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Kuhn makes it two-for-two for Pampa High Senior's honor gives school volleyball All-Staters in back-to-back years

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After waiting 46 years for a volleyball all-state selection last year, the Pampa Lady Harvesters didn't have to wait long for someone to succeed Taryn Eubank. Senior libero Kirsten Kuhn earned the honor after leading the Pampa Lady Harvesters to a second consecutive district title.

Kuhn said the award is an honor. "It was a great season with my girls," Kuhn said. "To be selected for All-State is pretty cool." Head coach Libby Garza said Kuhn is a tal-



Kuhn

ented player and deserves it. "She is a good kid with a good work ethic," Garza said. "Her talent is the best in the state." Kuhn said it's awesome for her to follow her former teammate in getting the award. "Taryn was a great player," Kuhn said. "To get something that she did is pretty cool. Hopefully, we will get this for years to come." Kuhn is a three-year letter-

man for the Lady Harvesters and has played on the back row all three years. In 2010, Kuhn earned Defensive MVP. After this season, she was selected to the first-team All-District. Kuhn said getting All-State was a perfect way to close her volleyball career. "It's crazy that I'm not going to be playing next year," Kuhn said. "It hasn't really sunk in." **KUHN** cont. on page 5

'GOD BLESS US, EVERY ONE'



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Jonathan Tyler (playing Jacob Marley, from left), Paul Munsell (Bob Cratchit), Joseph Munsell (Tiny Tim) and Keith Roberson (Scrooge) get into character for "Scrooge: All Jazzed Up Like The Dickens," presented by Madeline Graves Dance Studio and opening at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow at M.K. Brown Auditorium.

Precipitation a boon for agriculture

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Most winter wheat in the county has been planted, and the recent precipitation has brought some much needed moisture that will aid agriculture in the area. "We didn't have enough snow to make an impact, but we had some previous rains of a half inch to an inch, depending where you live, that has truly helped," said Brandon McGinty of the Gray County AgriLife Extension. "Our snow in October did help, because it took a while to thaw, and the soil absorbed that moisture," he added. Amid a drought that has allowed for minimal soil moisture, precipitation since the fall has slightly helped conditions. "When they started planting, there was no soil moisture. We had some rain events in there, and had more wheat planted following that, in September. It kick started the wheat with some moisture, but it was nothing big, just something to keep us going," said McGinty. Ag producers in the area, though, are not out of the drought-induced doldrums quite yet. McGinty said that more precipitation is still **PRECIPITATION** cont. on page 5

Brock on firefighting: 'Once it's in your blood, it stays'

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Jerry Brock has been with the Pampa Fire Department for a little over ten years, but he got his start fighting fires as a high school student in Hereford. "I started back when I was a sophomore in high school with (the Hereford) Volunteer Department as a scout, and once it (gets) in your blood, it stays," said Brock. After graduating from high school, Brock had to wait a while to begin training with a fire academy. "Back then, you had to be 21 to be a firefighter, so I looked at going to colleges and getting my Associates Degree until I turned 21. I went through, got some of my classes, then they changed the age on being certified, and I went through Amarillo Fire Academy and got



certified," he said. From there, Brock spent two years at the airforce base in Lubbock. He started as a firefighter, and was the acting chief by the time the base shut down operations. "They closed the base down there, and Pampa was the first place I got on. I stayed here, and got married, and started **BROCK** cont. on page 3

Jerry Brock has worked for the Pampa Fire Department for a little over a decade. ▶

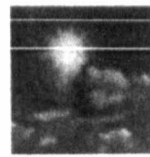
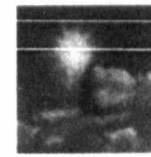
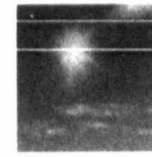


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PAMPA FORECAST

Today	Friday	Saturday
		
High 40 Low 20	High 36 Low 19	High 43 Low 23

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Tonight: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 20. Wind chill values between 9 and 14. Blustery, with a northeast wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 36. North wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 19. North northwest wind around 5 mph.

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 43. South southwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 23. South southwest wind around 10 mph.

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Obituaries

Glendle (Glen) Randolph Watson 76

Glendle (Glen) Randolph Watson 76, went to his heavenly home December 4, 2011. Glen was born July 16, 1935, in Harmon County, Okla., to Warner and Eliza Watson. He married Melba (Coble) on December 9, 1955. God gave them almost 56 years together.



Watson

They spent most of their married life in Pampa, and were faithful members of Hobart Baptist Church nearly 50 years. Glen served in many capacities; usher, greeter and chairman of the building and grounds. He helped with the total remodel of the church. He loved taking care of God's House.

Glen also owned and leased several group homes to Texas Mental Health and Mental Retardation.

In April 2007, he moved to Amarillo and was a faithful member of Coulter Road Baptist church, Senior Adult Sunday School Department, The Joy Singers, and the LLL Club.

He is survived by his wife, Melba of the home; one son, Randy Watson and wife Becky of Pampa; two brothers, Warner Watson of Hollis, Okla., Ben Watson of El Paso; a sister, Joyce Jeter of Clovis, N.M.; grandchildren, Ricky Watson of Pampa, Amy and Jay Belcher, Andrew and Sarah Watson, Briana Watson and Bianca Watson all of Amarillo; great-grandchildren, Lachlan, Aidan, London, Adeline and Haleigh; and a step-grandchild, Everett, all of Amarillo; many nieces and nephews; and a host of wonderful friends!

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, E.W. of Norwalk, Calif. and Jessie of Amarillo; and his son, Brian Watson in 2009 of Amarillo.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, December 7, 2011, at Coulter Road Baptist Church with Rev. Chris Roberson officiating.

Graveside services will be held at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, December 7, 2011, at Memory Gardens Cemetery in Pampa by LaGrone Blackburn Shaw Funeral Directors, 8310 S. Coulter Rd. Amarillo, TX.

Memorials are to Olivia's Angels, C/O BSA Hospice or Coulter Road Baptist Church Building Fund.

Donald Ray Huddleston, 59

Donald Ray Huddleston was born January 18, 1952 in Perryton, to Irvin Eugene and Patricia Louise (Alcorn) Huddleston. Donald attended grades 1-3 in a one-room school named OSLO, in Sherman County, and grades 4-12 at Goodwell, Okla., where he graduated from high school. Following that, he earned a degree at Oklahoma Tech, Okmulgee, Okla., where he graduated with honors (President's Honor Roll). During his high school years, he worked weekends and summers for a local farmer, Jack Hyer, and married the boss's daughter. He had gone to college for one year and said, "I'll not go back without her." They were married on January 12, 1974 in Guymon, Okla.

Donald worked in the machine tool trade all of his adult life and became a master machinist. He went to work at Conoco-Phillips in 1998 and retired from there in November 2011. He was associated with the Boy Scouts for many years as scout master and council member. He attained the Order of Arrow and Silver Beaver. He enjoyed camping, working outdoors at the farm, spending time with the grandkids and being with family.

He was preceded in death by one son, Brian Davis Huddleston.

Donald departed this life to be with his Lord on December 3, 2011, in Amarillo.

He leaves to mourn, his wife, Linda Lea, of Pampa; one daughter, Stacy Marie Hext and husband David Hext; one son, Kevin Eugene Huddleston; his parents, Irvin Eugene and Patricia Huddleston; two brothers, Ernest Huddleston and Stanley Huddleston; two grandsons, Damian and Davin and one granddaughter, Taylor; three nephews; and a host of uncles, aunts, cousins and friends.

The family requests memorials be made to the Arena of Life Cowboy Church of McLean, P.O. Box 89, McLean, TX 79057.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, December 8, 2011, in the Arena of Life Cowboy Church in McLean. Graveside interment services will be in the Kiowa Cemetery, Logan, Okla., later that afternoon at 3 p.m. Family and friends will gather at Midway Country Church between 2 and 2:45 p.m. and then go to the cemetery for interment under the direction of Clark Funeral Service, Beaver, Okla.

