

### Pampa native killed in head-on collision Tuesday



Pampa native AJ Swope was killed Tuesday north of Amarillo. This picture was cropped from his band's photo on Facebook.

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A 27-year-old Pampa native known for his intelligence, sense of humor and musical talent died Tuesday in a head-on collision on U.S. Highway 87/287 near Dumas.

Andrew Jared "AJ" Swope was killed while traveling north in the northbound lanes in a 2002 Chevrolet pickup when he was struck by a 2011 Ford Mustang driven by Melissa A. Flores, 36, of Dumas, according to the Texas Department **NATIVE** cont. on page 3

# Pampa's unemployment rate is 4.1 percent

# Series: The Center of Attention Part 2: A teacher's perspective





#### Submitted photos

Top, Carver School students parade in downtown Pampa in the early 1950s. Above, the original Carver School building pictured in 1930. Below, Carver School graduate and former teacher Edwin Cash.

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#### BY SASHA HELLER

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Pampa's 4.1 percent unemployment rate is considerably lower than the state average of 6.2 percent and the national average of 7.7.

"Pampa's unemployment rate is so low in part because of the oil and gas industry in Gray County," said Workforce Solutions business services coordinator Mollie Barney. "Jobs are abundant in that area and most employers are looking for hard workers and don't necessarily need an employee who is degreed."

Barney continued about the impact of the local oil industry and how it relates to Pampa's unemployment rate.

"The Pampa area is fortunate to have a very high demand in the oil and gas industry right now," she said. "That industry isn't as prevalent in other parts of the country. Therefore, there are numerous jobs available."

Locally, Clarendon College's Workforce Development program aims to satisfy the growing demand of Pampa's various industries.

"Clarendon College Pampa Center offers a wide variety of workforce programs," said coordinator of workforce development Christy Brooks.

"Students have the options to enroll in cosmetology, cosmetology instructor, or nail technician, emergency medical technician programs, heating and air conditioning training, nursing, office technology or medical transcription and billing, welding, and wind energy," Brooks said. "We are always working with local industries to develop new workforce training to meet the demands of our community. We encourage anyone that is interested in

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By Sasha Heller sheller@thepampanews.com

Editor's Note: This is part two of an ongoing series in which The Pampa News will cover the past, present and future of the former Carver School.

Pampa resident Edwin Cash graduated from the Carver School in 1956 and later returned to the school to teach the eighth grade.

"Teaching at Carver...I had a good rapport with my students," he said.

Eighteen students were enrolled in Cash's eighth-grade class, nine boys and nine girls.

"I was the type of instructor that if they asked me something and I didn't know, I'd tell them I didn't know," he said. Cash would then direct the student to go home that night and look up the answer and he would do the same thing. The next day, they would return to class and review their answers.

Cash, 75, said Carver's students often went without in terms of new schoolbooks, as the school offered limited resources compared to its fellow white schools.

"When I was teaching, we did not have what we needed at times," he said. "Therefore, we had to make do."

One of Cash's tasks was to review the school's history books and note any errors he found.

"Sometimes you'd look at the history book and say, 'That's not right,"" he said. The Carver School did not have a cafeteria. Cash said the white schools would provide hot lunches and Carver's students would eat in the school's home economics room.

Cash was hired to teach at Carver by Jack Edmunson, a man Cash speaks very highly of.

"He was one of the finest men I knew in the (school) system," he said. "He was outspoken. He cared about the little man."

Cash also shared praise for John Gikas, former owner of the Coney Island Cafe.

"Had it not been for him, we would not have had what we had," he said, adding that Gikas would often supply the school with kitchen equipment.

Cash said Carver principal J.C. Randall ran a tight ship and the students rarely acted out of line.

"The school was very disciplined because Randall was definitely in charge," he said.

Once the bell rang, students would exit the classroom and line up against the wall in the hallway. Each class would then transition single-file to their respective classrooms.

#### **Roots in Pampa**

Cash was born in Sulfur Springs but moved to Pampa when he was 2 years old. Cash's father, Leonard, owned and operated a popular shine parlor and newsstand here in town.

"My dad was well-liked," he said, adding that his father could regularly receive loans from local banks, something not typical for blacks in the 1940s and '50s.

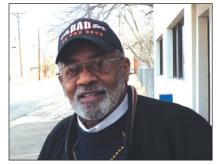


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Cash said his father stressed the importance of getting an education.

"My dad was one of those who believed in education. He said, 'Look, you've got to go to school," Cash said. We really didn't have a choice."

Cash and wife, Lorine, have five children: Vicky, Devin, Lesley, Staci and Traci.

#### **Getting together**

Cash said he'd like to see a community action group form specifically to direct the future of the Carver School, whether it be a foundation or board.

"My gut feeling...we'd have to get together with some of the more responsible citizens there," he said. "And not just the blacks — the whites, Mexicans."

Cash suggested the facility could function as a regular meeting place as well as housing special events like school reunions.

Cash said the action group would have to focus on fundraising to help cover the costs of renovating the building and establishing it as a museum.

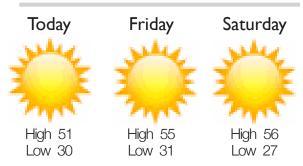


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Friday night: Clear skies with a low of 31. No chance of rain. Wind west southwest at 8 mph. Sunset at 5:58 p.m.

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### Jerry William Howeth

Jerry William Howeth, 38, went to be with the Lord on Jan. 15, 2013 in Amarillo. Services will be at 2 p.m., Fri-

day, Jan. 18, 2013 at Calvary Baptist

Church with the Rev. Richard Bartel,

associate pastor, officiating. Burial

will follow in Memory Gardens

Cemetery under the direction of Car-

michael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Jerry was born Jan. 3, 1975 in

Seoul, South Korea. He had been a

lifelong resident of Pampa, gradu-

ating from Pampa High School in

1994. He attended West Texas A&M

University and Texas Tech Univer-

Jerry was a cable technician for



Jerry Howeth Cable One for 10 years. He was a member of Calvary Baptist Church.

Survivors include his mother: Yong "Toni" Howeth of Pampa; two brothers: John Howeth and fiancée Heather Hughes of Borger, and Jamie Howeth and girlfriend Christina Germain of Pampa; two aunts: Shirley Scott of Pampa and Chong Herrod of Murfreesboro, Tennessee; his girlfriend: Jessica White of Pampa; and many cousins and other friends. He was preceded in death by his dad: Jimmy Wayne Howeth; his grandparents: Wayne F. and Bobby Howeth; and an aunt: Chong Ea Janaway.

The family wishes to thank the employees of BSA Hospice in Amarillo and the Cancer Treatment Centers of America in Tulsa, Okla. for their loving care.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, c/o Gerry Caylor, 2130 Charles, Pampa, Texas 79065.

