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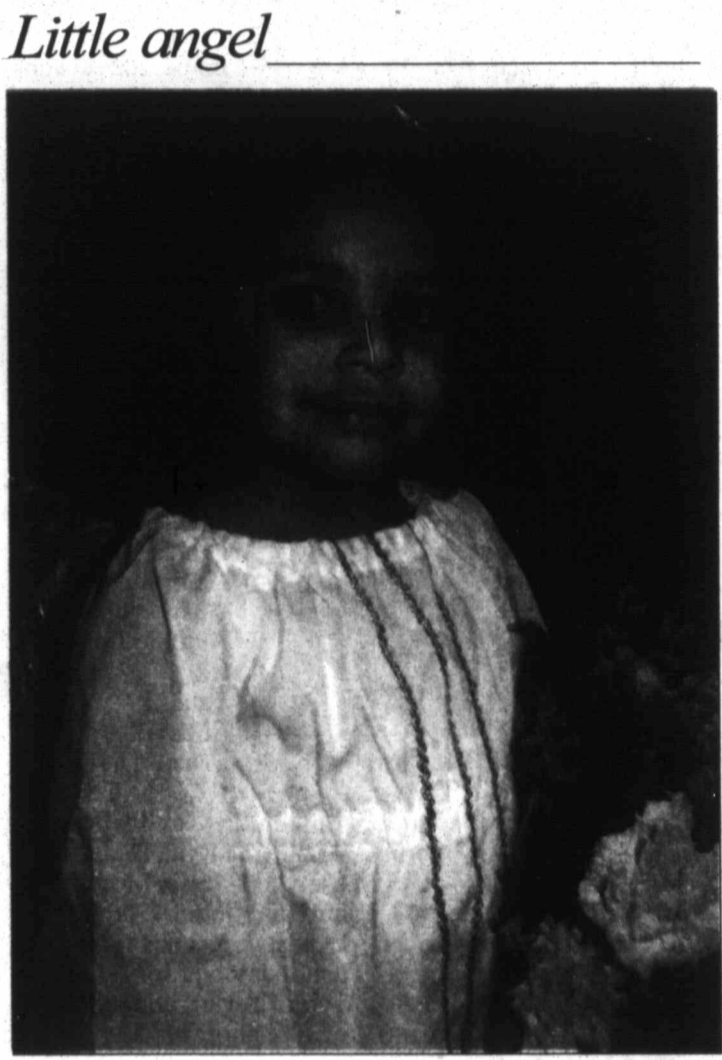
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Little angel
Pampa News Photo by KERRI SMITH
Jordan Perry, 3, played one of the Little Harp Angels in the recent presentation of "The Nutcracker" by the Pampa Civic Ballet, which was directed by Jeanne Willingham.

TDCJ school district honors local man

HUNTSVILLE -- these educators teach vocational, academic, or behavioral management classes to eligible offenders within the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ). WSD employs 751 teachers at 88 prison and state jail sites within the total 106 TDCJ units.

"It is my privilege to recognize the WSD 'Teacher of the Year' finalists as exemplary leaders, instructors and educational professionals," said Christina Melton Crain, Chairman of the Texas

Board of Criminal Justice honored eight outstanding correctional educators from the Windham School District (WSD) during the Board's Nov. 29 meeting in Austin. The eight finalists in the 2007 WSD "Teacher of the Year" initiative were nominated by their peers and then selected through a rigorous screening process.

As employees of WSD,

IRS reports many 2006 refund checks undelivered

By KERRI SMITH
Managing Editor

Did you file your income tax for 2006 and were due a refund but never received your refund check? If so, you are not alone. According to the Web site www.IRS.gov, over \$110 million in refund checks are still looking for a home.

The Internal Revenue Service reports that an average refund of \$856 is waiting for 9,627 Texas taxpayers whose refund checks were returned to the IRS this year as undeliverable. They say these refunds can be claimed as soon as the owners update their address information with them.

"Every year, many taxpayers miss their refunds because they move without notifying the IRS or Postal Service of a change of address," said Clay Sanford, an IRS spokesman in Dallas. "For those missing their check, the IRS is making it easier than ever for taxpayers to update their information and claim their refunds."

Taxpayers can go to www.IRS.gov and click on the icon saying that \$110 million in refund checks are still undelivered and then click on the "Where's My Refund?" tool. This enables people to check the status of

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Rollover



Pampa News photo by JORDAN REAGAN
This single-car rollover occurred this morning on Highway 60 East, toward Miami. The condition of the driver was not known at press time. The Hoover Volunteer Fire Department and Gray County Sheriff's deputies responded to the accident.

Board of Criminal Justice. "Their classroom skill and dedication merit the respect of their peers and students."

WSD "Teacher of the Year" Pamela K. Patterson works with offenders at the Telford Unit in New Boston, where she facilitates a behavioral change class, Cognitive Intervention, and teaches a pre-release program: Changing Habits and Achieving New Goals to Empower Success (CHANGES). She is a 14-year veteran educator who has spent the last 11 years in correctional classrooms.

The other finalists and their nominating units are: Milton Berry of the Dominguez State Jail (San Antonio), Mike Hall of the Kegans State Jail (Houston), Rebecca Nicholas of the Estelle Unit (Huntsville), Jimmy Perry of the Terrell

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Pampa Police Department welcomes four new officers

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

Four patrol officers have joined the staff of Pampa Police Department.

Rick Armstrong, 25, is a patrol officer with three and one-half years' experience as a Carson County sheriff's deputy. Armstrong, who began working at PPD in November, is from Claude and is a graduate of Claude High School. He completed the police academy at Amarillo College and received emergency medical services training through

Clarendon College.

"It is an opportunity for myself, working in a larger city and a larger department," he said of his move to Pampa.

Houston Gass, 29, began his duties at PPD in September. The Claude native graduated from Claude High School in 1997 and attended Amarillo College for two and one-half years. He graduated from the Amarillo Police Department police academy. Gass' previous law enforcement experience includes nine months with Armstrong County Sheriff's

Office and two and one-half years with Friona Police Department.

One reason he chose to come to Pampa is due to family connections. "It's a lot busier here and a lot more fun than Friona," Gass said. "I really enjoy this area."

John Hammond, 36, has been with PPD since October. The Burleson native was a city marshal for six years at Mansfield before coming to Pampa. He attended the law enforcement academy at Weatherford College and is a graduate of Burleson High School.

Hammond's duties as a patrol officer are different from his city marshal work, he said. As one of about 15 city marshals in Mansfield, his duties were to transport inmates and items.

"I worked with the prison system a lot," he said.

Hammond came to Pampa in order to get patrol experience.

"I want to get at least two years' patrol experience here, and then see what I want to do at that point," he said.

Tyler Jernigan, 24, has been at PPD since September. It is his first

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Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy

Wednesday: Partly sunny, with a high near 61. North wind 5 to 10 mph becoming east.

Wednesday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 35. Wind chill values between 27 and 32. Southeast wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph

Thursday: Partly sunny, with a high near 64. Windy, with a south wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Thursday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 35. South-southwest wind around 10 mph becoming northwest.

Friday: Partly sunny, with a high near 56. North wind around 10 mph becoming east.

Friday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 41. Southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

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Judge: Prosecutors perhaps too eager in border patrol case

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Federal prosecutors may have overreacted in their case against two Border Patrol agents who were sentenced to lengthy prison terms after jurors convicted them of shooting a fleeing drug suspect and hiding evidence of the incident, an appeals court judge said Monday.

Judge E. Grady Jolly, one of three judges from the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals hearing the case of Ignacio Ramos and Jose Alonso Compean, questioned whether the two agents would have been charged if they had reported the shooting.

A federal jury in Texas convicted Ramos and Compean of assault, obstruction of justice and civil rights violations in the wounding of Osvaldo Aldrete Davila on the Texas border near El Paso in 2005. A federal judge sentenced Compean to 12 years in prison and Ramos to 11 years.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Anheuser-Busch of White Deer.

