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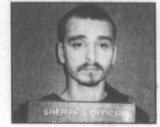
Volume 105 · No. 199 50¢ Daily • Weekend \$1.50 lleged robbers captured by PPD

BY BETSY PHILLIPS editor@thepampanews.com Two suspects are in jail after the alleged robbery Monday night, Dec. 21, of the Valero Express Lane at 2801 Perryton Parkway. At about 9:45 p.m., officers were dispatched to the store. While in route they were advised that a person had demanded money from a clerk in the store.

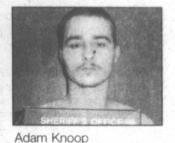
Sgt. Lake of the Pampa Police Department spotted the suspects' vehicle and pursued it to the 2300 block of Dogwood. Two men left the vehi-

cle and attempted to flee from officers on foot. Sgt. Lake and Officer Meritt apprehended Jason Lee McKenney, 24, who was arrested for aggravated robbery, evading arrest with a vehicle and fail-

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Jason McKennev



Nine indicted by grand jury

A grand jury for the 223rd Judicial District handed up the following indictments on Dec. 10, 2009.

Steven Tyler Timmons, 25, was indicted on one count of possession of cocaine, in the amount of less than one gram, enhanced, a third degree felony. The charge was enhanced by two June, 2006 convictions. Bon was set at \$3,000.

Laura Sherrie Leal, 26, was indicted on one count of abandon/endangerment of a child, criminal negligence, a state jail felony. The indictment alleges that on March 22, 2009, Leal threw a brick through a vehicle window, "knowingly and intentionally, or with criminal negligence" endanger a child younger than 15 and causing glass to contact the child. Bond

a second degree felony. Bond was set at \$7,500.

Don Ray Howard, 37, was indicted on one count of abandon/endanger a child with intent to return, a state jail felony. It is alleged that Howard left a child under 15 in a vehicle for longer than 30 minutes, placing the child in "an unreasonable risk of harm." Bond was set at \$2,500.

Michael Eugene Horton, 48, was indicted on one count of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, enhanced, a first degree felony. It is alleged that Horton struck another person with a large stick.. The charge is enhanced by two felony convictions in 2004 of Driving While intoxicatesubsequent offense. Bond was set at \$10,000.

Carl Allen Hinds, 26, was



Brianna Bailey, right, joins her father, Nathan Bailey, in a morning run at Harvester Stadium. Brisk temperatures today had joggers and last minute shoppers bundled up today as a possible snow storm threatens the Texas panhandle and South Plains

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BY DAVID BOWSER dbowser@thepampanews.com

Pampa EMS will complete its first three months of service as 2009 draws to a close.

The new ambulance service in Pampa went into operation Oct. 1. New Year's Eve will mark its first quarter of service in Gray County, and according to Joe Anstey, chief administrator, the service is growing.

Each month has seen an increase in calls for the ambulance service. With December only about two-thirds over, Pampa EMS has already made more than 100 ambulance runs this month.

Pampa EMS had 16 employees, four of them full-time, when they rolled their new ambulances down South Hobart to their offices and garage shortly after

Inquests, Commercial Driver's License,

midnight Sept. 30.

Today, Anstey said they have 38 employees, 12 of them full-time.

They range from EMT Basic employees to EMT Paramedics.

Anstey is the only administrator, although he, too, is a licenses paramedic. But with a full-time director and two operational supervisors, Anstey said that there is around-the-clock supervision.

"We made our supervisory staff more available," Anstey said. "It's more efficient and effective."

At any given moment, he said, there are good people running the show.

Anstey said he is taking a hands off role, dealing only with administrative details, although he admitted that he'd rather be on an ambulance than at a desk.

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was set at \$3,500. Derek Paul Kindle, 19, was indicted on one count of indecency with a child under 17, sexual contact,

indicted on one count of failure to register as a sex offender, enhanced. Hinds

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McLean man arrested for drug paraphernalia

PAMPA-At approximately 1:20 this morning, Pampa Police Officer Chad Johnson made a traffic stop that led to the arrest of one man on multiple charges, and the recovery of property police officials believe was stolen in a 2006 burglary.

Gary Randall Martindale, 44, of McLean, was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia, no valid driver's license and expired motor vehicle registration. Martindale was then transported to the Gray County Jail. Investigation continues on the alleged recovered stolen property.

Snow watch

Weather forecasters on Amarillo television stations seem to believe the storm predicted for tomorrow afternoon and into Thursday will not bring snow to our area. But the National Weather Service is still predicting possible accumulating snow for the Texas and Oklahoma Panhandles, including Gray County.

The NWS forecast Tuesday morning said it appears the greatest potential for accumulating snow will occur Wednesday afternoon through Thursday morning with all of the Texas and Oklahoma panhandles receiving some snow. Gray County is not included in a winter storm watch issued for the extreme northern counties of the Texas panhandle and the Oklahoma panhandle. Strong northerly winds are also expected WEdnesday and Thursday.

