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PISD seeking new head football coach

■ Parker remains as AD, assuming other leadership opportunities.

STAFF REPORT

After five years as the head football coach of the Pampa High School Harvesters, Heath Parker is transitioning into full-time district leadership.



Heath Parker

A search will immediately begin to fill the head football coach vacancy created by Parker's transition.

Parker will continue as athletic director for the Pampa Independent School District, but will be assuming additional district leadership opportunities in the areas of facilities, instruction and operations.

Parker expressed the following sentiment about his transition: "I love my family and I love Pampa. We are truly excited about moving into a different part of our career and are honored to continue raising our children and work in the Pampa Independent School District."

PISD Superintendent Dr. David Young said, "Heath Parker and his family are a significant piece of the PISD family. I am thrilled to see Heath's career move in this direction."

The district is committed to seeking out the best qualified individual to lead the Harvesters to a significant level of success, Young said.

It is anticipated that a replacement will be named prior to spring break and will begin working with PISD student athletes as soon as possible.

IntegraCare to hold chili feed

STAFF REPORT

Since opening almost one year ago, IntegraCare Home Health of Pampa has been working on getting its name out and making the community aware of its presence and services it provides. From 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. on Thursday, IntegraCare will be holding a free Community Chili Feed to get people familiarized with the company.

Registered nurse and sales marketer Ginny Ellis said the chili feed is an opportunity for the public to come in and meet the skilled nurses, therapists and hospice staff that make IntegraCare all that it is.

IntegraCare provides physical, occupational and speech therapy and also has a hospice center for care.

Though the company has an Amarillo office that has been open for about four and a half years, IntegraCare is fairly new to Pampa and it's looking to become a more involved member of the community by teaming up on projects such as the Senior Angel tree.

IntegraCare worked with Meals on Wheels this year and Ellis said this project was a success and almost all the angels on the tree have been selected. Delivery of the gifts for the Senior Angel Tree will be on Dec. 19 and 20.

Everyone is welcome to come warm up and meet the staff at IntegraCare's Community Chili Feed on Thursday. IntegraCare is located at 1224 N. Hobart St. Suite No. 10.

Wired and ready



Photos by Timothy P. Howsare

Clockwise from top left. PISD IT director Melody Baker and network administrator Dennis Boyd go over a few details Tuesday on the server installation at the new administrative building. A worker puts finishing touches on a door frame. A spool of network cable. Baker shows the area where the district's servers were located at the old Horace Mann Elementary School. The railings in the new server room where all the cabling is neatly routed.

■ PISD IT successfully relocates computer servers to new building.

BY TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE
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Planning can make all the difference in the world. Just ask Melody Baker, IT director for the Pampa Independent School District.

Baker and her staff just accomplished the daunting task of relocating the district's computer servers and related equipment from the old location at the crumbling Horace Mann Elementary School to the district's shiny new administration building in the former Albertson's supermarket.

By last Thursday, Baker and her staff had everything packed up except the servers themselves in color-coded cardboard boxes. The move took place on Friday and by 5 p.m. on that cold, blustery day everything was back online with hardly a glitch.

On Tuesday, Baker and network administrator Dennis Boyd were tying up a few loose ends while giving a tour of their new digs to The Pampa News.

"We started planning over a year ago," Baker said. "I called AT&T to let them know we were moving our network hub to a new location."

She said there were no major problems and praised her staff for their excellent work.

"The installation went well considering we were mov-

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WRECK RESULTS IN SERIOUS INJURIES

■ Two transported via Lifestar to Amarillo after vehicle rollover.

STAFF REPORT

Two people were transported to Amarillo via Lifestar on Tuesday afternoon following a one-vehicle rollover on County Road E about a mile west of Price Road.

Department of Public Safety troopers at the scene said that two people, the driver Jessica Miranda Vargas, 23, and Ryan Maddox, 17, were flown to Amarillo after the Ford SUV they were in rolled on the south side of the road. Both had life-threatening injuries.

The cause of the incident was still under investigation at time of publication.



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HOUSE DESTROYED IN FIRE



Photo by Timothy P. Howsare

A house in the 1100 block of Farley Street was destroyed in a fire early Saturday morning. The Pampa Fire Department received a call at 4:57 a.m. and responded with five units and 15 personnel. The department said there were four occupants living in the house, but none of them were home at the time of the blaze. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

Reid says Senate will not extend farm law

WASHINGTON (AP) — Majority Leader Harry Reid says the Senate will not extend current farm law if Congress can't agree on a new farm bill before adjourning next week.

House leaders have reserved space on their agenda this week for extending the current law until the end of January. Lawmakers fear that milk prices might rise sharply if dairy subsidies expire Jan. 1.

The House and Senate have passed separate versions, but with widespread differences over crop subsidies and how much to cut food stamps.

House Speaker John Boehner said last week that the House should extend the current law while negotiators seek a compromise. But Reid balked at that plan. "Let them vote on it. We're not going to do it," he said Tuesday.

Some senators fear an extension relieves pressure to get a deal. The Senate Agriculture Committee, led by Democratic Sen. Debbie Stabenow of Michigan, tweeted Tuesday, "We don't need an extension — we can get this done this week."

