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Peet named Fellow in **Texas Judicial Academy**

BY DAVID BOWSER dbowser@thepampanews.com

Gray County Judge Richard Peet has been honored by the Texas Judicial Academy.

Peet was inducted as a Fellow in the Texas Judicial Academy at a reception in Corpus Christi during the 2009 Fall Judicial Education Session.

The academy, a partnership between the Texas Tech University School of Law and the Texas Association of Counties, names as Fellows each year those judges who attain significant judicial education above the required by state law.

The educational program of the Texas Judicial Academy is overseen by the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals and includes instruction by higher court judges, law school faculty as well as representative of the Texas Probate College and the National Judicial College.

The official presentation was made at the Texas Judicial Academy in November at the Omni Hotel in Corpus Christi.

Security





Gray County Judge Richard Peet was inducted as a Fellow in the Texas Judicial Academy in a ceremony held in Corpus Christie in November.

Vehicles top County agenda

The sheriff's department will top the Gray County Commissioner's Court meeting Tuesday.

In their final scheduled meeting of the year, commissioners will consider going out for bids on two Chevrolet Tahoe sport utility vehicles for the sheriff's department. The vehicles would be purchased with grant money available to the county.

The commissioner's will also consider creating a checking account for the grant money and will consider renewing a contract on a copier for the sheriff's department.

The county commission will consider declaring some county property as surplus and donating part of it to other organizations.

In other business, the commission will consider the jury reimbursement fee for 2010 and the CIRA Services Agreement, replacement of a retiring person on the county's Sick Leave Pool Committee and allowing a

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board schedule

BY DAVID BOWSER

dbowser@thepampanews.com The construction projects at Pampa High School and Pampa Junior High and the adoption of a new security procedure for Pampa schools will be the topics of discussion this week when the Pampa Independent School District board of trustees meet Thursday.

The board will get updates on the projects and consider change orders for kitchen equipment, alarm systems and a proximity reader at the new junior high.

They will also consider replacing or repairing of air handling units at Pampa High School.

The school board will consider plans for the athletic dressing area and wireless access points at Pampa High.

The board will also consider approving new band uniforms, and they will consider the PISD Calendar for the 2010 and 2011 school year.

They will also consider district Belief Statement and hear a board credit hours report.

The Pampa Independent School District board of trustees will meet Thursday, Dec. 17, at 6 p.m. in the Carver Center Administration Office, 321 W. Albert.

War memorabilia



staff photo by David Bowser

Bob Childress holds up and examines a piece of rusty barbed wire that he says witnessed one of the bloodies battles of World War I. The barbed wire is from a field in France that saw the deaths of a quarter million soldiers and a half million more that were wounded at Verdun. Fought between French and German armies before the U.S. entered the war, the battle lasted from February to December, 1916, and resulted in more than 750,000 casualties. In one of the longest and costliest battles in history, the French held and defeated the Germans in a battle of attrition in the bitter trench warfare of the first world war.

Teenager hurt in Sunday crash

BY DAVID BOWSER dbowser@thepampanews.com

A teenaged boy was nursing a broken leg today after slamming into a parked car last night southeast of Pampa.

along side about 8:30 p.m. Sunday, according to the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Troopers said the car had broken down and was left along side Loop 171 south of U.S 60 and north of Texas Highway 273.

Richey was thrown from his vehicle when it hit the parked car. He suffered a broken leg, scrapes and bruises.

Pampa EMS took Richey to the Pampa Regional Medical Center for treatment.



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For the record

PAMPA FORECAST Wednesday Thursday Tuesday High 58 High 55 High 47 Low 29 Low 30 Low 25

Tonight: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 18. Wind chill values between 11 and 16. Northeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 47. Wind chill values between 10 and 20 early. Calm wind becoming southeast between 5 and 10 mph.

Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 25. Wind chill values between 14 and 19. South southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 55. South southwest wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 29. South southwest wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 58. West southwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming north.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 30. North northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

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Three sentenced to prison terms

Gray County jail were sen- of possession and transportenced to prison today in unrelated cases. The three pleaded guilty in front of Judge Steven Emmert in 31st District Court today

Three inmates of the guilty to enhanced charge tation of chemicals with the intent to manufacture a controlled substance. Hink was also sentenced to 24 months, a \$1,500 fine and \$318 in restitution after pleading guilty to forgery of a financial instrument. The two offenses were committed in December, 2008. Mike Ernesto Ramos, 24, sentenced to 15 years in prison and ordered to pay \$4,000 fine and \$140 in restitution after pleading guilty to manufacturing or delivering a controlled substance. The offenses were committed in June, 2008

Obituaries There are no obituaries today **EMERGENCY SERVICES**

SHERIFF

Gray County The Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests over the weekend. Friday, Dec. 11.

Christopher Peter Reyna, 26, of McLean, was arrested by Pampa police officers on a bond surrender on a public intoxication charge.