If you have travel plans in the next two days, especially if you are heading north, a check on conditions before you travel is suggested. For the latest weather information log on to www.srh.noaa.gov/ama

What topped 2009?

The Pampa News staff would like to know what you think the top news story in Pampa was for 2009. Send your nomination to editor@thepampanews.com by noon Monday, December 28, and if you wish, include why the story was important to you. Thank you for your participation - Betsy Phillips, editor



rfman files for re-election On December 3, 2009, Judge Kurt R. Curfman filed for re-election for the Justice of the Peace, Pct. 2 position with the Republican party. Primary elections will be held in March 2010 and the general election will be in November 2010. Judge Curfman will bring 12 years Judicial experience. Being a resident of Gray County for over 40 years, he graduated from Pampa High School in 1971, attended West Texas State University and graduated from Amarillo College in

Justice of the Peace Kurt R. Curfman

Parks and Wildlife laws, Juvenile cases, and Traffic laws. Each Justice of the Peace has continuing education yearly and Judge Curfman also attends semi-CURFMAN cont. on page 3



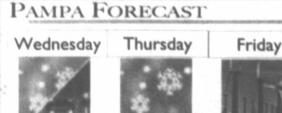
new and existing laws. Judge Curfman is one of three Justice of the Peace in Gray county. This office sits over all class 'C' misdemeanors along with having an extensive jurisdiction over Civil and Small Claims courts, Evictions, Magistration of all criminal charges,

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For the record

EMERGENCY SERVICES

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High 30 High 33 High 37 Low 18 Low 19 Low 23

Tonight: A 20 percent chance of rain after midnight. Cloudy, with a low around 35. East northeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Wednesday: A chance of rain and snow. Cloudy, with a high near 37. Wind chill values between 24 and 29. North northwest wind 5 to 10 mph increasing to between 15 and 20 mph. Winds could gust as high as 25 mph. Chance of precipitation is 50%.

Wednesday Night: A 50 percent chance of snow. Cloudy, with a low around 23. Wind chill values between 9 and 19. Windy, with a north northwest wind between 20 and 25 mph. with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Thursday: A 20 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 33. Windy, with a north northwest wind between 20 and 30 mph, with gusts as high as 45 mph.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 18. Windy, with a north northwest wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Christmas Day: Mostly sunny, with a high near 30. Windy, with a northwest wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 19. Northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

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Obituaries

Pampa-Brian Miller 20, died December 21, 2009, in Amarillo, Texas.

Memorial services will be at 2:00 PM Wednesday, December 23, 2009, at the Seventh Day Adventist Church, with Leonard Cummings of the Seventh Day Adventist Church of Santa Fe, New Mexico, officiating. Cremation and

Brian Miller, 20 arrangements are under the

direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors. Brian was born April 12, 1989 in Jamestown, North Dakota to Timothy and Yvonne Miller. He attended Pampa schools, graduating from Pampa High School in 2008. He enjoyed auto mechanics and band. He was a mem-

ber of the Seventh Day Adventist Church.

Survivors include his parents, Timothy and Yvonne Miller of the home; three sisters, Lisa Barton and husband Jonny of Brighton, Colorado, Wendy Gorton of Lincoln, Nebraska, and Treva Miller of the home; paternal grandparents, Myron and

Cleo Miller of Calimesa, California; maternal grandmother, Betty Harwood of Selma, Oregon; a nephew, William Barton of Brighton, Colorado. Brian was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, Charles Harwood.

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SHERIFF

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

Monday, Dec. 21.

Jason McKenney, 24, and Adam Chase Knoop, 19, were arrested on charges of aggravated robbery.

Jackie Gene Maddox, 45, was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety troopers on failure to appear and child support charges out of Midland.

Denise Marie Bunyard, 33, was arrested by Gray County deputies on charges of criminal trespass.

on charges of burglary of a 21. habitation. Bernise Davalos Rios, 29, was arrested by Pampa

police on charges of theft. Tuesday, Dec. 22. Gary Randall Martindale, 44, of McLean, was arrested by Pampa police on charges of possession of

drug paraphernalia, expiration of motor vehicle registration and not having a valid driver's license.

AMBULANCE

Pampa EMS responded to the following calls during

Oral Roberts remembered as charismatic leader

TULSA, Okla. (AP) -For decades, Oral Roberts former boss: "Tough in deftly used television to become one of the nation's most recognized and influential preachers. On Monday, that same medium was used to broadcast the memorial service for the godfather of TV evangelism to tens of millions of homes across the world. At Roberts' namesake university in south Tulsa, about 4,000 people some who waited hours in their cars for the doors to open - packed a campus arena to pay final tribute to the charismatic leader who rose from poverty and humble tent revivals to build a multimillion-dollar ministry so enormous that it had its own ZIP code. Roberts died last week of complications from pneumonia in Newport Beach, Calif. He was 91. "You sent us a man who we know and loved, and who walked with God and never gave up the common touch," fellow TV evangelist Pat Robertson said during the ceremony's opening prayer. "I know you broke the mold with Oral." The event was part spectacle, carried live by the Inspiration Network and its international counterpart, which can reach about 140 million homes.

