

# For the record 



Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 25 .
Wind chill values between 18 and 23 . Calm wind becoming east around 5 mph .
Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 50 . Wind chill values between 16 and 26 early.
East wind 5 to 15 mph becoming south. Winds could gust as high as 25 mph .
Tuesday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 31 . Wind chill values between 21 and
26 . South wind between 15 and 20 mph , with gusts as high as 25 mph .
Wednesday: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 52. North northwest wind between 10
mph , with gusts as high as 20 mph .

Wednesday Night: A chance of rain and snow before 9 pm, then a chance of snow.
Cloudy, with a low around 22 . Northeast wind between 10 and 20 mph , with gusts as high as 25 mph . Chance of precipitation is $50 \%$.
Thursday: Snow likely. Cloudy, with a high
near 25. North northeast wind between 10 and 20 mph , with gusts as high as 25 mph . Chance of precipitation is $60 \%$.
Thursday Night: A 20 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 20 .
North northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph

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Two drug
seizures on I-40
At 12:09 p.m. Saturday, Sing patrol in Gray County
snear Mclean stopped Sa vehicle traveling eastSound on I-40. The driver was Calvin Jerome Talley
of Stockton, California. \% He was traveling from FTucson, Arizona to Flint, -Michigan. During the stop,
the K-9 was deployed and the K-9 was deployed and
alerted to the presence of alerted to the presence of
a controlled substance in
the vehicle. A probable the vehicle. A probable
cause search was then conducted and revealed 78 lbs
of marijuana concealed in of marijuana concealed in
the luggage inside of the velicle. The marijuana
was valued at $\$ 35,100$. The was valued at $\$ 35,100$. The
driver was then arrested driver was then arrested
and booked into the Gray County Jail for possession marijuan.


11:58 a.m., a trooper work ing patrol in Carson County
near Conway stopped a vehicle traveling east bound on I-40. The driver was Alejandro Sanchez
Vasquez of Phoenix, Vasquez of Phoenix,
Arizona. He was traveling from Phoenix, Arizona to Oklahoma City; Oklahoma.
During the traffic stop, the During the traffic stop, the
trooper requested consent trooper requested consen
to search the vehicle and was granted consent. A
subsequent search of the vehicle revealed 2 bundles of methamphetamine total. ing 1,362 grams, valued at ing
$\mathbf{1 2 3 , 9 2 4}$
. The driver was then arrested and booked
into the Carson County Jail into the Carson County Jail
for possession of a con for possession of
trolled substance.
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substance.
Tony Medina, 23, was
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possession of mariuan possession of marijuana.
Reggie Ugene Williams Reggie Ugene Williams,
39, was arrested by police 39, was arrested by police
on a bond surrenders in
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evading arrest and viot evading aarrest and aviola-
tion of parole on charges
on failure to identify himon failure to identify him
self, possession of drug
paraphernalia and failure to appear.
Saturday, Lisa Merre Gamburg,
46, of Philadelphia, Penn 46, of Philadelphia, Penn., was arrested by Texas Department of Public
Safety troopers on charges
of possession of marijuana of possession of marijuana.
Yusuf Dogan Jr. of Las
Vegas, Nev, was, amested Vegas, Nev, was arrested
Public Sasety troopers on charges of possession of
mariuana. Shawn Dale Easter, 41, Lefors, was amrester, 41 police on a Randall County
warrant on charges of
aggravated assault with : deadly weapon and four