Wheat	8.24
Milo	6.28
Corn	7.21
Soybeans	9.30

The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa

OKY	70.01	-0.54
BP PLC ADR	73.01	-0.33
Cabot Corp	34.59	+0.26
Celanese	39.95	+0.01
Cabot Oil Gas	34.03	-0.10
Coca Cola	62.20	NC
VLO	64.86	-0.58
HAL	36.34	-0.34
XCEL	22.94	NC
Anadarko	57.74	+0.52
XOM	88.40	-0.45
Nat'l Oilwell	70.29	-0.44
Limited	19.78	-0.16
Williams	35.01	-0.10
MCD	59.97	+0.14
Atmos	26.30	+0.12
Pioneer Nat	44.08	-0.23
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LETTERS TO Santa, to be in the Pampa News, the deadline is Mon. Dec. 17th, 5pm.

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Obituaries

Services tomorrow

VAUGHN, Gerald — 2 p.m., Central Baptist Church, Pampa.

Wilbur Leroy Ferrell, 80

Wilbur Leroy Ferrell, 80, of Pampa, Texas, died Dec. 2, 2007, at Pampa. Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 6, 2007, at the First Baptist Church with Dr. Johnny Funderburg, pastor, officiating.

Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery in Borger with military rites courtesy of the U.S. Army at Fort Hood, Texas. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Ferrell was born Feb. 27, 1927, in Oak Grove, La. He married Nancy Lee

Boylan on Nov. 15, 1953, in Borger.

Wilbur was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving during World War II. After the war, he returned to Borger and opened Ferrell Service Station which he ran for 20 years.



Ferrell

He had been a resident of Pampa since 1965, working as an operator for Celanese, retiring in 1988, and then drove for Panhandle Transit for six years. He was a mem-

ber of the First Baptist Church of Pampa and was a former member of the Masonic Lodge in Borger.

Survivors include his wife of 54 years, Nancy Ferrell, of the home; three sons, Jerry Ferrell and wife Deborah,

Tony Ferrell, and David Ferrell and wife Lynn, all of Pampa; one daughter-in-law, Cyndi Newell of Borger; one brother, O.L. Ferrell of Snyder; one sister, A. Lee

Ferrell of Dallas; eight grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Oscar and Bertie Ferrell; two brothers, Oscar Ferrell, Jr., and Clifford Ferrell; and a son Kyrie Ferrell.

MEMORIALS: First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 621, Pampa, TX 79066-0621, or Odyssey Hospice, 6900 I-40 West, Suite 150, Amarillo, TX 79106.

—Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

Gerald Vaughn, 79

Gerald Vaughn, 79, of Pampa, Texas, died Dec. 2, 2007, at Amarillo, Texas. Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 5, 2007, in Central Baptist Church with the Rev. Norman Rushing, pastor, and the Rev. Rick Parnell, associate pastor, officiating.

Murrell on Aug. 5, 1949, in Dumas.

He worked for Cabot for 31 years, Celanese for two years and Panhandle Producing Company for 13 years.



Vaughn

Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Vaughn was born Feb. 10, 1928, in Eliasville, Texas, and graduated from Breckenridge High School. Gerald had been a resident of Pampa since 1954.

Gerald was a member of the Central Baptist Church and was a veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corps from 1946-1949.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy Vaughn, of the home; four daughters, Jeri Gerald and husband Chris, and Clessie Cates and

husband Rick, all of Canyon, Reba Howard and husband Ben of Pampa, and Sharla Hare and husband Gus of San Antonio; one sister, Marjorie Vaught of Eliasville; nine grandchildren, Heather

Tankersley and husband Brian, and Ryan Cates, all of Canyon, Clessie Moreno and husband Johnny of Dumas, Lyndsey Keeney and husband Jayland of Houston, Tyler Howard and wife Beth of Oklahoma City, Okla.,

Colin Howard of Pampa, and Prebble, Paige and Presley Hare, all of San Antonio; and three great-grandchildren, Paitlyn and Jaxson Tankersley of Canyon and Greysen Moreno of Dumas. A great-grandson is due to be born in February, and his name will be Gunner Gerald Moreno.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Loydd Wendal Vaughn and Charles Wayne "Bo" Vaughn.

MEMORIALS: Central Baptist Church, 513 E. Francis, Pampa, TX 79065.

—Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Eleven traffic stops were made. One traffic stop at the intersection of Hobart and Oklahoma streets resulted in at least one arrest.

Vehicle accidents were reported in the 2200 block of North Nelson, the 200 block of North Cuyler, the 400 block of North Ballard, the 200 block of West Craven and the 2300 block of Rosewood.

Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 600 block of Reid, the 200 block of Tignor and the 1200 block of South Dwight.

A runaway was reported in the police department lobby.

Warrant service was attempted on one occasion.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 1500 block of North Hobart, the 600 block of West Crawford, the 1100 block of Varnon Drive, the 1000 block of North Sumner, and the intersection of Huff Road and Crawford Street.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1100 block of Varnon Drive, the 300 block of Miami and the 700 block of Locust, where an arrest was made in connection with the incident.

Criminal trespass of a habitation was reported in the 1000 block of Varnon Drive. A door was damaged. An assault with minor injuries occurred in connection with the incident.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 200 block of West Foster. A double-pane bulletproof window was damaged. Estimated cost of damage is \$2,000.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 2600 block of Cherokee, the 2200 block of North Christy and the 1000 block of Sirroco.

Assault was reported at One

Medical Plaza. Medical attention was given.

Assault was reported in the police department lobby and the intersection of Harlem and Barrett streets.

Assault was reported in the 1400 block of Hobart. Minor injuries were reported in connection with the incident.

Injury to the disabled was reported in the 100 block of North Nelson. Minor injuries which included multiple bruises were reported in connection with the incident.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1800 block of North Faulkner.

One open door was checked.

Three alarms were reported.

Theft was reported in the 1200 block of Williston and the 400 block of East Frederic.

Theft was reported in the 2800 block of Charles. A leather purse, cell phone, wedding ring, Social Security card, driver's license, car keys and \$300 in cash were taken, for total estimated loss of \$1,500.

A gas drive-off was reported in the 2800 block of Perryton Parkway.

minor and failure to appear.

Fire

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Monday, Dec. 3

12:08 p.m. — Three units and nine personnel responded to Dyer's Bar-B-Que on Highway 60 West on a cooking fire.

12:08 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 2000 block of Charles on a false alarm.

5:27 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to the 1000 block of East Frederic on a hazardous material removal.

Ambulance

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Monday, Dec. 3

9:58 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1900 block of Helton Road and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

12:56 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of East Foster and transported a patient to BSA Hospital in Amarillo.

4:16 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC.

4:43 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 600 block of Jupiter and transported a patient to PRMC.

8:12 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of Neal Road and transported a patient to PRMC.

8:34 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded east on Highway 60 and transported a patient to PRMC.

Tuesday, Dec. 4

12:08 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Finley and Locust and transported a patient to PRMC.

Sheriff

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests today.

Monday, Dec. 3

Micheal Brennon Likes, 17, of Pampa was arrested in the 300 block of North Davis by Pampa Police Department for criminal mischief, and theft over \$50 and under \$500.

Tuesday, Dec. 4

Kameron Dewayne Taylor, 18, of Pampa was arrested in the 900 block of Oklahoma by PPD for failure to identify, no valid driver's license, failure to appear and theft under \$50.

