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Caroling



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These first grade students from Austin Elementary went caroling Wednesday. Here, they are singing at FirstBank Southwest to a packed group of parents and bank customers.

Children's shopping tour needs assistance

By **KERRI SMITH**
Managing Editor

The 45th annual Children's Shopping Tour, which is scheduled for Saturday, is facing challenges. After the invitations to the children have been sent out, the project found out that those children have larger families than they expected.

John Warner, treasurer for the project, said that last year the shopping tour invited 89 children.

"We served 315 people last year, which included the 89 children who went on the shopping tour with us," Warner said. "This year, we had originally planned to invite 125 children and estimated they would have approximately 175 additional family members to buy for. That would have made about 300 people we had to buy gifts for."

"But, earlier this week at a Steering

Committee meeting, we found out that 114 children have been invited so far by Capt. Laura Martin of the Salvation Army and Sandra McKinney of the Texas Health and Human Services Commission. And these children have 336 family members in their households to buy gifts for. So, this year we will buy gifts for approximately 450 individuals."

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Grand jury hands up 23 indictments

By **MARILYN POWERS**
Staff Writer

A Gray County grand jury handed up 23 indictments in 223rd District Court Dec. 6. The indictments included one first-degree felony, four second-degree felonies, two third-degree felonies and 16 state jail felonies.

Tariq Sahir Carter, 25, was indicted for manufacture/delivery of four or more grams but less than 200 grams of a controlled substance, enhanced. Bond on the first-degree felony was set at \$12,000.

On April 30, Carter allegedly

possessed with intent to deliver four or more grams but less than 200 grams of cocaine.

On Dec. 8, 2004, in 223rd District Court, Carter was convicted of the felony offense of prohibited substance in correctional facility.

Damon Lynn Cox, 44, was indicted for violation of a protective order by assault/stalking, enhanced and stalking, enhanced. Bond on each of the second-degree felonies was set at \$10,000, for total bond of \$20,000.

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COUNTY COMMISSION

Museum usage fee on commission agenda

By **MARILYN POWERS**
Staff Writer

A usage fee change for White Deer Land Museum will once again be on Gray County Commissioners' agenda for their 9 a.m. meeting Friday in the second-floor courtroom of Gray County Courthouse, 205 N. Russell.

The possible fee change was first proposed to commissioners at their Nov. 15 meeting by Anne Davidson, museum director. Commissioners at that time asked for more specific recommendations before taking action. The museum fee was listed on commissioners' Nov. 30 agenda, but no new informa-

tion concerning a recommended fee had been provided as of that meeting, and the issue was again tabled.

Commissioners will vote on one or more members of the Gray County Appraisal District Board of Directors, and will nominate additional members from which the newly-elected three-member board will choose.

Replacement of a vehicle for Gray County Sheriff's Office and for Precinct 1 and 3 Constable James Lewis is on Friday's agenda, along with cobra insurance rates, recogni-

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GCAD reappoints three members to serve on board

By **MARILYN POWERS**
Staff Writer

Bill Kindle, Beth Miller and Leona Willis were appointed to serve two-year terms on the Gray County Appraisal District Review Board by the district's Board of Directors at their 8:30 a.m. meeting today in the conference room of the appraisal district office, 815 N. Sumner.

The three are current review board members whose terms expire at the end of this year. All are eligible to serve one more two-year term.

"Each member can serve three consecutive terms, then go off the board for at least one year before serving again," Chief Appraiser Pat Bagley said. "All three of these members can serve one more two-year term, and all three are willing to do so."

Board members spent the majority of their meeting time on changes to the retirement system for appraisal district employees. At issue was what, if any-

thing, to do about surplus funds in the retirement account.

"Each year, we have to adopt a change or no change," Bagley said. "We have a surplus right now. We need to increase our matching funds and try to spend down our average."

"We have \$228,000 sitting in the retirement system account right now," he said. "We can't use the money for anything else, according to the law. The money in the fund has sat there and drawn interest since 1982."

A cost-of-living adjustment was made last year which resulted in an increase of retirement income for retired employees, Bagley said.

"It didn't cost us anything, but gave retired employees three percent more," he said.

Board member Gary Willoughby moved to leave the current percentages

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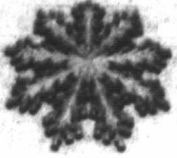


Christmas elf



Pampa News Photo by Valerie O'Brien

This Austin Elementary elf, who escorted the first graders into FirstBank Southwest for carolling, also takes a few photos.

NEXT DAY FORECAST

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		
Cloudy	Partly cloudy	Sunny

Friday: A 50 percent chance of snow. Cloudy, with a high near 34. Wind chill values between 19 and 28. East-northeast wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Friday Night: Snow likely, mainly before midnight. Cloudy, with a low around 24. Wind chill values between 13 and 18. North wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph. Chance of precipitation is 70 percent.

Saturday: Partly sunny, with a high near 35. North-northwest wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 21. West-northwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south-southwest.

Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 44. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming east-southeast.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 24.

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Obituaries

Daniel Jackson Batman, 10-days-old

Daniel Jackson Batman, a 10-day-old infant of Pampa, died Dec. 12, 2007, at Amarillo. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Daniel was born Dec. 2, 2007, in Pampa.

Survivors include his parents, Marisa Sanders and Christopher Batman, both of Pampa; a sister, Makensi Batman of Pampa; his



Batman

maternal grandfather, Jack Sanders of Amarillo; and his paternal grandparents, Ellen and Melvin Batman of Pampa.

MEMORIALS: March of Dimes

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Wanda Jean 'Bill' Fleming, 76

Wanda Jean "Bill" Fleming, 76, of Pampa, Texas, died Dec. 11, 2007, at Pampa. Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 14, 2007, at Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ with Arvia Willingham and Rodney Tedford, minister, officiating.

Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Fleming was born May 18, 1931, in Twitty, Texas. She attended schools

in the Shamrock area. She married Monta Fleming on Oct. 30, 1948, in Wheeler. He preceded her in death on May 26, 1999.

Wanda had been a resident of Pampa since the summer of 1955: She was a member of the Mary Ellen & Harvester Church of Christ and was a homemaker.



Fleming

Survivors include two sons, Art Fleming and wife Melodie of Pampa, and James Fleming of Elkhart, Kan.; one sister, Willie Warren of Amarillo; two brothers, Virgil Clay of Shamrock and Chauncie D. Clay of Canyon; two granddaughters, Meredith Fleming of Pampa and Payton Fleming of Elkhart, Kan.; two grandsons, Jonathan Fleming of

Pampa, currently serving with the U.S. Air Force, and Parker Fleming of Elkhart, Kan.; and two sisters-in-law, Lois Harris and Mary Andrews, both of Pampa.

She was preceded in death by her parents, four sisters and five brothers.

MEMORIALS: A favorite charity.

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Lewis Barnett Hackley, 88

CHERRYVALE, Kan. — Lewis Barnett Hackley, 88, of Cherryvale, died Dec. 11, 2007, at Parsons hospital. Services are scheduled at 11 a.m. Saturday in First Presbyterian Church in Cherryvale with the Rev. Warren Wilbur officiating.

Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Potts Chapel in Cherryvale.

Mr. Hackley was born June 24, 1919, at Rock Island, Ill., to John "J.H." Hackley and Pearl (Lewis) Hackley. He moved to Cherryvale with his family at age 2. After high school graduation, he attended college and later worked as an accounting machine salesman for Chas. E. Baker Co.,

in Tulsa, Okla.

He married Doris "Dorsie" Passons Moore on Feb. 26, 1967. He and his first wife, Annette Patty, divorced.