## Obituaries

Vernon Ray Devoll, Jr., $5^{2}$

## Pampa- Verno Devoll, $\mathrm{Jr} ., 52$ January 23, Wheeler County.

 Services will be held at 3 p.m. Tuesday, January 26, 2010, at Trinity Richard and Carol Peet, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the Whatley Funeral Directors. Mr. Devoll was bon ebruary 7, 1957 in Pampa Pampa High School in 1975. He married TwilaTrimble on August 3, 1979 in Pampa. He was a lifelong pipeliner, part owner Pipeline LLC of Pampa and Whecler, fulfilling a was a member of Carol
Peet Ministries. He was an Peet Ministries. He was an avid hunter and fisherman
and enjoyed spending time and enjoyed spending time
outdoors. He was a devoted husband and father, and Box 2111, Pampa, Texa Cletis Vernon Imel, 82
Amarillo-
Vernon Ime Vernon Imel,
January 23,2010 . January 23, 2010. Memorial Service will be held on Monday, January
25,2010 at $4: 00$ p.m. at 25, 2010 at $4: 00$ p.m. at $\begin{gathered}\text { number of activities which }\end{gathered}$ alileyview Nazarene Superintenday School Church. Private burial
will be at Memorial Park Cemetery Memorial Pank Cletis Imel was born on August 10, 1927 in Wirt, Oklahoma to Arthur and Lillie Imel. He gradu-
ated from White ated from White Dee
High School and the attended West Texas State
University. He was a long Survivors include his
wife, Twila Devoll of the
home; two sons, CCy Ray
Devoll and wife Stefani,
and Clint Reid Devoll, all
of Pampa; one brother,
James OOttis Devoll and
wife Mitzi of Pampa; one
sister, Belinda Thomas and
husband Rocky of Pampa;
numerou nieces, neph-
eww, great nieces and great
nephews.
MEMORIALS: Sonja
Nite Cancer Fund, c/o
Carol Peet Ministries, P.O.
Box 2111, Pampa, Texas University. He was a long brother and three sisters.


## Harry Benson Gilstrap, III, 68

Pampa- Harry Benson State University, majoring his ashes will be taken to tives include his former
Gilstrap, III, 68 , died in speech and journalism Gilstrap, III, 68, died in speech and journalism. the mountains at Taos, sisters-in-law: Linda King
January 23, 2010, in Following his service in New Mexico, where his and Gwyn Kayler, both January 23, 2010, in Services are pending
with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors. Mr. Gilstrap was born
December 25,1941 December 25, 1941 in
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma Oklahoma City, Oklahoma,
the only child of Geneva Güllickson Gilstrap and long-time Amarillo jour-
nalist Harry B. Gilstrap J. nalist Harry B. Gilstrap, Jr.
He was a 1958 graduate He was a 1958 graduate
of Amarillo High School and attended West Texas the U. S. Army Reserves, he attended radio school at
Elkins Institute in Dallas Harry worked at radio and television stations in
the Texas Panhandle and in Oklahoma, as a radio engineer, newsman and broadcaster for 35 years,
and also taught at Elkins and also taught at Elkins
Institute in Oklahoma City Anstitute in Oklahoma City. A memorial service for
Mr. Gistrap will be held
later in the summer, and New Mexico, where his son Neill's ashes were
scattered following his death in 1996 . Mr. Gilstrap is survived
by Andrew King and wife
Rachael of Canyon, his Rachael of Canyon, his
nephew nephew by marriage, who
took care years as his health for several years as his health declined;
and friends Dustin and friends Dustin Allen and wife Michelle of
Stillwater, Oklahoma, who Stillwater, Oklahoma, who
cared for Harry following cared for Harry following
his retirement. Other relard Rossiter and Gwyn Kayler, both of. Skellytown, Deborah
Hendrick of Canyon Lak Hendrick of Canyon Lake
his former wife: Kathleen Gould of Wilmington North Carolina; and nephews: Kelly Hendrick of
San Marcos and Gary King San Marcos and Gary King
of Daphne, Alabama. He was preceded in death by his parents; and his only child: Neill Frank Gilstrap Sign the on-line register

LeRoy Edward Rossiter, 69
Pampa- LeRoy Edward
Rossiter, 69 , died January 23, 2010, in Pampa, Texas. Services are pending
with Carmichael-Whatley with Carmichael-Whatley
Funeral Directors. Mr. Rossiter was born July 23, 1940 in Alma
Oklahoma. He marrie

Mary Bromlow on July 31,
1974. He had been a resithe home; 1 daughter,
Mandy Rossiter of Pampa; brother, Thomas Rossiter 1974. He had been a resi-
dent of Pampa since 1977 where he worked for the City of Pampa. LeRoy was
a member of the Salvation kiahoma. He Alma, Army Church.

