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GCAD board to meet

District appraisal review board

will meet at 2 p.m. Tuesday in

a regular meeting in the

GCAD offices, 815 N.

Included on the agenda are the chief appraiser's report and

The changes concern the new rendition law, which pro-

vides amnesty for the past two years of renditions if corrections are submitted by Dec. 31.

Under the new law, if omis-

sions and errors in business

personal property tax rendi-

tions are not corrected by the

end of the year, a penalty may

DEATHS

Gary Ray Johnson, 55,

Virginia Mae Plummer,

Louise Smith Shepherd,

Floyd Eugene Thompson,

73, long-haul truck driver.

be assessed.

Pampa native.

homemaker.

99, art teacher.

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action on potential approval of changes as provided by Sections 25 and 41 of the

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Monday, December 22, 2003

Holidays bring high risk for attacks

Lake Meredith closes some areas

By JENNIFER C. KERR ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) — The head of the Department of Homeland Security on Monday urged people to "just go about your business" despite the decision to raise the nation's terrorattack warning to its second-highest

At the same time, however, Secretary Tom Ridge said the Bush administration wants people to "be vigilant and have a good communications plan under way."

And, he stressed the intelligence community considered the new threat "the most significant threat" to the 11, 2001.

"We've never quite seen it at this

LAKE MEREDITH - An elevated of the Lake Meredith NRA in Fritch. National Security Threat Level has prompted the closing of several areas been directed to inform all operations, in Lake Meredith National Recreation

Spring Canyon/Stilling Basin will be closed and the face of the Sanford fishing after the announcement Sunday that the National Security Threat Level has escalated to rity will be tightened until the securi-"orange." This closure will remain in ty level is reduced. effect until further notice, according

Area, park officials announced today.

country since the terror attacks of Sept. briefing the president at the White cle inspections, parking restrictions report suspicious packages, unattended House.

level before," Ridge told reporters after Administration, meanwhile, said vehi-ports.

The Bureau of Reclamation has including the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority and Lake Meredith, to implement Homeland Ádvisorv Security Response Yake Dam facing the lake is closed to Measures at the "orange" level. Officials said there is no specific threat known to any facility, but secu-

For more information, contact park to a news release from Rhonda Terry, headquarters at (806) 857-3151.

and bomb-sniffing canine patrols have briefcases or other unusual materials The Transportation Security all been increased at the nation's air- immediately to law enforcement

Ridge sought to reassure the public that tightened security measures were in place and they should not alter their holiday travel plans.

"If you've got holiday plans, go," Ridge said.

The dual message — that Americans shouldn't alter plans but should stay on their guard - was echoed by White House Press Secretary Scott McClellan during his news briefing.

"Americans should go about living their lives, but they should remain vigilant," McClellan said. "Americans can take steps just like the government is taking steps to prevent an attack from happening in the first place. They can

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Pampan charged n assau

By MARILYN POWERS STAFF WRITER

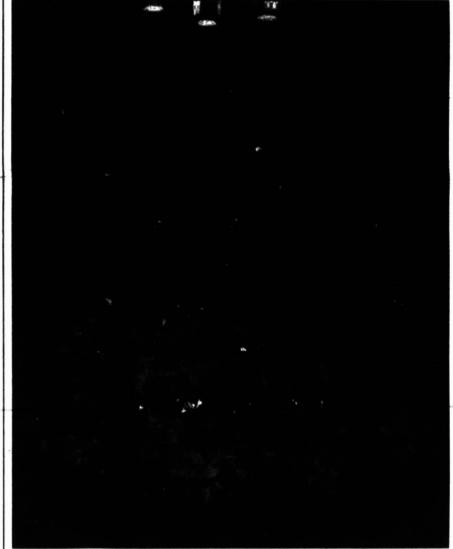
Law enforcement officers were called to a residence in the 700 block of North Banks Street at about 7 p.m. Saturday after a Pampa man allegedly tried to choke his girlfriend with a scarf, held a knife to her throat and threatened to kill her.

Pampa Police Officer Casey Ingersoll, along with other Pampa police officers and Gray County sheriff's deputies, responded to the call concerning the aggravated assault. A spokesperson for the police department said that no injuries were reported in connection with the incident. The spokesperson was uncertain who made the call to police or whether it was a 911 call.

When law enforcement officers arrived at the residence, the alleged perpetrator had already left the scene. Police officers Ben Martin and Jarrett Parsons later arrested Mick Gene Pendergrass, 46, at his home at 316 N.

Sumner in connection with the incident. Pendergrass was charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. Bond had not been set for Pendergrass as of press time today, and he remains in Gray County Jail.

A special Christmas tree



(Pampa News photo by Marilyn Powers)

This Christmas tree in the lobby of First Baptist Church, 203 N. West, is made up of about 300 poinsettia plants and stands approximately 8 feet tall. The tree was created by about 20 volunteers led by Linda Starnes, chairman of the flower and decoration committee of the church. In the background is a traditional lighted Christmas tree.

