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## Motions hearing in Levi King case set

by Rachel Stennett

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A motions hearing has been scheduled for Dec. 15 in 31st District Court in the case of Levi A. King who is being charged with four counts of capital murder charges for the slayings of the Conrad family near Pampa.

The motions hearing will include "general house keeping motions," according to Lynn Switzer, Pampa district attorney. Any pre-trial motions that have been filed by this Friday at 5 p.m. will be heard that day. Most of the motions are "standard" Switzer said.

King, 26, of Missouri is

currently serving two consecutive life without parole sentences after pleading guilty to the shooting deaths of Orlie McCool and his daughter-in-law Dawn Burr McCool, 47, on Sept. 29, 2005 in Missouri.

King faces additional capital murder charges in Gray County for the deaths of Brian Conrad,

31; his six-month pregnant wife, Michell Conrad, 35, and her son Zach Doan, 14 at their home between Pampa and Interstate 40 on Sept. 20, 2005. King was indicted on four counts of murder by a Gray County grand jury in March, 2006.

Authorities suspect that King was traveling on the interstate making his way

to the Mexican border after the deaths of the McCool's in Missouri when he allegedly killed the Conrad's.

After the deaths, King crossed the border into Juarez, Mexico but quickly decided return to the U.S. where he was arrested for warrants issued connected him with the

See King Page 3

## Pirate force



staff photo by David Bowers

Lefors Pirate fans cheered their team at River Road Stadium during Friday night's Lefors-Silverton game. the Pirates lost 62-71. The State Quarter Finals match was the furthest the team had advanced in play-off action.

## Leprechaun Hunt winners announced

by Rachel Stennett

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The winners were recently announced from the "Hunt for the Leprechaun" contest, sponsored by the Retail Committee of the Pampa Chamber of Commerce.

The winners of the contest where sisters Farrah McCuiston and Sarah Doucette.

The contest was established to kick off the Christmas season, according to Keith Pitner, executive director of the Chamber. The leprechaun was hidden some place in the city, and subtle hints were printed in The Pampa News the week before Thanksgiving as to it's location.

The two winners ascertained that the Leprechaun had been hidden somewhere in the park by the post office near the railroad tracks. Their search begun on Wednesday

night and lasted most of the day on Thanksgiving day. After leaving the search to attend to other duties, they went back after dark and continued looking. They eventually looked near the railroad tracks themselves exactly when a train was passing by which illuminated the Plexiglas box that contained the leprechaun, which was taped to a pole near the tracks.

A \$75 Christmas flower arrangement from Roberta's was awarded to the winners, including other prizes like movie theatre tickets and Pampa bucks. The winners have been invited to ride in the Christmas parade.

The sisters decided to make a family effort in the hunt, and included both of their families in the search.

"Sarah decided she needed to

See Hunt, Page 3

## Man shoots wife, himself with family nearby

HOUSTON (AP) — A man shot and killed his estranged wife before shooting himself in the head early Saturday while as many as 20 people hid in the house, authorities said.

A Harris County Sheriff's deputy shot the man at the same time he was shooting himself in the head, officials said.

Up to 20 people, including children, were hiding in closets and bedrooms in the home as they took cover, Lt. John Legg of the sheriff's department told the Houston Chronicle for a story posted on its Web site Saturday.

The man apparently shot his wife as deputies arrived shortly before 5 a.m., Legg said.

Family members identified the couple as Charles Smith and Myrle Smith. The two had

been married 39 years but separated in September.

Myrle Smith, 59, and her 41-year-old daughter moved into the house a month ago, relatives said.

When deputies arrived, the man was pressing a gun to his head and told deputies he wasn't coming out of the house. As deputies spoke to him through a door, he momentarily placed the gun down, then picked it up with the barrel aimed toward his head and a deputy, Legg said.

After a brief verbal exchange, he fired as he was simultaneously hit by a blast from a deputy's shotgun, Legg said.

"At that time, the suspect's firearm and the deputy's firearm go off. It does appear at this time that the suspect took his own life."

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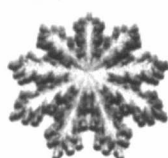
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Mostly sunny

Wednesday



Cloudy

Thursday



Mostly sunny

Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 71. Wind chill values between 24 and 34 early. Southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Tuesday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 34. Wind chill values between 24 and 29. Windy, with a south wind 5 to 10 mph becoming north-northwest between 20 and 25 mph. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph.

Wednesday: A slight chance of rain and snow. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 38. Windy, with a northeast wind 25 to 30 mph decreasing to between 10 and 15 mph. Winds could gust as high as 40 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 25. East-southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 38. Southeast wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 24. Southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

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## Grain prices

The following grain quotations are provided by Attebury Grain of White Deer for the close of the last open market day.

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| Wheat.....    | 4.63 |
| Milo.....     | 4.54 |
| Corn.....     | 6.24 |
| Soybeans..... | 6.93 |

## Emergency Services

## Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents between 7 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 25 and 7 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 26.

## Tuesday, Nov. 25

Eleven traffic stops were conducted.

A successful attempt to serve papers or warrants was made in the 2200 block of Mary Ellen.

A stolen vehicle was reported from the 2100 block of North Lea.

Calls and stops concerning animals occurred in the 2800 block of North Charles, the 1500 block of

North Zimmers, the 700 block of East Wilks, the 500 block of North Doucette, Clark and McCullough, 23rd and Navajo, and the 500 block of Perry.

Disorderly conduct was reported at Pampa Junior High School, 2401 Charles, and in the 800 block of West Francis.

A silent/abusive 911 call was reported in the 400 block of East Louisiana.

Civil matters were reported in the police department lobby and the 100 block of South Faulkner.

Harassment was reported in the police department lobby.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 800 block of West Francis.

An accident was reported in the 2200 block of North Hobart.

Assault with minor injuries was reported at an unspecified location.

Theft was reported from the 400 block of East Frederic and at Wal-Mart Supercenter, 2801 N. Charles.

Suspicious persons were reported in the 2800 block of North Charles, the 200 block of North Gray and the 1600 block of East Highway 60.

A gas drive off totaling \$21.97 was reported in the 300 block of North Hobart.

A threat was reported in the police department lobby.

Found property — an eye glass case containing a baggy with a green leafy substance, lighter and homemade pipe — was reported

from 20th and Evergreen. Criminal mischief was reported from the 1200 block of Christine where two panes of glass in a screen door were reported broken for an estimated \$100 in damages.

## Wednesday, Nov. 26

Fourteen traffic stops were conducted.

Suspicious persons were reported in the 1000 block of North Hobart and the 400 block of East Tyng.

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

## Sheriff

Gray County Sheriff's Office recorded the following arrests.

## Friday, Nov. 28

Jose Raul Ramirez, 21, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa PD for no driver's license, failure to maintain financial responsibility and running a stop sign.

Matthew Dustin Cates, 31, of Pampa was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) for DWI, second offense.

Steven Craig Angel, 42, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa PD for possession of marijuana and failure to appear for possession of marijuana.

## Saturday, Nov. 29

Christopher Eugene Jackson, 36, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa PD for no driver's license, no insurance, expired motor vehicle inspection and failure to register vehicle.

Billy Don Menefield, 43, of Shamrock was arrested by Pampa PD for possession of drug paraphernalia, displaying expired registration, no driver's license and failure to appear.