At the outset of World War II, he enlisted as an aviation cadet in the pilot training program, but was eliminated from the program. He graduated from Air Corp Statistical School at Harvard University and was commissioned a 2nd lieutenant.

While serving four years of active duty, he was stationed in the south and southwest Pacific as a group statistical officer with the 307th Bomb Group (HV), a B-24 outfit that fought all the way from Guadalcanal to the Philippines. He continued his military service as a

Reservist and retired with the rank of major.

After the war, he worked for Underwood Corp., in Oklahoma City as an accounting machine sales manager. In 1955, he left Underwood to open his own agency in Pampa under the name of Tri-City Office Supply. In 1980, he sold the business and returned to Cherryvale.

He was a real estate broker and worked at one time for Mid West Real Estate in Independence, Kan. He served two terms as president of the Independence Board of Realtors and specialized in real estate appraisal, earning his certification as a real estate appraiser.

Mr. Hackley was a 60-

year Mason, member of Scottish Rite Consistory and elder of Cherryvale First Presbyterian Church. He was preceded in death by his parents, J.H. and Pearl; one sister; and one brother.

Survivors include his wife, Dorsie, of the home; a son, Gary Hackley of Chicago, Ill.; two daughters, Sharon Evans of Fletcher, Okla., and Beverly Blakemore of Laport; a stepdaughter, Dixie Graves of Fredonia, Kan.; eight grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Visitation will be from 12-8 p.m. Friday.

MEMORIALS: First Presbyterian Church in c/o Potts Chapel.

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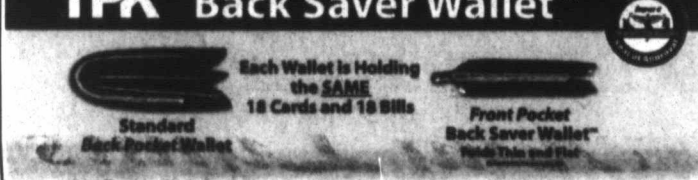
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Martin said that some of these children have as many as 10 in their households. McKinney said there just seems to be an unusually large number of household members this year.

"We set out goal originally at \$12,000 for the shopping tour, figuring \$40 for 300 family members, including the gift our volunteers purchase for the children," Warner said. "We have actually exceeded our goal, but if we spend \$40 per family member as we have planned, that will bring the total needed this year to \$18,000."

Anyone interested in making a tax deductible donation can send a check made out to the Pampa Optimist Youth Club to Warner at P.O. Box 645, Pampa, Texas 79066-0645.

Kerrick Horton, an Altrusa member and co-chair for the shopping tour, said the event faces other challenges this year as well.

"Some of our volunteers will have one child buying for her parents and they will be finished shopping and wrapping early," Horton said. "Others will have a child buying for nine other household members, so it will take longer."

"Last year, we purchased 1,120 items from Wal-Mart

and wrapped more than 1,000 packages. This year, we may wrap as many as 1,500 packages. We are going to need some of our volunteers to be able to stay later than noon to get all of the gifts purchased and wrapped."

Horton said the goal is to get the children home by noon or a little later, but children in large family households are going to need additional time to get their gifts purchased and wrapped.

"Last year, this project served more than half of our clients in need," said Martin. "I have participated in many Christmas projects through my work with the Salvation Army, but this is the best project I have ever seen for assisting the need at Christmas."

The shopping tour is a joint project of the Altrusa Club, the Kiwanis Club, Pampa Optimist Youth Club, Salvation Army, Tralee Crisis Center, American Red Cross, Energizer Sunday School Class of the First United Methodist Church, Pampa Noon Lions Club, Pampa High School football team, Harvester and Lady Harvester basketball teams, PHS student council, PHS cheerleaders, ASTRA, D-FYIT, Pampa Police Department, Gray County Sheriff's Office, Roberts County Sheriff's Office, Miami Area Youth Organization and many of the churches in Pampa and Miami.

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and amounts in place concerning the retirement fund and allow the new board of directors, who will begin serving in January, to make any changes. The motion died for lack of a second.

Board member Nancy Coffee then moved to raise the percentage, and the motion passed, with Coffee, Joe Morgan and Darville Orr voting in favor and Willoughby against. Board member Doug Locke was absent from this morning's meeting.

The change which was approved by board members increases the amount of retirement future retirees will receive by 25 percent, Willoughby said later.

A temporary employee was approved to work at the appraisal district office while an employee is on maternity leave. Bagley said he could hire the temporary employee with or

without the board's approval, but preferred their approval.

Willoughby moved to not hire a temporary employee, who would be employed for a six- to eight-week period. The motion died for lack of a second.

Coffee then moved to hire the temporary employee, and her motion passed with one vote against, cast by Willoughby.

Wheeler Independent School District's request to pay their entire obligation for the year in one payment rather than four was approved. The school district includes about four sections of land in Gray County, and the amount owed is \$250.

No action

was taken concerning consulting services, at the request of Bagley, who said the agenda item concerned a service to appraise company plants in the county. Bagley said he was already appraising all but one plant, and is working to begin appraising the remaining one.

Renewal of a two-year contract with FirstBank Southwest as the district's bank depository was approved.

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Viewpoints

Society can have a powerful affect on behavior

I recently read an Associated Press article on the news wire that both saddened and dismayed me. The wire report, written by one Christopher Leonard, covered a story about a 13-year-old who took her life recently in Missouri.

The report rankled my sensibilities on a variety of levels.

Level 1: The focus of the report was on the plight of Lori Drew, a 40-plus-year-old mother of two who resides in Missouri. Drew, it seems, is the target of so-called vigilante justice. The wire story describes Drew's situation as "tribal, in its nature," alluding to her status as an "outcast."

Consequences abound for every deed, good or bad. What Drew is experiencing is what transpires when a middle-aged woman conspires to dupe a 13-year-old with a fake persona on the Internet.

For those readers unfamiliar with the whole, tragic, sorry saga surrounding Drew, this woman evidently, according to the AP, corresponded with 13-year-old Megan Meier, a child in her neighborhood, via the World Wide Web. The result? Megan, who thought Drew a teenage boy who called "himself" Josh Evans, ended up taking her own life.

Authorities, the AP article read, have declined to prose-

cute Drew, but her neighbors apparently are not satisfied that justice has been served.

Level 2:

The story decries the response of society against Drew as barbaric and prejudiced. How dare the public be offended by this female, the sub-text of the article — to me — seems to ask? How dare her fellow citizens judge her?

And I ask: How dare a 40-something-year-old woman — neighbor, mother of two — participate in a prank of this nature against a vulnerable 13-year-old, and how dare

this article focus its efforts on HER situation and not the fall-out that resulted in another mother losing her barely teenage daughter to suicide?

Why does this reporter lavish such sympathy on Drew and such ridicule on her neighbors?

Let me now acknowledge lest I be misunderstood to approve cowardly acts of terrorism that I most emphatically DO NOT find it appropriate to anonymously threaten any individual on any grounds. However, I do feel

that publicly shunning this woman is in no way an inappropriate reaction. To allow Drew's lies and manipulation to be dismissed by the very neighborhood living through the nightmare of this child's death would be the height of stupidity.

America seems to be plagued by a segment of its population that views guilt as the enemy of free society. To sweep consequences under the rug in their drive to free us of that uncomfortable emotion appears to be their objective. BUT, and this is a big but, folks, our consciences hinge on the presence and the absence of guilt. Our conscience is what drives civilized,

humane behavior.

Guilt, as unpalatable as this simple fact may sometimes seem, has a purpose.

Level 3: The reporter BURIES Meier's mother's reply to the negative response of townspeople to Drew, waiting until the 15th paragraph to quote Tina Meier who said: "I think that what they (Drew) have done is so despicable, that I think it absolutely disgusts people. I can't take one ounce of energy worrying about who does not like Lori Drew or who hates Lori Drew. I could not care less."

