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Area residents owe City of Pampa almost \$1 million in unpaid fines lection of these fines just after the new year. editor@thepampanews.com

In January The Pampa News will publish the names of those with outstanding warrants. Those names are currently listed on the city's website: cityofpampa.org. In the municipal court section, the list may be accessed.

Then, sometime in February, the police

duct a warrant round-up, seeking those who have not taken care of their business in court. The cost of failing to appear to plead your case can be more than the original

TIME TO PAY UP

cost of the ticket. Two types of minor charges can be taken care of simply, if the person charged does appear

department plans to con- before Pampa Municipal Court as instructed on the ticket.

One is a Class C charge, which is a misdemeanor fine-only charge that does not originally have any jail time associated with it. The second is a ticket/charges filed by a person. If a resident is accused by another citizen, the accused has 12

days to appear in Municipal Court and plead guilty, not guilty or no contest. If you plead guilty, a trial date will be set. If the accused pleads guilty or no contest, a fine will be set.

Warrant

If a person does not appear and take care of the ticket - a warrant of

See Fines Page 3

plans to step up the col-Motions heard in King case Pre-trial motions were heard yesterday morning in 31st District Court in the case of Levi A. King. King is charged with four counts of capital murder. accused in the deaths of





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The defendant was in court for the pre-trial hearing in the case. Several motions were heard, argued and then ruled on by Judge Steven Emmert. A few motions were held for consideration by the court, with some to be heard closer to trial.

by Betsy Phillips

If you have an unpaid

ticket or a fine owed to

the City of Pampa, now is

the time to take care of it.

Colby Brown of the

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According to Sgt.

Police

See King Page 3

staff photo by David Bowser

Hemphill County Sheriff Gary Henderson, left, delivered Levi King to the Gray County Courthouse Monday for a pretrial hearing. King is accused of murdering a family south of Pampa in 2005. King is being held in the Hemphill County Jail.

Win a Wii and more: **Great Turkey Bowl is Sunday**

Enter today! United Supermarkets for The Pampa News. and The Pampa News sponsor first Turkey Bowl Sunday.

Would you really like to give your family a Wii game system for Christmas? How about a load of free groceries including your holiday turkey?

The Pampa News and United Supermarkets, with the support nine other local businesses, will sponsor the Great Turkey Bowl, to be held at 2 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 21 in United Supermarket, 1420 N. Hobart. The grand prize will be awarded to the person who knocks down the most "pins" - and includes a Wii game system with two controls and Wii Sports, gift cards for groceries and a turkey from United Supermarkets and certificates for prizes from each of the participating businesses.

To be eligible, all you have to do is register at one or all of the supporting businesses by 5 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 18. Names will be drawn at each business for a chance to participate in the Great Turkey Bowl. The winning participants will be contacted Friday by ReDonn Woods, advertising director

Participating businesses include: Supermarket; Keyes United Pharmacy, 925 Hobart St., Rheams Diamond Shop, 111 N Cuyler; Pampa Communications, 641 N. Hobart; Cable One, 1423 N. Hobart, Brown's Shoe Fit, 1500 N. Hobart; Frank's True Value Hardware, 401 N. Ballard; Southwest Collision, 2525 W Hwy. 152; Sheila Webb - State Farm Insurance Agency, North side of Coronado Center and The Floor Store, 2110 Perryton Parkway

Randall Pribble, publisher of the Pampa News said Monday he hopes to make this an annual event.

'We've decided to have some fun this holiday," Pribble said. "And we appreciate the fact that many local businesses also want to have some fun and are participating.

"We especially appreciate Troy Newton, the manager of our local United Supermarket, who is our major partner and is hosting this first annual event. It should be fun for the participants and the spectators."

Newton said he's excited to host See Win Page 3

Grant funding awaits approval

by David Bowser

dbowser@thepampanews.com

The Gray County Commission this week approved matching funds for a victim's assistant grant through the governor's office, but the grant has yet to be fund-

Evelyn Rutherford with the 31st District Attorney's Office told the county commission during its Monday meeting that a paragraph had been left out when the commission first approved the request early in the year.

Normally, she said, the funding period would have started in September. Since she had not been notified that the grant had been funded and no money was forthcoming, Rutherford said she assumed that her grant request had been denied.

The governor's office, however, called last month and said that after reviewing the grant request, they needed a resolution from the commission stating that the county would match the funds.

"We've not been told that we got funding," Rutherford said.

But she said they have not been told that funding has been denied under this grant.

Rutherford said she believes that the governor's office is still trying to clean up its grant applications,

She said they told her there was this one last matter concerning the commissions' agreement to matching funds. Once that is cleared up, Rutherford said she was told, the governor's office could either deny or approve the application.

