

For the record

PAMPA FORECAST

Saturday	Sunday	Monday
High 68 Low 33	High 45 Low 27	High 46 Low 27

Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 37. Southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 68. Wind chill values between 30 and 38 early. West southwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming north northwest.

Saturday Night: A slight chance of rain after midnight, mixing with snow after 3am. Increasing clouds, with a low around 33. Wind chill values between 23 and 28. North northeast wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20%.

Sunday: A chance of rain and snow before 3 pm, then a chance of snow. Cloudy, with a high near 45. North wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30%.

Sunday Night: A 20 percent chance of snow before midnight. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 27. North wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 46. North wind 5 to 15 mph becoming east southeast. Winds could gust as high as 20 mph.

Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 27. East southeast wind around 5 mph becoming west southwest.

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Obituaries

W. H. "Bill" Monroe, 91

Pampa— W. H. "Bill" Monroe, 91, died November 23, 2009, in Pampa, Texas.

At Mr. Monroe's request, his body was donated to Texas Tech School of Medicine. Memorial services will be at 4:00 PM Monday, November 30, 2009, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel, with John Curry and Don Lane, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Monroe was born June 12, 1918 in Bell County to Sam and Elizabeth Monroe. He was a graduate of what is now West Texas A&M University. He was a 1st Sgt. in the U. S. Army, during World War II, serving in France and Germany

until his honorable discharge in 1946. After the war, Bill became a lifetime member of the V.F.W. and American Legion, and served as commander of the firing squad for honoring veterans who were killed in action during World War II, and were repatriated to the United States. He married Grace Margaret White on June 2, 1942 in Wichita Falls, and they came to Pampa in 1956. Bill was auditor for the Texas Employment Commission for 30 years in the Vernon, Childress and Pampa offices. He and Grace also owned and operated Sands Fabrics in Pampa from 1959 until his retirement in 1986. He joined the First United Methodist Church in 1956 and was president of the

WinSome Sunday School class for two terms. Bill served on the finance committee and the administrative board of the church. He was an avid golfer, scoring a "hole-in-one" and shot his age many times.

Survivors include his wife, Grace Monroe of the home; three daughters, Sammie Collins of Alexandria, Virginia, Ann Cude and husband Roger of Lubbock, and Nancy Fletcher and husband Chris of Burleson; nine grandchildren: Ryan Collins and wife Mari, Erin Shannon and husband Andy, Tanner Horton and wife Emily, Meg Horton, Carrie Burns and husband Matt, Greg Fletcher, Allison Fletcher, Zach Cude and wife Sara, and Russell Cude and wife Lady; and six great-grand-



Monroe

children. Bill was preceded in death by his parents: Samuel J. and Elizabeth Hill Monroe; and 2 brothers: Frank Ryan Monroe and Leonard Monroe.

MEMORIALS: Interim Health Care, 2217 Perryton Pkwy, Pampa, Texas 79065, or First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 1981, Pampa, Texas 79066-1981.

Sign the on-line register at www.carmichael-whatley.com

Jackie Lee George Pierce, 42

Pampa— Jackie Lee George Pierce, 42, died November 25, 2009, in Pampa, Texas.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, November 30, 2009, at Fairview Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Pierce was born February 9, 1967 in Amarillo, attending schools in Canyon. She married Billy Pierce on January 11, 1986 in Canyon. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1991. Jackie was a homemaker and in her spare time, she liked to crochet, sew, and scrapbook, but most of all, she liked to play with her grandchild-



Pierce

dren.

Survivors include her husband, Billy Pierce of the home; two sons, Clent Pierce and Dillon Pierce, both of Pampa; a daughter: Lacey Villegas and husband Armando of Pampa; grandson: Isaiah Villegas of Pampa; granddaughter, Jasmyne Villegas of

Pampa; two sisters. Kristina George of Amarillo, and Carol Miller and husband Jay of Oklahoma; a brother: Carl George of Goldwaite; niece, Hope George of Amarillo; nephew: Brody

Miller of Amarillo. Jackie was preceded in death by her parents: Johnnie and Linda George.

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God Bless and keep you all.
Herman and Lois Ledbetter family

Whether you said a prayer, sent a card, flowers, telephone call, brought food, dropped by or even thought of us, we can't convey how much it warmed our hearts and comforted each an every one of us. You are all very special people. We are truly blessed to have such loving and wonderful people in our lives. A special thank you to Dean and Marilyn Smith and Bobby and Carol Cooper for catering our family luncheons. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts. God's blessing to all.
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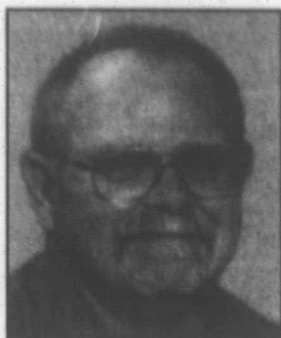
Larry Dean Price, 59

Pampa — Larry Dean Price, 59, died Wednesday, Nov. 25, 2009 in Amarillo.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, 2009 at the Bible Church of Pampa with Michael Price, his nephew, officiating. Cremation and arrangements are by Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Larry was born on Oct. 20, 1950 in Pampa and was a 1969 graduate of Pampa High School. He owned and operated High Plains Printing for several years before going to work for National Oilwell where he had been employed for the past 3 years. He was a member of the Bible Church of Pampa, and he was a good friend to many people. Larry was preceded in death by his father, R. L. Price, by his mother, Aldine Lawrence, and by a brother, David Price, Sr.

Survivors include one son, Steven Price and wife Heather of Amarillo; one daughter, Charity Knight of



Price

Vernon; one brother, Gary Price and wife Carmen of Rio Rancho, New Mexico; one sister: Nelda Clements and husband Bailey of Carson City, Nevada; 12 grandchildren; three nephews, Davey Price, Jr. and wife Ann and Michael Price and wife Si, all of Pampa and Shawn Price of Lake Tahoe, NV; several great nieces and great nephews.

MEMORIALS: Bible Church of Pampa, 300 W. Browning, Pampa, TX 79065 or Odyssey Healthcare, 6900 I-40 West, Suite 150, Amarillo, TX 79106.

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Texans feast, dash, camp on Thanksgiving Day

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DALLAS (AP) — Texans tried to make sure that no fellow Texan went without a traditional Thanksgiving feast.

The 30th annual Raul Jimenez Thanksgiving dinner for more than 25,000 diners in San Antonio was just one of many community feasts served up on Thursday.

Patricia Jimenez took over the dinner in 1999 after her father Raul, a restaurateur and businessman, passed away, and she said it has been an honor to keep up a tradition that he started — and that keeps the memory of him alive.

"I really enjoyed watching him go out there and dance with all the senior citizens," she said. "He didn't care. He'd be out there the whole time without a break. Just seeing him there with his big chef's hat, seeing him smile, those are wonderful times that I will never forget."

This year's feast brought out new people because of tough economic times, but many were thankful they could join the festivities, she said.

"It just kind of lifts their spirits," Jimenez told The Associated Press on Thursday.

But even as many were packing on the calories, hundreds of runners burned

them off in the annual 7.2-mile Turkey Trot in Dallas. "Now we can eat with a clear conscience," Chris Jones of Flower Mound told The Dallas Morning News after the race.

Still others marked the holiday by pitching camp outside major retailers to get an early crack at Black Friday bargains — even some Thanksgiving Day deals. Maria and Jose Barrera pitched a tent outside a Best Buy store in Waco at midnight Tuesday. "We've camped out the last six years. Usually we're somewhere in the middle, but this time we're first in line," Martha Barrera told the Waco Tribune-Herald.

Of course, Thanksgiving always allows for opportunities to give back.

Throughout the Dallas-Fort Worth area, Salvation Army spokesman Patrick Patey said his organization was busy feeding people. Hundreds of volunteers were on hand to serve an expected 2,500 to 3,000 meals in Denton, McKinney, Dallas and Fort Worth, he said.

"In fact, we're still in the process of doing that right now," Patey told The Associated Press Thursday. "Today being Thanksgiving, we just don't believe it should be just another day."

National restaurant chain The Cheesecake Factory and Grand Lux Cafe also got in on the festivities with food donations to the Salvation Army's Cedar Crest facility in southern Dallas, Patey said. The California-based company is one of many that participates in a nationwide Thanksgiving Day Feast celebration annually.

Near the Texas coast, residents in the nation's fourth-largest city busied themselves with Houston Superfeast. Nearly 21,000 people are expected to attend that free Thanksgiving event now in its 25th year, while the Houston Chronicle said a similar number was expected at the George R. Brown Convention Center.

In the West Texas town of Brownwood, 150 miles southwest of Dallas, more than 100 volunteers helped serve and deliver meals from the campus of Howard Payne University to people throughout the community. Now in its 26th year, more than 600 people dined at the school last year and volunteers delivered more than 1,200 meals, school spokesman Bill Fishback told the Brownwood Bulletin.

Simply put, it's just a fun time, he said.

charter. Since county's aren't charted in the State of Texas, but rather created by an act of the legislature, Switzer requested some sort of paperwork for the bank indicating the legal creation of the county.

The commission is also expected to appoint a member of the county commission to the Executive Board of Panhandle Community Services during their first meeting of December.

The county commission will also consider requests for proposals in connection with insurance for the county's general liabilities, property, public officials and employees, airport, heavy equipment use, business automobile use, county law enforcement and workers compensation.

The Gray County Commission will meet at 9 a.m., Tuesday, in the county courtroom on the second floor of the courthouse, 205 N. Russell.

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hunting seasons. For more information about hunting or other park questions, please contact Lake Meredith NRA headquarters, 419 E. Broadway, Fritch, Texas, phone 806-857-3151.

Oil

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Benchmark crude for January delivery fell \$2.20 to \$75.76 on Nymex by midday.

At one point, prices had dropped \$5.57, the largest dollar decline since April 20 when crude prices tumbled \$4.45 to \$45.88.

Any decline in the price of crude would likely help most consumers in the short term because gasoline and other fuel prices tend to follow the direction of oil.

At the pump, retail gas prices slid by a penny from a week ago to a new national average of \$2.632 a gallon, according to AAA. A gallon of regular unleaded is 5.1 cents cheaper than a month ago and prices have fallen for a week straight.

The day after the Thanksgiving is usually a very light day on markets and most energy experts said trading next week would be a better indicator for consumers as far as energy prices.

Dubai has experienced unprecedented growth

over the past decade, and the semiautonomous city-state has spent billions on sprawling man-made islands, an indoor ski slope and the world's largest tower.

