
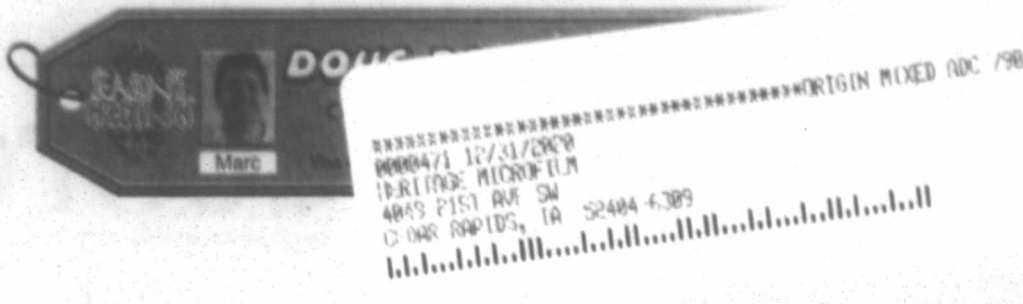


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Christmas carols



Wearing an oversized Santa cap, Ozlyn Fields joins her Lamar kindergarten classmates at the National Bank of Commerce in singing Christmas carols Monday to celebrate the holiday season. Pampa schools will be dismissed for the holidays at about 1 p.m. Friday.

Reeves finishes NFR in 14th

BY ANDREW GLOVER
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Matt Reeves finished seventh in average score and 14th in the world standings at the National Rodeo Finals in Las Vegas December 3 through December 12.

According to the AP, Reeves finished Friday's round tied for third with a time of 3.8 seconds. Reeves average was 162.6 which was eighth among the 15 cowboys. In the final round Saturday, Reeves finished 12th with a time of 15.9 seconds bringing his final average to 178.5 which was seventh. The Pampa cowboy's final earnings were \$21,102 in the national finals and \$82,481 for the year. Reeves said he didn't perform as well as he wanted to but still enjoyed it.

"It went well," Reeves said. "I did OK."

Reeves said he performed better than he did when he competed in the national finals in 2007.

"I didn't get knocked out this time," Reeves said. "I REEVES cont. on page 3

Local artists place in AAI show

Amarillo, Texas - Cindy Kelleher of Amarillo recently won first place in the 2009 Master Series Workshop participants show hosted by the Amarillo Art Institute.

Norma Hinkle and Darlene Holmes, both of Pampa, took second and third place respectively. Honorable Mentions went to Nancy Riley of Panhandle and Kay Crouch

of Pampa.

The exhibit continues through Dec. 28 in the Hunter Ingalls Auditorium at the Panhandle Art Center, adjacent to AAI, 3701 Plains Blvd. All paintings are available for purchase with a portion of the proceeds going to the Amarillo Art Institute to help fund the 2010 Visiting Artist Workshops.

This exhibit and sale culminates

a year-long series funded by the Mary E. Bivins Foundation and the Amarillo Area Foundation. Amarillo Art Institute is a non-profit organization providing art education and appreciation for children ages 6 and up and adults. For more information, call 806-354-8802 or toll-free 1-877-354-8803.

Exxon Mobil makes \$29B bet on natural gas

AP— Exxon Mobil, the world's largest publicly traded oil company, is making a \$29 billion bet that pressure to curb climate change will mean natural gas — cleaner than coal and suddenly much easier to reach — will become a crucial source of U.S. power.

Exxon agreed to buy XTO Energy in an all-stock deal at a 25 percent premium, showing how eagerly a company that is among the most conservative in a conservative industry is jumping into the market for natural gas.

