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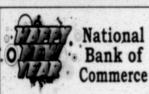
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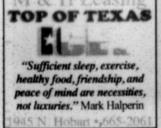
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RISING STOCK



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Kenlee Lambert of Lefors brushes her pig Saturday morning, New Year's Day, before going into the show ring at the Top of Texas Junior Livestock Show at the Clyde Carruth Pavilion at Recreation Park. The lamb, goat and cattle livestock shows were on Sunday.

Top O' Texas Livestock Show Results

BARROW Duroc Lightweight

First: Ransley Cochran,
Wheeler 4-H
Second: Edy Brainard,
Hemphill 4-H
Third: Kilie Walser, Fort
Elliott FFA
Fourth: Joseph Slatten, Pampa

Fifth: Kayleigh Simmons, Wheeler 4-H Duroc Medium Weight First: Kaylyn Moore Fort Elliot FFA

Second: Clay Baten, Pampa FFA Third: Alabama Bohannon, Collingsworth 4-H Fourth: Kilie Walser, Fort Elliott FFA

Fifth: Kayleigh Simmons,

Wheeler 4-H

Sixth: Jontra Anderson,
Ochiltree 4-H
Duroc Heavy Weight
First: Jared Miner, Pampa FFA
Second: Alex Paredes
Highland Park FFA
Third: Jacey Baten, Pampa
FFA

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Fourth: Clay Ray, Pampa FFA
Fifth: Lilly Carr, Donley 4-H
Hamp Medium Weight

Ali Murry, Hutchinson 4-H
Second: Richard Jarvis,
Spearman FFA
Third: Trenton Huseman,
Donley 4-H
Fourth: Ryan Schnell,
Spearman FFA
Fifth: Jimmy Guerry, Tascosa
FFA

Sixth: Dakota Buck, Perryton

Seventh: Korbin Payne, Gray 4-H

Hamp Medium Heavy
First: Jaden Freeman, White
Deer FFA
Second: Alabama Bohannon,
Collingsworth 4-H
Third: Hadley Freeman, White
Deer FFA
Fourth: L'Gee Holmes, Pampa

Fourth: J'Cee Holmes, Pampa FFA Fifth: Jacey Haiduk, White

Deer FFA
Sixth: Josh Miner, Pampa FFA
Seventh: Alyson Chisum, Gray

Hamp Heavy Weight
First: Kayln Moore, Fort
Elliott FFA
Second: Chris Homen, Carson 4-H
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Water board elections on Wednesday

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The Canadian River Municipal Water Authority board of direc-

tors will meet Wednesday in Plainview in regular session to elect officers for 2011. Jerry Carlson and Rex McKay III represent Pampa on the board of

III represent Pampa on the board of 11 municipalities. They will meet beginning at 10 a.m., Wednesday, Jan. 12, at the Plainview Country Club and Convention Center in Plainview.

The board will review the status of Lake Meredith and consider changes to the Drought Contingency Plan.

The lake is at its lowest level since being dammed up in the 1960s. The lake level is at 38.31 feet, down from a high of 101.85 feet in 1973. The lake's marina was closed down in the fall of 2010, citing the reduced water level.

In other business, the board will offer a resolution honoring Richard McDonald, the past president of the Texas Cattle Feeders Association, for his work with CRMWA.

McDonald died of cancer late last fall.

The board will also review the authority's budget for 2009 and 2010 and CRMWA's management audit, the auditor's bill, other authority expenses and investment policy.

They are also expected to reallocate future surcharge fees and discuss the Dam Operating Fund at Lake Meredith.

CRMWA supplies water to 11 member cities — nearly half a million people —, in the Texas Panhandle and South Plains via a 358-mile aqueduct system.

The water comes from Lake Meredith and the John C. Williams Wellfield north of Pampa.

The 11 member cities include Pampa, Borger, Amarillo, Brownfield, Lamesa, Levelland, Lubbock, O'Donnell, Plainview, Slaton and Tahoka.

Candy buyback becomes overseas holiday treat

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When Pampa dentist Dr. Jay Johnson held a candy buyback program at his office over Halloween, little did he know what impact the project would have half a planet away.

Johnson and his office sent the candy they collected to Afghanistan for the troops stationed overseas. Unbeknownst to Johnson at the time, the candy became Christmas stocking stuffers for the soldiers, a welcome respite amidst the daily grind in the war-torn Middle East. The holiday treat meant

The holiday treat meant so much to the soldiers that Army Col. David Grosso stopped by Dr. Johnson's office over the holidays to thank them for the candy personally.

"It was really neat, because we did it just to do it as an act to do something nice," Johnson said. "When he came in and told us how much it meant to the troops, it said a lot. That's just cool that he personally came by to thank us."

Grosso is the commander CANDY cont. on page 7



photo courtesy of Jay Johnson

Pampa dentist Dr. Jay Johnson stands with Army Col. David Grosso, who stopped by Johnson's office to personally thank him for the candy his office sent to troops in Afghanistan.

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PAMPA FORECAST

Saturday



Low 25



Low 20



Monday

High 26 Low 8

Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 25. Wind chill values between 18 and 23. North wind around 5 mph becoming calm.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 48. Wind chill values between 16 and 26 early. South southwest wind 5 to 10 mph increasing to between 15 and 20 mph. Winds could gust as high as 25 mph.

Saturday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 25. Wind chill values between 15 and 20. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Sunday: A 20 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 38. South southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Sunday Night: A 30 percent chance of snow. Cloudy, with a low around 20. Southeast wind 10 to 20 mph becoming northeast. Winds could gust as high as 25 mph.

Monday: A 40 percent chance of snow. Cloudy, with a high near 26. Windy, with a north northeast wind between 20 and 30 mph, with gusts as high as 40 mph.

Monday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 8. Windy, with a north wind between 15. and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

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Obituaries

Gary L. Coleman, 62

Gary L. Coleman, 62, died January 5, 2011, in Pampa. Memorial services will be held at a later date. Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Coleman was born October 5, 1948, in Phillips, graduating from Phillips High School in 1967. He received an Associate's degree from Frank Phillips College. He had been a resident of Borger most of his life, moving to Pampa in 2009. Gary was a veteran of the U. S. Army and a member of the Vietnam Veterans of America. He married Pat Perry in November of 1972. He retired from Conoco Phillips as an operator after 38 years of service. He was a member of St. John's Catholic

Church in Borger. Gary was the best husband, father and grandfather, and was a special friend to many people.

Survivors include his wife, Pat Coleman of the home; daughter, Karen Coleman of Pampa; brother, Kenneth Coleman and wife Sheri of Amarillo; three grandchildren, Nicholas Coleman, Harper Coleman and Claire Gill, all of Pampa; two brothers-in-law, Robert Perry of Raleigh, North Carolina, and Mike Perry of Borger. Gary was preceded in death by his parents, Paul Coleman and

Memorials may be made to National Kidney Foundation, Amarillo District, 801 S. Fillmore Street, Amarillo,

Sign the online register at www.carmichael-whatley.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Police Department

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents during the 24hour period ending at 8 a.m. Thursday

Police reported 14 trafficrelated calls and three acci-

Animal Control Officers reported six animal-related

calls. Pampa EMS reported

eight ambulance calls. Wednesday, Jan. 5

Criminal mischief was reported in the 200 block of W. Kingsmill.

