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Gray County third graders can...

BY DAVID BOWSER dbowser@thepampanews.com

If you don't know what it means, look it up in the dictionary

Members of the Pampa Rotary Club fanned out today to help with the education of Gray County third graders.

The Pampa Rotary Club gave every third graders an illustrated dictionary this morning, according to Katrina Bigham, president of the city's Rotary Club. With 57 third graders at

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Myrna Orr with the Pampa Rotary Club looks over the shoulder of Wilson third grader Daisy Molina as she looks through one of the dictionaries the Rotary Club presented to each third grader in Gray County as part of one of its community projects.

Pampa cowboy competing at NFR



Matt Reeves competes during the steer wresting event at the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas. (AP Photo/Laura Rauch)

BY ANDREW GLOVER aglover@thepampanews.com

Matt Reeves is ranked ninth in average score in steer wrestling as the National Rodeo finals enters its last two days in Las Vegas.

This is the second time Reeves has qualified for the National Rodeo. Reeves qualified in 2007 and enjoyed that experience.

"It was everything I thought it would be." Reeves said. "It's like how I thought it would be when I was a kid. It's great."

The National Rodeo Finals enter the ninth round as of press time and will have the final round Saturday. Reeves currently has \$67,738 in winnings.

Matt Reeves' dad, Jim said he started steer wrestling when he was in high school, beginning with his freshman year in 1993. He is a 1997 graduate of Pampa High School.

"He has devoted a lot of time to it," Jim Reeves said. "He made it (to Vegas) two years ago. He didn't make it last year because he was injured. He is the Texas State Circuit Champion the last two years."

NFR competition began December 3, and according to the AP Reeves finished in a tie for ninth in the first round with time of 6.2 seconds. In the second round December 4, Reeves was 14th with a time of 16.3 seconds giving him an average of 22.5 seconds which was 12th.

In December 5's action, Reeves finished 15th with a time of 55.7 seconds bringing his average to 78.2 which was 13th. In the next round, Reeves finished 15th with a time of 44.6 seconds bringing his average to 122.8. In round fifth Reeves finished with a time of 13.7 seconds for 13th place. Reeves ended the round 12th in average with a 136.5.

In the sixth round Reeves finished sixth with a time of 3.9 seconds bringing his average to 140.4 which was 11th. Reeves tied for fifth in the seventh round with a time of 4.7 seconds bringing his average to 145.1 moving him up to ninth place. In yesterday's action Reeves finished 13th with a time of 13.7 seconds. Reeves' average is 158.8 as of press time which is ninth place.

ook tapped to lead Assoc. of Counties

BY DAVID BOWSER dbowser@thepampanews.com

The Texas Association of Counties is relying on a man from the panhandle to lead the organization for the next two years.

Roberts County Judge Vernon Cook was sworn in earlier this month as the 2010 and 2011 president.

Cook was sworn in at the Texas

Association of Counties board of directors meeting Dec. 3, in Austin. The Roberts County judge served as president-election for 2008-2009.

He has long been active in civic affairs. Having served as Roberts County Judge since 1991, Cook was previously a Miami city council member and member of the Miami Independent School District board of trustees.

A former educator with a Masters degree from Texas A&M University, Cook taught vocational agriculture in the Miami school district and was a Roberts County extension agent.

Cook is heavily involved in state and regional water issues. He serves on the Panhandle Water Planning Group.

He has been president of the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission and the West Texas County Judges and Commissioners Association.

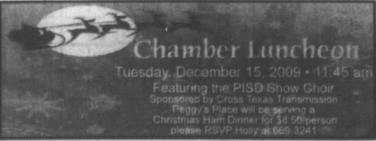
With Cook's installation at the Texas Association of Counties, the panhandle has the top leaders of the state's two largest associations of city and county officials.

In October, Amarillo Mayor Debra McCartt was sworn in as

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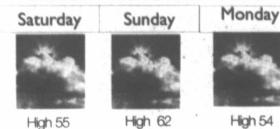






For the record

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Changes made The Pampa to NOAA News

A few enhancements have been made to the routine coverage areas of two transmitters in the Texas Panhandle. The affected transmitters are located in Amarillo, TX (WXK-38 on 162.550 mHz) and near Miami, TX (WNG-713 on 162.450 mHz) and serve the National Weather Service in Amarillo, TX.