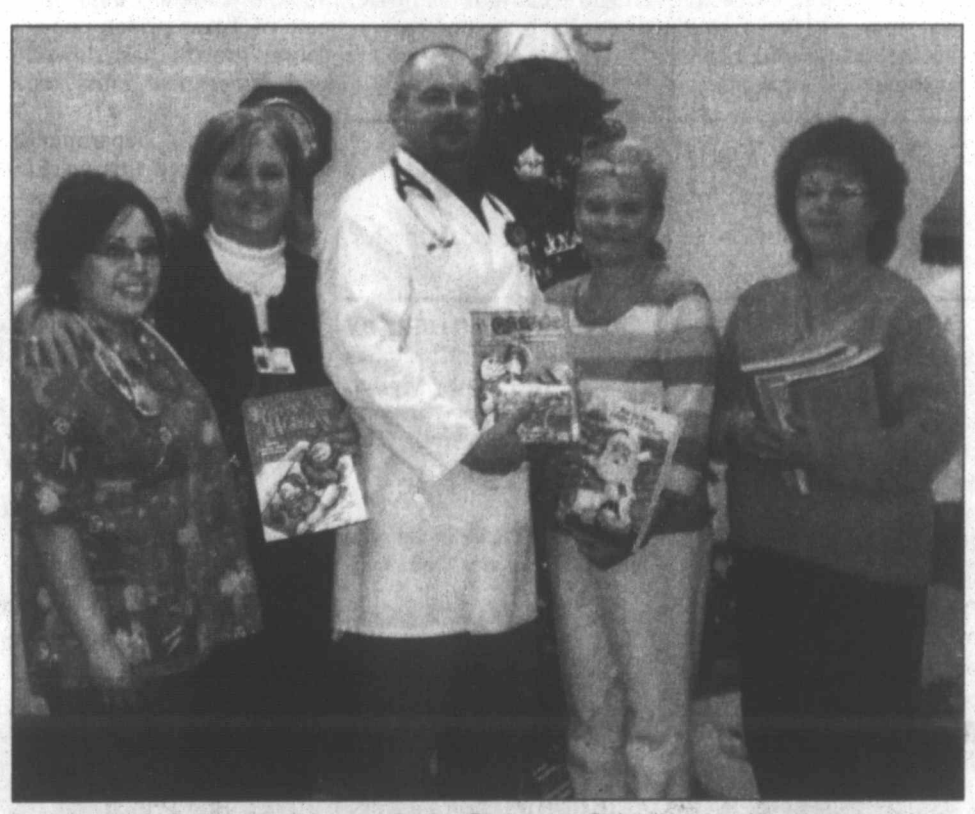
As negotiators haggled in Copenhagen over a global plan to curb carbon emissions, the deal suggested Exxon sees change coming for an energy source best known now for heating homes.

The deal announced Monday was also the largest for the U.S. energy sector in at least four years and Exxon's biggest acquisition since it bought Mobil Corp. for \$75 billion in 1999.

The technology to unlock natural gas from tight rock formations has advanced so rapidly that energy experts have raised their estimates of how much fuel is available by 35 percent in just two years.

The emergence of massive supplies of natural gas in GAS cont. on page 3

Donation for CASA kids



Employees of Family Medicine get in the Christmas Spirit by donating coloring books and crayons to CASA Of The High Plains to give to children in the Foster Care System. Pictured are Sesilia Silva, Nelda Martin, Derrell Deloach, Vicki Nachtigall, Sharon James and not pictured are Sharon Rose and Christie Eades.

Kinky leaves Texas governor's race, seeks ag post

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Musician and humorist Kinky Friedman said Monday he is dropping his bid to be Texas governor and will instead seek to become the state's agriculture commissioner.

Friedman, who ran for governor as an independent in 2006, says he decided

to drop his gubernatorial bid after visiting with Democratic candidates Bill White and hair care magnate Farouk Shami over the weekend.

"The thought of going up against multimillionaires with only my trusty slingshot was a problem," Friedman said.

Friedman will seek the agriculture post as a Democrat, and will face Hank Gilbert, who also recently abandoned a gubernatorial bid, in the primary.

White's campaign said they would not be issuing an endorsement in that race. Shami's campaign

has previously endorsed Gilbert and would not comment on Friedman's announcement.

Friedman says he's making the change "with a happy heart."