AP poll: Public optimistic about economy

Entities set Christmas schedules

By MARILYN POWERS

STAFF WRITER

Schools, government offices, financial institutions and other businesses that will be closed for Christmas include the following:

Pampa Independent School District has closed beginning Monday, Dec. 22. Classes will resume Monday, Jan. 5,

Clarendon College - Pampa Center closed at noon Friday, Dec. 19. Classes will resume at 8 a.m. Monday, Jan. 5,

GOVERNMENT

Pampa city offices will be closed Wednesday, Dec. 24 and Thursday, Dec.

Gray County offices will be closed Thursday, Dec. 25 and Friday, Dec. 26. Texas Department of Health will be closed Wednesday through Friday.

Texas Department of Human Services will be closed Wednesday through Friday.

The Social Security office will be closed Thursday and Friday.

Pampa Post Office will be open with a reduced staff on Wednesday. The post office will be closed Thursday. No mail will be delivered and service windows

(See SCHEDULES, Page 3)

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has risen to its highest levels since early—this level—at 52 percent—last July. 2002, an Associated Press poll finds.

about the economy in the next six the economy. months and feeling more secure about their jobs, according to the poll conduct- they strongly approve of Bush's haned for the AP by Ipsos-Public Affairs. The uptick in Bush's rating comes on an issue certain to be central to the 2004 presidential campaign.

In all, 55 percent of registered voters the economy and 43 percent disap-

WASHINGTON (AP)— President proved, according to the survey. That is Bush is getting good marks on the econ- Bush's best number on this measure in since the spring, when we were all wor- ions about the economy generally and omy from a clear majority of the public Ipsos polls since the third quarter of ried about the war with Iraq," said Mark consumers' own personal finances, at a time when consumer confidence 2002, though he briefly came close to

A month ago. 46 percent approved People are increasingly optimistic and 51 percent disapproved of Bush on rates and tax cuts, is showing mixed index of consumer attitudes and spend-

In the new survey, 23 percent said dling of the economy, 19 percent said they somewhat approve and 13 percent initially reported mixed feelings but leaned toward approval.

The public's overall feelings on the said they approve of Bush's handling of economy have risen steadily over the es past few months.

chief Zandi, Economy.com.

signs of recovery

for 2004, signs of an improving job pic-level through May 2002. ture and a rebound in the stock market. and states are reeling from revenue loss-

The AP-Ipsos index of consumer down, too.

"Confidence has improved sharply attitudes, a composite measure of opineconomist with reached 100 in December.

That is the same level as the baseline The economy, primed by low interest number at the start of 2002, when lpsos' ing by household, known as the CASH There are projections of rapid growth index, was set up. It stayed close to that

At that time, the economy was start-But the nation has lost more than 2 miling to bounce back from the shock of lion jobs, economists are uncertain the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks. In the about the turnaround in employment months preceding the attacks, the economy was faltering and other surveys found that consumer confidence was

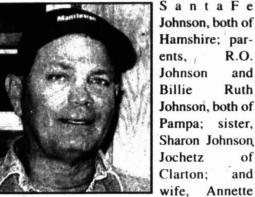


BEAUMONT - Gary Ray Johnson, 55, of Hamshire, died Saturday, Dec. 20, 2003, at Christus St. Elizabeth Hospital. A memorial service will be at 5 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 23, at Broussard's Mortuary, 2000 McFaddin, Beaumont.

A native of Pampa, Mr. Johnson lived in Beaumont for 20 years and was a rigger and operator for Industrial Construction.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran; serving in

He is survived by his son, Garrett Johnson of Hamshire; daughters, Tabetha Johnson and



Johnson of Hamshire.

VIRGINIA MAE PLUMMER

Longtime resident of Pampa, and most recently of Cedar Park, Texas, Virginia Mae "Momma Mae" Plummer was called home to her Lord Jesus on Saturday, Dec. 20, 2003.

Graveside services will be at Fairview Cemetery in Pampa at 10 a.m., on Tuesday, Dec. 23. Arrangements are by Beck Funeral Home of

Mae was a very loving and caring person. She loved her Bible, her family and music. She enjoyed being with people and loved working. Mae was born in Wheeler County, Texas, to Mavie and O.L. Derrick; she was the youngest of 11 children. She married Jack Plummer in September 1946. She lived and worked in Amarillo and Pampa for many years.

She is survived by her daughter, Debbie Parish and her husband Joe; her grandchildren, Erin Robertson and her husband Ross of Cedar Park, Texas; Tullie John Parish and his wife Casey of Argyle, Texas; her great-grandchildren, Evyn Paige Robertson, Trysten John Parish and Jeremiah John Parish; her brother-in-law, Les Porche of Pampa; and many nieces and

Mae's greatest joy was being with her babies. She touched so many lives in so many ways, and she will be greatly missed. We all know that she is finally reunited with the ones that have gone before her and what a reunion that must be.

LOUISE SMITH SHEPHERD

1904-2003

Vernon died Saturday, Dec. 20, 2003, in a Wichita Falls care center. Graveside services will be Tuesday, Dec. 23, 2003, at 10 a.m. in Eastview Cemetery in Vernon, with Dr. Darrell Monday officiating. Interment will be under the direction of Sullivan Funeral Home of Vernon.

