline to return all items unwrapped to the office is Dec. 19. All ornaments must be returned even if an item is not provided so that organizers can purchase what was not purchased. For more information, contact Tralee Crisis Center at 669-1131.

• High Plains Public Radio will hold its next Living Room Concert at 8 p.m. Dec. 5 at its studio in downtown Amarillo. The free concert will feature folk singer-songwriter Dana Cooper. Refreshments will be served. Doors will open at 7:30 p.m. A \$10 artist donation is suggested.

• Altrusa International Inc., of Pampa will offer Soup with Mrs. Claus from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Dec. 6 at the Old Pampa Hardware building, 120 N. Cuyler. Admission will be \$5 per person. Photos with Mrs. Claus will be \$2.

• Wesley United Methodist Church will stage its 28th Annual Festival of Arts and Crafts from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Dec. 6 at the Community Center in Hereford. Limited booth space is available for a \$10 fee. To obtain an application, call (806) 364-0774, (806) 364-5789 or (806) 364-4419.

• Memory Gardens Cemetery and

Mausoleum of Pampa

will host its Sixth Annual Christmas Candlelight Service at 6 p.m. Dec. 15 in the Chapel of Peace Mausoleum on the west side of the cemetery. The service is dedicated to those who are no longer living. For more information, call 665-8921.

• 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). 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. 17, TDH, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa. For more information, call 665-4752.

• Fawn Lake Press is offering free "Proud to be an American" flag decals to anyone sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to Fawn Lake Press, 54 Fawn Lake Rd., Durango, CO 81301. Active servicemen and women need not send a SASE to receive the free 2x3-inch color decals. Fawn Lake will pay their postage.

• Manhattanville My Soldier is seeking volunteers to "adopt" a deployed United States Servicemember. To find out more, visit www.mysoldier.com online or write to: Manhattanville College My Soldier Department, 2900 Purchase St., Purchase, NY 10577.



IN HOT SPRINGS, ARK.

DEAR WONDERING: Forgive me if this seems negative, but while you may "know" that Rusty is your soulmate, I am not convinced. If the discussion you mentioned

came about because of Rusty's daughter, then he has made clear to you who comes first. And if you're smart, you won't turn it into a competition. You'll look for an unencumbered man who can give you what you need.

Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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Level: Intermediate



Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: About a year ago, my sister, "Pam," and her husband bought a new telephone with all the features, including speaker, where everyone in the room can hear and contribute to the conversation. Anytime anyone calls, they automatically punch the speaker button. I learned the hard way one day when I was discussing something very personal with Pam and heard her husband make a comment in the background. I find speaker phones extremely rude. Pam will do dishes, work in the yard, even walk away to another room while we're talking, and I feel she doesn't give me her undivided attention. I've tried making subtle hints such as, "I'm sorry, but I can't hear you," but that hasn't

worked. Other family members feel the way I do and call her less often because they don't want a group discussion. I miss the private chats I used to share with Pam. Any suggestions? -- MARY IN WINSTON, ORE.

DEAR MARY: I do have a couple. The first is to stop dropping "subtle hints" and tell your sister plainly exactly what you have told me -- including how the rest of the family feels about what she's doing. And if that doesn't work, teach her a lesson by starting your next conversation with, "Pam, remember when ..." and reminiscing about her most embarrassing moment -- something only a sister would know.

DEAR ABBY: I hope you can answer this

quickly. I'm about to start doing my Christmas cards. I keep a list of people I send cards to, so that I don't miss anyone. I also make a note if I don't receive a card from someone.

What is your opinion on removing someone from our list if we don't hear from that person for two or three years? Should I assume that the individual is mad at me, doesn't like Christmas cards, or no longer wants to be "bothered"? I'm sure I'm not alone with this question. -- PRACTICAL IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR PRACTICAL: To ascribe a motive for not hearing from someone is counterproductive. I believe in direct communication, and that's what I'm suggesting for you. Pick up the phone, tell your friend you are concerned because it has been so long since you have heard from him or her -- and ask why.

There are several reasons why someone may not have exchanged

cards with you. A few that spring immediately to mind are: an illness that prevented it, the family may have moved and not received the cards you have sent, or because of the increasing popularity of online greetings, people are sending fewer Christmas cards in the mail.