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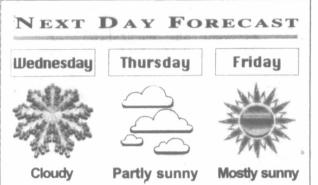
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Tuesday, December 16, 2008 — The Pampa News





Alonzo Charles "Lonnie"

Weatherford, Okla., resi-

dent, were held at 10

a.m., today, Tuesday, Dec. 16, 2008, in First

Weatherford, Okla., with

Earl Stephenson officiat-

in Memory Gardens

Cemetery in Pampa,

June 29, 1929, in Union

County, N.M., to Richard

K. and Nadia (Mundy)

Parsley and passed away

on Friday, Dec. 12, 2008,

Burial will be at 3 p.m.

Lonnie was born on

Church

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Parsley,

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Texas.



Alonzo Charles 'Lonnie' Parsley, 79

Funeral services for in Weatherford Regional Hospital. 79-year-old

Lonnie was raised and attended school in Felt, Okla. From the age of 14 to 19, he worked doing auto bodywork. On Aug. 22, 1948,

Lonnie married Marie Mize in Pampa, Texas. In 1947, he started in the roofing business and later owned and operated Parsley Sheet Metal and Roofing Company for over 40 years.

He moved to Weatherford, Okla., in 1991

Lonnie enjoyed bowlfishing, hunting, ing,

working with people, and he took great pride in all his handyman work.

Memorials may be made to the Swan Lake Baptist Church, Lake Fort Cobb, Okla.

Lonnie is survived by his long-time loving companion, Betty Combs, of their home in Weatherford, Okla.; two sons, Ronnie Parsley and wife, Betty, and Randy Parsley and wife, Michele, all of Pampa, Texas; four daughters, Viola Bray and husband, Roger of Pocatello, Idaho, Kathy Cluck and Joe, husband, of

Manny Holden, 69

Manny Holden, 69, of 1960. He was a licensed of the Masonic Lodge, funeral director, and was president of the owned and operated Everyman's Bible Class and attended Grace Baptist Church. He was an avid OU Funeral

fan, and he was loved and valued by his family who knew his loving and sensitive heart. include Amarillo, Texas, Rita Stephens and husband, Clay of Mason City, Iowa, and Nita Mackey of Amarillo, Texas; one brother, Larry Parsley and wife, Maxine, of White Deer, Texas; one sister, Sallie Stidger and husband, Oscar, of Amarillo, Texas; 22 grandchildren; 27 greatgrandchildren; and spefriends, cial Janice Isenberg and husband, Tim, and Sandra Hook and husband, Carl.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and two brothers, Sidney and Sammy Parsley.

two nieces, Cathey Harwood of Salt Lake City, Utah, and Donnia Bondallian of Kona, Hawaii; and numerous great-nieces and greatnephews.

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

Emergency Services

Pampa Department reported the following calls between 7 a.m. Dec. 11 and 7 a.m. Dec. 12.

Thursday, Dec. 11 Officers conducted 20 traffic stops. Stops in the 300 block of Starkweather and the 100 block of Crawford resulted in at least one arrest.

Calls and stops concerning animals occurred in the 400 block of Graham, the

ed in the 600 block of North Dwight.

Traffic accidents were reported in the 1400 block of North Hobart, the 100 block of West 30th and the 1800 block of North Coffee.

A narcotics violation was reported in the 1300 block of North Mary Ellen.

Theft was reported at EZ Pawn, 613 N. Hobart, where an iPod valued at \$195 was reported stolen.

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Wednesday: A slight chance of rain, snow, freezing rain, and sleet before 2 p.m., then a slight chance of rain between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m., then a slight chance of rain or freezing rain after 5 p.m. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 38. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent. Wednesday Night: A slight chance of snow and

freezing drizzle. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 27. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

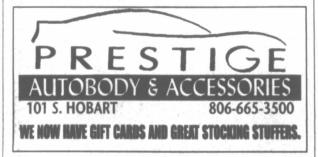
Thursday: Partly sunny, with a high near 50. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 28. Windy, with a west-southwest wind 20 to 25 mph becoming west 10 to 15 mph. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 48. West wind 5 to 15 mph becoming south.

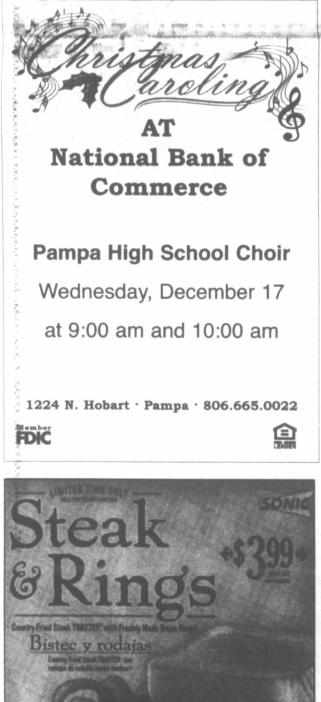
Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 32.

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Pampa, Texas, died Dec. 15, 2008, at Pampa. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors. Mr. Holden was born March 7, 1939, in Tulsa,

Okla. He had been a resident of Pampa since

Holden Overland Transportation, transporting for Carmichael-Whatley Directors and other funeral homes in the Panhandle area. Manny was a member



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LIFESTYLES EARLY Deadline for notices in the Dec. 27/28th (weekend edition), deadline is Tues. Dec. 23rd, at noon for anniversary, engagement, cradle call, etc. Merry Christmas from the Pampa News!