For the record

Police Department

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the period starting Friday, December 2 and ending Wednesday, December 7 at 7 a.m.

Pampa PD reported 59 traffic related incidents.

Animal Control agents and Pampa PD reported 43 animal related incidents.

Pampa EMS, the Pampa Fire Department and the Lefors Volunteer EMS responded to 25 medical calls.

Friday, December 2

A burglary of a motor vehicle occurred at the 200 block of South Price.

Fraud was reported at the 1900 block of North Hobart.

A suspicious person was reported at the 2800 block of North Charles.

Fraud was reported at the 300 block of West 30th.

An offense against family and children was reported at the 1500 block of North Banks.

A burglary occurred at the 400 block of North West.

An offense against family and children was reported at the 1500 block of North Banks.

Criminal mischief occurred at the 500 block of North Faulkner.

A structure fire occurred at the 1000 block of South Banks.

A suspicious person was reported at the 1000 block of South Huff.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 800 block of East Frederic.

Saturday, December 3

A violation of city ordinance occurred at the 1100 block of North Starkweather.

A theft occurred at the 2800 block of North Charles.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 2800 block of North Charles.

Disorderly conduct was reported.

Fraud was reported.

A burglary occurred at the 400 block of North Faulkner.

Fraud was reported at the 2800 block of North Charles and the 300 block of West 30th.

A theft occurred at the 100 block of Village.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 1200 block of West Oklahoma.

A suspicious person was reported at 20th and Christine.

An accident occurred at the 800 block of North Duncan.

A theft occurred at the 1400 block of North Hobart.

Suspicious vehicles were reported at the 400 block of North Ballard and the 1200 block of North Hobart.

A prowler was reported at the 400 block of South Gillespie.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 1800 block of North Sumner.

A threat occurred at the 1300 block of North Hobart.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 100 block of East Craven.

A suspicious person was reported at the 1300 block of North Hobart.

Sunday, December 4

A violation of city ordinance occurred at the 500 block of North Starkweather.

A domestic disturbance occurred at the 300 block of North Houston.

A burglary occurred at the 700 block of North Gray.

A hit and run occurred at Ford and Barnes.

A suspicious vehicle occurred at the 2500 block of North Evergreen and the 700 block of North Naida.

A burglary of a motor vehicle occurred at the 1600 block of West Somerville.

Disorderly conduct was reported at the 700 block of North Russell and 20th and Evergreen.

An abandoned vehicle was reported at the 1800 block of North Hobart.

An accident occurred at County Road East and County Road 12.

A hit and run occurred at the 1200 block of North Christine.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 2200 block of

Perryton.

A domestic disturbance occurred at the 700 block of North Naida.

A hit and run occurred at the 2200 block of North Hobart.

A theft occurred at the 500 block of North Somerville.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 100 block of South Wells.

A missing person was reported at the 800 block of Deane.

Monday, December 5

A suspicious vehicle was reported at the 1400 block of North Sumner.

An accident occurred at Cuyler and Brown.

Thefts were reported at the 100 block of South Ward and the 400 block of East Browning.

Criminal trespassing occurred at the 700 block of East Frederic.

Harassment occurred at the 3100 block of North Perryton.

Fraud occurred at the 300 block of West 30th.

Public intoxication occurred at the 1500 block of North Hobart.

An accident occurred at the 1400 block of North Hobart.

Fraud occurred at the 2400 block of Navajo.

An accident occurred at Russell and Harvester.

A theft occurred at the 2200 block of North Charles.

An offense against family and children was reported.

Criminal mischief was reported.

Harassment occurred at the 2700 block of North Hobart.

Accidents occurred at Kentucky and Garland and Tignor and Highway 60.

Phone harassment occurred at the 2200 block of North Charles.

An accident occurred at the 200 block of East Brown.

Harassment was reported.

Accidents occurred at Starkweather and Kentucky and Highway 60 and County Road C.

A burglary of a motor vehicle was reported.

A domestic disturbance occurred at the 800 block of Gwendolyn.

Tuesday, December 6

A domestic disturbance occurred at the 1300 block of North Coffee.

Violations of city ordinances occurred at the 700 block of North Gray and the 1200 block of South Faulkner.

An accident occurred at 21st and Nelson.

A suspicious vehicle was reported at the 300 block of Rider.

Accidents occurred at the 2000 block of North Charles and the 400 block of South Cuyler.

A theft occurred at the 100 block of Village.

A suspicious vehicle was reported at the 600 block of South Cuyler.

A suspicious person was reported at the 700 block of East Beryl.

A suicide attempt occurred at the 400 block of South Starkweather.

A theft occurred at the 400 block of East Frederic.

Wednesday, December 7

A domestic disturbance occurred at the 100 block of Village.

A prowler was reported at the 200 block of South Miami.

A suspicious vehicle was reported.

A suspicious vehicle was reported at Municipal and Brown.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests for the 24 hour period ending Wednesday, December 7 at 7 a.m.

Tuesday, December 6

Mary Salinas Contreras, 59, was arrested by police for aggravated assault causing bodily injury.

Victor Manuel J. Contreras, 23, was arrested by police for aggravated assault causing bodily injury.

Michael Dwayne Helium, 49, was arrested by DPS officers for driving while intoxicated.

Tammy Cherise Cox, 40, was arrested by police for aggravated robbery.

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Despite rain, lakes not filling

LUBBOCK (AP) — Weather officials say they considered reclassifying parts of North Texas into the least severe stage of drought but held off because recent rains haven't boosted lakes levels.

National Weather Service meteorologist Victor Murphy said Wednesday that bone-dry soil suffering from the state's worst single-year drought is sucking up the rainfall before it runs into reservoirs in the Dallas-Fort Worth area and parts of northeast Texas.

Lake levels are a part of what weather officials use to decide drought-stage categories around the country each week.

Murphy says recent rains will help drought conditions in the short term, but the precipitation forecast for coming months remains bleak. All lakes in the north central part of the state are down by double-digit percentages over a year ago.

Texas sales tax revenue increases

AUSTIN (AP) — State sales tax revenue was up 12.2 percent last month in Texas.

That's compared to receipts from the previous November. Texas Comptroller Susan Combs announced the figures Wednesday.

She says it marks the 20th consecutive month of revenue growth. Sales taxes are one of the largest sources of revenue for the state and a 2009 slump contributed to this year's state budget shortfall.

Combs says the numbers have improved in all major sectors, though receipts from the oil and natural gas industries are the strongest source of growth. Retail and restaurant sectors also showed strong increases.

The state collected \$2.07 billion in November, based on October sales.

No appeal for death row woman

HOUSTON (AP) — The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals has refused an appeal from a woman on death row for the 1996 robbery and slaying of an 80-year-old Amarillo man at his apartment.

Brittany Holberg argued tests inside the wallet of victim A.B. Towery would show the absence of blood and fingerprints and tend to prove she was innocent of robbery and burglary, meaning she couldn't be charged with capital murder.

The appeals court Wednesday said no constitutional or legal provisions allowed her appeal.

Holberg, now 38 and identified in court documents as a prostitute, met Towery leaving a grocery store, got inside his place by asking to use his phone and then demanded money. Towery was hit with a hammer, stabbed 58 times and had a lamp pole jammed down his throat.

3 guilty of campaign violations

McKINNEY (AP) — A jury has convicted a North Texas district clerk and two employees of abuse of office charges over campaign work done on county time.

A judge Tuesday then sentenced the women to probation.

The Dallas Morning News reports the judge removed Patricia Wyson Crigger as Collin County district clerk, in the case involving her 2010 re-election campaign. Convicted felons are barred from holding public office in Texas.

