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The windchill is expected to be brutal tonight through Thursday night. Residents are encouraged to bring their pets indoors or make sure they have adequate shelter.

Three sentenced to jail

BY DAVID BOWSER
dbowser@thepampanews.com

Three Pampa people will be spending time behind bars after pleading guilty in three unrelated cases.

Three defendants pleaded guilty in separate cases Tuesday in Judge Lee Water's 223rd District Court Tuesday in different cases.

Amy Dawn Strazz, 29, was sentenced to five years in the Texas Department of Corrections' Institutional Division after her probation

was revoked in connection with a forgery conviction. A tearful Strazz was also sentenced to 14 years in the Texas Department of Corrections and ordered to pay a \$2,000 fine after pleading guilty to charges of harming a child. The sentences will run concurrently.

Ricky Calloway, 54, was sentenced to serve 14 months in the Texas Department of Corrections' State Jail Division after his probation was revoked in

connection with a conviction for possession of a controlled substance. He also pleaded guilty to an additional drug possession charge and was sentenced to nine months in the Texas Department of Corrections State Jail Facility and was ordered to pay a \$500 fine. His sentences will also run concurrently.

Fred Henry Pitt, 50, was sentenced to 120 days in jail and ordered to pay \$533 in restitution in connection with a theft.

\$2 buys new city hall for Texas town

KRUM, Texas (AP) — A couple of bucks will get you a new home for city hall in one Texas town.

Krum city leaders this week paid off the remaining half of the \$2 they agreed to spend to buy several historic downtown buildings for new municipal offices. A parking lot is part of the deal.

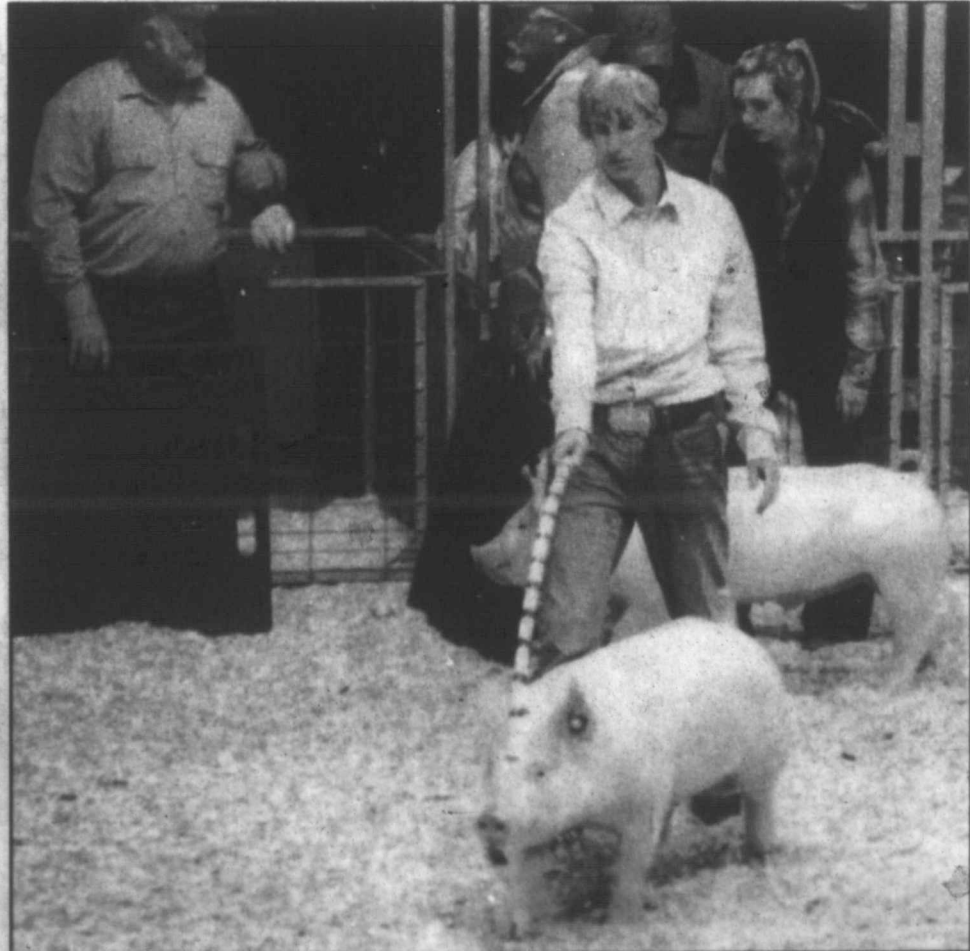
The Krum City Council on Monday authorized Mayor Terri Wilson to sign the closing documents and to spend up to \$55,000 from the general fund to relocate.

The public works, police and city administration offices will get new digs, as part of agreements secured by business leaders for donation of the unoccupied historic buildings.



staff photo by David Bowser
Frost greeted motorists today on Duncan as they made their way downtown. An icy fog covered the area this morning. That may give way to snow flurries overnight. It is supposed to be clear for the rest of the week through the weekend, but cold. Temperatures aren't forecast to rise above freezing until this weekend.

Livestock show Jan. 16



Pampa FFA Senior Garrett Coutts Showing his medium weight York pig. Garrett and many Gray County students will be exhibiting their projects at the Gray County Livestock Show and Sale Jan. 16 at the Bull Barns. To support our local youth, by learning how to buy an animal or donate to these projects, call Connie McGinty 806-662-5544.

UT championship shirts made in heart of Aggieland

HOUSTON (AP) — Deep in the heart of Aggie country, the stuff of Longhorn dreams is kept a secret.

As the University of Texas prepares to play for the national championship Thursday, thousands of victory T-shirts are being preprinted in one of the last places one would expect: College Station, home of longtime rival Texas A&M University.

"Our printer is up and running," Brian Jewell, vice president of marketing for the nonprofit University (of Texas) Co-op said of a contract with C.C. Creations, near the A&M campus.

By game time, sealed boxes with 5,000 of the shirts are to have been delivered to University co-ops in Houston, Austin, Dallas and San Antonio.

Truckloads more will be standing by, Jewell said.

If the Horns win, the shirts will be prized keepsakes for fans. If they lose, they are to be shredded, gone forever.

"Nobody can see unless we win," Jewell said.

T-shirts are usually the most visible memento of a championship, but would likely be followed by hats and just about anything else used for sports bragging.

With a Longhorn victory, co-op stores are to stay open after the game, as are some Academy Sports and Outdoors stores, to draw fans hunting for shirts.

Academy wins either way, as the chain is ready to sell crimson-colored shirts at its Alabama stores, should the

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Tonight: A 20 percent chance of snow. Cloudy, with a low around 10. Wind chill values between -8 and 2. Windy, with a north wind between 25 and 30 mph, with gusts as high as 40 mph.

Thursday: Partly sunny, with a high near 22. Wind chill values between -10 and zero. Windy, with a north wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 6. Wind chill values between -7 and 3. North northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 27. North northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 10. Southeast wind around 5 mph.

