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POWER STEERING



photo courtesy of Jim Reeves

Matt Reeves, a Pampa native, will be competing in the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas. The event kicks off this Thursday and runs through Dec. 11.

Pampa's Reeves in National Finals Rodeo

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Jim Reeves is on his way to Las Vegas to watch his son Matt compete in the National Finals Rodeo that begins Thursday.

Pampa native Matt Reeves, 32, arrived in Las Vegas, Nev., Monday for the Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association's Wrangler National Finals Rodeo that starts this week and runs through Dec. 11.

The contestants had to be in Las Vegas Monday to sign in.

The younger Reeves was one of 12 steer wrestling contestants in the Canadian Finals Rodeo in Edmonton, Alberta, in November that determined the Canadian championship. He won two of the six go rounds and finished third in the six head average. His 3.7 seconds in the second round was the fastest time of the finals there.

The proud father went to the Canadian Finals and watched his son.

"He won the first two rounds," Reeves said of his son. "The

second round steer was the fastest one thrown in the Canadian finals, then he drew a pretty sorry steer that didn't play real good. The last steer he had, he still had the opportunity to win the average and the Canadian title."

But Matt broke the barrier going after the last steer, Reeves said.

"He just nicked it," Reeves said. "It was one of those deals. You're got to run at it to do it."

Breaking the barrier cost Matt **RODEO** cont. on page 3

Tree farm to contribute to local ACS

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Debbie Davis' Christmas trees have been holiday fixtures in many local houses for four years now. This year, she's hoping they can help save a few lives, too.

Davis, who owns and operates a Christmas tree farm north of Pampa, is donating \$5 out of every tree she sells this holiday season to the local branch of the American Cancer Society and the Gray County Relay for Life.

It's a gesture, Davis said, inspired by one of her most loyal customers.

"There's a young couple that comes every year to cut their tree for Christmas," said Davis. "Their names are Brad and Lindsay Been."

"He's been battling cancer. He's quite a fighter and such an inspiration... You just see them every year with this neat Christmas spirit, and I just wanted to help them however I could."

The Beens suggested to Davis that she make a donation to the Relay for Life, and Davis took the idea and ran with it.

Davis' tree farm is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays and from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Sundays, as well as by appointment. After the weekend after Thanksgiving (the first weekend Davis opens every year), Davis had already raised about \$100.

"I've been telling customers that I've been doing it, and they've been donating also," Davis said. "They'll say, 'Oh, donate the change,' or they'll write me a check for a little more. It's amazing to see how generous people are this time of year."

The fundraiser is just part of an already busy season for Davis, **TREES** cont. on page 3

City Lake to receive 2,000 trout tomorrow

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Something fishy will be going on in Pampa this week. Pampa City Lake in Recreation Park will be stocked with some 2,000 rainbow trout Thursday, according to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department will be stocking 126 lakes, rivers and ponds across the state this winter with rainbow trout.

Dundee State Fish Hatchery is scheduled to be in Pampa Thursday for the first delivery of rainbow trout to Pampa City Lake.

They will return Feb. 20, with another load, officials said.

Under state regulations there is no minimum length

on the fish that can be caught, but there is a limit to the number. The bag limit is five trout.

Trout anglers will need the five dollar Freshwater Fishing Stamp, which is included in all freshwater license packages. Anglers younger than 17 are not required to have a license and don't need to purchase a stamp.

Licenses and stamps are not required when fishing in a state park, officials said.

In addition to Pampa, rainbow trout releases are planned for the Medical Center South Lake in Amarillo, Rita Blanca Kids Fishing Pond in Dalhart, Lake Theo at Caprock Canyons State Park near Quitaque, Canyon Southeast Park Lake in Canyon and Lake Fryer in Wolf Creek Park near Perryton.

CHRISTMAS AT CITY HALL

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Gray County Clerk Susan Winborne adjusts a Christmas ornament for her office's tree during the holiday season.

