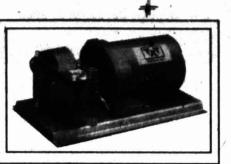
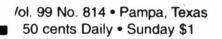


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## LOTTERY

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 13-17-19-20-44. Bonus Ball: 5.

Number matching five of five, plus Bonus Ball: 0.

Number matching five of five: 8. Prize: \$4,151.

Estimated jackpot for Wednesday night drawing: \$20 million.

## DEATHS

Jerry A. Donaldson, 67, construction-oil field consultant. Wayne Garlington, 60, gas

company executive. Agnes Watson Hall, 91,

homemaker.

Billy Joe Hagerman, 68, construction company owner. Paula Ruth Puckett. 44. carpentry worker.

William Robert Provence,

# **Commissioners** set two meeting times this week

Pampa City ing budget, an ordinance Commissioners plan to meet amending an ordinance changtwice this week on consecu- ing the proposed Wal-mart tive days to complete their Supercenter land zoning from December obligations.

Commissioners will meet ordinances eliminating the first at 4 p.m. Tuesday in the Cable Advisory Commission city commission chamber of and Hidden Hills Golf Course city hall beginning with a Advisory Board and an ordireport from the city manager nance amending the sign ordion reorganization, followed by nance relative to the height a report from the public works and area limitations of ground director on a supplemental signs. environmental project.

consideration and possible to the commission chambers action include cancellation of at 4 p.m. to consider on final the Dec. 23 meeting and first reading the ordinances first readings of the following ordi- heard in Tuesday's meeting nances: An ordinance amend- and to consider the final plat ing the 2003-2004 city operat- of the Wal-Mart Addition.

On Wednesday, Dec. 10, Agenda items listed for commissioners plan to return

agriculture to commercial.

## DPS finds 400 lbs. of pot

AMARILLO - Highway Patrol officers Saturday discovered 400 pounds of marijuana stashed in suitcases in a van they had stopped for a traffic violation on Interstate 40 near Amarillo.

At 12:35 p.m., officers stopped a 2003 Dodge Caravan traveling east on I-40, just west of Amarillo for a traffic violation, according to a Texas Department of Public Safety. news' release. Later, a K-9 officer alerted on the vehicle and a search found the marijuana, with an estimated value of \$235,000, underneath clothing packed in several suitcases in the rear of the vehicle. The driver, Osheina M. Wan, 24, of Toronto, Canada, was arrested and booked into Potter County Jail on related drug

## Everyone loves a parade!



(Courtesy photo)

A Christmas parade just wouldn't be a Christmas parade without an appearance from Jolly Ol' St. Nick, a/k/a Santa Claus. He arrived in style on a Pampa Fire Department vintage fire truck. Official results of this year's Pampa Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade were not available this morning, but Executive Director Clay Price said the parade consisted of 92 entries, compare to 52 entries in 2002. Changing the time to 1 p.m. in the afternoon may have contributed to the increase, he said.

(Courtesy photo) **Coronado Healthcare** members staff dressed as characters from Dr. Seuss's "The Cat in the Hat" for their Commercial Divison entry in the Pampa Chamber of Commerce's 2003 Christmas Parade Saturday.



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charges. DPS officials said in a press release about the incident that they believe the load originated in San Diego, Calif., and was

# United Way needs \$39,195 to hit goal

Pampa's 50th annual United Way meet its 2004 goal of \$311,600.

headed for Virginia.

16 United Way Agencies," said needs." Katrina Bigham, executive director. because of their work.

The agencies supported by the Army: the High Plains:

" Reaching the goal is essential to Day Care Center; Girl Scouts, Five and Pampa Optimist Youth Club. Campaign still needs \$39,195.00 to maintaining 'people caring services' Star Council: Genesis House: Gray at the current levels," she added. " If County Child Protective Services; now to continue funding from the "The citizens of Pampa have again we don't reach the goal, each agency Gray County Latch Key; Pampa United Way," Bigham said. "Call the been generous in their support of the will have less money to meet Pampa's Meals On Wheels; Pampa United Way office today with your Samaritan "These agencies provide overwhelm- Pampa United Way include Counseling; Southside Senior Call Pampa United Way at 669-Community Retardation: Tralee Crisis Center Texas, 79066-2076

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ing service to over 10,000 people. American Red Cross: Boy Scouts. Citizens Center: Texas Panhandle. 1001 or mail donations to Pampa each year. Pampa is a richer place Golden Spread Council: CASA of Mental Health & Mental United Way, P.O. Box 2076, Pampa,

**Bush signs Medicare law with drug benefits** 

**By SCOTT LINDLAW** ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Bush on Monday signed into law the most far-reaching changes in Medicare in nearly four decades, an overhaul that includes for the first time a prescription-drug benefit for seniors.

Bush said the measure, estimated to Constitution Hall. cost \$400 billion over the next 10 "better choices and more control over iors of America." Bush declared. their health care, so they can receive deserve."

he law adds a prescription drug benefit beginning in 2006 and also encourages insurance companies to offer private plans to millions of older Americans who now receive health care benefits under terms fixed by the federal government.

the modern medical care they extensive changes since Medicare's at its inception during the Johnson creation in 1965. It adds a prescription administration. He signed the bill amid great fanfare drug benefit beginning in 2006. At the in front of an audience of seniors and same time, it encourages insurance buy a Medicare-approved discount seniors since the founding of congressional leaders in the Daughters companies to offer private plans to mil- card for \$30 or less to help offset the "Medicare," the president said. the American Revolution's lions of older Americans who now growing costs of prescriptions.

receive health care benefits under its pricetag. "Our government is finally bringing terms fixed by the federal government. years, would give older Americans prescription drug coverage to the sen- Leading Democrats have charged this banner with a prescription sign and the would lead to the destruction of the words: "Keeping Our Promise to The new law will carry out the most Medicare program as it was designed. Seniors."

Bush had promised such a measure as part of his 2000 presidential campaign, seeking to capitalize on an issue usually associated with Democrats. However, the GOP-written legislation has come under fire from all nine Democratic presidential candidates, a host of Democratic lawmakers and some fiscal conservatives opposed to

Bush spoke in front of a large blue

"I'm pleased that all of you are here to witness the greatest advance in Beginning next May, seniors can health care coverage for America's

(See MEDICARE, Page 3)



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### **OBITUARIES**

### SERVICES TOMORROW

PROVENCE, William Robert - 2 p.m., Salvation Army Church of Pampa.

### JERRY A. DONALDSON

### 1936-2003

67, died Thursday, Dec. 4, 2003, in an struction and oil field consultant. Amarillo Hospital after a brief illness.

Graveside services were to be at 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 8, 2003, at Indian Creek Cemetery in Palo Pinto County under the direction of Baum-Carlock-Bumgardner Funeral Home of Mineral Wells.

Mr. Donaldson was born July 28, 1936, in Eldorado to Russell and Clara Donaldson. He married Patricia A. Green on Dec. 19, 1964. retired from Halliburton Resource children.

### WAYNE GARLINGTON

### 1983-2003

SANFORD — Wayne Garlington, 60, died Friday, Dec. 5, 2003, at Amarillo. Services were to be at 10 a.m. today at Fellowship Baptist Church with the Rev. Bill Sizemore, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Stinnett Masonic Lodge under the direction of Minton-Chatwell Funeral Directors of Borger.

Wayne was born in Bowie, Texas, and was a supervisor for Colorado Interstate Gas Company. He was a member of Fellowship Baptist Church where he was active in the Prayer Ministry. He has lived in Sanford for 51 years and was a member of the Billy Dixon Masonic Lodge.

B.L. in 1983, and his brother, James in 1999.

