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Pampa man in critical condition after stabbing

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A Pampa man was in critical condition in a Lubbock hospital today after being stabbed. Justin Dale Smith, 25, was in a Lubbock hospital today with a stab wound suffered during a fight in Pampa the night before Thanksgiving. Skylar Teron Ramey, 20, was free on \$50,000 bond today after being charged with aggravated assault.

Pampa police officers said an argument between the two men turned violent about 11:30 p.m. Wednesday night in the 600 block of Hazel.

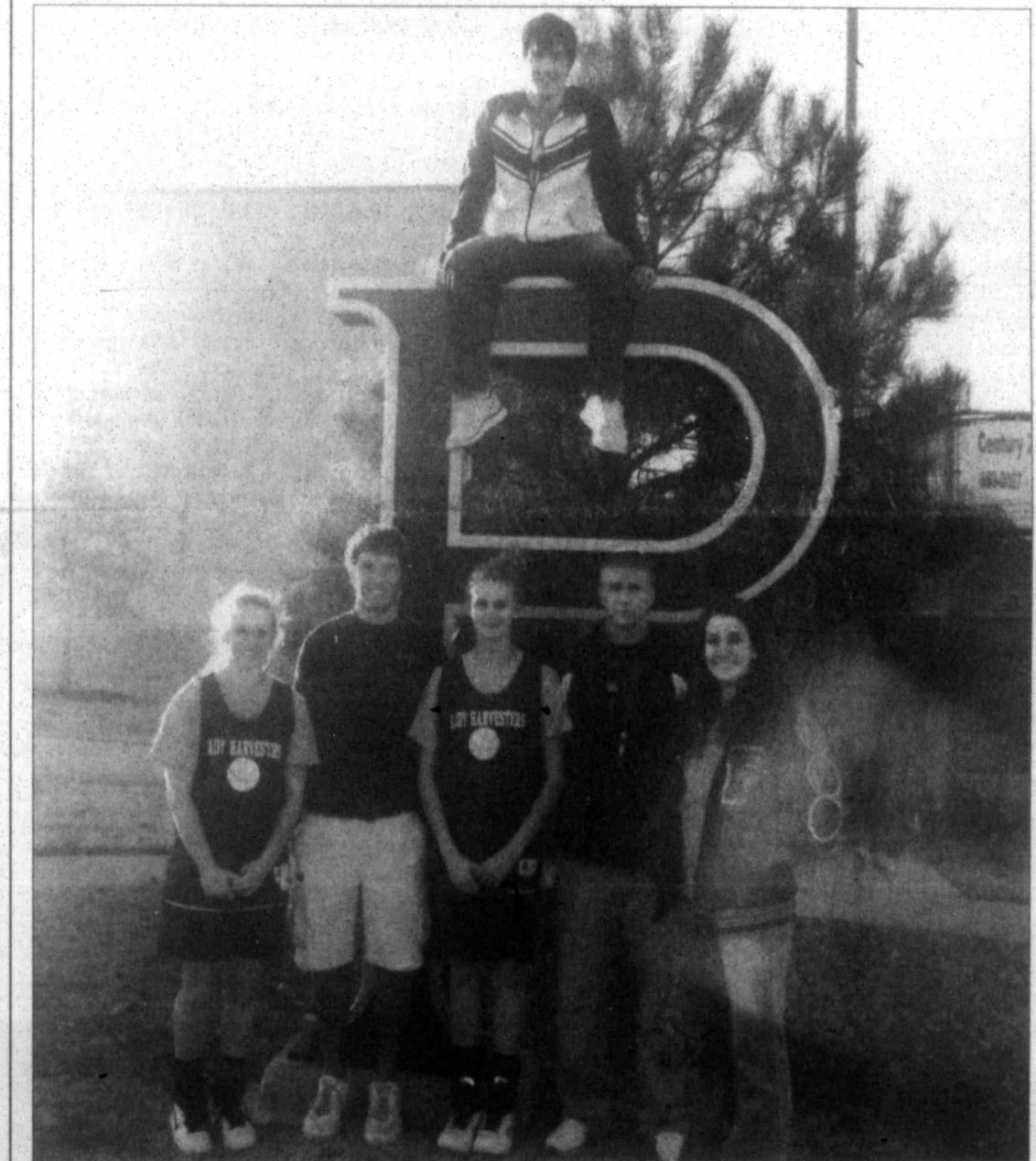
Smith was rushed to the Pampa Regional Medical Center with a stab wound. He was then flown to Lubbock in critical condition.

Smith was thrown to the ground during the fight and stabbed in the back, according to police.

Ramey was arrested by Pampa police officers and taken to the Gray County jail about midnight Wednesday.

Gray County Justice of the Peace Kurt Curfman set bond for Ramey at \$50,000 on **STABBING** cont. on page 3

GREEN DAY



PHS athletes Kirsten Kuhn (from left), Garrett Ericson, Kailyn Troxell, Reid Miller, Latigo Collins and Taryn Eubank were recently named to the 1-3A All-District First Teams in their respective sports. Ericson, Miller and Collins earned the honor in football, while Kuhn, Troxell and Eubank were recognized in volleyball. Full story in **SPORTS**, page 9.

Woman out of hospital after accident

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A Pampa woman was out of the hospital today after her van struck her and a neighbor.

Brandi Markee Rankin, 35, suffered two broken ribs when she apparently thought she had put the van in park to get out, but the van remained in reverse.

Rankin, a teacher at Wilson Elementary School, was getting out of the 2006 Toyota Sienna Van in her driveway at 1520 North Wells shortly before 8 a.m. Tuesday when it struck her, knocking her to the pavement.

The van then began turning in a counter-clockwise circle and drove through the yard across the street at 1519 North Wells as Rankin tried to stop the vehicle.

Officers said Rankin was struck again as the van again circled across the street and struck a parked white 2004 GMC pickup truck.

A neighbor, Curtis Ray Babb, 53, who lives at 1531 North Wells, tried to help Rankin and then stop the van. In the process, the van struck his foot before coming to rest in the driveway of 1519 North Wells.

Babb told police that the van had made three complete circles.

The van also struck two mail boxes and drove through a flower bed.

Rankin was taken to Pampa Regional Medical Center by Pampa EMS before being transferred to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

Pampa police officers said she was released from the Amarillo hospital Sunday.

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Cates appointed chair of '10 Kids' Shopping Tour

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Doug Cates has been appointed General Chair of the 2010 Children's Shopping Tour, according to Robert Jacobs, president of the Kiwanis Club of Pampa.

This year's Shopping Tour is scheduled for Dec. 11, with registration for chaperones beginning at 8 a.m. at the Optimists Club.

A joint venture of the Salvation Army and Kiwanis, Optimists, and Altrusa Clubs, organization of the tour is passed around on a yearly basis between the four groups. With 2010 being

CHRISTMAS AT CITY HALL 'TIS THE SEASON



As the holiday season begins, Donna Darling hangs a wreath on the door of one of the offices in Pampa City Hall.