In a separate tweet, the committee said a short-term extension could allow

subsidies called direct payments to continue. Those subsidies are paid to farmers whether they plant or not and have come under political fire from conservatives and others who have lobbied for less spending on farm programs. Both the House and Senate farm bills would eliminate the subsidies and create new ones.

Finding a compromise on cuts to the nation's \$80 billion-a-year food stamp program has been the toughest obstacle in the talks between the House and the Senate. The House passed a bill this summer that would cut \$4 billion from food stamps annually and allow states to create new work requirements for some recipients. The Democratic Senate, backed by President Barack Obama, passed a farm bill with \$400 million annual cut, or a tenth of the House cut.

Negotiators have focused on cracking down further on a practice in some states of giving low-income people as little as \$1 a year in home heating assistance, even when they don't have heating bills, in order to make them eligible for increased food stamp benefits. The Senate found its \$400 million in annual cuts by requiring that recipients receive at least \$10 in assistance to make them eligible, while the House doubled that cut by requiring that recipients receive \$20 annually — bringing the savings to around \$800 million a year.

North Dakota Sen. John Hoeven, a Republican who sits on the House-Senate

conference committee, confirmed that negotiators have floated that \$800 million in annual cuts plus pilot programs that would create new work requirements in a handful of states. But he stressed that there is not a final deal.

Hoeven said he agreed that the Senate should not pass an extension.

"We want to keep the pressure on to get a farm bill done," he said.

Negotiators are also working out how farm subsidies should be restructured in the absence of the direct payments. The two chambers have argued over how to replace those payments, with major farm groups squabbling over whether subsidies should kick in based on crop prices or farmer revenue, and how to count the acreage on which the subsidies are based.

If the negotiators can't agree on a bill and Congress allows the dairy supports to expire, 1930s and 1940s-era farm law would go into effect. Those laws would raise the price that the government currently pays to purchase dairy products, prompting many processors to sell to the government instead of commercial markets. That would decrease commercial supply and consequently raise prices for shoppers at grocery stores.

Prices wouldn't go up immediately, as the Agriculture Department would have to write the new rules based on the old laws and then put them into place. Hoeven and other senators have said that the Agriculture Department could delay writing the new laws while members of Congress finish working on the bill.

Clarification

During its "Day of Giving Back" Thursday, the United Way will only be pumping gas at Walmart if there are enough volunteers. However, the United Way will still be helping customers carry out their grocery carts at Walmart.

Wired

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ing an entire data center," she said.

Boyd said he thought they might have to work a few hours on Saturday, but everything was running by the end of the day Friday.

Boyd, who was hired by the district four months ago, said this was the first time he's done anything like this.

"This is not the kind of project you do every day," he said.

Baker said the servers had to be relocated before any of the personnel could be moved into the new building.

Even Baker and her staff — though gone for good from Horace Mann — have not moved into the new admin building.

Baker and her office manager, Janet Sanders, are working out of a conference room at Pampa Junior High School while other members of her staff are scattered at different sites throughout the district.

You could say that Boyd is a nomad until everyone moves into the new building on Dec. 20.

"I'm bouncing around from site to site with my laptop," he said.

Although the servers themselves are the same ones the district had in operation at the old site, all of the routers, firewalls, switching and cabling are new.

Baker and Boyd will each have their own office, while the technicians will work in a room with large cubicles.

Something that Baker re-

quested is a long island and a smaller counter on which to repair computers.

By setting a broken machine on the island instead of a desktop, the technician can work in back of it as well as in front of it.

The island and the counter both have plenty of power outlets and Ethernet connections.

There's also plenty of cabinet space underneath the counter tops, Baker mentioned.

An interesting feature in the server room are rails that look like small train tracks that run just below the ceiling.

Rather than having all the cable in the ceiling, where it is out of sight but hard to get to, or running along the walls and ceiling, which is easy to get to but looks messy, the cables are neatly attached to the rails.

Boyd referred to it as an "organized mess."

Baker estimated the district has between 2,800 to 3,000 computers, including desktops and laptops.

All of the servers operate with Windows.

Baker has worked in the district's IT department for 25 years.

She remembers the Apple IIe, the computer that made Apple famous even before the Macintosh, and the Novell network, an early LAN (local area network) that displaced the dominance of mainframe systems.

Though she can't remember the exact years, it wasn't until the 1990s that the different facilities in the district were linked up on a single network and the district had Internet access.

"It's really changed a lot since then," she said.

Brown's attorney denies report coach is resigning

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Mack Brown's attorney says the Texas coach has not resigned, denying a report that Brown was ready to step down after 16 seasons with the Longhorns.

Orangebloods.com reported, citing two unidentified sources, that Brown will announce he is leaving Texas and that an announcement could come later this week.

Joe Jamaal, Brown's longtime friend and attorney, told The Associated Press on Tuesday: "Mack Brown has not resigned." He says Brown's future with Texas is still up to the coach.

Horns247.com, a Texas recruiting website, reported that Brown denied the report in a text from Florida, where he was recruiting.