**AGNES WATSON HALL** 

1912-2003

Agnes Watson Hall, 91, died Monday, Dec. 8, in Pampa. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Hall was born July 25, 1912, in Red Boiling Springs, Tenn. She married Rayburn Hall on June 29, 1929, in Kiowa County, Okla. He preceded her in death on Dec. 22, 1974. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1962. She was a member of Wells Street Church of Christ. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include three daughters, Myrtis Jones of Pampa and Gayle Caudell and Joyce Bryant, both of Guymon, Okla.; three sons, Gerald Hall of Vega, Curtis Hall of Briscoe, and

MINERAL WELLS - Jerry A. Donaldson, Management after 22 years and became a con-He was preceded in death by his parents,

brother Bill Carson and sister Barbara Ann Donaldson.

Survivors include his wife Pat Donaldson of the home; two sons, Kevin Donaldson of. Mineral Wells and Chris C. Donaldson of Lillian; one brother, Kyle Donaldson of Sonora, one sister, Ruby A. Harris of Eldorado; brother-in-law and sister-in-law Mart and He lived in Mineral Wells for 20 years. He Sandra Chumley of Pampa; and three grand-

Pall Bearers will be Tony Estep, Bruce Estep, Terry Estep, Wade Garlington, Chase McDonald, Anthony Estep, Dave Whiteley and Eldon Eads.

Survivors include his wife, Bobbie; his Cemetery under the auspices of Billy Dixon mother, Lucille Garlington of Borger; four sons, Wade Garlington and wife Velvet of Williams, Ariz., Bruce Estep and wife Carmen of McLoud, Okla., Bruce Estep and wife Karen of Fayetteville, N.C., and Tony Estep of Amarillo; three daughters, Robyn and James Bumgarner of St. Charles, Mo., Christie and Eldon Eads of Pampa, Texas, and Gail and Dave Whiteley of Borger; a brother, Reggie Garlington of Skellytown; a sister, Tanya Heildeberg of Borger; a sister-in-law, He was preceded in death by his father, Charlotte Garlington of Dallas; 18 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Bruce Hall of Amarillo; 17 grandchildren, 39 great-grandchildren; and nine great-greatgrandchildren. She was preced-

daughter, Caitlin Hall.

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

### **BILLY JOE "BILL" HAGERMAN** 1935-2003

Billy Joe "Bill" Hagerman, 68, died Saturday, Dec. 6, in Pampa. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Born Oct. 6, 1935 at Sweetwater, Okla., he was a graduate of Kelton High School and Draughns Business College. He was a member of the Army National Guard from 1953 until 1965, being discharged with the rank of Sgt. 1st Class. He married Freda Hall on Nov. 18, 1955, at Pampa. He worked for the U.S. Postal Service as a postman from 1959 until 1983. He was the owner and operator of Hagerman Construction at the time of his death. He was a member of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, Proud Heritage Tractor Club, and the Golden Spread Antique Machinery Association. His volunteer activities included the Freedom Museum, the Old Mobeetie Jail, and he was construction supervisor at the Super Playground.

Survivors include his wife, Freda Hagerman of the home; three sons, B. Jay Hagerman of

### **PAULA RUTH PUCKETT** 1959-2003

Paula Ruth Puckett, 44, died Dec. 6, 2003, in Amarillo. Graveside services were to be Monday, Dec. 8, 2003, at 10 a.m. at Memory Garden Cemetery with the Rev. Carl Novian, associate pastor of First Baptist Church of Pampa, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

She was born Nov. 9, 1959, in Lampasas. She has lived in Pampa most of her life. She worked with her father doing carpentry work. She was a member of Alcoholic Anonymous.

Survivors include one son, Christopher Lance Puckett of Pampa; two sisters, Sharon L. Thompson of Evant, Texas, and Naomi Hulme of Plano, Texas; her mother, Mary Ida Puckett of Pampa; two nieces, Tammy Burdett and Mary Butler; two nephews, Don Thompson and Brian Butler; two great-nieces,

Provence, 61, will be at 2 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 9, in the Salvation Army Church with Captain Gary Steward, officiating. Mr. Provence died Dec. 4, 2003. Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Born June 19, 1942, in Foreman, Ark., he had

Pampa, Rick Hagerman and wife Carla of Lexington, Ky., and Mark Hagerman and wife Tina of Plainview; two daughters, Kim Davis and husband Paul of Tulsa, Okla., and Joanna Young and husband Mark of Brownwood; four brothers, Charles Hagerman and wife Naomi of Sweetwater, Okla., Verlin Hagerman and wife Debbie of Roscoe, Dale Hagerman and wife Dottie of Hinton, Okla., and Glenn Hagerman and wife Linda of Oklahoma City, Okla.; one sister, Rita Butler and husband Charlie of Weatherford, Okla.; 11 grandchildren, Mike, Matt and Holly Davis of Tulsa, Okla., Adam and Travis Hagerman of Pampa, Kristen and Clayton,

Hagerman of Plainview, Dean and Tobee . Hagerman of Lexington, Ky., and Kalin and Kyra Young of Brownwood.

The family requests memorials be made to ; the Freedom Museum Building Fund, 600 N. Hobart, Pampa, Texas, 79065.

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



Brianna Burdett; five great-nephews, Lance Corporal Jared Thompson - USMC, Kyle Thompson, Brady Burdett, Brent Burdett, Zachary

Butler. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Roy Edward Puckett and Millard Witt Puckett.

The family requests memorials be to the American Diabetes Association.

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

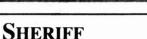
### WILLIAM ROBERT PROVENCE 1942-2003

A memorial service for William Robert been a resident of Pampa most of his life. He worked as a roughneck in the oil field industry.

Survivors include three stepsons, Robert Swanson of Skellytown, Bobby Swanson of New Mexico, and Billy Swanson of Amarillo, one brother, Leonard Provence of Avant, Okla., and one sister. Marie Gonzalez of Pampa.

The body will not be available for viewing.





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### reported the following arrests. Sunday, Dec. 7

Misty Dawn Pritchard, 31, 1112 Lincoln, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance less than one gram.

Michelle Lynn Roberts, homeless, was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia; capias pro fines on charges of no seat belt, failure to appear and no valid Texas driver's

an accident, no valid driver's license and failure to appear.

Racheal Georgett Gunther, 42, 601 N. West, was arrested for public intoxication and prohibited substance in a correctional facility. Carlos B. Regaldo, 57, 1029 S. Wells, was arrested for public intoxication and capias pro fines for no driver's license and running a stop sign.

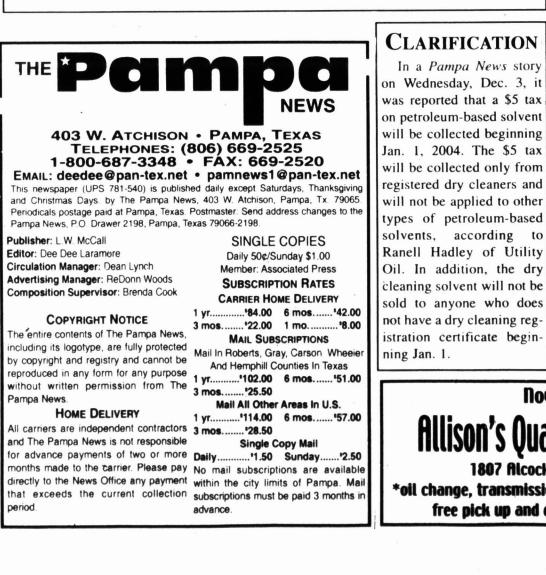
### ACCIDENTS

Pampa Police Department today reported the following accidents.

### Thursday, Dec. 4

driven by Ora-Lee Scott Cox, 83, 1825 Evergreen, and a 2003 Cadillac CTS, driven by Margareta N. Arrington, 68, rural Pampa, collided in the 2200 block of North Duncan. No injuries were reported, and no citations were issued.