Sign the on-line register at Carmichael-whatley.com

# **Texas Amber Alert e-mail notification** system transitions to DPS website

#### SUBMITTED BY DPS

AUSTIN - The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) began, on Wednesday, handling AMBER Alert functions in Texas previously performed by BeyondMissing.com. The system has two components, the flyer creation system and the email notification system. Law enforcement, media and the public will need to set up new accounts on the DPS website to continue using this system. Starting today, the flyers that subscribers have been receiving will have a different look since they will be distributed by DPS instead of BeyondMissing.com.

ponent allows local law enforcement to create their own flyers for abducted children in their area, which are then distributed through the e-mail notification portion of the system

This is especially helpful in areas that do not have regional AMBER Alert plans.

Subscribers to the e-mail notification system receive AMBER Alerts issued by Texas law enforcement agencies and DPS at no cost by registering with a valid e-mail address and zip code.

Alert flyers will contain victim, suspect and vehicle information that is made available by law enforcement.

This notification system

is just one of the ways DPS informs the media and the public about state-issued alerts. The other methods DPS uses for notification on stateissued alerts will remain the same, such as e-mails to the media and electronic road signs. For a list of state AMBER Alert Network partners, see: http:// www.txdps.state.tx.us/ dem/Operations/Alerts/ AmberÖverview.htm.

AMBER stands for Missing: "America's Broadcast Emergency Response," and was named for 9-year-old Amber Hagerman, who was kidnapped and murdered in Arlington, Texas, in 1996.

Shortly after Amber Hagerman's death, law enforcement and media representatives in the Dallas/ Fort Worth area created the first AMBER Alert program, serving as a model plan nationwide for alerting the public regarding abducted children.

The Texas AMBER Alert Program was established by Gov. Rick Perry in August of 2002, complementing existing local AMBER Alert programs. DPS manages the statewide program and provides law enforcement a mechanism for rapid notification of the media and the public in these serious child abduction cases.

For more information on the Texas AMBER Alert Program, please visit: http://www.txdps.state. tx.us/dem/Operations/ Alerts/index.htm.

The flyer creation com-

### Trooper seizes \$390k worth of meth in Carson County Tuesday

#### SUBMITTED BY DPS

AMARILLO - The Texas Department of Public Safety conducted a traffic stop Tuesday on Interstate-40 yielding 4,658 grams of methamphetamine valued at \$390,107. The driver, Griselda P. Sanchez, and her passenger were placed under arrest for possession of a controlled substance and jailed.

During the afternoon of Jan. 15 at approximately 2:14 p.m., a Texas Highway Patrol trooper conducted a traffic stop on a 2005 Chevrolet Trailblazer traveling east on



■ 35-year-old Matthew 1 gram and under 4 grams. Riley Archibald, Pampa, ■ 50-year-old Scott Lea

I-40.

The traffic stop was conducted six miles east of Conway in Carson County.

The driver of the vehicle was identified as Griselda Petra Sanchez, 23, of Oklahoma City, and her passenger was Melissa Marquez, 23, of Los Angeles.

During the traffic stop, the trooper conducted a search of the vehicle, and 4,658 grams of methamphetamine was discovered.

The drugs were wrapped in clear plastic and were concealed inside of the vehicle's heater core.

The driver and passenger were placed under arrest for possession of a controlled substance, a first-degree felony, and booked into the Carson County Jail.

The drugs were allegedly being transported from Mexico to Oklahoma City.



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was arrested Tuesday by the Gray County Sheriff's Office for violation of pro- Police Department for cabation — possession of pias pro fine — no valid controlled substance over drivers license.

■ 50-year-old Scott Lee Baker, Pampa, was arrested Wednesday by the Pampa

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# Native

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of Public Safety.

The collision occurred around 11:15 a.m., 22 miles north of Amarillo, the report stated. Flores, who was traveling south in the northbound lanes, also was pronounced dead at the scene, according to the DPS report.

Swope's truck caught fire and was fully engulfed. The Potter County Fire Department responded to the scene to extinguish the flames, the DPS report stated.

The investigation into the crash is ongoing.

After graduating from West Texas A&M University in Canyon, Swope was hired by Channel 7 in Amarillo as a television reporter and anchor. From there, he quickly worked his way up to assignment editor.

For the past four years, Swope was executive director of Class 4 Winds & Renewables Inc., a nonprofit company that advocates wind and renewable energy in a broad region surrounding Amarillo.

As a resident of Amarillo, Swope was known around town as he performed with his country band, AJ Swope and the Last Train Home. The group had released an album called "Hotel St. James."

Former Pampa resident Gary Molberg, who is now president of the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce, got to know Swope over the past four years because Swope's employer, Class 4 Winds & Renewables, was a chamber member.

"AJ served on our government affairs committee and was very active,' Molberg said. "He was

a top-notch individual. This is a great loss for Amarillo and our community.<sup>3</sup>

Sondra Cochran, а clerk at City of Pampa Water Department, baby sat for Swope and his younger brother, Dirk, when Swope was 7 or 8 years old.

"He was an extremely intelligent, intense and strong-willed child and was very caring," said Cochran, who was a high school sophomore at the time. Cochran said over the years she kept in touch with Swope through Facebook and would sometimes run into him when he was out with his wife, Wendi.

"We would share funny memories," Cochran said. "I was a very strict baby sitter and one night he had enough of me and ran off. I chased after him and when I caught him he told me I was hurdling bushes like an Olympian."

Cochran said she knew even 20 years ago Swope would be highly successful as an adult.

"I could tell he was always going to do great things even before he became a young entrepreneur with Winds & Renewables," she said.

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Pa. detective: Prankster registered as 'Obama'

PITTSBURGH (AP) ----A Pennsylvania detective is trying to figure out how a prankster was able to fill out a 2008 voter registration card signed "Barack H. Obama.

Butler County Detective Scott Roskovski says nobody voted using the bogus voter registration card, though filling it out falsely could be a felony.

Elections officials in the county north of Pittsburgh had processed the card, and it went into the state's computerized database with the last name "Obana" — that is, with an "n" in place of the "m." But Roskovski says that whoever did it was clearly trying to register using President Barack Obama's name.

The card was discovered last week when a jury commissioner was compiling a list of potential jurors which can be drawn from voter-registration lists.