Joshua Lee Knoop, 18, of Pampa was arrested in the 700 block of Locust by PPD for resisting arrest, evading arrest, consumption of alcohol by a

State department of transportation to begin issuing fines for unpaid tolls

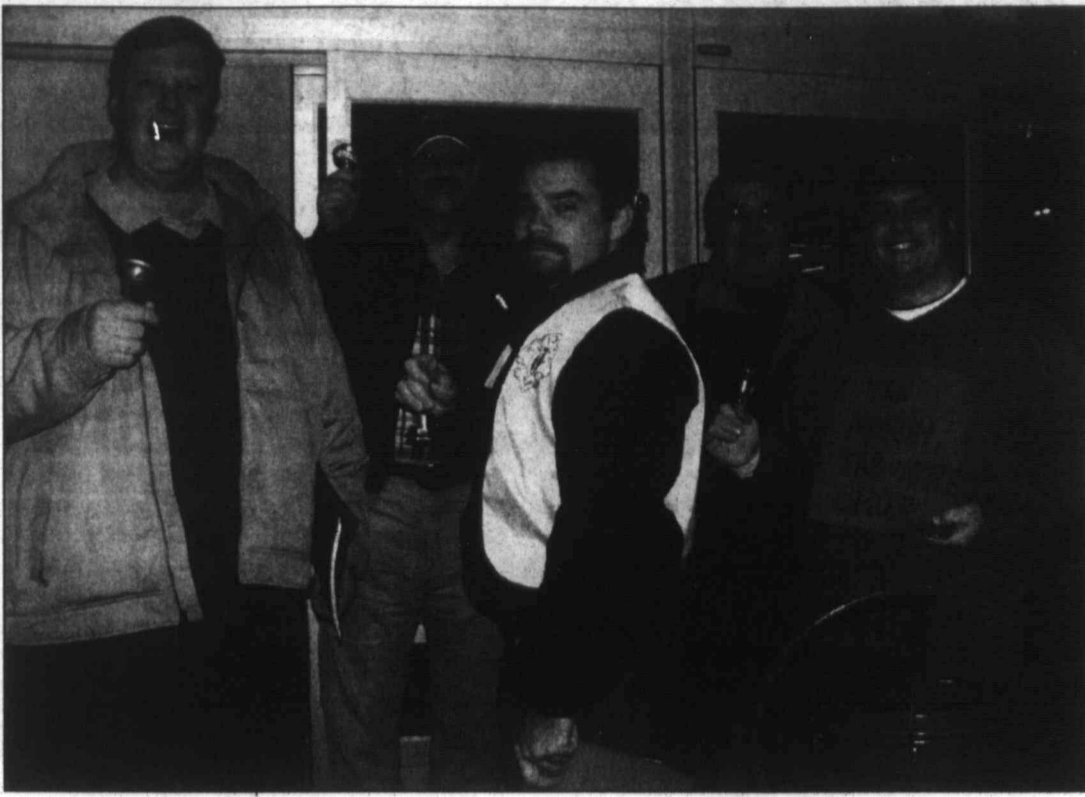
DALLAS (AP) — The Texas Department of Transportation said it will start mailing out \$5 fines for the more than 1.8 million toll transactions that drivers have failed to pay on state toll roads.

The state is owed about \$1.2 million in unpaid tolls from drivers who passed through electronic toll gantries without a toll tag and then ignored invoices mailed to them, officials said. Violation notices will start

going out early next year to those who haven't paid for their trips on state toll roads in the Dallas, Austin and Houston areas. The \$5 fine will be charged to drivers who have ignored at least two previous invoices.

"The clear message here ought to be that now is a really good time to pay your balances, and to make sure you have responded to any invoices," department spokeswoman Gaby Garcia said Monday.

Bell ringers



Pampa News Photo by KERRI SMITH
Pampa Lions Club members volunteered to ring the bell for Salvation Army's red kettle campaign at Wal-Mart Monday evening. From left are Lance DeFever, J.T. Bates, Brad Pingel, Bob Finney and Rusty Tapp.

Victim of Evel Knievel bat attack in 1977 intends to collect from daredevil's estate

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Of all the bones Evel Knievel broke over the years, the costliest may have been the left arm of a PR man by the name of Shelly Saltman.

Saltman won \$12.75 million in damages against Knievel after the motorcycle daredevil attacked him with a baseball bat in 1977 in a rage over a book Saltman had written about the showman.

With interest, the still-uncollected sum has grown to more than \$100 million by Saltman's estimate, and he intends to try to collect it.

"We are going hot and heavy after his estate," Saltman told The Associated Press after Knievel died Friday at 69. "What he tried to do to me and how it hurt my family, I'm owed that."

Whether Knievel's estate has that kind of money is unclear.

Knievel's son Kelly would not discuss the size of his father's estate or comment on the dispute. The daredevil's longtime friend and promoter, Billy Rundle, declined to discuss the incident in detail. Knievel's widow, Krystal, was not granting interviews.

Although little remembered today, the incident made headlines worldwide when the death-defying motorcyclist approached

Saltman in the parking lot of 20th Century Fox on Sept. 21, 1977, and suddenly started swinging a bat. Saltman, then a studio executive, raised his arm to protect his head, a move he says doctors told him probably saved his life.

His arm was shattered and is held together to this day with a steel plate and screws.

'We are going hot and heavy after his estate.'

— Shelly Saltman
Public relations

Knievel, who broke nearly 40 of his own bones during his many motorcycle stunts, served six months in jail and would never again enjoy the public acclaim he had when he tried unsuccessfully to jump Idaho's Snake River Canyon on a jet-powered motorcycle in 1974 — an event Saltman had promoted.

"I've always felt pity for him," said Saltman, 76. "Because of this foolish act, he ruined his career."

Knievel complained at the time that Saltman's book,

"Evel Knievel on Tour," insulted his family and portrayed him as "an alcoholic, a pill addict, an anti-Semite and an immoral person."

Saltman compiled the book from tape-recorded interviews with Knievel and others, and maintains it was an accurate and affectionate, if unvarnished, account of Knievel's life.

"I wrote a book about a man who at the time I greatly admired," he said.

He and Knievel never spoke after the attack, Saltman said, though he said the showman approached him over the years through third parties, expressing remorse and offering to settle the judgment. Saltman said that the offers were a "pittance" and that he turned all of them down.

The Snake River jump might not even have been the most bizarre of Saltman's promotions. Saltman was also the man behind the scenes at Muhammad Ali's 1976 bout with Japanese wrestler Antonio Inoki. The two fought to a draw, with Ali punching and Inoki kicking.

Saltman described that event and the Knievel attack in "Fear No Evel," a book published this year.

But for better or worse, Saltman knows his name will always be linked with Knievel's.

Imus returns to air waves

NEW YORK (AP) — Don Imus' critics assailed him for a racially charged on-air remark that got him fired. On his return to the airwaves, he brought with him some young black cast members.

It remained to be seen whether his newly diversified lineup and his pledge to foster a dialogue on race relations would quiet his critics and soften any future blows dealt in a show that Imus himself said is built in part on making fun of others.

"I can only wait and see if his deeds will follow up his words," said the Rev. Al Sharpton, one of the strongest voices calling for Imus' firing after the shock jock called the Rutgers University women's basketball team "nappy-headed hos."

"The fact that he now has a black sidekick and that he's on delay clearly may speak of some of the measures that his new employers have put in to make sure that there's not a repeat offense," Sharpton said.

Phil Boyce, WABC program director and a Citadel Broadcasting Corp. vice president, said he could not say whether race played a role in hiring black comedians Karith Foster and Tony Powell because Imus himself chose the new additions. Citadel owns WABC and four of the 21 other stations broadcasting the show, which premiered Monday, eight months after Imus, 67, was fired from CBS Radio and the MSNBC cable network.

Also returning was Bernard McGuirk, the producer who instigated the Rutgers comment and was fired as well.

Calling herself Imus' "new sidekick," Foster said after the broadcast that she hoped those who were most angered by his comments

could feel represented by her on the air.

"They want change, and what better way to incite change than from the inside?" she said.

Foster said her work on the show would be based on her experiences growing up in Plano, Texas, which she describes on her Web site as an "affluent suburb north of Dallas with the ethnic diversity of a Klan rally."

'I can only wait and see if his deeds will follow up his words.'