Brett Luther Shannon, 39, of Tulsa, Okla., was arrested by Gray County deputies on possession of a controlled substance. Bobby Harold Gilbert Jr.,

45, of Tuttle, Okla., was arrested by Gray County deputies on charges of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, burglary of a habitation, unlawful restraint and criminal mischief over \$50 and under \$500.

Jose Martin Mendez Amendariz, 23, was arrested by Pampa police on a bond surrender in connection with a driving while intoxicated charge in Wheeler County. Saturday, Dec. 12.

Don Ray Howard, 37, of Stinnett, was arrested by Gray County deputies on warrants charging him

with abandonment and endangerment of a child. John Hardy King, 58,

was arrested by Pampa police on charges of criminal trespass and bond surrender in connection with charges of driving while intoxicated third or more offense and assault causing bodily injury.

Sunday, Dec. 13.

Maria Luisa Torres, 42, was arrested by Pampa police on charges of theft by check.

Robby Dale Burton, 49, was arrested by Gray

ing arrest and public intoxication. Christopher Dale Shouse,

33, was arrested by Pampa police on charges of driving without a license and having expired tags.

The Pampa Fire Department responded to the following calls for service between 7 a.m. Saturday, December 12 and 7 a.m. Monday, December December 14.

7:41 a.m.— One unit and three personnel responded to the 2200 block of N. Christie on a non-injury motor vehicle accident.

three personnel responded to the 1500 block of N. Hamilton on a smoke care. 9 a.m.— One unit and three personnel responded to the 2700 block of N.

Hobart on a medical assistance call.

4:55 p.m.— One unit and three personnel responded to the 2700 block of N. Hobart on a medical assistance call.

6:42 p.m.- One unit and three personnel responded to the 2200 block of Perryton Parkway on a non-injury motor vehicle accident.

Sunday 2:24 p.m.- One unit and three personnel responded to the 500 block of Starkweather on a medical

assistance call. 7:22 p.m.— One unit and three personnel responded to the 100 block of S. Dwight on a dumpster fire.

8:07 p.m.— One unit and three personnel responded to the 1200 block of Garland o n a medical assistance call.

8:43 p.m.- Two units County deputies on the and six personnel responded one-half mile south of Hwy 60 on Hwy 171 to a motor vehicle accident of Brown. with injury. One patient was transported to PRMC. Monday One 12:14 a.m. One unit and three personnel reported at Cuyler and

ed to the 1000 block of Sumner on a medical assistance call.

PAMPA PD

The Pampa Police Department reported the following calls during the 72 hour period ending at 8 a.m. today.

There were 16 trafficrelated calls and six accidents reported.

Animal control officials reported 25 animal-related calls.

Pampa EMS reported 16 calls.

Friday, Dec. 11.

An abandoned vehicle was reported at Hobart and Kingsmill.

Officers had an escort in the 600 block of North Ward

A theft was reported in the 1000 block of South Neel.

An alarm was reported in the 100 block of West Tuke.

Officers performed a welfare check in the 200 block of West Craven.

A theft was reported in the 200 block of West Brown.

A burglary was reported in the 1600 block of North Holly.

Officers assisted another agency in the 400 block of West Foster.

Threats were reported in the 1300 block and 1000 block of North Hobart.

A grassfire was reported at Loop 171 and Gray County Road E.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 1600 block of East U.S. Highway 60. A suspicious person was

reported in the 1900 block of North Hobart. A stolen vehicle was reported to police.

reported in the 200 block

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A suspicious person was

reported in the 500 block

reported in the 1600 block

of North Sumner.

Craven.

in the 1000 block of South Nelson.

A burglary was reported in the 2100 block of North Russell.

An assault was reported in the 100 block of Kingsmill.

Saturday, Dec. 12.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 200 block of North Russell.

A theft was reported in the 300 block of North Hobart.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 300 block of South Jean.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 400 block of North West.

A theft was reported in the 800 block of East Scott.

An alarm was reported in the 300 block of West Kingsmill.

A theft was reported in the 600 block of East Frederic.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 500 block of North Somerville. A theft was reported in

the 1200 block of Hobart. A theft was reported in the 300 block of North Hobart.

A burglary was reported in the 400 block of Hazel.

A burglary was reported in the 1000 block of Prairie.

Sunday, Dec. 13.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1500 block of North Hamilton.

A 911 hangup call was reported in the 1800 block of North Hamilton.

A suspicious person was reported in the 200 block of South Starkweather.

A domestic disturbance was reported to police. Criminal mischief was

reported in the 500 block of North Somerville. Harassment was reported

in the 1800 block of North A suspicious vehicle was Hamilton.

8:30 a.m.— One unit and

FIRE

Jere David Hink, 45, was sentenced to 20 years in prison and ordered to pay a \$3,000 fine and \$140 in restitution after pleading

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SPOILED BY Right Resale for Children, 109 N. Cuyler. Open 7 days a week!