Man gets 35 years in Super Bowl bet death FORT WORTH, Texas

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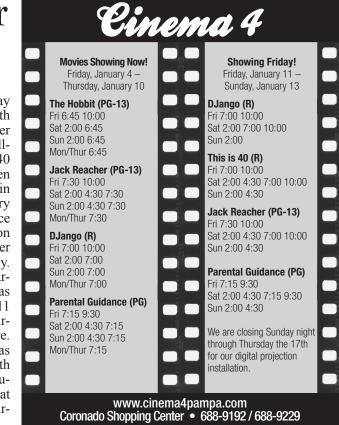
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MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING

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(AP) — Prosecutors say an 18-year-old Fort Worth man convicted of murder for orchestrating the killing of a man over a \$40 Super Bowl bet has been sentenced to 35 years in prison. A Fort Worth jury arrived at the sentence for Edward Washington III on Wednesday after convicting him Monday. Investigators say 20-yearold Jarami Thomas was fatally shot in March 2011 in the parking lot of an Arlington convenience store. Prosecutors say Thomas had placed a bet with Washington on the February 2011 game, played at Cowboys Stadium in Arlington, via Facebook.





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## White House press corps keeps going through the motions

You know that old saying that there are no dumb questions? It's not true. I know. As a journalist, I've asked

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DEBRA SAUNDERS

press corps is thinking during what passes for a news conference in the Obama White House.

Consider Monday's news conference. The last presser of President Barack Obama's first term spanned 53 minutes.

Seven reporters asked questions — after Obama called on them as if according to script. In his fashion, Obama answered a couple.

There's a law of verbal physics: The longer the question the less likely it

Great point. I wish he had stopped there and asked why it was OK for Obama to oppose a debt hike then and why it is OK for him, when Republicans do the same thing now, to accuse them of kidnapping for ransom.

Instead, Garrett added that Presidents Ronald Reagan, Bill Clinton and George H.W. Bush agreed to deals that combined raising the debt ceiling and curbing the deficit. Could Obama's refusal to negotiate with Congress lead to default?

And the autopilot kicked in: He's happy to talk, but Republicans expect to win 100 percent. Also in the "nice try' category, Jackie Calmes of The New York Times asked Obama about his four white, male Cabinet picks — not very diverse — and whether this White House has become too insular. Obama answered that

his first Cabinet was diverse; people should wait and see his next Cabinet. And: "We invite folks from Congress over here all the time. And when they choose to come, I enjoy their company.

# Making the switch

### Cinema 4's new digital projectors will keep theater open

You can watch a movie anytime, anywhere on your smart phone, but there's still nothing like watching an epic like "The Lord of the Rings" trilogy on the movie screen with Surround Sound. And there's something special about those extra-large buckets of extra-buttery movie theater popcorn, even if they are overpriced.

Those experiences may have been gone forever from Pampa if Cinema 4, the city's privately owned theater, had not made the expensive switch from 35mm film projectors to the new-fangled digital projectors.

Price tags for the digital projectors ranges from \$50,000 to \$70,000 per screen, and Cinema 4 received a \$246,975 loan from the Pampa Economic Development Corp. to underwrite the cost.

Within a few months, movie studios will no longer release

#### **Our View**

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new flicks on 35mm film. Those big, heavy film cans — several for each full-length feature have been replaced with hard drives not much bigger than a paperback book.

The switch to digital will save the studios money while making the theater experience more pleasurable for consumers, as the all-digital format has distinctively better picture and sound.

But the losers in this technology upgrade are hundreds of locally owned movie theaters in small towns across America who simply don't have the cash to buy the new equipment as do the mega-plexes in bigger cities. Many small theaters have already closed.

A commentary on Indiewire,

a website with movie industry news, stated: "If the transition to digital projection was 'Titanic,' it would swiftly proceed to the crew making the following announcement: 'Will the wealthy and strong please step into the life boats. Will the weak and poor, most of the women and children, please step back away from the lifeboats and have a nice day."

Fortunately for Cinema 4, which got financing to make the upgrade, the owners won't have to jump ship.

Theater owners Jason Scott and Troy Schwiegerath should be commended for making the investment to keep their theater open. They can now provide Pampa residents a movie experience as good as any theater in Amarillo, saving us all the 100-mile round trip every time we want to watch a flick and eat overpriced popcorn.



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is to be answered.

Yet White House reporters rehearse these paragraph-length sentences, adding context the president doesn't need and clauses that bury the lead. Many such questions are so complex that the questioner cannot reasonably expect an answer.

Julie Pace of The Associated Press lobbed the first softball when she asked Obama about gun violence and whether the White House will push for an assault weapons ban. Mistake. For the past month, reporters have been asking the president about guns.

He has a library of stock "gun violence" phrases — "stakeholders," "common-sense steps," "focus on what makes sense." He can answer on autopilot.

Besides, no way was Obama going to answer that question before the vice president could roll out his plan in response to the Newtown, Conn., shootings, which is expected this week.

Major Garrett of CBS noted that as a senator, Obama had voted against raising the debt ceiling

Really? The president said Washington's big problem is that no one will go to the White House, and there were no audible groans from the press gallery.

The pack is out of gas. When reporters ask follow-up questions, you can see they do not expect real answers.

They rarely ask short questions, which are harder to evade. They rarely ask unexpected questions, for which autopilot sound bites cannot hide a non-response. They don't talk out of turn.

It's: Ask a long-winded question. Get a longwinded non-answer. Repeat.

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### THE AMBUSH

### History suggests entitlement era is winding down

It's often good fun and sometimes revealing to divide American history into distinct periods of uniform length. In

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do this using the American-sounding interval of 76 years, just a few years more than the Biblical lifespan of three score and 10.

It was 76 years from Washington's First Inaugural in 1789 to Lincoln's Second Inaugural in 1865. It was 76 years from the surrender at Appomattox Courthouse in 1865 to the attack at Pearl Harbor in 1941.

Going backward, it was 76 years from the First Inaugural in 1789 to the Treaty of Utrecht in 1713, which settled one of the British-French colonial wars. And going 76 years back from Utrecht takes you to 1637, when the Virginia and Massachusetts Bay colonies were just getting organized.

As for our times, we are now 71 years away from Pearl Harbor. The current

76-year interval ends in December 2017.

Each of these 76-year periods can be depicted as a distinct unit. In the colonial years up to 1713, very small numbers of colonists established separate cultures that have persisted to our times.

The story is brilliantly told in David Hackett Fischer's "Albion's Seed." For a more downbeat version, read the recent "The Barbarous Years" by the nonagenarian Bernard Bailyn.

From 1713 to 1789, the colonies were peopled by much larger numbers of motley and often involuntary settlers — slaves, indentured servants, the unruly Scots-Irish on the Appalachian frontier.

For how this society became dissatisfied with the colonial status quo, read Bailyn's "Ideological Origins of the American Revolution."

From 1789 to 1865, Americans sought their manifest destiny by expanding across the continent. They made great technological advances but were faced with the irreconcilable issue of slavery in the territories.

For dueling accounts of the period, read the pro-Andrew Jackson Democrat Sean Wilentz's "The Rise of American

Democracy" and the pro-Henry Clay Whig Daniel Walker Howe's "What Hath God Wrought." Both are sparklingly written and full of offbeat insights and brilliant apercus.