Officers conducted a follow-up investigation in the 700 block of N. Wells.

A runaway was reported in the 2700 block of N. Cherokee Dr.

Officers conducted a follow-up investigation in the 100 block of E. Harvester. A suspicious persón was

reported in the 800 block of N. Christy. A suspicious person was

reported in the 1500 block

of N. Hamilton.

Phone harassment was reported in the 800 block of low-up investigation in the N. Wells.

Criminal trespass was reported in the the 1300 block of N. Coffee.

Theft was reported in the 1200 block of N. Wells.

An information call was reported in the 100 block of E. Kingsmill.

Officers conducted a follow-up investigation in the 100 block of W. 30th. Criminal mischief was re-

ported in the 1300 block of W. Kentucky. An information call was of W. Craven.

reported in the 200 block of W. Kingsmill. An alarm was reported in the 1300 block of N. Ho-

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 300 Somerville.

block of S. Canadian. A 911 hang-up call was reported in the 1200 block

of E. Kingsmill

the 700 block of E. Murphy. A suicide attempt was reported in the 1200 block of

E. Kingsmill.

The Pampa Police Depart-

800 block of Nelson.

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of N. Wells.

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A prowler was reported

Disorderly conduct was

reported in the 1900 block

A violation of city ordi-

Officers conducted a wel-

2100 block of N. Nelson.

Thursday, Jan. 6

block of S. Cuyler.

building check in the 100

A domestic disturbance

in the 1000 block of S.

A prowler was reported in period ending at 8 a.m. to-Police reported 10 traffic- block of North Mary Ellen. related calls and two acci-

Officers conducted a fol- calls.

Pampa EMS reported six ambulance calls. The Pampa Fire Department reported one medical call.

Thursday, Jan. 6

Found property was reported in the 600 block of North Hobart.

· Pampa firefighters reported a service call in the 700 nance was reported in the block of East Locust. A suspicious vehicle was

Officers had escort duty reported in the 1100 block in the 600 block of North

Identity theft was reported fare check in the 200 block to police.

Officers performed a welfare-check in the 600 block Officers conducted a of North West.

A stolen vehicle was reported in the 600 block of North Dwight. was reported at Hobart and

Officers had crossing guard duty at Crawford and

· A suspicious person was ment reported the following reported in the 1000 block incidents during the 24-hour of South Farley.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 900

Criminal mischief was reported in the 400 block Animal Control Officers of North Warren and in the reported four animal-related 1000 block of North Frost.

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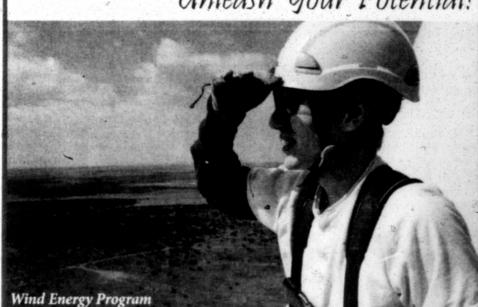
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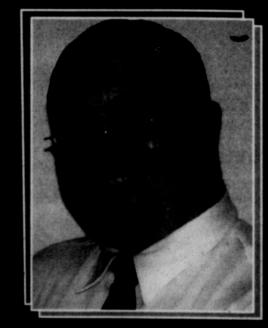
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AFTERNOON RUSH

Md. mail bombs prompt alert

HANOVER, Md. (AP) - Someone a congressman described as "a disgruntled lone wolf griping about highway signs" mailed a small package to Maryland's Democratic governor and the parcel ignited when someone in the state mailroom unzipped it Thursday, shooting out a tiny flame that singed the worker's fingers.

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About 15 minutes later, a second worker was injured opening a similar package at a state government building

Soon after, mailrooms across Maryland were cleared. Explosive material wasn't found in either package that ignited. Authorities aren't sure if any other dangerous packages are out there, but mailroom workers were expected back at work Friday.

Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley said the mailing sent to him complained about highway signs that urge motorists to "Report Suspicious Activity" and gives an 800 number. "Someone doesn't like seeing that sign," O'Malley said.

Obama to appear on Fox News

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Barack Obama will sit for an interview with Fox News Channel host Bill O'Reilly on Super Bowl Sunday

White House spokesman Josh Earnest says it's in keeping with the president's custom of granting a pre-game interview to the network that is broadcasting the Super Bowl. Last year, it was with Katie Couric on CBS.

The White House clashed openly with Fox in the first year of Obama's administration, deriding it as aligned Pampa FFA with the Republican Party. More recently tensions have Fourth: Korbin Payne, subsided and Obama had a sit-down with Fox anchor Bret Baier last March.

The Super Bowl will be played in the new Cowboys Stadium in Arlington, Texas, on Sunday, Feb. 6. The interview will be taped at the White House.

Lake Meredith fish kill: Algae

LUBBOCK (AP) — Experts say a fish kill at Lake Second: Clay Baten, . Meredith that's prompted Lubbock to put an odor- Pampa FFA smothering chemical in city drinking water is blamed on a toxic algae bloom.

As many as 20,000 gizzard shad were found dead last week in Lake Meredith. Water from Lake Meredith is used by nearly a dozen Texas Panhandle and South

Charlie Munger with the Texas Parks & Wildlife York Light Weight Department on Thursday said golden algae can release a fish-killing toxin.

Munger told the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal that low water levels likely increased salinity and PH levels. Recent cold temperatures also could have affected the algae's ability to survive:

Lubbock Water Utilities director Aubrey Spear says the city is using powdered activated carbon to help avoid fishy-smelling water. Humans are not in danger.

Pastor accused of selling fake IDs

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A Texas minister and an associate are accused of selling fake identification documents to illegal immigrants.

A federal grand jury has indicted Felipe DeJesus Fourth: Shaley Morris Coronel Pacheco and Luis Angel Tovar Cisneros on Lefors FFA charges of conspiracy to defraud the government and manufacturing counterfeit permanent-resident cards.

The San Antonio Express-News reports both were Sixth: Colten Myer, arrested Dec. 16 in an undercover investigation and remain in custody. A bond hearing Thursday in San Antonio for Coronel was canceled after he was indicted.

Coronel served at Ministerios Epicentro Donde Nace La Bendicion in Austin. He's also charged with making Nazareth FFA a false statement to immigration officers. Tovar, who's accused of being in the U.S. illegally, is held without Potter 4-H

Texas gang members get life

MCALLEN (AP) — Authorities say three members of the Texas Syndicate prison gang have been sentenced to life in prison without parole for their roles in separate shooting deaths in South Texas.

U.S. Attorney Jose Angel Moreno said the three men White Deer FFA were sentenced Wednesday by Chief U.S. District Third: Kayln Moore, Fort Judge Ricardo Hinojosa. All three were convicted on Elliott FFA conspiracy or racketeering charges by a jury in federal

Jose Armando Garcia, a 36-year-old from Mission, was accused of killing a man for failing to carry out an order to execute someone in 2004. Two men from Weslaco — 37-year-old Juan Pablo Hinojosa and 36-year-old Raul Galindo — were convicted in killings ordered by the gang in 2004 and 2007.