Tyrone Russell Harrison, 31, of

Shamrock was arrested by Pampa PD for possession of drug paraphernalia, displaying expired registration, no driver's license and failure to appear.

Samuel Jason Bradford, 30, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa Police Department for theft of property over \$1,500 and under \$20,000; no motor vehicle insurance; no insurance; and no driver's license.

Tori Lynn Ruth, 25, of Skellytown was arrested by Pampa PD for theft of property over \$50 and under \$500.

Robert Allen Garza, 27, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa PD for no valid driver's license and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

Noemi Rios White, 41, of Borger was arrested by DPS for DWI.

## Sunday, Nov. 30

Cody Wade Hutchison, 27, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa PD for theft of property over \$50 and under \$500; DWI, second offense; no driver's license; and no insurance.

Evaristo Jimenez, 29, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa PD for DWI.

Austin Gene Conley, 26, of Canadian was arrested by DPS on warrants for a probation violation for possession of less than 2-ounces of marijuana, no seat belt and failure to appear.

Miguel Angel Sanchez, 33, of Rio Grande City, was arrested by DPS for possession of greater than 1-gram but less than 4-grams of a controlled substance.

## Monday, Dec. 1

Morris Lynn Powell, 56, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa PD for public intoxication and on warrants for open container and failure to appear.

Jesse Steven Chilton,



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**DAWKINS, Julia Marie** — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

## Johnnie Turcotte Alexander, 90

Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Alexander was born Aug. 3, 1918, in Gray County where she had been a lifelong resident. She married Verson Alexander on May 16, 1937 in Amarillo. He preceded her in death on June 11, 1988.

She worked for the U.S. Postal Service for 35 years as a rural carrier. She was



Alexander

a member of the First Baptist Church and the Order of the Eastern Star.

Survivors include her daughter, Lora Baggerman and husband Ruben of Groom; seven grandchildren, Isaac Baggerman and wife

Jeana, Margie Anthony and husband Stan, Teresa McKelvey and husband Butch, John Mark

Baggerman and wife Lora, Chad Alexander, Robert Alexander and Kristin D'Oka and husband Mike; and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Verson Alexander and Charles Alexander.

MEMORIALS: First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 621, Pampa, TX 79066-0621.

—Sign the on-line register book at [www.carmichael-whatley.com](http://www.carmichael-whatley.com).

## Julia Marie Dawkins, 82

She married Glenn Dawkins on July 3, 1946, and they were married until his accidental death in 1997.

She led the Pampa High School landscape project in the 1990s and her PHS class reunions with her lifelong friend, Ruth Barrett, for the past 20 years.

She was a member of First United Methodist Church and an active member of the fine arts community in Pampa.



Dawkins

She was President Emeritus of the Pampa Knife and Fork and had often served as President of El Progreso Study Club.

She was preceded in death by her only sister, Lela Mae Swain.

Survivors include one daughter, Glennette Goode and husband Jimmy of Pampa; one grandson, Jeremy Goode and wife Liana of Pampa; one brother-in-law, D.W.

Swain of Clarendon; one nephew, Dale Greenhouse of Pampa; two great-nephews, Dane Greenhouse of Amarillo and Greg Greenhouse of Pampa; and one cousin, Maynette Scott of Amarillo.

MEMORIALS: The Salvation Army, 701 S. Cuyler, Pampa, TX 79065; Pampa Education Foundation, P.O. Box 1045, Pampa, TX 79066; or BSA Hospice, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, TX 79105.

—Sign the on-line register book at [www.carmichael-whatley.com](http://www.carmichael-whatley.com).

## Fire

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls between 7 a.m. Saturday and 7 a.m. today.

## Saturday, Nov. 29

7:48 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to a call for lifting assistance in the 1000 block of Crane Road.

11:45 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1700 block of Evergreen on a call for medical assistance.

7:16 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1000 block of South Faulkner on a call for medical assistance.

## Sunday, Nov. 30

11:31 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to the 2800 block of Perryton Parkway on a call for medical assistance.

## Monday, Dec. 1

6:09 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 800 block of South Banks on a call for medical assistance.

## Ambulance

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls between 7 a.m. Friday and 7 a.m. today.

## Friday, Nov. 28

6:02 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1500 block of West Kentucky and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

## Saturday, Nov. 29

12:18 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2300 block of Alcock and transported a patient to PRMC.

2:32 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2100 block of North Christy and transported a patient to PRMC.

6:13 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of Wells. The call was canceled.

11:22 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1700 block of Evergreen and transported a patient to PRMC.

11:58 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1500 block of Kentucky and transported a patient to PRMC.

3:51 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of Nelson and transported a patient to PRMC.

4:14 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of Kentucky and transported a patient to PRMC.

7:14 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of Faulkner. No transport.

## Sunday, Nov. 30

1:28 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of South Love and transported a patient to PRMC.

3:25 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block Wells and transported a patient to PRMC.

3:58 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of Banks. No transport.

11:23 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to a location north on Highway 70 and transported a patient to PRMC.

## Monday, Dec. 1

6:15 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of South Banks and transported a patient to PRMC.

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Neighbors were startled by a crash this morning near Alcock and Banks that ended with this firebird hitting an empty building. The driver was not seriously injured.

staff photo by Betsy Phillips

## Police seek Wal-Mart shoppers who killed New York worker

By COLLEEN LONG  
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Police are reviewing surveillance videos of a post-Thanksgiving shopper stampede that trampled a suburban Wal-Mart worker to death, but they acknowledge it may be difficult to bring criminal charges.

Nassau County police and Wal-Mart Stores Inc. said no new information was available Saturday on the employee's brutal death, which rattled shoppers even as they flocked to the Valley Stream store a day later.

"It felt a little freakish," customer Ellie Berhun, 48, told the Daily News. "Some man lost his life because a VCR was on sale? Please. It's just too sad for words."

Police said the temporary worker, Jdimytai Damour, was mowed down as about 2,000 bargain-hunters surged into the store at Friday's 5 a.m. opening, leaving a metal portion of the door frame crumpled like an accordion.

Other workers were knocked to the ground as they tried to rescue Damour, and customers simply stepped over him and kept shopping even as the store announced it was closing because of the death, police and witnesses said.

At least four other people, including a woman eight months pregnant, were taken to hospitals for observation or treatment for minor injuries. The store, about 20 miles east of Manhattan, closed for several hours but reopened Friday afternoon.

The day after Thanksgiving is known as Black Friday because it has traditionally marked the point when a throng of shoppers pushes stores into profitability for the year.

Bentonville, Ark.-based Wal-Mart said it added staffers and outside security workers and put up barricades to try to prepare for the crush. But police spokesman Detective Lt. Michael Fleming said Friday that security was inadequate for a scene he called "utter chaos."

Criminal charges are possible, but identifying anyone in the store's videos may prove difficult, Fleming said.

Damour, 34, came from a temporary agency and was doing maintenance work at the store, Wal-Mart said.

A woman reported being trampled by overeager customers at a Wal-Mart opening Friday in Farmingdale, about 15 miles east of Valley Stream, Suffolk County police said. She suffered minor injuries but finished shopping before filling the report, police said.

Items on sale at the Valley Stream Wal-Mart included a Samsung 50-inch Plasma HDTV for \$798, a Bissel Compact Upright Vacuum for \$28, a Samsung 10.2 megapixel digital camera for \$69 and DVDs such as "The Incredible Hulk" for \$9.