It's main funding vehicle, Dubai World, said it would ask creditors for a "standstill" on paying back its \$60 billion debt until at least May.

That helped send the U.S. dollar higher, which can add more downward pressure on oil prices.

Crude is bought and sold largely in dollars, so investors holding major currencies would have to pay more to buy oil when the dollar rises.

"The strengthening dollar is dislodging a huge amount of speculative capital," said Jim Ritterbusch, president of energy consultancy Ritterbusch and Associates., adding that energy demand weakness throws yet another wrench into the industry's recovery.

Terrell mourns death of fifth local soldier

TERRELL, Texas (AP) — As the sobering news spread this week that one of their own died at war, residents of Terrell knew immediately that they would soon gather along flag-lined downtown streets for a procession.

Just as they have done four times before.

Army Spc. Joseph "Joe" Michael Lewis, 26, whose wife and young daughter live in Terrell, became the fifth service member from the city of about 15,500 to die in Afghanistan or Iraq since 2004. He is the second to die since October.

"Having a second one so soon, it's kind of a little bit of a shock," said Terrell Fire Chief Jim Harper. "I guess you see and hear about the war in Afghanistan and Iraq every day on the news, but this puts so much more of a

personal spin on it for those of us here."

Army Sgt. Gerardo Moreno, 23, was killed April 6, 2004, in a rocket-propelled grenade attack near Ashula. Sgt. Sean Brady Berry died in October 2005 in Iraq. Spc. Jonathan David Arthur "J.D." Emard, 20, died of combat wounds in Tikrit, Iraq, in June 2008.

Sgt. Shawn McNabb, a 24-year-old combat medic, was killed last month in a helicopter crash in Afghanistan.

The town isn't so small that everyone knows everyone else. But "You're never more than one or two steps away from knowing the people involved," said Mayor Hal Richards, who attends Episcopal Church

of the Good Shepherd with the Lewis family.

David Emard, whose son, J.D., was killed in Iraq last year, and Lewis' dad, Mike Lewis, have worked together at Oldcastle Glass for years. The mother of Moreno, the first Terrell serviceman to die, works for the same company.

After J.D. Emard died, Mike Lewis often comforted his grieving co-worker. On Wednesday, David Emard and his wife, Debbie, went to the Lewis home to offer condolences.

David Emard said words were hard to find. So he just hugged Lewis.

"That's all that was needed," Emard said. "He knows where I've been and I know what he's feeling."

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Pampa ISD Events for the week of November 30-December 6

Watch this space every Sunday for a weekly listing of non-athletic events from every campus in our school district

Pampa High School
 November 30 • Student Council Meeting • 7:30 pm
 December 2 • Career Clinic
 December 3 • Progress Reports
 December 3 • Cap and Gown Orders
 December 1-3 • Drama Dinner Theater • 6:00 pm
 December 3 • TMEA Band Auditions Amarillo
 December 4 & 5 • Speech Tournament Amarillo High School
 December 5 • SAT PHS Commons
 December 6 • Soccer Chili Lunch

Pampa Junior High School
 November 30 • Lovett Memorial Library Literatus Circle • 7:00 pm
 December 1 • Progress Reports
 December 2 • National Junior Honor Society Meeting • 3:30 pm
 December 3 • 8th Grade Parent Meeting • 6:00 pm Library
 December 5 • Theatre Arts Dinner Theater • 6:30 pm

Austin Elementary
 December 4 • 3rd/4th Kindergarten - Kinder Kazero • 8:30 am

Travis Elementary
 December 4 • Autism Visit • 10:00 am

For the most up-to-date Pampa ISD information, Go to the school website at [HYPERLINK "http://www.pampaisd.net"](http://www.pampaisd.net)
 From the parent connection drop-down menu, click on the District Event Calendar

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Briarwood's Annual Christmas Banquet

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Briarwood Family Life Center
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Christmas

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Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Friday, November 27, the 331st day of 2009. There are 34 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

- 602 - Roman Emperor Maurice and his five sons are beheaded at Chalcedon in Asia Minor.
- 1095 - Pope Urban II calls for a crusade.
- 1582 - William Shakespeare marries Anne Hathaway.
- 1703 - Coastal storm in England takes estimated 8,000 lives.
- 1919 - Bulgaria signs World War I peace treaty, which yields territory to Greece and Yugoslavia.
- 1926 - Communists revolt in Java, Indonesia.
- 1940 - Germany annexes French province of Lorraine during World War II.
- 1942 - The French navy at Toulon scuttles its ships and submarines to keep them out of the hands of the Nazis.

'Who does not thank for little will not thank for much.'

— Estonian proverb

- 1948 - The U.N. Security Council gives full authority to continue negotiations with India and Pakistan for a truce and plebiscite in Kashmir.
- 1950 - United Nations troops retreat in Korea.
- 1954 - Former U.S. diplomat Alger Hiss, convicted of perjury in 1950 for

having denied he passed Department of State secrets to a Communist courier, is released from prison after serving 44 months.

1961 - Soviet Union proposes immediate ban on nuclear testing without international controls.

1962 - Britain agrees to provide arms to India to resist Chinese aggression.

1967 - Israeli forces raze Arab buildings in the Gaza Strip and on the West Bank in response to Arab attacks, while the return of some Arab refugees from the East Bank to the Israeli-occupied West Bank resumes.

1973 - The U.S. Senate votes 92-3 to confirm Gerald R. Ford as vice president, succeeding Spiro T. Agnew, who resigned.

1979 - Iranian students occupying the U.S. Embassy in Tehran surround the building with explosives and claim to have planted mines in the compound to ward off any attack by the U.S. in an attempt to free the hostages.

1983 - A huge rally called by all Uruguayan political parties demands the end of the dictatorship and return to civilian democratic rule.

1985 - The British House of Commons approves the Anglo-Irish accord, giving Dublin a consultative role in the governing of British-ruled Northern Ireland.

1989 - Colombian airplane crashes, killing 107 people.

1990 - John Major is elected prime minister of Britain.

1992 - Rebels who try to take over Venezuela by bombing the Presidential Palace are defeated by troops 12 hours later.

1993 - After weeks of denial, the British government admits contacts with the Irish Republican Army.

1994 - Serbs pound the outskirts of Bihac in northwestern Bosnia as U.S. and NATO officials admit they are unable to stop the advance.

1995 - Liamine Zeroual promises democracy in Algeria when he is sworn in as president.

1996 - A gas explosion in a coal mine in Shanxi province of China kills at least 91 miners.

1997 - Albanian separatists attack a police station in the Yugoslav province of Kosovo. A policeman and a rebel die in the gunbattle.

1998 - Sensing growing popular pressure to get troops out of Lebanon, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu promises a thorough review of Israel's policy.

1999 - Northern Ireland's biggest party clears the way for the formation of an unprecedented Protestant-Catholic administration, the long-elusive goal of the 1998 peace accord.

2000 - The Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (Tamil Tigers) rebels prepare to hold unconditional peace negotiations with the government to end Sri Lanka's 17-year-long civil war.

2001 - U.S. Assistant Secretary of State William Burns and retired Marine Corps General Anthony Zinni meet with top Israeli and Palestinian officials as part of a U.S. peace initiative.

2002 - Prominent Pakistani doctor Dr. Amer Azia, who admitted to treating Osama bin Laden and other al-Qaida leaders before and after the Sept. 11 attacks says that the terrorist mastermind is in excellent health and showed no signs of kidney failure.

2005 - Chechens vote in their first parliamentary elections since Russia sent troops back to the Caucasus region six years before to crush a separatist insurgency.

2006 - Two rivers in Somalia swell, flooding hundreds of villages and sending thousands fleeing to high ground as international agencies struggle to deliver aid.

2007 - The Dalai Lama announces that the Tibetan people will hold a referendum before he dies to decide whether a new system of leadership would better serve the struggle for self-determination.

Today's Birthdays:

Anders Celsius, Swedish astronomer and inventor of Celsius scale (1701-1744); Bruce Lee, Chinese-American actor (1940-1973); Jimi Hendrix, American rock guitarist (1942-1970); Michael Vartan, French actor (1968--).



Analysis: Dems' majority in Congress in name only

An AP News Analysis WASHINGTON (AP)— President Barack Obama moved into the White House with an ambitious legislative agenda and what appeared then to be a strong political wind at his back. Just 10 months in office, it's become a headwind.

Going in, a big majority of Americans supported him and voiced backing for what he was promising. And, just as importantly, his Democrats held sizable majorities in both houses of Congress.

But as the president struggles to push through a major overhaul of America's extravagantly expensive health care system, his deadline for Congress to pass his top domestic agenda item has slipped from late summer to an unspecified date in 2010.

His ambition to have major legislation that would promote a greener U.S. and assure cuts in greenhouse gas emissions in hand before next month's global climate change summit in Copenhagen has slipped toward next summer.

What happened? "In Congress, re-election has become its own end rather than doing things for the common good," said Robin Lauer, a political science professor at Messiah College in

Grantham, Pennsylvania. Even though he cruised into power with Democratic majorities in both the Senate and the House of Representatives, many of his fellow party members in Congress now are looking with unease toward midterm elections next November. Those who are proving particularly unreliable allies are seen as Democrats in name only.

Senators Mary Landrieu, Blanche Lincoln and Ben Nelson, all Democrats, needed heavy arm twisting before they agreed to vote Saturday with the majority to send a health care bill to the floor of the upper chamber. And they still aren't promising to vote for the measure after it is debated.

Why? They represent states where Republican voters are in the majority and the three are concerned for their political futures.

Little of importance can be done in the Senate without 60 votes from among the 100 members. There are 58 Democrats in the chamber and two independents who normally vote with the majority party, Sen. Joe Lieberman and Sen. Bernie Sanders.

Lieberman has been a problem for Obama as well. He is moderate to conservative on many issues

just like Landrieu, Lincoln and Nelson. All four have balked at the Democratic version of the health care bill because it contains provisions for setting up a government-run insurance system to compete with the private insurers who now control health care coverage nationwide. Many of those companies have deep roots in Lieberman's state, Connecticut. Nelson is concerned about proposed cuts in Medicare reimbursement for doctors and hospital. That government program covers Americans over age 65.

Those holdouts — part of the Democrats' so-called big-tent paradigm — are creating deepening frustration among more mainstream liberals and Obama. "I don't want four Democratic senators dictating to the other 56 of us and to the country, when the public option has this much support, that it's not going to be in it," Sen. Sherrod Brown, a liberal Democrat, said Sunday on CNN. Obama has been less

vocal but is working hard behind the scenes.

But now, "a president almost has to build a separate coalition for each piece of legislation," Frazier said.