Jerry Lee White, 25, of Comanche, Okla., was sentenced to 20 years in a \$5,000 fine and \$140 in

pass. Monday, Dec. 14. Neysha Renee Rodgers, 23, was arrested by Pampa

police on a bond surrender on possession of less than two ounces of marijuana. Nathan Paul Peercy, 23,

was arrested by Pampa police on charges of criminal trespass, unlawfully carrying a weapon, resist-



responded to the 2700

of South Brown.

Dear Abby...

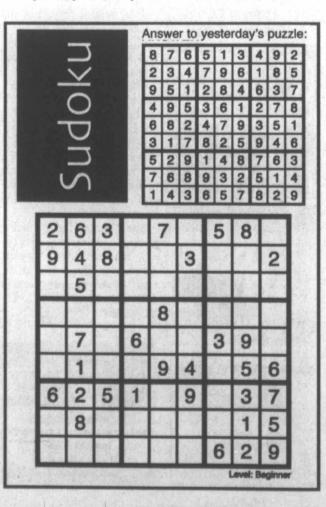
By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

ent's records.

Because medications are expensive, consider a gift certificate to the neighborhood pharmacy. It will be appreciated -- trust me on that.

A subscription to a newspaper or magazine you know the person will enjoy is a gift that keeps on giving yearround.

The greatest gift a person can offer is the gift of yourself. If someone you know could use an outing, give the most meaningful gift of all -- an invitation to share a meal with you or your family.



A domestic disturbance was reported at Bond and Wells.

A dumpster fire was reported in the 1000 block of South Dwight.

A burglary was reported in the 600 block of North Sloan.

A suspicious vehicle was reported at Denver and A burglary was reported Henry.

charges of criminal tres-

DEAR ABBY: With the holidays here, I know people

are considering gifts for older friends and family mem-

bers. My 83-year-old mother still lives in her own home.

She doesn't want more "stuff," so every year we give

her practical things we know she already uses on a daily

basis, including laundry detergent, bath oil beads and

soap, toothpaste -- even bird seed for her bird feeders. By

the end of the year she has used up everything we have

her from having to go out and spend money on these

things herself. Practical, everyday items make the best gifts for the older person on your list. -- MARY IN

Mom is happy with these gifts and says it saves

DEAR MARY: When seniors have reached a point

With the cost of groceries what they are today, many

Gift certificates also make welcome gifts: for grocer-

Homemade coupons for "Honey-do's" (as in "Honey,

where they have become less active, I agree. So please

allow me to offer a few additional suggestions to your

individuals on fixed incomes would appreciate a gift

basket of goodies such as small cans of tuna, salmon,

chicken or soup. Also include crackers, assorted flavored

ies, haircuts, manicures, dry cleaning, restaurant meals,

theater tickets and department stores. And don't forget

do this -- Honey, do that") also make thoughtful presents.

Create some that can be redeemed for chores such as

window washing, painting, gardening, replacing light-

bulbs, changing air conditioning filters, moving heavy

furniture for spring and fall cleaning and transportation

for senior transportation or taxis can also give the recipi-

shoes may motivate the sedentary senior to get up and

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US agents hold suspect Iran-bound helicopter

DALLAS (AP) -Federal agents are investigating whether a helicopter they have held for 14 months at an airport in Texas was earmarked for shipment to Iran.

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The agents suspect an Italian company has already shipped two helicopters in contravention of a U.S. trade embargo with Iran, and that the third was also intended for the country. The \$8 million aircraft meanwhile sits in a Bell Helicopter hangar at Arlington Municipal Airport, The Dallas Morning News reported in Sunday's edition.

At least one of the aircraft believed shipped to Iran was equipped with night vision and autopilot technology subject to strict U.S. restrictions, the newspaper reported.

A federal seizure of an Iran-bound helicopter is "a unique circumstance" for North Texas agents, said George Richardson, special agent in charge of the U.S. Commerce Department's

Bureau of Industry and Security office in Dallas. This is driven by economics," he told The News.

The Italian company, Tiber Aviation SRL, last ear bought three Bell 412 helicopters from Helivan SA of Mexico for about \$22 million, the report said. Bell Helicopter says it leased three helicopters to Helivan in Tarrant County but that Helivan was not authorized to sell them.

Tiber asked Swissbased shipping company Panalpina Inc. to transport the first two helicopters through North Texas to Italy, said Panalpina deputy general counsel Robert Ernest. Panalpina was about to ship the third when a Tiber pilot asked for a quote to ship the aircraft to Iran.

Panalpina refused to ship the aircraft and contacted the U.S. Commerce Department in Dallas, Ernest said.