AP retail writers Anne D'Innocenzio and Mae Anderson contributed to this report.

## Appraisers scarce for border fence landowners

By CHRISTOPHER SHERMAN  
Associated Press Writer

McALLEN, Texas (AP) — As Rio Grande Valley property owners gird for hearings that will determine how much the government pays for the land it takes to build the border fence, some are struggling to find a key witness — an appraiser.

The limited supply of qualified appraisers for this sort of work in the Valley, the cost of importing an appraiser from elsewhere and the fact that the government grabbed the Valley's premier appraisal firm for its side could ultimately lead to fewer landowners holding out for a trial, said lawyers involved with the cases.

"I don't think there are enough appraisers and a lot don't want to get involved," said lawyer Albert Villegas, who is representing several properties. Some appraisers Villegas approached were uneasy about determining the impact of a yet-to-be-built 18-foot fence on property value and others still hoped to get a piece of the government work, he said.

"They've pretty much negated everyone else," Villegas said. He was talking to appraisers in San Antonio and Houston.

But pulling in appraisers from outside the Valley to prepare a report and potentially testify if the case goes to trial becomes cost prohibitive for many owners.

Villegas has received quotes more than \$10,000 for the work. For small landowners "that's a prohibitive amount," he said.

The Justice Department expects about 270 condemnation lawsuits against Valley landowners. Most have settled, but federal lawyers say about 80 hold-outs could carry their cases all the way to trial. Trials are scheduled to begin in March and April, but the government can begin construction beforehand.

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security is trying to complete 670 miles of fencing along the U.S.-Mexico border. It will not meet its end-of-year deadline, but has promised to have all

sections under contract by then.

Some landowners in the Rio Grande Valley, where the project has been delayed by litigation, hope that a new administration will rethink the controversial project. Earlier this month Customs and Border Protection announced it was putting off three fence sections totaling about 14 miles in the Valley to further study their impact on Rio Grande floodwaters.

Richard Schell, another attorney representing border fence property owners, said he usually turned to the firm of Robinson, Duffy & Barnard LLP in Harlingen for appraisals involving litigation, but the government had them sewn up. So far the firm has been included on the government's witness list in only one case in Cameron County. No one from the firm returned calls for comment.

If appraisal work for these cases costs more than \$10,000, Schell said one client would have to forego the outside expert and testify to the value himself.

Earlier this month, U.S. District Judge Andrew Hanen extended the deadline for naming experts by a month for a group of cases, including those handled by Villegas and Schell. They are scheduled to go to trial in March if Hanen opts for jury trials rather than a court-appointed land commission to determine compensation.

Bud Campana, a Brownsville appraiser not handling any border fence cases, said he was approached by a landowner this summer but was not comfortable with the job.

"The problem with these appraisals is it's a unique circumstance," Campana said. A big part of an appraisal is comparing the property to the sales of similarly affected pieces of land. But there is still nothing to compare the fence to, he said.

Some of the properties are further complicated by issues involving hunting leases, access to the Rio Grande and the value of land accessible — but in a more limited fashion — on the Mexican side of the fence.

## PHS Variety Show tomorrow night

The Drama Department at Pampa High School will present a variety show at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the PHS Auditorium.

Most of the participants will be freshmen drama students, said PHS drama instructor Mallory Reasor.

Admission will be by donation. A \$2 donation is suggested by the school.

The "PHS Drama Variety Show" will benefit, Reasor said, the spring play put on through the Power Hour program at Woodrow Wilson Elementary School in which the PHS drama students, all 53, participate and volunteer.

## Shooting

Louis at the time, when he left and entered the McCool residence.

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killings in Missouri and stealing McCool's pickup. Days after his return, he was linked to the Gray County murders.

Before his conviction in Missouri, King previously served 17 months of a 14 year sentence for arson and burglary. He was paroled at 17 months and was at a halfway house in St.

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## King

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find him," McCuiston said as she explained her motivation for participating in the hunt. "We walked the parade route three or four times looking for it."

After searching for nearly 24 hours, the sisters were relieved when they spotted the Leprechaun.

"We all kept saying he was by the train tracks. We were excited to when we finally saw him," McCuiston said.

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# Viewpoints

## Today in History

Today is Monday, Dec. 1, the 336th day of  
By The Associated Press

2008. There are 30 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 1, 1955, Rosa Parks, a black seamstress, refused to give up her seat to a white man on a Montgomery, Ala., city bus. Mrs. Parks was arrested, sparking a yearlong boycott of the buses by blacks.

On this date:

In 1824, the presidential election was turned over to the U.S. House of Representatives when a deadlock developed between John Quincy Adams, Andrew Jackson, William H. Crawford and Henry Clay. (Adams ended up the winner.)

In 1904, the Louisiana Purchase Exposition in St. Louis closed after seven months and some 20 million visitors.

In 1913, the first drive-in automobile service station, built by Gulf Refining Company opened in Pittsburgh.

In 1921, the Navy flew the first nonrigid dirigible to use helium; the C-7 traveled from Hampton Roads, Va., to Washington, D.C.

In 1943, President Franklin D. Roosevelt, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Soviet leader Josef Stalin concluded their Tehran conference.

In 1958, the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical "Flower Drum Song" opened on Broadway.

In 1969, the U.S. government held its first draft lottery since World War II.

In 2000, Vicente Fox was sworn in as president of Mexico, ending 71 years of ruling-party domination.

Ten years ago: Exxon agreed to buy Mobil for \$73.7 billion.

Five years ago: India and Pakistan agreed to restore airline overflight and landing rights by Jan. 1, 2004. Boeing Co. chairman and chief executive Phil Condit resigned unexpectedly. U.S. Rep. Bill Janklow went on trial in Flandreau, S.D., charged with manslaughter in the death of a motorcyclist who'd collided with his automobile. (Janklow was convicted and served 100 days in jail.)

One year ago: Police in Wichita, Kan., identified a body found days earlier as that of Emily Sander, a missing college student whose disappearance drew nationwide attention after the discovery she was also an Internet pornography model named Zoey Zane. (A suspect, Israel Mireles, is fighting extradition from Mexico.) Four suspects were charged in Miami in the shooting death of Washington Redskins star Sean Taylor.

(One ended up pleading guilty to second-degree murder; a fifth suspect was also charged.)

Today's Birthdays: Actor Paul Picerni is 86. Former CIA director Stansfield Turner is 85. Singer Billy Paul is 74. Actor-director Woody Allen is 73. Golfer Lee Trevino is 69. Singer Dianne Lennon (The Lennon Sisters) is 69. Television producer David Salzman is 65. Rock singer-musician Eric Bloom (Blue Oyster Cult) is 64. Rock musician John Densmore (The Doors) is 64. Actress-singer Bette Midler is 63. Singer Gilbert O'Sullivan is 62.

## The movie or the book, which is best?

The classic debate: book or movie?

I was one of millions of girls last weekend to go see the pop-culture phenomenon, "Twilight." After emerging from the theater let down by the movie, I found myself involved in a heated debate about which is better, the book or the movie.

