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Kay Crouch, left, and Staci Anne Nobian, both of the First Baptist Church of Pampa, wrap Christmas presents as a part of an outreach ministry by First Baptist Church and Cornerstone Baptist Church. Members of the two churches will be wrapping presents for free from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. today and from noon to 4 p.m. on Thursday.

# Snow

The National Weather service has issued a winter weather advisory in effect until Midnight tonight. Accumulations of one to four inches of snow are expected in the Oklahoma and all but the southeast Texas panhandle. In addition, strong north winds are expected to develop this evening which my result in areas of blowing snow and low visibility.

If you're traveling this evening or tomorrow, be sure to include items you may need

if you are stranded by the roadside.

Emergency officials recommend blankets. extra water, high calorie snacks be

included to your normal travel items as you hit the road. Travelers should always have a first aid kit, road flares, a flashlight and extra batteries.

If you are traveling with small children, it's wise to pack extra diapers and formula and extra foods easy for kids to eat without heating.

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## Chamber warns to check out ad claims

BY DAVID BOWSER dbowser@thepampanews.com

The executive director of the Pampa Chamber of Commerce is concerned about the growing number of businesses that claim to be selling things on behalf of the chamber.

Joe Weaver, the chamber's executive director, said the Pampa Chamber of Commerce put out a map of the city last year and still has a number available, but it is not planning to print another one for probably a year or so. Yet he said he gets calls frequently from members asking about someone who's called claiming to represent the chamber of commerce and trying to sell ads on new maps or other publications.

Weaver said he gets calls from companies producing such projects asking if the chamber will distribute

He said that usually the chamber will agree to put such items out on the counter or in its literature stand with various tourism information, but the chamber is not sponsoring such items.

"These companies ask us if we'll distribute them, which we agree to do," Weaver said, "and then they call potential advertisers as if we are sponsoring

them, which we're not." He they occasionally hire

staff photo by David Bowser Jose Ponce runs a front end loader along Red Deer Creek in Central Park at part of the city's efforts to deal with ero-

## City prepares for winter weather



staff photo by David Bowser Ruth Williams, left, and Hunter Lewis with the city public services department were up early today in the cold gray dawn hooking snow plows to city trucks in preparation for icy weather.

ith cold north winds blowing in, Jose Ponce and other city workers were busy this week finishing some work on Red Deer Creek in Central Park.

The city crew has spent the last three weeks smoothing out the creek bed as it flow east under Duncan trying to improve the drainage and ease erosion problems. The city has also been working on the creek from Starkweather to the swimming

pool. Terry Brown with the city said there were places where the creek had gouged cuts more than six feet deep, causing not only erosion problems but also safety issues. After the holidays, Brown said the crew would be working on the creek bed by Aspen Park near Austin Elementary School.

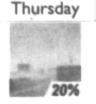






# For the record

#### PAMPA FORECAST







High 27 Low 16

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High 35 Low 19

Tonight: Snow likely and areas of blowing snow. Cloudy, with a low around 22. Wind chill values between 5 and 15. Windy, with a north northwest wind between 25 and 30 mph, with gusts as high as 40 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60%. New snow accumulation of less than 1 inch possible.

Thursday: Patchy blowing snow and a slight chance of snow showers. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 27. Wind chill values between 4 and 12. Windy, with a north northwest wind between 20 and 30 mph, with gusts as high as 40 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20%.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 16. Wind chill values between 4 and 9. Northwest wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Christmas Day: Mostly sunny, with a high near 36. Windy, with a northwest wind 10 to 15 mph increasing to between 20 and 25 mph. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 20. Northwest wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 35. Northwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 19. North northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

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## Kerrville woman could be prosecuted for 911 calls

KERRVILLE, Texas (AP) — Prosecutors in Kerrville will review the case of a woman accused of calling 911 to complain that her husband refused to eat his dinner.

A police report says the 53-year-old woman at the scene was also yelling "about things that happened two weeks ago."

A pair of 911 calls on Friday, including a hang-

up and a woman heard screaming, led to police dispatched to the residence. Officer Paul Gonzales says police were told by

her that "her husband did

not want to eat his supper." Police say the woman has called 911 about 30 times over six months for non-emergency reasons, such as she could not find her clothes. She now faces charges of 911 abuse.

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## **Obituaries**

### Bonnie Wheat, 88

Mifflintown, PA-Bonnie Wheat, 88, died December 18, 2009, in Mifflintown, PA

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa, Texas.