Big Bend to get border crossing First: Camron Duvall,

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Authorities on Thursday announced a plan to build a border crossing in West Texas' remote Big Bend National Park that would allow outdoor enthusiasts to explore the picturesque region on both sides of the Rio Grande despite U.S. government Fourth: Preston Mann, warnings that some parts of Mexico are unsafe to visit due to drug violence.

The crossing will be through Boquillas Canyon, Hemphill 4-H which encompasses part of the park and Mexican protected lands, U.S. Customs and Border Protection Pampa FFA Commissioner Alan Bersin said at a news conference Seventh: Lauren in the park on Thursday. Construction of the necessary infrastructure, including a boat dock and visitor's center, is set to begin in July and a boat carrying people back and forth should be running by April 2012, he said.

Lottery millions claimed

OLYMPIA, Wash. (AP) — Jim McCullar arrived at Washington state's lottery headquarters with \$8 in his pocket - all singles. He left a multimillionaire, with the Perryton FFA oversized check to prove it and a promise to manage the money for his family's future.

"The legacy is going to go generation, after generation, after generation," said McCullar, flanked by his wife Carolyn and two of the couple's adult children. "We're not going to blow this."

The family stepped forward Thursday to publicly claim their half of the second-largest lottery jackpot in history. Whoever is holding the other winning ticket, purchased in neighboring Idaho, remained a mystery.

Livestock

Third: Kler Ray, Pampa Fourth: Malory Martin, Spearman FFA Fifth: Kyler Payne, Gray Sixth: J'Cee Holmes, Pampa FFA Seventh: Molly Manhart, Pampa FFA eighth: Bailee Cross, White Deer FFA Spots & Polands Light Weight First: Kelsi Bagley, Pampa FFA Second: Hayz Noland, Potter 4-H Third: Hunter Hastings, Hemphill 4-H Fourth: Preston Mann,

Potter 4-H Fifth: Jack Clark, Hartley FFA Spots & Polands Medium Weight First: Delaney Riggs, Gray 4-H Second: Dakota Thomas, Hartley 4-H Third: J'Cee Holmes, Gray 4-H Fifth: Andrew Sanchez, Hutchinson 4-H Sixth: Laura Brooks, Wheeler 4-H Weight

Spots & Polands Heavy First: Cody Roller Third: Tate Bartley, Donley 4-H Fourth: Jontra Anderson, Ochiltree 4-H Fifth: Reece Parker. Pampa FFA First: Quay Owen, Donley 4-H Second: Allison Brown, Spearman FFA Third: Madison Huseman, Donley 4-H Fifth: Madison Davis, Gray 4-H Second: Jack Clark, Hartley FFA

York Medium Weight First: Josie Hicks, Donley Third: Colby Townsley, Donley 4-H Fifth: Caid Faske, Donley Canyon FFA White OPB Light Weight

First: Briana Huseman, Second: Hayz Noland, Third: Hayz Noland, Potter 4-H Fourth: Korbin Payne, Gray 4-H Cross Class 1 First: Elizabeth Terry, Pampa FFA Second: Bailee Cross, Fourth: Camron Duvall, Perryton FFA Fifth: Jaden Freeman, White Deer FFA Sixth: Malory Martin, Spearman FFA White Deer FFA Cross Class 2 Perryton FFA Second: Claire

Seventh Coleton Ingram, McCormick, Donley 4-H Third: Ali Murry, Perryton FFA Potter 4-H Fifth: Edy Brainard, Sixth: Kirstan Epperson, Patterson, Spearman FFA Cross Class 5 First: Emily Terry, Pampa FFA Second: Trace Patterson, Hansford 4-H Third: Kayln Moore, Fort Elliott FFA Fourth: Bradly Duvall,

Fifth: Johnathan Crow,

Sixth: Alyson Chisum,

Seventh: Paige Williams,

LeCompte, Perryton FFA

Spearman FFA

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Cross Class 6

First: Breckyn

Second: Claire

Gray 4-H



staff photo by David Bowser

Area 4-H and FFA students show their pigs on New Year's morning at the Clyde Carruth Pavillon during the Top of Texas Junior Livestock Show Saturday. The lamb, goat and cattle livestock shows were on Sunday.

Moore 4-H

McCormick, Donley 4-H Third: Lane Pohnert, White Deer FFA Fourth: Joy Chandler, Canyon FFA Fifth: Delaney Riggs, Gray 4-H Sixth: Shayley Morris Lefors FFA Cross Class 7 First: Jordan Pohnert, White Deer FFA Second: Jimmy Guerry Tascosa FFA Third: Cheyenne Davis, White Deer FFA Fourth: Tyler Ellison, Hemphill 4-H Fifth: Braydon Oxley, White Deer FFA Sixth: Madi Shults, Pampa FFA Seventh: Marshall Belcher, Donley 4-H Cross Class 8 First: Emily Licklider, Pampa FFA Second: Bailee Cross, White Deer FFA Third: Molly Manhart, Pampa FFA Fourth: Clay Ray, Pampa Fifth: Jack Clark, Hartley Sixth: Clay Ray, Pampa FFA Seventh: Ryan Bartley,

Gray 4-H Donley 4-H SHEEP Medium Wool Class 2 First: Riley Mitchell. White Deer FFA Second: Jonathan Crowl, Hansford 4-H Third: Jennifer Crowl, Hansford 4-H Fourth: Maggie Hernandez, Gray 4-H Fifth: Amy Osborn Friona FFA Sixth: Kaylene Wyant, Pampa FFA Medium Wool Class 3 First: Slylar Moneymaker, Borger FFA Second: Hadley Albracht, Potter 4-H Third: Fletcher Moneymaker, Borger FFA 4-Hadley Albracht, Potter 4-H Fifth: Sloan Osborn Friona FFA Sixth: Cooper Lieb, Hansford 4-H Medium Wool Class 5 First: Tori Smith, Moore 4-H Second: Fletcher Moneymaker, Borger FFA Third: Tessa Johnson Armstrong 4-H Fourth: Aaron Osborn Friona FFA Fifth: Madi Shults, Pampa FFA Sixth: Madi Shultz, Pampa FFA Panhandle FFA Medium Wool Class 6 Sixth: Laura Kirkland, Gray 4-H First: Skylar Seventh: Kirstie Kasch. Moneymaker, Borger Borger FFA Second: Tori Smith, **Exotic Class 2** Moore 4-H First: Blake Chisum, Third: Kaylene Wyant, Gray 4-H Pampa FFA Second: Ty Baggerman, Fourth: Brittany, Lake Gray 4-H Highland Park FFA Third: Paige Williams,