Self summed up his nature, real and certainly one of the most charismatic men I have met," he said before the service began. The service included

video tributes and condolences from preachers and politicians; pictures with Roberts talking to Larry

the period between 7 a.m. David Robinson, 18, was arrested Friday, December 18 to 7 by Gray County deputies a.m. Monday, December

Friday 10:31 a.m.-An MICU unit responded to Parkview Hospital, transported one patient to BSA

12:17 p.m.- An MICU unit responded to the 2200 block of Hamilton, transported one patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

2:34 p.m.- An MICU unit responded to PRMC, transported one patient to Triumph.

3:15 p.m.— An MICU unit responded to the 1800 block of Lynn, transported one patient to PRMC.

4:22 p.m.— An MICU unit responded to Northwest Texas Healthcare, transported one patient to PRMC.

7:13 p.m.—An MICU unit responded to the 2700 block of Hobart, transported one patient to PRMC.

7:22 p.m.—An MICU unit responded to the 1100 block of Prairie, transported one patient to PRMC

8:57 p.m.—An MICU unit responded to the 1500 block of W. Kentucky, no transport

Saturday 3:25 a.m.— An MICU

10:19 a.m.-An MICU unit responded to PRMC transported one patient to BSA.

4:11 p.m.—An MICU unit responded to the 1400 block of E. Francis, no

10:54 p.m.—An MICU unit responded to the 1000 block of E. Browning, transported one patient to

PAMPA PD

The Pampa Police Department reported the following calls in a period ending at 7 a.m. Monday, Dec. 21.

A suspicious person was reported in the 1400 block of Montagu.

Officers assisted another agency in the 1400 block of South Barnes.

City water officials were called to Worrell and Mary Ellen.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1200 block of East Foster. Found property was

reported in the 1000 block of South Wells.

A suspicious person was reported in the 300 block of North Davis.

A theft was reported in the unit responded to PRMC, 600 block of East Frederic. A building was checked for carbon monoxide in the 1200 block of East Francis. A suspicious person was reported in the 700 block of Bradley A suspicious person was reported in the 1200 block of East Francis.

transport

PRMC.

watching for holiday DWI, speeders

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas troopers will be out in force over the long Christmas and New Year's weekends to help keep travelers safe.

The Department of Public Safety on Tuesday said troopers will concentrate on drivers who may be intoxicated, speeders and people not wearing seat belts.

All available troopers will be on patrol from Thursday, Dec. 24, through Sunday, Dec. 27, and again on Thursday, Dec. 31 through Sunday, Jan. 3.

DPS troopers during the 2008 Christmas period arrested 651 drivers for DWI and issued 15,400 speeding tickets and 2,580 safety restraint violations. The New Year's tholiday period resulted in 304 drivers arrested for DWI. Troopers issued 5,173 speeding tickets and 912 safety restraint violations.

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PARTY TRAYS for the holidays! Hoagies Deli., 665-0292

THERE WILL not be a Pampa Newspaper delivered on Fri. Dec. 25 or the Dec. Weekend edition 26 / 27, so that Pampa News employees may enjoy the Christmas holiday with family & friends. Merry Christmas!

The guest list was a Who's Who of TV evangelists - most of whom tie their success to Roberts and some arrived in the six stretch limousines, two Jaguars, Cadillacs and a Mercedes Benz parked curbside.

There were the middle of the road cars, too with license plates from Missouri, Texas, Mississippi and Virginia which took up most of the parking spaces. One couple flew from Dallas to attend the ceremony.

Illustrating Roberts' wide reach and appeal, mourners came from all backgrounds: From young people in tattered jeans and a man dressed in a camouflage hunting jacket to a young woman carrying a pricey Marc Jacobs handbag. Along with television evangelists, dignitaries included Tulsa Mayor Dewey Bartlett and University of Kansas basketball coach Bill Self.

King, Jerry Lewis and President Richard Nixon; and a video message from former Oklahoma State University basketball coach Eddie Sutton, who recalled the time when his house burned down and Roberts showed up with an entire wardrobe to replace what had been lost.

ORU President Mark Rutland noted how adept Roberts was at using television to spread his mes-

sage. "There was something when Oral leaned into that TV and said, 'Something good is going to happen to

you today,'" he said. He made the cover of more than 800 newspapers worldwide; he was the No. searched name on Yahoo; more than 200 voice mails and 300 text messages flooded the ministry.