"It really is about making our government work for the people of Texas," he said. "Over the past

year, even longer than that, I've been talking to Jim Hightower about what ag commissioner can do really. It's really about what you bring to the job — you can be a corporate stooge, you can be a bureaucrat, or you can do things that haven't been done that KINKY cont. on page 3

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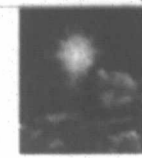
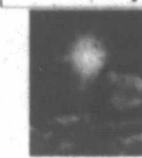
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Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 57. Wind chill values between 15 and 25 early. South southwest wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 31. South wind 5 to 10 mph becoming west.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 59. North northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 31. North northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 45. North northwest wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

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Propane used inside, 3 dead in Dallas

DALLAS (AP) — Three people have been found dead in a Dallas house where a portable propane tank system meant for use outdoors was being used inside for heat. Investigators say carbon monoxide poisoning is suspected in the deaths of the man, woman and a teenage girl. Dallas Fire Rescue spokesman Jason Evans says the deaths are being investigated as an accident.

Evans says people should not use propane tanks, meant for use outdoors, to try to heat the inside of a house. Names of the victims, whose bodies were discovered Monday night, were not immediately released. Relatives became concerned when they could not reach the trio, so emergency personnel were contacted and went into the home, discovering the bodies.

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Obituaries

Thomas Jefferson "Tommy" Adams, 73

Pampa — Thomas Jefferson "Tommy" Adams, 73, died December 14, 2009, in Pampa, Texas.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Adams was born September 9, 1936 in Plano, Texas, to Ruben Arthur and Callie Adams. His family later moved to Canadian where he was reared and graduated high school. He had been a resident of Pampa since the late 1960's when he went to work for the City of Pampa. He was a fireman for over 15 years where he adopted his second family, the "band of brothers" from Central Fire Station. Tom was later promoted and took the oath of office as Fire Marshall for the City of Pampa, where he proudly served for 10 years. He retired in 1996

with over 27 years of service. He married Beneva Ann Hill on February 9, 1977 in Sayre, Oklahoma.

Tom was a devoted husband, loving father, brother and grandfather, and a faithful and loyal friend to all who knew him. He may have been small in stature, but was the tallest man in the world to those who knew him. He had the softest heart of gold which he shared with all who were ever blessed to know him.

He was baptized in the late 1970's in Fellowship Baptist Church in Pampa. His current church home and third family was Calvary Baptist Church, and everyone around him knew he loved God with all his heart. Upon his death, not only was he reunited with his earthly parents, but more importantly, he was able to see the face of

his heavenly father.

Survivors include his wife of 32 years, Beneva Adams of the home; three daughters; Lequeta Logan and Kim Blythe and husband Gordon, all of Pampa, and Jackie Corley and husband Darrell of Vinita, Oklahoma; a son: Scott Adams and girlfriend Bea of Pampa; his brother, Floyd Adams and wife Mabel of Pampa; 15 grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, several nieces and nephews and a huge extended family. Tom was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers and two sisters.

MEMORIALS: Calvary Baptist Church, 900 E. 23rd, Pampa, Texas 79065, or Myasthenia Gravis Foundation of America, 355 Lexington Avenue, 15th floor, New York, NY 10017.



Adams

Special notice: The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 6:30 until 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 16.

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

EMERGENCY SERVICES

SHERIFF

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests during the 24-hour period ending at 8 a.m. today.

Monday, Dec. 14. Bacchus Barjuan Sinchez, 38, was arrested by Pampa police on a blue warrant.

Allen Bailey Huffman, 21, was arrested by Gray County deputies on a warrant charging him with speeding and failure to appear.

Tuesday, Dec. 15. Jesse Arnold Booth Jr., 30, of Amarillo, was arrested by Gray County deputies on a bond surrender in connection with a charge of possession of a controlled substance, less than one gram.

PAMPA PD

The Pampa Police Department reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 8 a.m. today.

Police made nine traffic-related stops.

Animal control answered 11 animal-related calls. Pampa EMS responded to seven medical calls.

Monday, Dec. 14. A warrant was served in the 600 block of South Somerville.

Officers assisted another agency in the 400 block of North Dwight.

Officers assisted another agency in the 11000 block of Eshom.

A theft was reported to the police.

Public intoxication was reported in the 100 block of South Wynne.