Fifth: Karen Floyd,

Sixth: Clayton Goodwin,

Miami FFA

GOATS Goat Class 1 First: Mack Leven, Carson 4-H Second: Tessa Johnson Armstrong 4-H Third: Jana Shults Pampa FFA Fourth: Lexi Didway, Gray 4-H Fifth: Remi Didway Pampa 4-H Goat Class 2 First: Tori Smith, Moore 4-H Second: Tessa Johnson Armstrong 4-H Third: Fletcher Moneymaker, Borger Fourth: Adamari Lopez, Grav 4-H Fifth: Rilee Didway, Grav 4-H Goat Class 3 First: Skler Moneymaker. Borger FFA Second: Kelsey Warren, Collingsworth 4-H Third: Fletcher Moneymaker, Borger FFA Fourth: Isaiah Tanner, Ochiltree 4-H

Fifth: Austin Hondricks,

STEERS American Light Weight First: Emily Terry, Pampa FFA Second: Nathaniel McAlister Panhandle English Light Weight First: Blake Chisum, Gray 4-H Second: Cody Jacoby. Gray 4-H Third: Sierra Franks Follett FFA Fourth: Laura Kirkland, Gray 4-H English Medium Weight O Third: Skylar First: Elizabeth Terry, Parfipa FFA Second: Sheldon Franks Follett FFA Third: Lauren Patterson, Spearman FFA Fourth: Chris Homen, Carson 4-H Fifth: Trace Patterson, Spearman FFA Sixth: Zane Patterson, Hansford 4-H Seventh: Paige Williams, Perryton FFA Eighth: Sheridan Franks Lipscomb 4-H **Exotic Class 1** First: Chris Homen White Deer 4-H Second: London Lowrey, Gray 4-H Third: Jennifer Crowl, Hansford 4-H Fourth: Emily Terry, Pampa FFA Fifth: Kinsey Brown

Perryton FFA

Gray 4-H

Fourth: Brady Rove.

Fifth: Mackenzy Milburn Roberts 4-H Exotic Class 3 First Breckyn LeCompte, Perryton FFA Second: Trace Patterson, Hansford 4-H Third: Blake Chisum, Gray 4-H Fourth: Kinsey Brown Panhandle FFA **Exotic Class 4** First: Elizabeth Terry, Pampa FFA Second: Matt Corral, Perryton FFA Third: Jordan Pohnert, White Deer FFA. Fourth: Breckyn LeCompte, Perryton FFA

BARROW RESULTS Grand Champion: Breckyn LeCompte Reserve Grand Champion: Clair McCormick Showmanship, Junior Division First: Jordan Ponehart Second: Jimmy Guerry Third: Chole McCormick Showmanship, Senior Division First: Kayln Moore Second: Ali Murray Third: Alabama Bohannon

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Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Friday, Jan. 7, the seventh day of 2011 There are 358 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 7, 1789, the first U.S. presidential election was held. Americans voted for electors who, a month later, chose George Washington to be the nation's first president.

On this date:

In 1608, an accidental fire devastated the Jamestown settlement in the Virginia Colony.

In 1610, astronomer Galileo Galilei began observing three of Jupiter's moons; he spotted a fourth moon almost a week later.

In 1800, the 13th president of the United States, Millard Fillmore, was born in Summerhill, N.Y.

In 1894, one of the earliest motion picture experiments took place at the Thomas Edison studio in West Orange, N.J., as Fred Ott was filmed taking a pinch of snuff and sneezing.

In 1927, commercial transatlantic telephone service was inaugurated between New York and

In 1942, the Japanese siege of Bataan began during World War II.

949, George C. Marshall resigned as U.S. tary of State; President Harry S. Truman chose Dean Acheson to succeed him

In 1972, Lewis F. Powell, Jr. and William H. Rehnquist were sworn in as the 99th and 100th. members of the U.S. Supreme Court. In 1979, Vietnamese forces captured the

Cambodian capital of Phnom Penh, overthrowing the Khmer Rouge government.

In 1989, Emperor Hirohito of Japan died in Tokyo at age 87; he was succeeded by his son, Crown Prince Akihito.

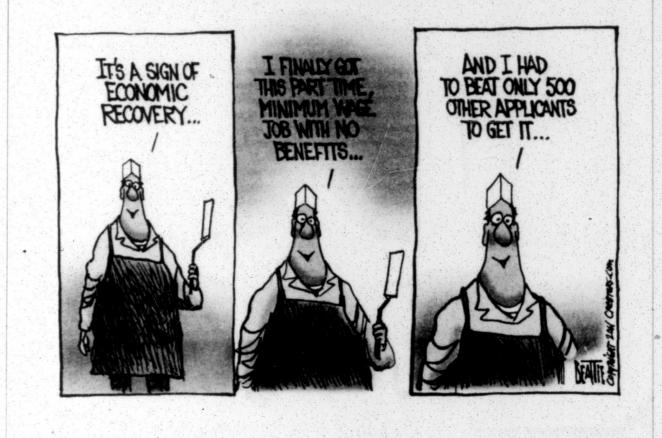
Ten years ago: President-elect George W. Bush's transition team acknowledged that Labor Secretary-designate Linda Chavez had provided housing and financial aid to an illegal immigrant (Chavez ended up withdrawing her homination).

Five years ago: U.S. Rep. Tom DeLay, R-Texas, facing corruption charges, stepped down as House majority leader. (DeLay was found guilty in Nov. 2010 of illegally funneling corporate money to Texas candidates; he is appealing his conviction.)

One year ago: Thousands of Egyptian Christians went on a rampage a day after six members of their community were gunned down as they left midnight Mass for Coptic Christians in the southern Egyptian town of Nag Hamadi.

Today's Birthdays: Author William Peter Blatty is 83. Pop musician Paul Revere is 73. Magazine publisher Jann Wenner is 65. Singer Kenny Loggins is 63. Singer-songwriter Marshall Chapman is 62. Actress Erin Gray is 61. "CBS Evening News" anchor Katie Couric is 54. Country singer David Lee Murphy is 52. Rock musician Kathy Valentine (The Go-Go's) is 52. Actor David Marciano is 51. Actress Hallie Todd is 49. Actor Nicolas Cage is 47. Actor Kevin Rahm is 40. Actor Jeremy Renner is 40. Country singer-musician John Rich is 37. Actor Dustin Diamond is 34. Actor Liam Aiken is 21.

Thought for Today: "Nothing in science has any value to society if it is not communicated, and scientists are beginning to learn their social obligations." - Anne Roe Simpson, American psychologist



Doritos and Pepsi mock God with adverts

The Super Bowl is more than just a huge day for professional football fans. Part of the game's massive audience is there for the chance to see how mega-corporations creatively spend millions of dollars for one Super Bowl commercial. Some Super Bowl ads are brilliant and The ad makers just successful Budweiser knows it has hit one out of the park when its ad is Monday's water-cooler

But never underestimate the ability of some people to go too far, where talent and imagination are rejected for sophistry and shock. Take the ad geniuses for Doritos and Pepsi Max, who posted on YouTube some entrants in their "Crash the Super Bowl" ad contest. One entry, titled "Feed the Flock," crassly, deliberately mocked Christianity and the Holy Eucharist. Instead of offering the Body of Christ, some priests are shown lining up the faithful to receive Doritos and Pepsi Max diet cola. Their church was sinking in popularity -- until Jesus was replaced

by a snack chip. This is appalling to any Christian who celebrates 2,000 years of reverence for the sacred Lord's Supper. It's especially insulting o to Catholics, whose Catechism teaches that the Eucharist is the "source and summit of the

Christian life." The communion wafer is not a tasteless snack, in desperate need of Nacho Cheese flavor; it is sharing in the Way, the Truth, and they they ever Life offered selflessly in the sacrifice of the Christ. It is the very Body and Blood of Our Lord.

poured moldy garbage on that. Oh, I'm sure they knew there would be outraged Christians, but there would also be a "free media" bounce, as in some "buzz" on the Internet. Frito-Lay and PepsiCo honored this inane mockery by offering it for more than 120,000 views on YouTube -- before finally

taking it down. It isn't just offensive; it's a blatant violation of their own contest rules, which clearly stated any ad submitted "must be suitable for display and publication on national television. (e.g., may not be obscene or indecent, including but not limited to nudity or profanity) ... and ... must not contain defamatory statements (including but not limited to words or symbols that are widely considered offensive to individuals of a certain race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation or socioeconomic group)."