While talking with my fellow movie-goers and combing the aisles of Wal-Mart after the movie looking for dog sweaters and thermostats, the debate was equally split. Two people defended movies, and two defended books. I passionately argued that the story is better in a book over a movie. As I argued with my friends, I struggled to wrap my head around the opposing argument.

Here was one side of the argument: A movie rendition of a novel is just as good as the novel, and even if the movie fails to portray the novel in just light, no one will know what they are missing. Reading fiction doesn't have a purpose. If reading, one should read self-help books or other non-fiction that can help you

get one step further in life.

The other side (my side): Reading a book instead of the movie version, or along with the movie version, is always a better experience. The book covers more ground, goes further into characters, and is the author's representation of how the story is supposed to be told. The book is always better. If you like the movie, you are almost guaranteed to fall in love with the book.

The conversation lingered in my head all week long. I tried to think of examples of books that were as good, or even better than a movie. There were few instances in which the movie rendition of a story was able to even come close to being as good as its inked version. A few good examples are: The Lord of the Rings trilogy, Big Fish, The Devil Wears Prada, The Green Mile, and The Harry Potter series. Even still, anyone who has read of any of these books will still tell you that the books are better, and

probably very different than their on-screen counterparts. The list for movies that are not as good as the book is long. Here are a few: The DaVinci Code, Frankenstein, The Bridge to Terabithia, and The Chronicles of Narnia.

Even going into

school, and hope someday to be able to go into Education and teach other students about all the reasons why Huck Finn written is just as important now as it was at its conception in 1885. Reading fiction has been a big part of my life from an early age. In adulthood, it continues to be as I have watched my oldest brother become a successful, published fiction author with his book, "The Almost True Story of Ryan Fisher."

As a journalist, I value non-fiction writing too. Some whisper that the newspaper is a dying business because of other prominent news media like the television and internet. But, as my parents discouraged me from going into the newspaper business, I cling on to the hope that there are people out there that prefer the feeling of newsprint in hand over a remote.

I think I lost the argument over the book and the movie, so I have decided to side with LeVar Burton and PBS' Reading Rainbow and hope that there might be room for both the book and movie in our rapidly advancing society.

Rachel Stennett

staff reporter



Twilight, I told someone the movie could either be really good or really cheesy and overdone. Turns out that it was the later. I couldn't help but be disappointed after I had received the book as a gift, and ended up reading it in a night because the story was captivating. I literally sat and read for seven hours and could not feel the time go by. When I went and watched the movie, I felt every second of the mediocre acting, poor music score, and forced romance between two characters.

I'm biased and partial to literature. I studied it in



## Editorial Thoughts

A sampling of recent editorial opinion from around Texas:

The Dallas Morning News on more FEMA woes:

Gov. Rick Perry is right to be fed up with the Federal Emergency Management Agency's unfulfilled promises to help clean up the Texas Gulf Coast in the wake of Hurricane Ike.

Trailers didn't arrive in the numbers promised. Some that did were padlocked and unusable. But if that's not enough of slap in the face to hurricane victims, FEMA now is trying to dump cleanup costs it should pay onto Texas counties.

This is reprehensible behavior, and to Mr. Perry's credit, he's not standing idle. Last week, he announced a new commission to oversee rebuilding costs and ordered state transportation officials to haul away debris. It's the right thing for the state government to do because residents are suffering and FEMA seems to be running in the opposite direction.

The federal agency should demonstrate a similar sense of responsibility. If FEMA wins this battle to skirt its obligations, Texas counties would be on the financial hook for about \$500 million, or 25 percent of the \$2 billion cleanup cost an amount they can't afford. In Chambers County, for example, the cleanup tab would exceed \$10 million, nearly half the county's annual budget. Tapping the state budget surplus and rainy day fund, as the feds want Texas to do, isn't an option either. Although the rainy day fund contains about \$6.9 billion, a large portion is committed to state programs.

FEMA seems to be singling out Texas unfairly. The federal agency paid all debris removal costs after Hurricane Katrina swept across Louisiana, and it should do the same for Texas.

The mess is compounded by the lack of straight answers. Gov. Perry's office tells us that President George W. Bush didn't even know of the Texas request for aid when

the governor spoke with the president by phone last week.

Meanwhile, Texas coastal communities are waiting for help. Hundreds of residents still live in tents, disabled cars and

condemned homes as they await FEMA inspectors, insurance adjusters, mobile homes and utilities. If this is emergency management, we'd hate to see emergency mismanagement.

## Notable Quotes

by The Associated Press

"I feel totally insecure. I'm very scared, but what can you do? I must go to work."

— Rajendra Shah, an insurance agent returning to work in Mumbai after last week's three-day shooting rampage that left at least 172 dead.

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"What we are emphasizing to the Pakistani government is the need to follow the evidence wherever it leads. I don't want to jump to any conclusions myself on this, but I do think that this is a time for complete, absolute, total transparency and cooperation and that's what we expect."

— U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice saying the United States expects nothing short of Pakistan's complete cooperation in investigations into the terrorist rampage in nuclear rival India.

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"Some man lost his life because a VCR was on sale? Please. It's just too sad for words."

— Wal-Mart customer Ellie Berhun speaking about a post-Thanksgiving shopper stampede that trampled a suburban New York Wal-Mart worker to death.

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# Comics

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"That's the doggie door. The garage is in the back."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



"A quadrillion and one."

Daily Crossword Puzzle

## CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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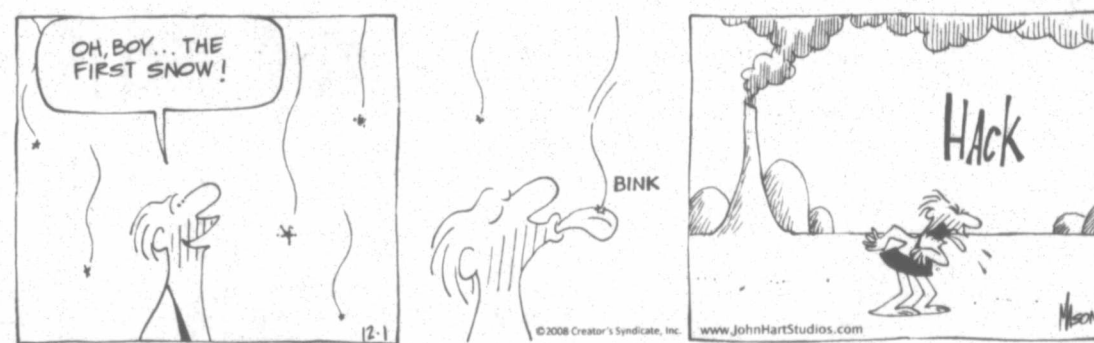
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# Sports

## Harvesters take second in Lion's tourney

by Andres Arriola  
special to the Pampa News  
Pampa Lions Club & VFW International Invitational Tipped off at 3 p.m. Friday afternoon, pitting the lone Conference 3A, fifth ranked, Lubbock Estacado Matadors against a Dumas Demons team ready to redeem themselves after a 4-24 record the previous season.

The Matadors lived up to their ranking putting up big numbers early and never looked back as the Demons were never able to put a decent drive together against the hard pressing defense and never-miss shooting offense of their opponent. Leading scorers included Duran Minijarez and Jamar Johnson with 18 points each for Estacado and 16 points for Daniel Angeles of Dumas.