— Rev. Al Sharpton

"I think I can speak from the viewpoint of an African-American, and especially one who can see and understand both sides," she said. "I grew up in a predominantly white neighborhood but obviously my family is black. I have black friends, and I live in Harlem. I see and can understand where everybody's coming from, which I think makes for a great mediator."

Powell, whose stand-up credits include "Showtime at the Apollo," said his hiring was not a token gesture.

Imus "actually wanted to improve the quality of his show, and so he went out and he got talented individuals to help him improve the quality of the show," Powell said. "The proof is in the pudding and the proof is in the product."

But Kim Gandy, president of the National Organization for Women, remained skeptical.

"Why comedians?" she asked of the new hires. "That's the only thing women and blacks can do is be funny? I don't find that

encouraging."

But, she added, "We have to wait and see what their contributions in fact are."

Boyce countered that Foster was more than a stand-up comic. Before appearing on NBC's "Last Comic Standing" and other shows, she was a production team member on ABC's "The View," he noted.

Besides, he said: "We're doing a radio show. Our job here is to be interesting and entertaining."

Michael Harrison, publisher of industry trade journal *Talkers magazine*, said the presence of a black man and a woman on the show could help soften the impact of any future comments Imus makes. For example, he said, sidekick Robin Quivers had helped shock jock Howard Stern with perceptions among women.

Foster, who said she was appalled by Imus' Rutgers comment, said she wouldn't give the host any undeserved soft landings.

"I'm not going to be a sycophant," she said. "If and when I need to, I will speak up. That's who I am. That's how I was raised."

In an apologetic 15-minute monologue before a live audience, Imus promised to use his second chance to discuss race relations. People paid \$100 a ticket to see Monday's show, with the proceeds going to Imus' charity.

"I will never say anything in my lifetime that will make any of these young women at Rutgers regret or feel foolish that they accepted my apology and forgave me," he said.

Even after all the uproar, it appeared Imus could still draw high-profile guests. Monday's lineup included noted presidential historian Doris Kearns Goodwin and presidential hopefuls Chris Dodd and John McCain.

Appraisal board meets Wednesday

Gray County Appraisal District's Review Board will meet at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the conference room of the appraisal district offices at 815 N. Sumner.

Board members will vote on changes as provided by Sections 25 and 41 of the Texas Property Tax Code.

The sections allow changes after property values are certified for the year.

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Unit (Rosharon), William "Greg" Sims of the Neal Unit (Amarillo), Dianna Savage of the Mountain View

Unit (Gatesville), and Gary Sheets of the Allred Unit (Wichita Falls).

"Correctional educators are role models for positive life changes in their students," Crain said. "Windham teachers use education to help fight crime and stop recidivism, all the while implementing hope. They teach critical job skills, laying the groundwork for a productive

workforce, and making a dynamic impact on society. The Board is proud to recognize their accomplishments. They personify the exceptional qualities of WSD teachers found in every region of the state."

Members of the Texas Board of Criminal Justice serve as trustees for the WSD.

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their return. The tool will provide the status of your refund and in some cases will provide instructions on how to resolve delivery problems.

If you do not have access to the Internet, you may access this same information over the telephone by calling 1-800-829-1954.

The IRS reports that the

number of undeliverable refunds each year is only a small portion of all refunds mailed out. They claim that undeliverable refunds account for less than one-tenth of one percent of all refunds.

So far in 2007, the IRS has processed nearly 105 million refunds which total approximately \$240 billion. These refunds were provided either by mail or direct deposit.

A taxpayer can ensure that the IRS has his or her correct address by filing "Form 8822: Change of

Address." You can download this form from www.irs.gov or request it by calling 1-800-829-3676. You can also check your refund or address information by calling the IRS toll-free assistance line at 1-800-829-1040.

The IRS states that signing up for a refund through direct deposit is one way to avoid undelivered refunds, as well as lost or stolen refund checks. Taxpayers can sign up for this option on both electronic and paper tax forms.

Police

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time to be employed as a law enforcement officer. He graduated from Shamrock High School in

2002 and attended South Plains College in Levelland for two years, where he completed the police academy and received his certification.

Jernigan may be in his first position as a peace officer, but law enforcement is nothing new to him.

His father was a Wheeler County constable for 32 years.

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Viewpoints

Season a challenge if not so gifted at gift-giving

There are only 21 shopping days until Christmas.

That includes today and all the days through Christmas Eve, since some stores are open seven days a week.

Three weeks? Plenty of time. That is, if you're organized, decisive and good at choosing gifts.

I know people who are so efficient that they begin buying next year's Christmas gifts at the after-Christmas sales. For them, Independence Day means that they have finished their Christmas shopping for that year.

I am not so gifted at gift-giving. I generally find myself agonizing over what to get for someone who seems to already have plenty of everything they like. I can quickly drive myself nuts trying to decide between the widget at Store A and the gizmo at Store B.

The angst doesn't stop there, either. I finally make a decision, haul home my selection and begin wrapping it, only to have an attack of second thoughts.

I can generally overcome these by telling

myself that I thought it through before buying the thing, and it doesn't do any good to second-guess myself.

The big day finally arrives. I watch with apprehension as my gifts to others are unwrapped.

Sometimes I get it right, and the person seems to truly be delighted with my offering.

Other times, unfortunately, I miss the mark and spend the rest of the year kicking myself for being so stupid.

I have tried following the advice to get what I myself like and give it as a gift. I must have strange tastes, because that method isn't anywhere near being foolproof for me.

I've tried to console myself with the belief that whatever I give will be appreciated, no matter how wide of the mark. I tell myself that it is more blessed to give than to receive.

I decide that the people I buy for are, after all, the most difficult ones on earth to pair up

with the perfect present.

None of it works to ease my pain. And that's too bad, because it really is more blessed to give than to receive, and the mere fact that I made an effort to give to someone else is sufficient unto itself.

But perfectionists like myself have our own brand of self-torture that won't be denied. It's funny, too, because I truly am delighted with anything anyone gives me. I just can't imagine the feeling being mutual.

I know of quite a few recipients who would truly appreciate anything they get. I'm talking about those represented on the Salvation Army's Angel Trees, the Tralee Crisis Center Tree of Blessings, Toys for Tots and the Socks for Soldiers folks.

For those who don't want to do the shopping themselves, the Salvation Army and Tralee will both take monetary donations to

apply toward gifts for those represented on their trees.

Another appreciative group of recipients would be the animals at the City of Pampa's animal shelter.

Fund 12 is a charitable fund that exists for meeting needs at the shelter that go beyond the Animal Control Department's budget, such as paying for grooming so that a dog would have a better chance of being adopted.

Donations to the fund qualify as donations to a tax-exempt organization.

Some people give to the fund for income tax reasons, and some others give donations as memorials for deceased individuals, said Animal Control Supervisor Sandy Burns.

One could also give a donation in the name of another as a type of gift.

Checks for the fund may be made out to Fund 12 and mailed to the Pampa City Finance Department at P.O. Box 2499, Pampa, TX 79066-2499.

After all, animals played a part in the story of the Nativity, too.

Marilyn Powers

Staff Writer



Partisan politics welcome in free society

Some people complain about bitter partisan politics. I welcome it. The greater the number of decisions made in the political arena the greater the conflict. Let's look at it by way of a few examples:

I like the Lexus LS 460. I also like Dell computers. Many other people have a different set of preferences. Some might prefer a Cadillac and an HP computer while others prefer a Chrysler and IBM computer. With these strong preferences for particular cars and computers, we never see people arguing or fighting in an effort to impose their preferences for cars and computers on other people. There's car and computer peace. Why? You buy the car and computer that you want; I do likewise and we remain friends.

There's absolutely no reason for car and computer choices to remain peaceful. Suppose our car and computer choices were made in the political arena through representative democracy or through a plebiscite where majority ruled. We would decide collectively whether our cars would be Lexuses or Cadillacs or Chryslers. We also would decide collectively whether our computer would be a Dell or HP or IBM computer.