Are they dim-witted? No, these businessmen know what they're doing and obviously didn't fear an ad that is offensive to

Christians. lion years would countenance the idea of similarly. insulting

Twitter: "I'm sure any day now we'll see a commercial where Muslims turn their prayer mats to point at the new 2011 Lexus LS.

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Our national media, so exquisitely attuned to the monitors of "homophobia" and "Islamophobia," find no offense whatsoever in this online "Christophobia." In fact, in the past, they have either ignored this sacramenttrashing ... or enjoyed it.

They ignored the public radio show that joked about Mike Huckabee's family enjoying "deep-fried" Eucharist; the short-lived NBC sitcom "Committed" with a half-hour plot centered on accidentally flushing the Eucharist; or Bill Maher joking how the Catholic Church should "go gay" and chant, "We're here, we're queer, get Eucharist." But they enjoyed as "thrillingly down and dirty" the ridiculous stage production of "Jerry Springer: The Opera" that mocked the "little biscuit" of a genitalfondling Jesus character who admitted he was "a little bit gay.

These media hypocrites disgust me. Look at how they twisted themselves into the shape of a tasty Mister Salty Pretzel at the "controversy" regarding what quarterback Tim Tebow and his mother, Muslims.* Pam, were going to say
As one wag joked on something in a Super Bowl ad by Focus on the Family against abortion. And here's the controversy: Instead of speaking directly of how doctors advised her to abort, Pam talked about her troubled pregnancy: "I call him my miracle baby. He almost didn't make it into this world. I remember so many times when I almost lost him." The A-word was never used.

Still, the media twisted the story to portray the whole pro-life concept as tasteless. ABC's Dan Harris spoke out for "many sports fans" who found it "a great shame" that our national unity over football "could become yet another day where we are divided over politics and the culture wars.'

Where is Dan Harris now? Munching on Doritos while sipping Pepsi, I suppose.

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2011 could be Year of Righteousness

Over the years I have been the recipient of many blessings. I've been married to a wonderful woman for nearly 33 years. We have 5 wonderful children, four of whom are now married and 6 beautiful grandchildren who never cease to amaze us how busy they can be. We are also blessed to have our parents still sharing our lives with us

I have received many gifts through the years but one is very special and came at the loss of a good friend and a brother in Christ. When Bro. Don Emmons passed away it was a difficult time for me because we had shared so much through the years. As I ministered to the family we shared our struggles together.

One day, Bro. Don's wife, Minnie, brought me something she thought I would like -- but I loved it! That gift is something that I wear once or twice each week and think of Bro. Don each time I put it on. It was a buckle that fit perfectly on one of my belts.

This buckle has two coins on it which come from the Hawaiian Islands. One showed the front of the coin and the other revealed the back. I had no idea what the writing was on the coins so I contacted Chris Martin, at Lahaina Baptist Church, Lahaina, Maui and asked if he could help me out. He did and my blessing grew even more.

Let me share with you what the coins say. On the front it says Kanaka Kala which means 'Freedom of the Hawaiian Islands'. On the back it says - Ua Mau Ke Ea O Ka Aina I Ka Pono which means 'The life of the land is perpetuated in righteousness'. When I received the news as to the meaning of these words I was blown away. Now each time I see it, the meaning grows even more.

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The truth on those coins is found all through Scripture and lived out in the history of Israel. Scripture tells us in Jeremiah 29:10-14 that when the people of God would live their lives in a righteous manner, they would find restoration. But I believe what was on these coins is definitely seen in Proverbs 14:34 which says, "Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people."

When Ezekiel was recounting the sins of Israel he said, "You have become guilty by the blood which you have shed, and defiled by your idols which you have made. Thus you have brought your day near and have come to your years; therefore I have made you a reproach to the nations, and a mocking to all the lands." (Ezekiel 22:4)

As we look around our nation today we find that, like Israel, we have sought other gods and departed from the Lord God. I believe our sin has brought upon us the struggles that have in many ways brought reproach upon us. We find urselves following idols that we have above the one true God. It might be the idol of possessions, appearance, money, or position, but our nation has turned away from God.

It is amazing that the first commandment is so quickly forgotten in our nation today. All. around us we see the results of a nation that has forsaken God and turned to the idols that we have erected in His place. I fear for our nation as a whole because we have become complacent in our service to our God and the

honor we give to Him. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus told



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the people not to 'lay up treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroy and where thieves do not break in and steal.

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.' (Mt. 6:19-21). He went on to say in Mt. 6:24, "No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other. or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money" (Greek mammon, a Semitic word for money or possessions). (Mt. 6:24).

It seems to me that we have forgotten that our righteousness is found not in what we have or do 'there are none that are righteous, no, not one' (Rom. 3:10), but wholly upon what Christ has done. After sharing some things that one needs to watch closely in life, the Apostle Paul told Timothy (1 Tim. 6:11) 11"But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness." (emphasis mine).

I fear that the life of our land will not be perpetuated because of our unrighteousness. We no longer surrender to God in our lives so that we might walk the path of righteousness. We have grown lenient in our lives to the point that we have truly rewritten the first commandment which simply says, "You shall have no other gods before me." (Ex. 20:3).

Minnie has blessed me with a buckle that holds great meaning for me. We also know that the Hawaiian Islands (and all of God's creation) are perpetuated in righteousness. I believe it is time once again for us as a nation to flee those things that are unrighteous and 'Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness."

If we are going to be a nation that trusts in God we must trust Him enough to lead us through this temporal plane so that we might walk in His righteousness. I want America to once again be the great nation we once were, but for that to happen those who are called by His name must stand in obedience to the call to righteousness in our lives.

As we move into 2011, may we never forget that 'the life of the land is perpetuated in righteousness' and ever live our lives so that the name of our Lord Jesus is lifted up. It is time that the people of God once again their lives to Him so that His name would be

It is time that we heed the call of 2 Chronicles 7:14 - "And if My people who are called by My name humble themselves, and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways. then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land." My prayer is that 2011 will be the 'Year of Righteousness' in America.

Paul Nachtigall is head pastor of Highland Baptist Church.