Mrs. Wheat was born March 10, 1921 in Hopkins County, Texas to Valentine and Minnie Selina Tabor Wheat. She was a 1939 graduate of Miller Grove High School in Miller Grove, Texas. During World War II, she served her country in the capacity of a quality control inspector of five-inch naval gun ammunition at the Red River Arsenal Plant in Red River, Texas. She married Dewey D. Wheat, Sr., on October 23, 1948 in Mission, Texas. He preceded her in death on January 18, 1974. She came to Pampa in June of 1960 from the Rio Grande Valley. She and her hus-

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The Gray County

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Jeffrey Strange, 29, was

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Chad Allen Norris, 21,

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Marisa Ramirez, 30, was

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band owned and operated Wheat's Jewelry Store in Pampa, Texas, after which she worked at various grocery stores in the Pampa area.

Bonnie enjoyed cut work embroidery, watching Fox TV news, and doing word find puzzles. Since moving to Mifflintown, she found that scenic Pennsylvania gave her great joy, especially the local sights of Juniata County and Gettysburg. Most of all, she loved people, no matter where she met them.

She was currently a member of the Lower Tuscarora Presbyterian Church, Academia, and a former member of the Miller Grove United Methodist Church, Miller Grove, Texas. She also held memberships with the Pampa Chapter #65 Order of the Eastern Star, Pampa Epsilon Sigma Alpha Sorority, and the VFW

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sons, Rev. D. D. "Buddy" Wheat, Jr. (Colonel, U. S. Army, retired) and his wife Gayle Miller Wheat of Mifflintown, and Joe Don Wheat of New Orleans, Louisiana; a brother: David Wheat of Mabank, Texas; a sister, Della Lone of Sulphur Springs, Texas; three grandchildren, Jason S. Thomas and wife Sharon, Justin S. Fortner and Jeffrey S. Fortner, all of Pampa, Texas; and five great-grandchildren. Bonnie was preceded in death by 4 brothers: Jefferson Wheat, Asberry Wheat, Alvin Wheat, and John Wheat; and 3 sisters: Velma Pippin, Rose Wenglasz and Emily Wheat, in infancy.

MEMORIALS: Lower Tuscarora Presbyterian Church, 54 Church Road, Mifflintown, Pennsylvania



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17058, or the Miller Grove United Methodist Church, attn: Mary Lou Akins, 14480 FM 1567, West Cumby, Texas 75433.

SPECIAL NOTICE: Visitation will be held at the funeral home from 9:30 a.m. until service time on Monday, December 28, 2009.

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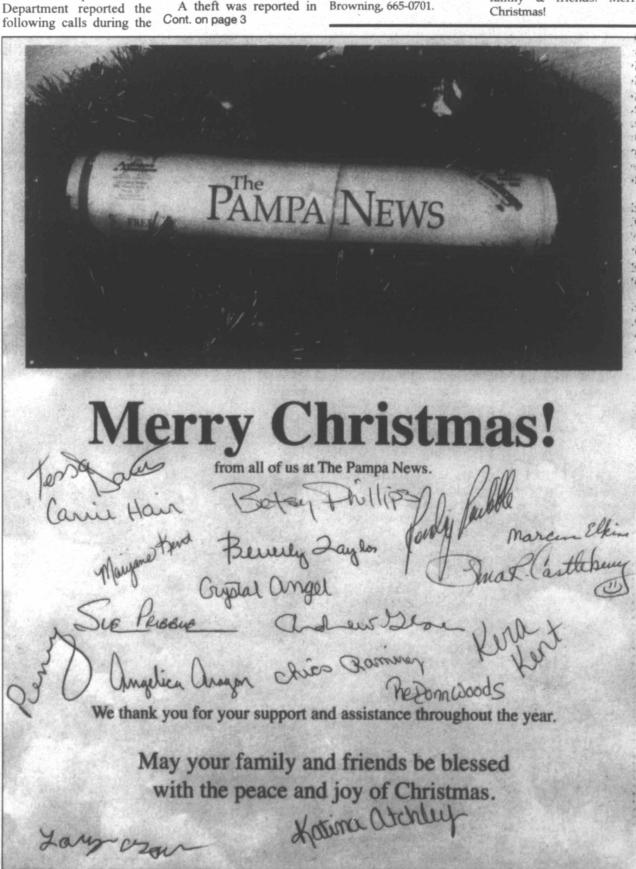
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## Major winter storm Police report taking aim at West

DENVER (AP) - A major winter storm is promising to bring a white Christmas to parts of the West and Midwest, though countless holiday travelers sfaced tough driving conditions and scattered flight delays Wednesday that conly looked to get worse.