Mrs. Shepherd was born Aug. 15, 1904, in Wilbarger County, a daughter of the late Ed. S. and Fannie Rhoads Smith. She married Ernest W. Shepherd on Aug. 2, 1931, in Vernon; he preceded her in death on June 7, 1989. She was

VERNON - Louise Smith Shepherd, 99, of a graduate of Vernon High School and North Texas State University.

She designed the Bicentennial Coin for Wilbarger County. She taught private art classes. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Vernon and was a homemaker.

She is survived by one daughter, Frances Lowe of Vernon; two grandchildren, including Scott Lowe of Pampa; and two great-grandchil-

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church or Hospice of Wichita Falls.

FLOYD EUGENE 'GENE' THOMPSON

1930-2003

Floyd Eugene "Gene" Thompson, 73, died Thursday, Dec. 18, 2003. No services are scheduled. Arrangements were under the direction of Chapel of Hope Funeral Service.

Mr. Thompson was born May 1, 1930, at Borger and graduated from Panhandle High School where he played football. He served two years in the 82nd Airborne Division of the U.S. Army and was for many years a longhaul truck driver. In 1976, he moved to Las Vegas, Nev., and worked in casinos until Goodrich, Texas; and several grandchildren.

and returned to Hobbs, N.M., in 1998.

He enjoyed his family, sports of every kind and was an avid Dallas Cowboys fan.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 22 years, Geri Thompson; and by a stepson, Scott

Survivors include two sons, Mike Redell of Dallas and Tim Redell of Indianapolis, Ind.; two stepdaughters, Vicki Olson of Spokane, Wash., and Debbie Johnston of Post Falls, Idaho; a brother, Vernon Thompson of

The family requests memorials be to Hobbs He relocated to Spokane, Wash., in 1993 Health Care, 5715 Lovington Highway, Hobbs, N.M.

SERVICES TOMORROW

LAND, Edna E. -- 11 a.m., Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa. HARVILL, Mary Mae — 2 p.m., Buie Funeral Home Chapel, Rison, Ark. JOHNSON, Gary Ray – 5 p.m., Broussard's Mortuary, Beaumont. PLUMMER, Virginia Mae – graveside, 10 a.m., Farview Cemetery, Pampa.

SHEPHERD, Louise Smith - graveside, 10 a.m., Eastview Cemetery, Vernon.

ON RECORD

POLICE

Pampa Police Department today reported block of North Christy. the following incidents and arrests.

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Thursday, Dec. 18

Burglary was reported at Pampa Regional Medical Center. Several baby items and toys were taken from a display case. Estimated loss was \$140.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the police department lobby. The incident occurred in the 800 block of Murphy. The vehicle was unlocked. Taken were two rings valued at approximately \$200.

Friday, Dec. 19

Theft over \$50 and under \$500 was reported in the police department lobby. The incident occurred in the 1500 block of Dogwood. Taken were a television and videocassette recorder. Estimated loss was \$50.

Saturday, Dec. 20

Theft over \$50 and under \$500 was reported in the 1000 block of Twiford. Taillights for a vehicle were taken. Estimated loss was \$100.

Family violence was reported in the 1900 block of North Coffee. Minor injuries were reported.

Mick Gene Pendergrass, 46, 316 N. Sumner, was arrested for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. (See story, page 1.)

Sunday, Dec. 21

Theft over \$50 and under \$500 was reported in the 700 block of North Nelson. A bicycle valued at approximately \$100 was taken.

Assault by threat was reported in the 1400 block of North Hobart.

An information report concerning telephone harassment was taken in the 1600

A white substance and drug paraphernalia were found during a traffic stop in the 900 block of Wilks. Three subjects were issued citations, and further charges are under investigation.

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Lori Rene Taylor, 27, 1032 S. Dwight, was arrested in the 1400 block of Bond for public intoxication and evading arrest or detention.

Darrell Wayne White, 47, 1919 N. Nelson, was arrested in the 500 block of East Crawford for driving while intoxicated.

Kimberlee Sue Mills, 42, 723 N. Banks, was arrested in the 500 block of East Crawford for public intoxication.

Lauren Heath Holtman, 24, 937 S Faulkner, was arrested for no valid driver's

Jana E. Turlington, 29, 1041 Prairie, was arrested for capias pro fines on charges of simple assault, failure to change address, driving while license is suspended, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Patricia Diane Bishop, 47, 204 E. Albert, was arrested on warrants for running a stop sign, no insurance and failure to appear.

Darrin Lynn Allen, 18, Miami, was arrested for driving while intoxicated, first offense.

Monday, Dec. 22 Justin Billy Adams, 21, 1806 Coffee, was arrested in the 1900 block of North Banks on a capias pro fine for no insurance, and purchasing/furnishing alcohol to a minor.

Lawrence Lee Henderson, 20, 1036 S. Christy, was arrested in the 1900 block of North Banks for capias pro fines on charges of driving while license is suspended and minor in possession of alcohol.

AMBULANCE

Service the 300 block of South Tignor and trans-Ambulance responded to the following calls during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Thursday, Dec. 18

9:54 a.m. – A mobile ICU responded to Perry Lefors Airport and transported a patient to the 700 block of North Sumner.

10:34 a.m. – A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of South Henry and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

1:58 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient to Baptist-St. Anthony's West, Amarillo.