Pampa Boomtown Christmas
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 Two drawings, each for \$500 in Christmas Boomtown Bucks, will be held on December 4, 2010.
 1st: White Deer Land Museum at 3:00 p.m.
 2nd: Lighting of the Tree at 6:00 p.m.
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For the record

Obituaries

PAMPA FORECAST

Wednesday Thursday Friday



High 51
Low 25



High 55
Low 26



High 58
Low 36

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 18. Wind chill values between 8 and 13. West southwest wind around 10 mph.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 51. Wind chill values between 7 and 17 early. West wind between 5 and 10 mph becoming calm.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 25. Southeast wind around 5 mph becoming calm.

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 55. Calm wind becoming southeast around 5 mph.

Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 26. South wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 58. Breezy, with a south southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

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Rose "Granny" Stattler, 78

Rose "Granny" Stattler, 78, died November 26, 2010, in Pampa.

Memorial services are pending. Cremation, and arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Stattler was born July 13, 1932, in Omaha, Neb. She attended schools in Nebraska. She married Lyle Stattler in 1948 and he preceded her in death. She had been a resident of the Gray County area, living in Lefors and Pampa. She enjoyed crocheting, playing cards, and mostly spending time with her family.

Survivors include her sister, Donna Donn of Tucson, Ariz.; brother, Dean Huey of Omaha, Neb.; adopted daughter, Cindy Jones of Pampa; numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren and great-great-great-grandchildren, including, Christine Parker of Pampa. She was preceded in death by two daughters, Marilyn Searl and Carolyn Leftwich; a grandson, Billy Carter; and a sister, Margaret Huey.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 621, Pampa, TX 79066-0621.

Sign the online register at www.carmichael-whitley.com.



Stattler

Leona "Sid" Sloan, 87

Leona "Sid" Sloan, 87, died November 29, 2010, in McLean.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Sloan was born June 11, 1923, in Blackburn, Okla. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1930. She married Fred Sloan, Jr., on October 31, 1941, in Pampa. He preceded her in death on July 20, 2004. Leona was a member of First Christian Church, Bethany Bible Class, Pampa Senior Citizens, Pampa Duplicate Bridge Club, and Regent White Sands Chapter DAR. She enjoyed needlepoint, genealogy and playing bridge.

Survivors include grandson, Larry E. Sloan and wife Cindy of Huntington Beach, Calif.; two granddaughters, Shelly Barrett and husband Brian of Richmond Hill, Ga., and Tiffany Sloan and husband Jason Aucoin of Gray, La.; 10 great-grandchildren; daughter-in-law, Ellen Sloan-Spurgeon and husband Bobby Spurgeon of Palm Harbor, Fla.; two sisters, Thelma Bailey and husband Bob of Brownfield and Pat Baker of Colorado Springs, Colo.; two sisters-in-law, Carol Harper and husband Bill and Margie Walters, all of Amarillo; two brothers-in-law, Jack Sloan of Pampa and Herndon Sloan and wife Timmie of Panhandle. She was preceded in death by two sons, Larry Sloan and Stephen J. Sloan; her parents, Edith and Kenneth Brannon; and her father, Fred R. Parkes.

Memorials may be made to Interim Hospice, 2217 Perryton Parkway, Pampa, TX 79065, or First Christian Church, 1633 N. Nelson, Pampa, TX 79065.

Sign the online register at www.carmichael-whitley.com.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Police Department

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

Police reported five traffic-related incidents and three accidents. They reported nine abandoned vehicles.

Animal Control Officers reported three animal-related incidents.

Pampa EMS reported five ambulance calls.

Monday, Nov. 29

Officers had escort

duty in the 600 block of North Ward.

The burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 1000 block of North Sumner.

A narcotics violation was reported in the 700 block of North Hobart.

A fraud was reported to police.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 700 block of Municipal Drive.

Officers assisted another agency in the 1000 block of South Sumner.

A suspicious person was reported in the 2300 block of North

Mary Ellen.

Phone harassment was reported in the 1500 block of North Hobart.

Firefighters investigated the reported of carbon monoxide in the 1100 block of South Varnon.

Water was turned off in the 2200 block of North Wells.

Fraud was reported to police.

Water was shut off in the 1300 block of North Charles.

A vehicle was reported stolen in the 1900 block of North Evergreen.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 2200 block of North Duncan.

Tuesday, Nov. 30

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 800 block of East Locust.

A domestic disturbance was reported at Locust and Finley.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 800 block of East Frederic.

An alarm was reported in the 2500 block of Mary Ellen.

A vehicle was reported stolen in the 300 block of Jean.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests during the 24-hour period ending at 8 a.m. today.

Monday, Nov. 29

Gerardo Ramirez, 48, was arrested by police on a warrant charging him with immigration deportation violation.

Brian Lane Sealman, 27, was arrested by deputies on a warrant charging him with criminal mischief greater than \$50 but less than \$500.

Richard Douglas Budd, 38, was arrested by police with assault causing bodily injury to a family member.

Tuesday, Nov. 30

Anthony Howard Olsen, 39, was arrested by deputies on a bond surrender on theft charges over \$1500 with two prior convictions.

Jessica Maria Vargas, 17, was arrested by police on a capias pro fine warrant charging her with theft under \$50.

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Radioactive waste hearing set

LUBBOCK (AP) — People can comment in person on proposed rules to allow low-level radioactive waste from 36 states to be buried in West Texas.

The wording of the proposed rules was approved Nov. 13 by a commission overseeing disposal of the radioactive materials. The proposal was published Nov. 26 in the Texas Register and allows for a 30-day comment period.

Written comments to the Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact commission will be accepted through Dec. 26.

People wanting to comment will be limited to 10 minutes at the Dec. 9 hearing at the offices of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality in Austin.

Texas and Vermont, which make up the compact, are already allowed to bury their low-level waste at the not-yet-built facility in West Texas near the New Mexico border.

Perry asks for resignation

DALLAS (AP) — An Austin businessman on the Texas Emerging Technology Fund's advisory committee is being asked to quit. The Dallas Morning News reported, for Tuesday editions, that Gov. Rick Perry's office has asked William E. Morrow to resign in the wake of a Texas Rangers investigation of a stock deal that included Morrow. The review found no wrongdoing. Perry spokeswoman Katherine Cesinger told the newspaper late Monday that Morrow "has been asked to evaluate whether his continued service on the TETF advisory committee is in the best interest of the program." Morrow declined comment.

State Auditor John Keel last week announced his office will review the fund after questions arose over links between contributors to GOP Perry's campaign and companies that get grants.

Perry has said nothing improper occurred.

Woman claims to own sun

MADRID (AP) — A woman from the Spanish region of Galicia said Friday she had registered the sun at a local notary public as being her property.

Angeles Duran, 49, told the online edition of daily El Mundo she took the step in September after reading about an American man who had registered himself as the owner of the moon and most planets in our solar system.

There is an international agreement which states that no country may claim ownership of a planet or star, but it says nothing about individuals, she added.

"There was no snag, I backed my claim legally, I am not stupid, I know the law. I did it but anyone else could have done it, it simply occurred to me first."

The document issued by the notary public declares Ms. Duran to be the "owner of the Sun, a star of spectral type G2, located in the centre of the solar system, located at an average distance from Earth of about 149,600,000 kilometres".