Level 4: Only in America would the victim and her family be so overlooked in a news story.



Skylia Bryant
News Editor

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Dec. 13, the 347th day of 2007. There are 18 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 13, 1862, Union forces suffered a major defeat to the Confederates at the Battle of Fredericksburg.

On this date:

In 1642, Dutch navigator Abel Tasman sighted present-day New Zealand.

In 1769, Dartmouth College, in New Hampshire, received its charter.

In 1835, Phillips Brooks, the American Episcopal bishop who wrote the words to "O Little Town of Bethlehem," was born in Boston.

In 1918, President Wilson arrived in France, becoming the first chief executive to visit Europe while in office.

In 1928, George Gershwin's musical work "An American in Paris" had its premiere, at Carnegie Hall in New York.

In 1944, during World War II, the U.S. cruiser Nashville was badly damaged in a Japanese kamikaze attack that claimed more than 130 lives.

In 1978, the Philadelphia Mint began stamping the Susan B. Anthony dollar, which went into circulation in July 1979.

In 1981, authorities in Poland imposed martial law in a crackdown on the Solidarity labor movement. (Martial law formally ended in 1983.)

In 1994, an American Eagle commuter plane crashed short of Raleigh-Durham International Airport in North Carolina, killing 15 of the 20 people on board.

Ten years ago: A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held in Los Angeles for the \$1 billion Getty Center, one of the largest arts centers in the United States. Michigan Wolverine Charles Woodson was named winner of the Heisman Trophy, the first primarily defensive player so honored.

Five years ago: Cardinal Bernard Law resigned as Boston archbishop because of the priest sex abuse scandal. President Bush announced he would take the smallpox vaccine along with U.S. military forces, but was not recommending the potentially risky inoculation for most Americans. The U.N. Security Council condemned "acts of terror" against Israel in Kenya and deplored the claims of responsibility by the al-Qaida terror network.

One year ago: President Bush held high-level talks at the Pentagon, after which he said he would "not be rushed" into a decision on a strategy change for Iraq. Sen. Tim Johnson, D-S.D., underwent emergency surgery after suffering bleeding in his brain. Lamar Hunt, the owner of football's Kansas City Chiefs who coined the term "Super Bowl," died in Dallas at age 74.

'Good judgment comes from experience; and experience, well, that comes from bad judgment.'

— Anonymous

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PowerPoint can jazz up any presentation

A while back, I attended a large technology conference. I went to see new technology, trends and hear the latest prognostications from so-called experts. While their topics varied, I noticed one trait they all had in common — their reliance on technology to aid in their presentation. In 95 percent of the cases, that technology could be summed up in one word: PowerPoint.

Designed by Microsoft, PowerPoint is to the presenter what Word is to the author and Excel to the accountant. We, as teachers, learned a long time ago that people typically remember only 10 percent of what we say (if that much). If, however, we visually reinforce our points somehow, that retention increases four-fold. Enter, PowerPoint.

Remember back in the old days when people used overhead projectors to aid in classroom note taking?

Speakers used them also to bullet their points. Basically, the presenter would manually place a new transparency on the projector every time he/she changed points. By receiving the information visually as well as audibly the audience was more likely to retain the important facts.

Think of PowerPoint as an "overhead transparency upgrade." It allows you to make "slides" that can be projected, printed or e-mailed to your audience. At this point, you may be wondering why someone would use PowerPoint over the low-tech transparency system. Well, many advantages present themselves not the least of which is "impression."

People are impressed with

technology. If you put two equally-skilled presenters in a room, one with a set of transparencies and the other armed with a PowerPoint presentation, I guarantee the audience will believe the technically-assisted presenter is more authoritative, better prepared, and, therefore, more

credible. Right or wrong, good or bad, that's how people think.

PowerPoint also gives the presenter some interesting abilities not afforded to the overhead transparency user. For instance, with PowerPoint, a presenter can change slide content, rearrange slide order or even delete slides minutes before the presentation. Trust me, before I give a presentation I'm tweaking it on the plane,

adding points, changing graphics and personalizing the content for my audience. Oh, and did I mention "spell-check?"

PowerPoint can also liven up an otherwise boring topic. In addition to using vibrant text and background colors, presenters can choose from a wide variety of clip art and photos. And using PowerPoint's animation and sound options these graphics can "shake, rattle, and roll."

However, that's not always a good thing. Every July 4th, I enjoy buying a few firecrackers for my kids to set off. While waiting in line at the fireworks booth, I often witness a predictable scene. Mom/Dad give "junior" \$10 to buy fireworks with. Do you think Junior is going to buy 20 small firecrackers or one BIG one? The answer's obvious.

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Eric Spellmann
Columnist

Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ Dec. 3
El Paso Times on border issues: Most of what came out of last week's border policy talks in El Paso made sense.

But one idea that shouldn't be pursued is the creation of an independent commission to oversee the U.S. Border Patrol and immigration agencies.

What we don't need is yet another layer of highly politicized bureaucracy, and that's what such a commission would be — or would become — despite the word "independent." More bureaucracy would merely add to the problem, and that's definitely not needed.

Congress has an investigative arm known at the Government Accountability Office. According to the GAO Web site, "The U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) is known as 'the investigative arm of Congress' and 'the congressional watchdog.' GAO ... helps improve the performance and ensure the accountability of the federal government for the benefit of the American people. GAO's work includes oversight of federal programs; insight into ways to make government more efficient, effective, ethical and equitable; and foresight of long-term trends and challenges."

The GAO would seem to be the logical oversight vehicle. Why duplicate effort and create more ponderous

bureaucracy?

One matter that needs attention is bringing the reality of the border situation to those who are creating and controlling border policy. As Jennifer Allen, executive director of the Border Action Network, said, "For too long we have been the subject of policies that have been designed by other people that have been slapped down without taking into consideration the daily lived realities of border communities."

Dashing out policies from offices comfortably inside the Beltway is easy. Studying border issues in depth, coming to the border to personally and thoroughly experience the situation, working with those who live with the border

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I admit it: I am scatter-brained. I'm forgetful when it comes to events and information that affect me personally, although I have the odd ability to remember facts and trivia. It is a source of frustration and amusement to others that I can remember details about the Battle of Actium, but can also lose my car for several days because I forgot where I had it parked. Now things have gone from comical to critical. I had been planning to propose to my girlfriend of three years, and I have lost the engagement ring. I bought the stone some months ago. It's a rare green sapphire that she helped select. I had it set without her knowledge a few weeks later. When the ring was completed, I hid it in a small space behind a drawer in my desk. This month I planned to pop the question. But today, when I looked behind the drawer, the ring was gone. The worst part is I don't know if I moved it myself. Did I hide it somewhere else because I was afraid she might discover it? Or did I take it out to look at it and forgot where I set it-down? My forgetfulness has caused friction between us before. I want to propose, but I don't want our engagement to be forever associated with another irresponsible mistake on my part. What should I do? — **FORGETFUL IN CHICAGO**

DEAR FORGETFUL: You have several options. The first is to fess up and tell your girlfriend what happened. If she's going to accept you for better or for worse, she deserves to know what she's getting into. If she loves you, she'll forgive you. The second is to go through your office with a fine-tooth comb and get it organized. This will increase your odds of finding the ring.

The third is to start looking for another rare green sapphire. Last, but not least, schedule an appointment with your doctor for a complete physical and neurological check-up on the chance there is a medical reason for your forgetfulness.