The storm was expected to dump more than a foot of snow on parts of Colorado and southern Utah by mid-day, and blow east into the Plains states through \*Christmas Day. Blizzard warnings were likely on Christmas Eve in Kansas.

"Pretty much the entire central and southern Rockies are going to get snow, and then it's going east and will drop more snow," said Stan Rose, a National Weather Service meteorologist in Pueblo, Colo

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South Dakota Gov. Mike Rounds declared a state of emergency Tuesday. The National Weather Service in Sioux Falls warned of treacherous travel conditions from Wednesday through Friday night, calling the storm "life threat-

ening." The Nebraska State Patrol urged drivers to use extreme caution Wednesday morning when venturing out on the roads across the central third of the state because the roads are slick as freezing rain and snow had started to fall.

The Kansas Highway Patrol reported numerous crashes in the western part of the state, including a double fatality collision in Thomas County near Colby. The patrol said an eastbound car on icy Interstate 70 spun out of control Tuesday night, crossed the median and was struck by a westbound tractor-trailer, killing both Brown.

people in the car. In Nevada, multiple wrecks were reported in and around Reno as snow blanketed the area Tuesday evening. No serious injuries were reported, the Reno Gazette-Journal reported.

Blustery weather already had snarled traffic in Arizona, with blizzard-like conditions shutting down roads and causing a pileup involving 20 vehicles Tuesday. South of Phoenix, a dust storm set off a series of collisions that killed at least three people.

A tropical jet stream pumping in moisture from the storm's south was likely to cause plenty of snow as the storm headed into the Plains and upper Midwest.

"This is a huge system," said Rick Hiltbrand, meteorologist with National Weather Service in Chanhassen, Minn. "It's just going to kind of sit there through the week-

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Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1200 block East Foster.

Found property was reported to police.

A theft was reported in the 1900 block of North Russell.

An alarm was reported in the 1400 block of North Russell.

Officers assisted a motorist in the 200 block of East

An alarm was reported in the 100 block of West Kingston.

Officers checked on an open door in the 2400 block of North Charles. Identity theft was report-

ed in the 1200 block of North Wells. Officers assisted another

North Hobart. Criminal mischief was reported to police.

agency in the 300 block of

A prowler was reported in the 400 block of Warren. A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 600 block of East Francis.

Wednesday, Dec. 23. A suspicious person was reported in the 300 block of South Starkweather.

Officer performed a welfare check in the 1300 block of North Coffee. A suspicious person was

reported in the 500 block of North Faulkner. A domestic disturbance was reported in the 600

block of North Wells. A domestic disturbance was reported in the 400 block of North Lefors Street.

A domestic disturbance was reported again in the 600 block of North Wells.

a regional company, Data Flow out of Amarillo, to produce a map.

"We haven't produced a map in a year," he said. Weaver said the chamber encourages people to

advertise wisely. "We need to be careful that a lot of people talk about the number of maps that will be produced," Weaver said pointing to stacks of promotional items on a table in the office, "and

advertisers need to realize

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that a certain amount of those never get into anybody's hands at all."

Shirley Jernigan with the chamber said that when the chamber is involved with something like a publication or someone providing a promotional piece, they call their members and tell them. That way the members know the phone call they get concerning such a project is legitimate.

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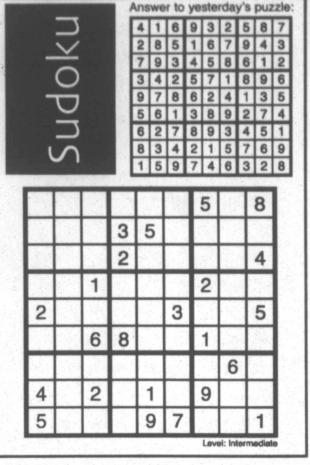
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## Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been married two wonderful years. I was recently in a serious car accident and am currently unable to drive. The person who mainly drives me around is my husband, but sometimes friends and family take me to my appointments or to run errands. Recently my husband announced that he will no longer take me to buy my birth control pills because he's ready to have a child and doesn't want to

Since I am out of work, I have no money of my own and must rely solely on him for support. Because he is no longer willing to provide me with the funds to buy birth control, I am unable to ask anyone else to give me a ride to the pharmacy. When we have sex, he refuses to use protection.