The Miami Transmitter (162.450 mHz) now serves Beckham County in western Oklahoma. While the forecasts aired over this transmitter will be for the eastern Texas Panhandle, at will play watches, warnings, and advisories in effect for Beckham County that are issued by the National Weather Service in Norman, OK. as well as non-weather emergency messages (such as Amber Alerts, Civil Danger Warnings, or Fire Warnings) issued by state and local authorities from both Texas and Oklahoma.

Obituaries

Hazel Buckley, 98

Pampa— Hazel Buckley, 98, December 10, 2009, in Pampa, Texas

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, December 12, 2009, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel, with Herb Smith, officiat-

Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Buckley was born May 28, 1911 in Stigler, Oklahoma, to Rev. and Mrs. C.C. Warford. She

had been a resident of Pampa since June of 1929, moving from Alanreed. She was a member of the First Baptist Church, where she worked as a nursery worker for 19 years.

Hazel was preceded in death by her husband: Charles A. Buckley; eight brothers and five sisters.

Survivors include a daughter, Joyce Thomas and husband Billy J. of Corpus Christi; two sons, Jerry G. Davis and Billy F. Davis, both of Pampa;

two sisters, Agnes Craig of Pampa and Lorene Husman of Springfield, Missouri; two brothers, David C. Warford of Springfield, Missouri and Fred Warford of Muskogee, Oklahoma; 14 grandchildren, 18 greatgrandchildren, and six great-great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials to First Baptist Church nursery, P.O. Box 621, Pampa, Texas



Buckley

Sign the on-line register at www.carmichael-what-

Dr. Carl Stephen Hudson, 61

Dr. Carl Stephen Hudson, 61, of Winters passed away Tuesday, December 8, 2009 in Abilene. He was born April 3, 1948 in Dimmitt and grew up Groom, graduating from Groom High School in 1966. He attended Texas Tech University in Lubbock and graduated from the University of Texas Medical Branch in San Antonio with his M.D. in family practice. He served his medical internships in New Mexico on an Indian Reservation and at the University of

Columbia at Missouri. He practiced medicine in Amarillo, Clarendon and Borger, went to Wyoming for a short time and currently worked in the North Runnels Hospital in

He is survived by one sister: Jane Helen Hudson Burroughs of Abilene; brothers: James Leldon "Jim" Hudson of Austin and Thomas Brooks Hudson and wife Joyce Knapp Hudson of Conway, Arkansas; 1 aunt: Helen Hudson Dever of

es and nephews: Stephen Ray Hudson, wife Toni Emerson Hudson and son Charles Jacob Hudson of Temple, Hillary Elizabeth Hudson Stull, husband Brad Stull and children Spencer Emerson Stull and Sarah Elizabeth Stull of San Antonio, Brooke Elizabeth Hudson of Kansas, Missouri, Anna Elizabeth Burroughs of Austin and Josiah William Burroughs of Arlington; as well as five horses and his favorite dog Dixie.

Memorial services will be San Angelo; several niec- held Saturday, December

12, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Winters with Terry Loehman and Joseph Buse officiating. A memorial service is pending in January at the First United Methodist Church in Groom. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, memorials be made to the New Beginnings Church in Winters or to Joseph and Mary Buse of the Coleman Cowboy Church in Coleman.

Jerry Thornburg, 72

A private family memorial service will be held for July 29, 1937 in Shattuck, Jerry Thornburg at a later OK to the late Guy Daniel date and time. Mr. Thornburg passed

away at the age of 72 on December 9, 2009 in Athens, Texas.

Thornburg Sr. and Mary Elmina Thornburg. He lived many different places in the East Texas and Panhandle area. He worked

Jerry Thornburg was born for Kelly Springfield for a number of years as well as in the oil field.

He was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Bonnie.

Survivors include his step-daughter, Marshella

Kersh of Tyler; two brothers, Tommy Thornburg and Guy Thornburg Jr. of the Panhandle; and numerous grandchildren and greatgrandchildren.

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SHERIFF

Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests during the past 24-hour period ending at 8 a.m. today.

Thursday, Dec. 10. Deeanna Pollock, 21, and Adam Pollock, 22, were arrested by Gray County deputies on charges of insurance fraud, filing a false report and theft by

check. Jennifer Bentley, 24, was arrested by Gray County deputies in connection with possession of a controlled substance.

Karen Ayala, 52, was arrested by Gray County deputies in connection with

driving while intoxicated. Rafael Gomez-Sandoval, 26, was arrested by Pampa police officers on charges of theft under \$50, not having a valid driver's license

PAMPA PD

and failure to appear.