The 1865-1941 period saw a vast efflorescence of market capitalism, European immigration and rising standards of living. For descriptions of how economic change reshaped the nation and its government, read Morton Keller's "Affairs of State and Regulating a New Society."

The 70-plus years since 1941 have seen a vast increase in the welfare safety net and governance by cooperation between big units — big government, big business, big labor - that began in the New Deal and gained steam in and after World War II. I immodestly offer my own "Our Country: The Shaping of America From Roosevelt to Reagan."

The original arrangements in each 76-year period became unworkable and unraveled toward its end. Eighteenth-century Americans rejected the colonial status quo and launched a revolution and established a constitutional republic.

Nineteenth-century Americans went to war over expansion of slavery. Early 20th-century Ameri-

cans grappled with the collapse of the private sector economy in the Depression of the 1930s.

We are seeing something like this again today. The welfare state arrangements that once seemed solid are on the path to unsustainability.

Entitlement programs -Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid — are threatening to gobble up the whole government and much of the private sector, as well.

Lifetime employment by one big company represented by one big union is a thing of the past. People who counted on corporate or public sector pensions are seeing them default.

Looking back, we are as far away in time today from victory in World War II in 1945 as Americans were at the time of the Dred Scott decision from the First Inaugural.

We are as far away in time today from passage of the Social Security in 1935 as Americans then were from the launching of post-Civil War Reconstruction.

Nevertheless our current president and most politicians of his party seem determined to continue the current welfare state arrangements.

Michael Barone, senior political analyst for The Washington Examiner.

# 2 Texas brothers charged with stealing batteries

SAN ANTONIO (AP) Two South Texas brothers have been charged with stealing about \$120,000 worth of vehicle batteries from a warehouse.

Bexar (bayr) County jail records show 26-year-old Justin Harris and 28-year-old Christopher Harris were being held Wednesday on felony theft charg-

The investigation involves more than 700 vehicle batteries stolen Dec. 1 from Exide Technologies in San Antonio.

Justin Harris faces one theft count with bond set at \$20,000. Christopher Harris faces two counts and his bond is \$35,000.

Online jail records did not list attorneys for the men, who were arrested Tuesday night at a San Antonio apartment complex.

Police say a tip helped lead to the brothers and the stolen property.

#### Stolen Book of Mormon returned

PHOENIX (AP) — A mostly intact first-edition Book of Mormon stolen from a Mesa bookstore has been returned to the store owner now that it's no longer needed as evidence against a man who has pleaded guilty to theft in the case.

Helen Schlie smiled when she read her late husband's signature on a back page after Mesa police detectives returned the book on Monday.

Schlie discovered the

**Jobs** 

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training to contact us at any time."

Workforce Texas Commission (TWC) Chairman Andres Alcantar shared some perspective on the state's unemployment rate.

"Texas employers have added 278,800 jobs over the past 12 months with growth in 10 of 11 industry sectors during that period" he said in a statement. "TWC and the 28 local workforce boards remain committed to providing quality services to help connect job seekers to employment." Eight out of 11 major industries Texas in added jobs in November. Employment results typi-

book was missing last May.

The Arizona Republic reports that 49-year-old Jay Michael Linford is to be sentenced Feb. 12 in Maricopa County Superior Court.

He was arrested at a friend's apartment in northern Virginia.

A plea agreement calls for Linford to pay \$7,500 of restitution to a Dallas book dealer, Reid Moon.

Moon purchased the book from Linford without knowing it was stolen.

#### Plano school board to hire armed guards

PLANO (AP) — Trustees of a wealthy Dallasarea school district have backed a proposal to hire armed private security guards to patrol all 71 campuses.

The Plano Independent School District board Tuesday night endorsed a plan that could cost \$2.7 million. The action was taken a month after the Connecticut school shootings that left 20 students and six educators dead.

Superintendent Richard Matkin last week sent a letter to parents indicat-ing he planned "aggressive recommendations" for safety of the district's 55,000 students.

Plano ISD also has more than 6,400 employees.

The district currently has armed liaison police officers who work for the city and are posted at high schools.

Hiring private guards would nearly triple the

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district's current security budget. Matkin says the funds would come from the district's savings.

#### Picasso vandal to appear in court

HOUSTON (AP) - Aman accused of vandalizing a 1929 Pablo Picasso painting in an act caught on cellphone video is to be in court for the first time since surrendering to U.S. marshals last week at the U.S.-Mexico border.

Uriel Landeros is to appear Wednesday before a federal judge in Houston.

The 22-year-old faces felony graffiti and criminal mischief charges accusing him of spraypainting "Woman in a Red Armchair" at the Menil Collection in Houston.

The painting was damaged June 13 in an act caught in a 24-second video taken by a bystander

ration has been successful and posted on YouTube. The vandal left behind an and is nearly complete. image of a bullfighter, a bull and the word "conquista," the Spanish word for conquest.

A Menil spokesman says the painting's restofind us on Facebook





ployment rates spread throughout the country in November as 45 states and the District of Columbia recorded unemployment rate decreases, according to the U.S. Department of Labor. The national unemployment rate has dropped from 8.7 percent to 7.7 in the past year.

### **Texas unemployment** rates comparison

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# Pampa JV girls come from behind to win Tuesday



# W boys win one, lose one

#### **By ZACHARY GREEN** zgreen@thepampanews.com

The Harvesters had no problem with Borger Friday night as they held the Bulldogs to only six first half points and 15 second half points.

The Harvesters led 26-6 at the half and continued to increase their lead outscoring the Bulldogs by 14 in the second half.

The final score was Pampa 55, Borger 21.

Jonathan Stevens scored 16 points to lead Pampa. Blayne Troxell added nine points.

Brandon Stokes and Keneth Hair finished with eight points each.

Joe Meurer and Brayden Trimble had five points each.

Tv Hooper and Alex Marrufo finished with two points each.

The Harvesters had an off night when they traveled to Dalhart on Tuesday night.

The Harvesters only had one quarter in which they scored in double figures.

Pampa lost to Dalhart 30-26. Troxell led Pampa with eight points. Stokes and Stevens had six points each.

Meurer, Hair and Trimble all added two points each.

With the win and loss, Pampa moves to 11-7 overall and 1-1 in district play.

The Harvesters will be open on Friday night and will face Perryton next week.

### Freshman girls stop Lady Wolves in their tracks

#### **By ZACHARY GREEN** zgreen@thepampanews.com

Pampa's freshman girls traveled to Dalhart on Tuesday night. Pampa started the game by going up 19-12 after the first quarter. They extended that lead to 27-14 at the half. After three quarters Pampa led 44-18. The final score was Pampa 53, Dalhart 19.