Although I want children in the future, I do not feel ready to have any now. We married young and still have years ahead of us to get pregnant and be active parents.

Please tell me what to do. I'm afraid if I refuse to have a baby with him he will leave or, when I am ready, decide our time to

start a family has passed. I love him and would do anything for him. Should I just give in, and is it really worth a fight? --NOT QUITE READY IN COLORADO

DEAR NOT QUITE READY: You and your husband need professional mediation NOW. You should not be strong-armed into having a child, which is what your husband is attempting to do. Women who become pregnant under the circumstances you have described often feel trapped and resentful, which can negatively affect their ability to parent. If you were so seriously injured in the accident that you can't drive or work, it's questionable that you are even healthy enough to start a pregnancy.

What's happening is all wrong, and my alarm bells are blaring. If this is the way joint decisions are made in your marriage, there is real serious trouble ahead for you. So no, you should not just give in, and yes, it really is worth a fight -- or, at the very least, further discussion.

DEAR ABBY: My sister-in-law is in the process of losing weight. We're all very proud of her.

The problem is, whenever we are around her, she goes on and on about what she did or did not eat that day. She also gives us disapproving looks or makes unwelcome comments about what we are

We have tried to gently change the subject, but it always goes back to food. Is there anything we can do or say to stop this without hurting her feelings? --HUNGRY FOR ADVICE IN LONGVIEW, TEXAS

DEAR HUNGRY FOR ADVICE: When someone is dieting, her (or his) life is centered on food -food that is allowed, food that is forbidden, etc. In fact, in many cases when people diet, they become more focused on and more obsessed with food than folks who are bingeing.

As long as your sisterin-law is dieting, she probably won't change. Only when she accepts that her new eating habits have become her lifestyle will food stop being uppermost in her thoughts.

Because her constant harping makes you uncomfortable, gently recommend that she join a weight-loss support group. There she

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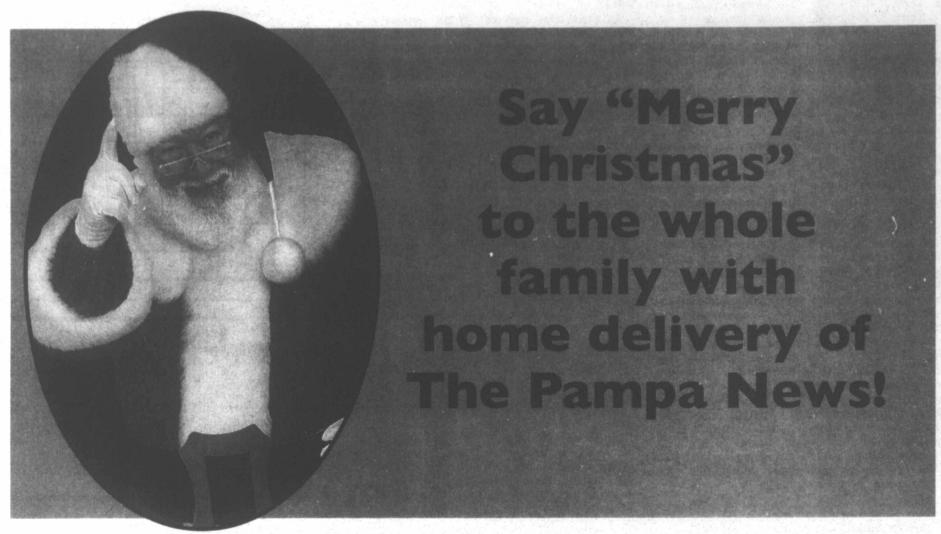
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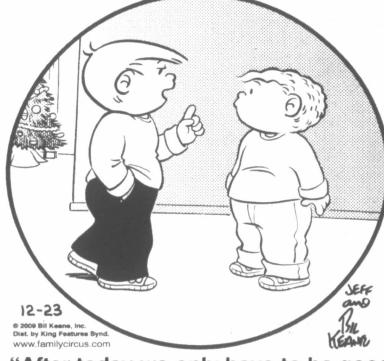
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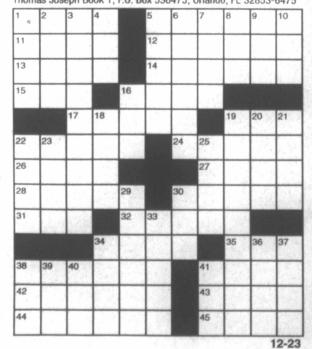
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Dec.