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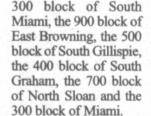
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Alarms were reported in the 300 block of North Cuyler, the 1300 block of West Kentucky and the 2700 block of North Duncan.

Theft, involving reported fraudulent use of a debit card in the amount of \$200, was reported at the PD.

Disorderly conduct was reported at Pampa Junior High School, 2401 N. Charles; and in the 300 block of East Brown.

Identity theft, involving reported fraudulent use of a Social Security number, was reported in the 1100 block of Frost.

Silent/abusive 911 calls were reported in the 300 block of North Christy and the 600 block of North Frost.

Found property was reported at the PD. Burglary was report-

Harassment was reported in the 2600 block of North Navajo Road.

A suspicious person was reported in the 100 block of South Sumner.

Traffic complaints were reported in the 800 block of East Browning, in the 2800 block of North Charles and at Pampa Junior High.

Agency assistance was rendered at Nelson and Alcock streets.

Domestic disturbances were reported in the 2100 block of North Sumner, the 2200 block of North Russell and twice in the 600 block of Plains.

Friday, Dec. 12 Officers conducted one traffic stop.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1100 block of South Christy and the 600 block of North Lefors.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 600 block of Plains.

Theft was reported in the 1900 block of North Hobart.

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- Do I take annuity or rollover IRA?
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- Do I have other choices?

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Amarillo TV stations to conduct analog shut-off test

Broadcast TV stations viewers tion on Feb. 17, 2009

Tomorrow, Wednesday, Dec. 17 at 6:28 p.m. and Feb. 17, but digital TV is 9:59 p.m. participating sttions will run a twominute test. Participating Stations include KAMR, KCIT, and KACV.

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Viewers who watch in free, over-the-air broad- Rodriguez said. "It's especast television on older cially important for viewanalog televisions with ers who want the \$40 set-top or roof-top anten- coupons to act now. While nas may be affected.

stations are sponsoring an cessing and delivery takes automated phone bank with a toll-free number to handle viewer questions. mid-January, you may not The number will be oper- receive it in time for the able until Feb. 18, 2009.

The stations will simultaneously replace programming on their analog signals with instructions in English or Spanish on their analog signals and how to prepare for the switch to digital on Feb. DTV conversion.

If a viewer has not installed a set-top con- sion provides viewers betverter box or has not replaced analog sets with and - in many communidigital sets, they will be ties – additional channels instructed how to prepare of programming, all free, for the Feb. 17 switch.

Approximately 22,320 households in the Amarillo television market watch television exclusively over-the-air.

ing a station's digital signal, or who purchase television services from cable or satellite companies, will see a crawl reminding them to check all TV sets in their household to ensure they are receiving

buy new TV sets or begin gency responders. paying for cable or satel-

digital signals.

Coupons can be secured in Amarillo will temporar- by applying online at ily shut off their analog www.DTV2009.gov or signals in order to help calling toll-free 1-888determine DTV-2009. Assistance is whether their TV sets are available in English and ready for the DTV transi- Spanish and for the hearing impaired.

'Analog TV ends on available now - free and over-the-air. We urge all viewers to make the conversion now. Don't wait KFDA/KTMO, until February when converter boxes will likely be short supply,' the application process TAB and the Amarillo takes just minutes, proweeks. If you don't apply for your coupon until transition."

About the Transition Congress mandated all full-power TV stations in the United States shut off 17, 2009.

Digital broadcast televiter pictures, clearer sound over-the-air from local stations.

Viewers with high-definition TV sets also receive high-definition TV programs free, over-the-air. Viewers already receiv- Only local broadcasters deliver free HDTV programming.

The digital conversion allows the federal government to auction off spectrum for new telecommunication services and reallocate part of the spec-"Viewers do not have to nications among emer-

Texas broadcasters have

Grants

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the application.

The commission agreed to the request, approving the resolution Monday, on the condition that the matching funds would come from the district attorney's forfeiture fund and not taxpayer money.

The matching funds would not come out of the county, said Gray County Judge Richard Peet, but from the district attorney's office.

Rutherford said the matching funds for the grant would come out of the forfeiture fund in the district attorney's office.

The district attorney's office has funding from the Texas Attorney General's Office through a Victim Coordinator and Liaison Grant that pays for a victim coordinator for 20 hours a week.

The attorney general's grant was for two years

Fines

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arrest will be issued. The person will have the warrant until they take care of it, or are arrested for it. The Department of Public Safety (driver's license authority) will be notified of the warrant and the driver's license can be suspended or denied for renewal. This can also follow a person to another state.

When a person is arrested, the will make a plea on the charge and be released to pay. The amount of time they have depends on the court. There are payment plans and community service a person can do to take care of this.

Capias warrant If the person does not pay the fine of the original charge, a Capias Warrant

will be issued. This

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and will expire in August, 2009. The grant through the governor's office is the Violence Against Women Act, or VAWA, and comes through the governor's office. Rutherford apologized

for the confusion surrounding the different grants. "I'm the grant writer,"

she said, "and this is all my fault.'