Friday, Dec. 5



10:53 p.m. - A 1995 Dodge Avenger, driven by Stacianne Novian, 15, 2628 Fir, and a 2001 Chevrolet 1500 pickup, driven by 1:46 p.m. - A 1989 Cadillac Fleetwood, Felipe Jesus Portillo Jr., 17, 1629 N. Faulkner, collided at the intersection of North Williston and 21st streets. No injuries were reported. Portillo was cited for driving while intoxicated-minor, no driver's license and failure to yield right of way at a yield sign Novian was cited for violation of restriction B on driver's license.

### Pampa Police Department today reported the following incidents and arrests. Thursday, Dec. 4

**ON RECORD** 

Assault by threat was reported in the 1900 block of Chestnut.

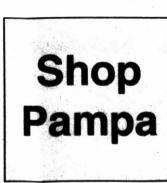
Criminal mischief under \$50 was reported in the 1900 block of Chestnut. A door on a house was damaged. Estimated damage was \$40.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the lobby of the police department. The incident occurred in the 1800 block of North Hobart. It is unknown if the vehicle was locked or unlocked. Nothing was reported missing from the vehicle.

Tampering with a witness/information report was reported in the 700 block of North West. A suspect was reported to have committed an assault by threat.

Friday, Dec. 5 An information report was taken in the 1500 block of North Hobart concerning a possible family assault.

An information report was taken in the police department lobby.



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### Saturday, Dec. 6

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 400 20, 1302 N. Russell, was block of Hill. A cell phone valued at \$50 was taken. Method of entry into the vehicle was unknown.

Theft under \$50 was reported by Albertson's Supermarket, 1233 N. Hobart. Pens valued at \$19.96 were taken.

Carl Wayne Dunn Sr., 48. 1108 Prairie Dr., was arrested on a capias pro fine for no valid driver's license.

### Sunday, Dec. 7

1052 Varnon, was arrested for no valid driver's license and capias pro fines for running a 43, Dallas, was arrested for stop sign, failure to maintain financial responsibility and no Texas driver's license.

Robert Leon Snowden, 40, 531 S. Somerville, was arrested for public intoxication.

Michael Joseph Shelton, arrested for disorderly conduct/language.

Nefi Mesa, 21, 904 E. Francis, was arrested for no valid driver's license and two capias pro fines for court costs.

Nazaret Quinones, 21, 505 Carr, was arrested for capias pro fines on running a stop sign, expired motor vehicle inspection and no Texas driver's license.

Francisco Mendoza, 44, Rod Lamont Donnell, 27, 537 Magnolia, was arrested for public intoxication.

Amparo Moreno Ortega, public intoxication.

Monday, Dec. 8 Don Ray Thompson, 55, 713 Malone, was arrested for disorderly conduct/language.

# **City Briefs**

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**BOBBIE CHANGED** her mind! Quilting available by election of officers. Monday Christmas. Kriss Kross. 665- Dec. 8, 2003 at 6:30 p.m. 8410.

IT'S ALL on sale, 20% off at Rolanda's and Kayla's.

**OPEN HOUSE** Tomorrow December 9th 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm Drawing, Taste Testing, gourmet food baskets, free Shop Nightly Special, 6 p.m.gift with purchase of \$5.00 or 8 p.m., 50% Off Diamond More! Trees -live & cut, Bracelets!! Wreaths, Garland, exclusive dealer of Clayworks Christmas Villages, Artificial Christmas Trees, Ornaments & Decorations. 120 S. Hobart, ry-one of a kind designer 669-0158, Mon.-Sat. 9PM- originals without the 6PM

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## MEDICARE

He said then-President Lyndon Johnson, when he signed the Medicare Act of 1965, established a "a solemn promise to America's seniors. We have pledged to help our citizens find affordable medical care in the later years of life."

"And today, by reforming and modernizing this vital program, we are honoring the commitments of Medicare to all our seniors," Bush said.

Bush sought to emphasize bipartisan support for the bill,

mentioning the backing for the overhaul by Sens Max Baucus, D-Mont., and John Breaux, D-La. He also praised William Novelli, the chief executive of AARP, a senior's group, for backing the bill.

And on Capitol Hill, House Majority Leader Tom DeLay said "the long-term capability of the Medicare program, the future of America's health care system and the seeds of fiscal security for a century are all right here."

"Democratic leaders have lashed out at us, at the president and AARP," the Texas Republican said. "But

**ON RECORD, CONTINUED FROM PAGE TWO** 

### Democrats have no one to blame but themselves for their abject failure on health care.We wanted a bill, they just

**CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE** 

wanted an issue, and now the American people know who took their concerns seriously." The overhaul includes a

wide array of other pilot programs that are meant to tweak the Medicare system and will add to the cost of the changes that Bush signed into law Monday.

One of the costliest among them sets aside \$500 million for a two-year, six-state effort for at least 50,000 patients to cover a limited category of

### self-administered prescription drugs. "No less than 40 percent of the funding shall be for oral cancer," Congress directed in a

report accompanying the bill. Other programs are designed to help health care providers and their patients, including a two-year program to cover chiropractic services without prior approval by a medical doctor.

Others are aimed at attacking waste, such as a three-year provision to allow Medicare to contract with private firms for

"identifying underpayments and overpayments and recouping overpayments."

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The new law encourages insurance companies to offer private plans to millions of older Americans who now receive health care benefits under terms fixed by the government.

Even before he was to sign the legislation in a campaignstyle event, Democrats stepped up their criticism.

House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi of California, Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., and other opponents scheduled a rally with seniors to underscore their claim the measure threatens Medicare's future.

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Even some of Bush's fellow conservatives have questioned the price tag of the reforms, which come at a time when next year's budget deficit is projected to be some \$500 billion. "The U.S. budget is out of control," Goldman Sachs economists said last month.

### WEATHER FOCUS

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AMBULANCE

Rural Metro Ambulance Service responded to the following calls during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. Saturday, Dec. 6

9:50 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of North Hobart and transported one patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

12:26 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1500 block of West Kentucky and transported one to PRMC.

12:41 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of Yeager and transported one to PRMC.

4:05 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred one to the 1500 block of West Kentucky.

10:12 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 200 block of Western and transported one to PRMC.

10:26 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 2700 block of Chaumont Terrace and transported one to PRMC.

### Sunday, Dec. 7

8:36 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of North Zimmers and transported one to PRMC.

4:07 p.m. - A mobile ICU Neel Road and transported one to PRMC. responded to the 1100 block of

FIRE

Pampa Fire Department responded to the following calls during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

### Saturday, Dec. 6

10:04 a.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 1200 block of North Hobart.

12:43 p.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 500 block of Yeager.

10:29 p.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 2700 block of Chaumont Terrace.

### Sunday, Dec. 7

2:26 p.m. - Two units and six firefighters responded to a structure fire in the 700 block of Deane Drive. The resident tried to light a burner on a gas stove causing a brief flash due to a small gas leak. No damage or injuries were reported.