24, 2009: This year, you discover how important your personal and domestic life is. On some level you will renew or change this area of life in order to have it work better for you. You will accept a lot of responsibility in some form. Professionally, you could feel that many people are dumping their work on you. If you are single, you could meet someone when you're not looking, though the relationship could take some major adjustments. If you are attached, the two of you benefit from becoming more involved with your home and family. ARIES serves as an anchor.

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)

\*\*\* Excitement surrounds you, but note how difficult this holiday can be for many people in your life. You can indulge people only so much; you cannot cure what is ailing them at the core. Nevertheless, your attitude adds to everyone's day. Tonight: Go with the

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

\*\* Even if everything were perfect, you still might feel a bit out of sorts with the present situation. Stop worrying so much about how you feel, and go with the flow. You might see your mood change suddenly. Tonight: Where the

action is GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

\*\*\*\* Wherever you are, the party is. You could feel exhausted and drained. You might wonder what is best to do. Some of your friends could be having a bah-humbug attack. Tonight: The

moment is now CANCER (June 21-July 22)

\*\*\* At times you might question your need to be the hostess with the most to offer. Remember, you can only lead a horse to water; you cannot make him drink. This is also true of friends and loved ones. Tonight: Accept people as they are.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

\*\*\*\* Reach out for those at a distance and wish them a very merry Christmas. Some of you might hop on a plane to go visit loved ones. You might want to delight a child with a special visit or thought. Tonight: Put on a favorite piece of music.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

\*\*\* A key relative or loved one plays an important role. Don't forget someone you care a lot about this holiday season, especially as he or she might be alone. Your openness makes a difference. Tonight: Togetherness.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

\*\*\*\* Defer to others and make a point of letting them in close. Your ability to understand and empathize comes in. Still, don't forget your own personal errands, and stop to do what you discover or think is important. Tonight: Let others have their way.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

\*\*\* You might have a lot of lastminute errands to complete. Whatever you need to do, make it OK. Your sense of humor helps you relax when dealing with a problem. Fatigue marks the end of the day. Tonight: Be agreeable, but only do as much as vou must.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

\*\*\*\* Your childlike side emerges with Christmas right around the corner. You might want to revise your budget later on and not worry so much. Think positively, knowing there are alternatives. Tonight: Share your Christmas

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

\*\*\* Stay anchored while others slip and slide from one emotional plain to the next. You cannot be responsible for everyone else's mood. Still, remain sensitive to a sad friend. Consider inviting this person over for Christmas dinner Tonight: At home.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

\*\*\* Reach out for others who are close. Make a call or two to someone at a distance who you care about. Trust your instincts with a relative or neighbor. Someone comes toward you who you care a lot about. Tonight: Open up with a

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

\*\* Remain in touch with your budget. A last-minute thought or gift can be a back rub or some other fun activity. Sometimes that type of gift is more appreciated than you realize. "Things" are not necessary. Tonight: Indulge oth-

ers. After all, it is Christmas. **BORN TODAY** 

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# Sports

## Hall living NCAA dream

BY ANDREW GLOVER

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Every high school basketball player dreams of playing NCAA Division I basketball. For Pampa High School graduate Tyler Hall that is a reality as he is playing for the University of North Texas in Denton.

Hall graduated from Pampa in 2007 and played on the varsity team from 2004-2007. In his freshman season he was playing on the junior varsity

"We had a really good team," Hall said. "At the end of the season the varsity made the playoffs and I got to travel with them."

Hall was promoted to varsity in his sophomore year (2004-2005) and said that year was special because he got to play behind his older brother who was a senior. The North Texas sophomore said his junior year in high school was his best year.

"We basically had the same team I was on my freshman year," Hall said. "We went 25-7 and made it to the third round in the playoffs and finished second in district. I averaged 12 points per game."

Hall said in his senior season they were a young team but didn't do as well but enjoyed being a leader and had his best season individually averaging 20 points per game.

That same season Hall put up 42 points and 10 rebounds in a game against Borger. After high school Hall was recruited by the Air Force Academy and played for their preparatory

school in Colorado Springs for a season. Hall said he enjoyed that experience.