She said that in her first conversation with the governor's office, she was told the missing paragraph concerned the county taking over funding if the funding from the governor's office failed to continue.

At their Dec. 1 meeting, the commission deferred action on the resolution. asking the district attorney to get clarification from the state.

When Rutherford called the governor's office, she was told the missing paragraph involved the mention of matching funds.

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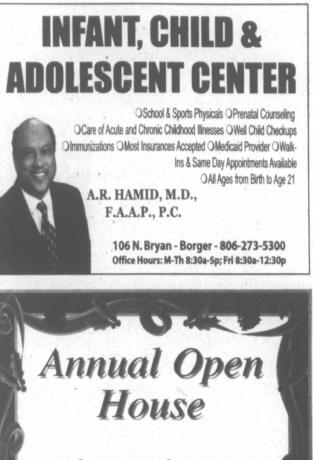
ty.'

The paragraph now Whereas, the reads, Gray County Commissioners agree to provide applicable matching fund for the said project as required by the VAWA grant application.'

"All know," we Rutherford said, "is that

the governor's office is requesting that this paperwork be correct so that they can fairly evaluate our application."

Rutherford said she is already writing the grant applications for next year that's due in January.



American **Red Cross**

Thursday, December 18th 1:00 - 5:00 108 N. Russell, Pampa

Public Welcome

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verter boxes are available for as little as \$40 that will pass through the digital signals to existing sets and allow viewers to conthe air." The converter boxes are

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lite service," said TAB spent hundreds of mil-Vice President Oscar lions of dollars on new Rodriguez. "Set-top con- transmission infrastructure, studios and production equipment to comply with the federal mandate. In addition, they have

dedicated \$100 million in tinue watching their advertising time to help favorite stations free, over viewers prepare for the DTV transition.

Visit www.dtv2009.gov available at H-E-B gro- for more information on cery stores, Radio Shack, set-top converter boxes &

Visit www.antennaweb.org for information The federal government on ensuring you have the is subsidizing the cost of right antenna to receive the converter boxes with all local broadcast TV sigmeans that when they are arrested, they must either stay in jail or pay the fine. "Some people would just rather sit it out in jail," Sgt. Brown said. Credit is given toward the fine of \$50 for each day spent in jail. A fine of \$500 will take 10 days of their life. Collections This year the city has instituted a collections

program to try to encourage those who owe fines to pay. After. a warrant or Capias warrant has been active for three months, it will be turned over to collections. The amount will go up by 30 percent for the collections agency.

So if you, or someone you know currently owes a fine to the City of Pampa, perhaps a good way to start the new year would be to take care of

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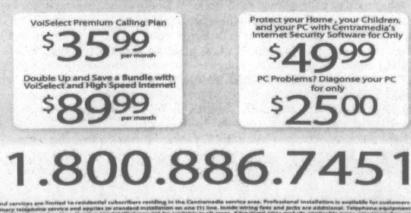
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Viewpoints

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Dec. 16, the 351st day of 2008. There are 15 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 16, 1773, the Boston Tea Party took place as American colonists boarded a British ship and dumped more than 300 chests of tea overboard to protest tea taxes.

On this date:

In 1653, Oliver Cromwell became lord protector of England, Scotland and Ireland.

In 1770, composer Ludwig van Beethoven was born in Bonn, Germany.

In 1907, 16 U.S. Navy battleships, which came to be known as the "Great White Fleet," set sail on a 14-month round-the-world voyage to demonstrate American sea power.

In 1944, the World War II Battle of the Bulge began as German forces launched a surprise attack

'Somewhere in the world there is an epigram for every dilemma.'

Hendrik Willem Van Loon Dutch-born journalist and lecturer (1882-1944).

Allied against forces in Belgium (the Allies were eventually able to beat the Germans back). 1950, In President Harry S.

Truman proclaimed a national state of emergency in order to fight "world conquest by Communist imperialism."

In 1960, 134 people were killed when a United Air Lines DC-8 and a TWA Super Constellation col-

lided over New York City.

In 1976, the government halted its swine flu vaccination program following reports of paralysis apparently linked to the vaccine.

In 1991, the U.N. General Assembly rescinded its 1975 resolution equating Zionism with racism by a vote of 111-25.

In 2000, President-elect George W. Bush selected Colin Powell to become the first black secretary of state.

Ten years ago: President Bill Clinton ordered a sustained series of airstrikes against Iraq by American and British forces in response to Saddam Hussein's continued defiance of UN weapons inspectors. The House delayed a debate set to begin the next day on four articles of impeachment against President Clinton.

Five years ago: President George W. Bush signed a number of measures into law, including legislation meant to stem the flood of junk e-mail known as "spam" and a bill to establish a national museum devoted to black history. President Bush told ABC News that Saddam Hussein deserved the "ultimate penalty" for his crimes. Germany and France, two of the most ardent opponents of the American-led war, agreed to relieve Iraq's debt burden. Actress Madlyn Rhue died in Los Angeles at age 68.