Ms. Duran, who lives in the town of Salvaterra do Mino, said she now wants to slap a fee on everyone who uses the sun and give half of the proceeds to the Spanish government and 20 percent to the nation's pension fund.

She would dedicate another 10 percent to research, another 10 percent to ending world hunger — and would keep the remaining 10 percent herself.

"It is time to start doing things the right way, if there is an idea for how to generate income and improve the economy and people's well-being, why not do it?" she asked.

Charges at immigration protests

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Fifteen protesters face criminal trespass charges after an immigration demonstration at the San Antonio office of U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison.

Those arrested Monday night support a proposal that would provide a path to legal status for children of illegal immigrants who go to college or join the military.

Hutchison on Monday was en route to Washington following the Thanksgiving weekend holiday.

Her office says security was asked to escort the protesters out, at the end of the business day, and not arrest anyone. Some protesters then allegedly resisted.

Hutchison's office on Tuesday said she appreciates the passion of the protesters, but hopes they can find safer and more peaceful ways to voice their opinions. The senator's statement also says Hutchison has concerns with the present version of the Dream Act legislation.

Condemned woman loses appeal

HOUSTON (AP) — The U.S. Supreme Court has refused to rehear an appeal from Suzanne Basso, one of 10 women on Texas death row.

The 56-year-old Basso was condemned for the beating death 12 years ago in Harris County of Louis Musso, a mentally impaired man. In October, the justices turned away her appeal, and attorneys asked the court to rehear her case. On Monday, the court refused.

Basso showed Basso promised to marry Musso and had him name her beneficiary of insurance policies. Prosecutors said she led a group of six who tortured Musso at a home in Jacinto City, a Houston suburb. His body was found dumped in a ditch.

Basso doesn't yet have an execution date. Since 1982, when Texas resumed carrying out capital punishment, three women have been executed.

Rocks thrown for ride refusal

ALICE (AP) — Alice police detained a woman accused of throwing rocks at a taxi when the cabbie wouldn't drive her to an alleged drug house.

The Alice Echo-News reports the woman was arrested early Tuesday, facing charges of failure to identify, public intoxication and criminal trespass.

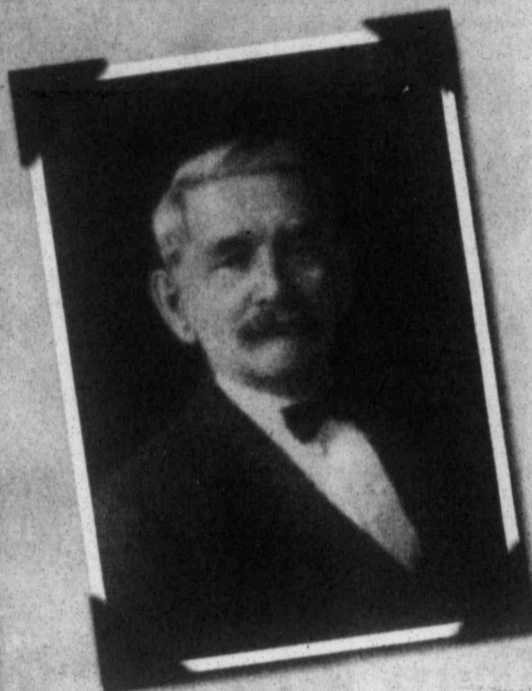
A police report says the cabbie picked up the woman from a motel. The female cabbie refused to take the passenger to where the driver "knows are drug houses that she is not allowed to stop at."

The passenger then allegedly got out and threw rocks at the taxi.

An officer was summoned and recognized the passenger from previous contacts with police. She allegedly gave a false name.

Gray County Album

If you can identify either of the people in these photographs, e-mail us with their names and tell us any other information about the photo you may have. Also, if you have photos of events in Gray County that are of historical interest, we would like to share them with our readers. Send your IDs or photos to rpribble@thepampanews.com.



Bush praises Obama during Web broadcast

DALLAS (AP) — Former President George W. Bush has pledged not to publicly criticize his successor, Barack Obama, but he did offer some praise Monday during a live broadcast on Facebook to promote his new book.

Bush participated in an hour-long discussion on Facebook Live with the site's founder and chief executive Mark Zuckerberg and was asked what he thought the current administration was handling well. The former president responded that he liked Obama's policy on Afghanistan.

"I think the idea of putting more troops in was something that I can applaud," Bush said. "I also appreciate some of the education position. As I understand it they do believe strongly that accountability is necessary in order to achieve excellence in the classrooms."

As the discussion started, Zuckerberg asked Bush why he decided to appear on Facebook. Bush quipped: "Because you've got a lot of people paying attention to us, and I'm trying to sell books."

He then told Zuckerberg that he loves entrepreneurship and a country that could help make someone like Zuckerberg able to realize his dream and, in turn, create jobs for many people. "Yours is a really interesting company, and plus: I'm shamelessly marketing," he said.

Bush, whose book, "Decision Points," was released earlier this month, visited Facebook headquarters in Palo Alto, Calif., fielding questions from Zuckerberg, Facebook employees and those watching online who submitted questions during the broadcast on the company's streaming

video channel.

"I've written this book because I recognize there's no such thing as accurate short-term history. I want to give future historians a perspective: mine," he said, adding, "I've also written it for people who wonder what it's like to be president."

Zuckerberg told Bush that he admired him for sticking with what he thought was right.

Bush said that after moving from Washington to Dallas he became a "Blackberry person" but is now an "iPad person." When asked what songs he had on his iPod, Bush said he didn't use it anymore when riding his mountain bike: "I like to hear the birds."

Bush quickly revised the statement, joking: "That's not true. I've got 'Decision Points' on my iPod."

On more serious questions, Bush said he still believes Iraq has the ability to be a stable democracy. "It'll work. We just have to hang in there," he said.

After the conversation turned to the recent release of more than a quarter-million classified diplomatic files posted by WikiLeaks, Bush said, "Leaks are very damaging and people who leak ought to be prosecuted."

"When you have a conversation with a foreign leader and it ends up in the newspaper, they didn't like it. I didn't like it," Bush said.

Bush said that "one of

the great moments" of his life came this fall when he and his father, former President H.W. Bush, took the mound during the World Series between the Texas Rangers and the San Francisco Giants to throw out the ceremonial first pitch. He added that he feels it's a blessing to be able to spend time with his parents as they are getting older.

"I was given a great gift by George H.W. Bush, and that's unconditional love," he said.

"If you are fortunate

enough to be a father, my advice is love your child with all your heart and soul," he said.

A little over halfway through the chat, the screen indicated that about 6,500 people were watching online.

As he wrapped up the discussion, Bush said that he was blessed and content.

"If you see me in an airport, I hope you wave with all five fingers, but if you don't you won't be the first," Bush said. "I'm a comfortable guy."

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- Pictures with Santa
- Boomtown Christmas Parade

Accident

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Babb was taken to Pampa Regional Medical Center by car where he was treated and released.

Stabbing

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charges of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Pampa police officers said they are continuing their investigation into the circumstances surrounding the case.

Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Tuesday, Nov. 30, the 334th day of 2010. There are 31 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 30, 1782, the United States and Britain signed preliminary peace articles in Paris, ending the Revolutionary War.

On this date:

In 1803, Spain completed the process of ceding Louisiana to France, which had sold it to the United States.

In 1835, Samuel Langhorne Clemens - better known as Mark Twain - was born in Florida, Mo.

In 1874, British statesman Sir Winston Churchill was born at Blenheim Palace.

In 1900, Irish writer Oscar Wilde died in Paris at age 46.

In 1936, London's famed Crystal Palace, constructed for the Great Exhibition of 1851, was destroyed in a fire.

In 1939, the Winter War began as Soviet troops invaded Finland. (The conflict ended the following March with a Soviet victory.)

In 1960, the last DeSoto was built by Chrysler, which had decided to retire the brand after 32 years.

In 1962, U Thant of Burma, who had been acting secretary-general of the United Nations following the death of Dag Hammarskjöld the year before, was elected to a four-year term.

In 1966, the former British colony of Barbados became independent.

In 1981, the United States and the Soviet Union opened negotiations in Geneva aimed at reducing nuclear weapons in Europe.

Ten years ago: Al Gore's lawyers battled for his political survival in the Florida and U.S. Supreme Courts; meanwhile, GOP lawmakers in Tallahassee moved to award the presidency to George W. Bush in case the courts did not by appointing their own slate of electors.

Five years ago: President George W. Bush gave an unflinching defense of his Iraq war strategy in a speech at the U.S. Naval Academy, refusing to set a timetable for troop withdrawals and asserting that once-shaky Iraqi troops were proving increasingly capable.

One year ago: Retired Ohio auto worker John Demjanjuk went on trial in Munich, Germany, accused of helping to kill 27,900 Jews as a Nazi death camp guard. In Geneva, the Large Hadron Collider, the world's largest atom smasher, broke a world record for proton acceleration.

Today's Birthdays: Historian Jacques Barzun is 103. Actor Efrem Zimbalist, Jr. is 92. Actor Robert Guillaume is 83. TV personality and producer Dick Clark is 81. Country singer-recording executive Jimmy Bowen is 73. Movie director Ridley Scott is 73. Singer Rob Grill (The Grassroots) is 67. Movie writer-director Terrence Malick is 67. Rock musician Roger Glover (Deep Purple) is 65. Playwright David Mamet is 63. Actress Margaret Whitton is 60. Actor Mandy Patinkin is 58. Musician Shuggie Otis is 57. Country singer Jeannie Kendall is 56. Singer Billy Idol is 55. Historian Michael Beschloss is 55. Comedian Colin Mochrie is 53. Former football and baseball player Bo Jackson is 48. Actor-director Ben Stiller is 45. Rock musician Mike Stone is 41. Actress Sandra Oh is 40. Country singer Mindy McCready is 35. Singer Clay Aiken is 32. Actress Elisha Cuthbert is 28. Actress Kaley Cuoco is 25.

Thought for Today: "The real problem is what to do with the problem solvers after the problems are solved." - Gay Talese, American author and journalist

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Iran's best friends on Capitol Hill?

Nuclear weapons treaties are like currency exchange rates -- always vitally important to the national interest but often stunningly dull, not to say impenetrable. Yet Washington has suddenly been jolted awake by Republican threats to stall if not kill the Obama administration's New START treaty.

The irony is that by doing so, they would do little to protect American security while providing moral support to Iran, North Korea and any other rogue regime seeking to arm itself with nukes.

By reducing the bilateral limits on deployed warheads and delivery systems, and by modernizing the verification and monitoring system contained in the original START treaty, the new agreement achieved a breakthrough in arms control and improved U.S. relations with Moscow. The equally important strategic objective, however, was to establish a renewed bilateral commitment to arms control that would strengthen the international effort to prevent Iran from building nuclear weapons.

Under Article Six of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT), nuclear-armed nations like the United States and the Russian Federation must "pursue negotiations in good faith on effective measures relating to cessation of the nuclear arms race at an early date and to nuclear disarmament." Although we obviously remain a long way from that latter goal, New START fulfills our obligations to the agreement that represents the sole global obstacle to rogue states building as many nukes as they please. The legitimacy of NPT and the will of the signatory states to



JOE CONASON

enforce its provisions represent our best hope of stemming the spread of dangerous nuclear materials across the planet.

Sometimes regarded with scorn by conservatives in this country, the NPT undergirds

the international campaign against an Iranian nuclear weapon -- and, for that matter, against the North Korean expansion of its nuclear arsenal. Without it, there is simply no legal bulwark to stop the mullahs and dictators from working their perilous will.

The ratification of New START will enhance our legitimacy and cement our alliances with the Russians and Europeans in the campaign to curtail Iran's nuclear weapons program. Confronted by this reality, the Iranian regime will no longer be able to claim that its responsibilities under the NPT are somehow excused by the "hypocrisy" of the superpowers, which supposedly should disarm before Tehran responds to world concerns over its nuclear program.

Without New START, the Iranians will once again be tempted to exploit divisions between Washington and Moscow, as they have tried to do so many times before. Indeed, every time relations between the Russians and the U.S. improve, Tehran moderates its position -- and every time that central relationship is strained, Tehran is emboldened.

So why would Republicans and conservatives adopt a stance against New START that so plainly benefits Iran -- when they are constantly warning about the danger posed by the mullahs and their nuclear ambitions? The most cynical explanation is that, as Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell has publicly admitted, their chief concern is to make sure that President Obama serves only a single term. If that is their sole priority, then anything that improves his standing must be stopped or stalled, even if it is in the national security interest of the United States.

But there is an alternative explanation for their stance: pure diplomatic ineptitude. It is worth remembering that the opponents of this treaty are by and large the same geniuses who assured us that we had to invade Iraq to disarm Saddam Hussein, that doing so would tame Iran and that it would cost us nothing. The result was that we wasted trillions of dollars and thousands of lives to discover that Saddam had no weapons of mass destruction -- and that our blundering strengthened Tehran immensely.

Richard Burt, the Reagan administration's chief U.S. negotiator for the original START treaty, has noted that "there are only two governments in the world that wouldn't like to see this treaty ratified -- the government in Tehran and the government in North Korea." To that list may be added the obstructionist leaders of the GOP, whose motives are as questionable as their competence.

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Holiday tips with a grain of salt

TERRY SAVAGE
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As the holiday shopping season swings into high gear, everyone's giving advice. As if you needed it. If you haven't learned the lesson of self-discipline by this point in the Great Recession, no newspaper column will help.

Instead, here's a bunch of tips sent to me in press releases that range from the obvious to the unique to the outrageous. Many revolve around "surveys" that — no surprise — wind up favoring their own product or service.

I pass them on in hopes that at least one of them will make a difference in your shopping style — or at least make you smile.

HEADLINE: Citibank's National Consumer Holiday Spending Forecast

PITCH: Forty-five percent of Americans expect to spend less than last year for the holidays, while 47 percent plan to spend about the same. Nearly half of Americans (48 percent) believe they will cut back on the cost of gifts they give this year.

COMMENT: Duh! I hope they didn't pay their PR department much for this one. It came with a note that the "news" was embargoed until the following day.