DEAR ABBY: From the very beginning of my relationship with my boyfriend, "Rusty," I have known he was my soulmate. During one of our conversations about marriage, the subject arose of who comes first in a marriage -- the wife or the children. I was brought up to believe that the wife should come first, but Rusty disagrees. Rusty insists the children should come first.

Abby, am I wrong in my thinking? What happened to a man and a woman becoming one? Oh, by the way, Rusty has a 10-year-old girl from a previous relationship. -- WONDERING

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The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
 ***** Lie low and take your time. After all, it is the weekend. If you play it relaxed and focus on what you want to do for the holiday, you could get it done. A nap might be more important than you realize. Tonight: You choose, now that you have more energy.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 *** Use the daylight hours to the max. You don't necessarily need to be efficient, but rather, please yourself. What would you like to do most? In the answer comes the direction you need to follow. Tonight: Make it early.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 ***** You continue to push very hard to achieve more. A partner has good intentions, even if on some level you feel pained in. How do you say that you need more space? You might be working on that for the next few days. Tonight: Find your friends.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 ***** Reach out for your friends and loved ones at a distance. For some, this act might be simply addressing your Christmas cards, putting in appropriate notes or perhaps getting packages in the mail. Tonight: In the limelight.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
 ***** Work with a partner directly. Understand what must be done and what you can put off. Take time for a walk or some exercise. Someone might be pushing too hard or trying to have more control. Tonight: You feel free as a bird.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 ***** Others have ideas and dominate as if you have none. Don't take this attitude personally. Be smart and don't push others away. Your unusual creativity could supply some fun pastimes. Tonight: Make it your pleasure.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
 ***** Complete a project before you decide to go off and do something more pleasurable. Remain nurturing to those around you, even if you feel tired or your nerves are fried. Let others dominate. Tonight: Defer to a partner.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
 ***** Your playfulness cannot be suppressed. Your sense of humor delights a child or loved one. Your fiery style comes out with others. Be aware of what you are really doing. Tonight: If you are tired, say so.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
 ***** Curb a tendency to go on the warpath because of a simple nudge, not even a push. Stop and look within. What might be going on with you on a deeper level? Stay close to home, and you will be much happier. Tonight: Go with whimsy.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 ***** Take your time spinning out the door. Rushing really might not help. Others go out of their way to make you feel secure or cared about. Fatigue could play a role later today. Know when to call it a day. Tonight: Happy at home.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
 ***** Curb erratic spending if possible. Make a list, define your budget and follow it. Do as much as you can to clear out errands, pay bills and feel on top of your to-do's. Schedule a late afternoon lunch with friends. Tonight: Just enjoy. You deserve it.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
 ***** Use the daylight hours to the max. You could be overwhelmed by all that lands on your plate. Understand what needs to be done, and do it. Don't postpone any longer. By evening, you feel renewed. Tonight: Stick to your budget!

BORN TODAY
 Composer Ira Gershwin (1896), musician Dave Brubeck (1920), guitarist Peter Buck (1956)

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Yesterday's Cryptquote: NOTHING IS CHEAP THAT IS SUPERFLUOUS, FOR WHAT ONE DOES NOT NEED IS DEAR AT A PENNY. — PLUTARCH

Convict's mom goes undercover, gets dirt on juror

By TOM HAYS
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Doreen Giuliano was obsessed with saving her son from a life behind bars after he was convicted of murder.

She gave herself an extreme makeover — blonde dye job, fake tan, sexy wardrobe, phony name — and began spying on jurors. She befriended one juror to root out any possible misdeeds at the trial, and for nearly eight months, they drank at bars, smoked marijuana and shared meals in her tiny Brooklyn hideaway.

The juror eventually opened up to her about his time as a juror, completely unaware that this seductive older woman was the same dutiful mother who sat through the entire trial just a few feet away from him.

The bizarre saga has become the basis for a defense motion filed this week demanding that the verdict be set aside, while exposing the desperate attempt that Giuliano made to win her son's freedom.