6:35 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to Northwest Texas Hospital, Amarillo.

7:52 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to the 1400 block of Barrett and transported a patient to PRMC.

Friday, Dec. 19

6:57 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 100 block of South Wells.

10:42 a.m. – A mobile ICU responded to SCCI, Amarillo, and transported a patient to the 1200 block of East Foster, Pampa. 12:56 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to ed one to PRMC.

Medical Center. 1:59 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to

the 300 block of East Brown and transported a patient to PRMC.

ported a patient to Pampa Regional

Saturday, Dec. 20

11:36 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1500 block of West Kentucky and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

6:06 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Golden, Plains Hospital in Borger and transferred one to BSA Hospital, Amarillo.

Sunday, Dec. 21

9 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to 1200 block of North Wells and transporter one to PRMC.

9:32 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred one to BSA, Amarillo.

11:07 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 2100 block of Coffee. No one was transported.

Monday, Dec. 22

3:12 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of Neel Road and transport-

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North winds 15 to 25 mph. Tuesday, partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s. Northwest winds 5 to 15 mph. Tuesday night, mostly clear. Lows in the mid 20s. West winds 5 to 10 mph. Wednesday, mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 50s. Southwest winds 5 to 15 mph.

Wednesday night, mostly clear. Lows in the lower 30s. Christmas day, mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 50s. Thursday night, mostly clear. Saturday, partly cloudy.

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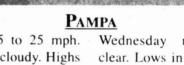
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McClellan said Americans can "make a plan for what they and their family would do in an emergency" following suggestions at the Homeland Security Department's Web site at

http:/www.ready.gov.

He added that "the best away to prevent an attack from happening in the first place is to take the fight to the enemy and that's exactly what we have been doing since Sept. 11."

The comments came a day after Ridge announced that the

government was elevating the national terror alert warning to "Code Orange." The upgrade from "Code Yellow," or "elevated" status, followed warnings that the terrorist organization al-Qaida may be plotting attacks against the United

States during the holidays. The

7:32 p.m. - One unit and

two firefighters responded to

a report of a fire under a car-

port in the 200 block of

Albert. A Pampa police offi-

cer on the scene instructed the

occupants to extinguish the

fire, according to fire depart-

ment reports. The fire was out

Monday, Dec. 22

six firefighters responded to a

fire alarm in the 500 block of

South Gray. The alarm appar-

No other fire was found.

6:26 a.m. - Two units and

when firefighters arrived.

new designation indicates a high risk.

"The information we have indicates that extremists abroad are anticipating near-term attacks that they believe will either rival or exceed" the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks, Ridge had said in announcing the upgraded alert status on Sunday.

Appearing on ABC's "Good Morning America," Ridge was asked if the host of warnings and changes in warning status over the past two years had made the public somewhat nonchalant about such alerts.

He replied that it has been six months since the terror alert was changed, saying "I don't think we've got to worry about threat fatigue..."

will be closed.

Pampa Chamber Commerce will close at noon Wednesday and will remain

First American Bank, First State Bank of Miami. FirstBank Southwest and will close at noon Wednesday and remain closed Thursday. Bank of America will be open until 3 p.m. Wednesday and

The Pampa News will close at 2 p.m. Wednesday. No newspaper will be printed or delivered on Thursday, and the

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SCHEDULES

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office will be closed Thursday.

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Saturday, Dec. 20

three firefighters responded to

a grass fire at Barrett and

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two firefighters responded to

a minor motor vehicle colli-

sion in the 300 block of Jean.

Sunday, Dec. 21

two firefighters responded to

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2:22 p.m. - One unit and

6:45 p.m. - One unit and

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Pampa Fire Department responded to the following calls during the 48-hour peri-

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Dec. 22 3 shopping days to Christmas

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SHERIFF

Department reported the following arrests as of 7 a.m.

today. Saturday, Dec. 20

Roberto Garcia, 39, 412 N. Hill, was arrested for driving while intoxicated, first offense.

Sunday, Dec. 21 Edman Gregory Harden, 35. 1700 Duncan, was

Gray County Sheriff's arrested by Gray County Sheriff's Department for Pampa Police Department for violating a protective order.

> Windy Mojica, 25, Amarillo, was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety and taken to Gray County Jail for charges in Donley County of speeding and failure to appear.

ACCIDENTS

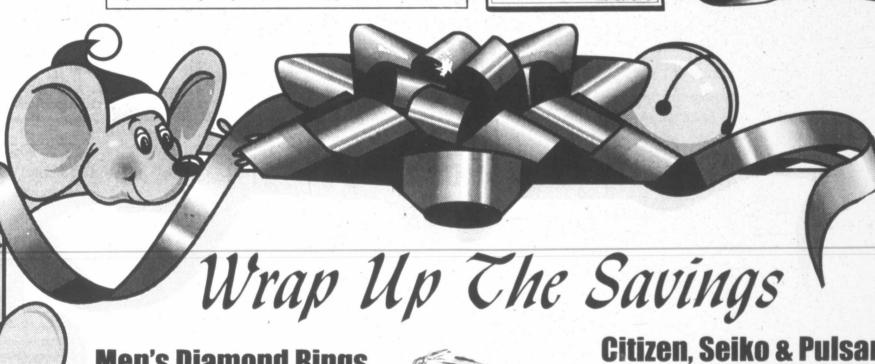
today reported the following accident. Tuesday, Dec. 16

6 p.m. - A 1997 Lincoln Town Car driven by Coela Balch Walker, 55, 1136 N. Starkweather, and a 2003

Toyota Tundra pickup driven

Pampa Police Department by Mikeal William Long, 45, 1000 Sierra, collided at Kentucky and Price Road. Walker was cited for running a stop sign. Long reported a possible injury at the scene and was taken to Pampa Regional Medical Center by a family member.