The second game of the afternoon pitted the Lawton Wolverines from Lawton, Okla., against the San Angelo Central Bobcats. Both teams suffered throughout the game from turnovers but Lawton's tight defense and excellent recovery off turnovers pushed them to a 72-58 victory. Jamal Smith lead the way with 22 points for the Wolverines and Solomon Sutton put up 14 for the Bobcats.

The first Friday evening game brought neighboring Amarillo's Tascosa Rebels against the far-traveling Northwood Falcons from Shreveport, La. Tascosa would go on to rout the Falcons with rigorous defense and disciplined plays 75-53. Rebels were lead by Oliver London's 21 points and Northwood by both Jerry Collins and Joshua Story's 13 points.

Friday night's finale and highlight game matched the hometown favorite Pampa Hustlin' Harvesters against El Paso's Canutillo Eagles. Pampa came out struggling early to give Canutillo the early lead and a deficit that kept growing until Pampa kicked their game into overdrive in the second quarter to close the gap to only four at half-time.

Pampa's strong team play and good pressure defensively carried into the second half where they finally overcame the Eagles to take their first lead with one minute left in the third quarter. From that point on both teams traded back and forth the advantage setting up a finish that had everyone's fingers crossed.

With the Eagles up by three and only 35 seconds left in the game Alex Torres put up an open three to tie the game. El Paso was quick to bring in the ball but a crucial steal from the Harvesters and a strategic time-out left the fate of the game in the Harvesters' hands. Pampa did what they could to eat the clock, finally pushing the ball to Alex Torres again, this time in the paint, where he put up a close-range shot with good coverage that fell to bring the home fans to their feet.

Canutillo only had four and a half seconds to answer Pampa's now two-point lead, but the Harvester's defense proved to be too much and a long-range attempt fell empty to advance Pampa to the next round.

Key players of the game were leading scorer

Alex Clendening with 14 points and Alex Torres with his timely scores in the fourth quarter to surpass the opposition. Others include Blake Sieck, who's offensive play resulted in no points, impressed me with his unselfishness and great defensive attack along with Hayden Skinner who put up 10 points. El Paso was lead by Tony Surber's 19 points.

**Saturday**  
Second day play commenced at 9 a.m. Early birds witnessed the first game of the loser's bracket that brought together the Dumas Demons against the Northwood Falcons. Dumas, lead by Terrence Williams' 20 points narrowly survived the quick Northwood team 74-72. Northwood's Joshua Story scored an astonishing 32 points in the game.

The other Loser's bracket game saw San Angelo's Central Bobcats blown out by El Paso's Canutillo Eagles 70-45. Leading scorers included Tony Surber of El Paso with 14 points and Kevin Bond of San Angelo with 10.

Two time losers, Northwood and San Angelo, matched up later in the day leaving the Falcons dead last after a 70-59 defeat. Loser bracket championship and 5th place tournament game saw El Paso Canutillo, lead by Andres Ramirez's 17 points and Brandon Garcia's 16, out-play Dumas, lead by Daniel Angeles' 13 points and Eric Whitfield's 12, to a 58-47 victory.

The first afternoon semi-finals game contended a very talented Estacado Matadors team with the hopeful Tascosa Rebels. Estacado busted the Rebels hopes never letting Tascosa get too close in a 68-52 win. Jamar Johnson continued to impress with 17 points on the board along with Kevin Wagner's 15. Leading scorer for Tascosa was Toby Dennis with 13.

Soon after Estacado's game which carried them into the tournament championship, the Pampa Harvester's found themselves facing off against



Harvester Heath Skinner (30) goes up for a shot against Lawton in the Lions/VFW Invitational Saturday afternoon at McNeely Fieldhouse.

staff photo by David Bowser

half, the Harvesters came out with a vengeance lead by Matt Smith's aggressive inside game. Smith fought for rebounds and got the critical tips to bring his team back to end the third quarter to trail only by five, 48-53.

Great play continued into the fourth quarter setting up Heath Skinner to give us the first lead of the game with 5:50 still

contributing 12, Heath Skinner 10, Alex Clendening 9, Travis Hagerman 2 and Cobran Harris' 1. Lawton Leading scorers were Jamal Smith's 23 and Craig Foster's 15.

After a disappointing loss to Estacado, Tascosa contested Lawton in the consolation game. The Rebels took off big, clearly showing they belonged

championship against an intimidating Estacado Matadors team. Opening Game processions included the honoring of veterans carrying respective military flags along with Texas and U.S. flags inspiring nationalism amongst the fans as a local Lions Club member sang the national anthem. Pampa Harvester players showed much adoration and appreciation for this country's heroes as they went into the stands to shake a watching veteran's hand while starting lineups were announced.

Estacado came out shooting in the first half with an array of three-pointers that an unimposing Harvester team couldn't answer.

Pampa played much of the game inside pairing two-pointers to the Matadors threes. To end the half Estacado lead an unrelenting Pampa team 46-29.

The Harvesters pressed on, continuing to pound the inside offensively with Matt Smith's 17 and Alex Clendening's 12. The Matador's answered as Jamar Johnson lead the game with 21 points and D.J. Minajarez put up 13, mostly from outside the arc.

The Harvesters never could put together enough to surpass the Estacado Matadors who would go on to win with the final score of 72-57. Pampa scorers included Alex Torres, Heath Skinner and Travis Hagerman with 6, Hayden Skinner with 4, and Blake Sieck, John Luke Covalt and Nathan

Webb each with 2. Pampa fans shouldn't be put off by this game and should see that our team has come a long way to prove themselves as a competitor in District 3-4A play. The Harvesters, now 3-3, look forward to next week's game, Tues. Dec. 2nd, here in Pampa against Estacado 1-3A rivals the Perryton Rangers who narrowly defeated them last year 62-60.

Tournament consummations included reception of placement trophies by Champions Estacado Matadors, second place Pampa Harvesters and non-present Third Place winners Tascosa.

All-Tournament Team player awards were given to Oliver London of Tascosa, Matt Smith and Alex Torres of Pampa along with Kevin Wagner and Jamar Johnson of Estacado.

The All-Tournament MVP and recipient of the \$1,000 Scholarship was Jamar Johnson of Estacado who put up a breathtaking 56 points for the tourney.

All awards were given by children who have attended the Texas Lions Camp. All proceeds from the tournament will go to fund the Lion's Club eyeglass program that provides eyeglasses to children and adults who do not have the funds to do so and the Texas Lions Camp in Kerrville, Texas. Texas Lions Camp is a residential camp facility for children with physical handicaps, type I diabetes and cancer.



Harvester Hayden Skinner loses control of the ball after being fouled on his way to the basket against Lawton Saturday afternoon in the Lion's/VFW Invitational at McNeely Field House.

staff photo by David Bowser

the Lawton Wolverines in the second semi-finals matchup. The game started out much like the previous game did for Pampa, falling behind early and ending the first quarter down 24-12. Nothing much changed for Pampa as they entered the locker room at half-time trailing by 13, 38-25.

Opening the second

left on the clock. Pampa lost key player Alex Torres to fouls with 1:23 left in the game. Even without Torres the Pampa Harvesters continued to push, finally winning the game 68-61, placing them into the championship game.

The Harvesters were lead by Matt Smith and Alex Torres' 17 points, with Hayden Skinner

as a contender routing the Wolverines 55-37, sealing third place and an All-Tournament player award to leading scorer Oliver London who had 15. Travis Spencer had an unimpressive nine points to lead the way for the losing Wolverines.