Tiber has denied intending to ship any of the heli-copters to Iran, according

Victoria to include pets

to court documents. The ownership of the helicopter is in dispute in a pending lawsuit between Tiber and Textron Financial Corp., a unit of Bell Helicopter Textron, Bell Helicopter's parent company.

The newspaper did not report any comment from Helivan.

The United States has imposed a trade embargo on Iran since 1995, but foreign companies linked to the United States can still use legal loopholes to sell U.S.-made goods legally to nations under U.S. export bans.

"We don't want technology to go to Iran, regardless of whether it will be used militarily or by civilian businesses," said Kenneth Wainstein, former U.S. assistant attorney general for national security.

"We don't want American businesses engaged in trade with a regime whose policies are antithetical to our national interests," he told The News.

Janssen says some people who left pets

behind have told horror stories of animal

abuse and death. She says it is "terribly

traumatic for these victims and leaves

horrible scars, especially on the children."

a partnership with the American Humane

Association to take part in the pets and

The American Humane Association has

women's shelter program, or PAWS.

awarded the center a \$2,500 grant.

The Women's Crisis Center has formed

Dictionary donation



Jeff Reeder, co-manager of Walmart presents a \$1,000 check to Katrina Bigham, President of Pampa Rotary Club. This money will help pay for the Dictionaries that will be distributed to Gray County third graders. Others that helped pay for these dictionaries are National Bank of Commerce, FirstBank Southwest, First State Bank Miami, Happy State Bank, Panhandle Plains Federal Land Bank, and grants from Rotary International.

Oil slumps for ninth straight day

NEW YORK (AP) Oil prices fell for the ninth straight day Monday, dipping below \$68 per barrel on persistent concerns about high inventories and weak demand.

Retail gasoline prices have slipped for weeks as well, falling overnight by less than a penny to \$2.603 per gallon.

The government is due to release it's own gasoline price figures late Monday.

The supply of crude has have back into the spotlight one week before the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries meets in Angola to talk about production.

A number of member states have strayed from lower production quotas that OPEC put into place to help shore up collapsing oil prices earlier this year, analysts say.

"Sure it is easy to comply with your production targets when there are no buyers for your oil but not so much when you can actually find some buyers, said PFGBest analyst Phil Flynn.

Crude supplies in the U.S. have risen six out of the past 10 weeks because the refiners that convert it into crude have been cutting back on production.

There are also reports of a growing amount of oil stored at sea in tankers. Some exporting countries and even large investors choose to keep some oil off the markets until prices improve.

That can depress prices, if investors think a lot of oil held off the market could be delivered soon.

Benchmark crude for January delivery fell 10 cents to \$69.77 on the New York Mercantile Exchange after falling as low as \$68.59.

Yet oil prices have remained stubbornly high, most energy experts say, because those who are still buying it are doing so based on the value of the dollar, rather than actual demand.

Because crude is priced in the U.S. currency, investors holding stronger currencies can effectively buy more oil for less money.

But demand for fuel in the U.S. has barely nudged from last year, when there were fears of a full-blown depression.

Many of those dollar based-trades began to fade at the beginning of December, just when the dollar began to rebound.

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modations for their pets.

helping people.

is adding a pet shelter.

part time employee to work additional hours in the Tax Assessor and Collector's property tax department. The commissioners will meet at 9 a.m., Tuesday, in the Gray County Courtroom of the courthouse, 205 N. Russell.

Domestic shelter in

VICTORIA, Texas (AP) — A \$2 mil-

lion domestic violence facility expected to

open next year in Victoria isn't just about

The Women's Crisis Center in Victoria

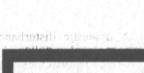
Jo Janssen with Mid-Coast Family

Services says the organization has had

victims of domestic violence refuse to

seek shelter because there were no accom-

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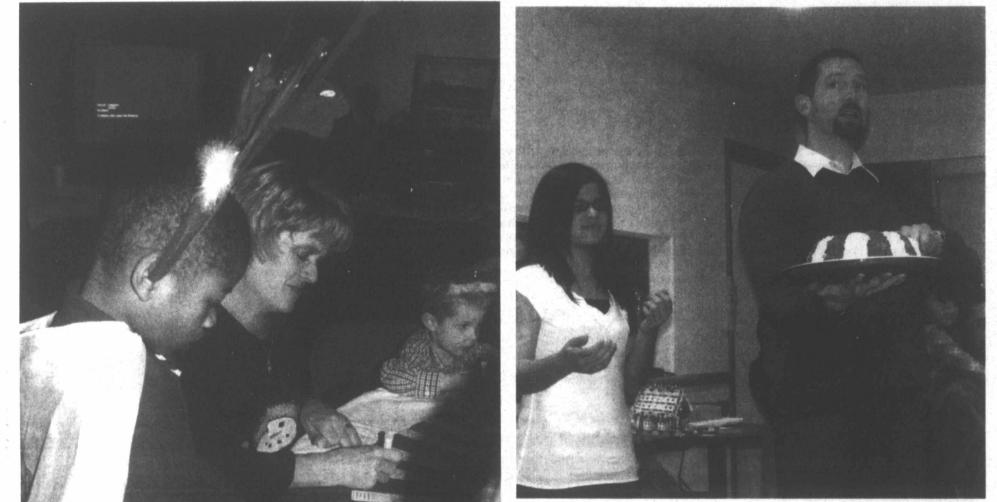