CHURCH SPOTLIGHT

Christian metal band to perform for Calvary youth

ANDREW GLOVER

aglover@thepampanews.com

A heavy metal band will promote their new CD in a concert 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Calvary Baptist Youth

No Sugar Added will be playing songs from their soon-to be released CD Out of "Darkness/Into Light." Calvary Baptist youth pastor Eric Lockwood said he's good friends

with the band members and they

wanted to play. "I said sure," Lockwood said. "They play with a band called Seven Years, Bad Mirrors. Those members go to our church.

Lockwood said this event would be good for people who like that type of music.

People should come if they are interested in the more underground Christian music and rock music," Lockwood said. "Anyone can come and the event is free.

Lockwood said people can preorder No Sugar Added's CD at the show. Seven Years, Bad Mirrors' CD will be available for purchase

No Sugar Added is part of the Tate Music Group and has played together since 2006.

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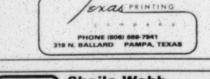
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Arson execution revisited

execution of a Texas man for the deaths of his three small children in a house tive came under renewed scrutiny Friday as a state panel heard from arson experts who reviewed the evidence that sent Cameron Lodd Willingham to the death chamber seven years

Texas Torensic Science Commission invited the fire experts to testify amid the Innocence Project's insistence that Willingham was convicted with faulty evidence and was unocent when he was put to death in 2004. The New York-based organizafrom specializes in wrongful

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Plastic laminate flooring a good option

Dear Pat: Between one husband, two dogs and three kids, my hallway/living room carpet is ready to be ripped out. I would like to install an easy to clean floor. I heard plastic laminate flooring is easy to install, but does it look cheap? - Mandy B.

Dear Mandy: Plastic laminate flooring is made to look just like. a hardwood floor, and it is great around kids as well as animals. It comes in a wide variety of designs and color options.

Below the glossy, clear top coating is a paper sheet with the hardwood or other patterns printed on it. You can even choose from an exotic wood or common. wood look

Essentially, laminate flooring is a plastic laminate surface that has been adhered to a high-density fiber or particleboard and a paper or laminate backing material. The surface is applied to the core using heat and pressure. Put together, these layers create a very durable and easy-to-installflooring option. The flooring is stain and cigarette burn resistant. and you can even wipe away wet feet.

Getting a new look for your entryway and living room can be very simple. Make sure you come prepared with a little patience and a knack for following instructions. As long as: you have those, your new floorcan be completed in about eight. hours, depending on the room

A laminate floor is a floating floor, one that is not attached to the sub-flooring, but "floats" above it. The flooring is installed

over a plastic moisture barrier and a layer of foam to reduce noise and offer a stable foundation. The layer of foam also contributes to the comfort you will feel when walking around in bare feet.

The way this floor is installed allows it to move during expansion and contraction that comes with changes in temperature and humidity. The one-quarter-inch gap, hidden under the baseboard trim on the edges, allows it to grow and shrink

The pieces of laminate floor are linked to each other by gluing their tongue and groove edges together. Once attached, the pieces make one large piece of laminate flooring.

With the proper tools and instructions, laminate flooring can be installed by anyone with reasonable do-it-yourself skills. If you are a little apprehensive about tackling this project, first try to install the floor in a small streaks left from markers and, area, such as a closet, and get as much information as possible before you begin on the larger

To prepare your flooring for its new look, be sure you have a suitable sub-floor and the plastic laminate has acclimated to the temperature for 48 hours before the installation.

Pre-planning your layout can make the job much faster. One good tip to cut down on dust is to make cuts in a separate room.

Begin by removing the baseboard trim strips with a pry bar, Next — and this is the part you have been waiting for — rip up your carpeting and pad. Now just follow the detailed installation instructions included with most flooring. Once the floor is in place, the edges of the room will need to be finished with a

let the kids run wild with muddy

Send your questions to Here's How 6906 Royalgreen Dr., Cincinnati, OH 45244 or visit www.dulley.com.

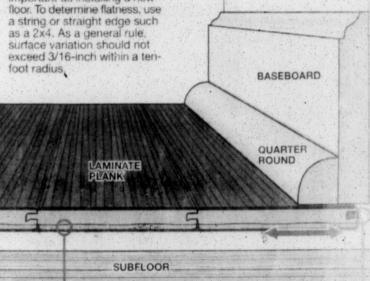
HOME HOW-TO

Laminate Flooring

Laminate flooring is easy to clean and provides the realistic look of a solid hardwood floor. It is highly resistant to damage, as long as it is applied to a solid base?

FLOOR PREPARATION Floor flatness is just as important as installing a new

floor. To determine flatness, use a string or straight edge such as a 2x4. As a general rule, surface variation should not exceed 3/16-inch within a tenfoot radius,



FOAM BACKING

Laminate floors require a foam. underlayment to provide extracomfort and noise reduction. Some brands of flooring have underlayment attached to the underside of each plank.

INSTALLATION METHOD Flooring will expand and contra due to changes in humidity. To avoid damage to the wood planks, leave a 1/4-inch gop between the planks and walk for expansion.

Who WAS Behind Santa's Beard?

CONGRATULATIONS

to Loyce Wright, winner of The Pampa News' Who's Behind Santa's Beard Contest!



Loyce Wright (left) accepts \$250 in Pampa News Bucks from Pampa News employee Beverly Taylor.

Thank you to the all the participating businesses and to everyone who entered the contest.



The Santas were:

- 1. Keyes Pharmacy (Merlin)
- 2. Prestige (Casey)
- 3. Franks (Miguel)
- 4. Holmes (Ronnie)
- 5. Culberson-Stowers (George)
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- 7. Roberta's Flowers (Crystal)
- 8. Brandon's Flowers (Misty)
- 9. Rheams (Ken)
- 10. Thomas Automotive (Randy)



















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of some 1600 paratroopers in Task Force Fury, a group advising Afghan army, police and border police with regard to the strife in that country

"This time of year, away from home, family and friends," Grosso said, "your gifts were gratefully received by our paratroop-

Grosso jokingly assured the dentist that all the soldiers brushed their teeth after eating their candy.

Grosso also went on to tell Johnson that many privates who received the candy took it with them onto the field, where they paid the good deed forward by giving the sweets to Afghan children.

"It was really neat to me that (the good from the candy buyback) just kept going on and on like that, Johnson said.

Johnson said that special credit should go to the kids who participated in the buyback, who were more than willing to give up their trick-or-treat candy to help others.

The kids were really cool," Johnson said. "We had these two kiddos, they had a missionary come and talk to their church about his work. They brought in 10 pounds of candy, so I gave them \$10. They said, 'Now we can give this to the missionary for his work.

"It was great to me that the whole thing turned into give, give, give. It was great to see. (The kids) had a great attitude about it."

Johnson said that, because of all the positives from the candy send-off, his office is looking into other avenues to help the troops in Afghanistan.

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"(Grosso) said that what they really like over there was old DVDs," said Johnson. "They'd get old DVDs in the mail and they'd all huddle around a little computer to watch them. So I think that sometime 'this spring, we're going to have a drive and collect old DVDs. Anything we can do to help, you know - anything we can do to make it just a little better for them."