After one season Hall transferred to Collin community college for a season before walking on to North Texas. The Pampa graduate played in 17 games for Collin County Community college scoring 16 points, eight rebounds, 10 assists, and five steals. Hall said the most memorable game for him was his first game with the Mean Green.

"It was fun just getting to warm up with them," Hall said. "I got that feeling that I made it to where I want to be.

In the 2009-2010 season, Hall has appeared in two games. Hall played one minute in the Mean Green's opening game against Cameron on November 13, attempting one field goal and getting one steal. Hall played three minutes against Southwest on December 2 and was one for one in two-point field goals, two for two from the free throw line for four points, and got one assist. Hall said no one likes sitting on the bench but every team member has their role.

'Whenever I am called on, I got out and play the best I can," Hall said. "I work hard in practice so when I am called on it can relay to the game."

Hall played under current Pampa Head Basketball Coach Dustin Miller in his freshmen year in high school on JV and his junior and senior seasons on varsity. The '07 Pampa graduate said the biggest lesson

"He (Miller) told me

he learned from Miller was

to not let mistakes get to

when I made a mistake to play through it," Hall said. "He told me to move on from it and get back and play hard and make up for

Miller said it is special for him to see his players continue their athletic success in college.

"I love to talk to them on the phone and hear how much fun they are having or just be an ear to listen, Miller said.



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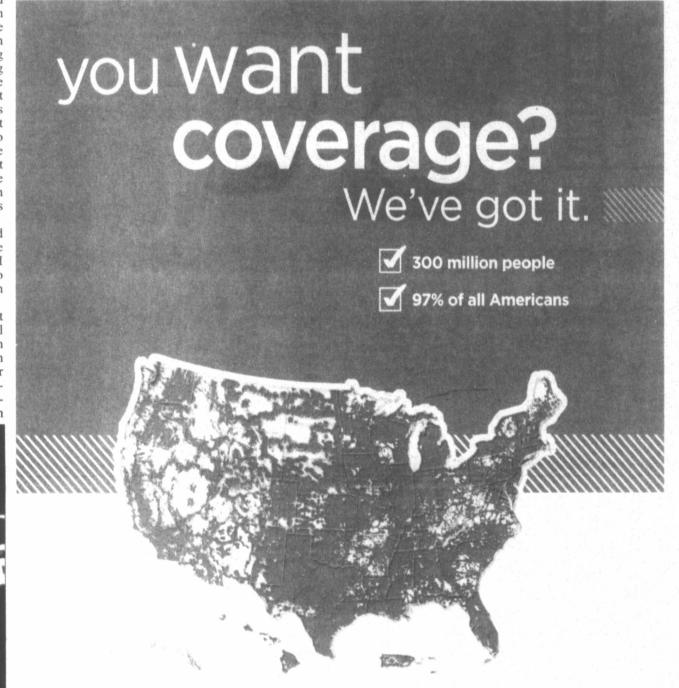
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Tyler Hall (33) guards a Southwest ball handler in North Texas' 90-62 victory December 2. Hall played for Pampa H.S. 2004-2007 (Photo Credit Rick Yeatts).

## Former Lady Harvester sinks buzzer-beater

Britteni Rice's (Pampa, make our way through the Texas) three-pointer with 0.6 seconds on the clock lifted the University of Denver women's basketball team (7-5, 2-0 SBC) over the University Louisiana-Monroe Warhawks (5-6, 0-2 SBC) 63-62 on Monday night in Magness Arena, extending the Pioneers' win streak to six games and improving their record in Sun Belt Conference play to 2-0.

"It was a big-time shot by Britteni and a big-time play by our entire offense," said head coach Erik Johnson. "We practice this kind of play all the time in prac-

tice: drive, jump stop and pitch it out for the threepoint shot; and Britteni did exactly that. It's a great way for us to head into the holiday break and it gives

beginning part of our conference schedule.'

Rice led all ers with 17 points, while junior Brianna Culberson (Jefferson City, Mo.) finished with a career-tying 16 points and a new careerbest 13 rebounds for her third career double-double. Culberson has now finished in double-figures in each of the Pioneers' 12 games this

Also finishing in double-digits was sophomore Kaetlyn Murdoch (Temple, Texas) as she added 13 points, while also finishing with three blocks.

Jesse Carrier and Larrie Williams led the Warhawks with 15 points apiece, while Sannisha Williams added 13 points.



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