Pampa Police Department reported the following calls Thursday. There were 13 trafficrelated calls and one acci-

There were six animalrelated calls. Pampa EMS reported

seven medical calls. Thursday, Dec. 10. A threat was made in the 2400 block of North

Charles. A burglary was reported in 800 block of North Frost.

A grass fire was reported at FM 2375 and Gray 13. A theft was reported in the 2130 block of North

Faulkner. An abandoned vehicle

was reported in the 1100 block of East Foster. An assault was reported

in the 100 block of East Harvester. A gas drive off was

reported in the 100 block of West 28th.

An assault was reported in the 1200 block of South Faulkner.

A suspicious person was reported at Cuyler and Foster. Criminal mischief was

reported in the 2400 block of North Dogwood.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 500 block of North Nelson.

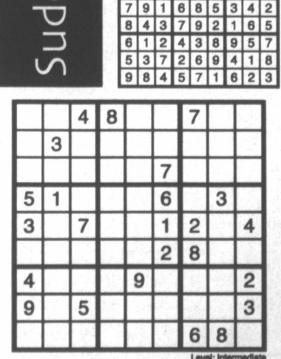
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"A Charlie Brown Christmas at Calvary"

Rotary



staff photo by David Bowser

Pampa Rotarians Richard Stowers; Darville Orr and Myrna Orr hand out dictionaries to third graders at Wilson School today as part of a larger program to supply each third grader in Gray County with a Scholastic Dictionary of their own.

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Austin, 53 third graders at Lamar, 49 third graders at Travis and 69 third graders at Wilson, representatives from the Pampa Rotary Club gave out 228 Scholastic Children's Dictionaries at the city's elementary schools.

They also gave dictionaries to third graders at Pampa Community Christian School, Lefors, McLean and Grandview-Hopkins.

In total there were about dictionaries given away by the Rotarians.

"They can take them home," Bigham said of the dictionaries, "and put their names in them.

The purchase of the dictionaries was funded by members of the Pampa Rotary Club with help from the National Bank of Commerce, FirstBank Southwest, Happy State Bank, First State Bank of Miami, Wal-Mart and Panhandle Plains Federal Credit Union, she said.

Bigham said the dictionaries were given as part of the club's efforts to give back to the community.

Wednesday, December 16 at 6:30 pm

Presented by the Music and Youth Ministeries of Calvary Baptist Church Adults and Children of all ages are Welcome

Sunday Worship Services - 10:45am

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Roberts County Judge Vernon Cook

president of the Texas Municipal League. Tarrant County Tax Assessor-Collector Betsy Prices was elected president-elect of the Texas Association of Counties.

Travis County Constable Bruce Elfant was re-elected vice president.

Members of the 2010 Association of Counties board are Oldham County Judge Don Allred, Tom Green County Judge Mike Brown, Bell County Judge Jon Burrows, El Paso County Auditor Edward Dion, Sutton County District Attorney Laurie English, Hidalgo County Constable Larry Gallardo, Calhoun County Commission Roger Galvan, Brazoia County Clerk Joyce

Hudman, Nacogdoches County Sheriff Thomas Kerss, Navarro County Justice of the Peace Connie Mayfield, McLennan Commissioner County

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Meadows, Tom Green County Treasurer Dianna Spieker, Victoria District Clerk County Cathy Stuart, Tarrant Commissioner County J.D. Johnson, County Commissioner Roy Brooks, Brazos County District Clerk Marc Hamlin and Fort Bend County Commissioner Grady Presage.

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Christmas programs slated at Calvary Baptist

Two Christmas programs

Wednesday, December, 16, 6:30 pm: "A Charlie Brown Christmas at Calvary" The music and youth ministries of Calvary

performing, accompanied by the Calvary Christmas Orchestra. The Calvary youth ministry will be performing the Charlie Brown drama, which was written by Calvary's youth minister, Eric Lockwood. "A Charlie Brown Christmas at Calvary" is directed by Gary Jameson.

Wednesday, December, 23, 6:30 pm: "Candlelight and Advent Service" The

one hour service will feature Christmas carols, lighting the 5 advent candles, and end with the congregational candle lighting ceremony.

The church is located at 900 E. 23rd Street. For information, call the church office at 665-0842. A nursery will be provided both evenings and the programs are free.

at Calvary Baptist Church in Pampa, this season.