Brown wrote to Horns247: "I have not de-

cided to step down."

Messages left with Texas spokesmen were not immediately returned.

Texas just completed another season that didn't meet expectations. The Longhorns went 8-4, recovering from a 1-2 start and beating Oklahoma, but still finishing with lopsided late-season losses to Oklahoma State and Baylor.

There has been speculation about Brown's future in Austin since even before the season started, and it became rampant after blowout losses to BYU and Mississippi in September.

Brown fired defensive coordinator Manny Diaz after the BYU loss and replaced him with Greg Robinson. The move seemed to help. The Longhorns played better, and the season peaked with a 36-20 victory against rival Oklahoma in October.

Texas is set to play Oregon in the Alamo Bowl on Dec. 30.

Longtime Texas athletic director DeLoss Dodds announced that he would be stepping down earlier this season, and former Arizona State AD Steve Patterson has already been hired to replace him.

Brown is 158-47 at Texas, including a national championship in 2005 and another BCS title game appearance in 2009.

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Obituaries

Bentley Arthur Smith

Bentley Arthur Smith died Dec. 9, 2013 in Amarillo. Graveside services will be at 3 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12, 2013, at Fairview Cemetery, with Pastor Kyle Ohsfeldt of Grace Baptist Church, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors. Bentley was born Dec. 9, 1931 in Amarillo. He was preceded in death by a sister, Sydney Smith, and his

great-grandfather, John King. Survivors include his parents, LaJeanna Downs and Michael Smith of the home; two brothers, Jesse Downs and Kayden Smith, both of the home; three sisters, Layla Smith, Bella Smith and Emma Smith, all of the home; grandparents and great-grandparents, Cathy and Jimmy Baggett and Betty King, all of Pampa, Ron Smith of Lake Texhoma, Cheryl Wright of Enid, Okla., and John Hardy King of Amarillo. *Sign the online guest register at www.carmichael-whatley.com.*

Woman to admit to sending ricin to Obama

DALLAS (AP) — A Texas woman is expected to plead guilty to sending ricin-laced letters to President Barack Obama and New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg. Her attorney, Tonda Curry, said Richardson was ready to admit her role in

sending toxic letters to Obama, Bloomberg and the head of Bloomberg's pro-gun control group. Prosecutors say that before her arrest in June, Richardson tried to frame her now-estranged husband for mailing the letters containing ricin, a powdery substance that can cause respiratory failure if inhaled. Richardson has had minor roles in the television series "The Walking Dead" and the movie "The Blind Side."

Couple accidentally gets bag of cash at drive-thru

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — A suburban Nashville couple got more than they expected in their to-go order in a McDonald's drive-thru: A bag of cold cash. WTVF-TV reports thousands of dollars in cash packaged for a bank deposit had been placed in a paper to-go bag near the drive-thru orders on Tuesday morning. An employee mistakenly passed the bag to Greg and Stacye Terry who had just been looking for breakfast.




The employee realized the mistake almost immediately and followed the Terrys to their home a short distance away. Meanwhile, the couple was ready for breakfast. "My husband opened the bag and discovered the money inside," Stacye Terry said. "He said, 'You are not going to believe this.' Sure enough, it was their bank deposit money."

Reindeer escapes from Santa Clause at Colorado mall

DILLON, Colo. (AP) — A runaway reindeer broke free from Santa Claus at a Colorado mall Thursday while the Big Man was inside visiting with children. KYSL in Summit County reports that the reindeer escape happened outside the La Riva Mall in Dillon.

While Santa was inside listening to children's Christmas wish lists, the reindeer jumped over its enclosure, leading police officers on a healthy jog through town. The reindeer was located on the other side of a nearby reservoir. The Summit County sheriff's office brought in another reindeer to lure the runaway and get it back into a trailer.

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Thursday night: Mostly clear with a low of 32. Winds south-southwest at 14 mph. Sunset at 5:32 p.m.

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Museum Musings

THE WEATHER OUTSIDE IS FRIGHTFUL



Submitted photo

The weather in the Texas Panhandle has always been known for its extremes. In April 1938 a blizzard hit Pampa. This is a photo on West Kingsmill Street. Many people remember the snow piles and recalled plowing through them to get to work.

For more information about Pampa, the people of Pampa or the famous crazy weather of the area visit the White Deer Land Museum in downtown Pampa. Regular tours are offered Tuesday through Saturday from 1-4 pm. If you would like to schedule a special or group tour, please call or email the museum at 806-669-8041 or courtney.oxley@graycch.com.

Fleeing TV

Marketing surveys now show that when Americans come home from work, more folks turn on their computers than their television sets. That is a first. The reason is twofold:

First, you can create your own world on your PC, and second, TV is awful. Flat-out awful. For years, television has been losing viewers because the product, generally speaking, has collapsed.

Reality TV has destroyed the tube. Cheap, mindless shows featuring people who should be deported rule the airwaves. Don't believe me? Well, TV Guide recently listed reality TV's most startling moments. The choices are indeed startling.

Among them is Marie Osmond fainting on "Dancing with the Stars." That was unforgettable, was it not? All 10 of her siblings attempted to resuscitate her.