Harassment was reported to the police department. Officers performed a

welfare check at Charles and 21st.

Officials launched a fire investigation in the 1200 block of North Hamilton.

A domestic disturbance was reported to police.

A fire prevention call was made in the 900 block of North Duncan.

Disorderly conduct was reported at Harvester and Hamilton.

A suspicious person was reported in the 100 block of South Russell.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 300 block of North 30th.

Officer performed an escort in the 700 block of South Cuyler.

Criminal trespass was reported to police.

Found property was reported to police.

An assault was reported in the 100 block of East Harvester.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1600 block of North Christine.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1500 block of North Williston.

A threat was reported to police.

Criminal trespass was reported twice in the 1600 block of North Coffee.

An open door was reported in the 800 block of West Francis.

City water crews were called to the 2600 block of North Fir.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 1600 block of North Russell.

Tuesday, Dec. 15. A suspicious person was reported in the 2500 block of North Hobart.

A suspicious person was reported at Dwight and Crawford.

Rate of Texas prison population growth slows

HOUSTON (AP) — A federal review finds the rate of Texas prison population growth has slowed and fewer new units are needed.

The Justice Department report, released this week,

found the number of admissions to Texas prisons increased by 0.4 percent in 2008. The state's average increase had been 3 percent since 2000.

State Rep. Jerry Madden of Plano and state Sen.

John Whitmire of Houston in 2007 worked on a "reinvestment movement." More state funds targeted drug, alcohol and mental health programs to treat offenders.

Adam Gelb with the

Pew Center's public safety performance project says Texas is showing that "if you look at research you can find ways to cut costs and crime at the same time."



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Gas

the U.S. coincides with the nation's focus on cutting emissions.

The newfound supply and looming climate legislation have been cited by utilities this year as they have shuttered old coal-fired power plants and scrapped plans to build new ones.

Climate legislation would put utilities in the crosshairs, and many are aggressively seeking new fuels like natural gas to minimize the economic hit.

"From the outside view, it does look like this move makes much more sense in a world where there's carbon policy because that ensures a growing market for natural gas," said Amy Jaffe, a fellow at the James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy at Rice University.

Just this month, Progress Energy became the latest utility to announce it would close coal-fired power plants in favor of natural gas. Exxon Mobil expects

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global demand for gas to grow 50 percent by 2030.

"Natural gas is really well-suited to meet that growing power generation demand, both from the standpoint of its lower environmental impact, but also its capital efficiency and its flexibility," Exxon Mobil chairman and CEO Rex Tillerson told analysts on a conference call.

"Exxon is the group leader, and it sets the trend. I would expect more acquisitions in the next three to six months," said Fadel Gheit, senior energy analyst for Oppenheimer.

European oil companies are already cutting deals with Chesapeake Energy, one of the biggest independent U.S. natural gas companies. Companies like Royal Dutch Shell and Statoil want more exposure to natural gas fields in the U.S. and the technology to extract gas.

Kinky

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need to be done."

As agricultural commissioner, Friedman says he would promote the development of alternative fuels with farmers' cooperatives and would try to open more animal rescue facilities like the one he runs in Medina. Friedman said he'd also

like to set up a statewide public defenders office to help indigent defendants in rural communities.

Friedman said he will not endorse a Democratic candidate in the governor's race.

Toy collection runs through Thursday at Ford chiropractic



Ford Family Chiropractic Rehabilitation & Wellness Center located at 701 N. Price Rd in Pampa is a Toys for Tots donation site for this year's toy drive sponsored by the U.S. Marine Corps. Pictured are Ford Family Chiropractic Team Members Physical Therapist Joshua Link and Dr. Lance Krogh, Corporal J.C. Blackburn & Lance Corporal Ricky Claar of the U.S. Marine Corps, Captain Laura Martin of the Salvation Army and Dee Dee Laramore of Tralee Crisis Center. The Salvation Army and Tralee Crisis Center will be receiving the toys donated at this site. Toys will be collected through the December 17.

Reeves

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got to wrestle all my steers. I just ran into some bad luck. There was two steers I was told to avoid and I didn't."