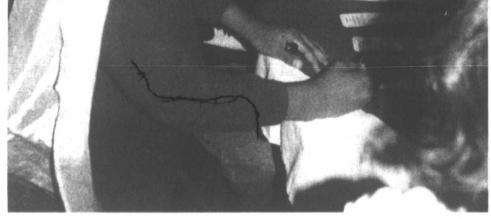


photo by Grace Nelson Linda Harvey, TJ Harrison and Molly Nelson decorate bookmarks during the Advent Fair.

Advent Fair

Members of the Pampa Presbyterian Church gathered recently for an "Advent Fair" to make bookmarks, Christmas tree decorations and generally have fun and enjoy each other's company. Homemade soup and Christmas cookies were served and a highlight was a "cake auction" to help fund a trip for the youth. Church members responded by donating some \$800 during the auction.





Today in History

Today is Monday, Dec. 14, the 348th day of 2009. There are 17 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 14, 1799, the first president of the United States, George Washington, died at his Mount Vernon, Va., home at age 67.

⁷ True education makes for inequality; the inequality of individuality, the inequality of success; the glorious inequality of talent, of genius; for inequality, not mediocrity, individual superiority, not standardization, is the measure of the progress of the world.

Francoise Sagan,
French author

On this date: In 1819, Alabama joined the Union as the 22nd state. In 1861, Prince

Albert, husband of Queen Victoria, died in London.

In 1911, Norwegian explorer Roald Amundsen and his group became the first men to reach the South Pole, beating out an expedition led by Robert F. Scott.

In 1939, the Soviet Union was expelled from the League of Nations for invading Finland.

In 1946, the U.N. General Assembly voted to establish its headquarters in New York.

In 1962, the U.S. space probe Mariner 2 approached Venus, transmitting information about the

planet. In 1975, six South Moluccan extremists surrendered

after holding 23 hostages for 12 days on a train near the Dutch town of Beilen.

In 1981, Israel annexed the Golan Heights, which it had seized from Syria in 1967.

In 1989, Nobel Peace laureate Andrei D. Sakharov died in Moscow at age 68.

In 1995, presidents Alija Izetbegovic of Bosnia, Slobodan Milosevic of Serbia and Franjo Tudjman of Croatia signed the Bosnian peace treaty in Paris.

Ten years ago: Ahmed Ressam, an Algerian national, was arrested after authorities found nitroglycerin in the trunk of his car as he arrived from Canada by ferry at Port Angeles, Wash. (Ressam was convicted in April 2001 of terrorist conspiracy and eight other charges.) U.S. and German negotiators agreed to establish a \$5.2 billion fund for Nazi-era slave and forced laborers. Charles M. Schulz announced he was retiring the "Peanuts" comic strip.

Five years ago: The Federal Reserve raised interest rates for the fifth time since June 2004. President George W. Bush awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom to three figures who were central to his Iraq policy: former CIA Director George Tenet, former Iraq administrator L. Paul Bremer and retired Gen. Tommy Franks.

One year ago: An Iraqi journalist hurled each of his shoes at President George W. Bush during a news conference in Baghdad; Bush ducked the flying footwear as they whizzed past his head and landed against the wall behind him. (The shoe-thrower, Muntadhar al-Zeidi, ended up spending nine months in prison.)

Today's Birthdays:

Jazz musician Clark Terry is 89. Singer-actress Abbe Lane is 78. Actor Hal Williams is 71. Actress-singer Jane Birkin is 63. Actress Patty Duke is 63. Pop singer Joyce Vincent-Wilson (Tony Orlando and Dawn) is 63. Entertainment executive Michael Ovitz is 63. Actress Dee Wallace is 61. R&B singer Ronnie McNeir (The Four Tops) is 60. Rock musician Cliff Williams (AC/ DC) is 60. Actor-comedian T.K. Carter is 53. Rock singer-musician Mike Scott (The Waterboys) is 51. Singer-musician Peter "Spider" Stacy (The Pogues) is 51. Actress Cynthia Gibb is 46. Actress Natascha McElhone is 40. Actress-comedian Michaela Watkins is 38. R&B singer Brian Dalyrimple (Soul For Real) is 34. Actress KaDee Strickland is 34. Actress Tammy Blanchard is 33. Actress Sophie Monk is 30. Actress Vanessa Hudgens is 21.

staff photo by Randy Pribble

Rev. Kenny Rigoulot auctions a cake during the Advent Fair Saturday at the Presbyterian Church. Tori Robles was one of the youth helpers in the fundraising project.

photo by Grace Nelson Corbin Unruh, Amy Unruh and Kennon Rigoulet decorate bookmarks, one of the activities at the Advent Fair held at the Pampa Presbyterian Church recently.