DEAR ABBY: A friend of ours fell from a ladder last year and broke his back. To help the family during his recuperation, I offered to wash and dry several weeks' worth of their laundry at a local Laundromat. After washing several loads, I ran out of quarters to feed the dryers. Because I wasn't comfortable leaving their laundry unattended, I frantically called my husband and begged him to pick up more quarters from the bank and bring them to me. While I was talking to my husband, a woman in the Laundromat overheard the conversation and handed me an almost full roll of quarters. I offered to write her a check, but she told me, "Don't worry about it." I was floored by her generosity and thanked her profusely. With those extra quarters I was able to finish drying all the laundry. When I delivered it later that afternoon, I told our friend and his wife about the Good Samaritan. They, too, were touched by the woman's act of kindness. I would like to thank her publicly and let her know her generosity was deeply appreciated, not only by me but also the family she ultimately helped. — **CATHY IN STATE COLLEGE, PA.**

DEAR CATHY: What goes around, comes around. The kindness you bestowed when your friend was in need invited more acts of goodwill -- and that's as it should be. Thank you for an upper of a letter.

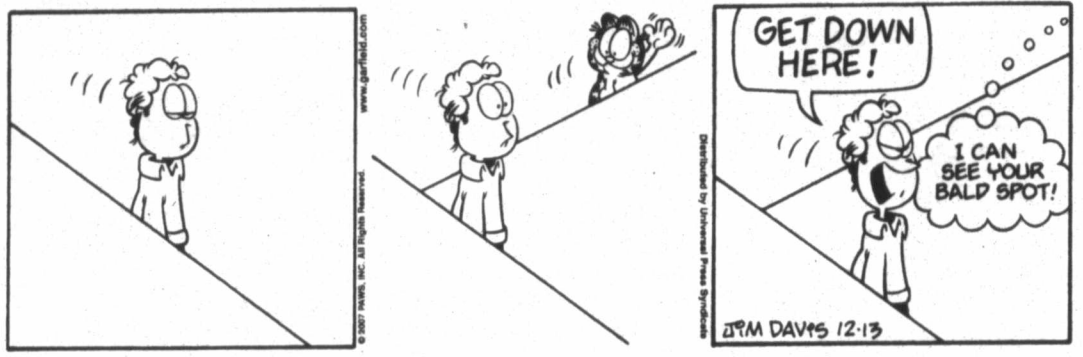
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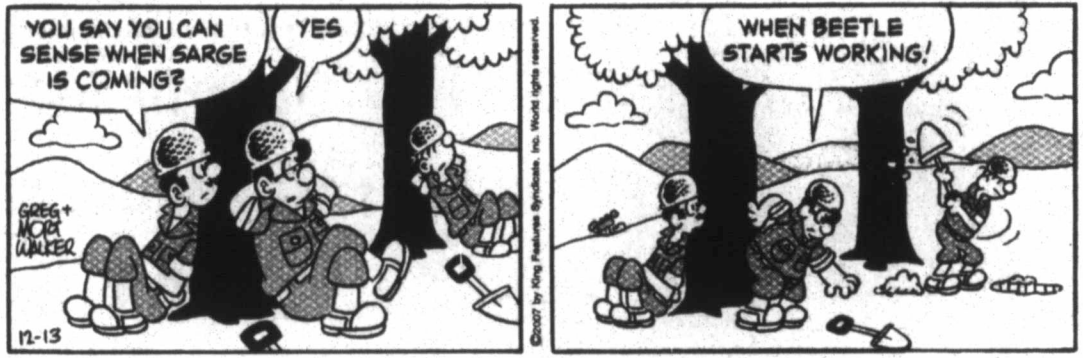
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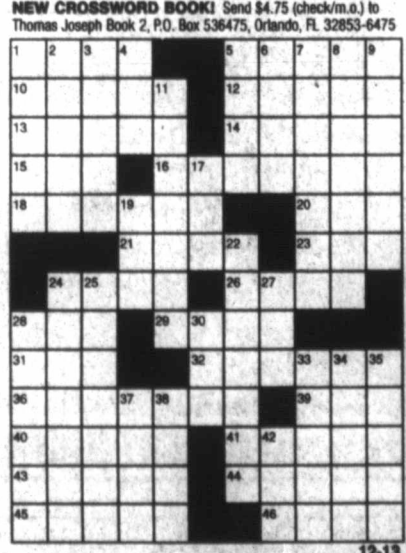
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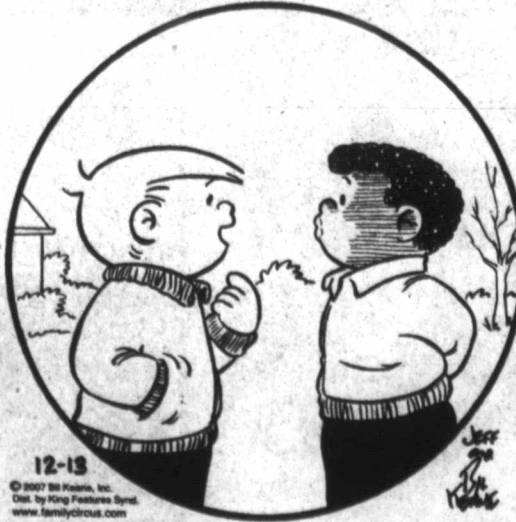


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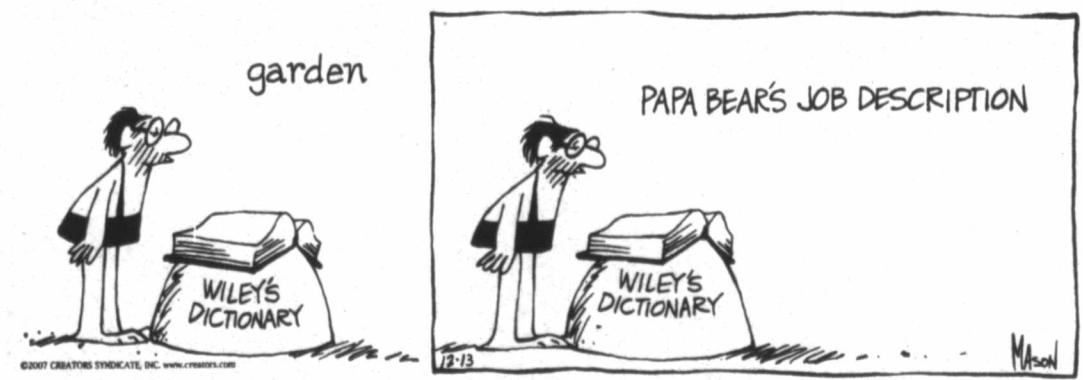


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Retail sales surge by biggest amount in six months

By **MARTIN CRUTSINGER**
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Consumers put aside worries about the weak economy in November to storm into the shopping malls, pushing up retail sales by the largest amount in six months.

The Commerce Department reported Thursday that retail sales surged by 1.2 percent last month, double the gain that economists had expected. That followed a much weaker 0.2 percent rise in retail sales in October.

Half of the November increase came from a big jump in gasoline pump prices and therefore was not seen as a sign of strength in consumer demand. But there were widespread gains across a number of other areas from department stores to appliance and furniture stores.

In other economic news, wholesale prices shot up by 3.2 percent in November, the biggest increase in 34 years. The gain was propelled by a record rise in wholesale gasoline prices. Excluding the volatile food and energy sectors, the Labor Department said inflation rose by 0.4 percent.

In a third report, new applications filed last week for unemployment benefits dropped by 7,000 to 333,000. That was the lowest level since the middle of November and indicated that employers aren't resorting to large-scale layoffs as they cope with the economic slowdown.