HEADLINE: 2010 Gift-Giving Survey

PITCH: Sixty-five percent of respondents said they'd rather receive a Visa gift card over a "non-essential" holiday gift, such as a holiday scarf, bottle of cologne or gift basket.

COMMENT: Did I forget to mention that this "survey" was sponsored by Visa? It included another tidbit to remind you that people don't really want the gifts you're running around to pick out for them: 28 percent admitted to regifting at least one of their holiday gifts from last year.

HEADLINE: All-Out Free Shipping War

PITCH: FreeShipping.org notes that "Wal-Mart pulled out the big guns by providing free shipping on more than 60,000 online items dur-



Give Back to Charity With Every Purchase!

PITCH: "What if every purchase you made at 1,600 retailers from Amazon to Zales earned a free donation for your favorite charity? Well it can! GoodShop.com is an online shopping mall that donates a percentage of each purchase to the charity or school of your choice."

COMMENT: This is a fascinating concept — a link that redirects you to thousands of retail websites. But because you arrived from GoodShop.com, the charity you name will receive a contribution — typically from 1 to 3 percent of your spending, and pennies just from your browsing. To start, input the name of your charity, and they verify that it is legitimate based on a huge database of nonprofits. Pitch says charities such as St. Jude Children's Hospital have earned more than \$13,000 and the ASPCA has raised more than \$35,000 to help animals in need. There's no cost to users, but my browser warned me about the "cookie" that would be following me around.

HEADLINE: Majority of Consumers Opt for Debt-Free Holiday Season

PITCH: The National Foundation for Credit Counseling headlines its online poll, noting that of 4,800 respondents, more than 70 percent plan to pay for holiday expenses with cash or debit card — so they won't have bills in January.

COMMENT: Don't wait until after the holiday shopping season to visit this helpful website, www.nfcc.org, where you can get tips on budgeting debt and links to the nearest local member credit counseling agency. This poll, taken from people visiting the site, represents the "smart money" — people who have already learned that debt will bury you. Too bad more people won't get the message until it is too late!

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ing the holidays, with no minimum order or subscription registration required. ... Then Amazon said it would meet or beat any free shipping deal out there." Go to this site to download the coupon codes for free shipping from nearly 4,000 merchants.

COMMENT: Every retailer from Best Buy to Toys "R" Us is trying to send you stuff for free. But they still have to pay FedEx and UPS, so tip: Buy stock in those delivery companies.

HEADLINE: American Express Offers Online Shopping Tool to Cardmembers

PITCH: AmericanExpress.com offers a free, downloadable tool that offers discounts and other special benefits to cardholders shopping online. "When cursor is placed over the icon, the offer is revealed and can be easily redeemed when you pay using your American Express card."

COMMENT: The ultimate in technology. Isn't it nice that "don't leave home without it" now has been updated to "don't shop online without it?"

HEADLINE: What's In and What's Out for Online Couponing

PITCH: "What's really 'out' is wasting time searching for online coupons, jumping between retail pages and couponing sites, and deciphering valid coupons from bogus ones. DropDownDeals coupon browser app will save time, money, hassle, and headache" by automatically delivering vetted discounts and deals."

COMMENT: Even though the press release link to DropDownDeals.com didn't work, I did check it out. Downloading the app meant it would follow me around to all my shopping sites with a popup box to offer discounts. What are they doing with all my shopping info anyway?

HEADLINE: Save Money AND

Obama, Hill leaders to talk taxes, treaty

WASHINGTON (AP) — House and Senate leaders from both parties sat down Tuesday for their first postelection meeting with President Barack Obama in an atmosphere charged with tension over taxes and a new nuclear arms treaty with Russia.

Republicans set the tone for the session early, declaring steadfast opposition to any tax increases when the current Bush era tax cuts expire at the end of the year. Obama has said he would oppose a permanent extension of the tax cuts for taxpayers earning more than \$200,000 as individuals and \$250,000 as couples.

At the same time a couple of Republican senators signaled possible movement on the START treaty which would reduce nuclear weapons arsenals in the U.S. and Russia. Obama has made approval of the treaty this year a top national security goal.

The midmorning meeting came a day after Obama, preempting the Republicans, announced he was proposing to freeze the salaries of some 2 million federal workers for the next two years. The White House talks Tuesday were seen as an opportunity for the two parties to size up each other even as they struggle for common ground on taxes, START and other issues on the legislative agenda before Congress adjourns for the year.

Speaking ahead of the meeting, House GOP Whip Eric Cantor said his party wants to "make sure no one gets a tax hike while we're trying to create jobs in the private sector."

And Senate minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., delivered a stinging critique of Democratic suggestions to only increase taxes on taxpayers with incomes of more than \$1 million.

"It turns out this figure has no economic justification whatsoever," McConnell said. "Nowhere will you find a study or survey which indicates that raising taxes on small businesses with over \$1 million in income will create jobs or help spur the economy."

Tuesday's meeting, scheduled for one hour, was the first formal sitdown among the president and the bipartisan leadership since the GOP recaptured control of the House and narrowed the Democratic majority in the Senate in the Nov. 2 elections. Also scheduled to attend the meeting were Vice President Joe Biden, Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner and White House budget director Jacob Lew.

The meeting comes as a new Associated Press-CNBC Poll shows most people oppose extending expiring tax cuts for the richest Americans. Just 34 percent want to renew tax cuts for everyone; 50 percent prefer extending the reductions only for those earning under \$250,000 a year; and 14 percent want to end them for all.

On START, Arizona Sen. Jon Kyl, one of the Republicans invited to Tuesday's meeting, has rejected the administration's assertion that the treaty must be dealt with during the lame-duck session, saying the Senate has more pressing issues to deal with.

But Sen. John McCain appeared to leave open the possibility of working with the White House, saying he still hoped progress could be made this year.

"I believe that we could move forward with the START treaty and satisfy Sen. Kyl's concerns and mine about missile defense and others," McCain said on ABC's "Good Morning America."

Sen. George Voinovich, R-Ohio, who earlier this month raised concerns about the treaty's impact on the former Soviet satellite nations, told reporters, "I'd like to get it done, but in my conscience I want to feel it's the right thing to do."

Obama said Monday he hopes Tuesday's White House session "will mark a first step toward a new and productive working relationship, because we now have a shared responsibility to deliver for the American people on the issues that define not only these times but our future."

Pentagon study dismisses risk of gay troops

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Pentagon study on gays in the military has determined that overturning the law known as "don't ask, don't tell" might cause some disruption at first but would not create any widespread or long-lasting problems.

The study was expected to provide some much-needed ammunition to congressional Democrats struggling to overturn the law. But despite supporters' hopes to force a vote during the lame-duck legislative session, it remains unclear whether the findings would be enough to sway skeptical Republicans, led by Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz.

Defense Secretary Robert Gates and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Adm. Mike Mullen were expected to discuss the report later Tuesday, with the study's co-chairs, Pentagon General Counsel Jeh Johnson and Army Gen. Carter Ham.

The findings were confirmed by several people familiar with the study who spoke on condition of anonymity because the results hadn't been publicly released.