Baptist are presenting this evening of Christmas music and drama, based on the "Charlie Brown Christmas Story." All the choirs of the church will be

7,000 drop Texas prepaid tuition plan

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) - The state's prepaid college tuition plan will face a financial review during the 2011 Legislature after thousands dropped the program.

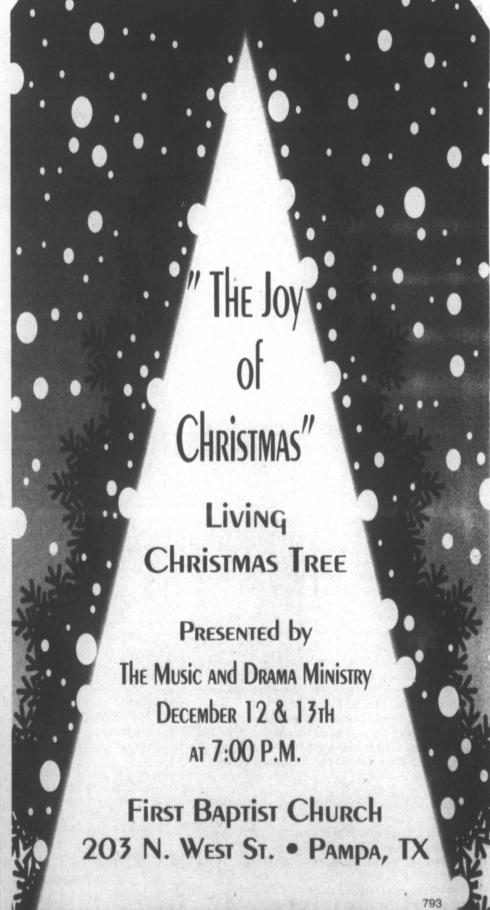
The state comptroller's office says about 7,000 investors left the Texas Guaranteed Tuition Plan since August, when the state announced a now-defunct plan to cut refunds.

Agency spokesman R.J. DeSilva says about \$110 million was withdrawn, equal to slightly more than 7 percent of the fund's value, which topped \$1.4 billion as

of Oct. 31.

The Texas Prepaid Higher Education Tuition Board on Nov. 5 decided to cancel new rules that would have cut the value of refunds, amid shortfall projections.

State Rep. Richard Pena Raymond of Laredo, vice chairman of the Texas House Appropriations Committee, said Thursday the panel will review the tuition plan. Recommendations will to the 2011





Saturday, Dec.12 4 p.m.

The holidays are a time of celebration, but they can often be full of sorrow

for those who are suffering through a loss, an illness, or separation from loved ones.

The service will include prayer, scripture, a brief sermon, and an invitation to light a candle in memory or in honor of

those we love. Please join us for this special service as we remember our loved ones, recognize our pain, and seek hope and comfort in Jesus Christ.

First Presbyterian Church

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Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Friday, Dec. 11, the 345th day of 2009. There are 20 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1769 - King Prithpi Narayan Shad creates a united nation of Nepal by capturing the last of its 24 states. 1792 - France's King Louis XVI faces charges of treason. He is convicted, and executed the following month.

1816 - Britain restores Java, Indonesia, to the Netherlands.

1845 - Sikhs cross Sutlej River in India and surprise British, causing outbreak of Anglo-Sikh War. 1853 - Britain annexes Nagpur, one of India's key states

1872 - Pinckney Benton Stewart Pinchback becomes America's first black governor in Louisiana. 1878 - French-British dual control in Egypt is sus-

'Better by far you should forget and smile than that you should remember and be sad.'

Christina Rosetti,
 British poet

pended.

1888 - Italy supports Menelek of Shoa in revolt against Ethiopia's Johannes IV; the French Panama Canal company fails.

1936 - George VI becomes King of England follow-

Edward VIII.

1937 - Italy withdraws from the
League of Nations.

1941 - United
States declares war

ing abdication of

against Germany and Italy in World War II. 1946 - The U.N. International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) is established.

1961 - Two U.S. helicopter companies arrive in Saigon on an aircraft carrier in the first direct U.S. military support for South Vietnam's battle against Communist guerrillas.

1968 - U.S. and North Vietnamese representatives in Paris continue talks on the expanded Vietnam peace conference, but discussions remain dead-locked.

1972 - U.S. Apollo 17 astronauts land on the moon and begin an extensive exploration of the lunar surface.

1975 - Moroccan officials in El Aiun proclaim Morocco's annexation of the Spanish Sahara as some 5,000 Moroccan troops march into the territory's capital.