**Championship**  
In the finale, The Pampa Harvesters vied for the tournament cham-

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## Gun group targets Texas for open-carry law

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Saying Texas firearm laws are overly restrictive, a group of gun advocates is lobbying state lawmakers to permit wearing handguns in plain view.

With the legislative session scheduled to begin in January, supporters of "open-carry laws" have placed ads on billboards in Houston and San Antonio and on taxis in Austin.

The Texas campaign is expected to intensify Tuesday with a radio message in Fort Worth, Dallas, Houston, San Antonio and Austin. The ad says, "We don't hide our colors, do we?" and encourages Texans to sign an online petition asking lawmakers to make Texas a place where people can openly wear their guns. More than 28,000 people have signed it so far.

"We are targeting Texas," said Mike Stollenwerk, co-founder of [www.opencarry.org](http://www.opencarry.org), in a story Sunday in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. "Get ready for a showdown in Austin come January."

Stollenwerk said Texas is one of the nation's most pro-gun states and promised an "awakening" when "Texans realize how restrictive their rights are."

Texas is one of six states — along with New York, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Florida and South Carolina — in which handguns can't be worn in plain view. The other 44 states, in the parlance of gun advocates, are known as "open-carry" states.

Ralph Carroll, 48, said he views an open-carry law as another way for him to protect his three children.

"I just simply want to ensure I have self-protection if the need arises," said Carroll, who lives in Van Zandt County. "The same reason I wear my seat belt, carry a spare tire and have a working fire extinguisher."

## New member



Lacy Ransom, left, Pampa Kiwanis Club president, recently presented Doug Cates, of Titan Specialties, Inc., with a new member packet at a recent meeting. submitted photo

## Black Friday shoppers out in force, but cautious

By ANNE D'INNOCENZIO  
AP Retail Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Shoppers, who had snapped their wallets shut since September, turned out in force Friday to grab deals on the traditional start of the holiday shopping season, but it was clear worries about the economy tempered buying.

Preliminary reports from several major retailers including Macy's and Toys "R" Us said that crowds were at least as large as last year's, but many shoppers sounded notes of caution and concern.

Retailers extended their hours, some opening at midnight, and offered deals that were deeper and wider than the deep discounts that shoppers found throughout November.

Best Buy, which threw its doors open at 5 a.m. offered such specials as a 49-inch Panasonic plasma HDTV for \$899.99 and a \$189.99 GPS device by Garmin. Toys "R" Us was offering up to 60 percent discounts from 5 a.m. to 10 a.m.

But the excitement over the early morning specials proved fatal for at least one store. Police from Nassau

County, N.Y. say a Wal-Mart worker died after being trampled by a throng of unruly shoppers shortly after the Long Island store opened Friday. Wal-Mart officials would not confirm reports of stampede, but said a "medical emergency" caused them to close the store.

Ellen Davis, a spokeswoman at the National Retail Federation, the industry's largest retail group, said that she was "not aware of any other circumstances where a retail employee has died working on the day after Thanksgiving."

Many consumers, clutching the store circulars, were focused on a few bargains Friday and said they were slashing their overall holiday budgets from a year ago as they juggle paying their rent and other bills while putting food on the table amid layoffs, tightening credit and dwindling retirement accounts.

Even for the growing number of parents who were limiting their gift buying to just their children this year, financial troubles were forcing them to be stingy.

"I have never slept here before to save a few bucks, but with the economy so bad I thought that even a few dollars helps," said Analita Garcia of Falls

Church, Va., who arrived at a local Best Buy store at 7 a.m. Thursday with 10 family members. She bought a 32-inch LCD TV for \$400, slashed from \$500, along with an iPod and several DVDs.

"This year a lot of people I know won't be getting Christmas presents. I have to pay the rent and bills, and I have two little ones at home to think of," Garcia added.

At the Best Buy store in Syracuse, N.Y., a line snaked past stores and around walkways on the second floor of Carousel Center a few moments before the store's 5 a.m. opening — about eight hours after some people near the front of the line had arrived. Rob Schoeneck, the mall's manager, estimated about 1,000 people were waiting for the electronics store to open and said the crowd was about the same size as a year ago.

Inside, Kira Carinci, 33, a teacher from Cicero, N.Y., searched for the \$80 "Guitar Hero III: Legends of Rock" video game and guitar controller bundle for her son but said she is more concerned about money than she was last holiday season. She said she had set aside a certain amount for Christmas spending.

"I don't usually save, so this year is a little different," she said.

By 3:43 a.m., about 50 people had lined up in preparation for the 5 a.m. opening at a Wal-Mart store in Cary, N.C. Shannon Keane, 38, of Cary, who arrived with her son, Miles, 13, at midnight, said she was buying only one item today: an iPod for her son.

"He really wanted this one thing," Keane said. "So we're here for this one thing."

Keane, who was recently laid off from her job at an insurance company, said she was on a budget this year because her unemployment checks were also helping support family in Colorado.

"I really can't focus on gifts," she said. "I have to focus more on helping them pay their bills. It's hard," she said of being a single mom on a small income. "I've always filled the tree. But you have to be honest. This year, I'll do the best I can."

Black Friday received its name because it historically was the day when a surge of shoppers helped stores break into profitability for the full year.

## Sudoku

Answer to Sunday's Puzzle

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Level: Beginner

## Daily Horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Dec. 2, 2008:

This year you will evolve to a new level and gain greater understanding. Openly investigate possibilities, asking the right questions and coming up with strong ideas. Your ability to grow and transform comes through interactions with others. You will see life through different eyes. If you are single, you meet people with ease. In 2009, you will have many potential suitors; check out each one with care. You don't need to jump into a relationship. If you are attached, you will find that the key to a better relationship is to develop greater understanding and awareness. Communication excels, especially if you go out to dinner alone more often or perhaps share a weekend away together. AQUARIUS always presents a very different view.

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)

\*\*\*\*\* Currently, meetings, associates and friends play significant roles in your plans and thoughts. Remember to focus on one or two goals today, as accomplishment is your middle name right now. Tonight: Zero in on what you want.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

\*\*\*\*\* By knowing where the power is and knowing what is happening, you stay on top of your game. Evaluate a boss's request. Think in terms of gains and growth. A partner has much to share. Be available and willing to listen. Tonight: Could be a late night.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

\*\*\*\*\* Reach out for more information, even if you believe you have the complete story. How you deal with a situation and what goes on gives you new insight into your life and what you need to happen. Tonight: Take in a movie. Let your mind relax.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

\*\*\*\*\* Conversations seem to be dominated by a partner. You cannot steal the stage at the moment, nor should you try. Listen to feedback, especially around work and your daily life. You will be able to gain as a result. Tonight: Togetherness.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

\*\*\*\*\* Defer to others, as they will steal the stage no matter how charming, charismatic or loving the Lion might be. Relax, as you don't need to carry so much responsibility. Tonight: So many invitations, so many possibilities. How are you going to choose?