Judy Blazier was promoted to interim county clerk. She then fired Rebecca Littrell and Sherry Bell.

Crigger and Littrell were convicted of abuse of official capacity and conspiracy to commit abuse of official capacity. Bell was convicted of conspiracy to commit abuse of official capacity. Crigger and Littrell must serve four years of probation. Bell was sentenced to two years of probation.

Permits ok for proposed plant

AUSTIN (AP) — A judge has denied requests from environmental groups seeking to overturn air quality permits for a proposed coal-fired power plant in West Texas.

The Abilene Reporter-News reported Wednesday that State District Judge Rhonda Hurley decided appeals from the Multi-County Coalition and the Sierra Club were not filed in time.

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality last December granted air quality permits for a Tenaska Inc. complex planned near Sweetwater.

Tenaska spokesman Greg Kunkel says the company is confident the permits are sound and the proposed plant will be designed to provide electricity safely and responsibly. Sierra Club leader Jen Powis says the environmental group will probably appeal.

Accidental gunshot injures man

JOURDANTON (AP) — Authorities say a man at a business next to a South Texas gun shop has been hurt after a bullet was accidentally fired through the shared wall.

Jourdanton police Chief Eric Kaiser says a worker at The Bullet Hole was unloading a pistol Tuesday afternoon when the gun discharged.

Police say an instructor at a neighboring gymnastics club suffered a facial injury and was transported to a San Antonio hospital. Kaiser says the man, whose name has not been released by police, was alert and conscious. Further details on his condition weren't immediately available. Kaiser says police do not expect to charge the gun shop worker.

Cannonball overshoots the mark

DUBLIN, Calif. (AP) — A stunt for the TV show "MythBusters" sent an errant cannonball through a California family's East Dublin home and into the window of a parked minivan a few hundred feet away.

Producers for the Discovery Channel show fired the cannonball Tuesday at the Alameda County Sheriff's Department bomb range behind the Santa Rita Jail when it misfired.

Sheriff's spokesman J.D. Nelson told the Contra Costa Times that no one was injured and the home's residents didn't even wake up.

Nelson is a consultant for the show and says the cannonball was supposed to go through a few water-filled barrels and a concrete wall. Instead, it passed over the barrels, through the wall, then through the house's front door and out a back wall before landing in the van.

Billion-dollar weather disasters top record

WASHINGTON (AP) - America smashed the record for billion-dollar weather disasters this year with a deadly dozen - and counting.

With an almost biblical onslaught of twisters, floods, snow, drought and wildfire, the U.S. in 2011 has seen more weather catastrophes that caused at least \$1 billion in damage than it did in all of the 1980s, even after it did the dollar figures from back then are adjusted for inflation.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration added two disasters to the list Wednesday, bringing the total to 12. The two are the Texas, New Mexico and Arizona wildfires and the mid-June tornadoes and severe weather.

NOAA uses \$1 billion as a benchmark for the worst weather disasters.

Extreme weather in America this year has killed more than 1,000 people, according to National Weather Service Director Jack Hayes. The dozen billion-dollar disasters alone add up to \$52 billion.

The old record for \$1 billion disasters was nine, in 2008.

Hayes, a meteorologist since 1970, said he has never seen a year for extreme weather like this, calling it "the deadly, destructive and relentless 2011."

And this year's total may not

stop at 12. Officials are still adding up the damage from the Tropical Storm Lee and the pre-Halloween Northeast snowstorm, and so far each is at \$750 million. And there's still nearly a month left in the year.

Scientists blame an unlucky combination of global warming and freak chance. They say even with the long-predicted increase in weather extremes triggered by manmade climate change, 2011 in the U.S. was wilder than they predicted. For example, the six large outbreaks of twisters can't be attributed to global warming, scientists say.

"The degree of devastation is extreme in and of itself, and it would be tempting to say it's a sign of things to come, though we would be hard-pressed to see such a convergence of circumstances occurring in one single year again for a while," said Jerry Meehl, a climate scientist at the National Center for Atmospheric Research in Boulder, Colo.

Another factor in the rising number of billion-dollar calamities: More people are living in areas prone to disasters.

The number of weather catastrophes that pass the billion-dollar mark when adjusted into constant dollars is increasing with each decade.

In the 1980s, the country averaged slightly more than one a year. In the 1990s, it was 3.8 a year. It jumped to 4.6 in the first decade of this century. And in the past two years, it has averaged 7.5.

Other years had higher overall damage figures because of one gargantuan disaster, including Hurricane Katrina in 2005 and a 1988 drought.

But this isn't just about numbers. "Each of these events is a huge disaster for victims who experience them," NOAA Administrator Jane Lubchenco said in an email. "They are an unprecedented challenge for the nation."

Half the billion-dollar disasters were tornado outbreaks in one of the deadliest years on record. More than 540 people were killed in those six tragedies. In four days in April, there were 343 tornadoes in the largest outbreak on record, including 199 in one day, which is another record.

Texas had more than a million acres burned by wildfire, a record for the state, and Oklahoma set a record for the hottest month ever in the U.S. The Ohio Valley had triple the normal rainfall, which caused major flooding along the Mississippi River.

Brock

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raising a family, and (we) decided we wanted to stay here instead of going to a bigger city with the bigger city problems," said Brock.

Brock works as equipment operator, which involves setting up equipment and helping his crew get what they need while fighting fires.

"If it's a fire, I pull the lines off, and set the truck up, get it ready to go in and squirt water, and also (get ready) any other equipment - air bottles, axes," he said. "Another part of my job is to go around and cut the utilities. After I get the truck set up, I go around, cut the gas and the power, and turn the water off."

Being an equipment operator means rolling with the punches.

"It just varies. You're there for whatever the guys need. If they need new bottles, you get them new bottles. If they need an ax, you go grab an ax, whatever they need. That's your job, to make sure they've got water coming in from the hydrant, which the other engine crew will get for you, but your basic job is to serve the needs of the guys going in," said Brock.

"You do whatever you can to make their job easier, but depending on how many guys you have on scene, you also have to watch the outside of the house or the structure, and if you see something, you have to let command know. You've got several hats you have to wear. You have to watch their safety, and watch your safety and your equipment, because sitting on that pump handle, you've got the best view," he added.

Brock noted that new technologies have brought a lot of changes to the fire-fighting industry over the years.

"When I was down there in Lubbock, our power unit that powers the jaws of life was probably about a four foot by three foot generator, so it took up one whole compartment in a truck, and you had to turncrank it to get it started," he said. "But it was on a military base, government issue type stuff. You just dealt with it. Our power unit on the ones we have now is a foot by a foot, more powerful, and you don't have to turn them, you just have to pull the string, and it goes and fires up."

A major part of Brock's job is keeping up with these types of changes.

"They're always coming up with something new and improved on the equipment, so, new nozzles, new attack methods. It's one of the reasons why we study every year, and have to keep going through (continuing education courses)," he said.

While he's away from the station, Brock spends time with his wife and two sons, Hunter and Tristan.

"Me and the kids, we'll go to the park and walk around, or play at the house. We go to Amarillo, go to Wonderland and things like that. The kids come up (to the station), run around, and have a blast doing that. As far as my time off that I do have, I like to go to the gym and work out," he said.

Brock is also happy to have an extended family at the station.

"I like the whole family environment, the whole brotherhood of it. My wife and kids can come up here, and it doesn't bother the guys. I trust these guys," he said. "It's just like any family. You have your issues, but you work through it, and get over it."

Helping his community has also continued to draw Brock to a career in fire-fighting.

"I like being able to give something back to the community. When they need us, we're here 24/7, every day," he said. "I've had to miss a few holidays, but if I'm at work, whatever shift I'm on, we always have the families up, and eat and do stuff here at the station."