Laurie has a breast-baring meltdown on a program called "She's Got the Look." I don't know who Laurie is, but I believe she may be overexposed. Or something.

Rebecca gets dentures on "Breaking Amish." I am not fabricating this. I didn't even know that the Amish broke anything. Hopefully, Rebecca can clean the dentures without electricity. At least she's in better shape than Laurie.

An Elvis impersonator is overwhelmed by memorabilia on the show "Hoarders." I missed that. I'm sorry.

Tom DeLay dances to "Wild Thing" on "Dancing with the Stars." That was why Marie Osmond

fainted. "The Osbournes" examining the aftermath of Ozzy's ATV accident. Does it get any better than that? Does it?

Kim Kardashian weds Kris Humphries on "Kim's Fairytale Wedding." This was the nadir. An untalented but ambitious woman marrying a young basketball player and then divorcing him about 20 minutes later. And the guy got hurt. So why are people watching that? Disturbing question.

Monica Lewinsky hosts "Mr. Personality." This was an actual TV show. Insert your joke here.

On a show called "The Surreal Life," the guy who played Mini Me in an Austin Powers movie rides a scooter naked. Why didn't Kim Kardashian think of that?

The "Queer Eye" guys go nude. Did they have scooters, as well? I honestly don't know.

Michelle Obama appears on "The Biggest Loser." This is a weight loss program, not the Republican Convention.

And finally, chef Gordon Ramsay "fat-shames" a "Hell's Kitchen" contestant. All I can say is that Jackie Gleason would have taken Ramsay out.

So it is beyond dispute that television is in deep trouble. These reality shows make "Gilligan's Island" look like "Macbeth." They are like unspeakable zombies destroying the entire structure of the television industry.

Thank God PBS is still on the air. But even here there is some worry. Elmo has been seen hanging with the Kardashians. It's just a matter of time until someone gets engaged.

Veteran TV news anchor Bill O'Reilly is host of the Fox News show "The O'Reilly Factor" and author of many books, including the newly released "Killing Jesus."



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Google's barge glides by where others hit SF snags

The developers who wanted to build 8 Washington in San Francisco spent seven years lobbying City Hall — winning approval from the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors — only to watch opponents

kill the project by putting a successful measure on the November ballot.

Suckers. Google simply started building a four-story barge made of stacked shipping containers flanked by giant white sails on a Treasure Island pier. No hoops.

That's San Francisco for you. If you want to build condos, you have to beg for up to a decade. If you want to replace an unsafe bridge, two decades. But if you're a tech biggie and you want to build a riverboat for geeks, surf's up.

Ever coy — a euphemism for secretive — Google won't even disclose what the pop-up building is for. A statement sent to reporters teased: "A floating data center? A wild party boat? A barge housing the last remaining dinosaur? Sadly, none of the above. Although it's still early days and things may change, we're exploring using the barge as an interactive space where people can learn about new technology."

Does this mean the

Googleheads are not even sure what they're building and they see Treasure Island as their own private Legoland? Did they decide one day, "Just for the fun of it, let's build something that looks like the Sydney Opera House after it was subjected to a trash compactor"?

Word is that Google wants to make a floating showroom that it can dock around the country.

When I sent Google a request for permission to come on board, an anonymous Google official responded with a refusal and template language about "interactive space." As with all things Google, Google HQ talks up interacting but does not deign to interact with others.

Interacting with Google is like being the suspect in a TV police interrogation. You do all the interacting while The All-Seeing Search Engine hears all from the sly side of the mirror.

In a city that requires buildings to be "bird-safe," how does Google get to stack up, hoist sail and drop anchor without so much as a public hearing?

San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission Executive Director Larry Goldzband told me BCDC has "an investigation to determine the permit for that pier that enabled the permit holder to actually do such marine construction." He has met with Google reps and still isn't sure.

Goldzband also said that construction is on hold.

On the one hand, BCDC doesn't usually approve projects that fill "the bay when you have an alternative upland location." Read: terra firma. His commission's job is to protect a state resource, the San Francisco Bay.

On the other hand, there's a D for Development after the C for Conservation. San Francisco styles itself as a leader of innovation. If some bureaucrats tell Google to pack up its Erector set and find someplace else to play, the corporation could take its gazillion marbles elsewhere.

Goldzband says one factor might be whether Google plans to moor Casper the Barge "for an extended period of time." If so, "it is considered fill."

What is an extended period of time? Quoth Goldzband, "Extended period of time is not defined in legislation."

And: "I don't think they're daring us. I think they're trying to do something and they've come to realize that there are rules on how you use bay resources that are different from the rules" on land.

Let's talk about envy for a moment. About a month ago, my husband and I went out to dinner before the opera. Our waitress was diligent at one thing — avoiding eye contact, with us and another peevish middle-aged couple. A half-hour after we were

seated, what we took to be a young tech couple sat down and quickly surmised how challenged the service was. The couple didn't bother trying to flag the waitress; the guy just walked up to a manager and told him what he wanted. The techies were served promptly.