"What she did was extraordinarily commendable," said one of Giuliano's lawyers, Ezra Glaser. "It shows the love of a mother and the great lengths she'll go to to help her child."

The juror, naturally, doesn't quite see it that way. Jason Allo faces the possibility of being hauled into court to explain conversations recorded by a seductive undercover mother wearing a wire.

"He didn't do anything wrong," said his attorney, Salvatore Strazzullo. "We're going to defend

Mr. Allo's actions to the full extent of the law."

Among other things, the motion accuses the 33-year-old Allo of concealing that he had personal knowledge that Giuliano's son, John Giuca, ran with a rough crowd, and of defying orders to avoid news coverage once the highly publicized proceedings started. It argues that Allo "admitted the outside information he obtained about the case prejudiced him against Mr. Giuca."

A spokesman for the Brooklyn District attorney's office said only that the motion was being reviewed. But the defense is a longshot: Courts rarely overturn guilty jury verdicts.

Giuca was convicted of the 2003 murder of Mark Fisher, a 19-year-old college student from Andover, N.J., who had gone to an after-hours party Giuca hosted in Brooklyn while his parents were out of town.

Prosecutors say Giuca, then a skinny 20-year-old, was a leader of a self-styled gang called the Ghetto Mafia. At trial, prosecutors said Fisher was targeted for showing "disrespect" by sitting on a table in Giuca's house.

Giuca ordered another gang member "to go show that guy what's up," then gave the shooter a .22-caliber handgun, prosecutors said. At dawn, police responding to a report of gunshots found Fisher's body shot five times and dumped on a sidewalk.

It took more than a year for police to arrest the shooter. Giuca was taken into custody one month later after authorities secured witnesses who

linked him to the crime.

A jury deliberated only two hours before convicting Giuca of second-degree murder in 2005. He and the gunman were sentenced to 25 years to life in prison by a judge who told them that because the killing was callous, "my sentence will be callous."

Lawyers for Giuliano and Allo refused requests to speak to their clients. But court papers — along with a piece in Vanity Fair magazine and an article in The New York Times based on interviews with Giuliano and Allo — detail a story of despair and deception.

Giuliano, 47, says she was driven by the belief her son was set up by authorities and vilified in the press.

"My main concern was that John got a fair trial," she said.

Said Allo: "I understand her motivation, but that's not right."

Allo's lawyer declined

to discuss Giuliano's tactics. But her lawyer said under state law, she "had a right to record those conversations."

"Ultimately, the only person who acted inappropriately was Mr. Allo," Glaser said.

By Giuliano's own account, her son's conviction nearly gave her a nervous breakdown. In 2006, she hatched a plan to begin spying on jurors to see if she could uncover any misconduct.

She eventually zeroed in on Allo, a construction worker with a shaved head living in the Bensonhurst section of Brooklyn. She tailed him for months, once even wearing a head scarf as a disguise.

While casing his apartment, "His cat sat in the window," she said. "So I knew I'd say I was a cat-lover when I met him."

In the fall of 2007, Giuliano reinvented herself. She slimmed down at the gym, rented an apartment in Allo's neighbor-

hood and printed business cards with her assumed name: Dee Quinn, a recent West Coast transplant.

Her husband initially told her she was crazy, but backed down. Soon she orchestrated a chance meeting with Allo on the street, pretending to be a lonely single woman from California and giving him her phone number.

Giuliano began inviting Allo over to her place and to soften him up. He never recognized her from her days sitting through the trial.

"She was offering me wine, offering to smoke weed," he said.

There also was flirting. But both said it never went any further. Mainly, they talked. And her digital tape recorder rolled.

She says she struck

gold in late 2007, while grilling her new friend about his jury duty.

"I'll tell you this but I would never tell anybody else," he said, according to transcripts prepared by the defense. "I actually had some type of information."

Allo went on to explain that he didn't know Giuca directly, but used to hang out in his clique and heard rumors about the Fisher slaying — something he failed to mention when questioned under oath during jury selection.

Asked if he had been curious about newspaper accounts of the trial, he responded that he'd read them. He also bragged that he had been the first one during deliberations to vote for a conviction.

"I shouldn't have been in that jury," he said.

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