BANANAGRAMS For each of the words below, replace one letter with the tile after the plussign. Then rearrange LEVEL the letters to spell a type of invention. VELOCITIES · N REPACKAGE · M SPIROCHETE·L ETAPHORS · U Yesterday's Answer: DIALECT, EMBARGO.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: Just how honest should you be with a friend? My friend "Frannie" did not receive a promotion in her department, and I think I know why - her appearance. The promotion would have required more interaction with clients

Frannie is bright, hardworking, has Christian ethand the hairy tops of her feet.

Many people have commented to me about her hairy feet and face, but I have not had the heart to tell her what they say. She has also been MY SISTER asking me why guys shy away from her.

Do I say nothing, or should I offer helpful advice? - FRANNIE'S FRIEND IN NORTH CAROLINA

you need to ask yourself before raising a sensitive subject like this is: Is it true? Is it helpful? Is it kind? From where I sit, telling Frannie what she needs to hear passes those tests. Because Frannie has been asking why men shy away from her, that's your opening to talk to her about her grooming. Many women have body-hair issues, but there are solutions for it. The poor woman needs the services of a cosmetologist. friends and I were recently

DEAR ABBY: My hus- discussing remained friends for the sake she stayed on to help my husband financially, and also to help with our children. Yesterday, my husband

ics, a beautiful, trim figure, a confirmed that he's now wide smile and dresses well. sleeping with my sister. I But - she wears no makeup, must see them almost daily ERIE, PA. doesn't pluck her huge uni- and I don't want to make brow and wears sandals that a difficult situation worse expose her very hairy toes. How can I get over the hurt and betrayal I feel toward them - especially my sister? How can I forgive them? Will time really heal this wound? - BETRAYED BY

DEAR BETRAYED: It may help in your healing if you accept that your marriage ended the day you walked out the door, leaving your sister in the role DEAR FRIEND: What of wife -- contributing financially to the household, parenting the children. and I assume, emotionally supporting your husband. Not to have seen this coming was naive. The stronger you become, the easier it will be to forgive them and go on with your life, but getting there may require professional counseling. I'm recommending you start sooner rather than

DEAR & ABBY: My

band and I separated more etiquette and hope you can than a year ago, but we have provide some insight. When checking out at the groof our children. During our cery store and a customer is marriage, my sister moved in standing behind you ready with us. When I moved out, to unload her basket, is it your responsibility to move the divider bar to the end of your order or should it be the person behind you? Which is more proper? - CON-SCIENTIOUS SHOPPER,

> DEAR CONSCIENloading the basket usually places the bar to ensure that her (or his) groceries are kept separate from the person in front. There are, however, no hard-and-fast rules about it.

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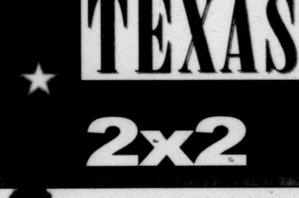
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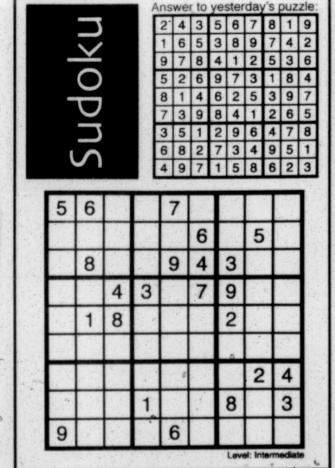
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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

*** You might need to take some time off from the daily grind. You, like the rest of the world, are human. Listen to what is being shared, and understand what is happening within. You will discover the power of a change of scenery. Tonight: Opt for something different.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

**** Zero in on what needs to happen. Your sense of exhaustion allows you to move in new ways! Understand what is happening within your circle of friends. Detach and don't get triggered. Tonight: Opt for something different

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

**** Others look to you for ideas and suggestions. Yes, you could be overwhelmed by everything you shoulder. Examine what is happening here with greater care. It seems that a partner keeps waffling. Actually, this person is responding to a profound change within. Tonight: Leader of the gang

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

**** Keep reaching for new information and feedback. How you handle someone and the choices you make could be quite stunning to others. A close loved one or friend might be changing in front of your very eyes. An even, steady pace will be the best way to go. Tonight: Follow the music.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) **** Relate individually. Your per-

spective changes radically, allowing for greater possibilities the longer you brainstorm. Fatigue marks a project. Know when to revamp plans and back off. Tonight: Make quality one-on-one time for that special person!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

*** The time has come to let go and

see what happens. You cannot always be in control or the dominant one. Though there could be some resistance in proceeding, you'll like the intensity of the end results. Risking sometimes needs to happen in this context. Tonight: Go along for the ride.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

*** You might be up for a domestic treaty. A discussion might result in a redesigning of household duties. Structure spending and handle key expenditures. Be open to somewhat unusual concepts. Why not give them a shot? Tonight: Easy works.

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**** Remain sure of yourself when dealing with a neighbor or sibling. Realize what is happening behind the scenes. Know what is important. Guide a conversation accordingly. When you hit a taboo subject or hear a conversation head in a direction you would prefer it wouldn't, you know what to do. Tonight: Hang at a favorite spot.

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*** Be careful with a tendency to overdo it. Listen to the words of wisdom that come from your mind. You could be a lot happier if you follow through with a little self-discipline. Take some much-needed time to walk or do yoga. Curb stress. Tonight: Hang out to your heart's content. It is Saturday night.

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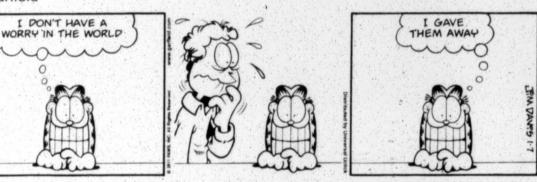


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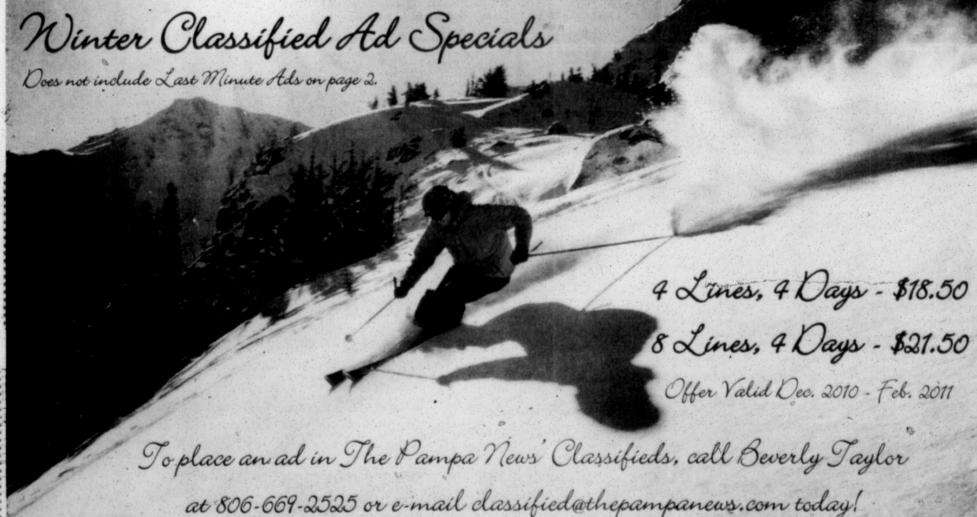
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PHS Sr. Mechelay emerging as leader on hardwood

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Pampa senior Joe Mechelay said being a Hustling Harvester means being a leader on and off the court.