There also is the system for financing campaigns. These days, political parties cannot compete with special interest groups — the health insurance lobby for example. Rates of incumbency in both houses of Congress is now around 90 percent with candidates running for re-election far outstripping opponents in donations, especially among special interest groups.

Thus the U.S. system has evolved — especially given that a Democratic congressional majority will likely be that in name only — to a point where the will of a majority of Americans, as appears to be the case with health care reform, faces near insurmountable obstacles among lawmakers. That's especially so in the Senate where a simple majority does not rule.

Letters to the editor

Dear Editor:

After much thought I believe I have come up with a solution to the Water Park Location problem that will please everyone. I think it should be located in the 800 block of West Harvester. Ted Hutto and I own all the property surrounding this and both like the idea. The location is closer to Hobart Street, so it could potentially be more visible. The road and utilities are already there. There would be no increase in trash or litter.

The only disadvantage is it could be a little hard for some to find. I encourage everyone to drive by and check this out. If you have trouble finding the 800 block of West Harvester, Ted Hutto will be happy to answer all of your questions.

Sincerely,
Don Campbell
Pampa

We welcome your letters

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Around town

THANKSGIVING DONATION



Dr. Lance Krogh, Dr. Mark W. Ford, Jr., Physical Therapist Josh Link and Angie Denton of Ford Family Chiropractic in Pampa present Capt. Martin of the Salvation Army with 12 complete Thanksgiving Dinners which were donated by patients and FFC Team Members.

Dry winter air promotes nosebleeds

Tilt your head back to stop a bloody nose?

That old-fashioned advice for kids is just plain wrong.

Unfortunately, there's a lot of misinformation on how to stop this common childhood malady.

Dr. Diane Heatley, associate professor of surgery at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health, says old-time remedies like lying down or holding the head back will not work, because chil-

dren's nosebleeds usually start in blood vessels in the front of the nose.

"If you make the child lie down or hold back the head, blood will run into the throat and make the child choke," she says. "The child should actually sit up and lean forward so blood can enter the front of the nose, and then gently apply pressure by squeezing the nostrils together for at least five minutes until normal clotting occurs."

"A cold cloth or small ice pack on the bridge of the

nose will also slow blood flow by constricting blood vessels -- if your child will tolerate it," she adds. "But an ice pack on the back of the neck won't do much."

Heatley, an ear, nose and throat specialist for children, says nosebleeds most frequently happen in the fall and winter when indoor heating systems can dry out the air as well as a child's nostrils. This often makes the nose crusty and itchy, and kids seek relief by rubbing or picking at it. "Since nosebleeds result

from dryness, the inside of the nose should be kept moist to reduce the irritation," she says. Heatley's specific tips for prevention: Apply petroleum jelly with a cotton swab to the area at night before the child goes to bed.

Dinner theater Wednesday

The Pampa High School Art and Drama Club will present *The Wizard of Oz*, a dinner theater performance to help raise funds for the club's trip to San Antonio. Tickets are \$10 and include a spaghetti dinner and musical performance in the new PHS commons at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 3.

For more information or to make a donation, please contact Mallory Stevens or Jessica Hargus, 669-4800.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My 8-year-old granddaughter has posed a question that stumped me, and I hope you can help with an answer: Why be neat and well-groomed?

She doesn't care what people think of how she looks. She sees no problem wearing clothes that are torn, etc. I am concerned that by the time she reaches adolescence she won't care how she looks when she leaves the house.

Her hair is extremely curly. It can't be combed or it gets wilder and frizzier, which adds to her unkempt appearance. Her hair may improve as she gets older if she's motivated to spend the extra time.

I am challenged by her question. How can I answer her? -- LOST FOR WORDS IN FLORIDA

DEAR LOST FOR WORDS: Please stop trying to have an adult conversation with an 8-year-old. Where is this child's mother? Why is she permitted to go around in "torn, etc." clothing? It's time to talk to your son or daughter about helping their child with her grooming. The way your granddaughter looks is not only a reflection on herself, but also the adults whose responsibility it is to care for her. While she may not care how she looks, her parents should.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a college freshman, majoring in French but taking other languages as well. I don't know what I want to do with my life, but I know that I love learning languages.

My friend, "Lacey," has offered me the chance to stay with her family in France during our next summer break. Her family suggested it, and Lacey is urging me to go. I want to go to France, but I was planning on studying abroad through my university in a couple of years.

Lacey thinks I should

stay with her family for a month or two in order to appreciate the culture. She says I could do some baby-sitting or chores to earn my keep, but I have two concerns: I feel it would be an inconvenience for her family to take me in as a houseguest for the whole summer. And I don't know what I would do with myself.

Lacey won't be there, and I'd be living in a suburban area. I have no idea how I'd learn the culture without the structure only a school can provide. Lacey says school isn't a true experience, and I should just show up in France and decide as I go. We have reached an impasse, and I'd like to know what you would do in my shoes. -- TRES TROUBLEE IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

DEAR TRES TROUBLEE: Are you kidding? If I was offered a once-in-a-lifetime experience like this one, I'd take Lacey up on it in two seconds flat. And I'd keep a

journal.

DEAR ABBY: I work in a candy store where things are pretty fast-paced and always busy. Please tell me how I should handle customers at the register -- mothers and daughters, couples, friends -- who fight over who should pay for the order. Two people will wave their cash at me and tell me not to let the other one pay. They actually expect me to choose!

From whom should I take the money in these pairs of people? If the store wasn't constantly so busy, I'd let them squabble among themselves, but that's not the case. I need to get the line moving in order to help other customers. Please advise. -- GIRL WITH A "SWEET" DILEMMA

DEAR GIRL: Handle it this way: Smile and say, "While you two are trying to decide, I'll help the next customer!"

Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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9	1	5	7	3	6	2	8	4
6	2	7	8	4	1	3	9	5
8	9	3	2	1	4	5	6	7
7	5	1	6	8	9	4	3	2
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Level: Advanced



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Sat • 10am-10pm Sun • 1pm-3pm
MK Brown Auditorium

Trees may be store purchased, wood, cardboard, paper over cone, etc. -- use your imagination! Decorations may be handmade, and they may be sold. Fee: \$10 - Table Tree; \$20 - Tall Tree. Table displays are free; may include nativities, gingerbread houses, wreaths. Second tree entry by same person/club is free. Children & youth groups fee: \$5 for any size tree entry.

Set-up: Friday • December 4, 2009 • 9am-5pm
Entry Deadline: Wednesday • December 2

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For more information please contact the Pampa Fine Arts office at 665-0343 or Sena Brainard at 662-6777 or spotgirdot@hotmail.com



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FirstBank director receives honor

FirstBank Southwest Director and retired banker, Larry J. Orman, was presented with the Distinguished Service Award at the 37th annual Banker's Agricultural Credit Conference on November 13, 2009, for his loyal and dedicated service to the commercial banking profession.

Orman has been involved since the first conference in 1972. He served 34 years at FirstBank Southwest in the Peryton, Pampa and Amarillo markets and retired as an Executive Vice President and Chief Lending Officer in June. Orman played a key role as part of the management team



Larry Orman with his wife, Cheryl and daughter Keeley Adcox

that expanded FirstBank Southwest from one bank (First National Bank of Peryton) to nine banking centers across the Texas Panhandle, and may be most remembered for his conservative lending practices and keeping a watchful eye on asset quality.

Harvester Lanes hosts Special Olympics

Harvester Lanes hosted the Area 16 Special Olympic Tournament on November 7. There were Teams from Amarillo, Borger, Canyon, Dumas, Friona, Hereford, Stinnett, and Pampa. Harvester Lanes had three shifts of bowler to accommodate the 210 athletes.

Shirley Jernigan and her staff work very hard for 8 weeks holding practices for our athletes every Tuesday afternoon. Each athlete learns the bowling lanes rules and how to show courtesy to other bowlers and

volunteers along with the bowling skills. The GCARC Board Members and Special Olympic volunteers prepared a meal of barbecue sandwiches, chips, cookies and drinks for athletes, coaches, volunteers, firemen. They fed a total of 250 people at the Lamar School Cafeteria.

Pampa Special Olympics has 39 Bowlers with 37 of them bowling in the 3 shift in the Pampa Tournament. This is an annual tournament which is usually held in November at Harvester Lanes each year.

Pampa Special Olympic bowlers compete in Amarillo tourney

Pampa traveled to Amarillo on Saturday November 21st for the Amarillo Special Olympics Area Bowling Tournament at Western Bowl. Pampa had 32 athletes who competed against athletes from ADVO, Amarillo Starchasers, Dumas, Borger, Friona.

After bowling Pampa athletes enjoyed an evening of dinner and dance at Fannin Middle School.

Athletes placements are: Gold Medal winners were Michelle Blodgett, Liberty Bloxum, Mindy Hervey, Linda Lou Pierce, Kasey Smith, Ameer Street, Randy Swires.

Silver Medal Winners were Ashley Abbe, Chris Bradley, Lisa Busby, Cody

Dyer, Hector Estrada, Mark McMinn, Kinsey Smith, Brandy Urban.

Bronze Medal Winners were Tammy Cline, Chase Cook, Debbie Ellis, Tollie Jinks, Shawn King, Jeret Moore, Joann Morehart, Cole Nall, Taisey Phillips, Wauneta Reece, Jennifer Roden, Tyneisha Wilson.

Fourth Place Ribbon Winners were Amy Hammer, Tina Hinson, Eric Knott, Jessie Lopez, Cordell Schneider.

Athlete with the High Game of 180 was Randy Swires

RRC production stats for Dec.

AUSTIN — The Texas average rig count as of Nov. 13 was 429, representing about 41 percent of all active land rigs in the United States. In the last 12 months, total Texas reported production was 347 million barrels of oil and 7.7 trillion cubic feet of natural gas. Texas natural gas production represents approximately 29 percent of total U.S. natural gas demand.

The Commission's estimated final production for September 2009 is 28,806,778 barrels of crude oil and 584,996,717 Mcf (thousand cubic feet) of gas well gas.

The Texas Railroad Commission's Oil and Gas Division set initial December 2009 natural gas production allowables for prorated fields in the state to meet market demand of 16,126,289 Mcf (thousand cubic feet).

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New Cross for St. Paul UMC



St. Paul United Methodist Church dedicated a new cross and flame in front of the church at 511 N. Hobart. The District Superintendent led the dedication, praising the church for the work that was done in order for this day to take place. Michele Bell, who was in charge of fund raising, said people all over town helped sell enough Amish jam to pay for the cross. Members of First Methodist Church helped with the effort.