The big gain in retail sales was the largest increase since a 1.6 percent jump last May. Economists had expected a much weaker 0.6 percent rise, believing that a multitude of problems facing consumers, from a prolonged housing slump to rising troubles in obtaining credit, would dampen spending.

Many economists believe those problems will seriously depress growth over the next six months, raising the possi-

bility of a full-blown recession, something the country has not had to endure since 2001.

The Federal Reserve, struggling to get credit flowing again and ward off a downturn, cut a key interest rate for the third time this year and on Wednesday announced a global effort with other central banks to pump fresh cash into the banking system.

The report on retail sales showed that sales at gasoline stations jumped by 6.8 percent, the biggest increase since September 2005, another period when gasoline prices were surging.

Excluding gasoline, retail sales would have been up by a still solid 0.6 percent. This strength reflected a gain of 0.9 percent at department stores and general merchandise stores such as Wal-Mart and Target and a solid increase of 2.6 percent at specialty clothing stores. Analysts said colder weather in November and heavy promotional efforts in the period following Thanksgiving helped lift this total.

Retail sales also posted strong increases at appliance stores, furniture stores, sporting goods stores and grocery stores. Sales were down, however, for autos, falling by 1 percent after a 0.6 percent drop in October. Domestic automakers have been struggling with weak demand in the face of surging gas prices.

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PowerPoint attempt. It is full of dancing raisins, explosions, racecar sounds and anything else they can throw in. While the presenter may see these additions as "cool" and "attention grabbing," the audience will leave the session remembering ONLY the multimedia entertainment and NOT the content of the presentation.

The over-use of technology can sabotage an otherwise interesting presentation. Be careful. This program is full of powerful features, but remember what a wise man once said: "Use your power wisely, Master Luke."

People ask me all the time if the differences between Office XP and Office 2003 are worth making the switch. My answer is simple: If you are a heavy PowerPoint user, make the switch. Of all the programs in the Microsoft Office suite, PowerPoint shows the greatest gains in terms of features.

For example, videos can now be run in "full screen" mode, and objects can follow separate animation paths simultaneously. Microsoft has also added a "Package for CD" option, allowing you to put your entire presentation (with the free PowerPoint Viewer software) on a CD. It can even be set to auto-launch when they put it in their CD drive.

Folks, if you have any need to make presentations, check out PowerPoint (<http://microsoft.com/office/powerpoint>). It can make you look much smarter than you really are. Trust me on that point.

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Agenda

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tion of County Treasurer Scott Hahn's certification as a county investment officer, and the county treasurer's report.

Hahn will present a proposal to amend the county's investment policy. Currently, county funds are invested in certificates of deposit and in TexPool, a statewide investment vehicle for local governments.

County policy limits the percentage of funds in TexPool to 50 percent of total funds invested. Hahn plans to propose

that the percentage allowed to be invested in TexPool be raised to 75 percent, due to the higher interest rates which have been paid by TexPool over CDs during the past several months.

Jury reimbursement fees for 2008 will be considered by commissioners. The current fees are \$6 to respond in person to a jury summons, \$15 to serve the first day, usually in district court, to serve on a jury.

The \$40 fee is mandated by the state; however, the other fees may be changed if desired, said County Clerk Susan Winborne.

Other agenda items include payment of bills and salaries, line item transfers and budget amendments.

County

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On May 15, Cox allegedly violated the terms of a protective order by committing family violence. He allegedly threatened to cut the victim's throat.

Also on May 15, Cox allegedly threatened bodily injury to the victim and another person in a letter to the victim.

On Nov. 8, 1991, Cox was convicted in 31st District Court in Gray County of the felony offense of burglary -- entering with intent to commit theft.

Edward Earl Holt, 56, was indicted for two counts of theft of property less than \$1,500 with two or more previous convictions, enhanced. Bond on each of the second-degree felonies was set at \$5,000, for total bond of \$10,000.

On Aug. 7, Holt allegedly unlawfully appropriated beer of the value of \$500 or less but more than \$50 from the owner of the property. On Aug. 16, Holt allegedly unlawfully appropriated beer and meat of the value of \$500 or less but more than \$50 from the owner of the property.

On May 8, 2001, Holt was convicted in 223rd District Court in Gray County of the offense of theft under \$20, enhanced. On Oct. 3, 2002, he was convicted in 223rd District Court of Gray County of the offense of theft under \$1,500, enhanced. On Oct. 21, 1996, in 31st District Court in Gray County, he was convicted of the felony offense of forgery by passing. On Sept. 25, 2003, he was convicted in 223rd District Court of Gray County of the felony offense of forgery by making, enhanced.

Thomas Lynn Ham, 26, was indicted for obstruction or retaliation. Bond on the third-degree felony was set at \$5,000.

On March 13, Ham allegedly threatened to harm another person by threatening to kill the person and swinging a stick at the person, in retaliation for or on account of the service of the person as an informant.

Erick Dion Smith, 34, was indicted for possession of 50 pounds or less but more than

five pounds of marijuana. Bond on the third-degree felony was set at \$10,000.

On June 20, Smith allegedly possessed 50 pounds or less but more than five pounds of marijuana.

Alisa Lynn Been, 26, was indicted for possession of less than one gram of a controlled substance. Bond on the state jail felony was set at \$5,000.

On March 14, Been allegedly possessed less than one gram of cocaine.

Nicholas Lee Brookshire, 28, was indicted for evading arrest or detention with a vehicle and possession of less than one gram of a controlled substance. Bond on each of the state jail felonies was set at \$5,000, for total bond of \$10,000.

On July 1, Brookshire allegedly possessed less than one gram of methamphetamine. On Sept. 30, Brookshire allegedly used a vehicle to intentionally flee from a Gray County sheriff's deputy who was attempting lawfully to arrest or detain him.

Deborah Dee Chandler, 48, was indicted for possession of less than one gram of a controlled substance. Bond on the state jail felony was set at \$5,000.

On Aug. 13, Chandler allegedly possessed less than one gram of cocaine.

Torivio Cortez, 25, was indicted for possession of less than one gram of a controlled substance. Bond on the state jail felony was set at \$5,000.

On April 11, Cortez allegedly possessed less than one gram of methamphetamine.

Keith Allen Finch, 23, was indicted for possession of less than one gram of a controlled substance. Bond on the state jail felony was set at \$5,000.

On Aug. 14, Finch allegedly possessed less than one gram of cocaine.

Jeremy Joe Hernandez, 29, was indicted for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. Bond on the state jail felony was set at \$3,000.

On June 28, Hernandez allegedly operated a motor vehicle without the effective consent of the vehicle's owner.

Sarah Lynn Johnson, 25, was indicted for possession of less than one gram of a controlled substance. Bond on the state jail felony was set at \$3,000.

On July 14, Johnson allegedly possessed less than

one ounce of methamphetamine.

Richard Louis McCampbell, 53, was indicted for possession of less than one gram of a controlled substance. Bond on the state jail felony was set at \$1,500.

On March 25, McCampbell allegedly possessed less than one gram of cocaine.

Elliott Chad Parks, 32, was indicted for evading arrest or detention with a vehicle. Bond on the state jail felony was set at \$5,000.

On Feb. 4, Parks allegedly used a vehicle to intentionally flee from a Gray County sheriff's deputy who was attempting lawfully to arrest or detain him.

Nicole Sharee Ramey, 25, was indicted for possession of less than one gram of a controlled substance. Bond on the state jail felony was set at \$5,000.

On April 1, Ramey allegedly possessed less than one gram of methamphetamine.

Jorge Ruiz, 49, was indicted for possession of less than one gram of a controlled substance. Bond on the state jail felony was set at \$3,000.

On April 4, 2006, Ruiz allegedly possessed less than one gram of cocaine.