Kathlyn Cummins led Pampa with 18 points. Megan Brock finished with

15 points. Kassie Jerome added eight points. Cameron Schaub scored five points. Sarah Dennis had four points and Ailene Cabrales added three points.

"The girls played a great game. It was probably the best we've played all district, maybe all year," said Pampa Coach Alan Segura.

With the win, Pampa's freshman girls move to 10-8 overall and 3-1 in district play.

Next up will be Perryton on Tuesday.

#### Photos by Steve Johnson

Above, Tyranda Johnson dishes a pass to Raven Neal, who posts up in the lane to get ready for an easy layup after the pass. Below, Johnson and Reata Collins play great defense as they trap a Dalhart player in the corner.

#### BY ZACHARY GREEN zgreen@thepampanews.com

The JV girls traveled to Dalhart on Tuesday night to face the Lady Wolves.

The team started off sluggish, not scoring a bucket until one minute was left in the first quarter.

After one quarter Pampa trailed 8-2.

At the half, Pampa found themselves down 16-9.

McKinli Thomas and Raven Neal led the charge in the second half as Pampa outscored Dalhart 15-5 in the third quarter to take the lead 24-21 after three quarters.

Pampa would hold on to that lead and not let up.

Thomas created a few more turnovers that turned into easy buckets to increase Pampa's lead to 34-25 with 4:46 left in the game.

The final score was Pampa 39, Dalhart 21.

Tyranda Johnson led Pampa with 11 points. Neal added 10 points.

Thomas finished with six points.

Reata Collins and Keshia Daniels had five points each. Tiah Brown scored two points.

With the win, Pampa moves to 15-6 overall and 3-1 in district play.

Pampa's JV Lady Harvesters will be back in action on Tuesday when they will travel to Perryton for a game against the Rangerettes.



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# PampaSports

# Lady Harvesters sneak out victory in Dalhart 51-48

#### By ZACHARY GREEN zgreen@thepampanews.com

The Lady Harvesters traveled to Dalhart Tuesday night to face the Lady Wolves and hopefully improve their district record to 3-1 before they head into the second stretch of district games. Hayley Burnett, Madison Brown and Taylor Eubank all hit layups quickly along with a Taylor Morgan three-pointer to give Pampa a 9-0 lead with 5:09 left in the first quarter.

They would expand their lead to 21-6 after the first quarter.

"That was the best first quarter we have played all season," said Pampa Head Coach Gene Valentine.

In the second quarter, Pampa would not let Dalhart get back within 10 points as the closest the Lady Wolves got was 11 at 27-16.

The score at halftime was 33-19 Pampa. Eubank had 12 points at halftime. Brown and Burnett each had six at the half.

With 5:30 left in the third quarter, Eubank picked up her fourth foul forcing Pampa's leading scorer to come out of the game. While she sat, Dalhart cut the lead down to six with the score 41-35 at the end of three quarters.

Dalhart started off the fourth quarter right where they ended the third, making a couple of quick shots to pull within two at 41-39.

Dalhart hit a three-pointer with five minutes left to pull within one at 43-42.

The Lady Wolves took their first lead of the game with 4:11 left in the game at 44-43.

The rest of the game was back and forth. Pampa took a 45-44 lead but Dalhart took it right back at 46-45.

Dalhart led by three at 48-45 before a Morgan layup to make the score 48-47 with 1:17 left. Pampa then stole the inbounds pass by the Lady Wolves but Brown traveled and gave the ball right back to Dalhart.

With one minute left, Burnett stole the ball and sunk a layup as she was being fouled. Pampa led 49-48 with a chance to go up by two points but Burnett missed her free throw.

Eubank was fouled with 18.2 seconds left and the score sitting at 49-48, Pampa.

Eubank missed the front end of the one and one.

Dalhart went down and attempted a three-pointer but it fell short. On the rebound an intentional foul was called on Dalhart.

That would put Pampa on the line for two free throw attempts and the ball following the free throws with seven seconds left.



Photo by Julie Morgan Coach Valentine watches from the bench as Hayley Burnett looks to pass to Hannah Baker or Allison Ceyanes to set up a play on Tuesday night. Burnett finished with 12 points.

Burnett sunk both of the intentional foul shots to bring Pampa's lead to 51-48 with seven seconds left. On the inbound Pampa turned it over to give Dalhart one last chance.

Dalhart missed their threepoint shot attempt and Pampa survived 51-48.

"We have never won here in four years. It is a huge win. I am

proud of them," Valentine said. 'They didn't give up when they could have. We start the second round of district Tuesday against Perryton. It was a good win tonight and now we can relax a little with Friday being an off day.'

Eubank finished with 16 points. Burnett scored 12 points, including making four of her five free throw shots, which is 80 percent. Morgan added 11 points.

Brown finished with eight points. Risa Rodriguez and Rachel Andrews added two points each.

With the win the Lady Harvesters move to 9-13 overall and 3-1 in district.

Next up the Lady Harvesters will travel to Perryton Tuesday.

## Fourth quarter free throws doom Pampa boys on Tuesday



Dalhart 20, Pampa 16. In the third quarter, Pampa was outscored 12-6 and fell behind 32-22.

One bright spot from that quarter was Tyler Powell returning after a period of being out due to iniury.

Not only did he return, but he also sunk a layup not long after he came into the game.

In the fourth quarter, Dalhart shot 14 free throws and made 12 of them, which was 86 percent.

The final score was Dalhart 52, Pampa 34.

Hutto led Pampa with 10 points.

Derrek Pollard added six and shot 2-3, or 67 percent, from the free-throw line. Garcia added five points.

Cade Engle finished with four points.

Jon Cox had a threepointer. Cory Ponce, Tyler Powell and Ryan Powell all added two points each.

"Our concern tonight was the amount of Dalhart offensive rebounds we allowed. We can't let them get so many second chance opportunities, said Pampa Coach Matt Embry.

"We will be OK. We can't foul so much and we need to shoot better. There is no doubt in my mind we will bounce back.

"If we hold teams to 50 points we can compete but we have got to score a lot more than 30 like we did tonight," Embry said.

The loss moves Pampa's record to 7-14 overall and 1-1 in district play.

Next up the Harvesters travel to Perryton Tuesday.

Photo by Steve Johnson

Derrek Pollard shoots a layup Tuesday night. Cory Ponce and Gabe Garcia are there for the rebound if Pollard missed. Pollard finished with six points. The Harvesters will be back in action Tuesday night at Perryton.

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The Hustlin' Harvesters traveled to Dalhart for their second district game on Tuesday night. The first quarter was very defensive with Pampa trailing 9-4 after it. In the second quarter,

Pampa fell down 14-4

before back to back threepointers from Ty Hutto and Gabe Garcia to make it 14-10 with 3:30 left in the quarter.