"I've wanted to do this a long time, and I really enjoy it. It's a really satisfying career. It's one that you don't do for the money. You do it for the personal satisfaction. It's not for the glory or for being a hero or anything like that. Anyone that's in it for that is in it for the wrong reasons," he added. "You do it for your own self satisfaction, and that's something that you really can't put a price on."

Cinema 4


<p>Movies Showing Friday, December 2 through Thursday, December 8.</p> <p>Happy Feet 2 (PG, 3-D) Fri 7:15 9:30 Sat 2:00 4:30 7:15 9:30 Sun 2:00 4:30 7:15 Mon/Thur 7:15</p> <p>Breaking Dawn (PG-13) Fri 7:00 9:45 Sat 2:00 4:30 7:00 9:45 Sun 2:00 4:30 7:00 Mon/Thur 7:00</p> <p>Arthur Christmas (PG) Fri 7:15 9:30 Sat 2:00 4:30 7:15 9:30 Sun 2:00 4:30 7:15 Mon/Thur 7:15</p> <p>The Muppets (PG) Fri 7:00 9:30 Sat 2:00 4:30 7:00 9:30 Sun 2:00 4:30 7:00 Mon/Thur 7:00</p>	<p>Showing Friday! Friday, December 9 through Thursday, December 15.</p> <p>New Year's Eve (PG-13) Fri 7:15 9:45 Sat 2:00 4:30 7:15 9:45 Sun 2:00 4:30 7:15 Mon/Thur 7:15</p> <p>Arthur Christmas (PG) Fri 7:15 9:30 Sat 2:00 4:30 7:15 9:30 Sun 2:00 4:30 7:15 Mon/Thur 7:15</p> <p>Breaking Dawn (PG-13) Fri 7:00 9:45 Sat 2:00 4:30 7:00 9:45 Sun 2:00 4:30 7:00 Mon/Thur 7:00</p> <p>The Muppets (PG) Fri 7:00 9:30 Sat 2:00 4:30 7:00 9:30 Sun 2:00 4:30 7:00 Mon/Thur 7:00</p>
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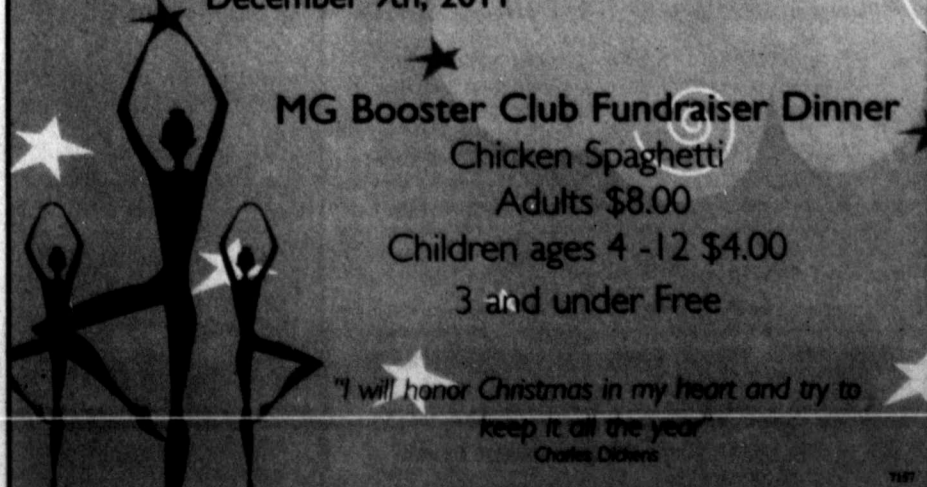
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The Lady Harvesters went 30-10 and finished 9-0 in district. Pampa was ranked as high as ninth and finished the season ranked 19th.

Precipitation

needed, like another snow that would take a few days to thaw, adding to soil moisture. "At this point, we'll take anything we can get," he said.

Austin students outscore peers

AUSTIN (AP) - Austin students are outscoring their Dallas and Houston counterparts in national reading and math tests, according to a report released Wednesday. All three Texas school districts were part of a national review of eighth- and fourth-grade students in 21 of the nation's most urban school districts. The report, part of the National Assessment of Educational Progress, shows the large Texas schools mostly track a national urban-school trend: They're behind the rest of the nation. Austin was the Texas exception, with average scores generally higher than other urban districts and schools nationally. Overall, the large-city school scores remained flat when compared to the 2009 scores. Again, Austin was the exception, joining only three urban schools nationally that had higher scores in fourth-grade math this year than in 2009. Austin schools did, however, show a larger gap between white and Hispanic eighth-grade students on the reading portion than other large schools. The lowest average scores in Texas were in Dallas in both reading and math, though math scores there were on par with large schools nationally. "We're going to need to have a renewed focus on reading," said Jon Dahlander, a spokesman for the Dallas school district. He said state tests had indicated improvement in reading scores over the last few years, but "when you see this district-by-district comparison, it makes you realize work needs to be done." Lower-income students in both Houston and Dallas performed better on eighth-grade math than lower-income students in large cities overall.

Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips



DEAR ABBY: After a bitter seven-year estrangement from his family, my husband received his grandfather's eulogy in the mail. His father sent it with a note that read, "Here's a copy of the eulogy I read at his funeral." This was how his family notified him of his grandfather's death — two weeks after the fact. We had attempted several reconciliations with no success.

A month later, my husband died at the age of 36 — depressed and suffering from black lung disease. His family blames ME for his depression. Not a single relative of my husband's attended his memorial service despite being given three weeks' notice and my having mailed them formal invitations.

My husband left a declaration in his will that his family should never know our child, whom they abandoned at 2 months old via a letter to us and my family. I feel I have been choking on their toxic behavior and venom. Do you have any advice as we move forward with our crosses after being abused by these narcissists for more than seven years? — SAD AND BITTER WIDOW IN TENNESSEE

DEAR SAD AND BITTER WIDOW: Yes. Put down those crosses and recognize that the anger and bitterness you feel will only poison yourself and your child. Obey your husband's wishes and raise your child in a healthy emotional environment — as far from your husband's family as possible. Unless you do, the mistreatment to which you have been subjected will affect both your lives and you will waste what could be a happy future.

DEAR ABBY: I know some children who seem to be mature and are able to make logical decisions on a

fairly regular basis. Still, making a decision under stress without a lot of experience can be hard.

At what age do you think it is appropriate to leave a child alone at home? Sometimes it's difficult to arrange for child care. Do you have any guidelines as to what to look for that can help make this decision? — BUSY WORKING PARENT IN KANSAS

DEAR BUSY WORKING PARENT: I don't think children should be left alone if there is any other alternative available — after-school programs, YMCA, activities where they will have adult supervision. Too many things can go wrong, and you would never forgive yourself if one of them happened to your child.

DEAR ABBY: How does

one respond to a former co-worker who wants you to be a reference at your current workplace? My experience with him was not ideal. He was a good worker, but became irritable under stress and drowned everyone around him in negative energy. I don't want to work with this individual again, but I prefer to be nonconfrontational. — FORMER COLLEAGUE IN SUNNYVALE, CALIF.

DEAR FORMER COLLEAGUE: If you are asked again, tell your former co-worker you are not comfortable assuming that responsibility. Don't be defensive and don't allow the person to pressure you. And you do not have to explain why you have chosen not to give the reference.

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The Scrooge cast includes (back row from left) Elysa Clements, Kirrah Powell, Jenna Gee, Edy Brainard, Caylee Steward; (middle row, from left) Joseph Munsell, Riley Davoll, Myra Villanueva, D'Laytis Esparza, Blayke Breeding, Jacey Baten, Analisa Brown, Audrey Cotton, Tori Kinser, Kaitlyn Roberson, Kendyll Roberson, Abbi Kinser; (front row, from left) Hannah Boland, Ariel Lacher, Avery Carreon, Halie West, Raylee Jewett, Katelee Van Dellen, Stacey Durham, Meraya Esparza and Riley Ellif.