I guarantee you there would be nasty, bitter conflict between otherwise peaceful car and computer buyers. Each person would have reason to enter into conflict with those having different car and computer tastes because one person's win would necessarily be another person's loss. It

would be what game theorists call a zero-sum game. How would you broker a peace with these parties in conflict? If you're not a tyrant, I'm betting you'd say, "Take the decision out of the political arena and let people buy whatever car and computer they wish."

Prayers in school, sex education and "intelligent design" are contentious school issues. I believe parents should have the right to decide whether their children will say a morning prayer in school, be taught "intelligent design" and not be given school-based sex education. I also believe other parents should have

the right not to have their children exposed to prayers in school,

"intelligent design" and receive sex education.

The reason why these issues produce conflict is because

education is government-produced. That means there's either going to be prayers or no prayers, "intelligent design" or no "intelligent design" and sex education or no sex education. If one parent has his wishes met, it comes at the expense of another parent's wishes. The losing parent either must grin and bear it or send his child to a private school, pay its tuition and still pay property taxes for a school

for which he has no use.

Just as in the car and computer examples, the solution is to take the production of education out of the political arena. The best way is to end all government involvement in education. Failing to get government completely out of education, we should recognize that because government finances something it doesn't follow that government must produce it. Government finances F-22 Raptor fighter jets, but there's no government factory producing them. The same could be done in education. We could finance education collectively through tuition tax credits or educational vouchers, but allow parents to choose, much like we did with the GI Bill. Government financed the education, but the veter-

ans chose the school.

Government allocation of resources enhances the potential for human conflict, while market allocation reduces it. That also applies to contentious national issues such as Social Security and health care. You take care of your retirement and health care as you please, and I'll take care of mine as I please. If you prefer socialized retirement and health care, that's fine if you don't force others to participate. I'm afraid most Americans view such a liberty-oriented solution with hostility. They believe they have a right to enlist the brute forces of government to impose their preferences on others.

—Walter E. Williams is a professor of economics at George Mason University.

Walter Williams

Columnist



Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Dec. 4, the 338th day of 2007. There are 27 days left in the year. The Jewish Festival of Lights, Hanukkah, begins at sunset.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 4, 1783, Gen. George Washington bade farewell to his officers at Fraunces Tavern in New York.

On this date:

In 1816, James Monroe of Virginia was elected the fifth president of the United States.

In 1875, William Marcy Tweed, the "Boss" of New York City's Tammany Hall political organization, escaped from jail and fled the country.

In 1918, President Wilson set sail for France to attend the Versailles Peace Conference.

In 1942, U.S. bombers struck the Italian mainland for the first time in World War II.

In 1942, President Roosevelt ordered the dismantling of the Works Progress Administration, which had been created to provide jobs during the Depression.

In 1965, the United States launched Gemini 7 with Air Force Lt. Col. Frank Borman and Navy Commander James A. Lovell aboard.



Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:
n Nov. 25

Houston Chronicle on renewed professionalism at the U.S. Justice Department:

Rachel Paulose's troubled tenure as the youngest U.S. attorney in the nation symbolized the problems that can occur when appointments to top law enforcement positions are based more on ideological credentials than legal expertise.

Arriving on the job in Minnesota nearly two years ago with little prosecutorial experience but a wealth of conservative political connections, Paulose's confrontational style managed to incite a mutiny among top supervisors in her office, who resigned to return to the prosecutorial ranks. She was accused of making racially disparaging remarks about one employee and mishandling confidential documents, claims she denies.

Paulose was recommended to succeed veteran federal prosecutor Tom

Heffelfinger by U.S. Sen. Norm Coleman, R-Minn. She was a friend of the Justice Department's former White House liaison, Monica Goodling. Goodling figured in the replacement, for reasons having nothing to do with merit, of nine U.S. attorneys around the country. Although Heffelfinger resigned voluntarily, Justice Department documents indicate he was among those considered for removal. Paulose's transfer back to a Justice Department desk job in Washington is an encouraging signal that incoming U.S. Attorney Michael Mukasey will live up to his promise to remove political considerations from the selection of top prosecutors. Both Sen. Coleman and his Democratic counterpart, Amy Klobuchar, praised the action.

According to Coleman, "I have made it clear that I have had concerns about the office of the U.S. attorney under her watch, and I believe this decision will allow the office to move forward."

Klobuchar, a former county prosecutor, expressed her hope that "this will be the last chapter for our state when it

comes to the legacy left by Alberto Gonzales." As Goodling admitted during congressional testimony, that legacy includes the extensive and improper use of political considerations in hiring Justice Department prosecutors.

In a heartening display of bipartisanship, both senators called on Mukasey to appoint a qualified veteran from among Paulose's former subordinates to be acting U.S. attorney in Minnesota. Coleman went further and recommended that Mukasey review the entire Justice Department with the aim of strengthening human resource management, administrative oversight and staff training.

Considering how many good U.S. attorneys were forced out of the Justice Department during the recent purge, one wonders why Paulose was allowed to return to Washington in a highly paid position at the agency's Office of Legal Policy. Her ill-fated Minnesota posting would seem to have established that legal policy is not one of her strong suits. URL: <http://www.chron.com>

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I laughed out loud when I read the letter from "Believes in Decorum, Eugene, Ore." (Oct. 15), whose office reeked of popcorn. I work for a theater company that shares office space with two sister companies and an investment firm. All are owned by the same family. Several times a month someone will make popcorn, and yes, the smell travels throughout the building. Co-workers often stop in the break room exclaiming, "Oh! Who made popcorn?!" You'd be surprised at how many visitors ask if they can have some. It's a great icebreaker. On a side note, if the smell is offensive to some, why not compromise and buy pre-popped popcorn? — **LOVES POPCORN IN DALLAS**

DEAR LOVES POPCORN: That's not a bad suggestion. Frankly, I was surprised at the number of readers who "popped off" on this subject -- most of whom thought my answer stunk. And I must admit, there are kernels of wisdom in their responses:

DEAR ABBY: Those of us who are allergic to corn or other ingredients in microwave popcorn most certainly DO object to popcorn fumes. They make us deathly ill! I avoid any business that pops popcorn, or I risk a severe allergic reaction, which can include anaphylaxis among other serious symptoms. The office manager in that office is right to put a stop to microwave popcorn. It's not safe for everyone. — **DONNIE IN CONCORD, MICH.**

DEAR ABBY: I am a lawyer. I agree with the office manager. The chemical smell of microwave popcorn is nauseating and, indeed, unprofessional. Recent stories in the media have revealed that the fake butter chemicals (diacetyl) can cause cancers in factory workers who produce it. Also, this is a smell commonly associated with casual entertainment venues such as movie theaters, county fairs, and nights at home in front of the television. It is not appropriate for a law firm unless the office is large

enough and has a sophisticated air filtration system so the odor can be confined to a back room. — **ANN ARBOR LAWYER**

DEAR ABBY: The smell of nuked popcorn makes my throat itch and my eyes water. There is supporting evidence that the fumes may be hazardous to your health. May I suggest an alternative? Switch to something healthy like granola bars or herbal teas, and perhaps adopt a general attitude adjustment. — **GLENN, ALEXANDRIA, VA.**

DEAR ABBY: The woman who was concerned about the popcorn smell in their office needs to know that the odor may be the least of her problem. In many public offices and buildings, it's against the fire code to microwave popcorn. The bags catch fire easily because the fat inside generates a lot of heat while cooking the kernels, and they can go from "pop" to "black" in only a couple of seconds. Many fires have started this way. "Believes" should investigate what the regulations are in her area. She may have a valid reason to ask "Suzy" to switch snacks. — **CATIE B., WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIF.**

DEAR ABBY: If I was entering the law firm where "Believes" works, smelling popcorn would immediately put me at ease. My first-grade teacher always made popcorn for her students during the first snowfall. It was a treat. To this day when it snows, no matter where I am, I swear I smell popcorn. Thanks to Mrs. Rodgers for creating a memory that has lasted more than 35 years. — **BECKY FROM CONNECTICUT**

TO MY JEWISH READERS: The eight days of Hanukkah begin at sundown. I can't believe how early it has fallen this year. Allow me to wish all of you a happy Festival of Lights!