## EITG

 Mandy Rossiter of Pampa;two sons, Brian Rossiter f Pampa and Sosster his parents. Rossiter of Amarillo; a at wign the on-line register brother, Robert Rossiter ley.com brother, Robert Rossiter
of Chickasha, Oklahoma; 14 grandchildren. He was

## Emergency Services

 following
weekend.
Police
Police reported 29 traf-
fic-related calls and three accidents. Animal control
reported 35 calls.
reported 35 calls.
Pampa EMS reported 1 medical calls. The Pampa one medical call.
one medical call.
Friday, Jan. 22.
Phone harassment was
reported in the 800 block
of East Locust.
Officers assisted another
agency in the 1100 block
of South Neel.
A vehicle was reported
Atolen to police.
A suspicious person was
A suspicious person was
reported in the 800 block of East Frederic.
Officers assisted
Officers assisted another. agency in the 11
of South Prairi. A the
police.
Offic
Officers served a warrant
in the 500 .block of North
Faulkner. 500 .block of North An assault was report-
A suspicious person was reported in the 2000
of North Duncan. A violation of city ordi-
nance was reported in
the 1100 block of South the 1100 block of South
Vamo.
A suspicious vehicle was
A suspicious vehicle was
reported in the 500 block of NorthRider.
A thef was reported to
police.
Disorderly conduct was reported in the
of South Nelson.

A suspicious person wàs reported in the 400 block of North Wells.
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Disorderly conduct was
reported in the 1600 block reported in the 1600 block
of North Holly. ofth Holly.
Officers checked a building in the 100 block of East Crawford.
A drunk A drunk driver was
reported in the 1300 block reported in the 1300 block
of North Hobart. Officers checked a building in the 600 block of
West Foster. A runaway in the 400 block of South

Saurday, Jan. 23.
Officers provided an
escort in the escort in the
North West. A welfare check was made in the 1100 block of
Sierra. Sierra.
Crimina Criminal mischief was
reported in the 400 block reported in the 4
of North Yeager.
Disorderly conduct was reported in the 400 block
of Graham. A suspicious person was
reported in the 600 block reported in the 600 block
of North Dwight. Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in
the 1900 block of North Zimmers.
Criminal mischief was reported in the 1200 block
of North Duncan. A thef was reported A domestic disturbance
was reported in the 1300 was reported in the 1300
Chock of North Coffee. Carbon monoxide was reported in the 4
of North Lefors.
 A suspicious vehicle was block of North Sloan. reported at Russell and Harvester.
block of North Sloan. Officers Officers performed a West 30th.
welfare check in the 1600 Officers block of West Somerville. a welfare check in the A suspicious vehicle was 1600 block of East U.S. $\begin{aligned} & \text { reported in the } 200 \text { block } \\ & \text { of Ballard. }\end{aligned}$ Highway 60 . A domestic disturbance
A domestic disturbance
was reported in the 2200 A domestic disturbance
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PISD reports improved passing rate for PHS



## Urgent need for tent cities in Haiti


 nation struggling oust to $\begin{aligned} & \text { in northern Haiti, a city } \\ & \text { abandoned by many after } \\ & \text { two devastating floods in a place to sleep. }\end{aligned}$ $\begin{array}{ll}\text { find a place to sleep. } & \text { two devastating floods in } \\ \text { As many as } 1 \text { million six ears. }\end{array}$ As many as 1 million
people - one person in
nine across the nine a aross one person in
try - need to fire country - need to find new
shelter, he United Nations shelter, the United Nations
estimates, and there are too
few tents, let alone safe few tents, let alone safe
buildings, to put them in.
That leaves about That leaves about
700,000 other people living on the streets. around
Port-au-Prince under whatever they. can salvage. In the case of Jean Anthony's
family, that's a blue plastic tarpaulin for a ceiling and a faded pink sheet with
floral print border for two floral print border for two
walls.
"'m not sure what you'd call it, but it's much more than terrible," said
Anthony the 60 -year-old Antony, he
owner of a collapsed restaurant. Thousands of people were camped around him Monday across from
the National Palace, amid piles of trash and the stench of human waste.
"We live like dogs,"
said Espiegle Amilcar, an
unemployed 34-ycar unemployed 34 -year-old
who has who has been living under
a sheet of a sheet of plastic nearby.
Aid organizations Aid organizations
say they are collectsay they a
ing tents, but few so far are in evidence. And the
International Organization International Organization evangelical church. at for Migration, an intergov- shocks have followed the ernmental agency, says it magnitude- 7.0 quake of
could take experts weeks
Jan. 12 , adding to the fear to search out suitable sites for enough tent cities to
hold earthquake refugees holdearnquake refugees. quake victims have been
Vincent Houver, the Geneva-based agency's an official said Sunday, but
chief of mission in Haiti, chief of mission in Haiti,
said Sund said that doesn't count
cy's warehouse the in Port-au-
the bodies still in wrecked
 ily-size tents, but he estiThe organization has
appealed for $\$ 30$ million to pay for tents and other
aid needs and has received aid neeeds and has received
two-thirds of that so far, he-said,
Haiti's Haiti's government
wants many of the homewants many of the home-
less to leave the capital city less to leave the capital city
of 2 million people, to look or better shelter with relatives or others elsewhere.
Officials estimate that about 235,000 have taken
advantage of its offer of
free transport to leave the free transport to leave the
city, and many others left
on their own, some even $\begin{aligned} & \text { on their own, some even } \\ & \text { walking. } \\ & \text { An estimated }\end{aligned} 50,000$ lying quake areas. "Nobody knows how
many bodies are bur-
ied in the rubble," said
Communicatitons MMinister
Marie-Laurence Jocelyn
Lassegue said. Asked about