Reeves said his goals were to place in the top 10 in average and to finish in the top 10 overall to guarantee a spot in the Calgary rodeo.

"I accomplished that (placing in average)," Reeves said. "I didn't place in the top ten overall but I still think I'll get invited to the Calgary rodeo. I placed in more rounds this year than I did in my first time."

Reeves said his days at the National Rodeo Finals started at 8 a.m. and didn't end till after 10 p.m..

"I would get up at eight and get started doing stuff like, check on the horses," Reeves said. "At noon I would have lunch had have an autograph session.

At three or four I would have to be at the arena. I wouldn't get out of there until after 10 p.m.. Then I would go someplace to eat visit with some people then go to bed."

Reeves said competing with the top 15 steer wrestlers was as special as it was the first time.

"It was tremendous riding in the grand entry," Reeves said. "You get to compete against the best of the best. You have a TV audience, and an electric crowd. Everyone is pulling for each other."

The Pampa said he received help from the top steer wrestler Lee Graves.

"He helped make sure I had my timing right and things like that," Reeves said.

Reeves rode two horses during the championship, Pokie and Beamer.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: "Afraid for the Future in San Antonio, Texas" (Oct. 25), expressed concerns about having to provide care for her aging parents and in-laws. While the sentiments you conveyed were true, your answer didn't go far enough.

"Afraid's" concerns are legitimate. While ill and elderly parents may die quickly, it's also entirely possible that they won't. People are living longer and prolonging life by any means, so the problem of long-term care and the financial and emotional burdens placed on adult children are very real.

"Afraid" and her husband need to have an honest conversation with both sets of parents about the level of help they are willing to offer. They should also research resources with their state's Department on Aging and check into supportive living facilities that accept Medicare. The preparation they do in advance will go a long way toward making their parents' elder years easier for everyone. -- LAURA IN MONTGOMERY, ILL.

DEAR LAURA: You're right. Crossing one's fingers and thinking positive does not go far enough. Thank you for offering a pragmatic approach to "Afraid's" dilemma. You were among many readers who shared helpful experiences and resources. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I found a lovely assisted living facility for my parents when they were unable to care for themselves. They had a private one-bedroom apartment, and Medicaid paid for most of it. The facility had medical aides and a nurse, social activities, three meals a day plus snacks if they wished, with transportation included.

After Dad died in 2007, Mom stayed on, surrounded by friends her own age. She keeps busy with life enrichment activities. "Afraid" should check with her state's senior services for help. -- GAIL IN ASHLAND, ORE.

DEAR ABBY: It is never too late to prepare for the future. That young

couple should INSIST their parents see an elder care attorney NOW. This is a serious issue, and they should not risk the future of their marriage or children because their parents were selfish or ignorant. Everyone will be better off if they make an effort to educate themselves and their parents today. -- BURDENED DAUGHTER IN FLORIDA

DEAR ABBY: A more proactive response would have been to encourage "Afraid" to seek information on nursing and elder care options, including free-care funds through larger nursing centers. Then she and her husband should discuss their concerns, rather than ignore them. They may find greater peace once they know all the options. -- TRYING TO HELP IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR ABBY: All parties need to sit down and have a frank discussion about what the financial expectations are and what will happen if their money runs out. "Afraid" and her husband should have their parents speak to a financial adviser, who can give them a realistic picture of what their life will be like unless they make provisions now. If they cannot have their parents move in with them, that fact needs to be clearly stated. -- COLLEEN IN PITTSBURGH

DEAR ABBY: My paternal grandmother lived with us while I was growing up. There were annoyances, of course, but it seemed totally natural to me. Grandma helped with us kids, making dinner and doing laundry. She always had time to read to us or do jigsaw puzzles.