### **STOCKS** The following grain quotations are provided by KMI .55.01 -0.23Attebury Grain of Pampa. XCEL .17.05 +0.15 Kerr McGee .44.37 +0.20 Limited . .17.56 -0.06 Williams 9.87 -0.05 4.58 Corn MCD. .25.86 -0.13XOM .37.02 +0.24 Atmos .24.66 +0.07The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Pioneer Nat ,29.82 +0.29 Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa. JCP .23.91 -0.44 .59.88 +0.03 OXY ..... .38.47 -0.15 SLB. .48.96 -0.28. 6.00 +0.09 +0.13Tenneco -0.26 +0.25 Celanese .35.09 CVX 77.87 -0.13 Wal-Mart .53.23 -0.25 Cabot Corp. .30.80 +0.11OKE 20.21 +0.15 +0.17 +0.23 NS Grp 8.19 -0.17 +0.02 VLO .44.87 New York Gold ...... .406.35 HAL .24.42 .32.87 -0.74 -0.14 .. 31.26 NOI . .20.65

70s. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph. Tonight, a chance of rain then snow likely after midnight. Breezy. Snow accumulation less than one inch. Lows in the upper 20s. West winds 15 to 25 mph. Chance of rain and snow 60 percent. Tuesday, a 60 percent chance of snow in the morning with total accumulations of 1 inch. Windy. Much colder. Highs in the upper 30s. North winds 25 to 35 mph with gusts to around 50 mph. Tuesday night, mostly clear in the evening then becoming partly cloudy. Windy. Lows around 19. North winds 20 to 30

of rain in the afternoon. Highs in the lower

### BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Texans may see some precipitation early this week as a result of a cold front that blew into the state at the end of last week.

The Panhandle has an 80 percent chance of snow Tuesday morning with highs in the mid 30s and winds 25 mph to 35 mph.

Temperatures will cool off Tuesday in the Permian Basin with highs near 55 under partly cloudy skies. Winds will be 15 mph to 25 mph.

Far West Texas will see sunny skies and slightly cooler temperatures in the middle 50s.

North Texans can expect

Today, mostly cloudy. A 20 percent chance mph. Wednesday, partly cloudy in the morning then clearing. Highs in the mid 40s. Northwest winds 15 to 20 mph shifting to the southwest in the afternoon. Gusts up to 25 mph. Wednesday night, mostly clear. Lows in the mid 20s. Thursday, mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 50s. Thursday night, mostly clear. Lows in the lower 30s. Friday, partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 50s. Friday night, partly cloudy. Lows around 30. Saturday, mostly cloudy. Highs in the upper 40s. Saturday night, mostly cloudy. Lows in the mid 20s. Sunday, mostly cloudy. Highs in the lower 40s.

### **STATEWIDE**

possible thunderstorms Tuesday morning and rain showers later in the day. Winds 20 mph to 30 mph with temperatures in the middle 30s throughout the day.

In Central Texas, the chance of rain is 20 percent for Tuesday, with a midday high near 63, and temperatures falling to near 50 for the rest of the day. Winds will reach near 30 mph.

East Texas has an 80 percent chance of rain Tuesday with light winds and highs in the middle 60s.

Areas along the coast will see highs in the upper 70s under mostly cloudy skies and winds near 25 mph.

In South Texas, temperatures will reach the upper 70s, with light winds throughout the day and partly cloudy skies.





## MONDAY • December 8, 2003 EARAR ;

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

## **Upset Mother Finds Boy's 'Toys' Hidden Under His Bed**

DEAR ABBY: My son, "Drew," is almost 19. My problem is I found sex toys under his bed. He has had a steady girlfriend, "Lindy, for a year. I have questioned them about their closeness. He says they've "fooled around" a little, but Lindy wants to wait until marriage for sex. I told Drew when he first started seeing Lindy to take it slow and

not to pressure her. My son and Lindy spend a lot of time alone together, and I worry about what might happen. Now, having found these "toys," I'm confused.

I threw them away and left him a note where he'd hidden the toys, saying that these things are unnecessary, especially for an 18-year-old and besides, they aren't the real thing. There were toys for both sexes, so that leads me to believe that Lindy may use them also. (They looked quite new.) I want to believe that if they

aren't sexually active, Drew feels these are necessary. I know all teenagers are curious, but I didn't think the curiosity would advance

past men's magazines. Was I wrong for being upset and throwing his toys away? Should I try to talk to him about this, or should I have his father talk to him? (I am the parent with the discipline and responsions, lets everything go.) CONFUSED MOTHER IN FLORIDA and responsibility. My husband just

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**DEAR CONFUSED MOTHER:** Earth to Mother! Children become interested in and curious about sex even before puberty. A few decades ago, puberty would occur around ages 13 or 14, but in recent years children as young as 10 or 11 are becoming sexually mature.

Your son is no longer a child. You should not have thrown his property away without first discussing the matter with him. As for your "talking to him about this," I think you have already done enough. However, it's time your husband had a serious man-to-man talk with him.

Whether or not Drew and his girlfriend are having sex now, they are having a sexual relation-ship. Once things are hot and heavy enough to involve sex toys, the real thing is sure to follow.

So please take your head out of the sand and make absolutely certain that your son and his girlfriend know the importance of birth control-and how to use it. Do not procrastinate, or before you know it, someone could be calling you Granny.

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His mother has given him a cruise for his birthday, and he would like to take me. However, my parents don't believe in premarital sex and have already told me I can-not go away with him — that only as a married couple can we travel together alone.

I do not want to miss this trip. I would love to spend this kind of time with my boyfriend. I love him very much, but my parents limit our time together. Is there a way to get around this?

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**DEAR RESTRICTED: Yes.** Invite a chaperone or get married.

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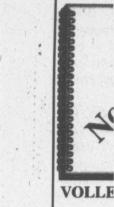
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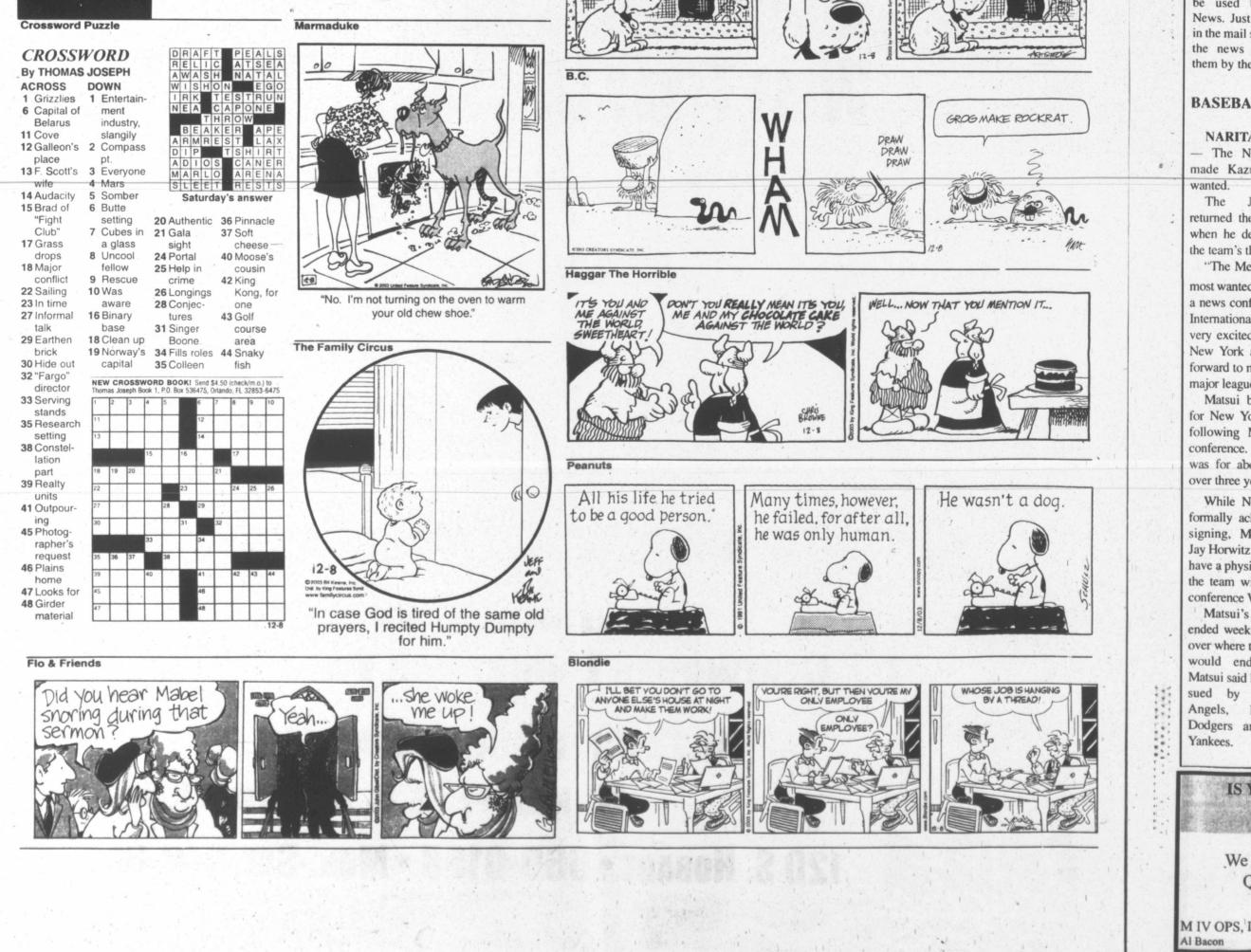
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# SPORTS