1981 - The U.N. Security Council chooses Javier Perez de Cuellar of Peru to be the fifth secretary-general of the world body.

1988 - Palestinians stage impromptu general strike in occupied Gaza Strip to protest fatal shootings of two Arab youths.

1989 - Celebrations replace threatened general strike in Czechoslovakia as hard-line communist President Gustav Husak is driven from office.

1990 - Albania announces it will allow formation of independent political parties.

of independent political parties. 1991 - Leaders of 12 European Community nations agree to establish loose federation with common foreign policy and single currency by 1999, laying the

groundwork for the European Union.
1992 - The U.N. Security Council authorizes immediate deployment of up to 800 peacekeepers in Macedonia to prevent strife in the Balkans from

engulfing a larger region.

1994 - Thousands of Russian troops backed by armored columns and jets roll into breakaway republic of Chechnya in a bid to restore Moscow's control over the region.

1996 - Shipping tycoon Tung Chee-hwa is elected the first postcolonial leader of Hong Kong.

1997 - Hours before U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright arrives in Rwanda, Hutu rebels attack a village with guns, grenades and machetes, killing at least 231.

2001 - A U.S. federal grand jury indicts Frenchman Zacarias Moussaoui for conspiracy in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, the first indictment directly related to the attacks.

2003 - A presidential panel concludes that France should outlaw Islamic head scarves in public schools to halt the burgeoning influence of Islamic fundamentalism and save the secular values that guide modern-day France. It also recommends a ban on other conspicuous religious symbols, such as Jewish skullcaps and large Christian crosses.

2004 - Ukrainian presidential candidate Viktor Yushchenko was poisoned with dioxin, doctors say, adding that the highly toxic chemical could have been put in the opposition leader's soup, producing the severe disfigurement and partial paralysis of his face. Yushchenko claimed that he was poisoned by Ukrainian authorities, who deny the charges.

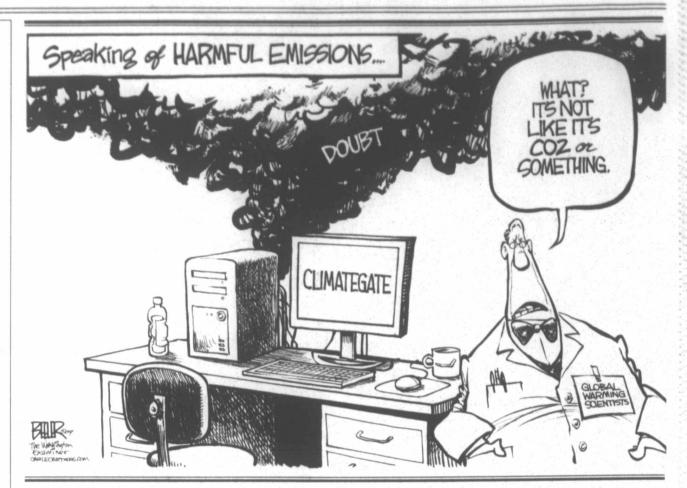
2005 - Explosions rip through a fuel depot north of London, injuring dozens of people, blowing doors off nearby homes and sending balls of fire and clouds of black smoke into the sky.

2006 - Thousands of mourners in Chile honor Gen. Augusto Pinochet, with many weeping openly in a military ceremony that exposes deep divisions over the legacy of his 17-year dictatorship.

2007 - Two truck bombs shear off the fronts of U.N. offices and a government building in Algeria's capital, killing at least 31 people and wounding nearly 200 in an attack claimed by Al-Qaida in Islamic North Africa.

Today's Birthdays:

Hector Berlioz, French composer (1803-1869); Alfred de Musset, French author (1810-1857); Fiorello H. LaGuardia, New York City mayor (1882-1947); Carlos Gardel, Argentine tango singer (1887-1935); Naguib Mahfouz, Egyptian writer and Nobel laureate (1911-2007); Alexander Solzhenitsyn, Russian writer and Nobel laureate (1918-2008); Rita Moreno, Puerto Rican actress (1931--).



Savoring time with our children

Evan Smith Deputy Superintendent Pampa ISD

ecember holidays bring such anticipation, such excitement and joy to our lives! As each day brings us closer, our Pampa nights absolutely glow as our neighbors string holiday lights to brighten hearts and delight our senses. Our community merchants have decorated their stores and have filled their windows with the bobbles and bangles, the widgets and gadgets, all the special treasures we want to give – or receive.