"It means to hustle and be a good team member," Mechelay said. "Do the best you can. Lead by example because people in the school look up to

This season, Mechelay has been a key contributor off the bench and has taken a leadership role in his senior year.

Mechelay got interested in basketball when he was 7 or 8 and noticed his friends were playing. The senior said his interest took off from there.

"I just thought it was a fun thing to do and I was pretty good at it," Mechelay said. "

Mechelay was a starter on the junior varsity last season and was one of the team leaders in points and rebounds. The senior forward said he enjoyed being one of the older players on junior varsity.

"It was pretty nice," Mechelay said. "I got to play a lot. I got to show them what to do in games

To earn his spot on varsity this season, Mechelay had to go through the offseason, which was tougher than previous ones he

"We didn't touch a basketball for a while," Mechelay said. "The year before that I was in offseason we just shot around. We didn't really have a hard offseason.

This season, Mechelay has come in when starters get in foul trouble or injured. Last week in the Caprock Tournament Mechelay was a key contributor. Head coach Dustin Miller said he was impressed with his defense in the Floydada game.

"We were struggling with the post defensively," Miller said. "I was trying everything and I put Joe in to see what he can do. He came up huge. He played two solid quarters and slowed the kid.

Miller said Mechelay has surprised some people with his play but not him.

"Joe's a great rebounder and is pretty crafty when he has the ball," Miller said. "I think he has turned into a fan favorite the way he plays."

Mechelay said he idolizes Hakeem Olajuwon and Dikembe Mutombo, but not just because of their basketball ability

"I like what they do in and how to act around the community outside of basketball," Mechelay said. "I always admire those guys.

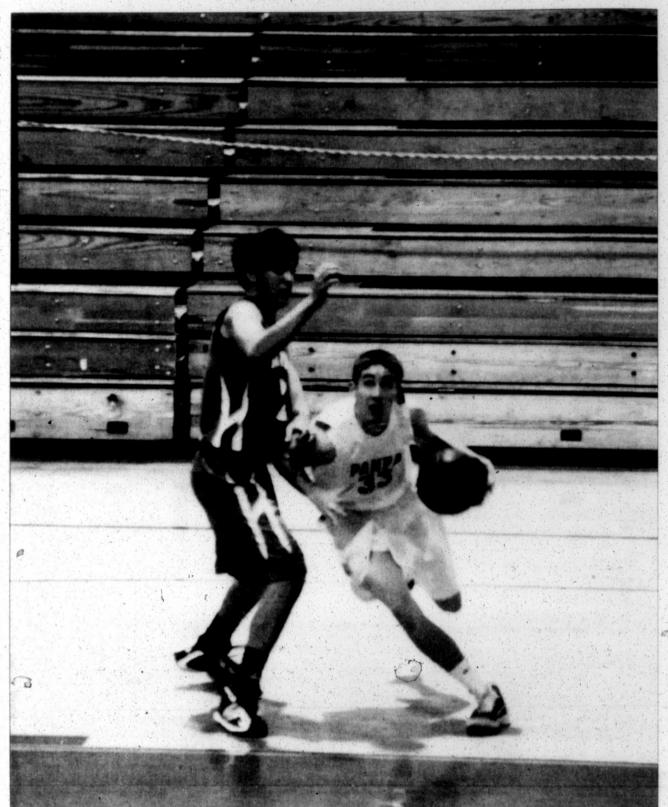


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Joe Mechelay drives against Floydada Dec. 29 at Lubbock Coronado High School. Mechelay has emerged as a quality bench player for the Harvesters. Mechelay's defense helped Pampa beat Floy-

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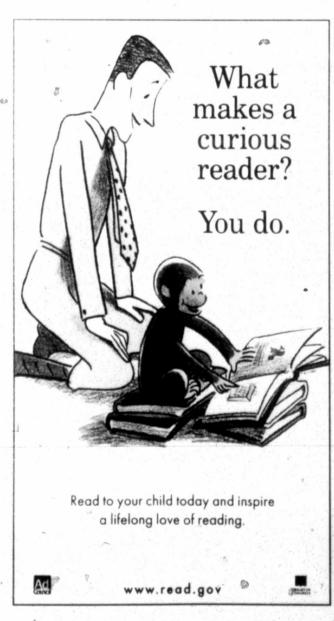
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Garrett named Cowboys 8th coach

ARLINGTON -- About 10 minutes into his tenure as coach of the Dallas Cowbovs, Jason Garrett had to step aside. Team owner Jerry Jones had something to say.

Garrett had been asked how much authority he would have over choosing his coaching staff and Jones wanted to be the one who answered. It seemed like business as usual for the Cowboys.

Only, it wasn't.

"Jason will have the final say on any person that leaves the coaching staff or comes to the coaching staff," Jones said. "There won't be a

player on this team that Jason does not want on the team. ... That's the way

we're going to operate." So Jones didn't just change coaches Thursday. He changed his way of doing business. He ceded power and declared the start of a new era, one that could last for a while -- maybe not 29 years like Tom Landry's tenure, but something along those lines. Garrett is 44 and received a four-year con-

"You can dream that the thing is in place long term because of his age and, frankly, his background and experience," Jones

Another overwhelming factor is the bond already then.

forged between the Jones and Garrett families. At least one Garrett has been with the Cowboys for

20 of the 22 seasons that Jones has owned the club. Jason Garrett just finished his 12th year as a player or coach. His dad, Jim, was a scout when Jones bought the team in 1989 until retiring in 2004. Jason's brother, John, is the tight ends coach and

another, brother, Judd, is director of pro scouting. In 2007, Judd's wife died suddenly and Jones lent the Garrett family his

plane for multiple trips; Judd worked for the Rams

When Jason's wife, Brill, arrived at Thursday's news conference, she was greeted with hugs and kisses from Jones' wife, Gene, and their daughter, Charlotte Anderson. They also made space for her to sit between them.

Sure, there's excitement, optimism and affection every time the Joneses have welcomed a new coach and his wife to. the Cowboys family. But, again, the difference is the Garretts already have been part of the clan.

with him," Jones said. "I know him so well. The thing that I want you to understand is how much I value his judgment."

"I'm just so comfortable

Jones said it was important for him to make this public announcement of Garrett's authority.

"I wanted to make sure our fans knew the extent of his power," Jones said. "Let's not be naive. You know that I'm criticized for basically making decisions in areas where fans and other people would like coaches to make. That's the reason that I'm being as definitive as I am about this."

Garrett avoided directly answering whether he requested such decisionmaking power. Jones said it is not written into the contract.

"Ultimately, we're going to feel good about the decisions we make as an organization," Garrett