Sieck receives national honor

The National Society of High School Scholars announced in August that Pampa High School student Caitlin Sieck from Pampa, TX, has been selected for membership. The Society recognizes top scholars and invites only those students who have achieved superior academic excellence. The announcement was made by NSHSS Founder and Chairman Claes Nobel, a senior member of the family that established the Nobel Prizes.

"On behalf of NSHSS, I am honored to recognize the hard work, sacrifice, and commitment that

Caitlin Sieck has demonstrated to achieve this exceptional level of academic excellence," said Mr. Nobel.

"Caitlin Sieck is now a member of a unique community of scholars - a community that represents our very best hope for the future."

"Our vision is to build a dynamic international organization that connects members with meaningful content, resources, and opportunities," stated NSHSS President James Lewis. "We aim to help



Caitlin Sieck

students like Caitlin Sieck build on their academic successes and enhance the skills and desires to have a positive impact on the global community."

Membership in NSHSS entitles qualified students to enjoy a wide variety of benefits, including scholarship opportunities, academic competitions, free events, member-only resources, publications, participation in programs offered by educational partners, online forums, personalized recognition items, and publicity honors.

Sieck is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Kevin Sieck of Pampa and the granddaughter of Wayne and Sandra Sieck of Pampa and James and Debbie Tipton of Amarillo.

Pampa Senior Citizens Weekly menu

Monday Chicken Fried Steak or Chicken N' Dumplings Mashed Potatoes- Green Beans- Beets- Beans Slaw- Tossed - Jello Salad Red Velvet Cake or Coconut Creme Pie Hot Rolls or Cornbread	or Chocolate Icebox Pie Hot Rolls or Cornbread	California Blend- Fried Okra-Beans Slaw-Tossed-Jello Salad, Angelfood Cake/ Fruit Topping or Pineapple Squares Hot Rolls or Cornbread
Tuesday Beef Enchiladas or Chicken Breast/Rice Tater Tots-Cheese Hominy-Spinach-Beans-Slaw- Tossed- Jello Salad Lemon Poppy Seed Cake	Wednesday Roast Beef Brisket/ Brown Gravy or Cook's Choice Mashed Potatoes -Peas-Carrots-Beans Slaw-Tossed-Jello Salad-Tomato Spice Cake or Blackberry Cobbler Hot Rolls or Cornbread	Friday Catfish & Hushpuppies or Hamburger Steak Potato Wedges-Broccoli Cassarole-Beans Slaw-Tossed-Jello Salad, Turtle Brownies or Tapioca Cups Garlic Breadsticks- Hot Rolls- Cornbread
	Thursday Chicken Strips or Liver and Onions Mashed Potatoes-	

PISD Weekly menu

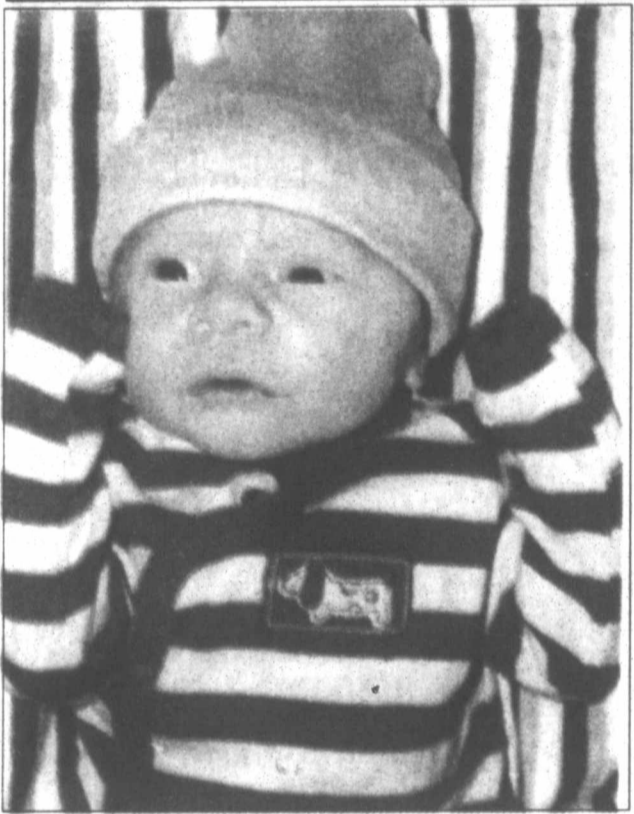
Monday PIG IN A BLANKET OR CHICKEN NUGGETS WHIPPED POTATOES ENGLISH PEAS PEACHES PUDDING BREAKFAST OATMEAL TOAST	Wednesday SPAGHETTI OR MINI TWIN CHEESEBURGERS GREEN BEANS TOSSED SALAD MIXED FRUIT GARLIC TOAST BREAKFAST BREAKFAST PIZZA	RICE PILAF BREAKFAST BISCUIT SAUSAGE PATTY Friday CHICKEN FAJITAS OR HAMBURGER FRENCH FRIES BURGER SALAD BELL PEPPERS & ONION PEARS BREAKFAST CEREAL TOAST
Tuesday POPCORN SHRIMP OR CHEESE NACHOS BLACKEYED PEAS SPINACH FRESH FRUIT BREAKFAST	Thursday EGG ROLLS OR PIZZA CORN BROCCOLI FLORETS APPLESAUCE	

WELCOME Karsen Lanie Buck

Jeremy and Karmen Buck of Pampa welcomed their daughter, Karsen Lanie Buck, at 6:58 p.m. on November 4 at Northwest Texas Healthcare in Amarillo.

Karsen weighed six pounds, three ounces and was 18 inches long at birth. Grandparents are Mike and Shirley Buck of Pampa and James and Janet Martin of Panhandle.

Her great grandfather is Bryan Buck of Pampa.



Kaiden Anthony Hogue

Sarah and Kris Hogue welcomed their son Kaiden Anthony Hogue at 7:24 a.m. November 7, 2009. He weighed seven pounds, 10 ounces and was 21 inches long at birth. Proud grandparents are James and Nancy Mosteller and Clara and the late Gene Jewett, all of Pampa. Kaiden was also welcomed by his aunt, Bethney Mosteller of Pampa.

Breast cancer doesn't stop crafts merchant

NEDERLAND, Texas (AP) — Tammy Holt stepped away from sewing machines just long enough to battle breast cancer, but she's back in a new Nederland shop just in time for Christmas monogramming.

Hoop craft kits are hot for the holidays, and quilting lessons are on the way, but for now Holt said she expects Snuggles to bundle up her holiday sales.

Snuggles are the much-maligned fleece "robes you wear backwards" as seen on TV and joked about on

late-night monologues. But they're popular, keep the wearer warm and become more meaningful with a name or "grandpa" stitched across the front, Holt said.

Holt sold sewing machines for years, then got a cancer diagnosis in April of 2007. She's been cancer-free since March of 2008.

"That's just my love and my passion," Holt said. "We were in high demand, I would say."

"I'm very thankful to be through with all that cancer," Holt said.

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The Wesley and Sharon Crosier Home
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Walnut Creek
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Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased at the homes on the day of the tour.

When is the End??



Dallas Stringer will begin a sermon series this Sunday on the end times. Don't miss it, especially if you aren't prepared for the end.

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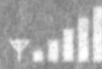


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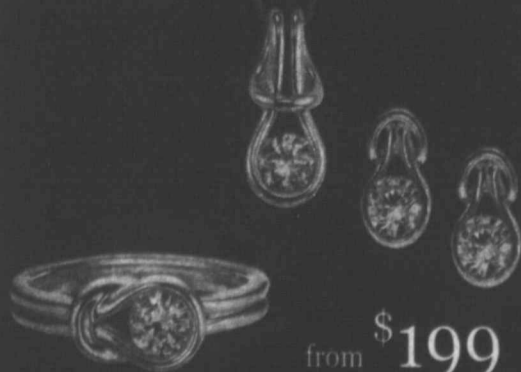
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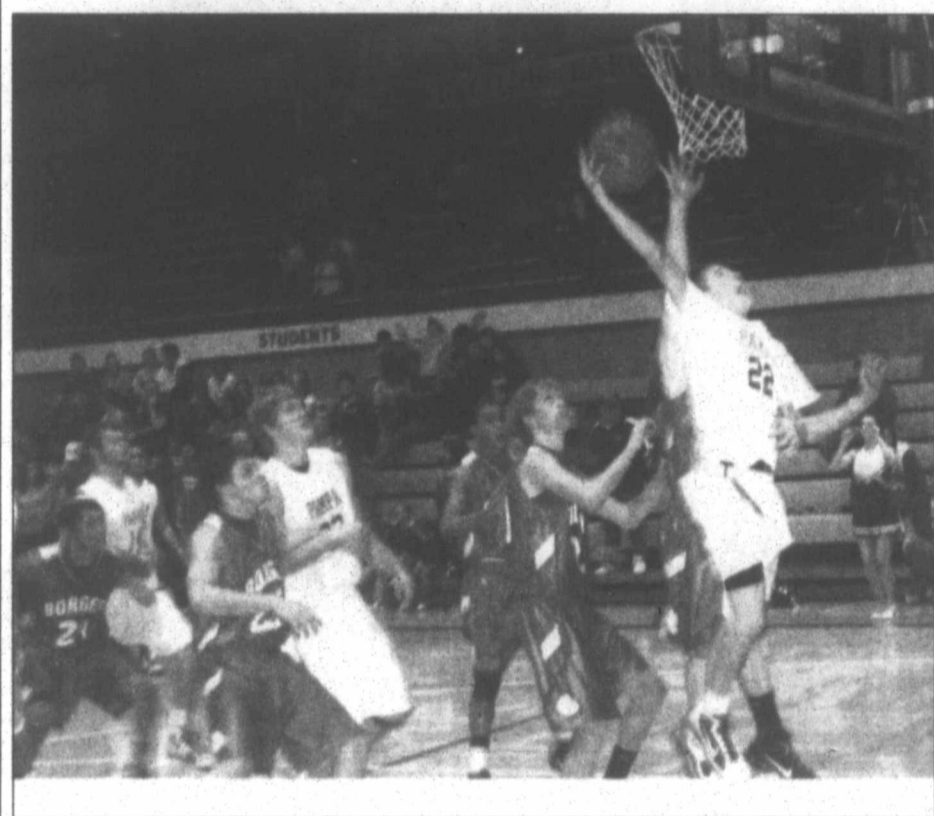
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Sports



staff photo by **Andrew Glover**
Liz Hoelting tries to keep control of the ball as she was knocked by a Borger Lady Bulldog Tuesday. Pampa won 40-38, the third win of the season.



staff photo by **Andrew Glover**
Latigo Collins attempts to lay one in during the second half of Pampa's 69-41 victory over the Borger Bulldogs Tuesday. The Harvesters won their first game of the season.