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MONDAY - December 22, 2003

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Send Some Holiday Cheer To Our Military Overseas

the air, our halls have been decked with boughs of holly and the Christmas trees are decorated. Yule logs have been kindled, and Santa's on his way. In Jewish homes, Hanukkah candles burn brightly, and Kwanzaa begins in less than a week. Tis the season to be jolly a time when thoughts turn homeward to loved ones and holidays past.
This is also the time of year

that's hardest for our young men and women in the military, stationed far from home many for the first time. Most of them are between the ages of 18 and 22, and while we folks back home are fighting the crowds in shopping centers, they are dodging bullets and car bombs.

So, please, dear readers, you are the most generous people in the world. Remember our troops. They need our support. Go to your computer, type in www.OperationDearAbby.net, and send these brave, dedicated young people heartfelt holiday greetings today. They deserve our thanks, our prayers ... and

DEAR ABBY: After 30 years of marriage, my husband, "Allan," began an affair with a young woman in his office. I was devastated, and our three children and two grandchildren were all affected.

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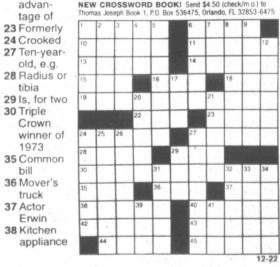
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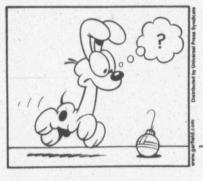


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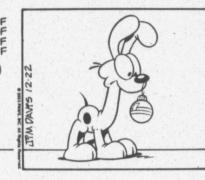




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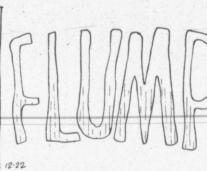




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Cowboys secure first playoff spot since 1999 IRVING, Texas (AP) — Francisco, Dallas (10-5) can than anytime since there was so



BASKETBALL

WHITE DEER White Deer defeated Trinity Fellowship 56-51 in girls basketball action

last weekend. Ashley Davis led White Deer's scoring attack with 14 points. Sara Smith and Becca Rapstine added 10

Kylee Aleman had 24 points for Trinity.

WRESTLING

RANDALL — Pampa lost to Randall 75-12 in a wrestling quad over the weekend.

Chance Henley of Pampa won his match when he pinned Shane Morin in 3:45 in the 145pound class.

BASEBALL

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Texas owner Tom Hicks is ready for a final resolution after weeks of discussions about trading Alex Rodriguez to Boston.

If a deal to send the MVP shortstop to the Red Sox for outfielder Manny Ramirez isn't completed by 5 p.m. EST Tuesday, Hicks said Rodriguez will remain the Rangers' shortstop next

"This potential trade is very complicated and involves multiple parties," Hicks wrote in an e-mail to The Associated Press on Sunday night. "From the Texas Rangers' perspective, we need finality so we can proceed with our offseason plans."

Hicks wrote that the Tuesday deadline "is a reasonable timeframe for the various groups to make their decisions."

Scott Boras, Rodriguez's agent, said Hicks called him Sunday to inform him of the deadline for the trade of baseball's only \$20 million-a-year players. A reigning MVP has never switched teams.

Red Sox owner John Henry didn't respond to an e-mail or telephone call, and team president Larry Lucchino declined comment in an e-mail.

If the deal isn't done by Tuesday, Hicks has told general manager John Hart to build toward next season with Rodriguez in the plans.

Hart, who didn't return phone messages Sunday night, had hoped to have the situation resolved before the winter meetings ended last Monday. That passed without a deal, as did commissioner Bud Selig's Thursday deadline talks between for Rodriguez and Boston.

Rodriguez's \$252 million, 10-year contract has seven years and \$179 mil-

lion remaining. During negotiations last week, the players' association said the agreement could be restructured but not reduced, and rejected Boston's proposal, which the union said would cut \$28 million to \$30 million.

There were no victory cigars or still win the NFC East. If the uncorked champagne bottles, even though the Dallas Cowboys had reason to cele-

Just coach Bill Parcells getting doused with a bucket of ice

The Cowboys, after three straight 5-11 seasons before Parcells, made the playoffs with a 19-3 win over the New York Giants on Sunday.

this opportunity for a long time. We came out, we handled our business and we're in," defensive tackle La'Roi Glover said. "We still have to finish the season strong."

Eagles (11-4) lose again next weekend at Washington and the Cowboys win at New Orleans, Dallas will go from a wild-card spot to a first-round playoff bye.