The study found that 70 percent of troops surveyed believed that repealing the law would have mixed, positive or no effect, while 30 percent predicted negative consequences. Opposition was strongest among combat troops, with at least 40 percent saying it was a bad idea. That number climbs to 46 percent among Marines.

The study also draws a strong correlation between troops who have worked with a gay service member and those who support repeal. According to the assessment, 92 percent of troops who have served with someone they believed to be gay thought that their unit's ability to work together was either very good, good, or neither good nor poor.

One person familiar with the report said it will show that military commanders believe gay and lesbian troops have a strong desire to fit in and feel accepted by their units. The report will also show that gay service members currently serving in the military have expressed a patriotic desire to serve, and want to

be subject to the same rules as other service members.

The survey is based on responses by some 115,000 troops and 44,200 military spouses to more than a half million questionnaires distributed last summer by an independent polling firm.

The House has already voted to overturn the law as part of a broader defense policy bill. But Senate Republicans have blocked the measure because they say not enough time has been allowed for debate on unrelated provisions in the bill.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., has promised a vote on the matter by the end of the year, after hearings can be held this week on the Pentagon study. Still, some gay rights groups have complained that Democratic leadership has done little to push for repeal before the new Congress takes over in January.

Reid spokesman Jim Manley said the majority leader is "very much committed to doing away with the ban this year" but that it was the GOP's fault for blocking the bill.

Tour

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in relief efforts in New Orleans, Missouri, Israel, Wichita Falls and Gainesville.

For his part, Cates said that the Children's Shopping Tour is an important event not only because of the material gifts it passes on to the kids, but the life lessons as well.

"The Christmas season is all about giving," he said. "The ultimate gift was God giving His son to us. This project teaches the children that the real meaning of Christmas lies in giving, rather than getting."

This year, the tour is looking to give quite a lot. "We've set a goal to serve 100 children (between 5 and 10) and 200 additional family members, for a total of 300," Warner said. "At \$40 a family member, our goal is to raise \$12,000."

"As of (last) Monday, our count was 323, so we're going to be exceeding that," Warner added.

That's good news for many underprivileged kids and families who may not have otherwise had the full holiday experience.

"For most of these children, it is the first time they have ever been able to experience giving at Christmas," said the Salvation Army's Capt. Laura Martin, who screened applications to be involved in the project. "The Children's Shopping Tour is the best Christmas project I have been a part of."

Anyone wishing to donate to the project may send checks payable to the Pampa Optimist Youth Club, c/o John Warner, Box 645, Pampa, TX 79066-0645.

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Growth spurred by consumer confidence

NEW YORK (AP) — Americans' confidence in the economy rose to a five-month high in November, showing increased optimism for the first half of next year.

The report offered some comfort to the nation's retailers during the holiday shopping season, but shoppers still remain downbeat as they grapple with a high unemployment rate. Moreover, the latest report on housing, released Tuesday, showed that home prices weakened in September.

The Conference Board, a private research group based in New York, said Tuesday that its Consumer Confidence Index rose to 54.1 in November, up from a revised 49.9 in October.

The November reading is the highest since June, when the index stood at 54.3 just as the economy's recovery started to lose momentum. Economists surveyed by Thomson Reuters expected 52.0.

It takes a level of 90 to indicate a healthy economy, which hasn't been approached since the recession began in December 2007.

One component of the index, how Americans feel now about the economy, rose to 24.0, up from 23.5. The other gauge, which measures how American feel about the economy over the next six months, rose to 74.2, up from 67.5 last month.

"Consumer confidence is now at its highest level in five months, a welcome sign as we enter the holiday season," Lynn Franco, director of The Conference Board Consumer Research Center, said in a statement. "Consumers' assessment of the current state of the economy and job market, while only slightly better than last month, suggests the economy is still expanding, albeit slowly. Hopefully, the improvement in consumers' mood will continue in the months ahead."

Others were less optimistic. "The rise in consumer confidence in November is not consistent with a sustained acceleration in consumption growth at a time when income growth is weak, the unemployment rate is high and a double dip in house prices is underway," said Paul Dales, U.S. economist at Capital Economics.

He added that the rising stock market appears to offset the increase in gas prices toward \$3 a gallon.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 45.07, or 0.5

percent, to 11,007.42 in morning trading Tuesday as investors shrugged off the Confidence Report and focused on the latest housing data and Europe's debt struggles spreading to Portugal, Spain and Italy.

The Consumer Confidence index, which measures how respondents feel about business conditions, the job market and the next six months, has recovered fitfully since hitting an all-time low of 25.3 in February 2009. By October 2009, it had risen to 48.7 and has since hovered in a tight range between the mid-40s and the high 50s. May 2010 was the only month when the index topped 60.

Economists watch confidence closely because consumer spending accounts for about 70 percent of U.S. economic activity and is critical to a strong rebound. The improved confidence mirrors an increase in spending in November, fueled by early discounting on holiday goods that lured shoppers into stores.

Preliminary results for the Thanksgiving weekend also showed a solid start to the holiday shopping season. Americans, however, are still cautious about spending and are sticking to budgets amid job worries. And the worry is that shoppers will procrastinate even more this holiday season compared with last year as they wait until the last minute for the best deals.

There have been some encouraging signs. Americans' income rose 0.5 percent in October, boosted by a 0.6 percent rise in wages and salaries, according to a government report released last month. That was after incomes didn't rise at all in September.

At the same time, the pace of layoffs is slowing. Initial jobless claims dropped by 34,000 to a seasonally adjusted 407,000 in the week ending Nov. 20, the Labor Department said. Claims have fallen in four of the past six weeks.

Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My children think that "because their friends can" they should be able to get, buy or do something. I encounter this problem often, especially when it's bedtime.

My children are 10 and 13, and they need to learn to appreciate the good parents they have because we don't give in to all of their requests. Abby, any suggestions that may help us with this situation would be appreciated. — GOOD PARENTS IN WOODSTOCK, ILL.

DEAR GOOD PARENTS: At 10 and 13, your children are old enough to understand the concept that not all families are alike. Because a friend of theirs enjoys a privilege or has something they don't have does not mean that your children must.

I wish you had been more specific about the problem that occurs at bedtime. If they are arguing about the hour, they need to understand that for them to perform well in school they need a solid night's sleep. It is well-known that sleep-deprived kids can't learn.

If your children are asking for "things," then let me remind you that parents who grant a child's every wish fail to teach that child one of life's most important lessons: how to cope with disappointment. So please don't feel guilty about drawing the line, or asking your children how they plan to earn whatever it is they're asking for.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 20-year-old college student who has found the man of my dreams. We have been dating for a year and a half and have been through a lot together. We both believe it is acceptable (and in our case, preferable) for a woman to be a stay-at-

home mother and wife. I do not have a problem with having dinner on the table when he arrives home.

However, the number of people who have deemed our views "unacceptable" and "disgraceful" is astounding. I was actually spit on by a woman who accused me of being "the problem with women." She called me "weak" and a disappointment to womanhood across the nation. I'm so offended by her attack.