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 - 6 Macaroni or manicotti
 - 11 Block-head
 - 12 Colorado ski resort
 - 13 Fail to meet a goal
 - 15 Verb for you
 - 16 German article
 - 17 Mine rock
 - 18 Breather
 - 20 Family
 - 21 Sound of delight
 - 22 "It's — real"
 - 23 Ceases
 - 26 Many-headed monster
 - 27 Sacred bird of Egypt
 - 28 Haul into court
 - 29 Painter Vermeer
 - 30 Agreement
 - 34 Tavern quaff
 - 35 Possessed
 - 36 Conk out
 - 37 Turn out very well
 - 40 Prepared for a proposal
 - 41 Put up
- DOWN**
- 1 Parish leader
 - 2 Find charming
 - 3 Silent performers
 - 4 "The Raven" writer
 - 5 Artists' work-places
 - 6 Out of fashion
 - 7 Cigar bit
 - 8 Frightened
 - 9 Toto, for one
 - 10 Reception aid
 - 14 Trail
 - 19 Kitchen collection
 - 22 Tourney advances
 - 23 Illegally seizes
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 - 25 Some foot-baller's
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 - 33 Peevish
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 - 39 Man-mouse link

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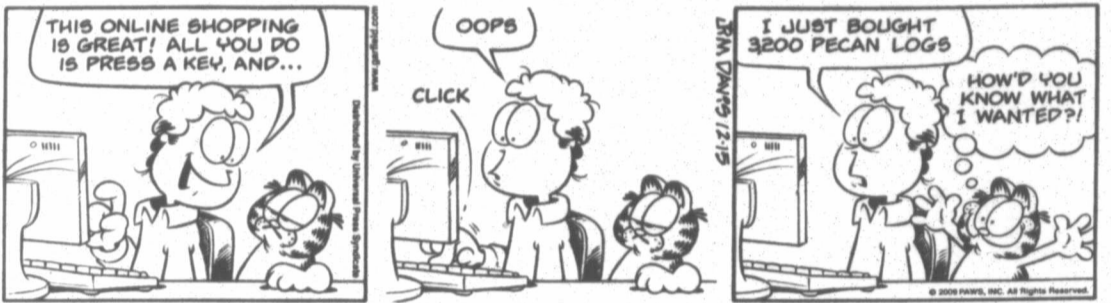
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TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
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GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
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★★★★ Your decision and manner of handling a personal matter could change dramatically. Conversations could confirm your hunches. Happily, you get important and significant information. Tonight: Find your favorite chair.

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ A natural confidence radiates through you. How you handle certain matters could be far different from what you anticipated. Sometimes when you come from a place of spontaneity, you might surprise yourself. Tonight: Talking up a storm.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Though you're out of sorts at first, you can center and rethink a personal matter. Follow your sixth sense with finances. You'll handle a matter very differently as a result. Investigate different options or possibilities. Tonight: Gage your own energy level.

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★★★★ Be willing to take a stand and do more with situations around you. Meetings could prove to be powerful. You'll not only make your point, but you also will gain support. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

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Sports

Lady Harvesters Don another district loss vs. PD

BY ANDREW GLOVER
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The Pampa Harvesters only scored eight points in the first 14 minutes and thirty seconds and lose their second consecutive district game 67-45 against the Palo Duro Lady Dons Monday.

Head Coach Gene Valentine said nerves got them in the beginning of the game but was pleased with their second half efforts.

"We only lost by four in the second half 36-32," Valentine said. "We stepped it up in the second half I was really pleased with our intensity on defense. We shot free throws really well."

In the first quarter the Lady Harvesters got off to a slow start. Pampa turned it over once and missed their first two shots as the Lady Dons opened with a 6-0 lead. The Lady Harvesters were able to get within two twice, going on an 8-4 run. Palo Duro led 14-8 at the end of the quarter.

Pampa (5-9, 0-2) struggled mightily in the second quarter. The Lady Harvesters missed five shots and turned the ball over six times. Kirsten Kuhn got Pampa's first points of the quarter with 1:35 remaining on a two-pointer after the Lady Dons scored the first 15 points of the quarter. The Lady Harvesters trailed 31-13 at halftime.

At halftime instead of going to the locker room Valentine talked to them on the bench. The Lady Harvesters coach said his team preferred that.

"They decided instead of going in for halftime, they would do one or two minutes out there, and go back to shooting and getting back to work," Valentine said.