Behind an efficient game from Quincy Carter and another big performance against the Giants by kicker Billy Cundiff, Dallas handed New York (4-11) its seventh straight loss.

Parcells is the first coach to "Guys have been waiting for earn playoff berths with four franchises, but he had never done it in his first season with a team until Sunday.

"I'm not shocked," Parcells said. "You have to earn your way in ... and we won some big After Philadelphia's over- games when it counted. I was

much on the line."

Since following an emotional win over Carolina by giving up 76 points in consecutive losses to Miami and Philadelphia, the Cowboys have allowed just three points in two games.

"We have a chance to do something special." tight end Dan Campbell said. "Our season has just begun."

Besides the dousing of Parcells, and a few joyful shouts going off the field and into the locker room, the celebration was somewhat mundane.

"That's a good sign that we're not overly excited," defensive end Greg Ellis said. "If we were popping open

we wanted to accomplish was to get into the playoffs."

The 10 wins in his debut year is another first for Parcells, and it's the most for Dallas since 1998, when they won their last division title. This is the Cowboys' 27th playoff berth.

The playoff-clinching win came a year to the day after Cowboys owner Jerry Jones admitted he'd talked to Parcells.

"This season is beyond expectations," Jones said. "A day like today ... it covers up a bunch of the bumps we've

The Giants are hoping a new coach will provide them the same kind of turnaround. champagne, it would be like all They've still got one more

game under Jim Fassel, who stayed to coach the rest of the season after being told Wednesday he won't be back

New York broke a streak of six straight games with just one touchdown, although not the way it would've liked. In matching their longest losing streak since 1994, the Giants scored a season-low three points.

Carter connected with Joey Galloway on a 64-yard pass on the game's first play, but the Cowboys managed only Cundiff's 24-yard field goal. The Giants answered with their only score, but a 36-yard pass to Jason Witten midway through the first quarter put Dallas ahead to stay.

time loss Sunday at San probably more nervous today Clovis wins two against Pampa

PAMPA — Clovis, N.M. turned back Pampa for a 56-44 win Saturday night in McNeely Fieldhouse.

Clovis led by 11 (28-17 at halftime and 15 (43-28) after 3-point goals: Ammons 1. three quarters. The Harvesters went on a 7-0 run to start the third quarter to trim the margin to eight (43-35). Pampa wouldn't be able to get any closer.

Dominique Easterlin led the Wildcats in scoring with 14 points.

Andy Rodgers led the Harvesters with 22 points.

Clovis, ranked No. 4 in New Mexico, boosted its record to 10-1. The Harvesters are 5-10. Clovis 13 28 43 56 Pampa 10 17 28 44

P-Andy Rodgers 22, Collin Bowers 8, Chance Bowers 6, Brittin East 4, Jed Martin 2, Brandon Johnston 2; Three-

point goals: East 1, Rodgers 1. C - Domingue Easterlin 14. John Props 10, Justin Pinckney 11, Mario Caswell 7, Bud Willis 4, Elliott Hita 3, Zac Watters 3, Tizrick Phillips 2, Jeff Epps 2; 3-point goals: Easterlin 1, Watters 1.

Clovis downed Pampa 51-34 in the girls game.

Leading Clovis in scoring was Brittany Blackmon with 17 points. High scorer for Pampa was Lindsey Ammons with 9 points.

Clovis never trailed the entire contest and was up by 13 (31-18) at halftime.

The Lady Harvesters are 6-9 for the season.

Clovis 16 31 47 51 Pampa 6 18 24 34

C - Brittany Blackmon 17, Amiee Hilburn 16, Corie Quintana 5, Jessica Hahn 5, Monique Walker 5, Tori Northcutt 1; Triasha Brown 2; 3-point goals: Quintana 1.

P - Lindsey Ammons 9, Callie Cobb 5, Tara Jordan 5, Abbi Covalt 4, Britteni Rice 4, Stacey Johnson 3, Jackie Gerber 2, Jennie Waggoner 2;

Pampa's junior varsity boys team posted a pair of wins over weekend, defeating Hereford 56-48 Friday and Clovis, N.M. 57-46 Saturday.

Braydon Barker scored 21 points against Hereford in the district opener and Sharod Young had a 29-point outing against Clovis in a non-district

Pampa JV makes up for lack of size with good team speed and balanced scoring. Seven players scored in double figures each night.

Young had 10 points against Hereford, followed by Eric Kingcade and Brett Ferrell 7 each; Weston Teichmann 6, Tyler Hall 3 and Tyson Hickman 2. Barker hit three 3point goals while Teichmann had 2 and Hall 1.

Pampa JVs have won six of their last eight games as the players coming from the football team are getting into basketball condition.

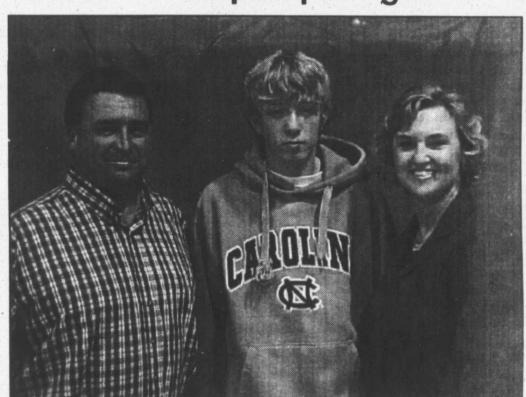
Joining Young in the scoring column Ferrell with 8, Barker 7, Hall 4, Hickman 4, Teichmann 3 and Aaron Anguiano 2. Young had three 3point goals, Barker 1 and Teichmann 1.