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 37. South southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 18. South southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

SPECIAL WEATHER STATEMENT

LOW TEMPERATURES LATER TONIGHT AND THURSDAY MORNING ARE FORECAST TO FALL TO BETWEEN 5 AND 15 DEGREES ACROSS THE AREA. IN ADDITION...NORTH WINDS OF 25 TO 30 MPH WITH HIGHER GUSTS ARE EXPECTED. THIS WILL RESULT IN WIND CHILL VALUES OF 5 BELOW ZERO TO 15 BELOW ZERO BY EARLY THURSDAY MORNING. SOME LOCATIONS IN THE OKLAHOMA PANHANDLE AND NORTHERN TEXAS PANHANDLE—WHERE A WIND CHILL WATCH HAS BEEN ISSUED—COULD HAVE WIND CHILL VALUES AS LOW AS 20 DEGREES BELOW ZERO THURSDAY MORNING. TEMPERATURES WILL LIKELY REMAIN BELOW FREEZING AREA WIDE BEGINNING LATE THIS AFTERNOON AND CONTINUING THROUGH SATURDAY MORNING.

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CORRECTION

From the arrest report in Monday's edition—Garland Glenn Gleghorn, 33, was arrested by police on charges of driving while his license was invalid (suspended), not driving while intoxicated.

Obituaries

Ramona Rueda Portillo, 92

Pampa, Texas—Ramona Rueda Portillo, 92, died January 5, 2010, in Pampa, Texas.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, January 7, 2010 at Memory Gardens Mausoleum, with Adam Martinez, of the Jehovah's Witnesses, officiating.

Entombment will be in Memory Gardens Mausoleum under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Portillo was born November 22, 1917 in Santa Rosalia Camargo,

Chihuahua, Mexico. She married David Portillo in 1933 in Santa Rosalia Camargo. After the passing of her husband, she moved to Pampa to be with her family. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

Survivors include three sons, Mario Portillo Rueda and wife Ramona and Ramon Portillo and wife Evangelina, all of Pampa, and Blas Portillo and wife Hortencia of Mexico; 7 daughters: Maria Estrada and husband Edilverto,

Guadalupe Sanchez and husband Jose, Silvia Diaz and husband Ruperto, and Pora Alvarado and husband Jesus, all of Roswell, New Mexico, Gloria Deleon and husband Delfino and Isabel Portillo, all of Pampa, and Rosa Martell and husband Jose of Mexico; 60 grandchildren, 153 great-grandchildren, 46 great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by 2 brothers: Isabel Rueda and Julia Ruedo, a sister: Irene Rueda; and a nephew: Antonio y Blas Portillo



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

Billy W. "Bill" Roberts, 75

Pampa—Billy W. "Bill" Roberts, 75, died January 5, 2010 in Amarillo, Texas.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Roberts was born April 13, 1934 in Wheeler County to Thomas Dewey and Laura Jana Roberts. They moved to Pampa while Billy was a boy. He was a veteran of the U. S. Army, serving during the Korean Conflict. He loved to help with the projects of the VFW and Freedom Museum USA. Billy loved his fellow veteran brothers. He was very patriotic and

proud to have served his country. We, too, are very proud of his service and theirs.

Billy married Shirley Williamson, and they had a son, Tim Roberts. He later married Nancy Joslyn who died in an automobile accident in 1964 that left Billy partially paralyzed. He also married Lorraine Schutt, and they had a son, Darrell Roberts.

Billy worked in the oil-field before his accident. He was born again and baptized at Barrett Baptist Church in Pampa in 1965. He served God at the

Salvation Army Church in Pampa until he was called home. Billy made his journey home under the loving care of the angels working at BSA Hospice in Amarillo. Billy was preceded in death by his parents, his three wives, a sister, Veta Crocker; and two brothers-in-law, Q. D. Crocker and J. P. Wright.

Survivors include two sons, Tim Roberts and wife Ginger of Pampa, and Darrell Roberts and wife Gayle of White Lake, Michigan; a sister, Wanda Wright of Pampa; six grandchildren, two

great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren; several nieces, nephews and cousins; and very special friends and neighbors, including Howard "Blackie" Adamson and wife Mattie.

MEMORIALS: BSA Hospice, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, Texas 79105, or Freedom Museum USA, 600 N. Hobart, Pampa, Texas 79065.

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

EMERGENCY SERVICES

SHERIFF

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

Tuesday, Jan. 5.
Dustin David Klink, 24, was arrested by deputies on charges of violation of probation and public intoxication.

Joe Guadalupe Rodriguez Jr., 23, was arrested by police on two capias fine warrants.

Wednesday, Jan. 6.
Stacy Earl Lamm, 42, was arrested by police on a capias pro fine warrant.

Danny Ray Boyd, 29, was arrested by police on charges of driving while intoxicated, third offense

of more.

PAMPA PD

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

Officers reported 10 traffic-related calls and one accident.

Animal control reported 11 animal-related calls.

Pampa EMS reported three calls.

Tuesday, Jan. 5.
An abandoned vehicle was reported in the 600 block of Cuyler.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1000 block of North Frost.

A burglary was reported

in the 2000 block of North Russell.

Officers checked an open door at Carter and Wells.

A theft was reported in the 200 block of East Kentucky.

A forgery was reported in the 1200 block of North Hobart.

A burglary was reported in the 600 block of Frederic.

A theft was reported to police.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 1300 block of North Coffee.

An assault was reported to police.

Fire officials launched an investigation in the 1400 block of Russell.

Wednesday, Jan. 6.
Fire officials launched an

investigation in the 1000 block of Crane.

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THE JANUARY 7th "Understanding Parkinson's Disease" meeting that was scheduled for 6pm., at the Pampa Chamber of Commerce has been cancelled. The event will be rescheduled for Feb. or Mar. For questions, contact Parkinson Foundation of the Heartland Director, Jim Keating, 405-810-0695 or email Jim@parkinsonheartland.org

Pampa natives earn degree, honors at Wayland

PLAINVIEW — A student at Wayland Baptist University hailing from Pampa was among recent graduates in the winter commencement ceremony held Dec. 12.

Winter graduates included Autumn L. Schaub, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in physical education. She is the daughter of James and Lyssa Schaub of Pampa.

The President's List included Sarah Langford, daughter of Mark and Sandra Langford. The Dean's List included Holly Owens, daughter of Barry and Francene Owens.