Am I wrong in thinking it is fine for a woman to be taken care of by her husband? Should I feel the need to be a working mom and wife? Am I too traditional for modern times? Please help me to see the whole picture. — LUCKY LADY IN LARAMIE

DEAR LUCKY LADY: The personal attack on you was uncalled for, and the woman who spat on you was hardly a role model for liberated women across the nation. Whether you choose to try to juggle a marriage and a career is a personal decision. Not every woman is able to manage it successfully.

That said, many households in the U.S. are headed by single women, and it usually wasn't a matter of choice. That's why it's so important for women to complete their education before being married and to be qualified for a career should the need arise. And it's also why having a prenuptial agreement in place before heading for the altar is advisable.

While it isn't wrong to think it is fine for a woman to be taken care of by her husband, the truth is it doesn't always work out that way. And it couldn't hurt you to have a few years of work experience before starting a family — just in case.

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"Our nurses are board certified in home health, pediatrics and wound care," Suzie said.

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daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Dec. 1, 2010:
 This year, you make waves wherever you go. Enjoy the spotlight, though understand with it comes responsibilities. Admirers tend to be very observant. Pressure builds financially. You might want to cut back, revamp your budget or perhaps consider a second job. You can create exactly what you want. If you are single, you'll have multiple suitors. Choosing the one who will help create the type of relationship you desire also will be important. If you are attached, look to socializing more or taking up a key cause together. Discussions about money might be a bit too animated. Count on LIBRA.

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)
 ★★★★★ All is not what it seems, as you wake up in perhaps an overly serious mood. Communication flourishes with a boss or someone you look up to. You might not need to agree, but listen well. Your instincts serve you well. Tonight: Where people are.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 ★★★ Focus on a matter that is tripping you up. Touch base with a respected, intellectual friend or associate. Consider ways of moving this boulder from your life once and for all. There just might be a way. Tonight: Easy does it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 ★★★★★ Where others hit a roadblock, you move right around it. Tap into your ingenuity more frequently. You'll get acknowledgment for all that you shoulder, but perhaps you might want to delegate or find some other way to lighten the load. Tonight: Take a mid-week break.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 ★★★ Resist pushing so hard. Know that sometimes taking time off is quite necessary for your health and well-being. News creates yet another perspective, though you still don't have all the facts. Tonight: Close to home.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
 ★★★★★ You can keep conversations steady and not let emotions plunge to the "dark side" with others carrying on. Note a tendency to look at matters far differently from in recent years. How much do you feel that this attitude is coloring your life? Tonight: A dear partner or friend knows how to entice you into joining

him or her.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 ★★★★★ Be more tuned in to what is needed. Trust that you have what it takes if you slow down some and connect on a more meaningful basis. An argument or a situation in your personal or domestic life could take a lot of time. Tonight: Treat yourself on the way home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
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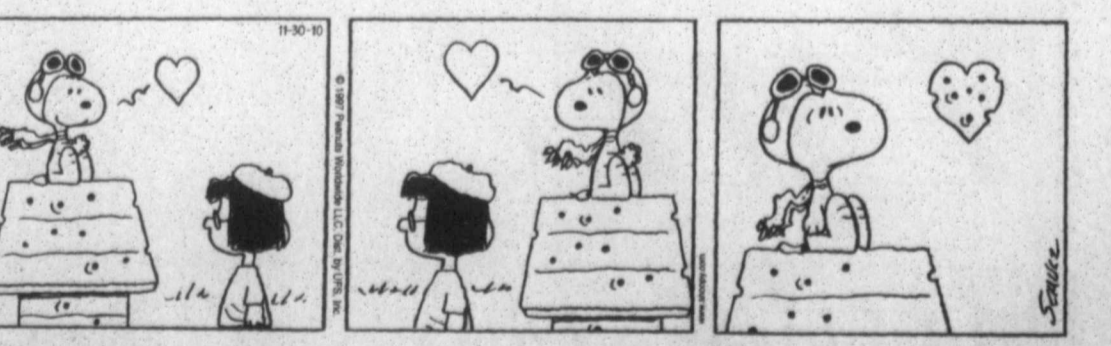
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Sports

Miller, Ericson, Collins selected to district first team

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After making the playoffs a second straight season, the Pampa Harvester football team received three First Team District 1-3A All-District selections.

Junior quarterback Reid Miller was a unanimous selection for First Team quarterback. Senior Garrett Ericson and Junior Latigo Collins were selected as First Team wide receivers.

Miller said it was an honor to receive the award in his first season and credited his teammates.

"Being my first year and all, it was a big honor," Miller said. "No one else really passed the ball. I couldn't have done it without Garrett, Latigo and everyone else."

Ericson said it was exciting to be selected, but didn't have much competition.

"I was happy for it," Ericson said. "We were one of the only teams in our district that threw the ball. I was excited to get it but wasn't a huge surprise."

Collins said he was glad he got selected.

"I had a pretty good season," Collins said. "I wish we would have done more." Head coach Heath Parker said he would have liked to see more of his players selected but was happy about the ones who did.

"I always want to get more people in than I got," Parker said. "I'm excited and happy for the ones who did earn it. They are well deserving."

Junior offensive tackle Trevor Smith, senior defensive end Juan Martinez, senior defensive lineman Milo Carlson, senior linebacker Trent Carter and junior defensive back Trace Carter earned second team all district.

District 1-3A Football All-District Teams

Offense

MVP: Shavoyiea Clement RB Borger Sr.

First Team

QB Reid Miller Pampa Jr.*
RB Adrian Ruiz Dalhart Sr.
RB Davonte Burks Dalhart Jr.
RB Kade Keeth Perryton Jr.
WR Kaleb Grant Dalhart Sr.
WR Garrett Ericson Pampa Sr.
WR Latigo Collins Pampa Jr.
TE Jerrod Hearon Borger Sr.*
T Hunter Hertel Borger Sr.*
T Tony Herndon Perryton Sr.
G Dallam Read Dalhart So.*
G Sebastian Castenada Perryton Sr.
C Cameron Ford Dalhart Sr.
P Zinzan Puttick Dalhart Sr.*

Second Team

Noah Jesko Dalhart Sr.
Terrance Brown Borger Jr.
Chance Karr Borger Sr.
Chance Baize Perryton Sr.
Zach McDonald Borger Sr.
Tyler Ortega Borger Jr.
Tyler Heck Perryton Jr.
Harper Scofield Dalhart Sr.
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Defense

MVP: Harper Scofield DE Dalhart Sr.

First Team

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DE C.J. Litterell Borger Sr.*
DL Nirvardo Miranda Borger Sr.*
DL Casey Devries Dalhart Sr.*
DL Oscotty Castro Dalhart So.
LB Miles McKinney Borger Jr.
LB Dylan Winkle Borger Sr.
LB Adrian Ruiz Dalhart Sr.
LB Tyler Smith Dalhart Sr.
DB Terrance Brown Borger Jr.*
DB Michael Morrison Borger Sr.
DB Davonte Burks Dalhart Jr.
DB Kaleb Grant Dalhart Sr.
K Zinzan Puttick Dalhart Sr.