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Chamber Notes

Notes from the Director

BY JOE WEAVER I've had a chance to tour some local

businesses lately. A few days ago, PEDC Director Clay Rice and I visited Tom Martin at Milex Corporation. He is a smart man (Tom, not Clay). He makes totally biodegradable "foam" (like shipping peanuts) from milo. Coming from an ag background-and having to endure numerous milo harvests-I'm glad to know something can be done with this stuff beside feed cows.

Mayor Lonnie Robbins and I got the chance to tour National Oilwell Varco last month, to see how they make portable drilling rigs. Director of Manufacturing Larry Renfro showed us around, then invited us to share their company Thanksgiving Lunch with them. Several things impressed me during the visit:

NOV is committed to the community. Since Larry came aboard about a year ago, several operations that had been outsourced have been brought "inside" to the Pampa plant, thereby creating and saving jobs for local people.

The employees at the plant were genuinely friendly and seem to enjoy what they are doing. Lena, the first person I met when I entered the building, set the mood for a great experience with her charming personality and friendly attitude.

Expecting turkey for lunch, I was surprised-and delighted-by the catfish served. I am not generally fond of fish, but this, catered by Cooder's Dixie Café, was excellent

Have you seen the window at Brandon 's Flowers "in a Flash"? Brandon and his crew worked overtime on this impressive display - and it's only a teaser to

what's inside, where the same expert makes crew exquisite arrangements.

While you're downtown, you might notice "swoop" flags in front of several businesses. The Downtown Business Association adopted this idea to let folks know that something special-late hours, a new menu item, a visit from Santa--is going on inside their stores. Check them out!

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The Christmas Shop-next to Pampa Office Supply--is offering 10 percent off for anyone bringing in a cup from The Coffee Shop on Thursday evenings through Christmas. Bill says if you bring it full of his favorite blend, he may give even deeper discounts. (Just kidding!)

Did you know Sears (1623 N. Hobart) is open on Sunday? And not just during the Christmas season, but year 'round.

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Thomas Automotive, across from the BNSF depot, now sells tires.

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If your business has a unique service or product that you'd like us to mention, please let us know. And all of us here at the Pampa Chamber - Joe, Holly, Shirley, and James-wish you a Merry Christmas and a productive New Year!



Citizen of the Year

Christmas Moo-La



Shop Pampa & Win winner Jeanna Zuniga is flanked by Bob Marx, left and Chamber Director Joe Weaver, right. Jeanna won \$500 in Christmas Bucks.



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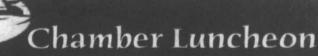
The Pampa Chamber or Commerce would like to thank the following businesses that participated in the Christmas Moo-La: Shop Pampa & Win. It was a great success and we couldn't have done it with out you. We look forward to next year!!

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The Pampa Chamber of Commerce would like to wish everyone a **MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR!**