The score at the half was

### Pampa soccer falls in Canyon

#### BY ZACHARY GREEN

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The Pampa boys and girls soccer teams traveled to Canyon on Tuesday to face Canyon Kimbrough.

The boys lost 2-1. Canyon had goals in the 20th and 25th minutes and Pampa's lone goal was scored in the 78th minute. Coach Byron May said that Pampa's goal was by Omero Saldierna on a long shot from about 30 yards away that hugged the ground, and slid right through the keeper's arms.

"Our kids showed a lot of improvement. It was clear district had begun-Canyon looked like they were firing on all cylinders, and we were able to hold them off for a large part of the game," said Pampa boys coach Byron May. "Goalkeeper Cesar Garcia was outstanding, and had several great saves.

This was a new level for us, compared to Monterrey and Frenship, and I was happy to see that we rose to the occasion, and competed with them."

The Pampa girls soccer

team fell to Canyon 5-0. Next up for the boys is

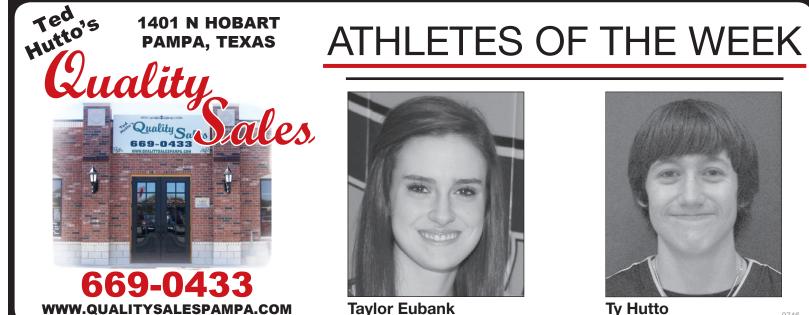
the Burkburnett Tournament this weekend.

Both teams will travel to Borger Tuesday night as the season continues on.



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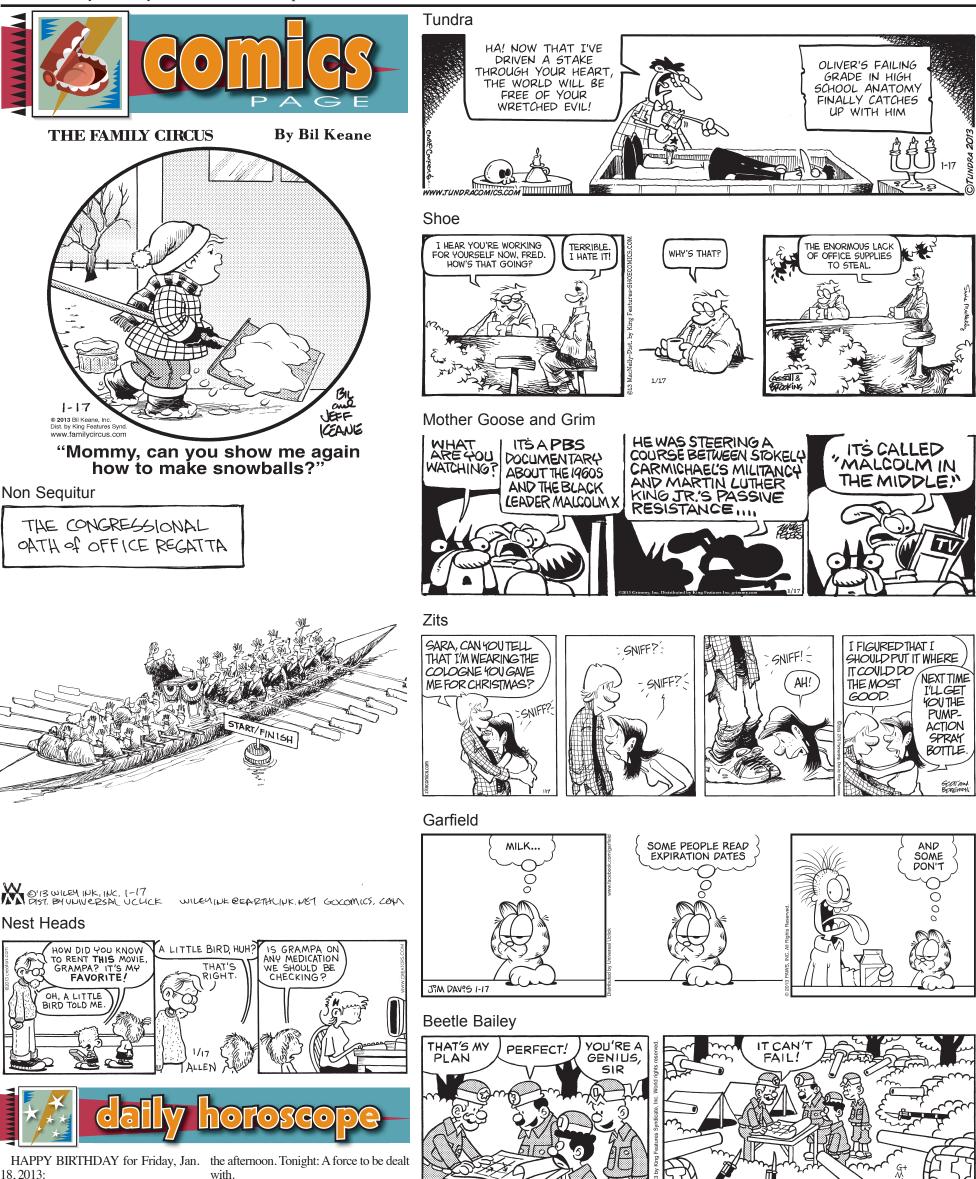
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Taylor Eubank



Ty Hutto



This year you discover the importance of sharing your decision-making process with others. When you withhold this information, people don't understand where you are coming from. If you want support, you should open up more. If you are single, you could meet someone quite desirable after June. You might even have a choice of two people. Follow your intuition, and you will choose correctly. If you are attached, your openness creates thing does not make sense to you, let otha new avenue of communication, which your partner appreciates. TAURUS is as grounded as you are.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

 $\star \star \star \star$  You are energized, partially because of the weekend. Sort out a misunderstanding, and you will walk away feeling energized. A higher-up, parent or older friend seems to test your limits. By late afternoon, the situation seems to dissolve, as if by magic. Tonight: Your treat.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

 $\star \star \star$  You could have a lot going on in your life that you are choosing to keep to yourself. Others might have strong reactions and assume that your distancing yourself has to do with them. Make an effort to reach out to others. You will feel better if you do. Tonight: Go for what you want.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

today. You might choose to network and reach out to your contemporaries. A statement could be misunderstood. Do not make more of it than need be. Use the daylight hours to the max; deal with a personal matter later. Tonight: Play it the town red. low-key.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

to accept responsibility. Do not deal with any more demands right now, even if it makes for a rough moment when you say "no." Focus on your immediate circle, a meeting and the desire to expand your horizons. Tonight: Join friends.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