# USC No. 1 in polls, but third in BCS

### **By JOSH DUBOW AP Football Writer**

College football fans, get ready to crown not just one, but possibly two national champions.

And get ready for a new round of controversy.

That's because the computer rankings had Oklahoma as the country's top team Sunday while the human poll voters picked Southern California.

It's exactly what the Bowl Championship Series was designed to avoid, with the prospect of a split title certain to renew cries for a playoff.

"I don't think anyone will know who the legitimate championship by beating No.

national champion is unless all three teams in consideration get the opportunity to play one another," LSU coach Nick Saban said.

Despite getting walloped by Kansas State 35-7 on Saturday night, Oklahoma will take its 12-1 record to the Sugar Bowl against LSU, which won the Southeastern Conference championship by beating Georgia 34-13.

The winner in New Orleans on Jan. 4 automatically captures the coaches' title under the BCS format.

USC, which finished third in the BCS rankings, could win The Associated Press

4 Michigan in the Rose Bowl. "I'm not an expert on this, but if the No. 1 team at the end of the regular season wins its bowl game, how are they

not the No. 1 team outright?" USC receiver Mike Williams asked. "But we don't play LSU or we don't play Oklahoma, so you'll never know."

The No. 1 team in the AP poll has never dropped after winning its bowl game.

When the BCS contract expires after the 2005 season, a one-game championship might be instituted after the bowls. That would be too late to fix this year's mess.

"The No. 1 team is not

they're billing as the championship game," USC coach Pete Carroll said. "Something didn't come out right."

In the final BCS standings, Oklahoma was first with 5.11 points based on its top spot in five of the seven computers, the 11th-toughest schedule and a quality win over Texas. The Sooners were third in both polls.

"At the end of the year, we're No. 1 in the system," Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops said. "There's nothing to apologize for."

LSU (12-1) was second with 5.99, edging out USC (11-1) by 0.16 in the second

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playing in the game that closest finish in the six-year history of the BCS. Nebraska beat Colorado by 0.05 in 2001.

> The Trojans got 79 of the 128 first-place votes in the polls but finished third in five computers because of a weak Pac-10 schedule.

"In a way it doesn't make sense," USC cornerback Will Poole said. "They're going to have to do something about the BCS. Maybe they need to pull the plug.

LSU was second in the polls and six computers and edged out USC based on a tougher schedule. LSU and USC were each picked first in one computer.

# Fort Elliott girls, Channing **boys win Tomahawk Classic**

Spearman 56-38 Saturday to win the championship at the Tomahawk Classic.

The Lady Cougars extended their 11point lead (25-14) at halftime to 13 (41-28)at the end of the third quarter.

Katie Donaldson led Fort Elliott scoring with 22 points. Hart had 10 points for Spearman.

Channing beat Fort Elliott 43-35 for the boys title.

Wade Grant had 17 points for Channing and Russell Lohberger had 14 to lead Fort Elliott.

Pampa's junior varsity boys won two of three games, defeating Adrian 79-42 Saturday to finish the tournament.

Three players scored in double figures for Pampa with Weston Teichmann leading the way with 23 points. Sharod Young followed with 18, and Braydon Barker had 16.

E. Reid had 13 points for Adrian.

Others scoring for Pampa were Brett Ferrell 6, Tyler Hall 6, Michael Pergeson 4,

MIAMI - Fort Elliott girls downed The varsity game between the two schools will follow.

### **Tomahawk Classic**

Girls **Consolation Championship** Miami 72, Pampa JV 51 M-Bergen 18. Pampa JV-Nicole Clark 13. Fort Elliott 70, Follett 61 FE - Donaldson 25. F-Cullers 22. Wheeler 64, Adrian 34 W-Jones 14, McCasland 14, A-Walker 18, Miami 64, McLean 38 Mi-Hutchinson 14. M-Dampier 16. Pampa JV 57, Shamrock 49 P-Ledbetter 16. S-Alexander 16. Boys

Shamrock 68, Miami 55 S-Benton 27. M-Browning 21. **Consolation Championship** Wheeler 67, Spearman 51 Scoring leaders not reported. Channing 50, Miami 47 C-L. Grant 27. M-Browning 21. Fort Elliott 69, Shamrock 59



Misty Pairsh of Lefors delivers a bounce pass to a teammate in junior high basketball activity. The Lady Bandits won over Holy Cross

41-20. Scoring for Lefors were Shea Lewis

VOLLEYBALL

PAMPA — The City of Pampa Recreation Department will be sponsoring men's and women's adult volleyball league. Men's and women's 4 x 4 (four players on each team) divisions will be offered. Players must be 14 years old to participate.

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### BASEBALL

NARITA, Japan (AP) The New York Mets made Kazuo Matsui feel wanted.

The Japanese star returned the favor Monday when he decided to accept the team's three-year offer.

"The Mets made me feel most wanted," Matsui said at a news conference at Narita International Airport. "I'm very excited to be going to New York and am looking forward to my first year as a major leaguer."

Matsui boarded a plane for New York immediately following Monday's news conference. The Mets' offer was for about \$20 million over three years.

While New York hasn't formally acknowledged the signing, Mets spokesman Jay Horwitz said Matsui will have a physical Tuesday and the team will have a news conference Wednesday.

Matsui's announcement ended weeks of speculation over where the Japanese star would end up playing. Matsui said he was also pursued by the Anaheim Angels, Los Angeles Dodgers and New York Yankees.

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and Craig Crowell 2. Teichmann drilled six 3-point goals while Barker and Hall had two each.

Pampa JVs meet Lubbock Coronado JV at 6 tonight at the WT Event Center in Canvon.

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### with 12, Timbra Overstreet 10, Hannah Andis 7, Amanda Lawrence 4, Misty Pairsh 4, Valarie Willis 2, and Tori Meeks 2.



## PHS girls open district against Randall

PAMPA — The Pampa Lady guard Abbi Covalt leading the team with Harvesters host Randall to open the District 3-4A season at 7:30 Tuesday night in McNeely Fieldhouse.

The Lady Harvesters (5-6) will be looking for their third straight win. Randall (4-6) played Lubbock Coronado Tournament and lost 66-55.

Pampa's balanced scoring attack sophomores. played a big part in beating Libera' Kan, (59-33) and Perryton (51-39) last week found the scoring column with senior Tournament of Champions.

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13 points against Liberal. Seven players figured in the scoring in the win over Perryton. Sophomore' foward Jackie Gerber was high scorer with 13.