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More from the Scrooge cast: Sophya Arreola (back row, from left), Xitlaly Patino, Cambree Brown, McKenzie Woods, Kaitlyn Roberson, Aerion Keller, Celeste Ramirez, Lorell Luera, Kendyll Roberson, Lexi Hearron, Karson Malone; (front row, from left) Addison Appier, Cassie Amzen, Reagan Dyer, Betha Rodriguez, Bella Coronis and Rane Wilson.

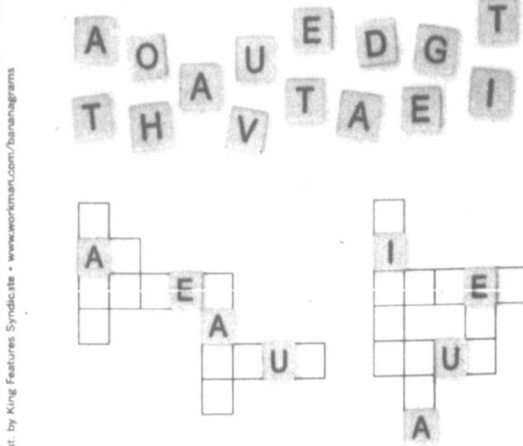


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Rounding out the Scrooge cast are (standing, from left) Bella Martin, McKinley Daniels, Abbie Blackwell, Kenlie Johnson, Briley Daniels; (front, from left) Natalie Frye, Emma Haynes, Luckaleigh Haynes, Taylor Nunn and Hope Lacher.

BANANAGRAMS!

Use the 15 tiles in this bunch to create words that fit into the grids below. To get you started, a few tiles from the bunch have been placed. Reuse the 15 tiles in the bunch for each grid.



Yesterday's Answer: APOSTLE, ALCOHOL, AMNESIA, ENVELOP

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Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

1	7	8	4	5	2	9	6	3
5	3	9	6	1	8	2	7	4
6	4	2	7	9	3	8	5	1
9	5	3	8	2	7	4	1	6
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Level: Intermediate

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS 45 Fragrance

1 Boot part 46 Moistens

5 Gives a hoot

10 Cogitate

12 Calendar entry

13 "Children of a Lesser God" director

14 Actor Nick

15 Have life

16 Start without a key

18 Exercise lead-in

20 Long fish

21 Hill insects

23 Tina of "30 Rock"

24 "— Lisa"

26 Snake sound

28 Excellent, in slang

29 Put away

31 Pole worker

32 "Relax!"

36 Deli slice

39 One or more

40 "Ta-ta!"

41 Door sign

43 Ultimate

44 Fashionably dated

DOWN

1 Scarecrow fill

2 Scarlett's last name

3 Cruise ship

4 Last part

5 Small coin

6 Swear

7 Embossed art

8 Menu choices

9 Unwavering

11 Hilo honchos

17 Make a choice

19 Fellow

22 Playing marble

24 Tuneful

25 Disconnected

27 —

28 Coffee-bar orders

B	A	N	G	O	R	S	T	A	R
O	V	E	R	D	O	T	I	L	E
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O	N	U	S		A	T	E	A	S
W	E	P	T		S	E	T	T	E

Yesterday's answer

17	Make a choice	30	Fort Worth sch.
19	Fellow	33	Coffee-bar order
22	Playing marble	34	Lifeless
24	Tuneful	35	Beginners
25	Disconnected	37	College head
27	—	38	Believers' group
Jima		42	Fresh

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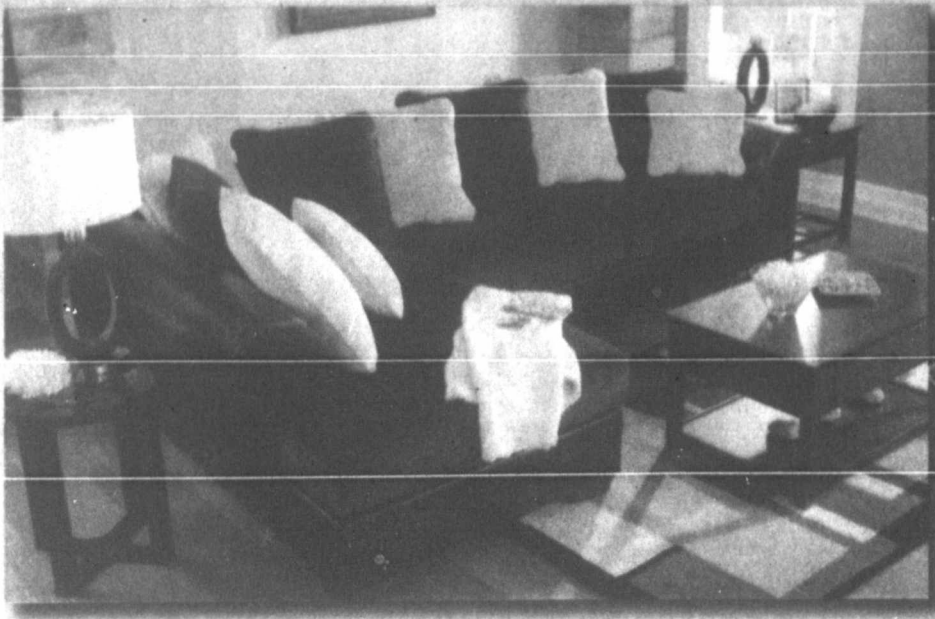
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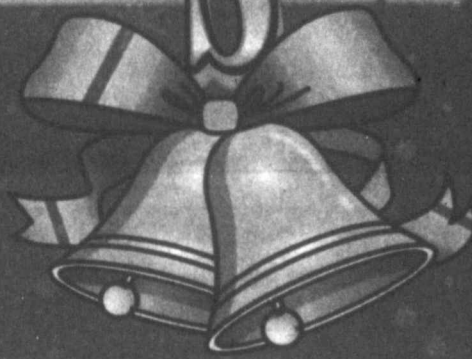


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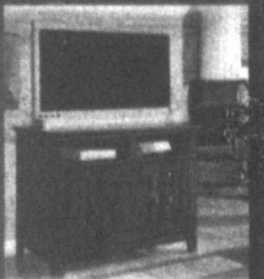
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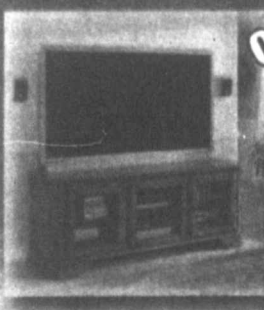


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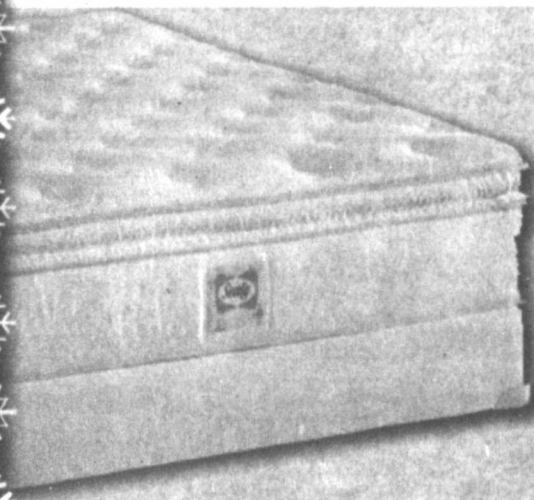
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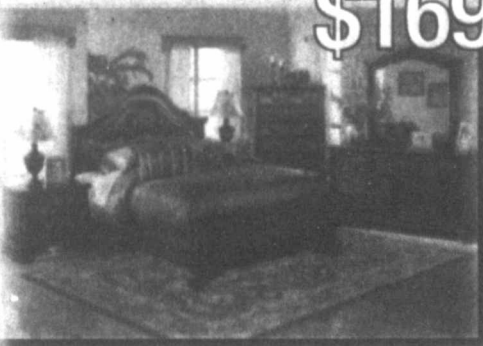
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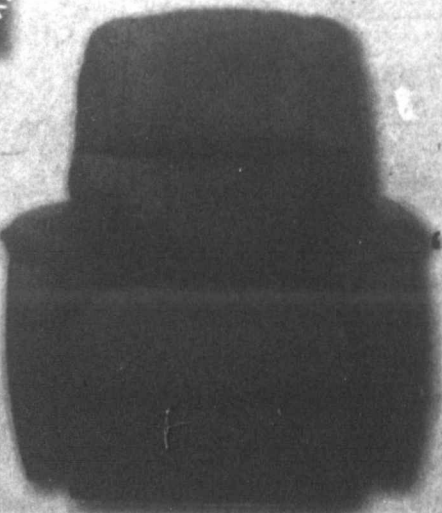