All I could think was: Why didn't we do that? I know why we stayed. We wanted to eat before "The Barber of Seville." But why did we settle for letting ourselves fume and fret — and pay for the privilege?

San Francisco sets up so many hurdles. Downtown has a shrinking supply of parking lots and a growing surfeit of Google buses and Town Cars. But don't try to buy a takeout lunch without paying for a bag, because bags are bad for the environment.

Everyone would be better off if Scold City treated the people who live, work and shop here more like Google and treated Google less like Twitter.

Somewhere, Larry Ellison's architects must be watching and salivating. They probably have one intern researching Cleopatra's royal barge and another computing how many square feet they can walk onto the water.

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New Hope-Pampa opens



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From left, Lisa Gibson, Cassie Willis and Penny Harvey.

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New Hope Counseling and Resources has been helping people with their counseling and training needs since 2007. Based out of Amarillo, they now have extended their reach into the Pampa Community. On Oct. 6, New Hope-Pampa, opened its doors. This new effort is focusing on serving the community of Pampa as well as the surrounding communities. Wib Newton, PhD, director and founder of New Hope in Amarillo, will be supervising this effort. "I am excited about the expansion into this great community," he said. "I was approached by some local counselors and I could not pass up the opportunity."

Pastor James Greer, Director of Missions for the Top of Texas Southern Baptist Association, began the talks with Dr. Newton. "He wanted a resource closer to home to which pastors and social agencies in the northeastern part of the panhandle could refer," says Newton. Greer was also looking for an effort that was going to provide help that was Christ-focused. He helped secure a building owned by First Baptist Church of Pampa but had not been utilized for several years. With the help of a generous financial donation, they were able to remodel several rooms for offices. Lisa Gibson, Penny Harvey, and Cassie Willis will be the counselors working at this center. All three

have Master's degrees in counseling; with Penny focusing on Christian Counseling. All three will be supervised by Dr. Newton. Together they will be providing counseling for children and adolescents, individual/marriage counseling, support/recovery groups and trainings. For more information about these counselors and Dr. Newton, visit www.newhoperesources.com/staff. "All three of these ladies are from the area and are part of the community. I believe they will soon prove themselves to be a wonderful asset as counselors," Newton said. To make an appointment, call 806-440-2978. New Hope in not submitting insurances at this time.

PFD call log — Dec. 4-9

The Pampa Fire Department responded to these calls for the following dates. One unit with three personnel responded to each call, unless otherwise indicated.

Dec. 2

- At 11:39 p.m., to a gasoline spill at Osage and Foster.

Dec. 3

- At 8:22 a.m., to a medical call in the 2100 of North Zimmers.
- At 4:35 p.m., to a medical call in the 12000 block of Frederic.

Dec. 4

- At 9:41 a.m., to a medical call in the 400 block of Jupiter.
- At 9:59 a.m., two units six personnel to a smoke scare in the 400 block of West Foster.
- At 12:04 p.m., to a hazmat incident for an acid spill in the 800 block of Finley.
- At 5:53 p.m., to a medical call in the 1100 block of Highway 60 West.

Dec. 5

- At 11:32 a.m., to a med-

ical call in the 100 block of West 30th.

- At 12:38 p.m., to a motor vehicle accident with non-life-threatening injuries at the intersection of Foster and Ward.
- At 3:42 p.m., to a carbon monoxide investigation in the 500 block of Powell.
- At 8:59 p.m., to a medical call in the 500 block of Warren.
- At 9:27 p.m., to a medical call in the 2700 block North Hobart.
- At 9:27 p.m., to a medical call in the 1000 block of North Wells.
- At 10:27 p.m., to a medical call in the 600 block of East Atchison.

Dec. 6

- At 5:40 p.m., to a medical call in the 500 block of North Nelson.
- At 11:50 p.m., to a medical call in the 600 block of Lowery.

Dec. 7

- At 4:57 a.m., to a structure fire in the 1100 block of Farley. Five units and 15 personnel. Structure was a total loss. No one was

home.

- At 9:54 a.m., false alarm in the 1000 block of Neil Road. Two units and seven personnel.
- At 1:16 p.m., to a smoke scare in the 1100 block of Farley. One unit and two personnel.
- At 4:15 p.m., to a medical call in the 2300 block of Cherokee.

Dec. 8

- At 3:14 a.m., to a lift assist in the 2700 block of North Hobart.
- At 8:42 a.m., to a fire alarm to One Medical Plaza. Two units and six personnel.
- At 12:32 p.m. to a medical call in the 2600 block of Fir.
- At 5:33 p.m. to a medical call in the 600 block of Red Deer.

Dec. 9

- At 12:30 a.m. to a lift assist in the 1000 block of Crane Road.
- At 8:54 a.m. to a lift assist in 12000 block of Somerville. One unit and four personnel.