Freshman girls fall 61-21

BY **ANDREW GLOVER**
aglover@thepampanews.com

Freshmen girls basketball coach Alan Segura said Monday's game is one he would like to forget. The Pampa team lost 61-21 at Amarillo High.

"We worked on a press breaker for a week because we knew what they were going to give us, but we still would not do it correctly," Segura said.

The Lady Sandies outscored Pampa 22-7 in the

first quarter. Amarillo High won the second quarter 9-4 to take a 31-11 lead into halftime. The Lady Harvesters were outscored 13-5 in the third quarter trailing 44-16. The Lady Sandies won the fourth quarter 17-5.

Calli Brewer led Pampa in scoring with four points. Hannah Baker, Bailey Beck and Francheska Bridwell each had three. Taylor Morgan, Robin Doan, Allison Ceyanes and Arcelia Torres each had

two.

Segura said his team needs to get better at the basic fundamentals of basketball.

"We need to do better in shooting, dribbling, defense, catching, blocking out and rebounding," Segura said. "This was just a minor setback. We will see what the girls are made of on how they bounce back when we play Caprock next Monday."

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7th grade boys lose to Plainview 64-13

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The seventh grade boys basketball teams lost their first two games of the season to Plainview and Westover Park.

The A team lost 64-13 to Plainview on Thursday at Pampa Junior High. Brayden Trimble was the leading scorer with five points. Josh Miner had four. The A team lost 76-17 at Westover Park Monday. Allen Stovall was the lead-

ing scorer with six points. Calven Webb and Montre Williams each had four.

The B team lost 55-18 to Plainview at Pampa Junior High on Thursday. John Allen was the leading scorer with seven points and Braden Childress had four. Pampa lost 32-12 at Westover Park Monday. Allen led the team in scoring with five and Braden Keown had four.

The junior high's next game is Monday at Hereford.

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Sports

Pampa athlete leading scorer at Denver U.

Brittini Rice, the Pampa Lady Harvesters all-time leading scorer is leading Denver University in scoring.

Rice started playing basketball when she was in second grade and played in her driveway and got involved in the Pampa's Optimist League. Rice said her family played basketball.

She is the daughter of Darin and Rogena Rice.

"My mom played in high school," Rice said as she was waiting for the team's flight to Montana.

According to her bio on

the Pioneers athletic web site, Rice played for Pampa High School from 2003-2007 and scored 2,097 points in her high school career. Pampa's all time leading scorer was a starter all four seasons and was named district MVP twice. Rice also was named all district four times, all-state and all-region three times, academic all-state and Superteam. Rice said being Pampa's all-time leading scorer mean a lot.

"A lot of great players have come through here (Pampa)," Rice said.

Denver University

offered Rice a scholarship when she graduated in 2007. In Rice's freshman season Denver played at Duke. Rice said it was an awesome game.

"It was my first game," Rice said. "It was a packed house and we got to play against some of the best players in the country."

She played in 28 games during her freshman year. Rice had a career high in minutes against Troy on February 7 with 28. Rice lead Denver University in assists for three games and led the teams in steals once.

Last season, Rice played 29 games and started in 24. She led the team in scoring with 337 points and led the team in scoring in 15 games. Rice shot 84.2 percent from the free-throw line which ranked her 29th in the nation.

Rice said her high school coach Troy Fry taught her a lot about playing at a higher level.

"Troy Fry was my coach in high school and he used to play college ball," Rice said. "I learned a lot everyday in practice. He taught me what college is going to be like."

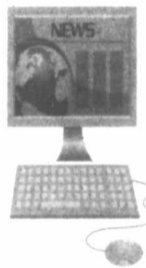
As of press time, Rice is averaging 15.7 points per game and is leading her team in scoring after the first three games of the season. Rice is shooting 43 percent from the field and 30 percent in three-point shots. Rice scored a career-high 24 points in the Lady Pioneers 68-55 victory over Colorado State November 18, Rice also was the leading scorer in the team's opening game against Wyoming November 13.



Brittini Rice

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State Sports

Final hurdle coming for TCU to become BCS buster

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — The city of Fort Worth is turning the river near campus purple, and a spot in the Bowl Championship is waiting for the fourth-ranked Horned Frogs if they can complete their first undefeated regular season in 71 years.

All they have to do is beat a one-win New Mexico team on Saturday.

"You can't look at the 1-10 record. ... They have a lot of momentum now coming into this game," linebacker Daryl Washington said. "We're staying focused. New Mexico is just going to be another team that we have to get ready for."

TCU coach Gary Patterson told a tale to his players and the media about being an assistant coach at Tennessee Tech, saying the Golden Eagles were winless heading into their last game before beating undefeated Middle Tennessee and knocking their rival out of the playoffs.

While the coach may have gotten his seasons confused — it was a one-win team that beat a one-loss team in 1983, a year before Tech didn't win a game — the message he was trying to relay was clear.

"You're always worried about somebody that's got their back against the wall," Patterson said. "That's where New Mexico is. ... They can make their season by knocking off the fourth-ranked TCU Horned Frogs, and if our kids don't understand that situation, then they're in a lot of trouble."

These Frogs (11-0, 7-0 Mountain West), though, haven't given Patterson much to be concerned about this season. They have taken care of their business week after week.

TCU has a 13-game winning streak, one shy of the record set by the 1938 team that won the school's only national champion-

ship with Heisman Trophy winner Davey O'Brien at quarterback.

Andy Dalton, the junior and third-year starter, goes for his 29th career victory to match "Slingin' Sammy" Baugh's school record (1934-36) — 11 more than O'Brien had his three seasons.

The Frogs have won their last six games by a combined margin of 278-63, including lopsided victories over BYU and Utah — the Mountain West's other perennial Top 25 teams. They have already clinched a share of the conference title, their first since 2005, the year they joined the league.

"We can't go into this game thinking, OK, they have a bad record, let's not take this game seriously," running back Joseph Turner said. "There's too much on the line."

Most significant is TCU's chance to finally become a BCS buster. No other team from a conference without an automatic bid has been this high in the BCS standings this late in the season. TCU is fourth behind Florida, Alabama and Texas.

New Mexico (1-10, 1-6) is coming off its lone win for first-year coach Mike Locksley. The Lobos ended a 14-game losing streak with a 29-27 win over struggling Colorado State, a week after missing two field goals and having another one blocked in a 24-19 loss at 18th-ranked BYU.

"We were able to validate some of the things that we've been saying here for the last couple weeks with a win," Locksley said. "We have a great opportunity this week. ... If we can't get excited about this opportunity, then we're in this for the wrong reasons."

The Lobos have lost all four meetings since TCU joined the Mountain West, the last two by a combined score of 63-3. New Mexico is more than a six-touchdown underdog.

"I love it. I think it's fair, as the people who create the odds down in Vegas have it down to a science," Locksley said. "We'd like to be able to prove them wrong. We know it's a tough challenge, but it's a testament to the type of team TCU has and what they've been able to do. (Patterson) really has his team peaking right now."

So are the Lobos, in their own way, after getting a spark from two true freshman running backs last week. Desmond Dennis ran for 133 yards and a touchdown and Kasey Carrier had 15 carries for 87 yards.

"New Mexico with a new coaching staff,



With one more victory, fourth-ranked TCU will be waiting to find out where—not if—the Horned Frogs will be playing in the Bowl Championship Series. All that stands between the Frogs (11-0, 7-0 Mountain West), their first undefeated regular season in 71 years and finally being a BCS buster is Saturday's home finale against New Mexico (1-10, 1-6). (AP Photo/Mike Stone, File)

everything they've done is really coming on. They've injected some young players the last three or four weeks," Patterson said. "We've got to get ready to go. I don't think it's any different than any other week."

Except a win this week finally takes the Frogs somewhere they've been trying to get for so long — into the BCS.

Big plays boost Cowboys to 24-7 win over Raiders

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Big play after big play on offense. Dominating defense throughout the game.

While good defense had been a constant for the Dallas Cowboys this season, the NFC East leaders finally saw a much-needed resurgence from Tony Romo and the offense, which had 10 plays of at least 20 yards and piled up a season-high 494 yards in a 24-7 victory over the Oakland Raiders on Thursday.

"A lot of people ques-

tioned our offense and where we were," tight end Jason Witten said. "It's huge for us, especially after the last two weeks.

We always felt we were an explosive offense both running and passing. ... It had just gone away."

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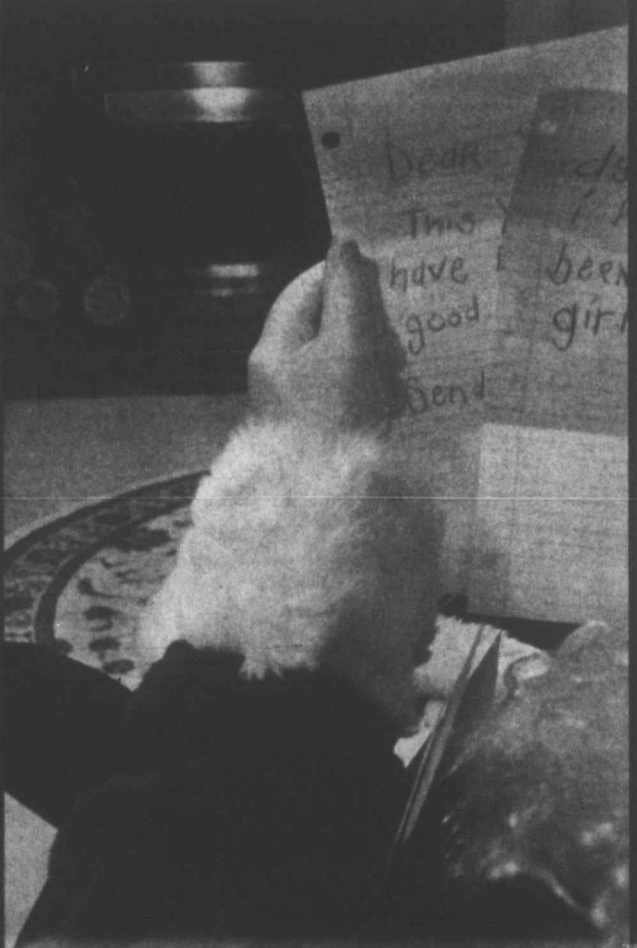
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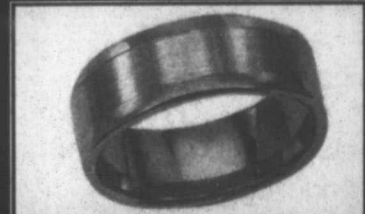
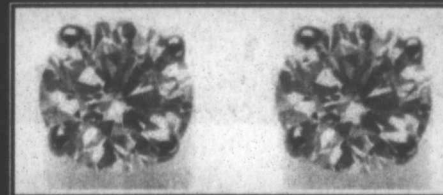
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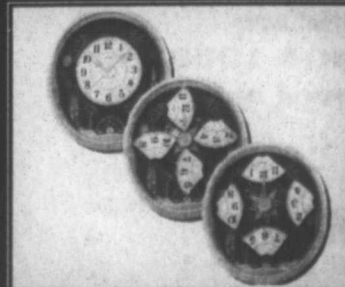
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State sports

No. 3 Texas wins a wild one, 49-39 over A&M

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — Colt McCoy and Jerrod Johnson embraced at midfield after their Texas shootout Thursday night.