"My father is in heaven," Richard Roberts said, his voice slightly cracking. "He's home for Christmas. He's home."

transported one patient to BSA.

1:28 p.m.— An MICU unit responded to the 2700 block of N. Hobart, transported one patient to PRMC 2:12 p.m.-An MICU unit responded to the Odyssey Hospice in Amarillo, one patient taken back to residence to 1300 block of Ros 6:36 p.m.-An MICU unit responded to the 2200 block of Duncan, transported one patient to PRMC

ER #4. 10:40 p.m.-An MICU unit responded to PRMC transported one patient to NWTH.

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A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 400 block of Naida.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 2500 block of Perryton Parkway.



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"I think we're doing really well," Anstey said of the new business.

He admitted that there have been glitches, but he's satisfied with the progress the new business has made in such a short time.

Anstey credits the quality of the employees of the ambulance service and the support of the board of directors of the parent Emergency Services Foundation of Texas with ambulance service's the

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Robbery

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ure to identify himself to officers. Bond was set this morning at \$31,000. McKenney remained in the Gray County Jail as of press time. Adam Chase Knoop, 19, was arrested on charges of aggravated robbery and failure to identify himself to officers. His bond was set at \$13,000, and he also currently remains in the Gray County Jail. The robbery is still under investigation by the Pampa Police Criminal Investigations Department. An undisclosed amount of money was taken from the store which was at least partially recovered.

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nars that have local interest. Judge Curfman is a Board Member of Gray County Latchkey, Community Day Center, a member of Local Emergency Planning Committee, being past board member of the Tralee Crisis Center, Boy Scout advisor and active at the Optimist league during his childhood and coached during the raising of his own children. Judge works well with the current Juvenile Probation Department with troubled youth of today. Judge Kurt and Teresa

Curfman have been married for over 35 years and have one daughter,

Anstey said that the support of the community, including city, county and hospital officials, has been

success

invaluable. In addition to the additional employees, Dr. James Hall of the foundation's board of directors

Indicted

is required to register with local law enforcement in a place where he intends to reside for more than seven days, because of a conviction of sexual assault. The charge is enhanced by and August, 2003 conviction of indecency with a child.

Dewayne Timothy Fields, 31, was indicted on one count of possession of cocaine, in an amount less than one gram. Bond was set at \$3,000.

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said the ambulance service is already planning on adding a mobile intensive care unit at some point in time and is actively working with the LifeStar medical helicopter crew stationed in Pampa.

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Don Alton Davis, 41, was indicted on one count of sexual assault of a child, a second degree felony. Bond was set at \$7,500.

Deborah Lee Chandler, 50, was indicted on one count of evading arrest/ detention with a vehicle. Bond was set at \$4,000. Chandler was also indicted on one count of possession of cocaine, less than one gram. Bond was set at \$4,000.

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Today in History

Today is Tuesday, Dec. 22, the 356th day of 2009. There are 9 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1807 - U.S. Congress passes the Embargo Act, designed to force peace between Britain and France by cutting off all trade with Europe.

1905 - Insurrection of Moscow workers; Revolution in Persia begins.

1929 - Round table conference opens between British Viceroy and Indian party leaders on dominion status for India.

1941 - British Prime Minister Winston Churchill arrives in Washington for a wartime conference with U.S. President Franklin Roosevelt.

1942 - U.S. heavy bombers raid Japanese-occupied Rangoon, Burma — now Myanmar, in World War II.

'Anger makes dull men witty, but it keeps them poor.'

- attributed to Queen

Elizabeth I of England

1944 - During the Battle of the Bulge, the Germans demand the surrender of American troops at Bastogne, Belgium, and Brigadier Gen. Anthony C. McAuliffe reportedly replies, "Nuts!" 1956 - The last Anglo-French forces leave Port Said, Egypt, following the

Suez War. 1963 - Greek liner

Laconia catches fire and sinks in North Atlantic; 150 people die.

1984 - New York City resident Bernhard Goetz shoots four black youths on a Manhattan subway, claiming they were about to rob him.

1985 - Winnie Mandela, defying expulsion order, is arrested by police who drag her from her home in Soweto, South Africa.

1990 - Lech Walesa is sworn in as Poland's first popularly elected president.

1991 - Twenty-one U.S. sailors drown when an Israeli ferry taking them from shore capsizes.

1993 - Alina Fernandez Revuelta, daughter of Cuban President Fidel Castro, leaves Cuba and is granted political asylum in the United States.

1995 - As thousands cheer, Yasser Arafat's wife lights the Christmas tree in Manger Square, ushering in Bethlehem's first Christmas under Palestinian rule.

Today's Birthdays:

Jean Racine, French dramatist (1639-1699); Thomas Higginson, U.S. abolitionist (1823-1911); Giacomo Puccini, Italian composer (1858-1924); Dame Peggy Ashcroft, English actress (1907-1991); Barbara Billingsley, U.S. actress (1915--); Robin Gibb (1949--) and twin Maurice Gibb (1949-2003), English-born pop singers; Vanessa Paradis, French singer and model (1972--); Ralph Fiennes, British actor (1962--).