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

\*\*\*\*\* Focus on your daily life, projects, errands and work. You probably need to make more time for a hobby and relax a little more. Does a pet need additional attention? Start allowing more time for this animal. Tonight: Play it easy.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

\*\*\*\*\* Your playful and expressive nature emerges. You suddenly have bounce, but also much more creativity and ideas. Let your imagination go. Remember, you don't need to act on every idea. Tonight: Manifest more playfulness and happiness.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

\*\*\*\*\* If you would like to take some downtime or work from home, why not? You see a situation changing rapidly because of your feelings. Be willing to

try another approach that might be more in sync with you. Tonight: Happy at home. Put on your favorite slippers.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

\*\*\*\*\* Listen to news that heads your way. Don't turn down an opportunity; rather, explore your options more carefully. There might be another path to the end. Take a total view before you leap to a decision. Tonight: Visit with a neighbor.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

\*\*\*\*\* Listen to others who have different ideas. You might have financial savvy, but there is always someone who knows more. Optimism surrounds a strong project. Be careful about following your intuition. Tonight: Gather your bills.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

\*\*\*\*\* You are deep into the moment. Others seem to go along with your wishes or thoughts. You see life far differently when you are on top of your game. Listen to a friend. Tonight: Join friends; a meeting is important.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

\*\*\*\*\* Know when to quiet down and listen more. You could be exhausted by everything you hear. Be willing to close your door and rethink decisions without the hum of daily life. Use your instincts with a boss. Tonight: A must appearance.

BORN TODAY

Clothing designer Gianni Versace (1946), pop star Britney Spears (1981), actress Julie Harris (1925)

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## Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips



DEAR ABBY: Now that the year-end holidays are here, I find myself once again in the sometimes difficult position of having to explain to acquaintances and co-workers why I don't celebrate them. I am single. My parents died many years ago, and I have no family. My only surviving sibling and his wife are both alcoholics who drink to excess over the holidays and cause tension in their family. I have attended Al-Anon meetings, and because I refused to look the other way while they were drinking, I was cut off. Co-workers take time off at Christmas, but I take mine at other times of the year. Over time, I have found that I would rather spend a so-called holiday catching up on correspondence, taking a walk, reading a good book or sewing. Outside of work or professional organizations, I do not do anything about the year-end holidays. I understand the religious and historical significance of these celebrations and keep them in my heart, but do not observe them in a visible manner. This is my choice. When people ask me what I'm doing for the holidays, it is an awkward moment. How can I gracefully explain that I choose to keep the holidays in my heart only and enjoy the day as a small vacation for myself? -- LONG BEACH LONER

DEAR LONER: You need no advice from me. Your last sentence expresses your sentiments beautifully.

DEAR ABBY: I'm 6 feet 2 inches, weigh 240 pounds and can benchpress 400 pounds. I practice martial

arts and shoot firearms for recreation and competition on weekends. I generally keep my social life to myself unless I am specifically asked because people have made jokes at my expense in the past. I have worked for the same company for 10 years, and have not only mastered every aspect of my job but also trained most of my co-workers and their supervisors. Recently, a supervisor's position opened up, and many thought I was going to get it. A friend was hired instead. He apologized to me, then told me about things that had been said about me behind my back. Apparently, I'll never become a supervisor because "people don't respect me; they fear me." Also, they are "afraid I'll lose it and kill everyone." I have no idea what to say or do with this information. I can't change who I am, and I can't change the way others see me after all this time. What would you suggest I do to get myself promoted? -- GENTLE GIANT IN FLORIDA

DEAR GENTLE GIANT: It is important that you find out whether what your friend told you is true. While your physique may be imposing, after 10 years at the company your co-workers should be familiar enough with your temperament to know that you do not pose a threat of "losing it." Ask your employer why you were passed up for the promotion and if it's true that you have advanced as far as you can with the company. If the answer is yes, then you should look for a job with more opportunity for advancement elsewhere.

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# State

## Laura Bush says she will mostly 'miss the people'

(AP) — Laura Bush soon will no longer live in the country's most famous mansion or be able to get away to the coveted Camp David presidential retreat. But beyond the perks, she says what she will miss most about being first lady are the staff and friends who surround her.

"I'll miss all the people that are around us all the time, from the ushers and butlers who are there for every president ... to our own staff, of course, that we love to laugh with and talk with and solve problems with," she said in a televised interview broadcast Sunday. "So I'll miss the people the most."

President George W. Bush's tenure ends on Jan. 20, when President-elect Barack Obama will take office. The Bushes plan to return to Texas, where they will likely spend their weeks in Dallas

and weekends at their secluded ranch in Crawford.

The first lady has given advice to Michelle Obama about making the White House a warm, family home. The Bushes' grown daughters, Jenna and Barbara, have given some playful tips about having fun in the executive mansion to the Obamas' young daughters, Malia and Sasha.

Laura Bush recalled in the interview that she met the Obamas a few years ago at a reception for freshmen senators; Barack Obama had been elected as an Illinois senator. Asked if she viewed them back then as a prospective president and first lady, Laura Bush said: "I don't know if I would say that. But I certainly saw somebody who was very ambitious and accomplished — in both of them."

She jokingly referred to the start of her post-White House years as "the afterlife."

The first lady spoke on NBC's "Meet the Press" in a taped interview that focused largely on her advocacy for women and girls in Afghanistan. She encouraged Americans not to forget about Afghanistan, particularly as the militant Taliban, which brutally represses women, is fighting to re-establish itself.

"Our tendency in the United States is to become isolationist, become protectionist," she said. "I hope people in the United States will look outside of our life here in the United States and do what they can both financially, to be able to support the people of Afghanistan, and then every other way."



First Lady Laura Bush

## Houston sees record-low days of smog

HOUSTON (AP) — The former smog capital of the U.S. is steadily getting cleaner.

For the third consecutive year, the Houston area has seen a drop in days with harmful levels of smog brought by the heavy industry, weather and traffic-choked highways around the nation's fourth-largest city.

Houston had a record-low 16 days that exceeded federal health-based standards for ground-level ozone in the latest smog season, according to Texas Commission on Environmental Quality data.

Not long ago, such days occurred more than 60 times a year.

"No one thought that we would see this for Houston," said Neil Carman, air quality program director for the Sierra Club's Lone Star chapter. "It's remarkable."

The cleaner air is being attributed to tighter pollution controls, enhanced regulations and more favorable weather this ozone season, the Houston Chronicle reported Monday. Some credit high fuel prices keeping more cars off the road, though there is no data to support the theory.

Days of bad ozone are down 74 percent since 1999, when Houston wrested the smog title from Los Angeles for the first time. The crown has since returned to California.

But despite the improvements, Houston isn't breathing completely easy just yet.

David Schanbacher, TCEQ's chief engineer, described the progress of the past two years as "profound" but unlikely to continue at the same rate.

Houston could also find itself out of compliance more often once the Environmental Protection Agency fully implements a set of tougher ozone standards.

The EPA determined in March that the existing standard of 84 molecules of ozone out of every billion molecules of air was no longer considered safe. Under the new limit of 75 parts per billion, Houston had 23 additional days of unhealthy ozone levels this year.

Houston has a 2019 deadline to meet the 84 ppb standard. The new limit of 75 ppb has deadlines between 2013 and 2030, depending on the severity of an area's problem.

Ozone is formed when emissions from tailpipes and smokestacks mix with sunlight. The toxic, colorless gas can damage the lungs, cause headaches and nausea and aggravate asthma.