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on the back of your bingo card. The drawings for the gifts are now through Dec. 13. There will be five drawings per day. The grand prize will be given at the chamber luncheon on Dec. 17. The grand prize winner will receive \$500 in Christmas Bucks toward any of the following stores on the bingo cards. Following is a list of the stores:

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The woods at Bridgeport

Most boys when they are growing up have a special place that brings them more joy than anywhere else. For my boys it was in Ontario, Ore., and they called it DEAD MAN'S RIDGE. When Shari and I heard the name we were frightened of how dangerous the place might be. When we checked it out the name was much more dangerous sounding than the place really was.

For me my most special place wasn't here in Pampa where I grew up. It was in Bridgeport, Texas, where my grandma and grandpa Sublett lived. I couldn't wait to get there every time we visited and part of me felt like it died each time we had to leave.

Some of the specialness was due to my grandma and grandpa Sublett. I still get all warm and content inside when I think of my times there with them. Whether it was a fishing trip or just hanging out at their house, I loved every moment that I spent there.

However, many of my greatest joys took place in the woods across the street from where they lived. My grandparents didn't own their own home, they rented a house from Mrs. Perkins, kind of a grumpy older woman.

The house she rented to my grandparents was across the street from a HUGE section of woods. Now that's huge by a kid's standard. I remember after I was grown and drove by there, how deflated I was when I saw how small it was in comparison to what those woods were in my memory.

Many mornings I would eat breakfast, grab my Daisy pump BB rifle and head out for the day. Only hunger at lunch time would lead me back to the house. Those woods

taught me a lot as a young boy.

I remember having my "Opie lesson" when I shot a mama dove one day sitting on a nest. I was bragging on the wild game that I brought home for supper (normally praised in the Sublett clan) only to have my dad make me take him to where I had shot the dove.

I showed him the tree and he saw the nest. I didn't get a whipping that day, but I would have rather taken the swats than my dad's words about the baby birds without their mom. But dad's correction worked. I never shot a bird near a nest again.

I remember how grandpa and dad both tried to teach me about the "good" birds and those that were nuisance birds. Once I got that information down pat no sparrow was safe in those woods. In my boyish memory I protected Bridgeport from being overrun by a plague of sparrows. LOL!

I can't count the number of trees I climbed in those woods. Many a time when I would take my lunch to the woods, I would eat it up in one of the trees.

I loved sitting on one of the limbs just watching the surrounding area. Sometimes I could even see grandma and grandpa's house from up there. I felt like a million dollars in those woods.

So what's the point? All kids need special places when they are little where they can feel like a million dollars. Help your kids and your grandkids find those special places or that special place.

You might even have to seek the help of a friend who has a place that you can use.

But don't stop until you find a special place. Kids today need those special memories that only happen in their special place. God bless. Mike

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MIKE SUBLETT



CHURCH SPOTLIGHT

How do you mend a broken heart?

Others may fail you, but God will not. "But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear Him..." (Psalm 103:17)

"I love you. Do you love me?" Everyone on earth has thought those words. As a fourth grader passes this note, "Do you love me? Circle One. Yes. No. Maybe." We hear the oldie goldies: "How do you mend a broken heart?"; "You've lost that loving feeling." "I honestly love you," and many more.

You would think the world had had enough of silly love songs. Why is it we can't get enough of love? It is because God created us with a desire to love and to be loved. But we need to realize like peanut butter and jelly go together, so does love and heartbreak.

The one you have been dying to date confesses she would rather go to study hall than to go with you anywhere. The one who promised to love you all the way to the altar gets cold feet and runs away with another individual. The teacher you admire

writes you off as a failure. The spouse of 20 years becomes dissatisfied and wants out. The child you have raised for 28 years turns away from your faith and the Lord. You find yourself at the end of your life, alone and forgotten in a nursing home. Heaviness, pain and a broken heart.

You might be at one of these crossroads today in your life. Your heart is broken. But God wants you to know that He can fix broken things. He loves you in a way that family, friends or the world can't conceive. Remember John 3:16, "For God so loved the world (put your name here) that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life." God loves you so very much. Turn to Him today. Let Him mend your broken heart.

Kurt Kaiser wrote the little chorus, "Oh how He loves you and me. He gave His life, what more could He give? Oh how He loves you and me."

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DAVID BOULTER

Church Calendar

Christmas Eve service at Pampa Nazarene

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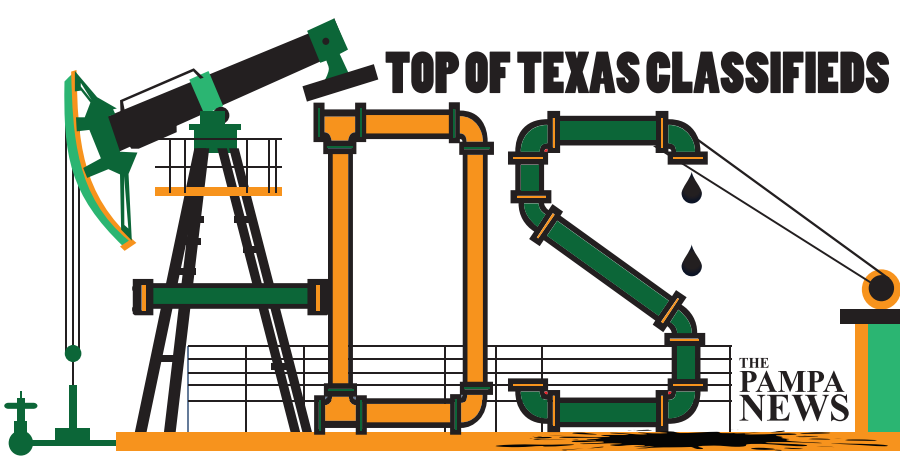
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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: THOSE PEOPLE WHO THINK THEY KNOW EVERYTHING ARE A GREAT ANNOYANCE TO THOSE OF US WHO DO. — ISAAC ASIMOV

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

Sudoku

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



Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I'm considering marrying a man who is divorced. We get along great, and I love and trust him.