the total number of vic| six years. | $\begin{array}{l}\text { the total number of vic- } \\ \text { "Living in Port-au-Prince } \\ \text { tims, she said, " } 200,000 \text { ? }\end{array}$ |
| :---: | :--- | is a problem. Going to tims, she said, "200,000?

Gonaives is another prob- Who knows the Gonaives is another prob-
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else try and been somewhere the capital area was based
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on figut way to do that."
Her daughter, Her daughter, Katya, was
among the thousands killed
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by the floods of 2004's
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The family moved to PortThe family moved to Port-
au-Prince, where the earth-
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quake killed her 2 -y-yar-
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resale in Haiti. perfume from Haiti,
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What of the fam-
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over-farming over-farming and rampant
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"I'm scared, but I'm living by the will of lim livsaid Alceus, dressod, white after attending evangelical church. at an
At least 55 sizable after-

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## Sports

## Early lead propels Lady Dons past Lady Harvesters

 agloverothepampanews.com half time we did a good ter. Emilie Troxell and
The Pampa Lady job of being patient and Andi Hutto scored the only The Pampa Lady job of being patient and Andi Hutto scored the only
Harvesters basketball team breaking their half court points of the quarter for the ell behind early and lost their third straight $63-33$ against the Palo Duro Lady Dons Friday at the Palo
Duro Activities Center. Head Coach Gen $V$ alentine thought his team played better in the second "We had a few minutes in the second quarler that we lost our focus
and they made a run on
Lady Tigers dominate
Owls, Tigers lose a close one
 $\begin{array}{lll}\text { The McLean girls bas- } \\ \text { ketball team moved to } 20-3 & \begin{array}{l}\text { tributed } 9 \\ \text { respectively. }\end{array} & \text { and } 6 \text { points, }\end{array} \begin{gathered}\text { the one-point victory. } \\ \text { Jordan Herring scored } 20\end{gathered}$ ketball team moved to $20-3$ respectively.
for the McLean girls led District 4-1A, Division 2, Friday night with a $58-29$ win at Hedley.
The McLean boys led nost of the game before
falling to the Owls on a free throw, 63-62. Nancy, Castillo led the
Lady Tigers with 19 points, Lady Tigers with 19 points,
followed by Saber Bohlar
Pirates victorious over the
Eagles, seek tie for first
$\begin{array}{cl}\text { BY Andorew Glover } & \begin{array}{l}\text { well. Keenan (Lott) was } \\ \text { agiover Qthepampanews.com } \\ \text { hitting really good. He } \\ \text { scored } 14 \text { in the first quar- }\end{array} \\ \text { The Lefors. Pirates } & \end{array}$ The Lefors Pirates extended their winning streak to three with a 64-47 Eagles Tuesday in Lefors. Head Coach Joey Czubinski aka "Coach
Ski" said the win was a Ski" said the win was a
solid team effort. solid team effort.