Some environmentalists worry that Houston will be too quick to pat itself on the back for its clean-air accomplishments when more needs to be done to fight smog.

"We're still a long way from 85 (ppb standard), and miles away from 75," said Matthew Tejada, executive director of the Galveston-Houston Association for Smog Prevention.

## A&M schools push to be 'military friendly'

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — Schools in the Texas A&M system are looking to become more military friendly.

The system will announce plans to ensure all nine schools offer enough online classes, distance-learning and easy credit transfers to be considered "military friendly."

The designation is unofficial and given by a non-profit, but A&M officials hope it will signal to veterans and their families that A&M wants to work with them.

The A&M system hopes to have the designation in place by April, in time for new GI Bill benefits that starts in August.

Next fall, the GI Bill will cover tuition and fees of any in-state public university, plus offer a monthly housing allowance and money for books and supplies. Currently, veterans get \$1,321 per month for all expenses.



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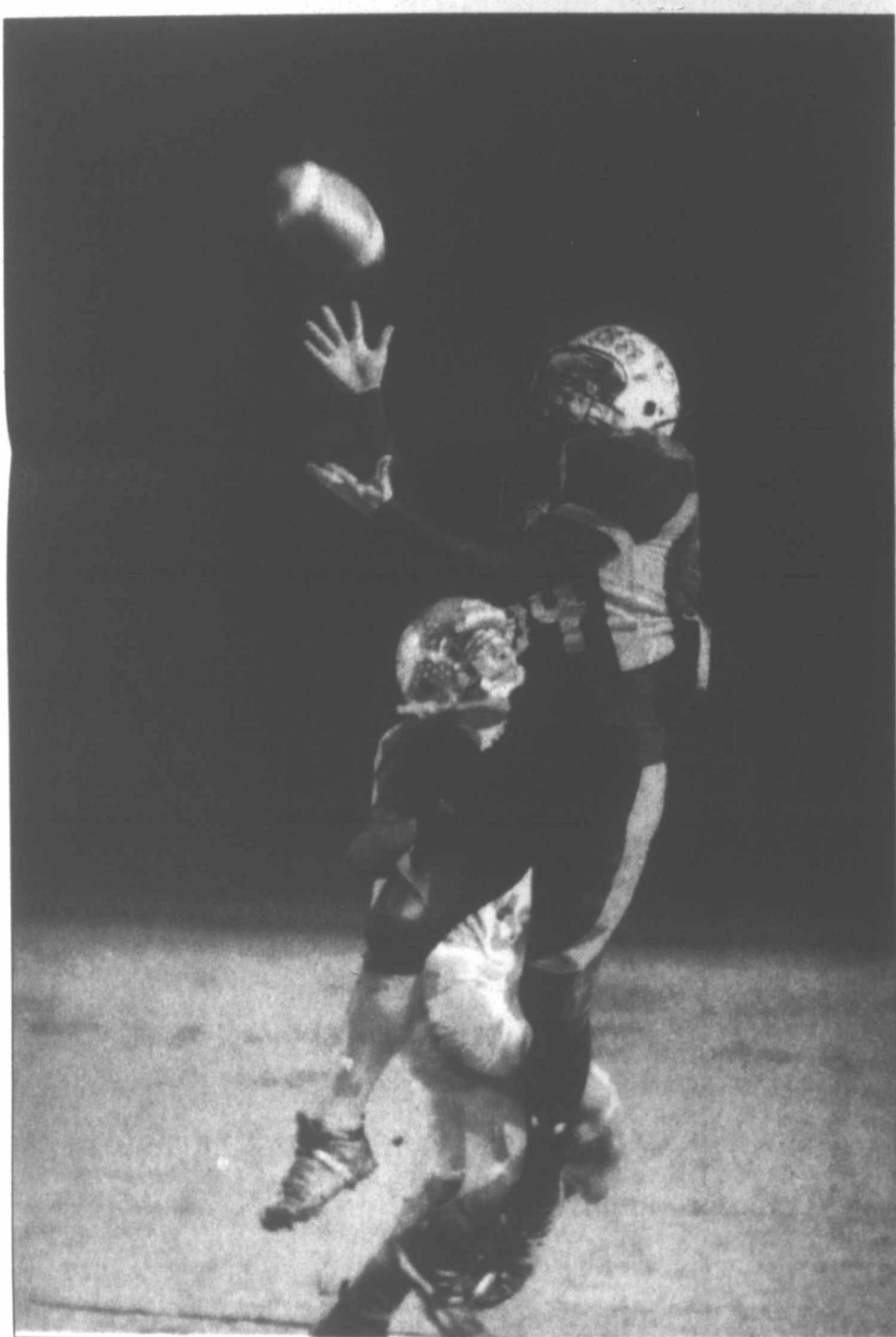
# Sports

## Lefors season ends at quarter finals

The Lefors Pirates 2008 season ended Friday night with a 62-71 loss to Silverton in Amarillo in their state quarter final game. As of press time, the Pampa News had not received the story on the game. We hope to bring you that coverage in Tuesday's edition.



staff photo by David Bowser  
Above, Lefors Pirate Payton Johnson cuts between two Silverton defenders in first quarter action during Friday's game.



staff photo by David Bowers  
At left, Lefors Pirate Brandon McBee (34) leaps into the air to catch a Keenan Lott pass during Friday's night game in Amarillo to set up another pass to Trevor Czubinski for a touchdown.

## College basketball roundup

By The Associated Press  
No. 1 North Carolina 116, North Carolina-Asheville 48

At Chapel Hill, N.C., Ty Lawson scored 22 points to help North Carolina cruise to the win without national player of the year Tyler Hansbrough.

Danny Green added 18 points for the Tar Heels (7-0), who had an easy time staying unbeaten heading into their matchup with Michigan State in the ACC/Big Ten Challenge.

Jason Ridenhour had eight points and six rebounds for the Bulldogs (3-3), who shot 27 percent for the game, including 3-for-18 from 3-point range.

No. 5 Michigan State 65, Wichita State 57

At Lake Buena Vista,

Fla., Marquis Gray scored 12 points and Michigan State (4-1) bounced back after a loss to Maryland to win two straight in the Old Spice Classic.

Clevin Hannah had 19 points for the Shockers (2-2).

No. 6 Texas 77, Rice 56

At Austin, Texas, Justin Mason scored 14 points, and Gary Johnson had 12 points and eight rebounds for the Longhorns (5-1), who arrived back in Texas on Friday after playing in the Maui Invitational.

Lucas Kuipers led Rice (2-4) with 19 points.

No. 8 Notre Dame 93, Furman 61

At South Bend, Ind., Kyle McAlarney scored 32 points and Ryan Ayers had a career-high 19 to

lead Notre Dame (5-1) to its school-record 39th straight home win.

Justin Dehm led Furman (1-4) with 14 points.

No. 9 Gonzaga 83, No. 12 Tennessee 74

At Lake Buena Vista, Fla., Steven Gray scored 19 points, and Matt Bouldin added 17 to lead Gonzaga (4-0) to the Old Spice Classic championship.

Tyler Smith scored 17 for the Volunteers (5-1). The teams will meet again on Jan. 7 in Knoxville.

No. 14 Arizona State 88, Texas El Paso 58

At Anaheim, Calif., James Harden scored a tournament-record and career-high 40 points for Arizona State (5-1) in the 76 Classic third-place game.

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