Colby Wayne Scott, 20, was indicted for evading arrest or detention with a vehicle. Bond on the state jail felony was set at \$4,000.

On Nov. 1, Scott allegedly used a vehicle to intentionally flee from a Gray County sheriff's deputy who was attempting lawfully to arrest or detain him.

Tara Dawn Slater, 25, was indicted for possession of less than one gram of a controlled substance. Bond on the state jail felony was set at \$5,000.

On Feb. 3, Slater allegedly possessed less than one gram of methamphetamine.

Jessica Carol Smith, 19, was indicted for possession of less than one gram of a controlled substance. Bond on the state jail felony was set at \$5,000.

On May 10, Smith allegedly possessed less than one gram of cocaine.

Gregory Verl Worden, 47, was indicted for possession of less than one gram of a controlled substance. Bond on the state jail felony was set at \$3,000.

On June 29, Worden allegedly possessed less than one gram of cocaine.

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Santa, also known as Ronnie Holmes from Holmes Sports Center, posed for pictures with children recently during the Pampa Downtown Business Association's Holiday Hoopla. Ken Rheams, from Rheams Diamond Shop, decided to joke around and tell Santa what he wanted for Christmas also.

Downtown Business Events

Holiday Hoopla continues in downtown Pampa tonight for the Downtown Business Association's Holiday Hoopla.

At 7 p.m. tonight, the drawing for the winner of the Downtown Bucks will be drawn in front of Rheams Diamond Shop. To win this prize, you must be present tonight.

The winners of the Pampa High School Band raffle will also be drawn immediately following, which offers 13 chances to win a prize. This drawing does not require the winners to be present and those chosen will be called and notified.

Sports

JV girls to play in Amarillo tournament

By **JORDAN REAGAN**
Sports Editor

Pampa's JV girls basketball team has had a winning season so far with a record of 8-5, and hope to continue their success tonight as they play in the first round of the Amarillo High JV tournament.

On Tuesday, the JV girls were among the JV boys as the only teams to defeat Borger as the varsity boys and girls struggled with losses.

Following a 56-36 victory over Borger, the JV girls plan to start off well in the first round tonight as they face Hereford's JV at 6:30 p.m.

After tonight, the tournament will continue Saturday as the JV girls are expected to play the winner or loser of Amarillo High v. Caprock at 9:30 or 11 a.m., depending on the outcome of both games.



Pampa News photo by JORDAN REAGAN
Pampa's Taryn Eubank brings the ball in past an Amarillo High player during the girls' season opener early last month. Eubank and the JV girls will play Hereford tonight in the first round of the Amarillo High tournament.

Rangers acquire 1B Ben Broussard from Mariners for minor leaguer

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — The Texas Rangers filled one of their primary offseason needs Wednesday night when they acquired first baseman Ben Broussard from the Seattle Mariners for minor league infielder Tug Hulett.

Also Wednesday, outfielder Milton Bradley passed a physical, one of the final steps needed to complete a one-year deal with Texas. Bradley tore the anterior cruciate ligament in his right knee and damaged cartilage when San Diego manager Bud Black spun him to the ground in September.

"We're satisfied with the results of the physical. He's recovering extremely well," general manager Jon Daniels said. "He's walking with no limp. The doctor was pleased with his progress. Barring any setbacks, he should be a player for us very possibly in April."

The Rangers also Wednesday declined to offer a 2008 contract to Akinori Otsuka, making the reliever a free agent.

Otsuka was 2-1 with a 2.51 ERA and four saves in

34 appearances last season before being sidelined the final three months of the season because of a sore right elbow. He had 32 saves for the Rangers in 2006 before returning to the setup role when Eric Gagne signed with Texas.

Broussard, a Texas native, hit .275 with seven homers and 29 RBIs in 99 games this season for the Mariners. Primarily a first baseman throughout his career, Broussard also played the corner outfield spots for Seattle.

"He'll have a chance to play a more important role on our team and get an opportunity to play first," Daniels said. "His versatility and flexibility does give us some options. But as we sit here today, he is most likely going to end up playing first base quite a bit."

After trading Mark Teixeira to Atlanta in July, the Rangers used Jarrod Saltalamacchia, Brad Wilkerson and Frank Catalanotto at first base. Saltalamacchia, who came over from the Braves in the Teixeira deal, is expected to be a full-time catcher next season.

With eye to future, Orioles deal Tejada to Astros for five players

BALTIMORE (AP) — The Baltimore Orioles weren't going to be contenders in 2008, with or without Miguel Tejada.

So, casting an eye toward the future, club president Andy MacPhail traded the standout shortstop to the Houston Astros on Wednesday for five players who could develop into key contributors when the Orioles are finally ready to compete with the big boys in the AL

East. Outfielder Luke Scott is perceived to be an upgrade from Jay Payton in left field, and 24-year-old Matt Albers pitched in 31 games for the Astros this season. Pitchers Troy Patton and Dennis Sarfate have little experience but considerable potential, and third baseman Mike Costanzo has the distinction of being rated the sixth-best prospect in the Houston organization

by Baseball America. When it came time to sign off on his most significant trade since becoming president of baseball operations last June, MacPhail looked well past 2008.

"It was a function of trying to add as many talented young players as I could possibly get for a very talented player today, to help somebody win now," he said. "In exchange, I hope to get

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Mitchell Report to name MVPs, All-Stars, won't address amphetamines

NEW YORK (AP) — Judgment Day arrived for baseball's steroids era, with the Mitchell report set to be released and posted on the Internet for all to see.

Many questions from a decade of doping will be answered, but many will remain and perhaps new ones will emerge.

The Mitchell Report exposes a "serious drug culture within baseball, from top to bottom," fingers MVPs and All-Stars and calls for

beefed-up testing by an outside agency to clean up the game, The Associated Press learned Wednesday.

The report by former Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell will include names of 60 to 80 players linked to performance-enhancing substances and plenty more information that exposes "deep problems" afflicting the sport, one of two sources with knowledge of the findings told the

AP. Both sources said the report would not address amphetamines.

The two sources were familiar with discussions that led to the final draft but did not want to be identified because it was confidential until its scheduled release. They said the full report, which they had not read, totaled 304 pages plus exhibits.

One person familiar with the final version would only speak anonymously but described it as "a

very thorough treatment of the subject" and said some aspects were surprising. He said the report assigns blame to both the commissioner's office and the players' union.

MLB's "not going to love it, the union's not going to love it," he said.

One source said that while the report will cite problems "top to bottom," it also will expose "deep problems, the number of players,

high-level MVPs and All-Stars," as well as clubhouse personnel who allowed steroids and other banned substances in clubhouses or knew about it and didn't say anything.

The rest of the report, the sources said, focuses on recommendations that include enhanced year-round testing and hiring a drug-testing company that uses the highest standards of independence and transparency. Baseball's pro-

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Rockets awful from free-throw line in victory over Pistons

HOUSTON (AP) — As long as the Houston Rockets avoided the free-throw line on Wednesday night, they did just fine against the Detroit Pistons.

Tracy McGrady scored 29 points and Yao Ming added 21 points and 13 rebounds as the Rockets nearly entered the NBA record book for foul-shot futility before beating the Pistons 80-77.

The Rockets missed 14 of their first 15 shots from the line, before finishing 6-for-22 (27 percent) to win for the third time in seven games.

Houston wore throwback uniforms and it was all too fitting — the 1983 Rockets went 3-for-14 from the free-throw line (21 percent) in a game against Portland. Toronto is the only team in history to not make a free throw in a regular-season game, missing all three attempts in a game against Charlotte in 1996.

Good thing for the Rockets, the Pistons seemed to miss from everywhere else on Wednesday.