Foster children need help during the holiday season and through the year

by Harriet O'Neill

The holiday season is here. It's a time for giving and also a good time to pause and reflect on the many blessings for which we are thankful.

As a parent, my children top the list. Every day I am grateful for the joy, and the challenges, they bring. Their safety and well-being are my first and last thoughts of the day. I am counting the hours until they return home for the holidays, eager to hear their voices, listen to their stories, and share their dreams. All across the nation, families are making preparations to connect with loved ones.

Think for a moment of what it would be like to have no one expecting you home; No one looking out the window awaiting your arrival; No one to lament if distance or circumstance prevent you from being there; No one to give thanks that you are part of their life. Thousands of Texas children know that feel-

ing all too well. On any given day in Texas, there are more than 17,000 children in foster care. Many of these children have been abused or neglected and

removed from their homes, perhaps forever, through no fault of their own. These children have either lost, or never experienced, the sense of permanence and belonging that comes with being

part of a family. Children like Benjamin (not his real name), who at 5 years old was placed in foster care because his mother was a drug addict who supported her habit with prostitution. For 12 years Ben moved from

foster home to foster home, from treatment center to treatment center, clinging to thebelief that any day his mother would reappear and make everything right.

She never did, and Ben never experienced the love or security of a real family. Two days before his 18th birthday, Ben was arrested for stealing. He turned 18 in jail. When Ben walked out as an adult, he had aged out of the foster care system and disappeared into the homeless population. No one noticed. No one was waiting for him to come home.

More than 6,000 children in Texas are waiting for a family to adopt them, to love them, and to cherish them forever. These kids long every day for a family, for a place to belong, and the holidays are particularly

painful.

You can make a difference. During this holiday season, consider whether you could be that person who waits at the window for a child without a home. If you can, you will give the gift of a lifetime. If you can't, there are so many other ways to help. It is said that you don't have to raise a child to raise them up -- you just have to raise your hand. Every minute you devote to helping a child in foster care has an impact.

O'Neill is a Supreme Court of Texas Justice and chair of the Commission on Children, Youth, and Families. Visit www.RaiseMeUp.org to explore adoption opportunities and the many ways that you can volunteer your time.



Today's Birthdays: Actress Liv Ullmann is 70. CBS news correspondent Lesley Stahl is 67. TV producer Steven Bochco is 65. Pop singer Benny Andersson (ABBA) is 62. Actor Ben Cross is 61.



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How about some good financial news?

by Martha Carr

When times are hard or at least complicated sometimes it makes sense to go ask the advice of someone who's seen it all before or who's still doing well. Fortunately, Seth Glickenhaus at 94 years old is both and was willing to take a few questions.

Glickenhaus and Co., the equity management company based in New York City has been consistently ranked in the top five in returns, including this very interesting year and his group is considered by many to be the foremost money management team in the world. The company invests about \$1.5 billion and will take new accounts starting at \$100,000. Glickenhaus and Co. also has a long history of supporting causes and in particular education and public health and through the foundation gives to over 700 different groups.

But enough with the background; we're all here to find out what to avoid in the stock market and where to put whatever investment money we might have left at this

band-aid in one quick gulp and get the bad news over with first. None of this is going to

come as a surprise. Glickenhaus advises avoiding investing in the current market in housing, auto, airline, or brokerage stocks or bonds from municipalities. Not only have they taken body blows lately but the downturn is probably not yet complete.

But there are some bright areas of news, according to Glickenhaus. First of all, for the first time in history, the U.S. and other nations are spending trillions to straighten out the economy, said "because Glickenhaus, our public officials live for two overwhelming reasons. One, to stay out of jail, and two, to be reelected. They will do everything they can to reduce the depth and duration of the recession." At the beginning of the Great Depression the Hoover administration hesitated and did nothing, which many believe made the downturn far worse.

Also, China and India are not going into a reces-

point. Let's pull of the sion. Their growth rates are going to be diminished but they will still have an uptick. The same will be true for a few other countries in '09, despite a general depression.

> U.S. is not on that list there is a way that the new administration could solve two problems in one package that has already been rumored to be part of the Obama team's new plan. Glickenhaus suggests spending money on the repair of the country's long-neglected infrastructure. A lot of public works are in disrepair from years of politicians putting off spending money in that realm.

Badly needed repairs would also put a lot of Americans back to work and pour money into the economy through jobs rather than a bailout. "Bush bought ammunition, which was valueless to us. Repairing the infrastructure, courts, hospitals, schools, bridges, is not just creating jobs but creating real assets to us," said Glickenhaus.

As for investing in stocks, Glickenhaus notes, the market was

pounded down to an absurd degree by the media and the dramatic number of failures but is now at a low. Time to invest but as always with some caution.

'One of the groups that However, although the I feel will do very well," said Glickenhaus, "is pipeline stocks that transport oil, natural gas, liquid gas from producing areas to areas where they can be distributed to the public. Even in a recession or depression people will continue to light and heat their homes, heat the water, use power for cooking and drive their automobiles."