 $\star \star \star$  Make an effort to get past a strongly held opinion that recent evidence has indicated could be off. You might be confused or not as sure of yourself as you'd like to be. Question more and judge less. You'll take a leadership role later in Tonight: You do not have to go far.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Keep reaching out to someone you care about. You might wonder exactly why you can't seem to communicate effectively with anyone. Try to verbalize more of your thoughts. Avoid commitments until later, when you become much clearer. Tonight: Follow the music.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Be responsive, but if someers know. Though you might nod your head, which makes others think you agree, it doesn't mean that your discerning mind isn't also listening. A partner becomes very stubborn. Tonight: Chat over dinner.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

 $\star \star \star$  You get a lot done, and quite quickly at that. You see life from a different perspective, which lets you see a friend's shortcomings. How you help this person out of a jam makes a big difference. He or she might need to hear your thoughts. Tonight: Sort through invitations.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

 $\star \star \star \star$  Allow more spontaneity in by letting your imagination take the lead. You could find yourself dealing with a misunderstanding. Though people could get huffy -- and that includes you -- what was said was not meant the way it is being taken. Tonight: Make good choices.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

 $\star \star \star$  You might want to stay close ★★★ Finish up last-minute details to home, and if you can, do so. You'll discover that someone might have misunderstood you. Try to clear up this miscommunication sooner rather than later. Visualize more of what you want; you'll be able to act on it soon. Tonight: Paint

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

 $\star \star \star \star$  You might want to approach a  $\star \star \star \star$  Others notice your willingness situation differently from how you have in the past. It might be a stretch to push away from habits and act in a more appropriate manner. Your instincts lead you in a money decision. Be wise; follow them. Tonight: Let the action be at your place.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

 $\star \star \star$  Examine what is happening with your finances. Are you undercutting yourself? Your self-worth could be an issue. Root out any issue that is preventing you from achieving what you desire. Make a phone call, and reach out to a key friend.







Pampa students excel on ASVAB test Nine qualify for Nuclear program.

Holiday activities keep PHS humming Students participate in everything from caroling to gift wrapping.

# Making spirits bright





Photo by Cruz Ortega, caption by Evan Free Above, Coach Byron May chimes in with his bell as PHS choir is caroling in the hall by his classroom. "Caroling felt joyful and exhilarating," senior Brittney Darnell said.

Photo by Cruz Ortega, caption by Sierrah Adams Caroling choir: the show choir sings for the students for the holidays. "That was the funnest thing in the world," senior Nick Nelson said.

# **Glad Tidings**

some good news. "CELEBRATE!!! We had over 100 students score over a 50 Our seniors will get 10 minutes extra which was over 60% of our students. We lunch today!!!!," Principal Tanya Larkin had nine students score high enough to be announced Nov. 9. "I received a call from automatically admitted into the Nuclear the Navy Recruiter and he gave me some very exciting news about our seniors. We tors. If these students choose this option, had 184 seniors take the ASVAB. Thirtyfive is the minimum score to be admitted 24 month period. This is a true testament to the military. Anything over a 50 is con- to our teachers and staff! Congratulations sidered above average intelligence espe- PHS students and teachers!"

Seniors left campus a little early after cially since 42 is the National Average. program which is taught by MIT instructhey could earn 97 college hours within a





photos by Kenzie Griffin

# Back to the past

Senior English classes Medieval or Renaissance





Donna Crow, PHS CTE Director and teacher, was honored on January 10, with the "Community Builder" Award by the Pampa Masonic Lodge #966. Worshipful Master, Rick Blain and Superintendent of Schools, Dr. David Young are in the picture as well.

collaborated to create proj- England, and they wrote ects representing British essays explaining the sigliterary history before the nificance of their projects holiday. Students worked to the time period and together to create some- found English poetry relatthing from Anglo-Saxon, ed to their projects.



Photo courtesy Tonya Lewis, caption by Summer Sieber The two days before semester exams, seniors Nicholas Clancy, Shay Shook and Bryce Parker presented their project to Tonya Lewis's English IV class. "It was a lot of fun, and I learned more about medieval times," Clancy said.



Photo courtesy Tonya Lewis, caption by Tianni Costley Senior Jeffery Smith shows off his sword and shield. Of course, projects were not allowed to be construed as working weapons in any way, but as he posed with his props, Smith said to the class, "Do I look mean?"

# in the spotlight



Danielle Zuniga, president of the class of 2011, pictured with Mrs. Larkin. The class of 2011 donated two beautiful benches to PHS. They are located by the flag pole outside the Rotunda.





Junior Samantha Estes helps out Mary-Margaret Nava at the tea tasting, held on Nov. 29. "I think it went good. It was better than I thought I would," Estes said. Culinary arts students invited teachers to sample the goodies they were selling for the holidays.



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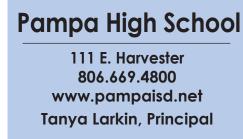




Photo by Chelsea Goodwin, caption by Lee Bargas Senior Rachel Andrews is wrapping gifts for teachers. "On that day I was fixing bows and wrapping gifts for teachers. I'm part of NHS," Andrews said. As one of their community service projects, NHS students offered to help teachers wrap their Christmas presents.











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DEAR ABBY: My grandmother is 75 years old and, unfortunately, very unpleasant to be around. She has made many hurtful remarks in the past, which have led some family members to shut her out of their lives

I live in another state and don't see my grandmother very often. I call her once or twice a month. When I do, she's nothing but pleasant with me, but she's often angry and tearful about other members of the family.

She feels her children and grandchildren should respect her as the matriarch of the family and include her in all family get-togethers. (My family tells me they have stopped inviting her to many functions because she's such a troublemaker.)

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## Dear Abby...

#### By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

I'm concerned about my grandmother and am beginning to think that my parents and siblings should overlook her unpleasant behavior and occasional snide remarks. At the very least they should include her in important family functions. I'd be interested in your opinion, so I can share it with my family. - TROUBLED IN MINNESOTA

DEAR TROUBLED: Your grandmother appears to be reaping what she has sown. Verbal abuse often leaves scars on those at whom it is aimed, and no one can be blamed for wanting distance from a person who is deliberately hurtful.

Respect is something that has to be earned. Your parents and siblings "respect" your grandmother

learned it's the only safe way to do so.

Does this mean she should automatically be excluded from all family get-togethers? No. However, before she's invited to an important event, she should give assurances that she'll watch her mouth and be on her best behavior. Or else.

If this seems heavy-handed, so be it. It's no crime to protect oneself from someone else's mean-spiritedness

DEAR ABBY: Please allow me to share a dating technique with your readers that has saved me a lot of relationship headaches. I call it "the 90-day rule.'