Most of all, however, the holidays provide us with time, those precious moments, we dedicate to family and friends. They remind us to linger at the table and to savor the gift of those who love us as we lift a glass of egg nog or enjoy the spreading warmth of hot chocolate by the fireplace. It is truly a time to focus on our blessings.

The holidays are a time for introspection. It is a time to reflect upon our past, think about our present, and consider our future.

Recently, as I was shopping in town, I watched a mother interacting with her two small children. The young mother was pushing her infant son in the shopping cart; an older daughter was toddling beside her. As the mother shopped down the aisle, her daughter would curiously stop and investigate the items on the shelf. She was full of a three year old's questions, and her mother would patiently pause to answer.

The duo carried on a series of fascinating conversations. Together, they explored their environment, marveling at the colors, the shapes, the designs. The mother shared in the excitement of her daughter's discovery; even I smiled to rediscover, through them, the novelty of

light refracting through colored liquids.

This young mother's lesson did not end with her toddler – or me. Each time the mother would satisfy her daughter's inquiry, she would push the cart forward, but as she did, her attention moved to her infant son. With one "gitcha goo," she would capture his gaze, and she would tell him about his sister's discoveries, often with his older sister chiming in to show off her new knowledge. With the grace of a dancer, this young mother continued to fill her basket, to discover the world with her daughter, and to bring the news of their discoveries back to charm her giggling infant.

Not only was I moved by this young mother's love and patience, not only did I marvel at her ability to juggle the responsibilities of two small children and shopping, but I also realized that this young mother encapsulates the changing philosophies that we hope to incorporate at Pampa ISD.

Currently, administrators and many teachers are involved in study groups. In these groups, we explore the latest research and discuss the future of education. For example, administrators are studying, Disrupting Class, by Christenson, Horn, and Johnson. This book challenges school administrators to consider what the future of education and learning will look like with the expansion of technology.

While we strive to provide the best education for our

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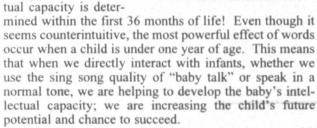
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current students, we also need to prepare for the educational and technological needs of our future students. As administrators, we want all of our young parents to rest assured that their children will receive an education, in Pampa, that will equip them to succeed.

In our study groups, we have explored research that indicates a significant portion of a person's intellectual capacity is deter-



In closing, please remember that as you interact with the children in your family or if you just happen to be in line at the grocery store with a little one nearby, you will influence the development of intellectual curiosity and capacity of our future leaders! Therefore, we all should invest the time to talk with our youngest Pampa citizens.

Additionally, I want to send my own personal "shout out" to the young mother who invested the extra time at the store to "language dance" with her precious children. You have imparted learning as a lifestyle for your children. You have demonstrated that through love and communication you can help build a very bright and intellectual future for your little ones; you inspire us all.

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His children dictate what we will be having for dinner and what we'll do for the weekend they are here. They hang on him as if they are growths on his skin. I can't even get a hug from him. We don't have five minutes alone. Trevor allows them to stay up as late as they want, and once they go to bed, he goes, too. Most times he doesn't even say good night.

Many times he has left me and my 5-year-old son sleeping and has taken his kids for breakfast without even giving me the courtesy of asking if we'd like to join them. Abby, as soon as his children return to their mother, he becomes himself again -- attentive, loving and always including me in what he's doing.

I have told Trevor many times how I feel about this. I understand he loves his children and wants to spend as much time as possible with them when they're here. But must I be put on hold while they visit? I'm ready to pick up and leave. -- LOW PRIORITY IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR PRIORITY: Feeling as you do, that might be best for all concerned. For whatever reason, you perceive your fiance's visitations with his children as competition. From my perspective, however, Trevor loves his children, may carry some guilt that the family is no longer intact, and tries the best he can to concentrate all his energy on them during the short periods they are with him. This is not about you and him; it is about THEM.

Forgive me for not being more sympathetic, but please recognize that your present is a glimpse of what your future will be if you marry Trevor. Once you accept that, you'll have a better idea of what you want to do.