McCoy still has his eyes on a national title and the Heisman Trophy. And if Johnson's dazzling display was any sign of things to come, the Texas A&M quarterback could be a leading contender next year for college football's most prestigious award.

McCoy threw four touchdown passes and dashed 65 yards for another score, and No. 3 Texas overcame a huge game by Johnson to wrap up an undefeated regular season with a wild 49-39 win over the rival Aggies.

"What a treat to watch two quarterbacks like that," Texas coach Mack Brown said. "Fans around the country on Thanksgiving got a treat to see two quarterbacks play that well, two offenses play that well."

The Longhorns (12-0, 8-0 Big 12) have only next week's conference championship game against Nebraska standing between them and the BCS title game.

For a while, it seemed as though Johnson just might rally the Aggies (6-6, 3-5) to a gigantic upset, opening the door for TCU and Cincinnati to vault into the national championship picture.

"I can't say enough about Jerrod Johnson," Texas A&M coach Mike Sherman said. "He's probably under the radar for what he has been able to do. He managed the game very well."

Jeff Fuller caught three of Johnson's four touchdown passes, the last with 7:10 left to cut Texas' lead to 42-39. But Marquise Goodwin returned the

ensuing kickoff 95 yards for a touchdown, and the Longhorns could finally breathe easy when Randy Bullock missed a 23-yard field goal with 3:05 left.

"We were fortunate to come out on top. I'm so thankful to get a win," McCoy said. "You have to give A&M credit. I thought Jerrod Johnson played tremendous. A&M hung in and fought, and that's what you're going to get in a rivalry game."

McCoy completed 24 of 40 passes for 304 yards and ran for a career-high 175 yards, a splendid all-around performance that could boost his Heisman chances.

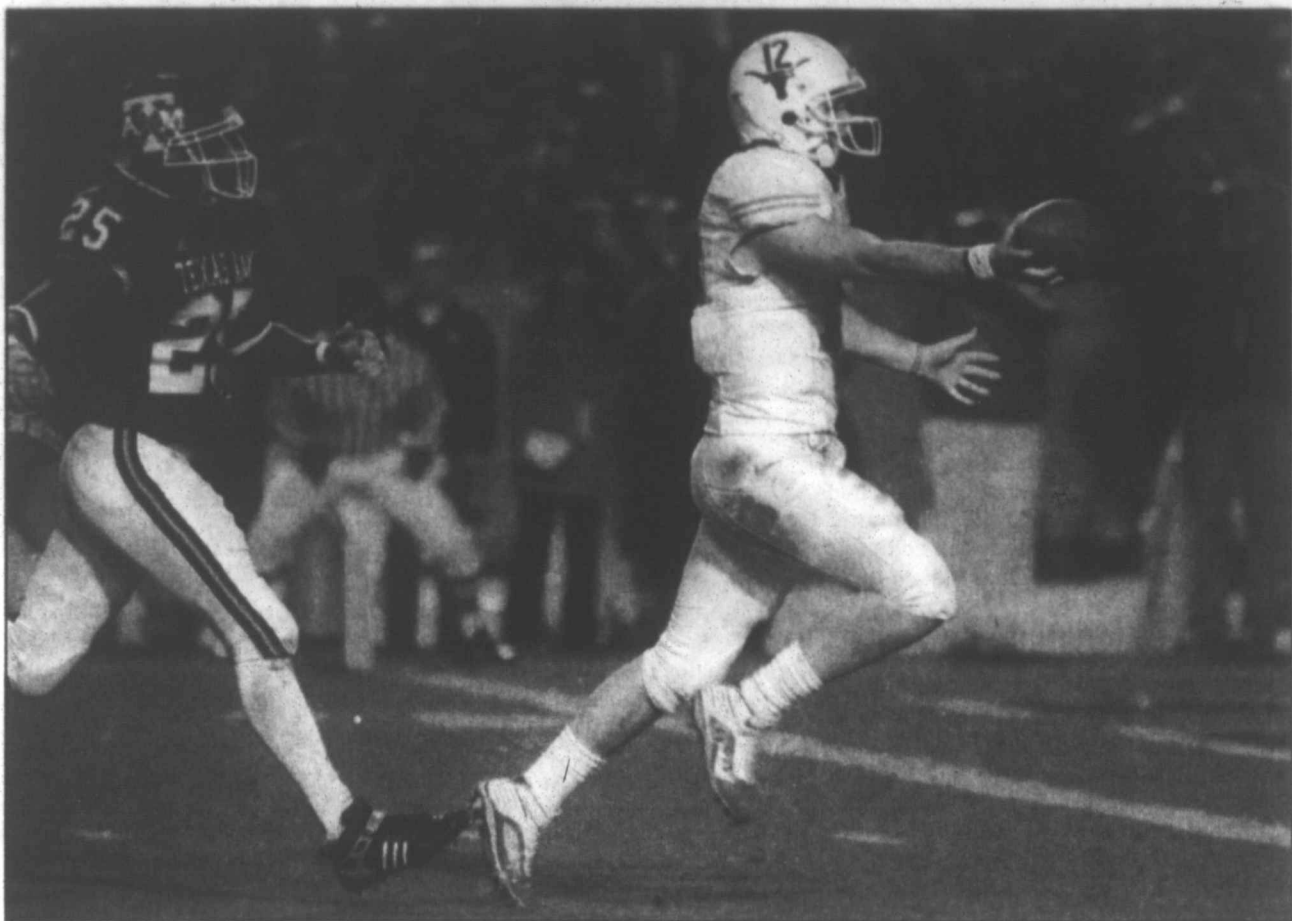
The senior star went 18 for 26 for 222 yards with three TD passes in the first half, and his career-best 65-yard run up the middle early in the second quarter was the third-longest rush by a Texas quarterback. McCoy had 111 yards rushing by that point, already a career high.

The Longhorns piled up 398 yards by halftime against the nation's 100th-ranked defense, but led only 28-21.

Early on, though, the Aggies' defense couldn't get close to McCoy even when they blitzed, and he tied it with a 14-yard touchdown pass to Jordan Shipley with 3:42 left in the first quarter.

The Longhorns' defense, meanwhile, had just as much trouble controlling the quick-footed Johnson, ranked 10th in the nation in total offense (293.9 yards per game) coming into the game.

Johnson's 14-yard TD pass to Howard Morrow with 1:11 left in the half tied it 21-all. The Longhorns hadn't given up 21 points in a game since a 34-24 win over Texas Tech



Texas quarterback Colt McCoy (12) runs toward the end zone for a touchdown as Texas A&M cornerback Jordan Pugh (25) defends during the second quarter of an NCAA college football game Thursday, Nov. 26, 2009, in College Station, Texas. (AP Photo/Dave Einsel)

on Sept. 19.

"We feel we can match up with anyone in the country," said Johnson, a 6-foot-5, 243-pound junior.

The Aggies left just enough time for McCoy to answer. He threw two passes to Shipley for big gains, then found James Kirkendoll for a TD with 5 seconds left before the break.

Tre Newton had a 7-yard touchdown run in the third quarter for Texas before a scary collision hushed the crowd of 84,671 at Kyle Field.

Aggies defensive back Anthony Lewis and Texas defensive back Deon Beasley collided on the ensuing kickoff, and both players initially lay motion-

less. Lewis was helped off the field, but Beasley was put on a stretcher. He rejoined his teammates after the win and was given the game ball.

Johnson broke a 43-yard run but then was picked off in the end zone by Texas safety Earl Thomas, his school-record eighth interception this season.

Bullock's 31-yard field goal cut the deficit to 35-24, and the Aggies took over again at midfield after McCoy started off a Texas defender for a 16-yard touchdown, and Johnson completed a

pass to Tannehill for the 2-point conversion to make it 35-32.

"Our production on offense was almost perfect," Johnson said.

McCoy had missed on seven straight passes before hitting Kirkendoll on a short route. Freshman defensive back Steven Terrell couldn't make the tackle and Kirkendoll raced the final 40 yards for a touchdown with 12:04 left.

Just when it seemed as though the Longhorns had put A&M away, Johnson marched the Aggies down the field again. He found

freshman Ryan Swope for a 27-yard gain, then lofted a 20-yard TD pass to Fuller with 7:10 to go.

But Goodwin returned the ensuing kickoff for a touchdown, and Texas escaped.

The Longhorns were upset by Texas A&M in 2006 and '07, but they've won twice since Sherman replaced Dennis Franchione as Aggies coach. Texas has eight of the last 10 meetings against its archrival.

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The challenge in Copenhagen: reshaping the world

AMSTERDAM (AP) — Next month's climate summit in Copenhagen seeks to transform the way we run the planet, from the generation of energy, to the building of homes and cities, to the shaping of the landscape. It would also shift wealth from rich to poor countries in the process.

No wonder a deal will be tough to cut.

In recent weeks, prospects brightened, then dimmed, then revived again.

U.S. President Barack Obama dampened expectations when he said during his Asian tour a final package could not be completed at the conference. He then lifted hopes by signaling the U.S. might go further in the talks in the Danish capital than had been expected because of lagging U.S. legislation.

Hoping to nudge negotiations off dead center, key governments have strengthened pledges to control their nations' greenhouse gases, the heat-trapping emissions blamed for global warming.

But everyone is still waiting to see what the U.S. will do.

The major economies "are coming to Copenhagen ready to fill in the blanks. They are all looking to see what happens in Congress, and what the U.S. is able to bring to the table," said climate analyst Jennifer Morgan of the World Resources Institute, a Washington think tank.