A pair of 5-7 juniors, Morgan Smith and Jordan Gore, have been Randall's for seventh place at The Gene Messer biggest scorers in the non-district season. Smith and Gore were both starters as

as a different player each game stepped 50-32 in the seventh-place game up big on the scoreboard. Nine players Saturday at The Gene Messer

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Randall. Pampa's top scorers were Collin Bowers with 8 points, and Chance Bowers and Deterrance Smith 6 apiece.

Nathan Maxwell's 20 points led

Pampa trailed by only three (23-20) at halftime, but Randall pulled ahead 40-26 after three quarters.

Randall is 2-6 for the season and Pampa is 3-8.

The Harvesters take on Lubbock CANYON - Pampa lost to Randall Coronado at 7:30 tonight in the WT Event Center in Canyon. Proceeds from the game will go to the Harvester Boys Basketball Booster Club.

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Super Bowl. "We are not overly excited or just jumping around like we have never been here before," quarterback Donovan McNabb said after passing for 248 yards and three touchdowns. "These next couple of weeks are obviously important for us to clinch the home-field advantage and you want to host the

> playoff here in your own stadium." The Eagles (10-3), who have the best record in the NFC, have won eight straight and can clinch their third straight division title with two more victo-

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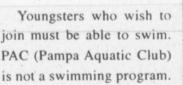
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# Rangers want resolution to potential A-Rod trade

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) - The Boston Red Sox have about a week to close a trade for Alex Rodriguez.

Texas general manager John Hart would like to know by the end of the winter meetings on Dec. 16 whether the American League MVP will remain with the Rangers for next season. The Ranger's have been discussing a trade that would send him to the Red Sox for Manny Ramirez.

"As long as this potentially is alive, it precludes us from having a road map of what we can do with anybody else," Hart said Sunday. "The sooner we have a resolvement, the better."

baseball's only \$20 million-ayear players. In a sign of how extraordinary the situation is, commissioner Bud Selig is allowing the Red Sox to speak directly with Rodriguez. In most situations, a tentative trade must be in place before baseball grants a window for a team to speak with a player under contract to another club.

"To the extent that it happened, the commissioner has approved it," said Sandy Alderson, executive vice president of baseball operations in the commissioner's office.

Asked whether he had granted permission, Selig declined comment.

The Boston Herald, citing The deal would be a swap of unidentified sources, first

reported Saturday that Red Sox owner John Henry had spoken to Rodriguez. Rangers owner Tom Hicks told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram that Rodriguez was allowed to meet with Henry more than a week ago. "It was more of a get-

acquainted meeting," Hicks was quoted as saying. Rodriguez's agent, Scott Boras, said no meeting had

been scheduled. The Red Sox refused to confirm or deny the possibility of a

trade. Rodriguez agreed in December 2000 to a record \$252 million, 10-year contract with Texas. Ramirez and the Red Sox agreed the same day to a \$160 million, eight-year deal.

Hart said Sunday, after the Rangers refused salary arbitration for Rafael Palmeiro and Juan Gonzalez, that the team was preparing to move forward with A-Rod at shortstop and is "very excited" about that.

"I recognize that a lot of things can change, a lot of dynamics in the next week that could take us through the winter meetings," Hart said. "But to this point, there has been little or no contact with any clubs regarding Alex."

Rodriguez led the majors in homers his first two seasons with Texas, and hit an AL-high 47 last season with 118 RBIs. Ramirez had at least 33 homers and 104 RBIs in each of his three seasons in Boston.

Hart said he hadn't spoken directly to Rodriguez, but had several conversations with Boras, about the shortstop and other players.

He said there wasn't much to discuss about a possible trade at this point.

"This has been a lot built up over very little," he said.

If the trade happen's, it would likely leave Red Sox shortstop Nomar Garciaparra on the outside looking in. Garciaparra, who has one year and \$11.5 million remaining on his seven-year contract, rejected a proposed contract extension last spring but says he wants to stay in Boston.

His agent, Arn Tellem, told The Boston Globe that talks

between the Red Sox and Rangers are a "slap in the face" to his client.

Garciaparra told the Boston Herald that he's happy in Boston, but declined to comment on the possibility of a trade bringing Rodriguez to the Red Sox.

"My heart and my first option have always been (with Boston) and it hasn't strayed from that," said Garciaparra. "The ball's really in management's court. But if there is any question about my unhappiness, that's been answered."

Meanwhile, the Red Sox agreed to a minor league contract with outfielder Dave McCarty, who was invited to spring training.

### Pampa native hired as Jacksboro coach

Aprille Epperson has been hired as the softball coach at Jacksboro High School.

She is currently a Special Education teacher at Jacksboro Middle School. Epperson has been teaching at Jacksboro for the past five years.

She is the daughter of Gary and Vickie Epperson of Pampa

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## **Texas Tech rallies for second-half victory**

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) - It took Texas Tech about 20 minutes to warm up to New Mexico's zone defense and its thousands of screaming fans.

The Red Raiders trailed by as much as 10 points and saw the Lobos hit five of their eight 3-point attempts during the first half. Texas Tech also racked up nine fouls and had six turnovers in that half.

That all changed in the second half when Texas Tech (6-2) started shooting from the outside and finding holes in the Lobos' zone. They went on to beat the Lobos 67-58 Saturday at The Pit.

"We have not been a good team to get behind, catch up and go on to win," Texas Tech head coach Bob Knight said. "But tonight we came back and didn't make any mistakes from that point on. Everything kind of went our way."

New Mexico (2-3) went into the second half with a Lobos had possession of the how the Lobos played. 32-29 lead and managed to ball for close to three min-

keep it for more than a minute until Texas Tech's Robert Tomaszek kicked back the ball to LucQuente White, who pulled up for a 3 and tied the game.

New Mexico took back the lead when Alfred Neale slammed in a missed shot by teammate Lenny Miles.

The Red Raiders tied the game with a pair of free throws from Andre Emmett, who finished with 12 points and was 4-for-4 from the line. While New Mexico missed some crucial free throws, Texas Tech was 92 percent from the line for the game.

The teams traded leads for more than three minutes until New Mexico's Javin Tindall hit a 3 from the top of the key to put the Lobos up 44-40. After a pair of baskets and a 3-pointer by Texas Tech, Neale tied it at 47 with a 3 from the left perimeter.

After stealing an errant pass by Texas Tech, the

utes. They pulled down six offensive rebounds during that time but their possession ended with a turnover and no points.

At that point, Knight said he thought the game would end without his team ever getting the ball back.

"Their energy was a big factor," he said of the Lobos ability to hang onto the ball.

It was the same energy that kept the Red Raiders at bay in the first half. Knight admitted that his team was struggling with shooting early on but he also pointed to the Lobos' zone.

"It's hard to play against Texas Tech, which defends against all that pressure," New Mexico coach Ritchie McKay said. "You have to cover so much space in the zone that it's hard to play a 40-minute game with them."

Emmett, who is usually the Red Raiders leading scorer, said he wasn't surprised at 27 points, six assists and no "I mean this is The Pit. It's added 11 points.

loud," said Emmett, who was kept to 12 points. "They were playing for their fans and the fans were going crazy. We didn't play like we wanted to in the beginning of the game but toward the end we finally got some big shots."

Those include 7 points from Jarrius Jackson. He hit a 3-pointer that put the Red Raiders ahead 59-57 with 2:20 remaining, then sank a pair of free throws 30 seconds later.

Tomaszek scored with 1:13 remaining, which put Texas Tech up by 6. Jackson scored another 2 points after stealing a pass and breaking away.

Red Raider Ronald Ross picked off another Lobo pass with 30 seconds left, scoring his team's last basket.

Tomaszek led Tech with 18. Ross and Devonne Giles each had 10.