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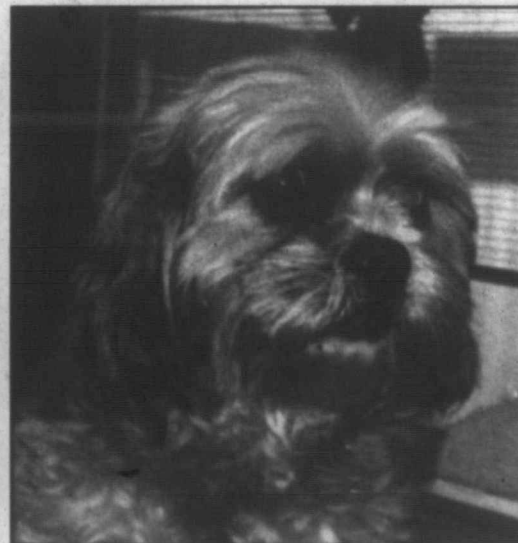
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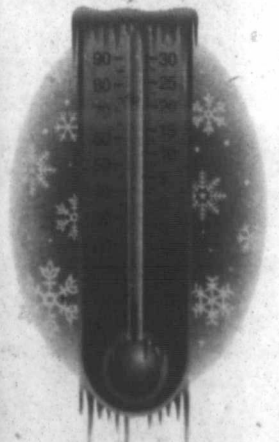
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Shirts

University of Alabama's Crimson Tide be the victor.

Rob Morgan, head of the management and marketing department at the University of Alabama, said merchants were hedging their bets to sell their products.

"The sooner that it is available, the more you are going to sell," he said. "It is kind of like strike while the iron is hot."

Sarah Le is one UT fan who just couldn't wait for the end of the game. She was already at the co-op earlier this week looking for memorabilia. As the Houston optometry student who graduated from UT

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put it: "I'll be back for sure."

Bellaire High School teacher Charleen Blank described herself, as well as her husband and daughter, as die-hard fans.

"I bleed orange," she said. "We are an orange family."

The co-op's Jewell said he has no problem selling College Station-made shirts for what would be among the most celebrated moments in Longhorn history.

"It just goes to show you, when someone does a good job we'll work with anybody," he said.

Paducah HS basketball coach arrested

Cottle County — An investigation by the Texas Rangers has resulted in the arrest of Paducah High School Basketball Coach Charles Willison, 40 years of age, for Improper Relationship Between Educator and Student a second degree felony punishable by up to 20 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

This was Willison's first year of coaching the boys basketball in Paducah. Willison had previously coached in Krum, TX.

Willison submitted his resignation to the Paducah Independent School District after the allegations came to light. Willison was arrested on January 5 at his residence in Paducah.

He was arraigned and released on \$20,000 bond. The case will be prosecuted by the 50th Judicial District Attorney David Hajek in Seymour, TX.

Brownsville banning use of plastic bags

BROWNSVILLE, Texas (AP) — Plastic shopping bags commonly supplied to customers by retailers will be banned in Brownsville in a move to protect the environment.

The Brownsville City Commission on Tuesday approved the ban, to take effect in 2011.

Commissioners are calling for a voluntary ban of plastic shopping bags through December 2010.

As of next year, businesses can only provide recyclable paper bags, reusable bags or biodegradable bags.

Neither the voluntary nor the mandatory ban applies to plastic bags for bagging meat, fish and poultry products.

The ordinance says Brownsville has a duty to protect the natural environment, the economy and the health of its citizens.

Convicted cop killer set to die

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — For the third time in six months, condemned prisoner Kenneth Mosley is facing a trip to the Texas death chamber for fatally shooting a police officer during a foiled bank robbery in suburban Dallas.

The 51-year-old Mosley avoided lethal injection in July for the 1997 slaying of Garland Officer David Moore when a state district judge withdrew his execu-

tion date and reset it for two months later. Then a day before that punishment was to be carried out in Huntsville in September, the U.S. Supreme Court stopped it.

The high court, however, a month later refused to review Mosley's appeal. That cleared the way for the execution to be set for Thursday.

It would be the first execution of the year in Texas.

Obama prods Congress to pass health bill quickly

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama is prodding House and Senate Democrats to get him a final health care bill as soon as possible, encouraging them to bypass the usual negotiations between the two chambers in the interest of speed.

Obama delivered the message at an Oval Office meeting Tuesday evening with House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid and his No. 2, Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., joined in by phone.

They agreed that rather than setting up a formal conference committee to resolve differences between health bills passed last year by the House and Senate, the House will work off the

Senate's version, amend it and send it back to the Senate for final passage, according to a House leadership aide, speaking on condition of anonymity in order to discuss the private meeting.

Obama himself will take a hands-on role, convening another meeting with congressional leaders at the White House on Wednesday. Pelosi and four Democratic committee leaders are expected to attend.

The aim is to get a final bill to Obama's desk before the State of the Union address sometime in early February.

Obama agreed at Tuesday evening's meeting to help strengthen affordability measures beyond what's in the Senate bill.

Texas non-profits awarded \$12.4 mil for emergency food and shelter program

DENTON, TEXAS — The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency today announced that more than \$12.4 million has been awarded to Texas non-profit agencies and others by the Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP). Federal funds totaling \$200 million were made available to the EFSP for Fiscal Year 2010 to bring immediate relief to communities to address unemployment, poverty and other needs in light of the economic climate faced by our country.

The EFSP is administered by a National Board of voluntary agencies chaired by FEMA. The National Board qualifies local jurisdictions for annual EFSP awards based on criteria involving current popula-

tion, unemployment, and poverty levels. Local Boards, convened in the qualifying jurisdictions, decide which nonprofit and government agencies are to receive the awarded funds, and funds are then disbursed directly to the agencies by the National Board.

EFSP funds were first authorized by Congress in 1983 and are appropriated annually under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. With the FY 2010 allocation, more than \$3.6 billion in federal aid will have been disbursed through the EFSP since its inception.

In addition, 8 percent of the year's total EFSP appropriation will be allocated by the National Board to "set-aside committees" at

the state level. These State Set-Aside Committees will make funding determinations to aid the needy in jurisdictions with increased needs or that did not otherwise qualify for assistance.

In each funded jurisdiction, a Local Board advertises the availability of the funds, establishes local priorities, selects local non-profit and government agencies to receive supplemental funding, and monitors program compliance.

Member agencies of the National Board include: American Red Cross; Catholic Charities USA; National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.; The Jewish Federations of North America; The Salvation Army; and, United Way Worldwide.

Clarification

The Pampa News reported Monday about the Gray County Commissioners Court awarding a bid to Construction Services of Amarillo for repair to the Clyde Carruth Pavilion at Recreation Park.

While Construction Service won the bid, the bids cited, however, were wrong. They were inadvertently taken

from a bid sheet that was thrown out because of incomplete data.

The winning bid was \$179,000 by Construction Services. The other bidders were Parsley's Roofing at \$224,145.01 and Crawford Roofing at \$249,963.31.

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Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Wednesday, Jan. 6, the sixth day of 2010. There are 359 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 6, 1838, Samuel Morse and Alfred Vail gave the first successful public demonstration of their telegraph, in Morristown, N.J.

On this date:

In 1540, England's King Henry VIII married his fourth wife, Anne of Cleves. (The marriage lasted about six months.)

In 1759, George Washington and Martha Dandridge Custis were married in New Kent County, Va.

In 1912, New Mexico became the 47th state.