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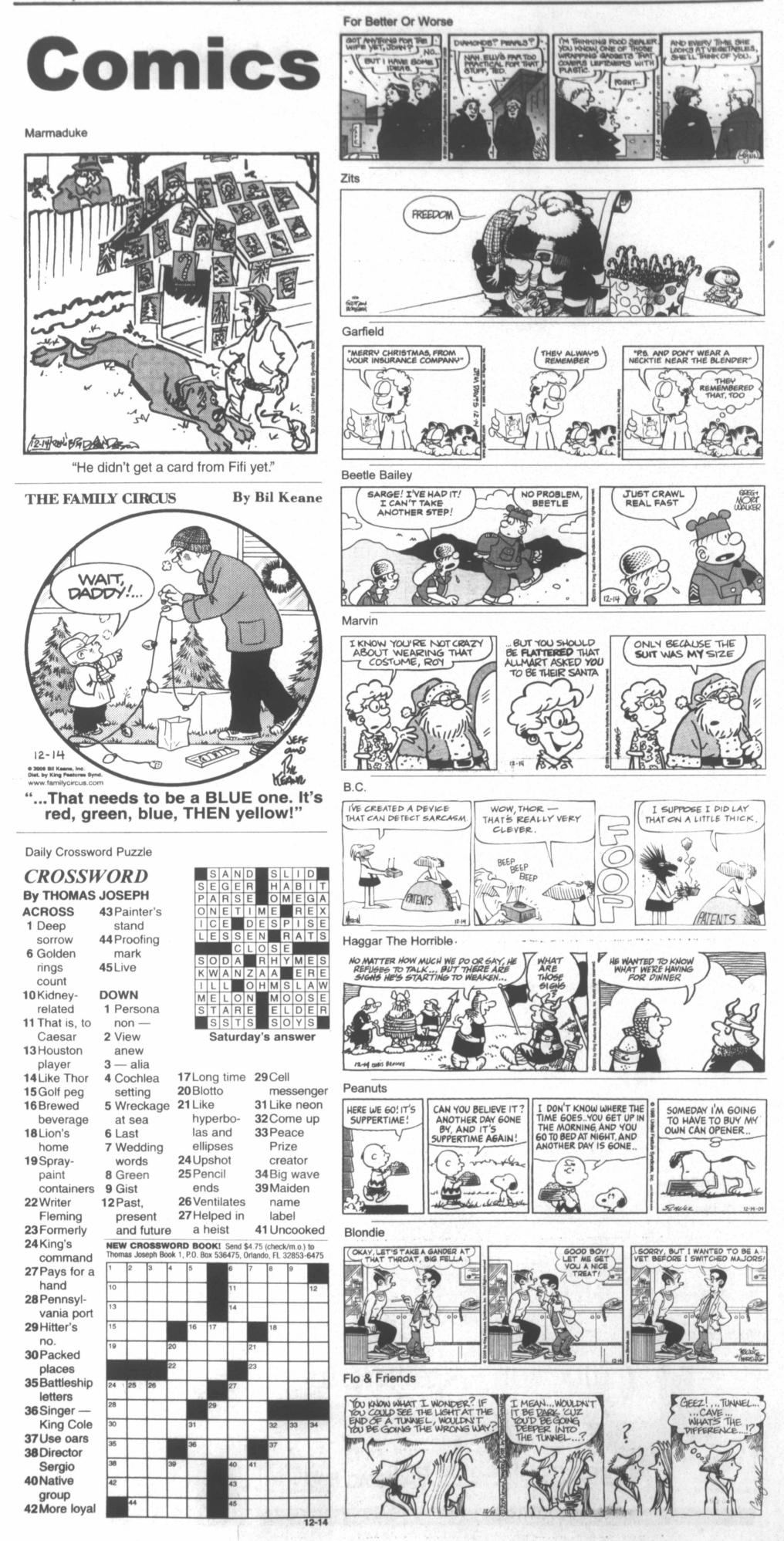
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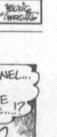
















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BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Dec. 15, 2009:

This year, you often go for exactly what you want. Your ability to sense how situations are likely to fall could define your success. You discover the need for others to give you feedback. Often, you are inspired by those around you. Don't let on how much you pick up off of others. They could become uptight. If you are single, you could meet someone out of the blue. This person might seem larger than life, and he or she probably cannot meet that demand. If you are attached, the two of you need to share more. Try being more vulnerable. AQUARIUS has many ideas.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

**** News from a distance puts a smile on your face. Your creativity continues to flow in an unprecedented manner. Your style draws many people out. Spontaneity plays a big role in events. Tonight: Try something new. TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

*** * Togetherness continues to be a theme. Someone close makes an overture that comes from the heart. Communication can and probably will accelerate. You are full of energy, and no matter which way you turn, you get a lot done. Tonight: Quiet dinner, quiet talk. GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

**** Defer to others who have strong opinions and a certain desire to proceed in a set way. Let information come forward. You are full of ideas,

especially when dealing with a child or loved one. Tonight: Make calls; return emails CANCER (June 21-July 22)

*** Your efforts pays off, though spending could go to excess. Add caring and nurturing to your daily environment, wherever you work. If working at home, perhaps you might want to let in the household pet. Tonight: Curb wild overindulging

Daily Horoscope

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

**** You have answers when others do not. Let your ingenuity emerge, whether it is in your personal or professional life. Emphasize new ideas, warmer relationships and/or possibly a child. Tonight: Let your hair down. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

**** If you can, work from home. You could accomplish a lot if you manage to create a comfortable environment. Question more about basics. Listen to your inner voice, and refuse to suppress strong feelings. Tonight: Close to home. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

**** Communication could be overwhelming and tiring. How you say what you think makes all the difference in the response you get. Of course, this fact is no surprise to you. A male and/or assertive friend has a lot to say. You will listen. Tonight: Where the action is. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

** Readjust your budget, as you might have bought some of your holiday gifts already. You could find that money simply floats through your hands. A boss makes unusual demands. If you work for yourself, you could be pushing yourself hard. Tonight: A must appearan SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

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**** Your caring side comes for-

ward. You have a sixth sense about what

is going to happen, whether it is a phone

call and who is calling or a premonition.

Listen to your inner voice. Try to detach

from a difficult or volatile situation.

*** Know when things aren't working

out as you might like. Perhaps the most

effective action is to do nothing. You

might be surprised by what could evolve

if you let go. Be cautious with a financial

hunch. Tonight Get plenty of R and R.