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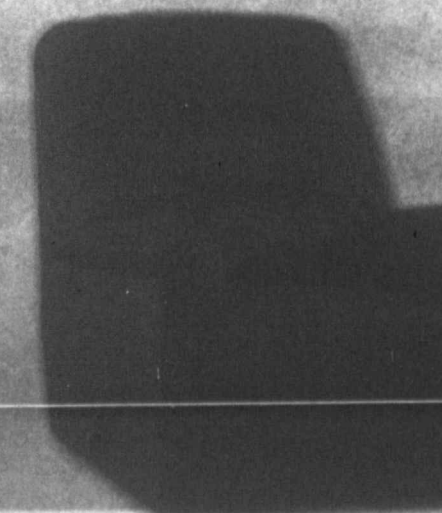
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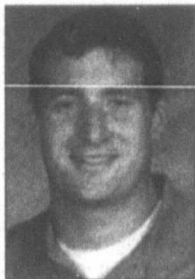
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No. 21 Harvesters face tough competition in Dallas

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When the newly ranked No. 21 Pampa Harvesters visit the South Garland Colonels at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, they will play in front of a raucous crowd, as the student body will be released early to cheer on its Colonels. That's something the Harvesters look forward to.



D. Miller

"Without a doubt, this will be on of the most hostile environments we play in," head coach Dustin Miller said. "That's why we like it so much."



R. Miller

Senior Reid Miller said the environment will be tough but the team has to execute.

"You have to go out and play your game," Reid said. "You have to go out and handle the ball. It comes down to fundamentals."

This will be sixth season Pampa plays teams from the Dallas area, and the Harvesters are seeking their first victory on the road trip since 2008. Dustin said the team is motivated about it's ranking, which it earned Monday.

"It's nice to finally get some recog-

niton," Miller said. "It makes us have an even bigger target."

The Harvesters (7-1) played the Colonels in last season's Lions Club Tournament and lost 65-63. Dustin said South Garland has good height and his team will have to make things difficult.



Collins

"We have to do whatever we can to make them beat us from the perimeter," Dustin said. "We have to limit easy baskets and make them earn everything they get."

Pampa continues its Dallas road trip Saturday against Lewisville Hebron at 1:30 p.m. Saturday. Dustin said he is still gathering info on them.

"They are a really big 5A school that was ranked in the top five last year," Dustin said. "They have lost a lot (of players)."

The Harvesters are coming off a three-game winning streak in the River Road Tournament. Senior Latigo Collins said South Garland and Hebron will be more difficult.

"It's going to be tough down there," Collins said. "Hopefully we can come back with at least one or both of them."

Reid said they will have to play better than they did at River Road.

"We have to play four quarters like we did in the second half (against Clarendon) to even compete with them," Reid said. "They're good, but that's what we want. We scheduled them for a reason."



staff photo by Andrew Glover

Senior Cole Engle makes a move to the basket against Boys Ranch Friday. The Harvesters travel to Dallas for the sixth straight season. This time they will face South Garland and Lewisville Hebron Friday and Saturday. South Garland will let out its students for Friday's 10:30 a.m. game. The Harvesters haven't won a game in Dallas since the 2008-2009 season.



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Senior Reid Miller receives a pass from senior Taylor Kennedy Saturday against Clarendon. Miller said the team will have to execute Friday and Saturday.

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Baylor QB Griffin III gets Big 12's Offensive POTY

DALLAS (AP) — For Robert Griffin III, this may be only the precursor.

Baylor's exciting dual-threat quarterback was named Wednesday as The Associated Press' Big 12 offensive player of the year.

A leading contender in what is expected to be a tight Heisman Trophy race, Griffin was unquestionably the Big 12's top offensive player, getting 14 1/2 of 17 votes from a panel of AP member sports reporters who regularly cover the league.

Oklahoma senior defensive end Frank Alexander was the Big 12's top defender with 14 votes.

The highlight producer known as "RG3" leads the nation in passing efficiency and has piled up 387 total yards per game. He has completed 267 of 369 passes (72 percent) for 3,998 yards with a Big 12-leading 36 touchdowns and only six interceptions, and run for 644 yards with nine more scores.

"He wins," Texas coach Mack Brown said. "He's a guy that when you go into a game, he's such a dynamic player that he changes the game."

Brown made that statement even before Griffin passed for 320 yards with two long touchdowns and ran for two more scores in a 48-24 victory over the Longhorns last weekend.

That nationally televised showcase for Griffin before the final Heisman ballots were cast gave the 15th-ranked Bears (9-3, 6-3 Big 12) their fifth straight victory. It is the longest winning streak in 20 years for Alamo Bowl-bound Baylor, whose only 10-win season came in 1980 during Mike Singletary's senior season.

Griffin is one of five finalists for the Heisman Trophy, which will be presented Saturday night in New York.

"He's done enough this season to win a Heisman," Baylor coach Art Briles said. "When you judge somebody, you judge them over the long run, not the short run. His long run has been very impressive this year."

The Big 12 coaches also selected Griffin as the league's top offensive player in their voting announced Wednesday. The coaches picked Alexander and Iowa State junior linebacker A.J. Klein to share honors for defensive player of the year.

Alexander led the Big 12 with 18 tackles for losses, and his 8 1/2 sacks matched Texas A&M's Sean Porter for the most in the league.

Texas senior linebacker Emmanuel Acho got the remaining three votes for top defensive player from the AP panel. He had 102 tackles and three sacks this

season.

Kansas State coach Bill Snyder, named Tuesday the AP Big 12 coach of the year, got the same honor in the vote of his peers.

The AP All-Big 12 team will be released Thursday.

Baylor's current winning streak includes the Bears' first win ever over Oklahoma, when Griffin set a school record with 551 total yards and threw the game-winning TD with 8 seconds left.

Before beating Texas, the 15th-ranked Bears had already swept their four November games. That had won only four Big 12 games combined in that month the previous 15 seasons.

Kansas State's running quarterback Collin Klein got 1 1/2 votes for offensive player of the year, with one ballot's vote split between Griffin and Klein. Brandon Weeden, the quarterback for Big 12 champion and BCS-bound Oklahoma State, got the other vote.

Klein threw for 1,745 yards and 12 touchdowns, but also ran for league-best 26 touchdowns while ranking sixth in the Big 12 with 1,099 yards rushing. Weeden passed for 4,328 yards and 34 TDs.

A year after Oklahoma State's Justin Blackmon became the first receiver to become the Big 12 offensive player of the year, and break a streak of 11 consecutive years with quarterbacks getting the award, it was only quarterbacks getting votes again this year.