"Team wise it was a Team wise it was a
good game. (Austin)
Brooks didn't play because Brooks didn't play because
he was sick. Trever he was sick. Trever
(Czubbinski) played on and off because he was sick
that day," Coach Ski said. "Some guys really stepped up. Dennis Sprouse and
Gaitlin Reagan played


Coach Ski said his
team team's half court defense helped them wint the game.
"We started off slow and "We started off slow and allowed three or four tran-
sition baskets," Coach Ski sition baskets," Coach Sk
said. "Once we stopped them from getting easy
baskets and made them run baskets and made them run
the floor, our half court the floor, our half cour
defense was better than defense was better than
their half court offense."
The Pirates their half court offense
The Pirates (8-5, 3-1)
host the Gremer host the Groom Tigers
Tuesday. Groom gave Tuesday. Groom gave
Lefors their only district
loss, beating them loss, beating them $67-44$

Januiary 8. A win can put
the Pirates in a tie for first he Pirates in a tie for first
with the Tigers. Coach Ski said you so
by winning. "If we get a win we will e $4-1$ in district with three games to go," Coach Ski
said. "They've gotten bet ter and we've gotten better to. All of our guys will be there and we just need to get everyone hitting
shots)."

Foul trouble plagues Lady Pirates

BY AnDREw GLover The Lefors Lady Pirates play hard but are still seeking their first win in disrict play as they lost 45-32 to the Samnorwood Lady Eagles Tuesday in Lefors.
Head Coach Tory Peet said he had a couple of players get into foul trouble
and that's what kept them and that's what kept
from winning the game. from winning the game. at halftime," Peet said. "In the third quarter my starting point guard fouled out. A minute later my backup
point
guard fouled out. If point guard't get into foul
we just didn
trouble, we had control of the game. My bench isn' really deep (in depth)".
The Lady Pirates 0 04) host the Groom Tiger 0-4) host the Groom Tigers
Tuesday. The Tigers beat
Lefors $57-30$ in Groom January 8. Peet said he hopes Groom is looking motivated for the second
half as they're still in contention for the playoffs. I don't think they will
(look past Lefors). Peet
said. "If we can beat Hedley and Samnorwood, and
Hedley beats Samnorumad Hedley beats Samnorwood
we will all be tied for tind. My girts are motivatod and
know they let one get away from them.- This newspaper (UPS 781-540) is published daily, except Pampa Newis. Periodicals postage paid at Pampa; Texas Postmaster. Send address changes to The P
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$\qquad$ Barme 53-23.
Both teams played even
in the fourth quarter scorPampa beat Dumas in triPampa beat Dumas in tri-
ple overtime January 5 in
Dumas Dumas. Valentine said the
break will be niee to break will be nice to allow his players to heal up.
"We have played We have played three
physical games against the physical games against th
top three teams in our dis top three teams in our dis-
trict," Valentine said. "Il trict", Valentine said. "
will also allow us to gam will also allow us to game
plan for the three games we plan for the three games we
have coming up. We are have coming up. We ar
going to have to continue going to have to continue
playing with the intensity we have had the last thre games."



## Saints get a hard win

$\begin{array}{lll}\text { NEW ORLEANS (AP) } & \text { to recovery and in a lot of in New Or } \\ \text { Things have been hard } & \text { ways it's back better than } & \text { in the closi } \\ \text { in the Big Easy since } & \text { ever,", added Brees, the } & \text { regulation. } \\ \text { Hurricane Katrina's dev- } & \text { hand-chosen QB for coach } & \text { He never } \\ \text { astation. The Sains might } & \text { Sean Payton. For us as a } & \text { ball in OT }\end{array}$
the closing seconds o astation. The Saints might those lingering Bayou Blues.
A trip to the Super Bowl. New Orleans' beloved
team sure ain't the Aints leam sure ain't the Aints
anymore. They're headed to the NFL tite game for
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Sean Payton. "For us as a
team, we use the strength
and resiliency of our fans. and resiliency of our fans.
We go out and play every
Sunday Sunday and go out with
the confidence to do the confidence to do it
We're going to achiev
everything wever everything we've set out to achieve."
What th $\qquad$ no home and an uncer
tain future five years ago tain future five years ago
achieved was being toasted achieved was being toasted
on Bourbon Street even
before Payton, before Payton, the archi-
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George Halas Trophy. George Halas Trophy.
Streets were packed with
cars, horns honking carcs, horns honking, riders
hanging out windows, and hanging out windows, an
the early Mardi Gras laste the earry Mardi Gras lasted
well into the wee hour Monday
"This is this city." Payton sad this city," Payton said as he
stood on a stage above the stood on a stage above the
confetti-strewn Superdome
field. field. "This stadium used
to have holes in it and used to be wet. It's not wet any. more. This is for
New Orleans.
New Orleans,
If not for a slew of errors,
the Vikings ( $13-5$ ) might
be making trip,40) he
Super Bowt or tirst
time in 33 years. Favre ball in OT as the Saints
won the toss, converted won the toss, converted:
a fourth-and-1 on Pierre Thomas' dive, then won on "Just wondering if I can "Just wondering if I can
hold up, especially after a day like today," said Favre, who looked all of his 40 years after hurting his left leg in the third quarter,
but hanging in. "Physically ard mentally, that was and mentally, Not exactly what he
ended yet another brief ended yet another brief The Vikings were undone by five turmovers, including three fumbles. "We really gave those guys the game," said All-
Pro running back Adrian Peterson, who scored three
Prent touchdowns but was left to peck at the rousing celebrations on the Superdome
floor rather than doing any partying, "Too many urar-
overs. It's eating me up inside."
New New Orleans was sim-
ply eating it up, from the superdome it up, from the refuge anter Kane a squatid to the
French Quarter. Forget the French Quarter. Forget the
paper bag masks and that long history of
started in 1967 .