Facing mounting impatience, the U.S. delegation could bring a provisional number to the conference, promising at least a 17 percent cut in greenhouse gases over the next decade, measured against 2005 — a number drawn from bills awaiting congressional approval.

"It's a bit of a balancing act," said U.S. analyst Alden Meyer, of the Union of Concerned Scientists. The Obama administration wants to satisfy the international demand for clarity without seeming to pre-empt U.S. lawmakers, "providing ammunition for opponents in the Senate."

More than 65 heads of government will attend the final days of the Dec. 7-18 conference, investing their personal prestige in the outcome. They include the leaders of Britain, France,



In this file photo, a rainbow is visible looking West from Palm Springs, Calif., next to an array of wind turbines. Next month's climate summit in Copenhagen seeks to transform the way we run the planet, from the generation of energy, to the building of homes and cities, to the shaping of the landscape. (AP Photo/Sandy Huffaker, File)

Germany, Australia, Brazil, Indonesia, Japan and Spain.

Success is a matter of definition. Two years ago, when negotiations began, delegates anticipated a full treaty would be signed in Copenhagen to succeed the 1997 Kyoto Protocol, which set emissions limits on 37 industrial countries. The U.S. rejected Kyoto because it imposed no obligations for China, India and other rapidly emerging economies.

Now the Danish hosts and the United Nations say it will be enough to nail down all the political elements, leaving the details, technical issues and legal language to be filled in over the following six months to a year.

Many developing countries say that's not good enough, and insist Copenhagen aim for a full-fledged legal document.

The divide over Copenhagen's goals reflects an abiding distrust between manufacturing powerhouses that built vast riches over 200 years, while spewing carbon

dioxide and other industrial gases into the atmosphere, and countries still struggling to end hunger within their borders.

A new militant African bloc could complicate the Copenhagen negotiations. The 50 or so nations briefly walked out of committee meetings at the last round of talks in Spain earlier this month, alleging Western countries were not negotiating in good faith.

Whatever agreements emerge on Copenhagen's numerous issues, they must be accepted by all 192 countries.

As in the Kyoto accord, whose emission reductions expire in 2012, these talks aim to negotiate 2020 reduction targets for industrial countries. Unlike Kyoto, developing countries will be asked to contribute by presenting detailed plans for shifting to low-carbon growth, although it is unclear how that would be written into the accord and whether they would be held to account for their promises.

The second crunch issue is money: how much

wealthy countries will give poor countries to cope with climate change, whether major emerging economies should chip in to a global fund, and how it will be distributed and managed, giving developing countries an equal voice. Experts say \$150 billion a year may be needed eventually.

Scientists say carbon emissions must level off by 2015 and then start to rapidly decline. Within 40 years, manmade emissions should be half what they were in 1990 — and 80-95 percent lower in the economically advanced countries — to avoid the worst scenarios of climate disasters.

"We are seeking nothing less than the transformation of our energy system," Jonathan Pershing, the chief U.S. delegate, told negotiators at the final pre-Copenhagen round of talks.

Activists say that transformation must be comparable in scale to the Internet revolution: more wind, solar and nuclear energy, electric or biofuel

cars and public transportation, smart electricity grids that reduce waste, concentrated high-rise cities that eliminate long commutes, an end to deforestation and more efficient carbon-storing agriculture.

The U.N. says the targets announced by industrial countries for 2020 add up to reductions of 16 to 23 percent below 1990 levels, far less than the 25 to 40 percent scientists say is needed.

In recent weeks some governments had upped their bids, while some developing countries promised energy reforms. The new Japanese government pledged to cut emissions by 25 percent from 1990 levels. Norway committed to a 40 percent decrease, and South Korea, not obliged to accept a carbon cap, volunteered a target of 4 percent below 1990.

Among developing countries, Indonesia pledged to stem its carbon-producing deforestation and reduce emissions by 26 percent. Brazil said it would roll back Amazon deforestation

by 80 percent by 2020. China, the world's largest emitter, says renewables such as solar and wind power will be 15 percent of its energy package by 2020, and it will reduce its energy consumption by 20 percent per unit of production.

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Entomologist finds new moth species at White Sands

ALAMOGORDO, N.M. (AP) — You might think a place as popular and well-traveled as White Sands National Monument would not have any new secrets to reveal, but in recent years the sprawling dune field has yielded a startling number of them to a transplanted retiree from Ohio.

Eric Metzler, a 63-year-old entomologist who moved to Alamogordo in 2005, has discovered 14 new moth species at the dunes since beginning his research as a retirement hobby in the spring of 2007.

"The number of new species at White Sands is absolutely phenomenal," said Metzler, who says he has been obsessed with moths since childhood. "It blows my socks off."

The discovery of the first two new species, moths whose mostly white color allows them to blend into the white gypsum sand dunes, was made official with publication of a research article in the May 12 issue of a peer-reviewed scientific journal, ZooKeys.

Metzler plans to publish research articles on the other new species in the years ahead, but he said his finds have been confirmed by colleagues at the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C., and by other experts in the field.

About half of the estimated 14 new species are pure white or sandy-colored. One moth believed to be a new species, he said, is jet black.

As large as it is, the 275-square-mile White Sands National Monument only contains about 40 percent of the world's largest white gypsum dune field. With about 450,000 visitors per year, the monument is the busiest national park in New Mexico.

Created by the accumulation of dissolved gypsum crystals that blow in from large dry lake beds to the southwest, the huge dune fields form a unique environment.

"Kind of like Galapagos," said monument Superintendent Kevin Schneider, "an island of white in the middle of the Chihuahuan Desert."

Until the recent moth discoveries, White Sands was thought to be home to roughly 20 species found only here, seven that have adapted to the dunes with white coloration. Those include three lizards, two mouse subspecies, and two camel crickets.

"I knew I was onto something," Metzler said. "I told people at the National Park Service, 'This is going to be better than I expected.'"

Then in 2005, Metzler, who said he was "mainly a paper pusher" for the Ohio Department of Natural Resources who collected and studied moths on the side, retired to New Mexico with his wife. Knowing he wanted to continue his studies of moths, but not sure where, Metzler met some staffers with the National Park Service at a native plant workshop in Albuquerque.

At their invitation, he submitted a research proposal and in December 2006 he got a permit allowing him to enter the park after closing and remove moths for research.

On his second monthly trip to a collection spot close to the entrance on the park's southern end, Metzler found the first sample of one of the new species. On his third trip, he found what he suspected to be another.

"I knew I was onto something," Metzler said. "I told people at the National Park Service, 'This is going to be better than I expected.'"

Metzler says that since he first started collecting moths at White Sands at night in January 2007, "Each trip I come back with something I have not seen before."

Metzler estimates there are more than 1,000 species of moths at White Sands because he has already found samples of more than 300 species while collecting from less than 1 percent of the dune field in just one of seven different habitats at the national monument. Previous research at White

Sands listed only 20 species of moths in the dunes.

With seven years remaining in his planned 10-year research project, Metzler figures more new moth discoveries are likely.

"This level of diversity is more than I ever expected, particularly for the desert," he said.

Some moth samples will end up at his Alamogordo home in his personal collection. The collection, numbering about 7,000 specimens of varying sizes and brilliant color patterns from all over North America, fills the drawers of six 8-foot-tall cabinets. His living room has been converted into a reference library with stacks filled with reference books, text books and reprints of scholarly articles, mainly concerning his beloved moths.

The rest of Metzler's moth collections from White Sands are being deposited at several academic institutions, including the University of New Mexico and New Mexico State University, and the National Museum of Natural History in Washington, D.C.

Asked about the source of his passion for moths, Metzler responds, "I don't have a clue."

His parents were both professional musicians and "they could not figure out how I ended up a biologist."

Metzler has also been collecting moths around Carlsbad Caverns, and he has set his sights on more remote areas of the dune fields that are part of White Sands Missile Range.

"I think there are some really unique discoveries to be made there," he said.

Schneider said Metzler's research, all voluntary, will provide visitors with a better sense of what lives at White Sands, and how, and will enable the monument's administration to make more informed management decisions.

"People come here and sled and picnic and they have a great time," Schneider said. "Our challenge is to let them know that this is more than just the world's biggest sandbox."



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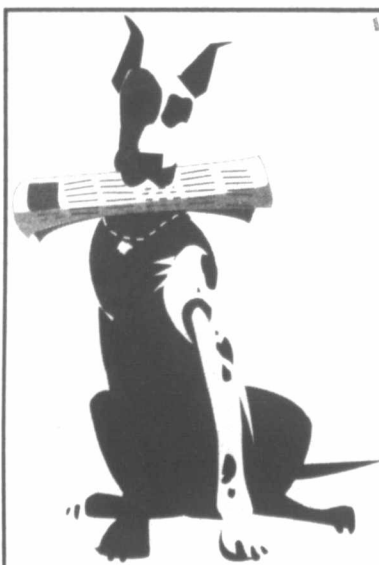
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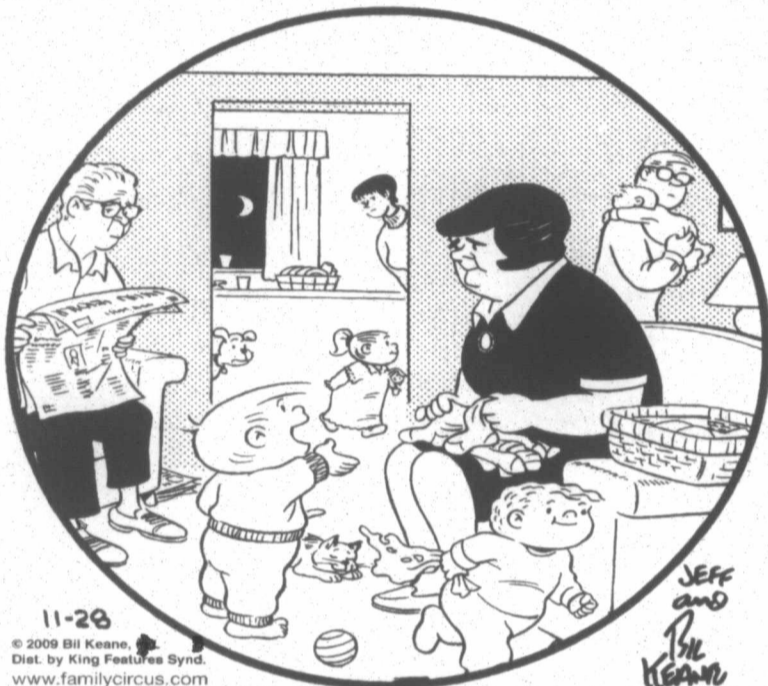
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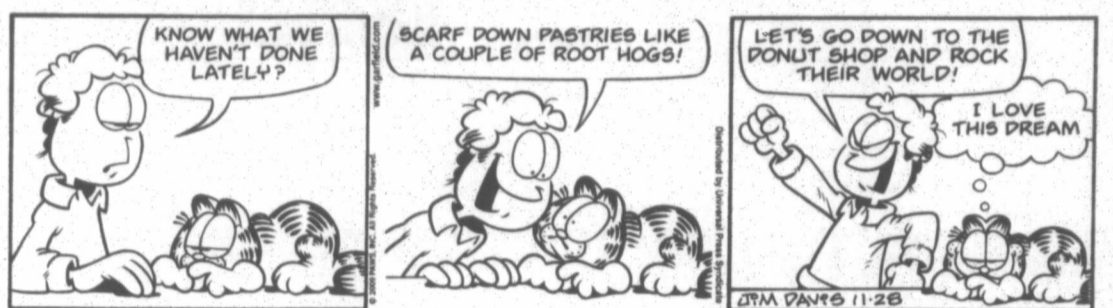
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BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

Daily Horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, Nov. 30, 2009.