For Better Or For Worse



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Crossword Puzzle

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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- 11 On the beach
- 12 Demoniac
- 13 Patricia Cornwell book
- 15 Car of the '50s
- 16 Gooey cheese
- 18 Disarray
- 21 Stretched tight
- 22 Pinup subject
- 24 Ulna's place
- 25 Bart, to Homer
- 26 Bemoan
- 27 Sags
- 29 Guardian-ship
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- 32 Trout homes
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- 41 Somewhat
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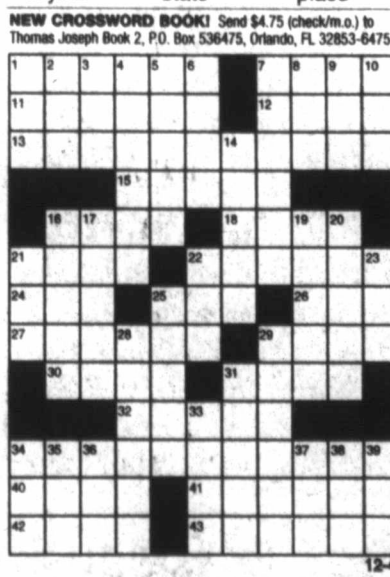
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- 21 Smidgen
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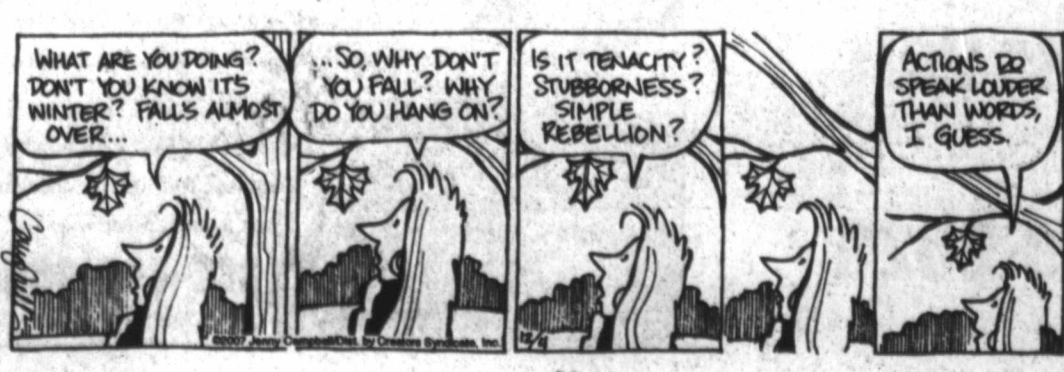
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Sports

Harvesters to take on Tascosa tonight

By JORDAN REAGAN
Sports Editor

The Pampa Harvesters spent this past weekend on the road playing in the Gene Messer Tournament of Champions in Canyon, and tonight, they will hit the road again as they play the Tascosa Rebels in Amarillo.

The Lady Harvesters lost three games in the tournament, against Panhandle, Sudan and El Paso Hanks, respectively.

They currently stand with a record of 1-10, with a win over the Perryton Rangerettes that they celebrated last week.

The varsity boys lost their first game in the Gene Messer tournament, but defeated Vernon and Borger to take the consolation championship.

Both teams will play tonight, with the varsity girls starting at 6 p.m.

The varsity boys will follow at 7:30 p.m.

The JV teams will also play tonight in Amarillo - the boys at 6 p.m. and the girls at 7:30.



Pampa News photos by JORDAN REAGAN
Pampa's Jasmine Moore (12) and Megan Crawford (24) play tough defense against Panhandle in this last weekend's Gene Messer Tournament of Champions. The Lady Harvesters will play the Tascosa Lady Rebels tonight at 6.

Suspects in Sean Taylor's killing are denied bond

MIAMI (AP) — Three men charged with murdering Sean Taylor were denied bail Tuesday, a day after thousands of mourners attended the funeral for the Washington Redskins safety.

Charles Wardlow, 18, Jason Mitchell, 19, and Venjah Hunte, 20, all made brief court appearances via a videoconference from Miami-Dade County jail, where they will remain after Judge John Thornton Jr.'s ruling. The three stood silently during the hearing.

Taylor, 24, died Nov. 27, barely 24 hours after he was shot in the bedroom of his home a few miles from where he grew up. Police say he was a victim of a botched burglary.

The three suspects and a fourth one, Eric Rivera, 17, all face charges of unpremeditated murder, home invasion, with a firearm or another deadly weapon and armed burglary. Rivera is being processed at a juvenile detention center in Miami-Dade, jail officials said.

"I think he's in disbelief over what occurred," said Rivera's attorney, Wilbur Smith. "His expression to me was that 'I can't believe this kind of thing happened.'"

Landon Miller, Mitchell's attorney, said his client was distraught and on suicide watch. Hunte's attorney, Michael Hornung, said his client did not have a gun.

Patriots stay unbeaten, but look far from perfect in 27-24 win over Ravens

BALTIMORE (AP) — The New England Patriots won a game they easily could have lost, keeping intact their perfect season and a place in NFL history.

Their latest opponent, the Baltimore Ravens, are convinced the Patriots have more than destiny on their side.

After losing to New England 27-24 Monday night, the Ravens complained bitterly about several calls that went against them during the Patriots' final drive, which ended with a

Tom Brady touchdown pass to Jabar Gaffney with 44 seconds left.

"It's hard to go out there and play the Patriots and the refs at the same time," cornerback Chris McAlister said. "They put the crown on top of them. They want them to win. They won."

New England (12-0) trailed 24-20 when Brady led the offense onto the field with 3:30 to go.

"As long as we have the ball and time on the clock, we feel confident that we can pull it out," Gaffney said.

Brady made it happen, although there were several frightening moments for the Patriots during the drive.

Brady was stuffed on a fourth-down quarterback sneak at the Baltimore 30, but the Ravens had called a timeout. Then Baltimore stopped Heath Evans, but New England jumped off-sides and got another chance, which Brady converted with a 12-yard run.

Baltimore's Samari Rolle was called for illegal contact on the play, anyway. Then, on a fourth-and-5 at the 13,

Brady threw incomplete. But Baltimore nickel back Jamaine Winborne was called for holding, giving New England new life.

"The flag didn't come out until the ball hit the ground," McAlister said.

"In a game of this magnitude, you don't make that kind of call," Rolle said. "You can crown them champions now. It's a travesty when you go out there and play that hard and the refs decide the outcome."

Brady hit Gaffney in the corner of the end zone on the

next play, and a replay justified the touchdown call though the Ravens contended the receiver juggled the ball.

"I think the world, everybody's kind of cheering for them to go undefeated and break all the records," Ravens linebacker Terrell Suggs said. "If they're the best, make them prove it. Don't help them make a play, let them make it."

It was the second straight narrow win for the Patriots against a team with a losing record. Baltimore (4-8) came

in as a 20-point underdog, but the game wasn't decided until the final play, when Mark Clayton was tackled at the 3 immediately after hauling in Kyle Boller's long, desperation throw.

"It wasn't perfect, but the fact of the matter is we're 12-0," defensive lineman Vince Wilfork said.

Eight days after edging Philadelphia 31-28, the Patriots barely kept alive their pursuit of joining the 1972 Miami Dolphins as the only team to complete an undefeated season.

Howard, Nowitzki lead way as Mavs hold on to beat Bulls

CHICAGO (AP) — Josh Howard's onslaught began right after the opening tip and never really ended.