Pampa and Palo Duro JV play on Jan. 6 in Palo Duro.

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Harvester Hoops Spot-light



Andy Rodgers is a senior guard on the Pampa boys basketball team He is the son of Liz Smith and Terry Smith, above. Andy plans to attend college upon graduation.

Denton Ryan falls in three overtimes

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Larry Kerlegan threw four touchdown passes and Russell Ball ran for an 11-yard touchdown in triple overtime as La Marque rallied to beat Denton Ryan 43-35 for the Class 4A Division II title Saturday.

Justin Willis fumbled near the 3-yard line on fourth down on Ryan's ensuing possession, ending the first UIL state championship ever decided in triple overtime.

La Marque (16-0), which ad never trailed this season, fell behind 21-10 late in the

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third quarter before scoring on three straight possessions to take a 28-21 lead.

Ryan (14-2) forced overtime on a 13-yard touchdown pass from Justin Willis to Justin Fenty with six seconds remaining in the fourth quarter tied the score 28-28.

The first overtime ended scoreless when La Marque's field goal was blocked and Ryan missed a field goal from 22 yards.

Rvan took the lead in the

second overtime when Farl Goldsmith caught a 10-yard touchdown pass. The extra point was good to put the Raiders ahead 35-28.

La Marque answered when Peter Charnock scored his third touchdown of the game on a 6-yard pass from Kerlegan. The extra point sent the game into overtime

Denton Ryan played in the only other Class 4A title game that was decided in overtime.

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No. 6 Kansas upset by Nevada

RENO, Nev. (AP) - Kirk Snyder outplayed Kansas' star trio of Keith Langford, Aaron Miles and Wayne Simien.

Snyder had 29 points and nine rebounds and Nevada used sharp foul shooting down the stretch to upset No. 6 Kansas 75-61 on Sunday night at the Wolf Pack Holiday Classic.

"It's just a blessing that this happened," Snyder said. "It was a team effort. We came out and we know our roles."

Snyder scored inside and out and sparked a 12-2 run to open the game. Todd Okeson, a senior guard from Weskan, Kan., had 12 points for Nevada and the Wolf Pack made 19 of 21 free throws over the final 10 minutes to hold off the Jayhawks.

"I still have goose bumps. It hasn't really set in that we just beat Kansas," Okeson said. "I'm sure the whole county was watching, not just Weskan."

In other games involving ranked teams Sunday, it was: No. 5 Georgia Tech 79, St. John's 66; No. 10 Missouri 106, North Carolina-Greensboro 98; and SMU 60, No. 17 Purdue

Kevinn Pinkney added 10 for the Wolf Pack (5-3), who were mobbed by more than 100 students who charged the floor at the buzzer before the sixthlargest crowd in school history, 10,983 at the Lawlor Events remaining. Center

"When you look up and see 10,000 fans, it makes the game so easy. Fatigue is not a factor," said Snyder, who wasn't fazed by the 20 NBA scouts on hand.

"My focus was on the team and the guys and all the hard work we've put forth day in and day out at practice."

Langford and Miles each had 11 points for Kansas (6-2), which went on a late 20-8 run to pull within 68-61 with 1:47 left but couldn't overcome a 20-point halftime deficit.

Langford said Snyder is

"probably one of the best play- made a pair of free throws to go ers I've ever played against."

"Early, letting him get a couple of easy baskets really got his confidence going. I think he was determined to have a big game after that," Langford said.

Nevada dominated the first outrebounding Jayhawks 23-13 while holding them to 26 percent shooting. The Wolf Pack made 24 of 29 free throws overall

"It's pretty hard for me personally to imagine us under the circumstances playing better," Nevada coach Trent Johnson

"I thought we put on a pretty good performance in front of some pretty good enthusiastic and deserving fans."

Nevada never trailed, jumping out to a 12-2 lead five minutes in and extending the advantage to 40-17 when Nick Fazekas made a pair of free throws with 1:25 left in the half.

"In the first half, we really got after them," Johnson said. "We were aggressive defensively and played about as well as we can. In the second half when they made their run, our guys stood their ground and kept their composure."

With Nevada leading 40-20 at the half, Snyder followed a reverse layup with a 3-pointer Nevada ahead 49-24 with 17:14

Kansas responded with seven straight points on J.R. Giddens' layup and three-pointer and Miles' basket inside to cut it to 49-31.

But Snyder scored on a drive and hit a 3-pointer for a 54-33.

"They were obviously very prepared and ready to play," Kansas coach Bill Self said. "They deserve what they got tonight and we deserve what we got tonight."

to spark an 8-0 run capped by Miles' drive for a score to make it 54-41 with 11 minutes left.