Texas freshman running back Malcolm Brown was selected as the offensive newcomer of the year. Brown finished eighth in the Big 12 with averaging 71 yards rushing in his 10 games. He was on pace to be a 1,000-yard rusher until being hampered by injury the second half of the season that forced him to miss two games.

Brown got 13 votes for offensive newcomer. Two of his Longhorns freshman teammates, running back Joe Bergeron and receiver Jaxon Shipley, each got one vote. Kansas State receiver Tyler Lockett and Iowa State quarterback Jared Barnett split the remaining two votes.

Kansas State junior linebacker Arthur Brown, who played 23 games at Miami before transferring home, was selected as the Big 12 defensive newcomer of the year, garnering 14 votes. He led the Wildcats with 95 tackles.

Texas freshman cornerback Quandre Diggs got two votes and Wildcats junior defensive back Nigel Malone, a junior college transfer, got one vote.

Just between neighbors

Dog Talk with Uncle Matty



MATTHEW "UNCLE MATTY" MARGOLIS
Creator's Syndicate

I have a neighbor who has a chocolate lab. Twice now, their dog has evaded their electric fence and come at me from 20 to 30 yards. Both times I was about to go on a run.

I love dogs and have had dogs all my life, but this one charges toward me while baring its teeth. I had a water bottle and did a frantic toss of water at the dog, to no avail. It did not end up biting me, but I was sure it was a possibility.

The owners were in their driveway both times and were very slow to respond. They eventually retrieved their dog, but they didn't apologize. This last time I was very upset and said, "Please keep your dumb dog in your yard." The husband came at me in an aggressive way as if he were going to fight me.

Later, his wife came to our front door with the dog muzzled and leashed and asked me to come out and meet the dog so I could see that it would never bite me. She pointed out the permanent bump on its head in an authoritarian way, explaining, "This dog has been abused. We adopted it years ago. What do you want us to do, put it to sleep?" I said, "I don't have time to get to know all the past emotional states of the dogs in the neighborhood. I just would expect dogs, yours included, not to come after me aggressively, growling and displaying their teeth."

It was only after I mentioned to her that they had never apologized for their dog's behavior that she muttered, "Oh, I'm sorry." I called the township police, and they came over and gave them a warning.

In all this, I fear we will be seen as the unreasonable ones. They are already in the other neighbors' driveways pitching their version and answering questions about why a police cruiser

was in the cul-de-sac. Our quest is not to gossip, but my wife also has been charged by this dog, and so has a second-grader in the neighborhood.

By my lights, two things doomed this meeting between neighbors: 1) justifying aggression by citing prior abuse and 2) sarcasm.

In the heat of the moment, it is difficult to see the big picture. And with fight-or-flight adrenaline coursing through your veins, it's near impossible to keep your tone civil. But it can be done, and in the case of dog disputes between neighbors, it's almost always the way to go. Try to keep in mind that you might have to live next door to these people for a very long time.

In a world of do-overs, the owners of this dog would apologize before saying anything else. They would acknowledge that being charged by a large snarling dog is frightening

to anyone, big or small, man or woman, dog lover or not. And they would take responsibility for their dog's behavior, rather than justifying it with past abuse.

Thankfully, do-overs are possible for these folks. No one's been hurt. Yet.

Dogs do not dwell on prior abuse; their humans do that for them. But dogs do suffer sometimes-irreversible behavior issues as the result of prior abuse. It is their human's job to recognize this and protect others from it.

In this case, that means a secure fence, on-leash whenever not in the house or behind that secure fence, muzzled if necessary when out in public, and professional dog training to modify the behavior as much as possible and to teach the owners how to recognize the signs and respond quickly and accordingly.

That — plus a helping of compassion from both parties for the others — is the way out of this mess.

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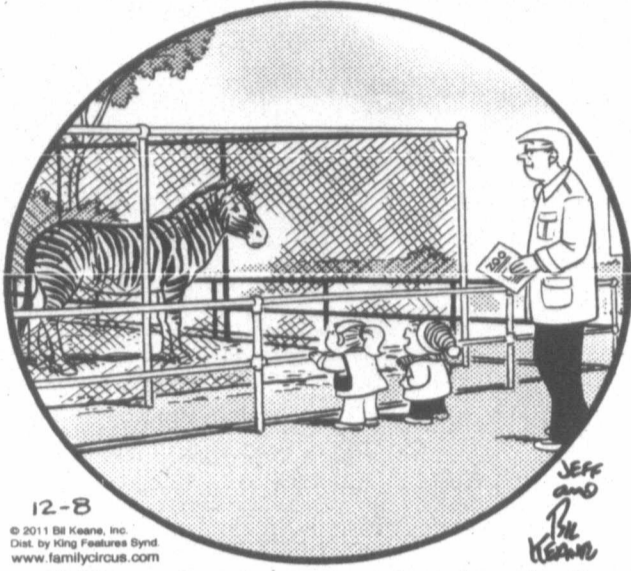
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Nest Heads



daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Dec. 8, 2011:

This year you flip between being an efficiency expert and a real flirt. Remain upbeat. Know what your challenges are and face them. A great involvement in the community or through work also could occur. The people person within you demands satisfaction. If you are single, date to your heart's content. It is quite possible you will meet someone special. Be on the lookout. If you are attached, the two of you enjoy entertaining and going out and about even more. Spend as much time as you can together. GEMINI is always around you. He or she cares.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★ Use care not to give away too much. You have a lot to offer. Do remember that fact. Others might pick up on an element of insecurity if you give too much away at first. Your reaction might surprise others but function as a punctuation mark to situations. Tonight: Out and about.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Please note that it is prime time for you. Make the most of the daylight hours, without confusing situations any more. You gain a startling insight into a situation. You might want to take a hard look at your finances before making any decisions. Tonight: Treat yourself, too!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ You might seem a bit withdrawn during the day. In truth, you are re-thinking a situation. Certain elements might be confusing. Go back to a supposition from which you made the decision. You'll immediately feel clear when you nail what is going on. Tonight: All smiles.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ A meeting might prove to be even better than you thought it would be. Understanding evolves. You now have a strong sense of direction and know what must be done. A partner might not realize why he or she is confused. This person also might not like the idea at hand. Tonight: Vanish while you can.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Listen to someone who is demanding your attention. Otherwise, you could have some long-term difficulties with this person. Keep your eye on the big picture. Schedule meetings for the end of the day, when you will be able to relax more.

Tonight: Where the action is.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Reach out for someone at a distance. You might need more information in order to make the right decision. Don't hesitate to extend your world mentally or emotionally. An older relative, parent or friend could become quite demanding. Tonight: To the wee hours.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Deal with a partner directly. How a situation evolves could be quite different from what you anticipated. You understand and identify with his or her somewhat indulgent nature. Listen to what this person is sharing. He or she is not necessarily wrong. Tonight: Try a different idea.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Deal with a key person on a one-on-one level. You will get more accomplished. If you feel that a situation involving your personal life and family is vague, you might not want to see all the facts. You could prefer to keep it vague. Tonight: Go with another person's suggestion.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Get a head start on a project, because there are reasons to believe that you might want to be more sociable in the early evening. Someone surprises you; make sure you are free to pursue another type of activity. Tonight: Go along with another's ideas. It could be a lot of fun.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Sometimes you — one of the most self-disciplined signs in the zodiac — need to cut loose and do something different. What appeals to you could be quite delightful should you decide to walk in that direction. Open up to suggestions. Tonight: Leave work behind as you venture out.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ Though you might believe you are as clear as a bell, you just might not be. Stay open. If you are immediately reacting to another person's suggestion, chill out and buy yourself time. You might want to work this idea into your life. Tonight: Letting off steam.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ You might want to think through a decision. Let your creativity flow. Stay open to possibilities that appear in this haze. Verify what is happening behind the scenes. Take a stand and move past a hassle. Tonight: At home.