Dirk Nowitzki got in on it, too.

The Dallas Mavericks struck early, then sweated it out at the end, hanging on for a 103-98 victory over the Chicago Bulls on Monday night.

Howard matched a season-high with 27 points and Nowitzki added 25 for Dallas, which nearly blew a 16-point lead in the fourth quarter.

It was down to three when Andres Nocioni hit three free throws to pull Chicago within 101-98 with 11.6 seconds left.

Jason Terry answered with two free throws, and Chicago's Kirk Hinrich shot an airball on a 3-pointer from the corner, bringing the

game to a wild conclusion.

"We've got to know what the coverages are, we've got to know when to switch, we've got to know who the shooters are, we've got to find the shooters," Nowitzki said. "We can't foul jump shooters. These are all mental errors that we've got to correct. We made some mistakes in November, but hopefully, we don't make those same mistakes when the season ends and the playoffs come around."

The league's reigning MVP, Nowitzki perked up after shooting just 5-of-15 in each of the previous two games. He got going early on and was 9-of-17 against the Bulls.

Howard had 10 rebounds and six assists while containing Luol Deng. And when he got double-teamed in the second half, he found the

open teammate.

"It was good for me," Howard said. "It gave me a whole lot more confidence, knowing they're open and ready to knock down the shot."

After a performance like that, it was easy to see why coach Avery Johnson would say: "Josh can really be a star. ... He has the potential to do that every night. He was ready to go tonight."

Erick Dampier added 10 rebounds and six blocks, and Terry scored 18 points as Dallas beat the Chicago for the 17th time in 19 games.

The Mavericks were leading 85-69 after Jerry Stackhouse's dunk with 8:16 left, but had to sweat this one out because of Nocioni and Hinrich.

Hinrich, who was benched in favor of Chris Duhon to start the second

half, scored 14 of his 18 points in the fourth quarter.

Nocioni had 14 of his 30 points in the fourth, and his two free throws and jumper pulled Chicago within 93-87 with 1:29 left in the game.

"We didn't play well tonight," Hinrich said. "Give them all the credit."

Terry's jumper made it 99-92 with 20 seconds left, but the Bulls weren't finished. Ben Gordon, benched for much of the period, buried a 3-pointer to make it a four-point game. Dallas' Brandon Bass hit two foul shots before fouling Nocioni.

The late charge aside, it was a rough night for a Bulls team that had won two straight following a 2-10 start. Particularly Gordon and Deng.


They were miserable after delivering their best per-

formances of the season in Saturday's win over Charlotte.

Gordon followed a 34-point effort by scoring 10. Deng was 4-for-13 with 11 points.

"It's not like I was missing jump shots," Deng said.

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Clock ticks on Yankees' talks for Johan Santana

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The New York Yankees appeared set to pull out of trade talks with the Minnesota Twins for Johan Santana.

"I want to get it done by tonight, one way or another," Yankees senior vice president Hank Steinbrenner said Monday evening as he left Legends Field, the team's spring training home in Tampa, Fla. "I'm waiting for a meeting in Nashville, and then Brian will give me a call."

As Steinbrenner was speaking, Yankees general manager Brian Cashman was talking to reporters in the Yankees' suite at the sprawling Opryland Hotel, where the four-day winter meetings

began. Cashman, much more cautious in his public comments than Steinbrenner, said he had not yet spoken with the Twins but wouldn't say whether he planned to later Monday.

Shortly before midnight, a Yankees official said no deal was imminent and New York thought Minnesota would hold onto Santana for now. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because the Yankees didn't make any public statements.

New Twins general manager Bill Smith didn't seem concerned about the deadline. Of course, baseball teams let deadlines pass all the time only to resume talks later.

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Kaylene Wyant, 13, shot her first deer, a nine-point buck during the recent youth hunt weekend.



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12-year old Hunter Hughes recently shot his first deer, a white tail buck in Wheeler County.

Cuban says there's little movement on Cubs front

CHICAGO (AP) — Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban is a frequent visitor to Wrigley Field and has made it clear he's interested in purchasing the Cubs.

There's been little movement on that front, though. "Nothing's changed. Right now we're waiting for the (economic) reports to come out in January," Cuban said before Monday's game between the Mavericks and Bulls.

Tribune Co. put the Cubs on the market last season,

but the process has moved slowly. Many don't expect a sale to be completed until well into 2008, and some believe baseball owners may not let Cuban into their club.

Cuban shrugged that off, saying, "I don't do things just for the sake of doing them. It's a passion project, it makes great business sense for me, there's a lot of leverage there. There's so many business applications, so many technology applications I can do in Chicago. There's a lot of opportunities."

Pennsylvania baseball team's mascot gets new name after 'PorkChop' deemed offensive to Latinos

ALLENTOWN, Pa. (AP) — Two days after naming its mascot "PorkChop," the Philadelphia Phillies' new Triple-A affiliate abruptly dropped the moniker after receiving complaints from Hispanics that it was offensive.

The Lehigh Valley IronPigs, whose mascot is a large, furry pig, had selected PorkChop from more than 7,300 fan submissions. The team, which begins play in 2008, announced Monday that the mascot will be named "Ferrous" instead.

General Manager Kurt Landes said he heard from several

Hispanics who said PorkChop was derogatory.

"We were really unaware of any negative connotations with the word 'pork chop,'" he said. "If it offended a few, it's a few too many."

Guillermo Lopez, vice president

of the Latino Leadership Alliance, said he was called "pork chop" when he worked at Bethlehem Steel decades ago.

"If my parents were alive, they'd be having fits," said Lopez, among those who complained to the team. "It meant much more to them than

it does to Puerto Ricans now in the Lehigh Valley."

The online Urban Dictionary, which accepts entries from readers, says Pork Chop is a racist term used to refer to people of Puerto Rican descent.

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★★★ Use the morning to get a project moving. Close your door in the p.m., as you will accomplish much more in a quiet atmosphere. Someone really cares and lets you know it. Smile. Tonight: Have that talk.
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★★★★ Deal with finances in the morning. Your words carry weight from the p.m. on. Make calls and return messages. Touch base with someone you really care about. Carefully think about what is being said. Note what isn't being said. Tonight: Catch up on a friend's news.
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The Laboratory Team Leader is responsible for the oversight of the Lab Shift Team Leader providing work direction, securing essential resources, assisting with scheduling, balancing / prioritizing resources, and meeting budget targets. In addition the Laboratory Shift Team Leader is responsible for conducting water/environmental analyses (>50% workload) in support of refinery operations interacting with regulatory agencies, interpreting data, and reporting results. The Laboratory Shift Team Leader will work a rotating 12-hour shift working some weekends and holidays and will serve as the single point of contact for the laboratory outside of normal business hours.

Laboratory Shift Team Leader responsibilities include:
Supervisory responsibilities for lab shift team providing work direction, managing performance, and resource management. Providing general analytical assistance to Operations, Maintenance, Tech Services and Business Analysis regarding refinery products and process flows. Performing and documenting quality assurance testing to ensure accuracy and integrity of analytical results in adherence to the Laboratory Quality Assurance program. Maintaining compliance with all laboratory QA/QC/Statistical Quality Control policies and procedures. Collecting water samples and performing all water / environmental analysis in accordance regulatory requirements.

Writing, updating and conducting audits of SOP's to comply with changing technology or methodology. Maintaining lab equipment and oversight of building maintenance. Ensuring sufficient stock levels of chemicals, cylinder gases and other supplies as well as safe and correct storage. Training lab personnel.

Researching data using lab information management system, interpreting data, and analyzing data for validity. Running typical QA/QC charts and analysis and interpret trends and results. Documenting and record findings according to established procedures. Must occasionally work outdoors and be exposed to weather elements; some lifting is required. Know and observe safe work practices including wearing personal protective equipment. Maintaining compliance to 5S work standards set for lab.