In 1919, the 26th president of the United States, Theodore Roosevelt, died in Oyster Bay, N.Y., at age 60.

'Very few men are wise by their own counsel; or learned by their own teaching. For he that was only taught by himself, had a fool for a master.'

— Ben Jonson,
English dramatist and poet

In 1941, President Franklin D. Roosevelt, in his State of the Union address, outlined a goal of "Four Freedoms": Freedom of speech and expression; the freedom of people to worship God in their own way; freedom from want; freedom from fear.

In 1942, the Pan American Airways Pacific Clipper arrived in New York more than a month after leaving California and following a westward route.

In 1945, George Herbert Walker Bush married Barbara Pierce in Rye, N.Y.

In 1950, Britain recognized the Communist government of China.

In 1967, U.S. Marines and South Vietnamese troops launched Operation Deckhouse Five, an offensive in the Mekong River delta.

In 1982, truck driver William G. Bonin was convicted in Los Angeles of 10 of the "Freeway Killer" slayings of young men and boys. (Bonin was later convicted of four other killings; he was executed in 1996.)

Ten years ago: In Miami, demonstrators angered by the U.S. government's decision to send Elian Gonzalez back to Cuba skirmished with police. Republican presidential candidates debated in Durham, N.H. with such issues as taxes and gays in the military dominating the discussion.

Five years ago: Attorney General-nominee Alberto Gonzales, under scorching criticism at his confirmation hearing, condemned torture as an interrogation tactic and promised to prosecute abusers of terror suspects. Congress certified President George W. Bush's re-election. Former Ku Klux Klan leader Edgar Ray Killen was arrested 41 years after three civil rights workers were slain in Mississippi. (Killen was later convicted of manslaughter and sentenced to 60 years in prison.) Andrea Yates' murder conviction for drowning her children in the bathtub was overturned by a Texas appeals court. (Yates was found not guilty by reason of insanity in a retrial.)

One year ago: Congress opened for business at the dawn of a new Democratic era with vows to fix the crisis-ridden economy; Republicans pledged cooperation in Congress as well as with President-elect Barack Obama — to a point. Obama vowed to "bring a long-overdue sense of responsibility and accountability to Washington" and called the need for budget reform "an absolute necessity." Cheryl Holdridge, one of the Mouseketeers on "The Mickey Mouse Club," died in Santa Mónica, Calif. at age 64.

Today's Birthdays: Pollster Louis Harris is 89. Bluegrass performer Earl Scruggs is 86. Retired MLB All-Star Ralph Branca is 84. Author E.L. Doctorow is 79. Actress Bonnie Franklin is 66. Musician Joey, the CowPolka King (Riders in the Sky) is 61. Former FBI director Louis Freeh is 60. Rock singer-musician Kim Wilson (The Fabulous Thunderbirds) is 59. Singer Jett Williams is 57. Rock musician Malcolm Young (AC-DC) is 57. Actor-comedian Rowan Atkinson is 55. Golfer Nancy Lopez is 53. Rhythm-and-blues singer Kathy Sledge is 51. TV chef Nigella Lawson is 50. Rhythm-and-blues singer Eric Williams (BLACKstreet) is 50. Movie composer A.R. Rahman ("Slumdog Millionaire") is 44. Movie director John Singleton is 42. TV personality Julie Chen is 40. Actor Danny Pintauro ("Who's the Boss?") is 34. Actress Rinko Kikuchi ("Babel") is 29. NBA player Gilbert Arenas is 28. Rock singer Alex Turner (Arctic Monkeys) is 24.



Definition of success

BY BARRY HAENISCH
PISD SUPERINTENDENT

It seems that many people today are fascinated with success. As a society we crave it, and we worship those who have it. Professional athletes, entertainers, and business people receive adulation and recognition because of the talent and power that is at their disposal.

A successful person is easy to recognize. Successful people drive the finest vehicles, dine at the most exclusive restaurants, have big bank accounts, and pal around with other influential and powerful people. Successful businesses do a booming business. Successful people often own successful businesses.

A dictionary definition of "success" helps us understand why the word is so easy to recognize when it is seen. A dictionary defines success as

- The achievement of something planned or attempted.
- Impressive achievement, especially the attainment of fame, wealth, or

power.

•Something that turns out as planned or intended.

•Somebody who has a record of achievement, especially in gaining wealth, fame, or power.

The state of Texas is determined to recognize and identify successful schools. Quickly, however one can see the paradox that exists with this exercise. No school district in our state can exactly meet the dictionary definition of success.

If the dictionary definition of success is unattainable, then what standard can be used to judge school success? In the book *Success Built to Last*, the author Jerry Porras asked dozens of successful people how they measured their own success, and the answer they gave provides a good gauge for schools. Successful people defined success as "a life and work that brings personal fulfillment and lasting relationships and makes a difference in the world..."

By using the definition of success provided by Porras in his book, the



Barry Haensch

educators of the Pampa ISD are successful. Our staff members dedicate themselves and their lives to providing the students of our schools with information, opportunities, and role models on which they can build meaningful and successful lives.

Successful schools can be identified by the 4Rs — Rigor, Relationships, Relevance, and Results. Using this standard, Pampa's children are being taught by successful educators in successful schools!

Online tobacco sales need tighter controls

BY SUSAN COMBS
TEXAS COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

It's time to overhaul outdated laws that allow cigarettes and other tobacco products to be sold online without verifying whether the purchaser is underage. A federal bill with wide bipartisan support called the Prevent All Cigarette Trafficking (PACT) Act will help this happen.

Internet and other remote sales of cigarettes and smokeless tobacco are rampant, largely because of the antiquated federal statutes that govern this kind of transaction. Remote tobacco vendors can sell to teenagers (or even younger children) as online ordering and home delivery enable kids of any age to buy the tobacco products they can't get from local retailers.

Convenience stores and other conventional tobacco retailers enforce tight restrictions on sales to minors and ID verification. They do it right, but online retailers face no restrictions. To protect our children from the health risks of tobacco use, we must demand the same restrictions placed on brick-and-mortar establishments be followed by online retailers.

Right now, remote tobacco sales are governed by the Jenkins Act, a 60-year old federal law that is ill-equipped to deal with modern online commerce. To bring federal statutes up to date, Congress is considering the PACT Act.

S.1147, the PACT Act, would give federal law enforcement officials the tools and authority they need to regulate remote delivery of tobacco products and close the loophole kids are using to get the cigarettes and smokeless tobacco they can't get in stores. It would subject offenders to felony charges.

The PACT Act would also force remote sellers to comply with the same cigarette and tobacco tax laws that other vendors follow. Because they don't have to comply with the state's cigarette tax laws, the remote tobacco sellers offer discounted prices, making it hard for traditional cigarette vendors in Texas — both mom-and-pop convenience stores and big stores alike — to compete. This, in addition to the effects of a recession, can have a negative impact on those businesses and the jobs they provide.