Is it ever appropriate to call the ex and discuss her side of the story? Or should I ask my boyfriend what she'd say if I were to contact her? — COVERING MY BASES IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR COVERING YOUR BASES: If you call the ex, you can count on hearing something negative about your boyfriend or they wouldn't be exes. Also, the things the ex might consider to be flaws may be the qualities you love best about him.

That you would say you love and trust your boyfriend, and in the next sentence indicate you're considering a chat with his former wife, makes me wonder how deep your level of trust is. However, if your gut tells you to do some digging, then you should listen to it — even if it results in an argument, which it probably will.

be my "man cave" is half-filled with Celia's things. It is TIME!

Should I request that our daughter pay for storage, or rent a U-Haul so I can deliver a one-ton-plus "wedding gift"? — DISGRUNTLED DAD IN WASHINGTON STATE

DEAR DAD: I can think of few things that would destroy the ambiance of a man cave more than a dollhouse. With a successful career, your daughter can afford to pay for a storage unit for her memorabilia. Set a date by which it must be out of your condo, with the understanding that if it isn't, YOU will dispose of it. You should not have to deliver it to her. You have been patient long enough, and the responsibility is hers.

DEAR ABBY: I am a longtime practicing Pagan. Because of the media, Pagans are considered to be evil devil-worshippers in-

stead of the nature-loving people with knowledge of home remedies we are. This makes it difficult in the dating world.

A friend of mine wants to hook me up with a friend of his. When is it appropriate to tell the gentleman that I'm a practicing Pagan? I dress like everyone else, so at first glance you wouldn't suspect my religion isn't Christian. — LOVER OF NATURE

DEAR LOVER OF NATURE: Nothing compels you and a stranger to get into a discussion about religious beliefs on a first date, but you should mention it when the opportunity arises. If the man seems to be put off by it, suggest he consult patheos.com, an online library on the subject of religions, in which there is a section describing Paganism, its practices and origins. It should make for a stimulating discussion.

BANANAGRAMS!

Each set of 12 tiles below contains two common six-letter words. The letters of the first six-letter word are adjacent, but not in order. Find them and rearrange them to spell a word. Rearrange the five remaining letters to spell the second word.

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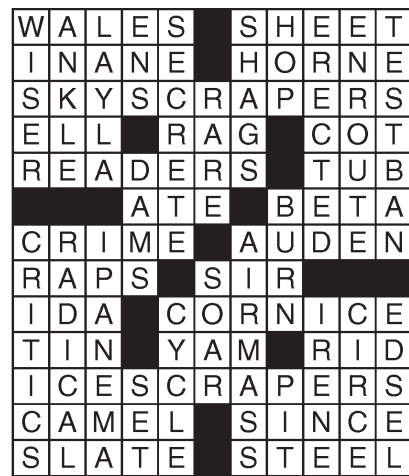
Yesterday's Answer:

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CROSSWORD

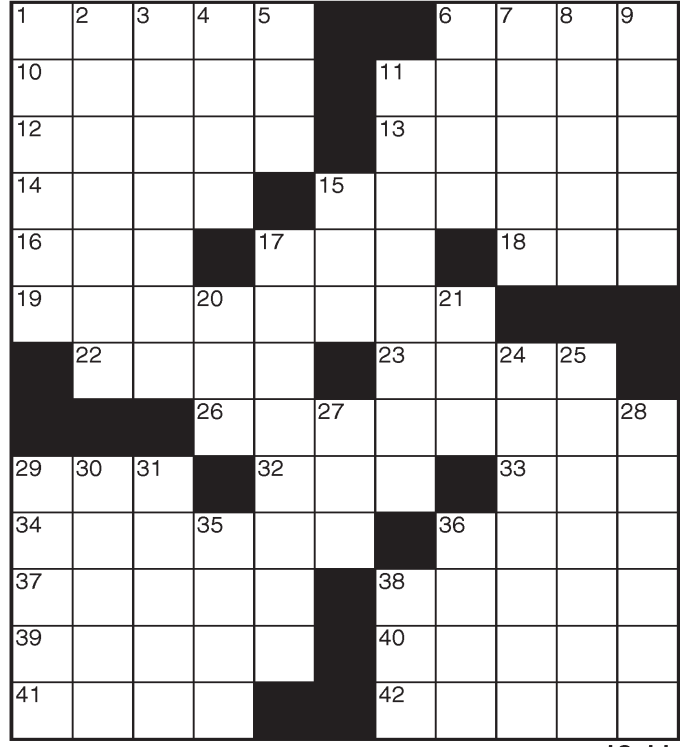
By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 1 Constellation
 - 2 Kurosawa
 - 3 Neck wrap
 - 4 Kuwaiti coin
 - 5 Graped
 - 6 Flower parts
 - 7 Prepared item
 - 8 Concerning
 - 9 Alternative to briefs
 - 10 Letter after sigma
 - 11 Do yard work
 - 12 Spot
 - 13 Too many to count
 - 14 Free from fat
 - 15 Gumbo vegetable
 - 16 Passenger seats on motorcycles
 - 17 Work wk. start
 - 18 Zeus or Apollo
 - 19 Guide-book feature
 - 20 Counterpart
 - 21 Cook's mint
 - 22 Competitor
- DOWN**
- 1 Use a mister on
 - 2 Pedicure target
 - 3 Generally
 - 4 Take the bus
 - 5 Pig's digs
 - 6 State of change
 - 7 Bar fruits
 - 8 Cherish
 - 9 Not wordy
 - 10 Aged
 - 11 Scary cry
 - 12 It often includes a windmill
 - 13 Pet perch
 - 14 Enjoy Aspen
 - 15 Lettuce variety
 - 16 Rues, for sure
 - 17 Fireplace item
 - 18 Harpoons
 - 19 Swampy area
 - 20 Chilled
 - 21 Fleet-related
 - 22 Cooking fat
 - 23 Revue piece
 - 24 Spots on TV



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PampaSports

Pampan competing in National Finals Rodeo

STAFF REPORT
Pampa native Matt Reeves is currently competing in the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas, Nev. from Dec. 5-14.

Reeves average score (a sum of all his average scores) is 23.7, which ties him with third through five rounds. His best round was in the fourth round, where he scored 3.9 in steer wrestling.

Only 15 cowboys get to compete in each category, so it is special for Pampa to have one in the competition.

AP source: Davis, Tigers close in on agreement

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. (AP) — A person familiar with the negotiations says outfielder Rajai Davis and the Detroit Tigers are closing in on an agreement for a two-year contract worth \$9 million to \$10 million.

The person spoke on condition of anonymity to The Associated Press on Tuesday because an agreement has not been completed.

No. 10 Oregon to face Texas in Alamo Bowl

(AP) — While No. 10 Oregon didn't land an at-large BCS bid, it did earn a date against Texas in one of the more intriguing matchups of the upcoming bowl season. The Ducks will square off against the Longhorns in their first Alamo Bowl on Dec. 30 in San Antonio.

Oregon (10-2) won its first eight games and

was in the national title discussion before losing at Stanford on Nov. 7. The Ducks also got blown out at Arizona before rallying to beat rival Oregon State 36-35.

"We had a tough kind of four-game stretch there at the end of the season. Kind of stubbed our toe a little bit. But we'll be hungry to get back out there," Oregon

coach Mark Helfrich said.

Texas (8-4) will play in San Antonio for the second straight year, having beaten Oregon State 31-27 a year ago.

The Longhorns had a chance to win the Big 12 title and play in a BCS bowl game, but the Longhorns lost to Baylor 30-10 Saturday in the regular season finale.

Here are my likes and gripes from this weekend in sports:

Likes:

- **Fun in the...snow?** — Multiple games this weekend had snowy conditions. I heard the Eagles and the Lions played on six inches of snow. Some people were saying, "How do they expect them to play like this?" That's football, Sweetheart.

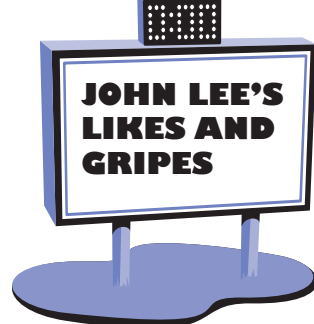
- **DeMarco Murray** — The Cowboys commit to the run on a drive against the league's worst run defense, they score a touchdown. They get cute and try to throw, they go three-and-out. Co-ink-a-dink? I think not. Murray averaged 8.1 yards a carry while amassing 146 yards on 18 carries in Monday's loss. It should have been clear to the Cowboys that the solution is running the ball.

- **BCS Championship Game** — Sorry Tide-rollers. Even though you are the best team in the country, it is nice to have

a different set of teams playing for the National Championship. Florida St., a scoring powerhouse and the comeback stories being written about Auburn make this a great contest.

Gripes:

- **Love Josh McCown, Tony Romo is bad:** Yes, Josh McCown out-played Tony Romo Monday. No, that does not make him the better quarterback. In his sixth start relieving Jay Cutler, McCown had five touchdowns and 348 yards. Let's make him the starter and ship Cutler somewhere else, right? Wrong! First, McCown is 34 and has been on seven different teams. He is a product of good coaching and the system he plays in. Second, if you look at the quarterbacks who have been paid for playing well during a small sample size (i.e. Matt Flynn, Matt Cassel and Kevin Kolb) it never pans out for that team. Let's calm down with Josh McCown.



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