Three stocks he recommends as a buy are: Enterprise Products or EPD, Boardwalk Partners or BWP and Energy Transfer Equity or ETE. Glickenhaus notes that all three limited partnerships that are listed on the NYSE have yields of about 10 to 11 percent per annum. "I feel these stocks can appreciate considerably since they are down substantially from their highs and with good prospects for increasing in their distributions. said Glickenhaus.

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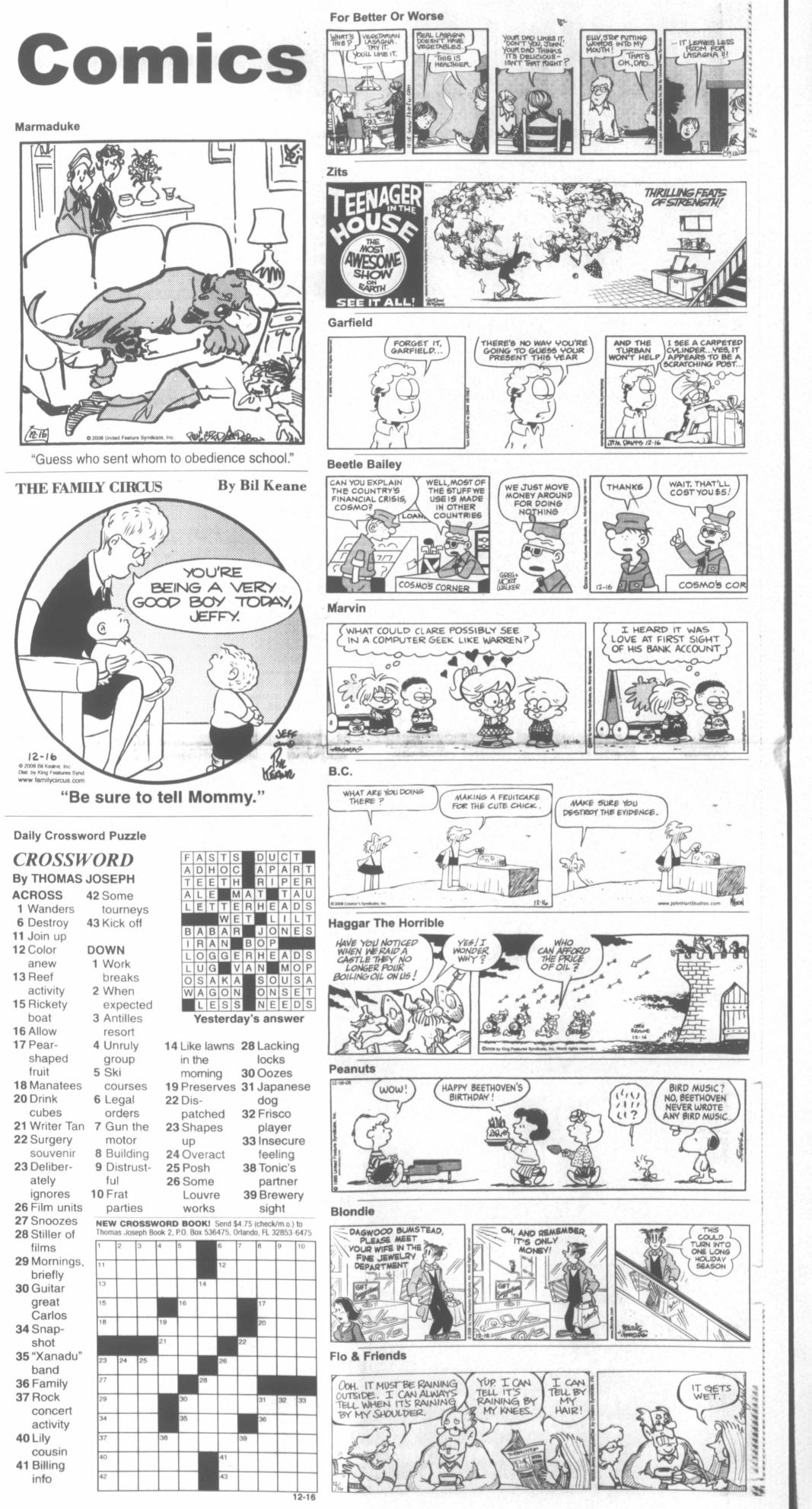
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Local News & Sports

Pampa 107, Borger 41

The Pampa High SchoolHarvesters played Texas mous 44 point deficit, 14-58. style last night, going for big numbers, as they hosted the Borger Bulldogs in their second meeting of the sea- to put up huge numbers, and tamed the Bulldogs son.

Pampa made a clear opening statement, starting the poised and confident on the court as they dominated Borger with suffocating defense and hot shooting.