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Internet sales have become an integral part of our economy. Online commerce allows businesses to expand their customer bases, create jobs and boost the economy. But Internet sellers must play by the same rules as Main Street businesses. The PACT Act will help enforce laws designed to keep tobacco products out of the hands of our children and help ensure that all businesses pay their fair share of taxes.

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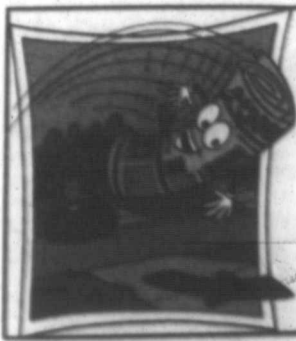
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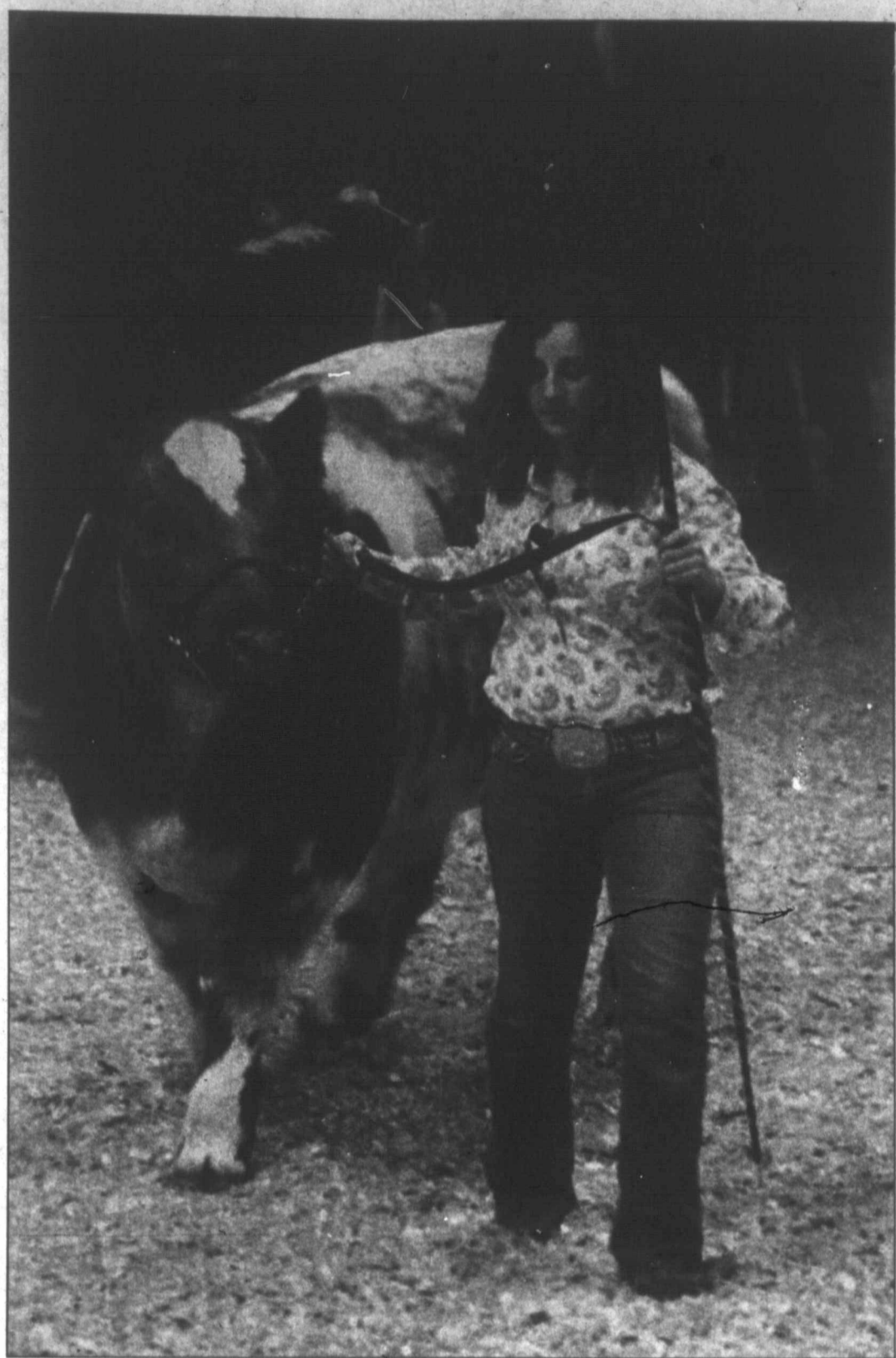
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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: Shortly after college and a bad breakup, I met someone I thought was a "nice" guy. I allowed him to take sexually explicit photos of me. I realize now that I did it because I had very low self-esteem back then.

The moment he snapped the pictures I regretted it and asked for them back. He refused, and even tried to extort money from me with threats of sending copies to my workplace. I was working for a Fortune 500 company at the time and was scared to death. Fortunately, he didn't follow through on his threat.

Fast forward 20 years: I am now a stay-at-home mom with a wonderful husband and two young children. I still think about the mistakes I made all those years ago, and I had a dream recently about this particular situation. I'm not worried about my husband finding out because I told him about this before we were married. However, I do wonder what happened to the pictures. With today's technology, they could be anywhere now.

Who we are today is not necessarily who we are going to be tomorrow. Abby, please warn young girls and boys to THINK before doing something that can possibly follow them through a lifetime. -- NAMELESS IN GEORGIA

DEAR NAMELESS: Amen! But your letter is a more effective warning than any sermon that could come from me. Not only is it a fact that the photos and statements we post on the Internet are there for eternity, but the "sexts," texts, videos and blogs of yesteryear can haunt us like tattered vagrant ghosts instead of staying buried. One need only recall the embarrassment of certain celebrities -- who should have known better -- whose names and images have been blasted across the media and learn from

their mistakes. **DEAR ABBY:** My wife had a series of affairs during our 25 years of marriage. I loved her, so I tried to ignore what was happening for the sake of our three children. When she left me for her boss, divorce was my only option.

The years have passed and I am remarried to a wonderful woman. We are happy together and life is good.