Rasheed Wallace scored 21, Chauncey Billups added 15 and Richard Hamilton had 14 for Detroit, which shot 36 percent (30 of 83) and went 4-for-15 from 3-point range.

The Pistons had won seven of their previous eight by an average of 20 points.

The Rockets built a 49-35 lead early in the second half, but kept the misfiring Pistons in it with their awful free-throw shooting.

Detroit went on a 16-6 burst to cut the deficit to 55-51 and McGrady then missed his next four shots from the free-throw line. Billups sank a jumper to pull Detroit within two. The Pistons went 10-for-17 from the field in the third quarter after going 12-for-44 in the first half.

Bonzi Wells ran for a two-handed dunk and was fouled by Jarvis Hayes to open the fourth quarter. But Wells missed the ensuing free throw, dropping the Rockets to 1-for-12 in the game.

Wallace sank a pair of free throws at the other end and Donald Murray's layup with 10:43 left tied the game at 59-all. Wells missed three more free throws before sinking one with 8:06 left, snapping a streak of 11 consecutive misses and drawing mock cheers from the crowd.

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Out since training camp, Cowboys WR Terry Glenn returns to practice

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Cowboys receiver Terry Glenn went through some drills at practice for the first time all season Wednesday, a good indication the already dominant Dallas offense could have another weapon by the playoffs.

Glenn, out because of two knee operations, is not expected to play Sunday against the Eagles. He's more likely to make his season debut the following Saturday at Carolina or in the regular-season finale at Washington. If the Cowboys get a first-round bye, Glenn would have four weeks of practice before the first playoff game.

Coach Wade Phillips said he'd like to see Glenn be able to tolerate several practices in a row before using him in a game.

"It's a slow progression, certainly, but we want to be careful," Phillips said. "He didn't seem to be limping on his leg at all, so there were some positive signs from him being out there. He looked very quick. That was a good thing. ... (After practice) he was still smiling. That's my doctoring right there. If they're smiling, they're getting better."

Cornerback Terence Newman missed team drills Wednesday because of a sprained big toe on his right foot and a slight knee injury. They're new injuries, sustained this past Sunday, and not related to previous problems with his knee and heel.

"He might be able to practice tomorrow so I'm not too discouraged," Phillips said. "But it may be a

similar situation to what we've had all year, where he comes in as a sub guy instead of a starter."

Glenn was supposed to be Tony Romo's deep threat until he had arthroscopic surgery on his right knee during training camp. He was hurt again in his first practice back, leading to a second arthroscopic procedure in September. It wasn't a typical scope, though, which is why he's been so slow to return. At the time, he also was considering season-ending microfracture surgery.

"If it's the old Terry Glenn, this guy is incredible. I like our offense a lot right now, obviously. With him coming back, I think that we add another dimension that helps us be even more explosive."

— Tony Romo
Dallas Cowboys Quarterback

Dallas has kept Glenn on the roster all season exactly for this scenario — a return just in time for the playoffs.

"Terry is an anomaly, he's a guy that really can't be covered one-on-one," Romo said. "We're going to see to what extent he comes back, obviously. If it's the old Terry Glenn, this guy is unbelievable. ... I like our

offense a lot right now, obviously. With him coming back, I think that we add another dimension that helps us be even more explosive."

Glenn's return to practice had been expected for several days. He's been working out at team headquarters in recent weeks, and on Friday he ran routes and caught passes.

This time, he came out wearing a red Ohio State hat, a blue Cowboys sweatshirt and with his right leg tightly wrapped. He limbered up with teammates, then spoke with assistant trainer Britt Brown as individual drills began. Glenn then went to the end of the line as fellow receivers caught passes being lobbed by a coach. The next session required cuts off the line and he made them smoothly, with flashes of his great speed.

The Cowboys already have clinched the division title and can wrap up a first-round bye with a win Sunday at home against the Eagles. If Dallas wins and Green Bay loses at St. Louis, the Cowboys also would clinch home-field advantage throughout the NFC playoffs.

Glenn caught 70 passes for 1,047 yards and six touchdowns last season, with his best days coming after Romo replaced Drew Bledsoe. So when Glenn went down in the preseason, it was expected to slow the Dallas offense.

The Cowboys have done just fine without him, though, leading the NFC in scoring and yards, and on pace to set club records in both categories. Still, they're eager to have him back.

BALCO founder meets with Anti-Doping Agency chairman in New York to discuss sports

By The Associated Press

In a meeting hardly anyone could have imagined a few years back, BALCO founder Victor Conte and World Anti-Doping Agency chairman Dick Pound sat down Wednesday for their first face-to-face discussion about doping in sports.

During the two-hour meeting in Manhattan, they didn't discuss specific cases or name any names, but had what both termed a frank conversation they hope will lead to a more productive relationship.

"We talked about the macro and systemic problems and his perspective on that, his thoughts on how we could get better at what we do," Pound said. "I think we'll probably stay in touch. We'll try to build up a relationship where he'll have confidence in me using the information he has in the right way. We'll try to get a better handle on what he knows directly and what he knows as having been part of an overall operation."

Conte, who pleaded guilty to operating a steroids distribution ring at the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative, said Pound asked him what he would change if he were "king of the world in anti-doping for a day."

"As someone who was able to evade their system for so long, it was easy for me to point out the many loopholes that exist and recommend specific steps to improve the overall effectiveness of their program," Conte said in a statement. "Because Mr. Pound was so receptive to the insight I provided, I do believe there will be effective changes made that will benefit of the world of sport."

Conte was released from prison last year after serving four months. BALCO supplied a wide assortment of performance-enhancing drugs — including previously undetectable "designer" steroids — to track and field athletes, as well as professional football and baseball players.

He continues to sell legal nutritional supplements from the same building that once housed BALCO in Burlingame, Calif. He said earlier in the week that some of the poor decisions he's made in the past made him uniquely qualified to contribute to the anti-doping effort.

Pound, who steps aside as WADA chairman at the end of the year, said he had read in media reports that Conte had expressed willingness to help but had never been called.

"Well, I'm not going to let my presidency expire with that," Pound said earlier in the week.

Bitter Falcons feel betrayed after Petrino bolts for Arkansas

FLOWERY BRANCH, Ga. (AP) — Arthur Blank looked at the sign on the wall, the one that Bobby Petrino put up in the team meeting room after he was hired to coach the Atlanta Falcons.

It lists the traits Petrino wanted out of his players, wrapping up with a most telling word: Finish.

"I don't think quitting after 13 games is equal to the word 'Finish,'" Blank said, not even bothering to hide his sarcasm.

The owner of the Falcons wasn't the only one who felt betrayed after

Petrino skipped town with three games left in his first season as an NFL head coach.

The guys who were playing for Petrino less than 48 hours earlier arrived at the Falcons' suburban training complex Wednesday to find an 86-word farewell from their ex-leader, who bailed on a 3-10 season to take the coaching job at Arkansas.

That was it. No face-to-face meeting. No phone calls. Just a short letter that had all the warmth of a credit-card solicitation.

"I feel like I've been sleeping

with the enemy," safety Lawyer Milloy griped.

The Falcons watched Petrino on television the previous day, yukking it up at a giddy, late-night news conference in Arkansas, then unloaded on him for the way he abandoned the team. Words like "quitter" and "coward" flowed easily off everyone's lips, from outspoken players such as DeAngelo Hall to the mild-mannered one like Warrick Dunn.

While the aloof Petrino made few friends in the locker room — and there was actually a sense of

relief he was gone — no one expected him to leave before the season was done. All he left behind was that letter.

"Atlanta Falcons Players," it began.