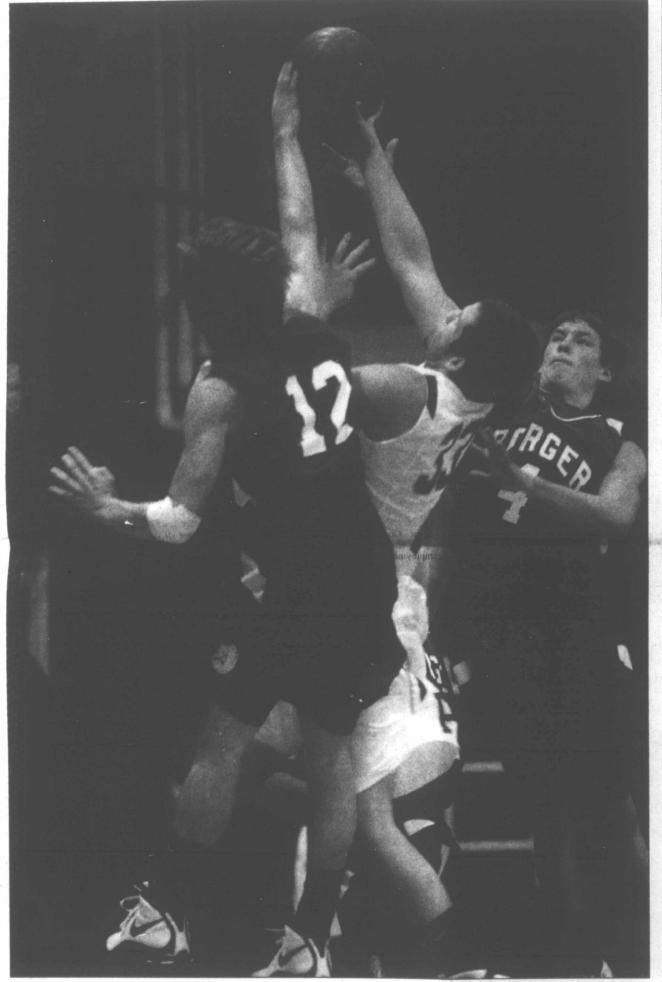
The defense forced turnovers and blocked shots to suppress the Borger offense early. Alex Torres and Covalt's 2. Hayden Skinner put up 10 points each as they closed out the opening quarter 28-5.

among eight players, four off the bench. Borger continued to struggle, and found themselves with an enor-

During the second half of the game Pampa continued offense in a 107-41 massacre.

Alex Torres scored 21 points to lead the way along first quarter with a 16-0 run. The Harvesters looked with Hayden Skinner's 16, Alex Clendening and Heath Skinner's 12, Travis Hagerman and Nathan Webb's 10, Matt Smith's 6, Ryan Jimenez and Cobran Harris' 5, Blake Sieck and Braden Hunt's 4 and John Luke

The Harvesters (9-4) have improved in comparison to their first 6 games (3-3) to their last 7(6-1). Pampa's In the second quarter, Pampa spread its scoring next game will be in Lubbock at the Caprock Tourney, Monday, December 29.



JV BOUNCES BULLDOGS

On a rare Monday night game the Pampa Harvester JV basketball team hosted the Borger Bulldogs.

Coming off of a second place finish in the Miami tournament, the Harvesters looked pretty good in the first quarter. The game began with both teams being productive on offense. Pampa led after the first quarter 19-17.

Pampa would play better defense in the second quarter with a full court press that created many turnovers and easy baskets. By the end of the first half the Harvesters opened up a 34-21 lead, holding Borger to just 4 points in the second quarter.

The third quarter Pampa was firing on all cylinders, playing good defense and making their shots count, stretching the lead to 18 leading 47-29.

In the final period Pampa would lead by as many as 20 before closing the game 68-45.

Coach Kaleb Snelgrooes said, "We played well and I am excited to finish the semester on a win."

Tyler Malone and Zac Murray played quality minutes and pulled down key rebounds. Scoring for Pampa was Garrett Ericson 20, Latigo Collins 15, Reid Miller 12, Luke Watson and Mitch Simon 6, Jonathan Polasek, Reid Bradley, Chase Ferguson and Joseph Mechelay 2 and Brandon Chairez 1. The Harvester JV improves their record to 7-4 and will take the rest of the month off. They will play next on January 2, 2009, in the Perryton tournament.

Pampa events & opportunites

• Tralee Crisis Center money to help with the on the tree. Families are mation, call 665-4752 kept confidential. Persons an item is not provided so 669-3580. that organizers can pur-Commerce in Pampa. tion against several childhood diseases including the Internet. polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), cough HIB

of Pampa launched its cost of keeping the clinic annual Tree of Blessing open. The amount program this month to charged will be based on benefit victims of domes- family income and size, tic violence and/or sexual and the ability to pay. The assault. Client families following clinic(s) will be are screened and submit offered: 9:30-11:30 a.m. "wish lists." Paper orna- and 1-3 p.m., Dec. 17, ments are made for each TDH, 736 S. Cuyler, item requested and hung Pampa. For more infor-

staff photo by David Bowser

Surrounded by Borger Bulldogs, Harvester Nathan Webb (33) tries to sink two more points during Monday night's game at McNeely Field House. Pampa won 107-41.





Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I have been dating "Felix" for six years. He moved in with me a year ago. We decided to do it because it made sense economically, and also to find out if our lifestyles meshed. We now know that we are compatible, and I feel that I am living with the man I would like to marry soon.