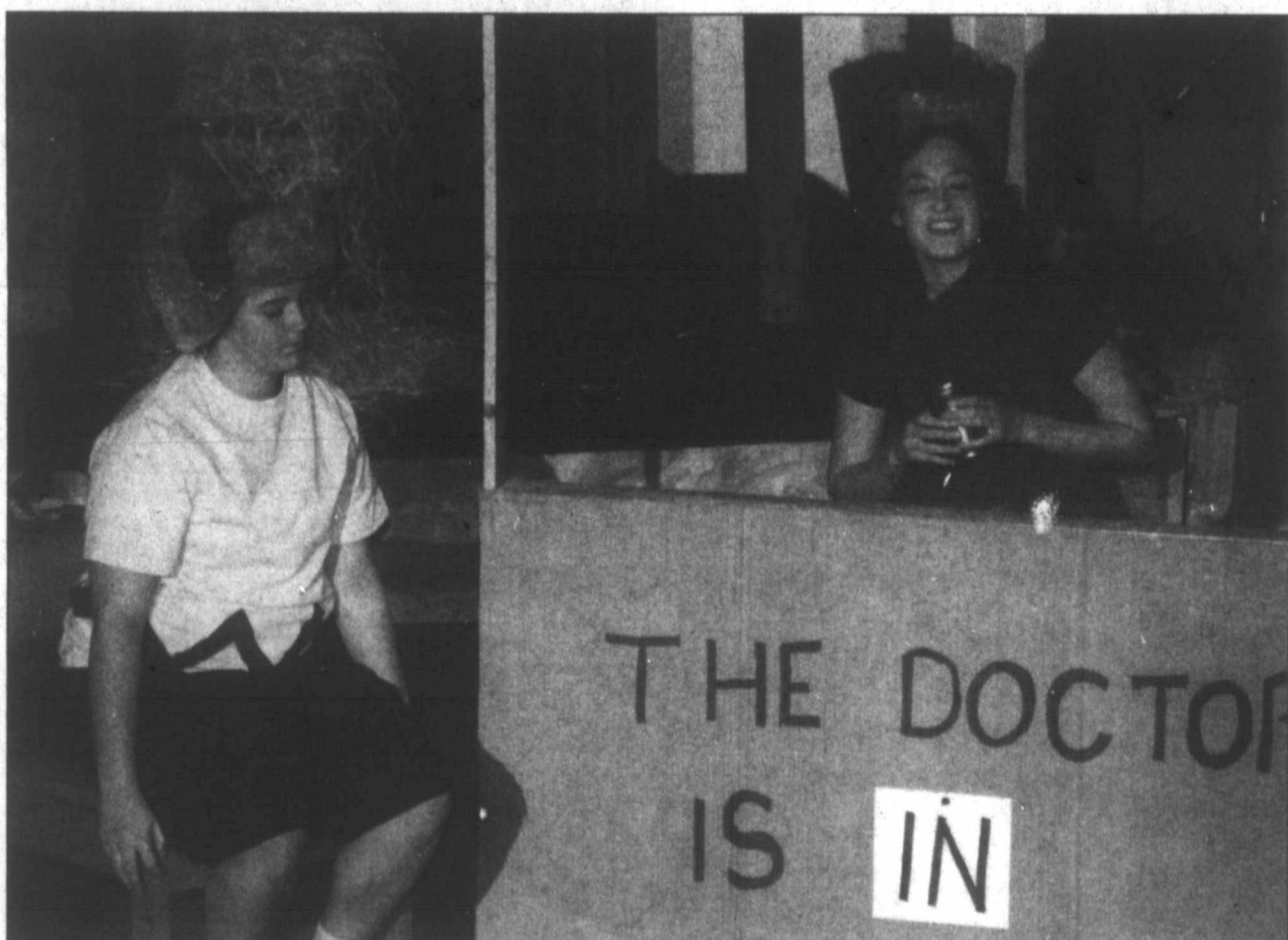
Abby, what should my role be in building a bridge between my children and their mother? Our oldest son hasn't spoken to her in seven years. The middle child, our daughter, has accepted her mother's husband. Our younger son blocks his mother's calls and e-mails.

The kids are in their 20s and live on their own. The hurt is still there from her betrayal, cheating and lies, but I worry about my kids and their relationship with their mother. Is it my responsibility to intercede on her behalf? -- DISTRESSED DAD IN ILLINOIS

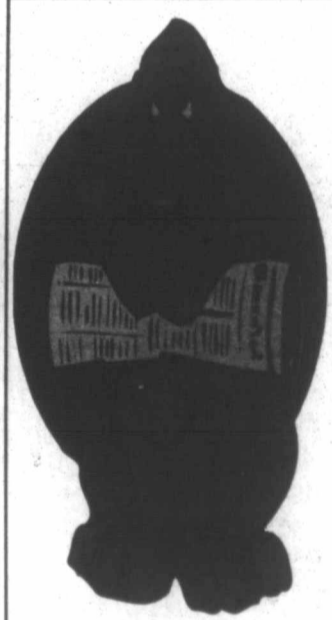
DEAR DISTRESSED DAD: No. In fact, you should stay out of it.

DEAR ABBY: I just started counseling for postpartum depression. My husband keeps asking me what we talked about. During the counseling sessions I discuss all aspects of my life -- including my husband. How can I let him know that what I discuss with my therapist is none of his business? -- NEW MAMA IN ARIZONA

DEAR NEW MAMA: Your husband's curiosity is natural, particularly if he has never had any counseling. My advice is to tell him that during the sessions, you and your therapist talk about your feelings. Then invite him to a session and let him listen. Unless he is one of the causes of your depression, he'll probably be bored.



A Charlie Brown Christmas at Calvary — was this year's Christmas program at Calvary Baptist Church. The program, on December 16, 2009, featured over 80 singers and orchestra members in a Christmas celebration, based on the Charlie Brown Christmas TV program. Charlie Brown, shown in the picture, was played by Samantha Pearson and Lucy was played by Rebekah Bartel.



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Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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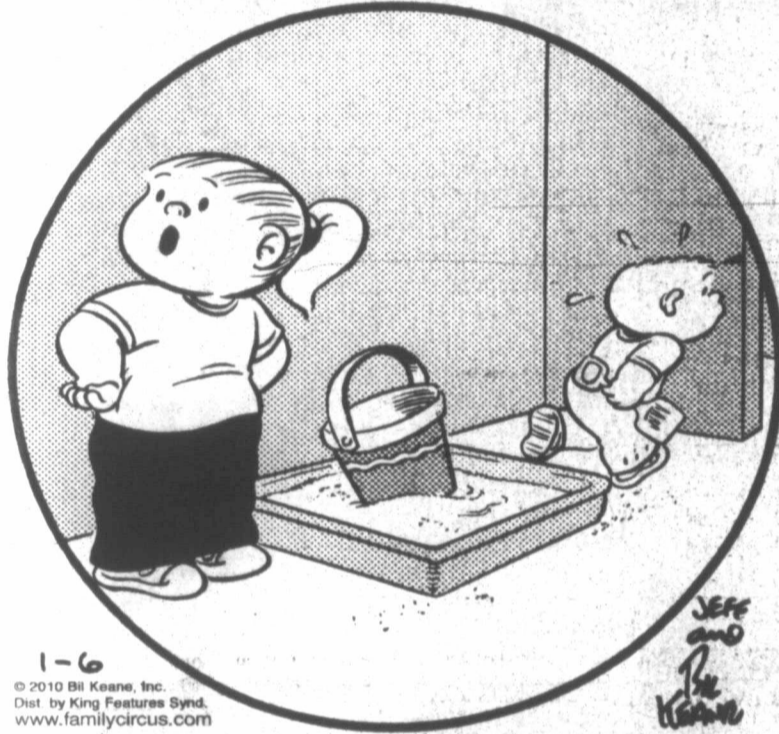
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"Your dog just bought it."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane

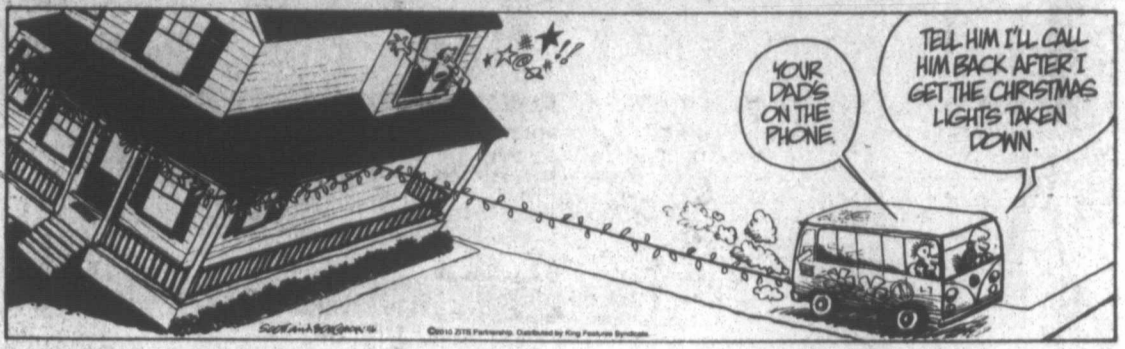


"Mommy! PJ's playing 'beach' in the kitty litter again!"

For Better Or Worse



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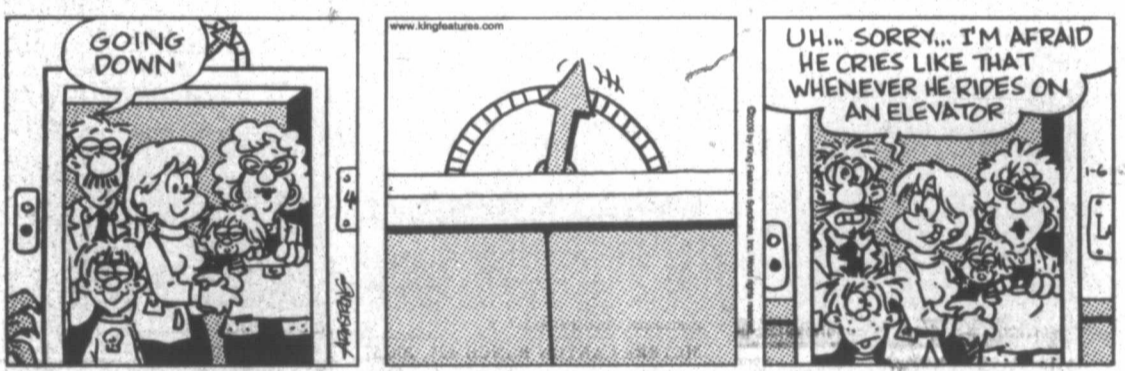
Garfield



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Daily Crossword Puzzle

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 1 Second-largest country
 - 7 Irritated state
 - 11 Penitent person
 - 12 Hawaiian port
 - 13 Irritate
 - 14 Eyeball
 - 15 Warm spot
 - 17 Game callers
 - 20 Sub entry
 - 23 Quarter-back Manning
 - 24 "Understood!"
 - 26 Periodical, for short
 - 27 Sister
 - 28 Gloss target
 - 29 Olympics hopeful
 - 31 Game caller
 - 32 Wendy's friend
 - 33 Heed
 - 34 Tabby's treat
 - 37 Canvas cover
 - 39 Texas city
 - 43 Authentic
 - 44 Wilde's Gray
 - 45 Folder features
- DOWN**
- 1 Train unit
 - 2 — glance
 - 3 Dijon denial
 - 4 Egyptian crosses
 - 5 Proofing mark
 - 6 Vicinity
 - 7 Fired upon
 - 8 Cabaret
 - 9 Suffering
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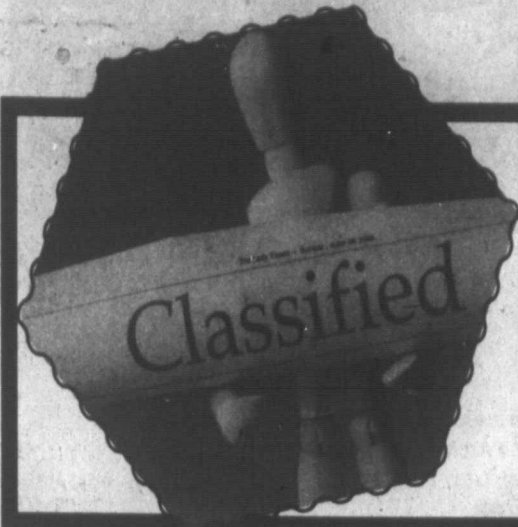
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Daily Horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Jan. 7, 2010:
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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)
**** An infusion of energy allows you to complete anything that needs to happen. Understanding evolves to a new level, if you want it to. Realize that others just might not be able to keep up with you. Tonight: Say "yes."
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
***** Your imagination and energy need to be tapped into for a work or must-do project. Given the space, you could be surprised by what you can accomplish. A boss or someone you look up to has many excellent ideas. Tonight: Zero in on what you must.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
***** Allow greater give-and-take. How you see a situation doesn't make any difference. Your sense of amusement

emerges when dealing with a child or loved one. Listen to feedback, understanding what is possible. Tonight: Time to move into weekend mode.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
*** Emphasize home and security. You are on top of your game. No matter what occurs, know that there is always another perspective. Try working with that concept more often. A partner shows you that the cup is half-full rather than half-empty. Tonight: Your treat.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
*** Be sensitive to new possibilities. Even though someone might not give the best presentation, his or her idea can be sound. Try working with it before nixing it. Others will become far more open as a result. Tonight: Hang out.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
*** Be aware of your spending, your need to indulge and perhaps your need to make an impression. Your work and dedication speak for themselves professionally. Your nurturing way touches many. Tonight: Indulge yourself in a back rub.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
***** Your imagination wiggles into whatever you do, whenever you do it. Your energy and upbeat perspective merge. You get your point across in a meeting and/or with an individual. Remember, questioning a plan doesn't mean disagreement. Welcome inquiries. Tonight: Let the good times in.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
** If you are tired, it is understandable. You can only get so much done, so fast. Someone could be difficult as you want to charge forward. Know when to play the waiting game. Tonight: Opt for some extra R and R.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

***** Your determination often emerges when you are wanting to clear out all problems. Your view or perspective could be like a merry-go-round, a perpetually revolving view. This growth adds dimension to anything you take on. Tonight: Where the action is.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
***** A challenging partner could force your hand. Stay in touch with your need to have certain matters how you want them. Creativity and risk-taking could merge financially. Careful! Tonight: On the merry-go-round of life.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
***** Your need to seem full of ideas and to be a source of solutions emerges. You will note that you could inadvertently challenge a partner. Though you might not see a situation as others do, who is to say you are wrong? Tonight: Reach out for loved ones at a distance.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
*** Unite with a partner, and you'll suddenly see situations much differently, and others will see you differently. Though this merger could simply be a business agreement over one project, you trigger some magic, as you watch events fall into place. Tonight: Be with a favorite person only.
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Actor Nicolas Cage (1964), TV anchor Katie Couric (1957), singer, songwriter Kenny Loggins (1948) ***
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Sports

Harvesters escape Demons for first district win of the season

BY ANDREW GLOVER
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The Pampa Harvesters boys basketball team overcame first half struggles for their first district win 55-45 over the Dumas Demons Tuesday in Dumas.