DEAR ABBY: My mother is my best friend, but I can't stop yelling at her for invading my privacy. I have just learned that she has read all my journals since I was 9. She also figured out all my passwords to my e-mail, online blogs and social network accounts.

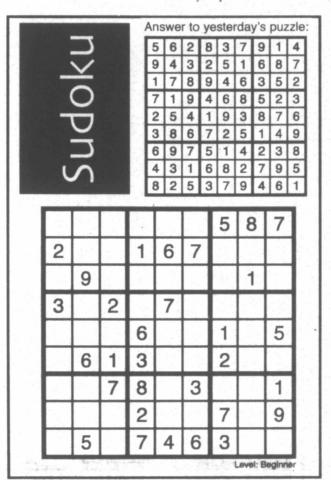
I have lived away from home for six years. I no longer feel I can leave my mother alone in my apartment because she goes through my text messages, call list, letters, bills, bank statements, etc. I have now stopped writing, which was my only outlet of expression, because of her snooping. She says I hurt her feelings when I yell, but I have reached the end of my rope.

I have had calm conversations with her about this. She always promises that she'll stop, but she never does. Abby, she has no reason to snoop – I talk to her 20 times a day. How can I keep this from ruining our relationship? – MAD IN MANHATTAN

DEAR MAD: You say you talk to your mother 20 times a day? Doesn't that seem to you to be somewhat excessive? You say she snoops when she's alone in your apartment. How is she gaining unsupervised entry?

Speaking as an unbiased outsider, I think some separation from your mother would be healthy for both of you. So change your passwords, put your financial information under lock and key, and cut the umbilical cord. It's long overdue.

DEAR ABBY: I have a male friend who was raised with beautiful manners and always opens a door for a



lady. The last time we spoke, he told me he had opened a door for a woman and she told him off! She said she didn't need any "help," that she was capable of opening her own doors, and it should have been obvious that she wasn't disabled – among other things.

My friend didn't know what to say. I told him to just ignore what she said. Was there a polite comeback for him? – STUMPED FOR AN ANSWER

DEAR STUMPED: No, not unless he wanted to get into a spitting contest with a viper. You say your friend was raised to open doors for ladies. Well, it appears he opened a door for a woman who wasn't one. Please tell him not to give up because anyone with manners would have said thank you and appreciated the gesture. I know I would have.

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Sports

Lady Tigers land two on alltournament team in Valley Tourn

Submitted by Mike Haynes Nancy Castillo and Sheri

Haynes of McLean were named to the all-tournament basketball team at the Valley Tournament last weekend as the Lady Tigers won two of three games.

Haynes scored 58 points and Castillo had 33 in the tournament. McLean defeated Hedley, 46-15,

Saturday to take third place. The Lady Tigers had started the tourney with a 60-19 win over Kress Thursday and lost to Memphis, 64-46, on Friday.

The McLean boys beat Cotton Center, 43-33, Saturday as Jordan Herring scored 16 and Clay Crockett had 12 points. The Tigers lost to Kress, 54-45, on Thursday, and to Memphis, 53-31, on Friday.