My problem is although I have a stable, high-paying job and am ready for marriage and children, Felix is not. He has given me the distinct impression that he has no plans to marry me for at least two years -- until he finds a higher-paying job and can support himself instead of depending on me.

I feel awkward not knowing when -- or if -- Felix will propose. I now realize that I acted too soon in encouraging us to live together. I don't know if I should just accept our living situation or ask him to move out until he's ready for marriage. How should I approach this without making him think I no longer love him? -

- TOO QUICK IN SAN JOSE

DEAR TOO QUICK: You and Felix need to have a loving -- but frank -- conversation. I respect the fact that he doesn't want to be married until he is in a stronger financial position. And I also respect the fact that you don't want to just live together indefinitely.

A lot can happen in two years. People's goals can change, they can meet others and their careers can separate them. It appears that you and Felix may suffer from a case of bad timing. It is important that both of you be free to grow in your own ways.

While this might seem sad, it does not mean that you do not care for each other, or that you won't wind up together. But for now, some separation would be the healthiest thing for both of you. If your relationship is meant to be, his moving out won't kill it.

DEAR ABBY: Our neighbors are taking advantage of us. They go on five vacations a year and expect us to watch their cat and house -- for no pay. This includes shoveling snow, watering plants and flowers, mowing their lawn, getting their mail and feeding their cat, along with litter box duty. They insist

 Red Hat Dollies interested in picking up Society of Pampa will an ornament and purchas- meet at 11:30 a.m. Dec. ing the item listed may 18 at the Pampa Senior contact Tralee. The dead- Citizens Center for lunchline to return all items eon and gift exchange. unwrapped to the office is Guests are welcome. For Dec. 19. All ornaments more information, call must be returned even if 669-9297, 669-9916 or

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that "Princess" be checked on twice a day.

My husband and I work full-time and have three small children. We have told our neighbors how busy we are, but they still expect it of us. They don't even ask nicely. They'll say, "We're going to be gone for a week and will need you to take care of our place."

They're an older couple and generally good neighbors, but we feel that if they can afford to take all these trips, they can also afford to pay us. They do bring us trinkets from their travels, but we could really use the money. They have no children or other close neighbors.

What should we do? Please hurry because they have another trip coming up. -- POOPED-OUT PET SIT-TERS

DEAR POOPED OUT: Start checking around to see what professional house and pet sitters are charging for their services in your area. Then have a frank chat with these neighbors and inform them what the going rate is, and that rather than trinkets you could use the money. If they're smart, they'll compensate you because you have already proven that you are honest and reliable as well as close by.

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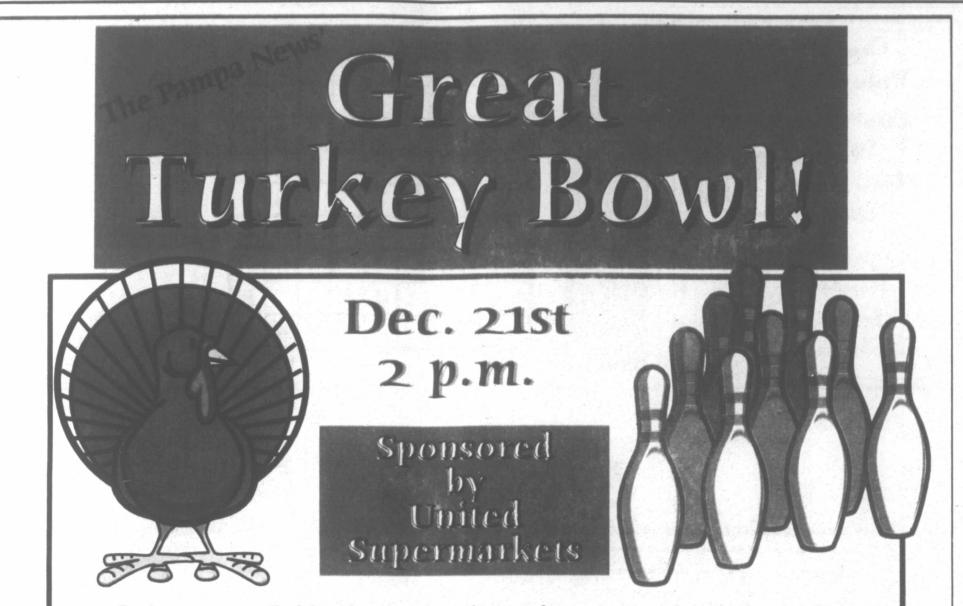
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The Grand Prize winner will receive a Nintendo Wii!

Each bowler will have one try at rolling a frozen turkey down an aisle to knock down a set of "bowling pins." The winner will be the person who knocks down the most pins with one roll. In the event of a tie, the bowlers will receive additional rolls until the tie is broken.

(Must be 18 years of age or older to enter. Employees and the immediate families of participating business sponsors are ineligible to win. Contestants chosen for the Great Turkey Bowl must be present to participate at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 21. In the event the contestant is not present, he or she will be disqualified.)