Head Coach Dustin Miller said his team was more aggressive on defense in the second half.

"We attacked them instead of them attacking us, which lead us to getting out and getting some transition baskets," Miller said. "Alex (Clendening), Latigo (Collins) and Garrett (Ericson) hit some really big threes in the second half as well."

Shots didn't fall for the Harvesters in the first half. Pampa didn't get a lead in the first half. In the first quarter, Dumas jumped out to an early 12-4 lead. The Harvesters went on a 11-4 run to close out the quarter and only trailed 16-15.

In the second quarter, Pampa's shooting woes continued. The Demons outscored the Harvesters 18-10 in the quarter and expanded their lead to 34-25 at halftime. In the third quarter, momentum would swing in favor of the Harvesters. Pampa opened the quarter on a 9-2 run to cut Dumas' lead to 36-34. Both teams exchanged baskets the rest of the quarter as Dumas led 39-37 after three.

In the final quarter, Pampa was in complete control. Collins hit a three-pointer that gave the Harvesters their first lead of the game at 40-39. Both teams would exchange baskets and Dumas had the lead 45-43, but that's when the Harvesters would seal the game. Collins made another three-pointer to give Pampa a 46-45 lead and started what would be a 12-0 run for the Harvesters.

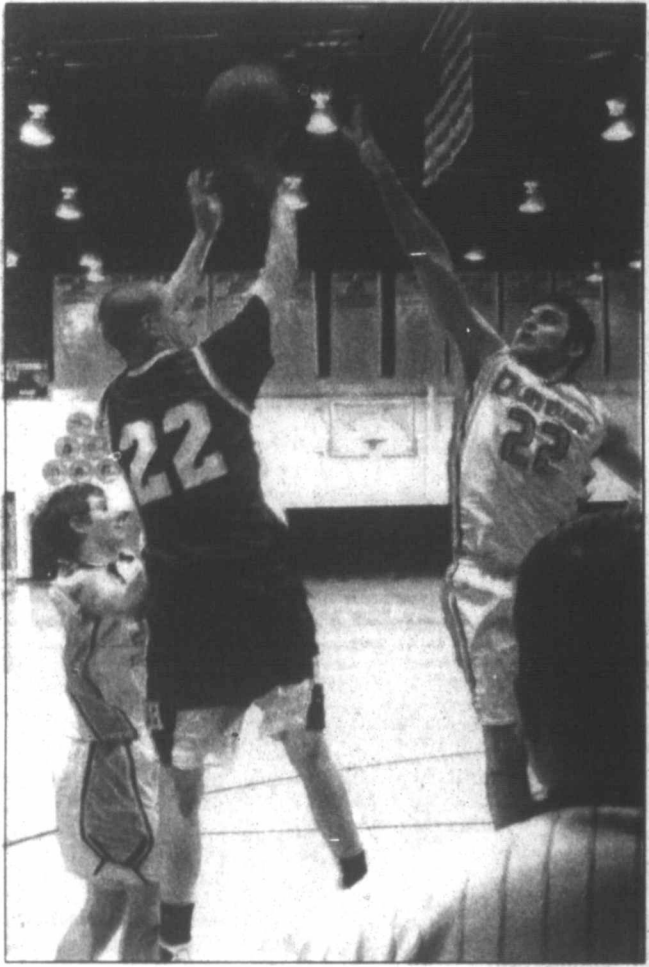
Clendening and Collins led the team in scoring with 15 points each. Ericson scored 10 points, Ryan Jimenez scored eight, Travis Hagerman scored five, and Reid Miller scored two. Dustin Miller said getting their first district win was big especially since it was on the road.

"(I) Don't care who play and what records are they just aren't easy to get on the road," Miller said. "It was nice to take care of our business."

The Harvesters (9-8, 1-0) play at home 7:30 p.m.

Friday for the first time since the Pampa Lions Club and VFW Invitational (November 27-28) against the Caprock Longhorns. Pampa's head coach said they have a chance to put Caprock in a hole in the district standings.

"We have a chance to put them 0-3," Dustin Miller said. "But we really need to focus on us and continue to get better as a team and gain some confidence that we can be a threat in this thing."



Latigo Collins (22 green) attempts a shot with a Dumas Demon going after the ball Tuesday in Dumas. Pampa won 55-45. Photo courtesy Jim Merriott, The Moore County News Press.

Soccer teams open 2010 season

BY ANDREW GLOVER
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The Pampa High School boys and girls soccer teams opened the 2010 season with a scrimmage against Amarillo Tascosa Tuesday at Harvester Field.

Both teams had rough seasons last year and are looking to improve this season. Senior Cindy Meza said the girls team is looking to come together more this season.

"We are going to try to communicate more and work hard and try to stay a team," Meza.

Head Coach John True said the girls are young but are talented.

"We only have two seniors," True said. "We're starting some freshmen. We're fairly talented but very inexperienced. That's going to play into what we try to do. The longer the season goes the better we will get."

The teams played three 25 minute periods with a little break in between periods. No score was officially kept at the scrimmage. The Lady Rebels outscored the Harvesters 4-0.

True said the soccer teams are playing some of their district opponents in non-district to help with travel. The Lady Harvesters open the season Tuesday hosting Caprock, then compete in the Azle

Tournament January 14-16, host Canyon January 19, host Berger January 25 and Burkburnett January 29. Meza said she thinks the non-district schedule will help the team once they get to district.

"It will help us go through the tough times," Meza said. "Help us learn what we need to work on and being a family."

The boys scrimmaged right after the girls. No score was officially kept but Amarillo Tascosa outscored Pampa 3-0.

True said the boys team is a little more experienced than the girls.

"All of my starters played last year," True said.

The boys opens the season Monday hosting Canyon and host Palo Duro January 18, the team has a tournament in Wichita Falls January 22-23 and finish non-district hosting Berger January 26 and visiting Burkburnett January 29.

True said the goals for both teams is to make it to the playoffs.

"I really believe that is a realistic goal," True said. "I don't worry about records (won-loss) that much. Really we are a 3A school playing 4A soccer. We use our pre-district to kind of build our team. Once district comes around hopefully we'll be able to compete."

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