Tindall led the Lobos with turnovers. David Chiotti

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STATE COLLEGE, Pa. (AP) -There was a time when Penn State point guard Jess Strom was a defensive liability. That's no longer the case.

Strom had seven steals — many leading to fast-break baskets -along with 19 points and six assists to lead the eighth-ranked Lady Lions to a 79-59 upset of No. 2 Texas on Sunday.

guard Jamie Carey said. "She's just a scrapper."

That was never more evident than when Strom put the exclamation point on a 17-0 second-half run that put the game away. Stromstole the ball from Nina Noonan, hit the layup on the other end, drew a foul, and hit the free throw to convert the three-point play.

"She was like a little gnat-fly," Penn State coach Rene Portland said. "There were times I wanted "She was definitely on top of to rip her legs off, when Jamie her game tonight," Texas point Carey got a 3-pointer and nobody was playing her."

Strom made all 11 of her free

throw tries and Penn State (5-1) finished 20-for-20 from the line.

Penn State hands Number Two Lady Longhorns first setback

"I just thought she was ballhawking all over the floor," Texas coach Jody Conradt said. "Not to be overlooked, 11-of-11 of the free throws she shot tells you she was aggressive and we just didn't make plays.

"We put her on the free-throw line way too much. She obviously decided she could take the ball away from us and she did that several times."

Strom's past performances, when she mostly led a half-court offense and tried not to get beat on defense. Now, a quicker, slimmeddown Strom is leading the transition offense and averaging more than 14 points.

"I think we're learning to run the ball a little bit better, and Jess is making better decisions," Portland said.

choice in the matter. Portland, who coached All-American point That's a big improvement guards Suzie McConnell and of 3-pointers.

Helen Darling, has always put a lot of pressure on Strom, the only player to play all 40 minutes.

"During the game, I was kind of tired," Strom said. "But when I looked over at the bench, Rene was like, 'You are not tired!' So I'm not tired."

Kelly Mazzante, who missed her first nine shots, started the second-half run with a 12-foot jumper. Not that Strom has had much Mazzante, who had just four points in the first half, scored 10 of her 19 points in that run, including a pair

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**Jaguars shut out Texans**, 27-0

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Could the Jacksonville Jaguars really have one of the NFL's best defenses? After being shut out for the first time in their short existence, the Houston Texans certainly think

Led by two sacks from Tony Brackens, the Jaguars defeated Houston 27-0 on Sunday, allowing just 124 yards and turning rookie quarterback Dave Ragone's debut into a bust.

The Texans (5-8) played without starting quarterback David Carr and running back Domanick Davis. That hurt, they agreed, but several in the locker room felt the reasons for the shutout went deeper.

"That was, by far, the most physical defense I've ever played against, seen or heard of," said Texans tight end Billy Miller, a fourth-year veteran.

The Jaguars (4-9) came in with the league's sixth-ranked defense, and that ranking likely will rise. They got their first, shutout since Dec. 3, 2000, when they defeated Cleveland 48-0.

"You won't find another defense that is playing as good as we are right now," cornerback Fernando Bryant said.

The offense wasn't bad,

either. Fred Taylor broke a late 62yard run to finish with a seasonhigh 163. Jimmy Smith caught a 32-yard touchdown and

Byron Leftwich threw for 194 yards to lift Jacksonville to its first winning streak since last November. The Texans, meanwhile, lost the franchise's short, 29-game history. But really, they never

had a chance. Subbing for Davis, whose thigh injury kept him out, Tony Hollings ran for 19 yards on 18 carries. Carr was battling the flu and didn't even get a chance to test his injured shoulder during warmups. Ragone took his place and never got comfortable. The rookie from

Louisville went 11-for-23 for 71 yards and an interception.

"There were a lot of emotions going, obviously," Ragone said. "Maybe next time, I'll respond a little differently, but it's kind of like growing pains."

While he failed to lead the Texans to a score, Ragone did get one thing many quarterbacks wait years for - his first career reception. He caught his own pass, which had been deflected by Marcus Stroud at

### the line.

An on-the-ball scoreboard operator reacted by quickly flashing Ragone's receiving stats on the big board. It was a welcome moment of comic relief on a flat-feeling afternoon at Alltel Stadium. A crowd of 43,363 showed up on a calm, brilliant, 56-degree day in a good chance to put together Jacksonville — the worst home the first back-to-back wins in attendance in the nine-year history of the club.

Despite the lack of fan support, the Jaguars are shooting up the NFL rankings. Their second-ranked run defense could move to first after allowing just 70 yards.

More good news for the Teal Curtain: The Jaguars have allowed only 33 points over their last four games.

"I know there was a turning point, but I didn't mark it down on my calendar," coach Jack Del Rio said. "I just kept my head down, grinded through things and pushed and demanded because I felt this group is capable if they'll make the commitment."

Smith caught a long touchdown pass for the second straight week to put the Jaguars ahead 7-0.

Taylor surpassed 100 yards for the fourth time in five games.

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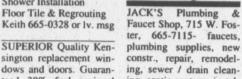
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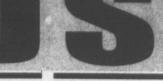
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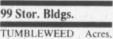
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### ularity is high, allowing many profes- LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

gle, you will meet a lot of people. After accomplish what you want. News from the town. September, someone quite important will somewhat of a distance could be upset- AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) sleep

You find that often others are highly master. Aim for what you want, but real- SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) reactive to you. Perhaps unknowingly ize that you might need to pull in an \*\*\*\* Others seem unusually fiery you might trigger others. Try to detach in expert or two. Your creativity soars. and touchy. You might wonder what

bored. If you can avoid buying a car or other side. Tonight: With that special per- tant to someone else. Keep examining. what works, not giving up on a loved one and his or her needs. Dig into work for

Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; \*\* Take care of a partner who wants Tonight: Relax in your favorite way.

problem. Later in the day, a conversation ing right now. You could get yourself \*\*\* Keep your temper in check. works out a lot differently. You can't into more trouble than you realize. Think

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# **BY JACQUELINE BIGAR**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Dec. ther a project, even if others object. look at this person with detachment

opments mark your year, and you enjoy what you need to do, and stay out of the CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) the excitement, whether you admit it or flak. A discussion with a partner proves \*\*\*\* You might find out that what not. You can be sure that you will not be significant and enlightening. You see the you thought was important is not impor-

Agree to disagree if you don't want a \*\*\* Be careful with frivolous spend-

# Sometimes you need to be your own Tonight: Put on a favorite piece of music. gives. Just be yourself and don't worry so much. A close conversation later in

sional networking opportunities. If sin- \*\*\* Use the daylight hours to some mental distraction. Tonight: Out on

stroll into your life. If attached, you will ting but manageable. Excitement sur- \*\*\* Use your special imagination to want to take more time to relate to your rounds a partner and your long-term find answers. Ingenuity is one of the spesweetie. CANCER likes to be close to goals. Be sensitive to a friend who could cial traits unique to your sign. Be careful be frustrated. Tonight: Get a good night's while driving and around mechanical devices. You might be a bit accidentprone, as you are in your head so much!

about each person and find a gift that

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You need to find constructive ways to release your anger that don't distance Tonight: Where the gang is. those around you. A talk with a friend is LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) encouraging; he or she might have some \*\*\*\* You might want to take on a time. Tonight: Bring some cheer to those Tonight: Head home.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

ence. You find that you have a lot of frus- Work late. tration and anger to deal with. Schedule SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) an exercise or yoga class. You need to \*\*\*\* Deal with an associate who Tonight: Join up with a pal.