**** Zero in on what you want. Let

those close to you know how very impor-

tant they are to you. A meeting could

break out into a full party if it's sched-

u'ed at the end of the day. Everyone is in

a convivial mood. Tonight: With people.

*** A must appearance might be

inevitable, but it will bring positive

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

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Tonight: Be spontaneous.

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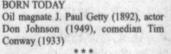
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Pirates win one of three in Groom Tournament

BY ANDREW GLOVER agiover@thepampanews.com

The Lefors Pirates won one game in the Groom Tournament Thursday through Saturday in Groom.

The Pirates (2-4) started the tournament Thursday playing Sanford Fritch and lost 64-41. Head Coach Joey Czubinski aka "Coach Ski" said the score didn't tell the whole story of the game.

"We were leading at halftime 28-25," Ski said. "We shot well in the first half. In the second half

Keenan (Lott) got into foul trouble and we didn't shoot as well."

Lefors played Valley on Friday and lost 60-32. Ski said they were manhandled from the beginning of the game.

"They started out quickly they just wore us down,"

Ski said. "They had a big first and third quarter. We did what we could." The Pirates closed out

the tournament playing Silverton on Saturday. Lefors was without two players Keenan Lott and Wakely Pairsh were taking their ACTs. Despite their

absence the Pirates won 37-23. Ski said Seth Scully and Trever Czubinski stepped up in that game.

"They both handled the ball well," Ski said. Lefors head coach said he was able to give every-

one quality playing time. "I was able to play my

you all the best.

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second unit at least two minutes every quarter," Ski said. "It's important to get them playing time now because they might not get that much during district."

The Pirates host Higgins 7:30 p.m. Tuesday.

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The Pampa Harvesters' shots didn't fall as they lost their second consecutive game 56-48 to the **Dallas Roosevelt Mustangs** Saturday at South Garland High School in the Nichols shootout.

Head Coach Dustin Miller said they played better but couldn't grab the lead later in the game.

"We just couldn't seem to get over the hump and take a lead," Miller said. "It was a lot like yesterday (Friday).

The Harvesters were also shorthanded as they were without Garrett Ericson who injured his ankle Friday and Jonathan Polasek who got food poisoning Friday. Miller said it was a challenge for his team.

"We were pretty tired," Miller said.

In the first quarter neither team could make a basket. Pampa shot two for five from the field and was 0 for 3 in three-point shooting, and four of six in shooting free throws. Roosevelt shot three for 11 from the field, one for seven in shooting three-pointers and 0-for-2 in free throw shooting. The Mustangs led 9-8 after the first quarter.

Pampa's offensive struggles continued in the second quarter. The Harvesters missed their first three shots of the quarter and turned the ball over twice. The Mustangs scored the first 11 points of the quarter to expand their lead to 20-8. The Harvesters outscored Dallas Roosevelt 13-7 the rest of the quarter, trailing 27-21 at halftime.

Pampa and Dallas Roosevelt played evenly in the third quarter. The teams exchanged baskets at the beginning of the quarter. The Mustangs would expand their lead to ten at 33-23 midway through the quarter. The Harvesters would cut it to four with a 10-4 run. The Mustangs led 39-33 after the third quarter.

In the final quarter, the teams started exchanging baskets but the Mustangs

half we did better at hit-

ting our shots. We had 22

would take control of the game. Leading 50-45, Dallas Roosevelt went on a 6-0 run to expand their lead to 56-45. Miller said the Mustangs ran the floor well against his team. "They were pretty well

disciplined," Miller said. "They made us come out and defend the perimeter."

Alex Clendening led the team in scoring with 19 points. Latigo Collins scored 14 points with all of them coming in the second half. Reid Miller scored nine points. The Harvesters (6-6) will play at Borger 7:30 p.m. today. Pampa beat Borger 69-41 November 24.



MERRY CHRISTMAS

During this holiday season and every day of the year, we wish

cent," Peet said. "So we Peet said. "In the second

Taylor Peet said Overstreet had 18 points and hopes more girls will join her in scoring points. Lefors trailed 18-6 after the first quarter and 35-15 at halftime. The Lady Pirates (1-7) will host Higgins 6:00 p.m. Tuesday.

points which was the most we've had in the second half all season." The head girls basketball coach said the team needs to improve their free throw

shooting. "We only shot 33 pergot to pick that up.'

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vour loved one

ls out-shoot Lady Pirates BY ANDREW GLOVER missed a lot of open shots,"

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The Lady Pirates shooting improved but they still lost 70-37 to the Silverton Lady Owls Saturday in the Groom Tournament at Groom, Texas.

Head Coach Tory Peet said they changed some things on offense and defense.

"We went with a man to man defense," Peet said. "We didn't play well against their guard and she killed us. We're still trying to find what we need to do."

Peet said the team shot well in the second half and hopes that it is a sign of things to come.

"In the first half we