At the start of the third quarter, the Lady Harvesters again struggled. Palo Duro scored the first nine points of the quarter to expand their lead to 40-13. Kuhn broke up their run with a three-pointer and from that point Pampa outscored Palo Duro 8-7 to trail 47-24 at the end of the quarter.

The Lady Dons outscored Pampa 9-4 to start the fourth quarter giving them their largest lead at 56-29. The Lady Harvesters would finish the game strong outscoring Palo Duro 17-11. Valentine said if his team can play the whole game like they did the second half they have a chance to be successful in district.

"We got to take care of business," Valentine said. "Nothing is guaranteed. But if we play with that intensity with the exception of Canyon we have a chance to finish 500 in district."

Shelbie Watson led the team in scoring with 12 points. Kuhn, Ashlee Holland, and Liz Hoelting each scored six, Troxell scored five and Kayla Hughes and Taryn Eubank each had four, and Cori Cook had two.

The junior varsity (7-8, 0-2) also lost to Palo Duro 50-49. The Lady Harvesters were down by 12 towards the end of the third quarter and trailed 38-31 at quarter's end. Pampa used a 16-6 run to take a 47-44 lead in the final three minutes of the game. Palo Duro scored the next six points to hold a 50-47 lead in the final minute.



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Kayla Hughes attempts a shot with a Lady Don reaching in. Pampa lost 67-45.

The Lady Don's led 50-49 on Pampa's final possession, the clock ran out before Ramirez could pass the ball to Clendening to attempt the game winner. Coach Forrest Harding said his team didn't take advantage of having the lead.

"We too a three point lead and just didn't come through and finish it," Harding said.

Clendening led the team in scoring with 26, Caitlin Sieck scored seven.

The freshmen (9-2, 2-0) beat Palo Duro 39-33. The Lady Harvesters led 11-6 after the first quarter and opened the second quarter on a 10-0 run. Pampa maintained a double digit lead until the fourth quarter. Trailing 33-20 after the third quarter, Palo Duro outscored Pampa 13-1 to cut

their lead to 34-33. The Lady Harvesters scored the final five points of the game. Coach Alan Segura said he is confident his team can beat anyone in the district.

"Canyon is going to be tough," Segura said. "We beat Dumas already. We beat Caprock, Randall and PD. We beat four teams from our district."

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Pampa downs Borger

The Pampa Harvesters ended their two-game losing streak and beat the Borger Bulldogs 68-59 Monday in Borger.

Head Coach Dustin Miller said the key to his team's victory was being able to rebound and respond to the Bulldogs' run and said last weekend's trip to Dallas helped.

"We got to see quality competition who made many runs at us," Miller said. "When we got back here those situations didn't seem so intimidating."

Travis Hagerman led the team in scoring with 21 points. Garrett Ericson who injured his ankle Friday, scored 15 points. Alex Clendening had 11.

The junior varsity beat

Borger 57-52. Derek Pollard scored 13 points and Trace Carter had 17 points and 11 rebounds. Coach Matt Embry was pleased with their guard player and defense.

"Our defense looked good but we got lazy in transition," Embry said. "Our guard play was great and we had some timely baskets."

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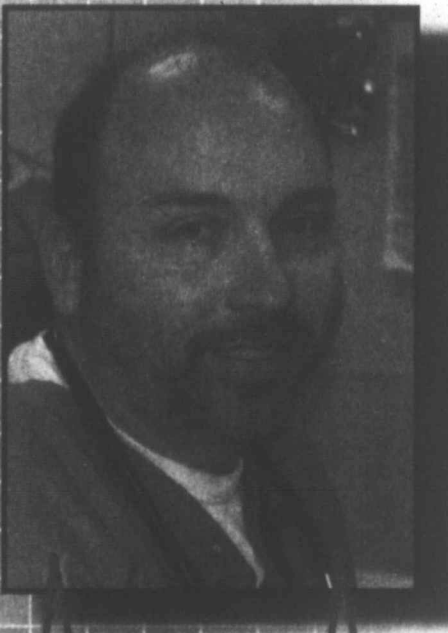
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