A Laboratory Shift Team Leader candidate must have an Associates Degree in Chemistry or Related Field with 3 to 5 years experience in the refinery and/or chemical industry performing laboratory tests and analysis. The ideal candidate would have a BA or BS Degree in Chemistry or a related field, knowledge of lab equipment, terminology and standard laboratory procedures, 5 years of direct experience with the various categories of analysis methodology such as Spectrophotometric/Colorimetric analysis, X-ray Spectroscopy, Gravimetric methods and UVF/Chemiluminescence. A Laboratory Shift Team Leader candidate should also be skillful in oral and written communications, teamwork and leadership as well as proficient with computers.

For consideration and more information on the qualifications for this position, apply online at: www.conocophillips.com/careers/ and click on "enter" in the ConocoPhillips Careers section, then on "search in the Job Search area. Scroll down and look for the job titled: "Laboratory Shift Team Leader-Borger, TX" Job Requisition #002TU.

All applications must be submitted electronically via the ConocoPhillips website by December 16, 2007. An electronic resume must be attached to your electronic application. To seek computer help with the on-line application visit your local area Workforce Commission office (Job ID #6696465).

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Opportunity for Experienced Lease Operator

Jones Energy, Ltd., one of the fastest growing companies in the Texas panhandle, is looking for an experienced, quality individual to assist us in operating our Lipscomb Co. properties. If selected, you will have an opportunity to join a team of dedicated professionals involved in creating a top-flight production department. You will be expected to take ownership of your properties and operate with a minimum of supervision. The ideal candidate will be based within 70 miles of the town of Lipscomb, Texas.

You should be experienced in the following areas:
1) **Gas well operation:** soaping, plunger lift optimization, compression, etc.
2) **Oil well operation:** pumpjack operation / maintenance, preparing oil for sale, etc.
3) **Facility operation:** optimization, winterization, troubleshooting

Benefits include:
1) Positive working environment
2) 401K participation and Company match up to 5% of employee contribution
3) Health, dental and vision insurance
4) Company vehicle, laptop, phone, etc.
5) 2 weeks paid vacation
6) Company holidays

If you are interested in the opportunity to advance yourself and your career, please send your resume to Rod Kimmell @ rkimmell@jonesenergy.com

Note: applicant must pass drug screening and background / driving check prior to acceptance and may be subject to random testing.

Baby's First Christmas
Deadline 5 PM, December 17th
Published December 24th
• Photos need to be of baby only
• No emails will be accepted
• Payment in advance

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Born... September 6, 2007

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Riley & Molly Brooks
Brother & Sister...
Chance & Bailey
Grandparents...
Sam & Twila Brooks
Paul & Martha Simpson

\$25⁰⁰
Example



COURTESY PHOTO

Julia Dawkins was recently honored by former members of the recently disbanded El Progreso Study Club of Pampa. Dawkins is past president of the 83-year-old club which was one of the oldest study clubs in the Panhandle at the time of its closing. Above: Bernice Maddox, seated from left, Dawkins, Eloise Lane; Carolyn Smith, standing from left, Edna Hickman, Billie Collingsworth, Ruth Riehart and Maxine Hawkins. Not pictured is Shirley Winborne and Pat Youngblood.



COURTESY PHOTO

Wilson Elementary students recently sold discount cards that offer discounts at local businesses. This was one of the school's fundraisers for the year. Those students who sold more than 10 tickets were entered into a drawing for random prizes. The winners were, back row from left, Brian Bibiano, Joel Resendiz, Bryce Weeden, Diana Rios and Hylee Gomez. Front row from left are Jared Hogue, Paige Richards, Ashlynn Mullunax and Layne Richards. Not pictured: Destiny Woods.



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KidScoop.com THE AWARD-WINNING PRINT & ONLINE FAMILY FEATURE

This Week: Heifer International
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The Kid Scoop Poll: What kind of animal would you give to a needy family?

The Greatest Gift

That's ME!

One year Beatrice, a young girl in Uganda, received a goat as a gift.

At first she didn't think it was such a great gift. What she really wanted was money to go to school.

But Beatrice's family was very poor. There was little money for medicine, clothes, blankets or food. School was simply a dream.

Much to Beatrice's surprise, the goat changed all that!

Drinking the goat milk made Beatrice and her five younger sisters and brothers healthier. The manure from the goat fertilized the garden and made it more productive.

And, the one little goat gave more milk than her family could drink, so they could sell it and make money.

After a few months of selling the goat's milk, Beatrice had enough money to go to school!

Beatrice named her goat **Mugisa**. Use the code to find out what that means. Do you think that was a good name for her goat?

● = C
○ = K
■ = L
▲ = U

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Gifts and Money!

When Heifer International gives a goat or other animal to a family, the family must "pass on the gift." Recipient families give the animal's first female offspring to another family in need. That family, in turn, passes on the gift to another family. So one gift multiplies throughout the community!

Standards Link: Geography: Understand the patterns and networks of economic interdependence.

How Beatrice Got Her Goat

Beatrice's goat was a gift from an organization called Heifer International. Children and adults can both help Heifer International give farm animals and training to needy families around the world.

The gift of a goat is \$120. Or you can share the cost with others for a \$10 donation.

Unscramble these words to find out the other kinds of gift animals Heifer International can provide to people in need.

SCIECK
UDCSK
ESEGE
BITSBAR
EPESH

To find out how you can give a goat to a family visit www.heifer.org

Extra! Extra! Helpful Hunt
Look through today's newspaper and find five or more ways people are helping others.
Standards Link: Civics: Understand the role of volunteerism and organized groups in social and political life.

Find the two identical goats.

The Kid Scoop Puzzler

Gail, Gavin and Gina each have five coins that make up the totals listed on the notes. Circle Gail's coins in RED. Circle Gavin's coins in BLUE. Circle Gina's coins in GREEN.

GAIL 45¢
GAVIN 77¢
GINA 27¢

Standards Link: Measurement: Students know the processes for counting money.

Web Wonder 1 248 2731645
Get the code by visiting the KIDS page at www.kidscoop.com

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

HEIFER
MEDICINE
MARKET
MILK
MANURE
MONEY
SURPRISE
MUGISA
FARM
GOAT
ANIMAL
COINS
GIFT
BEATRICE
UGANDA

H S N I O C E Y B L
S U R P R I S E E A
I G A F E R U N A M
T A S T F I G O T I
E N I C I D E M R N
K D G E E F I T I A
R A U R H L A G C I
A V M E K O S R E S
M H E E G P T O M O

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

FROM THE LESSON LIBRARY

www.kidscoop.com

It's a Numbers Game

Find a partner. Each partner takes a different color pen or crayon. Circle as many numbers as you can in one minute on the front page. Who circled the most numbers over 50? Whose numbers add up to the highest sum?

Standards Link: Number Sense: Calculate sums.

Write On! Poetry in MOO-tion

Write a poem about a cow or another farm animal. Your poem can be silly or serious.

Kid Scoop Together: Missing Letters

When we typed this press release we made some mistakes in letter combinations. Can you match the correct letter combinations to the correct words. Some combinations belong in more than one place.

ck gn ou ai oi
ea oo ch rt
nt lo ou sk sc pr
la oi ul st

From Dog Biscuits to a Water Buffalo, 4th Graders Make a Difference

Kathy Zeichman's 4th-grade class in Ida, Michigan, decided to raise \$250 to donate to Heifer International by selling homemade, all-natural dog biscuits.

The students worked in small groups to take care of the tasks of contacting media, designing packaging, preparing order forms, creating an informative insert, making personalized dog tags and using computers to design and print labels for the packages.

After producing 2,172 dog biscuits to fill 181 orders, the students sent Heifer International \$250 to purchase a water buffalo for a needy family.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Use context clues to understand the meaning of words.

Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **OFFSPRING**

The noun offspring means the child or young of a human, animal or plant.

The goat gave birth to twin offspring.

Try to use the word offspring in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.