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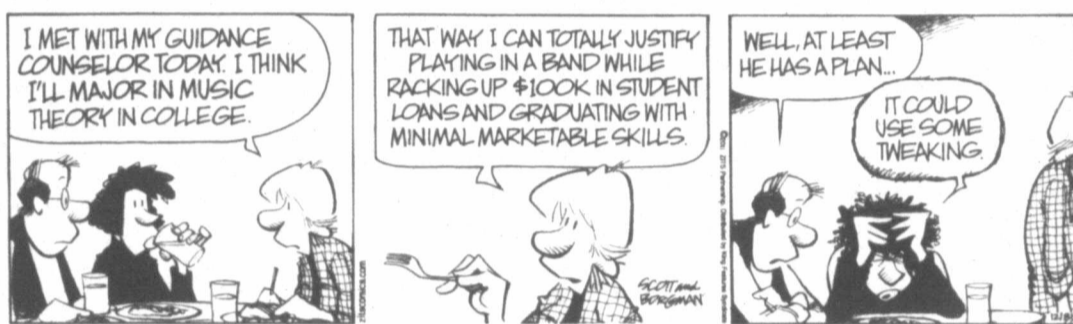
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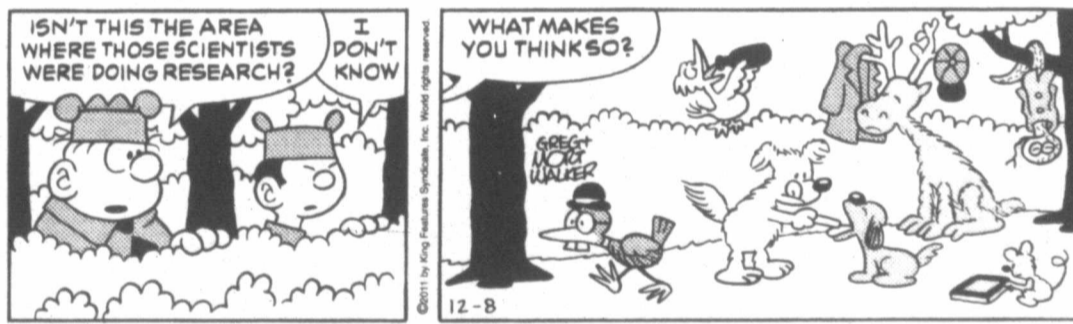
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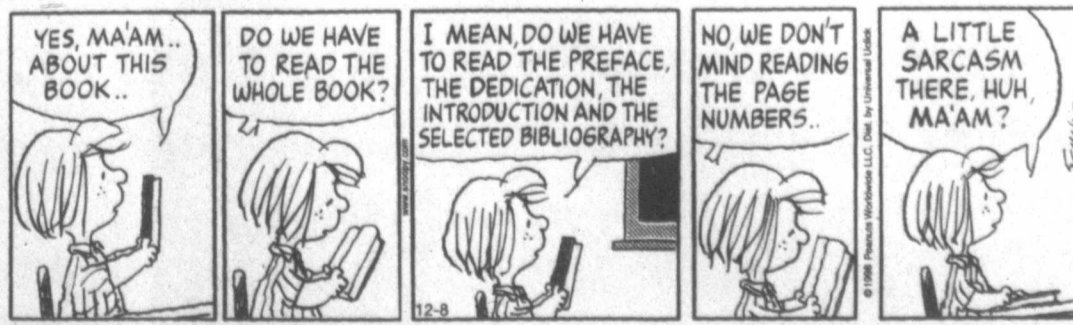
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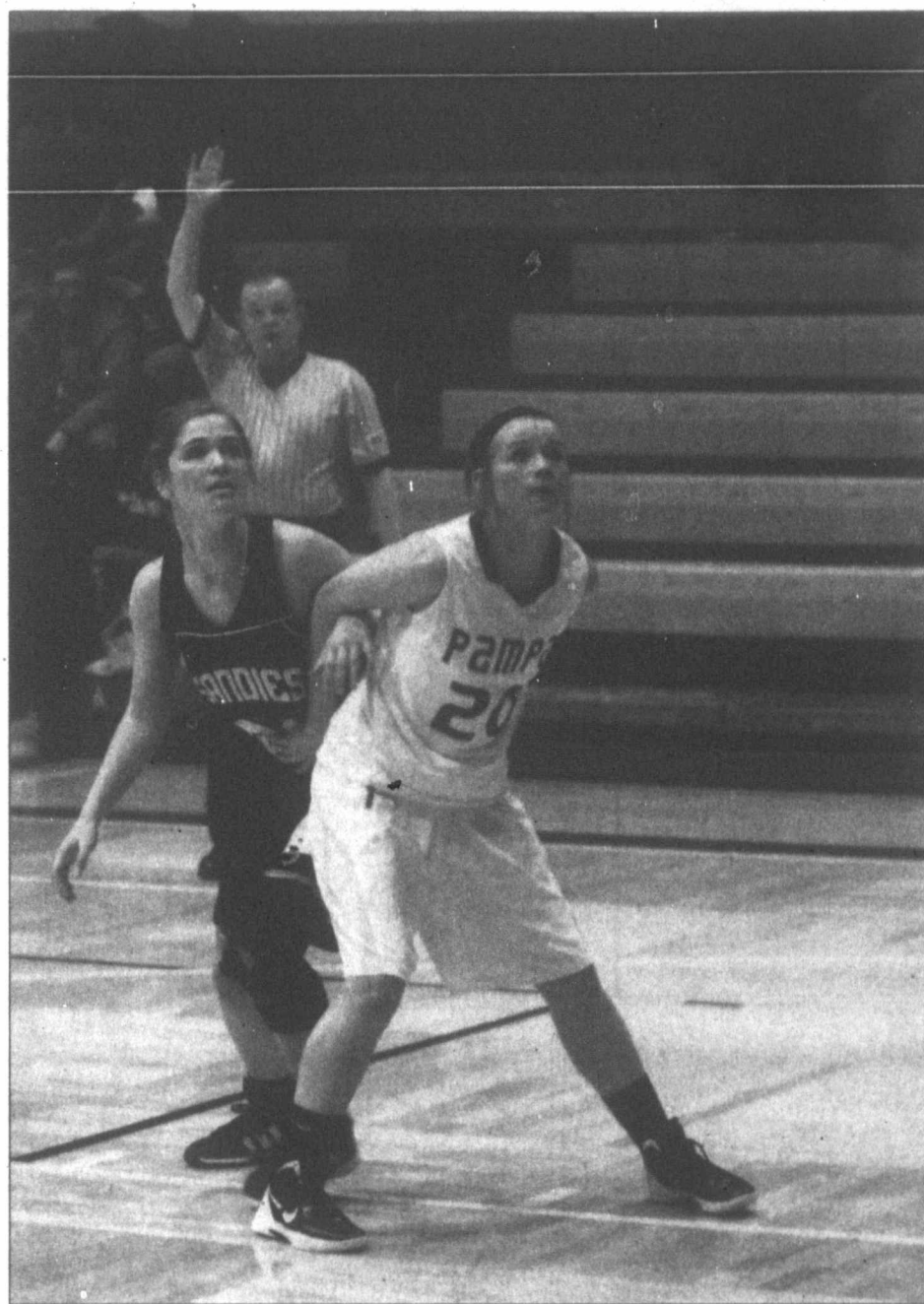


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Senior Delaney Clendening boxes out a Lady Sandy Tuesday. The Lady Harvesters lost 60-34 for their third straight. Pampa plays Shallowater Friday.

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TOP: Senior Caitlin Sieck dribbles down court against Amarillo High Tuesday. Pampa lost 60-34.

BOTTOM: Senior Kirsten Kuhn sets up the offense in the first half Tuesday against Amarillo High. Kuhn was the leading scorer with 21 points.

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