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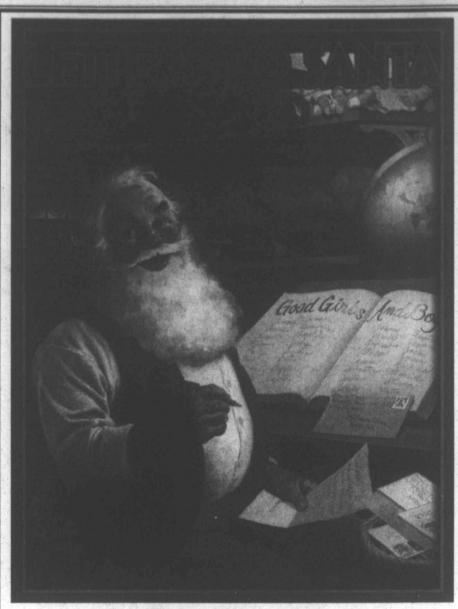
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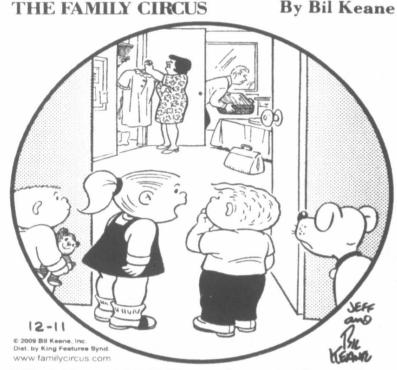
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By THOMAS JOSEPH 39 Snide

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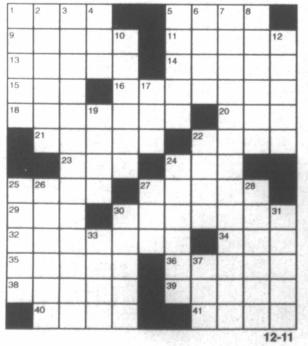
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BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

This year, often you will want to assume a low profile. Become a listener more often. You will decide to keep information to yourself and not share everything. This type of quietness is good for you and opens up many options. Think positively about a change, but don't feel as if you need to head down this path. If you are single, you exude a new allure and draw many people to you. If you are attached, the two of you establish a newfound quiet understanding. SCORPIO makes a great healer.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

*** Review recent actions, knowing when the time has come to make a decision. You either trust someone or you don't. You cannot successfully force the issue. Listen to the other side of an issue with a partner. Tonight: Go with another TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

*** You are on the social whirlwind of your life. Realize what is happening behind the scenes with a child or loved one. Be willing to step in and make this person's life that much better. Consider your options openly. Discuss them with someone with the same concerns. Tonight: Think positively. GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

** Understand that there are some

things you cannot and don't want to do.

Question the fact that you often say that you can do it, when possibly you might

not want to come through completely.

Work toward sending clearer messages,

and your relationships will become better. Tonight: Easy does it. CANCER (June 21-July 22)

**** Let your creativity flourish. being more spontaneous and adding to others' lives. Someone touches base with you who you might adore and care about. Your way of having a good time is a lot more fun than you realize. Let a romance build. Tonight: Let the good times rock and roll.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) *** Make time for your immediate circle and family. Though you have a problem with a child or loved one, a little time and caring could turn the situation around. Listen to what others are sharing. Tonight: Get into the holiday

spirit, whether you are decorating or out at a holiday concert. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Get past a difficult conversation. Through your own initiative, you make an imprint. Someone hears you loud and clear. Also understand what someone intended you to hear as opposed to what you thought you heard. Tonight: Hanging

out is fun. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Tonight: As you like.

*** Finish up shopping. You might achieve a lot more than you originally thought. Let your imagination infiltrate your plans. You will have much more fun, and so will those around you.

Tonight: Your treat. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) *** You might want to understand exactly what is going on with a friend, neighbor or relative. You do make a dif-

ference. Others draw in closer when you

are this open and clear. Think positively

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) *** You could be overwhelmed by

what is going on with a close associate You wonder what to do. For now, don't decide on anything at all. Make plans that allow you to rest up and be with only those you want to be with. Tonight: Take

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) *** Know when to back off and not get into the middle of a problem. Bring

friends together for a festive pre-party get-together. Once among others, you'll start feeling much better than you have in while. Tonight: Where the action is. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) *** Understand that you have a pivotal role in the events that could unfurl.

The type of CEO or commander in chief

you are emerges. If you don't like what

you see, know that it is time to back off and do something else. Tonight: Leader of the gang.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) **** Connect with those at a distance, understanding exactly which way to go. Make plans to get together. Some of you might be in the mood for celebrat-

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Sports

Pampa handling tough competition

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A 6-4 record may seem average to most people. However, it is more impressive then you think for the Pampa Harvesters.