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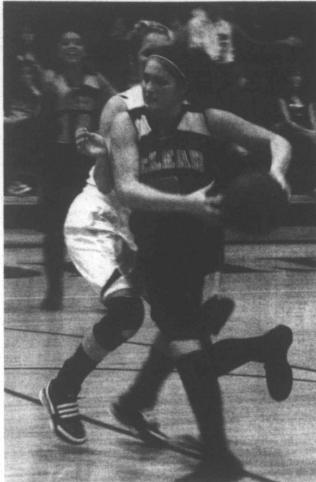
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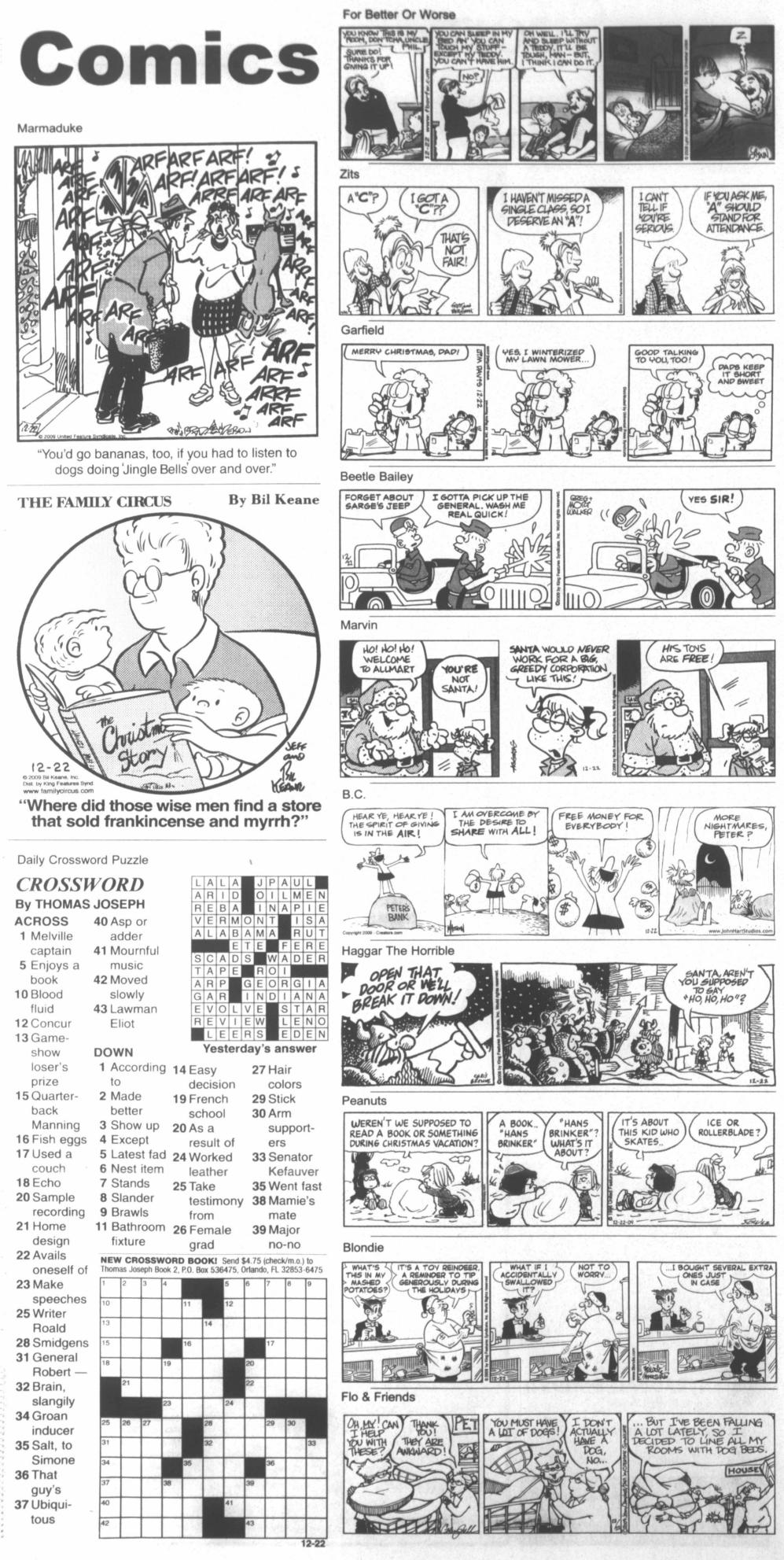
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Dec 23 2009

This year, unexpected events often occur. Part of the purpose of this disruption is to point to what area of your life is no longer functional. That same issue might encourage you to change. Whether CANCER (June 21-July 22) you're conscious of it or not, you also might need more change and excitement in your life. On a psychic level, you could be pulling that energy in. Remember and honor that need to trans-

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form your day-to-day life, and you could experience more excitement, but in an easier, more serene manner. If you are single, you draw many different people to you. The act of choosing the right person could make all the difference. If you are attached, the two of you need to charge your life together, or else you could cause a major disruption to your bond. PISCES thinks you make a great

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19) *** In some fashion, you might feel as if you are in the midst of your last hurrah. Could this be true? No way. But as the week fades into the holiday, fatigue marks your behavior. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

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TAUPUS (April 20-May 20) **** Zero in on what you want. Don't sell yourself short. If you don't put out what you want, you won't have as much of a chance to make it so. Surprises stem from friends and come from out of left field. Tonight: Where the action is.

*** A must appearance allows you to show off your stuff. You know what you want and what to expect. Listen to your instincts regarding an older relative. This person needs more attention. A little doting goes far. Tonight: A must appear-

**** Put on a favorite piece of music as you finish off holiday details. You will have a lot to smile about. Reach out to those at a distance who are special. Listen to your inner voice with a partner. Tonight: Say "yes" to an offer. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

**** Work with others directly. Your attention is greatly appreciated, more than you know. Start delivering packages or holiday thoughts, as time is running short. A special card for a close loved one makes all the difference. Tonight: Togetherness is the theme. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

**** Continue to let another person remain dominant - that is, if you would like to get the closeness and trust you want. Nevertheless, the unexpected sends lightning bolts in your direction. Tonight: Just defer to another. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