This year, discover the power of creativity and spontaneity. Others are often jolted, and that could have long-term implications to your stability. Your daily style and your ability to express caring might need some sprucing up. You have an opulent style of communicating, drawing many. If you are single, relating might be easy, but because of your style, forming a long-term bond will take time. If you are attached, the next year invites better communication. Avoid selective hearing, and two people can be found smiling. TAURUS is a good co-worker.

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)

**** Curb possessiveness. The unexpected stimulates surprising reactions. You barely know which way to go. Develop a style that allows greater fluency and continuity. News surprises you. Tonight: Pay bills.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

***** You smile, and the world responds. You might be hard-pressed to deal with someone's endless demands. With a little discipline, your imagination will move in a new direction. A meeting points you in a certain direction. Tonight: Where the action is.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

*** Know when to back off and handle a matter directly. Do you have the right answer? Reach out for an expert. A door points to a new adventure. Take time to weigh the pros and cons before walking through. Tonight: Get some sleep.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

**** Zero in on what is important and necessary. You could be far more tired than you realize. The unexpected occurs when you least expect it. Excitement surrounds a potential venture that could amplify your income. Is it a risk? Tonight: Find your friends.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

** Take charge and maintain a steady course, as a lot is being tossed in your direction. Please note: Everyone thinks he or she has a better idea. You wonder why. A steady pace allows for a sorting process. Tonight: A must appearance.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

***** Share your thoughts, knowing that others have much more to add. Investigate possibilities with an eye to growth and greater concern. Your ability to add that extra push carries a project to the finish line. Tonight: If others continue their unpredictable behavior, join them. It might be fun!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

***** Your determination can carry a relationship through the hard times. You might not be sure which way is best, but trust in your ability to move forward, especially with an unerving situation. Perhaps you cannot control all aspects of this matter, but you can make clear choices. Tonight: A tête-à-tête with a beloved friend.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

***** Listen to others, and weigh the pros and cons of their perspectives. Don't demand immediate answers, even from yourself. Many unexpected twists and turns come in from left field. Know that you are on the ride for it all. Relax, and your middle name becomes "Resourceful." Tonight: Sort through your options.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

***** Realize when to pull back and

when to go forward. If you feel that even with the best intentions and suggestions all plans seem to splatter everywhere, this too will change. Allow greater give-and-take in your dealings. Your style will emerge and take you to a new level. Tonight: Squeeze in some exercise and/or downtime.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

***** Your ability to create cannot be stymied, but in communicating your ideas, you could hit a brick wall. Listen to news that is forthcoming. The unexpected jolts you. Know how much you bring to a situation, and watch the news pass. Tonight: Indulge yourself after a day like this.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

***** Though a domestic matter demands your attention, you could be focused on other matters. Could this be an escape from dealing with a problem? Be sure you aren't distorting certain facts by wearing your rose-colored glasses. Tonight: Head on home.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

***** You bring in the unexpected or you act in an unexpected manner. Either way, your handling of a situation might not be exactly right-on. Communication accelerates. Delegate or defer if you don't like the results you are getting. Tonight: Catch up with a friend.

BORN TODAY

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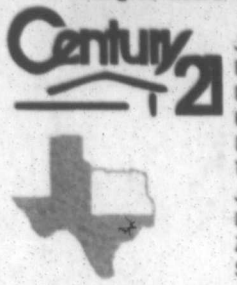
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Tree-lightings, from Rock Center to The Grove

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NEW YORK (AP) — This season's Christmas tree displays include trees made from feathers at a historic home in Indianapolis, a thank-you tree in Boston sent from Nova Scotia, and the Obamas' first National Christmas Tree ceremony in Washington.

The National Christmas Tree is scheduled to be lit on Dec. 3. Details of this year's ceremony have not been released yet, but traditionally the president and his family preside. Tickets have already been distributed by lottery to nearly 10,000 people, but the tree stays lit through Jan. 1 with free performances nightly. The tree is located less than a block from the White House.

Also in Washington, the Capitol Christmas Tree goes on display on the West Lawn of the U.S. Capitol near Constitution and Independence avenues. The tree comes from a different state every year, and this year an 85-foot (26-meter) blue spruce from Arizona's Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest becomes the first tree from that state to fill the role. The tree is scheduled to be lit Dec. 8 by Speaker of the House of Representatives Nancy Pelosi.

In Indianapolis, the President Benjamin Harrison Home hosts a Victorian-themed Christmas, Nov. 20-Dec. 30. Decorations at the 1875 Italianate home will include a half-dozen feather trees, based on a German tradition popular in that era. The trees are made from white and dyed-green goose feathers wrapped around wires and shaped like small trees, according to curator Jennifer Capps.

The home will also have a replica of the tree the Harrisons had in the White House in 1889. "They were the first family to have a decorated Christmas tree in the White House," she said. The original decorations included wooden soldiers, and the Harrison home in Indianapolis has been inviting children who visit to create soldier decorations for the tree there for 40 years.

In Boston, the Canadian province of Nova Scotia sends a Christmas tree every year as thanks for disaster aid from Massachusetts following the Halifax Explosion that killed over 1,500 people during World War I in 1917, caused by the collision of a French munitions ship and a Belgian relief ship. This year's tree will be lit on the Boston Common Dec. 3.

In New York, the Rockefeller Center tree, a 76-foot (23-meter) Norway spruce, will be decorated with 30,000 lights and lit Dec. 2. You can see it any time until Jan. 7. The first Rockefeller Center Christmas tree was put up in 1931 by workers building the complex during the Depression, and the first official tree lighting there was in 1933.

A fir tree from Northern California decorated with more than 10,000 lights and 15,000 ornaments will be lit at The Grove in Los Angeles on Nov. 22 at 7:30 p.m. The attraction stays up through the first of the year. An enormous Santa and sleigh, designed to look like Santa's sailing through the night sky with the tree behind him, are part of the decorations.

In Houston, the 24th annual Uptown Holiday Lighting includes a half-million lights on 80 trees along Post Oak Boulevard, with fireworks at the opening ceremony Nov. 26. Also in Houston, the Downtown Holiday Spectacular kicks off Thanksgiving Day with a holiday parade and a weekend of activities that includes the Nov. 28 opening of the ice skating rink at Discovery Green and a nighttime illuminated art car parade along Avenida de Las Americas, also on

the 28th. Honolulu City Lights, which includes a tree, wreath displays and gingerbread houses, kicks off Dec. 5 and lasts a month. Opening night festivities typically draw 75,000 people. Later in the month, on Dec. 13, the 24,000 runners taking part in the Honolulu Marathon will run right past the Christmas display at Honolulu Hale, which is the name of the City Hall there.

Christmas at Biltmore, in Asheville, North Carolina, is a tradition that goes back to Christmas Eve 1895. That's when its owner, George Vanderbilt, officially opened the massive home to friends and family. This season's holiday display at the estate, which is a National Historic Landmark, features dozens of decorated trees and runs through Jan. 3.

In Riverside, California, The Mission Inn Hotel & Spa offers its annual Festival of Lights Nov. 27-Jan. 3, with 3.5 million lights, carriage rides and Santa visits. The elaborate lighting display has turned the inn into a must-see attraction for the holidays in Southern California. Tens of thousands of people attend the lighting ceremony each year and many more come through the grounds before the festival ends. The lights depict toy soldiers, elves, swans, Santa and many other symbols of Christmas.

Arkansas showcases a trail of holiday lights around the state in six regions and dozens of communities, with details at <http://www.arkansas.com/things-to-do/trail-of-lights/>. But Arkansas' most famous lighting display is now in Florida, at Disney's Hollywood Studios. A lawsuit forced Jennings Osborne to stop putting up his massive home lighting display in Little Rock in 1994, but Disney brought the display to Disney World, where visitors can see it lit up every night except Nov. 22, through Jan. 4, from dusk to when the park closes.

Chicago's 96th annual tree-lighting ceremony takes place Nov. 25, at Daley Plaza. A Christkindlmarkt inspired by the centuries-old Nuremberg Christmas market in Germany opens there that day as well.

In Atlanta, the 62nd lighting of Macy's Department Store's Great Tree takes place Nov. 26 at the Lenox Square Mall.

Springfield, Massachusetts, hosts the drive-through Bright Nights in Forest Park Nov. 25-Dec. 6, with colorful light displays depicting a Victorian village, Peter Pan, Noah's Ark, and an American flag among other things.

In Des Moines, Iowa, the city hosts a nighttime drive-through lighting display called "Jolly Holiday Lights" at Water Works Park, Nov. 24-Jan. 2. With a three-mile route, it's the state's largest light display and it benefits the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

The Oglebay Resort & Conference Center in Wheeling, West Virginia, hosts the Winter Festival of Lights, Nov. 13-Jan. 3. Oglebay says it is one of America's largest such attractions, covering more than 300 acres (121 hectares) on a six-mile (10-kilometer) drive. Favorite displays from past years include the Snowflake Tunnel, a candy cane wreath, and a poinsettia wreath and candle.

In Idaho, the Coeur d'Alene Resort decorates a 161-foot-tall (49-meter-tall) living tree, which the resort claims is the tallest living Christmas tree, decorated with ornaments that are 10 feet (3 meters) tall. A holiday light show at the resort includes 1.5 million lights on the shores of Lake Coeur d'Alene, Nov. 27-Jan. 1.



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