But Snyder and Okeson each with 16 points.

up 60-41 after Snyder was fouled by Jeff Graves and Hawkins was called for a tech-

Kansas rallied one last time with a 14-4 run to pull within 64-55 at 3:48, Kansas' David Padgett had consecutive field goals and Miles scored to make it 68-61 with 1:47 left.

Snyder made three free throws and Okeson and Pinkney two each down the stretch to seal the win.

No. 5 Georgia Tech 79, St. John's 66

B.J. Elder scored 11 of his 15 points in the second half and host Georgia Tech spoiled the debut of interim coach Kevin

Mike Jarvis was fired Friday, only six games into his sixth season. St. John's (2-5) lost four of its first five games, which hadn't happened since 1922-23

The Yellow Jackets (10-0) continued their best start since 1985-86, the last season they were ranked in the top five.

No. 10 Missouri 106, N.C.-Greensboro 98

Jason Conley had 19 points in his first game with Missouri after transferring from VMI to lead the Tigers (4-1).

Jay Joseph and Ronnie from the right baseline to put Burrell had 22 points each for the visiting Spartans (4-5).

> Missouri's first three victories were by a total of 19 points. It was the first time the Tigers topped 100 points since Dec. 6, 2001, against University.

SMU 60, No. 17 Purdue 59 Bryan Hopkins' driving layup with 24 seconds left his second field goal of the game — gave the Mustangs (5-3) the championship of the Boilermaker Invitational.

Kenneth Lowe scored 19 Jeff Hawkins hit a 3-pointer points but missed two chances to win it for the Boilermakers

Kris Lowe led the Mustangs

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McNair found Bennett in the corner of the end zone for a 23-yard touchdown pass with 17 seconds to play, carrying the Tennessee Titans to a 27-24 victory Sunday over the Houston Texans.

The Titans moved into the

five years. Denver's victory at Indianapolis on Sunday night means the Titans could win the AFC South next weekend with a win over Tampa Bay Both players ignored the and a Colts loss at Houston.

> The Titans (11-4) trailed the second-year Texans (5-10) 24-20 after a 5-yard touchdown run by Domanick Davis with 1:48 left.

But McNair, who didn't get the starting nod until moments before the game, pulled it out.

McNair hit Bennett with key passes of 20 and 24 yards on the game-winning drive to whip the Titans down the field to the Texans 23.

Facing fourth down, McNair dropped back and saw Bennett behind cornerback Marcus Coleman in the end zone.

"My calf was hurting a little bit at the end, but it feels great now," Bennett said. "It'll be a great ride

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Your creativity earmarks your year, mak-

ing "possibility" your middle name.

Knowing when to stop and think of

another could separate happiness from

depression during this period of tremen-

dous creativity. Listen to your feelings,

but also listen to those of others.

Sometimes you will need to deal with

depressed people or a sad partner. Don't

walk away; instead, pitch in and use your

dynamic energy to make others happy.

Your ability to read people comes

through this year, helping you gain in the

professional world. If single, you will

meet many people this year. "The one"

might be a year away. If you are attached,

consider a home office so you can partic-

ipate more in your family life. CAPRI-

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll

Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive;

* * Step up and do what is required of

you. You might not want to, but unfortu-

nately, you are the best qualified. You

have a way of steaming through work

that others admire. Do not take a family

member's criticism too personally. This

person could be jealous. Tonight: Check

★★★★ Deal with others in your cus-

tomary nice manner, even if you might

want to hit someone on the head with a

frying pan. Once you complete what you

need to, you will feel good about your-

self. At the same time, you might need to

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lose your temper. Don't, if you can help

it, because you could alienate a close

friend. The season might be getting to

you more than you realize. Be positive

about the possibilities that surround you.

*** Others might challenge you,

though on some level, they really don't

mean to. The holiday could be getting the

best of those you care about, as well as

those in your work life. Keep communi-

cation flowing. Tonight: Go along with

*** Pitch right in — you might not

have a choice. Still, your mood could

make or break a situation. Use care with

others and when selecting gifts. You

might want to get an extra gift or two for

those who might surprise you. Relax as

much as you can. Tonight: Clean up any

*** * You're in the pink and ready

to celebrate. You might wonder what is

going on with a partner who appears to

be on the warpath. Remember the tension

the holidays can create and be more

indulgent. You are the one who will

make the difference right now. Tonight:

*** Head on home, where you

might have to deal with a bit of unpleas-

antness, but nothing you cannot handle.

Be indulgent and understanding about

the tension that can build around the hol-

idays. Help others remember the true

meaning of the holidays. Tonight: Pitch

**** What you say might have a

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Add more spunk to a relationship.

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in wherever you can.

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* * * Think of the person who might

have been left out and take action toward

him or her. Often people are left out. You

might upset a spoiled loved one by your

efforts, but ultimately, it all works out.

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thing. Tonight: Share last-minute details.

*** * Someone might not see you

the way you see him or her. Remember,

right now, you might be more upbeat

than you realize, drawing a strong reac-

tion from someone who really might not

be so upbeat. Express your caring.

* You might be a bit out of sorts with

what is going on in the next few days.

Rather than impact others in your life,

work through your feelings. You just

might be too tired for your own good.

Christmas bells and caroling wherever

you are, putting you in the frame of mind

for the holiday. Do remember a special

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