Second Team

Kolby Ortiz Dalhart Sr.
Juan Martinez Pampa Sr.
Shawn Garner Borger Sr.
Milo Carlson Pampa Sr.
Trenton Merkel Perryton Jr.
Max Lusk Borger Jr.
Nick Young Dalhart Jr.
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*Unanimous selection

Eubank earns volleyball MVP; six more earn district honors

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The accolades keep rolling in for the Lady Harvesters volleyball team as seven out of 10 team members earned District 1-3A all-district honors.

Head coach Libby Garza said it's awesome that so many of her girls got honored.

"These girls definitely deserved it," Garza said. "I think that it's great that other coaches realize the talent these girls have."

Senior Taryn Eubank won district MVP. Eubank said she was excited but surprised about winning the honor.

"I was really honored," Eubank said.

Junior Kirsten Kuhn won defensive player of the year and said it was her goal from the start of the season.

"That's what I worked for," Kuhn said.

"I was just glad I got the opportunity to show everyone in the district especially as a team what we are made of and capable of."

Juniors Ramie Hutto and Kailyn Troxell were selected to the first team all-district. Troxell said it was exciting earning a spot.

"It was hard and we all had to work for it to earn a spot," Troxell said.

Juniors Delaney Clendening, Alanna Stephens and Caitlin Sieck were selected to second team.

Eubank said it was a neat deal that most of the team earned all-district honors.

"Since we were district champions, we definitely deserved most of the spots," Eubank said. "I was excited that most of the team got spots on the district teams."

The Lady Harvesters went 27-14 and won district. Pampa qualified for the regional quarterfinals.

District 1-3A Volleyball All-District teams

MVP: Taryn Eubank Pampa Sr.
Offensive MVP: Emma Boren Borger Sr.
Defensive MVP: Kirsten Kuhn Pampa Jr.
Setter of the Year: Shelby Witt Dalhart Sr.
Newcomers of the Year: Lacy Herbert Perryton Fr. and Jeana Sybasma Dalhart Jr.

First Team

J'Cee Pool Borger Sr.
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Molly Kruse Dalhart Sr.
Gentry Jones Perryton Sr.

Second Team

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Sports

Bulldog freshmen slip past Harvesters, 35-32

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The Pampa Harvesters freshman basketball team played a close game but lost 35-32 to the Borger Bulldogs Monday at the Dennis Cavalier Activity Center.

Coach Forrest Harding said the team played hard but needed to do a better job of rebounding.

"We were a few missed layups and rebounds short," Harding said. "We got to block out and crash the boards."

The first quarter was back-and-forth. Neither team got a lead larger than two. Pampa led by two twice. The Bulldogs scored the last four points of the quarter

and led 10-8 after one. In the second quarter, Borger led by as much as four. Kenneth Hair hit a three and Trey Miller added a free throw and the quarter ended with both teams tied at 14.

Both teams played even in the third. Pampa led by as many as four, but Borger closed the quarter on a 9-5 run and tied the game at 23. The Bulldogs jumped out to a six-point lead in the fourth. Pampa wasn't able to get closer than three the rest of the quarter.

Ryan Powell led the team in scoring with 12. Brandon Stokes followed with six. The Harvesters (1-3) play in the Borger Tournament December 9 through 11.



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Kenneth Hair attempts a fastbreak layup in the first half against Borger Monday at the Dennis Cavalier Activity Center. The Harvesters lost 35-32.

Mavericks roll past Rockets

DALLAS (AP) — Caron Butler provided the third-quarter spark the Dallas Mavericks needed to turn a reasonably close game into a runaway.

Butler scored 13 of his 19 points during a decisive third-quarter run. Dirk Nowitzki had 20 points and 10 rebounds, and the Mavericks stretched their winning streak to six games with a 101-91 victory over the Houston Rockets on Monday night.

Dallas used a 17-6 third-quarter spurt capped by 11 straight from Butler to expand a seven-point halftime edge to 77-59.

"I was in the flow, one of those zones you get in, and your teammates keep feeding you," Butler said.

Butler hit 6 of 7 shots in the third, all on jumpers, including a 3-pointer. Jason Kidd, who finished with 11 assists, set up four of Butler's buckets in the third.

"It's fun to watch," Nowitzki said of Butler's hot streak. "Kidd did a great job getting him the ball. When a guy is hot like that, you've got to milk it. He's one of the best mid-range jump shooters in the league."

Mavericks coach Rick Carlisle wasn't calling plays during the third-quarter stretch. All of Butler's points came in what the Mavs call a "flow" offense.

"When a guy gets going, our guys do a good job of finding him," Carlisle said. "We aren't doing a lot of play-calling right

now."

Shawn Marion added 14 points and 10 rebounds, and J.J. Barea scored 11 for Dallas.

Kevin Martin's 17 points and Luis Scola's 15 paced the Rockets, who've lost six of eight.

The Mavs carried an 83-71 lead into the final quarter, and were up by as many as 22 down the stretch.

Barea accounted for nine of Dallas' final 19 points in the second quarter. The Mavericks closed the half with a 10-1 run for a 52-45 lead at the break.

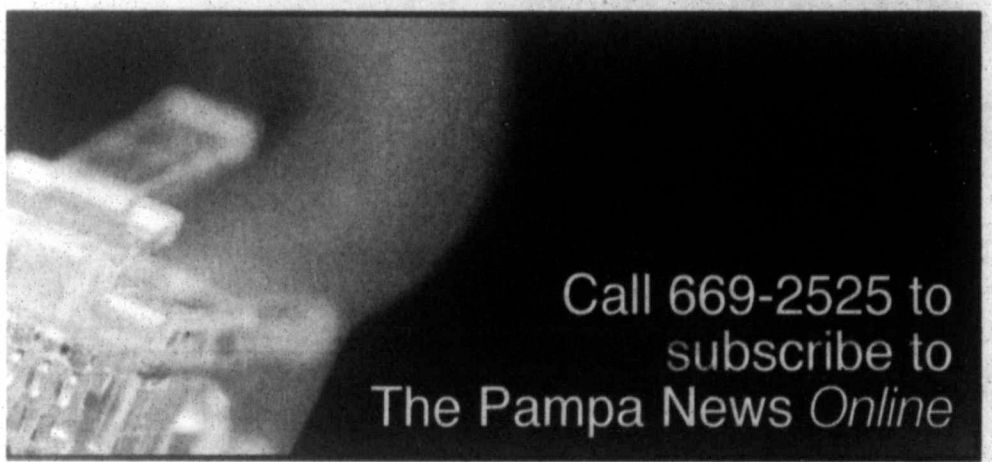
Houston, coming off Sunday night's road win over Oklahoma City, led after one, 26-25.

The Rockets remain short-handed, missing center Yao Ming (bone bruise, left ankle) and guard Aaron Brooks (sprained left ankle). There's no timetable for their return.

"I've stopped asking," coach Rick Adelman said. "It's just what the doctor sees as they progress... They both have to get on the floor before we'll know how long it will be."

Adelman said before the game that his team has kept playing hard despite the absence of two key starters, but the Rockets could not match the Mavericks' offensive firepower.

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MSRP \$2,150 ea



In-The-Ear Model
MSRP \$1,814 ea



Behind-The-Ear Model
MSRP \$1,650 ea

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