** Easy works, especially as there are so many people pushing hard. Don't let the frenzy get the best of you; keep your sense of the Christmas spirit. Unexpected surprises surround you left and right. Tonight: Finish off any errands. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) *** Others want and need your attention. Your restful behavior adds smiles to your life. The unexpected pops You can get stuck and uncomfortable or you can get into the moment. Tonight: Let the fun begin.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) *** Spend more time at home dealing with different issues. You could be uncomfortable having to remain in one spot so long. When you decide to split, for whatever reason, it might be hard to contain you. Tonight: Remain sponta-

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) *** You could be surprised by what happens. Whatever feels right will be how you respond. A child or loved one could surprise you. Enjoy the moment rather than try to control what is uncontrollable. Tonight: Hang out AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

**** Last-minute expenses could be inordinately expensive if you move too quickly and/or don't stop to think. Everyone has limits, you included. Honor your budget. Tonight: Go along with plans, but don't worry if they fall apart

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) **** You could surprise people with your actions and decisions Maintain a high profile, and don't let a momentary or passing upset get the best of you. Given time, this too will pass. Tonight: All smiles.

BORN TODAY Actress Susan Lucci (1946), model Carla Bruni (1967), actor Harry Shearer (1943) * * *

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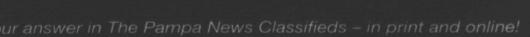
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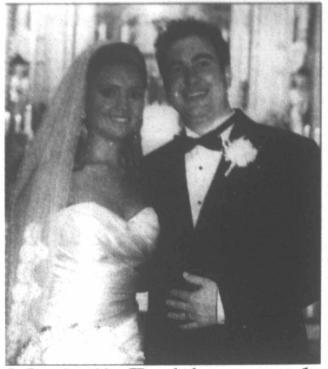
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Nickell, Robben wed

and Matthew Paul Robben were united in marriage April 25, 2009.

The wedding was held at Christ the King Catholic Church in Dallas, Texas, with Father Fred Caldwell officiating.

The reception and dance were held immediately following the ceremony at CityPlace in Dallas, Texas.

The Bride's attendants were Erin Nickell (sisterin-law of the Bride) as Matron of Honor, Maids of Honor were Whitney Wheeler and Lauren Prude.

Bridesmaids were Corrie Garrett, Caroline Maida, Mallory Denson, Heather Robben (sister of the Groom,) and Kelley Sklar. The Flower Girl was

Catherine Mayfield (cousin of the Bride.)

The Groom's attendant was Russell Robben minor in Business. (brother of the Groom) as Best Man. Groomsmen were Jay Gerber, Matt Jesberg, Kevin Turner, Ryan Zemanek, James Silva, Brian Nickell (brother of the Bride,) and Zach and Mrs. Richard Robben Windhorst

The Ring Bearers were Nathanael Nickell and Benjamin Nickell (nephews of the Bride.)

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Brianna Marie Nickell Ice and Ryan Ice (cousins of the Groom.)

Serving the guests at House Party were Ellen Hoelscher and Jessica Jenkins.

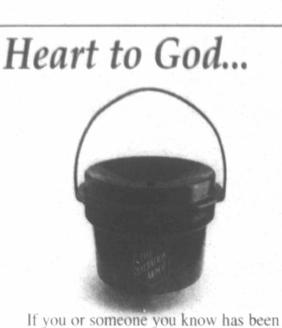
Brianna graduated from Coppell High School in 2004 and Texas A&M University in 2008 with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Marketing.

Brianna is the daughter of David and Debbie Nickell of Coppell, Texas. She is the granddaughter of Mr. Forest Nickell and the late Mrs. Lois Nickell and the late Mr. and Mrs. Floyd B. Rust Sr. of Gun Barrel City, Texas.

Matthew graduated from Pampa High School in 2003 and Texas A&M University in 2007 with a Bachelor of Science in Construction Science and a

Matthew is the son of Bill and Paula Robben of Pampa, Texas. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Engel of Loretto, Kansas, and the late Mr. of Walker, Kansas.

Matthew is currently employed by McCarthy Building Companies as a Project Engineer in The Ushers were James Houston, Texas.



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November home sales soar 7.4 percent

WASHINGTON (AP) — Home resales surged last month to the highest level in nearly three years, reflecting an extraordinary level of federal support that has pulled the housing market back from the worst downturn since the Great Depression.

Buyers were racing to complete their sales before the original expiration date of a tax credit for first-time buyers that was scheduled to expire Nov. 30. Last month, Congress decided to extend and expand the credit to ensure the housing market could sustain its recovery.

"Things are stabilizing," said Pete Flint, chief executive of real estate Web site Trulia.com. "There is a significant amount of buyer interest out there."

About 2 million homebuyers have taken advantage of the credit so far, the National Association of Realtors said Tuesday. The group forecasts that another 2.4 million will use it by the middle of next year. First-time buyers made up about half of all transactions last month, driving sales up 44 percent above last year's levels, a record jump.