"Out of my respect for you, I am letting you know that, with a heavy heart, I resigned today as the Head Coach of the Atlanta Falcons. This decision was not easy but was made in the best interest of me and my family. While my desire would have been to finish out what has been a difficult season for us all, circumstances did not allow me to

do so. I appreciate your hard work and wish you the best.

"Sincerely, Bobby Petrino." Blank sounded as though he had just been stabbed in the back. He got a call late last week from Dallas owner Jerry Jones, an Arkansas alumnus, to say the school was interested in talking to Petrino about its coaching vacancy.

Blank said he told Jones the Falcons had no intention of letting the Razorbacks speak with their coach, and general manager Rich McKay confirmed that position in his own talks with Jones.

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gram currently is overseen by a joint management-union Health Policy Advisory Committee, with an independent administrator approved by both sides.

Mitchell, a Boston Red Sox director, planned to release his report at 2 p.m. Thursday during a news conference in New York City. Baseball commissioner Bud Selig was to hold his own news conference a few blocks away 2 1/2 hours later.

The report comes at the end of a year when San Francisco Giants outfielder Barry Bonds broke the career home run record, only to be indicted 100 days later on charges of lying to a federal grand jury about steroid use.

It also was expected to recommend that baseball develop a credible program to handle cases with evidence of athletes receiving or taking drugs but not testing positive for them.

Just last week, Kansas City's Jose Guillen and Baltimore's Jay Gibbons were suspended for the first 15 days of next season, and

media reports said they had obtained human growth hormone in 2005, after baseball banned it.

Much of the first part of the report will be based on evidence obtained from former New York Mets clubhouse attendant Kirk Radomski, and from information gleaned from the Albany district attorney's investigation into illegal drug distribution that focused on Signature Pharmacy of Orlando, Fla., the sources said.

Radomski was required to cooperate with the investigation as a condition of his federal plea agreement last

April. Radomski pleaded guilty to illegally distributing steroids, HGH, amphetamines and other drugs to players and is awaiting sentencing. Some professional athletes have been linked to the Signature probe, though none have been charged.

Rob Manfred, baseball's executive vice president of labor relations, reviewed at least part of the report this week to ensure no confidential information from the drug-testing program was disclosed, a person with knowledge of the union's discussion with Mitchell said, also on condition of anonymity.

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One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

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The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Accept another's offer. You often don't get breaks like this. Realize what you want through a brainstorming session where you get out of yourself. Lose the word "no" for the day. Tonight: Where your friends are.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Take a stand, yet understand that you will have to carry this position or attitude to the finish line. Even though someone might indicate that he or she supports you, it is your cause. A partner might have some useful suggestions. Tonight: Out late.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Read between the lines, or certainly brush up on that skill. What

might not be obvious or left unsaid could be most significant. Many people are chatterboxes around you, which encourages you to close yourself off. Tonight: Follow the music.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ A partner seems to dominate, whether you like it or not. Investigate possibilities but don't sign on the dotted line, if possible. Your laughter helps others relax. We all get a touch heavy at times. Tonight: The only answer is yes.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Face facts: Others need time in the limelight too! You might have difficulty relaxing. But you will see many benefits if you do. No one can take away your power. They can just steal the limelight for a while. Tonight: Decide who, what and where.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Relax while others want to take charge. Give yourself time to clear out an errand or two. You will be a lot happier if you flow with the moment. Verbalize or become conscious of a need. Take action to have this need met. Tonight: Easy does it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You are playful and unusually dynamic. Others respond to your charisma and humor. A discussion with a child or loved one allows a relationship to evolve once more. Fatigue sometimes is boredom. Tonight: Kick up your heels. Let your hair down.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Anchor in, knowing what is possible. Sometimes you could be overwhelmed by what is happening. Discussions involve security, possible investment and/or real estate. How much emotional, physical and intellectual energy are you ready to invest? Tonight:

Relax at home.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Your words could set various activities in motion. Realize that what someone else does is not your responsibility. Clear out calls and messages. You might have a lot to get done, and quite quickly at that. Tonight: Hang out. Relax.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Your intuition points you down the correct path financially. No one needs to agree, because you are sure of yourself. If you feel a need to do something or buy a way-out gift, do so. You are responding to an intuitive vibration. Tonight: Check off what you have done, eyeing what is left.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Honor your high energy and act on ideas. Bring friends together. A meeting could be pivotal in accomplishing a goal. Understand the role that others play in this project. Network as well as socialize. Tonight: Wherever the party is.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You might want to try something different or handle a professional matter differently. You might have some information that others do not. Skip explaining; just follow your sixth sense. Be conscious of an authority figure. Tonight: A must appearance.

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enough talent back to where I can win a little bit later."

Tejada had 18 homers and 81 RBIs last season, numbers that represented a drop off from previous years but still ranked among the Orioles team leaders. MacPhail hopes Scott, who had 19 homers and 64 RBIs in 2007, can help make up the difference.

"We are going to lose offense at short, there's no question about that. But we think we're going to pick up offense in left field when Scott goes out there, at the very least against right-handed pitching," MacPhail said. "We think Luke is one of the undervalued assets."

The Orioles went 69-93 with Tejada in 2007 — their 10th straight losing season — so what did they have to lose?

As it stands now, Baltimore's new shortstop will likely be Luis Hernandez, who showed good range at the position last season and hit a solid .290. Other prospects are Freddie Bynum and Brandon Fahey, although MacPhail spoke about possibly going outside the organization to fill the void.

Baltimore's next shortstop likely won't hit as well as Tejada, but probably will have more range in the field. That works for manager Dave Trembley, who wholeheartedly approved the trade.

"I called Miguel and thanked him for his time here," Trembley said in a phone interview. "But now is the time to start building with pitching and defense."

Pitching was the downfall of the Orioles last season. They lost several pitchers to injuries, received inadequate performances

from several others and finished second-to-last in the AL with a 5.17 ERA.

There's no guarantee Patton, Albers and Sarfate will change all that, but the more options Trembley has, the better chance he has of finding someone to fill out the staff.

"The pitching help was essential. You can't have enough pitching," MacPhail said. "You can do all the analysis you can do, but you have to work with numbers. To get 10 solid pitchers, you have to have about 25 stocked up in the inventory, and this move certainly helps us there in that regard."

The trade served notice that the Orioles aren't going to seek to add short-term help to mount a charge at Boston and the New York Yankees in 2008. Rather, the focus is on stockpiling young talent and hope those players mature quickly.



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School fund-raiser



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One suspect arrested in school bus stop shooting

LAS VEGAS (AP) — An 18-year-old man was arrested in a shooting at a school bus stop that injured six young people, police said.

Nicco Tatum was arrested Wednesday in Denver after authorities received a tip that he was headed to Chicago on a bus, police Capt. Kirk Primas said. Tatum is expected to be booked on six counts of attempted murder with a deadly weapon and six counts of battery with a deadly weapon.

Police were still searching for a second suspect.

Six people were wounded Tuesday at a bus stop a few miles from Mojave High School in North Las Vegas. At least one teen remained hospitalized Wednesday.

Alejandro Rios, 18, who was shot in the torso, was upgraded from critical to serious condition, University Medical Center spokeswoman Cheryl Persinger said. A 17-year-old male also hospitalized had been listed in serious condition late

Tuesday, but an update was not available because he has chosen to keep his information private, Persinger said.

A 21-year-old man and three other teens were treated for less severe wounds and released soon after the shooting, authorities said.

Police have said they believed the shooting stemmed from a fight at school over a girl earlier Tuesday. The brawl was con-

tained by school police, who arrested three male students, all about 16, officials said.

Sheriff Doug Gillespie said the fight did not appear to be gang or race-related. But police Officer Jose Montoya said Wednesday that police gang unit investigators were handling the case.

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