Dick Stowers (right) recently received a special award of attendance from James Burton, president of the Pampa Downtown Kiwanis Club. Stowers has a 55 year perrect attendance record at Kiwanis. Over the years, Stowers has served the club in
various capacities, including president, vice-president and director. "| really enjoy it," he said. "l like the fellowship with folks I don't get to see very much."


DEAR ABBY: My mother is a spry, sleep many nights over careless comments 75 -year-old woman who has expressed
an unusual request. She has told us "kids" have been made.
We love our son dearly, but we can no that when she is called by the angels, she longer be his crutch to lean on. Please tell wants to be dressed in an aqua nightgown me how to answer these people without
or PJs, and to be lying on her side. She being rude and hurtful. -- DESPERATE or PJs, and to be lying on her side. She being rude and hurttul. -- DESPERATE
says she will be sleeping for a long time, MOM IN LOUISIANA
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able. She also says if we don't carry out veyed in your letter are excellent replies $\begin{array}{ll}\text { able. She also says if we don't carry out } & \text { veyed in your letter are exceelient replies } \\ \text { her wishes, she will come back and haunt } \\ \text { to thoughtless people who question your }\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { decision You DID try "other solutions." }\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{lll}\text { us. I have attended many wakes, but I can } & \text { decision. You DID try "other solutions." } \\ \text { They didn't work, and there are other rela- }\end{array}$ honestly say I have never seen anything like this done before. What do you think?

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$$ DEAR WANTS TO DO RIGHT: I think it's wonderful that your mother is discussing this now -- and $I$ hope your letter will encourage more readers to begin

this kind of important conversation with this kind of im
their loved ones.
Because the alternative is to be "haunted" to eternity, you should honor your mother's wishes. But because laws vary
from state to state, readers who want from state to state, readers who want
to find out what the law is in their state should visit www.funerals.org and view the Personal Preference page.
DEAR ABBY: My son "Pete", who drugs since he was 17. After numerous trips to rehab, thousands of dollars and too many heartbreaks to number, his dad
and I decided to tell him he is no longer and Iecicome in our home. welcome in our home.
We did not reach this decision lightly.
We have other children and grandchildren We have other children and grandchildren
to consider. consider.
We have lived in this small town all our lives. I don't know how to answer
people's questions about why we have no people's questions about why we have no
contact with Pete or why we haven't tried ther solutions. I have cried myself to

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final analysis - - they have to help themfinal analysis -- they have to help them-
selves recover. If you are questioned more selves recover. If you are questioned more was a painful decision for you and your husband and to please not raise the subject again.

DEAR ABBY: I have purchased season tickets for the local professional hockey team from a former co-worker for the
last five years. We worked together for last five years. We worked together for
eight years and had a good relationship until this recent issue.
This year, when I called to ask about
the tickets, she informed me that she had the tickets, she informed me that she had already sold them on Craigslist. I was
upset because she didn't offer them to me first. I would have paid her the asking price without complaint. I understand that they were her tickets and she could do what she wanted with them, but I feel she was inconsiderate and
rude not to at least offer them to me before selling them to a total stranger. We are no longer speaking. Who's in the right? DEAR MAD: She should have warned you -- but if it ended the friendship, it couldn't have been much of one to begin
with. with.



Closed hotel in Happy burns, no injuries
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Halliburton 4th quarter profit drops 48 percent
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