Whenever I start dating someone, try to see them at least once a week for 90 days. That way, if there are any character flaws, I find out within the first 90 days.

Among the flaws I've discovered: drug dealing and addiction, alcoholism, driving without a valid license

from a distance because they have and with illegal license tags, and lying about their occupation.

The idea is to avoid sexual intimacy during those first 90 days to keep your head clear. If you are intimate too soon, you'll find yourself making excuses for your partner. This technique has never failed me - unless I made an exception.

May I suggest your readers try this 90-day rule? If they do, I promise they won't be disappointed because it takes TIME to get to know someone. Before you can love someone, you must learn who that person really is. - CLEARHEADED IN CLEARWATER, FLA.

**DEAR CLEARHEADED: Your** 90-day rule makes a lot of sense. I have heard from many readers who went too far too fast because they felt they had made an instant emotional connection. I warn them that physical attraction should not be confused with love because what they're really describing is infatuation.

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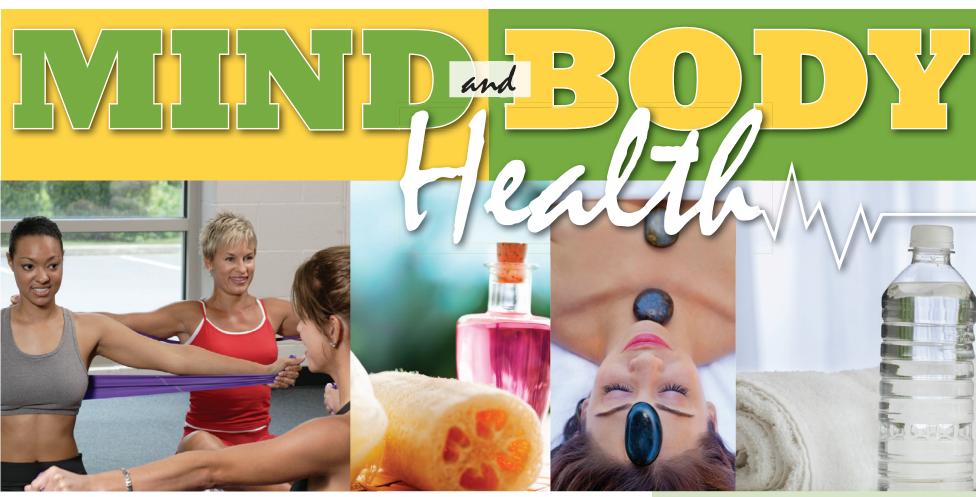
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# Children benefit from chiropractic care

Why should children have chiropractic care? More and more parents are seeking chiropractic care for their children. Many spinal problems seen in adults begin as early as birth. Childhood injury is one of the most common reasons parents seek care for their child. If neglected, spinal traumas during this time of rapid growth may lead to more serious problems later in life. As an infant grows learning to hold up his or her head, sit, crawl and walk are all activities that affect spinal alignment. These milestones are important times to have a child evaluated. Additionally falls, sports injuries, playground bumps, heavy school bags and sitting all day in the classroom are all physical stresses to the growing child's spine and nervous system. Regular chiropractic checkups throughout childhood can identify potential spinal injury from these traumas, allowing corrections to be made early in life to help avoid many of the health complaints seen later in adults. In addition, children who receive chiropractic care report less ill-

of particular symptoms or conditions. Parents often seek care for common childhood conditions such as colic, ear infections, asthma, allergies, and headaches (to name a few). A chiropractor does not diagnose or treat these conditions or diseases. A chiropractor checks and identifies misalignments (subluxations) in the spine that can impair the nervous system function thereby affecting overall body function. The chiropractic adjustment restores nervous system function, allowing the body the ability to function optimally.

When should a child be

checked for subluxations? Children can be checked right after birth because of the potential damaging effects of the birth process. Chiropractors have been caring for children for more than 100 years and can benefit people from birth until old age.

Is it safe? In short, yes. In 2009 The International Chiropractic Pediatric Association's (ICPA) conducted a ground breaking study, The Safety and Effectiveness of Pediatric Chiropractic. In this study, out of 577 children, with 5438 chiropractic visits, doctors reported only 3 aggravations. Out of 239 children, with

1735 chiropractic visits, parents reported only two aggravations. These aggravations were minor discomfort after the adiustment and were readily resolved with continued adjustments. All children remained under chiropractic care. Both parents and doctors indicated a high rate of improvement with respect to the children's presenting complaints. In addition to these improvements, respondents reported better sleeping patterns, improvements in behavior and improved immune system function while under chiropractic care.

### Psoriatic arthritis affects many

People who suffer from psoriasis or have a family history of this skin condition may be at risk for psoriatic arthritis, a serious disease that causes extensive swelling and joint pain.

The Psoriasis and Psoriatic Arthritis Education Center notes that up to 30 percent of people with psoriasis also develop psoriatic arthritis. Psoriasis is an auto-immune skin condition in which the skin reproduces cells at an accelerated rate. This causes patches of flaky, irritated skin, also known as plaques. Psoriatic arthritis can develop at any time, but it is common between the ages of 30 and 50. Environmental factors, genes and immune system responses play a role in the onset of the disease. Patients with psoriatic arthritis can develop inflammation of their tendons, cartilage, eyes, lung lining, and sometimes aorta.

Psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis do not necessarily occur at the same time. Psoriasis generally comes first and then is followed by the joint disease. The skin ailment precedes the arthritis in nearly 80 percent of patients. Psoriatic arthritis is a rheumatic disease that can affect body tissues as well as joints. Psoriatic arthritis shares many features with several other arthritic conditions, such as ankylosing spondylitis, reactive arthritis and arthritis associated with Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis.

The rate of onset of psoriatic arthritis varies among people. For some it can develop slowly with mild symptoms. Others find it comes on quickly and is severe. Symptoms of the disease also vary, but may include the following;

- generalized fatigue
- swollen fingers and toes stiffness, pain, throbbing, swelling, and tenderness
- in joints
  - reduced range of motion
- changes in fingernails redness and pain of the eyes

In many cases, psoriatic arthritis affects the distal joints, those that are closest to the nail in fingers and toes. The lower back, knees, ankles, and wrists also are affected.

It is important to talk to a dermatologist if you suffer from psoriasis and also experience stiffness or pain in joints. This may be indicative that psoriatic arthritis is present.

ness and have fewer sick days from school.

Another reason for seeking out chiropractic care is the resolution



Pictured above: Dr, Lance Krogh's children who were adjusted the day they were born and have received regular chiropractic care ever since.

Treatments usually include a combination of medications and therapeutic exercises to reduce pain and swelling. NSAIDpain relievers help but may be combined with stronger medications, such as corticosteroids, as well as medications that suppress the immune system.



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