To start the season the Harvesters lost their opening two games to the Amarillo High Sandies and the Wolfforth Frenship Tigers. With eight of 11 basketball players on the varsity football team they only had a few days of practice together before that game. Also, the Harvesters had two injured players with Nathan Webb and Reid Miller, both who are playing now

In their final tune up before the Pampa Lions Club and VFW Invitational, Pampa routed Borger to get their first win of the season. From there the Harvesters would get rolling. Ripping off six wins in their last eight games.

In the Lions Club Tournament, the Harvesters won two out of three games, beating San Angelo Central and Lubbock Monterey and losing to Richland in the finals. This tournament was impressive because Pampa played against 5A schools in every single game and beat two of them. Pampa landed two players on the all-tournament team in Alex Clendening and Latigo Collins.

After losing to Perryton December 1, Pampa went on and won the River Road Tournament defeat-



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ing Caprock's junior varsity, Spearman and River Road. A large part of the Harvesters success is their cast of players.

Anyone of their five starters can lead the team on a given night. Garrett Ericson was a key player in the Perryton game and the Caprock JV game. Collins has been a key player in just about every single game and he's only a sophomore. Ryan Jimenez has really started stepping up lately, being one of the leaders in the Richland game and was a strong player in the River Road Jurnament earning all-tot nament honors. Travis Hagerman has been a force on defense. In the River Road game he had nine blocks.

Off the bench, Jonathan Polasek with his hustle always creates a spark for the Harvesters when he comes in the game. Nathan Webb is a strong defensive player and is a big contributor on the board.

So, if the Harvesters continue their strong play they can do a lot of good things this season.

8th grade B team 1-1 in Dalhart

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The eighth grade girls basketball B team won their first two games of the Dalhart Tournament in Dalhart Thursday.

Pampa beat Perryton 25-9. Taylor Giles led the team in rebounds with four. Mattie Eldridge led the team in steals with five. Jazmyn Hair led the team in scoring with nine points.

In their second game they lost to Borger 19-15. Hair was the leading rebounder with seven and Keith had

six. Eldridge led the team in steals with five. Keith and Sandra Ramos led the team in scoring with four points each.

The A team lost their first game of the tournament 35-30 to Perryton. Kylee Metts led the team in rebounds with five. Krysten Miller led the team in assists with three. Metts led the team in scoring with 11.

The A and B team played at Borger Monday. The A team won 31-18. O'Brien led the team in rebounds with seven. Metts led the with four and five respectively. The B team lost 11-9. Eldridge, Terry and

team in assists and steals Lacey Dodson led the team in scoring with three points each.

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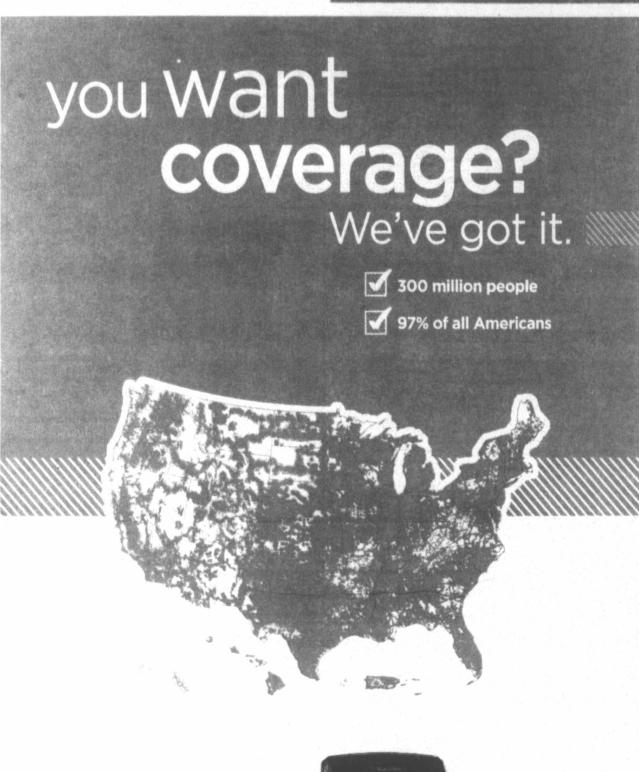
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Travis Hagerman (32) and Garrett Ericson (23) look to get a defensive rebound against Richland in the Lions Club and VFW Invitational November 28. Pampa lost the championship 71-60 (Submitted photo)



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