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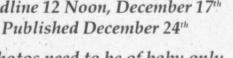
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# ETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

To: Santa Clause	8. books	Dear Santa,
North Pole 85921	9. hat	I want a green bike. Love, Nolan
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Dear Santa what I want for Chrismas is a:	11. T.V.	D
1. little Bratz one way Disko all the stuff that goes with it.	12. movies	Der Santa,
2. My tv and my vcr fixed.	13. Jewlrey	I want a pla stahn 2. Love, Alejandro
3. A new CD player.	14. Cryons	. This was faring out to a start of the set
4. new Lizzie or Hillory Duff CD.	Dear Santa, I've been goo this hole time. But all I want	Dear Santa,
5. knew pink CD.	you to bring me is a Christmas tree.	I want a pink Bareb. Lov, Brittany
6. knew Shnia Twain CD.	-Jade Smiles	I want a pink Bareo. Lov, Britany
7. Barbie talking townhouse	I see a fair and the second	the standard of second in the standard the
8. Dital crater or dital Blue	Dear Santa,	Der Santa,
9. Icee maker	How are you this year? I have been a good girl most of the	I want a gambo. Love, Josue
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11. Barbie Sea Splashing	I am 3-years-old. I have a list of what I would like: a pres-	Der Santa,
12. Dare you	ent that's blue; a baby that sucks a bottle; a puppy that eats	
13. My scen chillen out	food; and a TV that stays on cartoons.	I want a Barb. Lve, Amber
14. Shrinkie Dink	Bring my baby sister or brother a toy, so when he/she gets	
15. little Bratz little rooms with everthing.	here this summer he/she can play with me.	Dear Santu,
16. crayonmaker	Santa, this is my best Christmas. My daddy is home with	I want a Barbe. Lovu, Jade
-Chelsea Waldrop, Pampa	me.	and a set of the set of
and the second	My mommy will have cookies and milk for you.	
To: Santa	-Lindsey Carpenter	Der Santa;
From: Jade		I want a blue ced cat. I am Desteny
1. dog	The following letters are from Mrs. Pat Ford's Lamar	
2. dress	Kindergarten class:	Dear Santa,
3. clothes	Dear Santa,	I want a holh. Levu, Stephanie
4. doll	I want a pink kper. Love, Connie	I want a nom. Levu, Stephane
5. shoes	and the second second second second second second second	
6. stickers	Dear Santa,	Der Santa,
7. nightgown	I want a pun. Luv, Shinyce	. I want a brbe bathsoot. Love, Anissa

## Northeast digs out after season's first major snowstorm

BOSTON (AP) — The powerful snowstorm that plowed through the Northeast and piled more than 3 feet of snow in some places over the effects lingered and hundreds they would be closed.

"It's not unique but it is Washington unusual that we would have a December snowstorm that would yield this amount of snow," said National Weather western Maine and the North Service meteorologist Charlie Shore of Massachusetts partic-Foley.

more than 250 schools planned to close to give communities a chance to clear roads. Schools around New England also

reported closures. school sports organizers The forecast in eastern worked to reschedule six footweekend had lost some of its ball championships that were strength Monday, though its postponed over the weekend.

The deepest snow, 47 inchof school districts announced es of it, was recorded in ing northeast toward Nova did not expect more than an Pinkham Notch at Mount in New Hampshire. Parts of New England were blanketed by nearly three feet of snow, with right now," Strauss said. ularly buried. Other parts of but the snow is beginning to In Massachusetts alone, the Northeast approached the diminish there now.' 2-foot mark. The snow fell in some places for more than 36 lem. Flooding was also reporthours

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opened a little late, and high Mass., recorded 35.6 inches. to fire Capt. George Anderson. Massachusetts was "abundant such as Boston were more sunshine" and temperatures likely to have light flooding near 30 degrees.

Weather Service.

"It's well east of Maine "They're getting some backlash snow in Maine right now

Snow wasn't the only probed in some coastal areas, Monday morning, including Scituate, Mass.,

Strauss said urban areas because of poor drainage and The snowstorm was mov- snow-clogged sewers, but he Scotia, said Neal Strauss, a inch of water on the ground as meteorologist for the National snow melted later in the week.

Long lines were evident at Boston's Logan International Airport, which was operating with one runway Monday morning instead of its usual two. Airport spokesman Phil Orlandella said officials hoped to open the second runway by midday.

Flight delays and cancella-Orlandella said.

season, it went really well."

plows and other equipment Foxboro, Mass., where 28 were out on the state's high- inches of snow fell, to see their ways at the peak of the storm early Sunday morning. It was not immediately known how much the state spent to plow and salt the highways, Carlisle said. In Boston, Mayor chose to just sit on the drifts Thomas Menino estimated rather than dig out by hand, removal costs at \$65,000 an and the stadium had a festive hour, reaching \$3 million for the storm, the Boston Herald reported.

70,000 tons of salt and sand ebration Sunday, which feations were still possible, was used statewide to make tures a jolly, red-suited Santa roads passable, said Anna rappelling down all 22 stories At Bradley International Farneski, spokeswoman for of the city's tallest building Airport north of Hartford, Ct., the state Department of while Bah Hum Bug tries to

died, the hospital said.

The snow didn't make it impossible to travel Sunday. **Devoted New England Patriots** He said about 3,300 snow fans made their way to team beat the Miami Dolphins. But more than 23,000 ticketholders didn't show up, and many that did found their seats piled high with snow. Some air as fans tossed snowballs.

Officials in Stamford, Conn., went ahead with the In New Jersey, more than annual Heights and Lights celsteal Santa's toys.

Boston had 17 inches of snow where water was a few feet there was no commute per se," while shoveling snow and later In Connecticut, schools on the ground. Peabody, deep on some roads, according said Jon Carlisle, spokesman for MassHighway. "For the first significant snowfall of

## **Producers required to sign contracts** annually, local FSA offices announces

Producers wanting to receive advance direct payments in December under the Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP) must sign their 2004 DCP contacts before the end of the year, according to the head of the Gray County Farm Service Agency.

"The Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 introduced the Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program, which requires producers to sign a new contract every year," said Matthew Street, executive director of the Gray County FSA. "This is a change from the old Production Flexibility Contracts, which were good for seven years.'

The Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program offers eligible farmers and ranchers direct cash payments based on acres and yields established for each farm. Producers can elect to receive their direct payments as a lump sum in October or as two partial payments - an advance payment of up to 50 percent of the total and a final payment for the remainder.

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days to Christmas

When electing to receive two partial payments. Street said, "the producer also selects the month in which to receive the advance payment - that's where timing is critical."

"Producers who, for tax or other purposes, want to receive an advance payment this month, have to sign their 2004 DCP contracts in the next few weeks so the advance direct payments can be issued by December 31," he said.

Regardless of which month a producer selects for the advance direct payment, final payments are made in October, following the end of the fiscal year.

The Direct and Countercyclical Program is designed to help stabilize U.S. agriculture by providing payments to eligible producers who enroll their farms each fiscal year

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Both direct payments and counter-cyclical payments are calculated using base acres and payment yields established for each individual farm. Direct payment rates are constant. Counter-cyclical payment rates vary with the average price of the program commodities each marketing year. When crop values are high, counter-cyclical payments are zero.

Producers wanting more income in 2003 are encouraged to call the Gray County Service Agency office to book an appointment.

For more information regarding DCP and other FSA programs, contact the Gray County FSA office at (806) 665-6561 or vist the USDA Web site http://www.usda.gov.

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operations were returning to Transportation. normal Monday after a weekend of delays and cancelled one flights.

rack of airplanes."

Local and state officials in Massachusetts were thankful the storm came on a weekend.

"We were aided by the fact

The storm was blamed for traffic death in Pennsylvania, one in "We're doing real well," Connecticut, one in upstate said David White of airport New York and two each in operations. "We've got a full New Jersey, Vermont and Virginia. A 25-year-old man died in Rhode Island when the inner tube he was riding on, towed behind a truck, hit a

utility poll. A New Jersey man that it was the weekend, and collapsed outside his home