"In the short run, its an effective stimulus," said John Ryding, chief economist at RDQ Economics. "If you give someone money to spend on something, they will spend it."

November's sales rose 7.4 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 6.54 million, from a downwardly revised pace of 6.09 million in October, the Realtors group said. It was the highest level since February 2007. Sales had been expected to rise to an annual pace of 6.25 million, according to economists surveyed by Thomson Reuters.

Sales are now up 46 percent from the bottom in January, but down 10 percent from the peak more than four years ago. The inventory of unsold homes on the market fell about 1 percent to 3.5 million. That's a healthy 6.5 month supply at the current sales pace, the lowest level in three years.

The median sales price was \$172,600, down 4.3 percent from a year earlier, and up 0.2 percent from October.

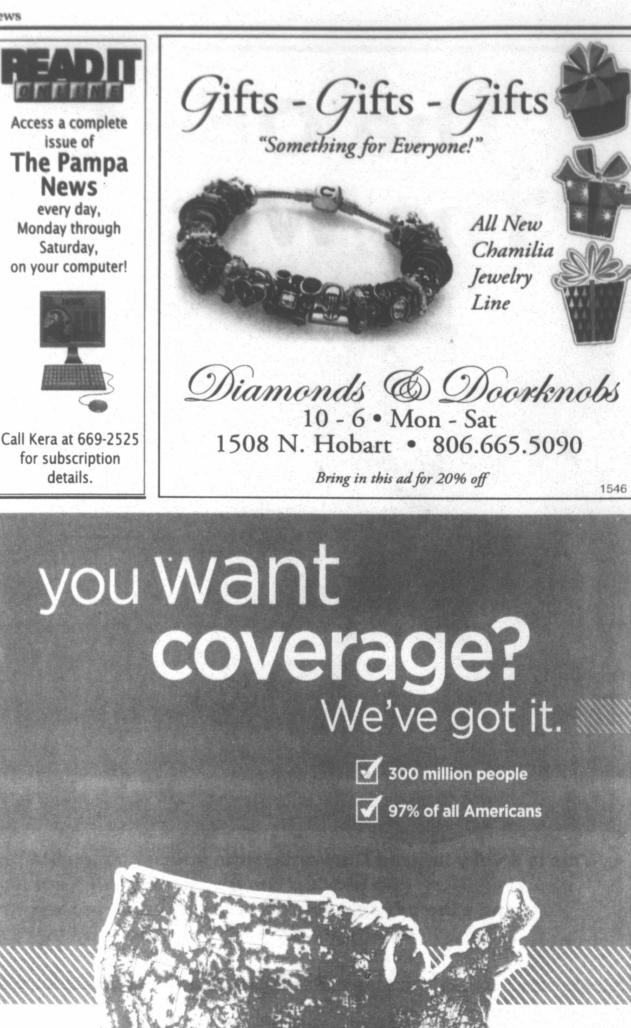
The housing market recovery, however, is still facing strong headwinds.

Unemployment is high and employers are going to be slow to rehire because economic growth is weaker than expected. The economy grew at a pace of 2.2 percent in the third quarter, which was lower than the initial 2.8 percent reading, the government said Tuesday.

Dems predict success for health care bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House and Democrats are confidently predicting Senate passage of President Barack Obama's health overhaul

voting at odd hours since Monday around 1 a.m. because Republicans have insisted on using all the time allowed under Senate rules to delay the bill. Not to be thwarted, Reid, D-Nev., has refused to postpone action until after the holidays. Hence the unusual schedule. On Tuesday, they started voting at sunrise. With long hours getting in the way of family obligations — and the outcome now seemingly preordained — senators are getting frustrated. Even Obama has put his planned vacation to Hawaii on hold, saying he wants to be in Washington in case there are last-minute problems in the Senate. The Senate measure would still have to be harmonized with the health care bill passed by the House in November before final legislation would go to Obama. There are significant differences between the two bills, including stricter abortion language in the House bill, a new government-run insurance plan in the House bill that's missing from the Senate version, and a tax on highvalue insurance plans embraced by the Senate but strongly opposed by many House Democrats.



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by Christmas after the bill cleared its second 60-vote test.

"The finish line is in sight," Finance Committee Chairman Max Baucus, D-Mont., said Tuesday at a press conference with other Senate leaders and cheering supporters. "We're not the first to attempt such reforms but we will be the first to succeed."

At the White House, spokesman Robert Gibbs said: "Health care reform is not a matter of if. Health care reform is now a matter of when."

Senate Democrats remained united early Tuesday behind their compromise bill, over steadfast Republican opposition. A motion to shut off debate and move to a vote on a package of changes by Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid passed 60-39.

The final 60-vote hurdle, limiting debate on the bill itself, is expected to be cleared Wednesday afternoon. That would start a 30-hour countdown to a night-before-Christmas vote on the legislation, which needs only a simple majority to pass.

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