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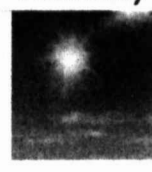

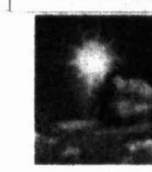
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For the record

PAMPA FORECAST

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		
High 57 Low 26	High 63 Low 32	High 46 Low 26

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 23. South wind around 5 mph becoming west northwest.

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 57. Wind chill values between 16 and 26 early. North northwest wind around 5 mph.

Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 26. Wind chill values between 19 and 24. South southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 63. South southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 32. North northwest wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 46. North northeast wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 26. Northeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My 1-year-old son and I spent the weekend at my parents' house. We had a wonderful time. Mom and Dad showered us with love and attention. It was like being at a resort even though their house is small. The size didn't matter until, at 4:30 a.m., through paper-thin walls, I was awakened by my parents making love.

Unfortunately, this was a familiar sound from my childhood. I didn't know how to handle it when I was growing up, and it appears, at 34, I still don't know what to say. I'm glad my parents still enjoy each other. My mother is sweet but becomes very defensive when confronted, and my dad is painfully shy. Should I talk to them about this, or just make arrangements to stay elsewhere the next time I visit? — I CAN HEAR YOU IN MICHIGAN

DEAR I CAN HEAR YOU: The next time you plan to visit, make reservations at a nearby hotel. If you are asked why, just say that you are all adults and you all need your privacy. It's a tactful way to deliver the message without being "confrontational."

DEAR ABBY: Back in 1961 some neighborhood kids were showing off their "battle scars." The three children (who lived across the street) were certain they deserved a beating, but were clueless about why. It kept happening. The practice of keeping secrets was common back then, but I

knew the beatings were wrong.

Decades later, I was visiting the now grown daughter and her mother when the subject turned to child abuse. The mom turned to her daughter and commented, "You probably don't remember because you were only 6, but your dad used to get drunk and beat up you and your younger brothers. A neighbor found out, so your dad stopped drinking."

Abby, I was that neighbor. I was only 7 at the time, but I had read the Dear Abby column, which appeared on the comics page. My solution was to hang on that family's front door your mom's column saying that child abuse required the law's intervention. To the father's credit, the anonymous threat of losing his toddlers got him to stop.

That column was a life-saver, and I thought you'd like to know. — FRAN IN HONOKA'A, HAWAII

DEAR FRAN: You may have been young, but you certainly were precocious and proactive. I hope you realize that what you did not only saved the family, but also may have saved some lives.

P.S. And I'm sure the daughter DID remember.

TO MY JEWISH READERS: The eight days of Hanukkah begin at sundown. (I cannot believe how early it has fallen this year.) Happy Hanukkah, everyone. A joyous Festival of Lights to all of you!

Obituaries

Rose "Granny" Stattler, 78

Rose "Granny" Stattler, 78, died November 26, 2010, in Pampa.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, December 2, 2010, at Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with Pastor Paul Nachtigall of Highland Baptist Church, officiating. Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Stattler was born July 13, 1932, in Omaha, Neb. She attended schools in Nebraska. She married Lyle Stattler in 1948 and he preceded her in death. She had been a resident of the Gray County area, living in Lefors and Pampa. She enjoyed crocheting, playing cards, and mostly spending time with her family.

Survivors include her sister, Donna Donn of Tucson, Ariz.; brother, Dean Huey of Omaha, Neb.; adopted daughter, Cindy Jones of Pampa; numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren and great-great-great-grandchildren, including, Christine Parker of Pampa. She was preceded in death by two daughters, Marilyn Searl and Carolyn Lettwich; a grandson, Billy Carter; and a sister, Margaret Huey.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 621, Pampa, TX 79066-0621.

Sign the online register at www.carmichael-whatley.com.



Stattler

Leona "Sid" Sloan, 87

Leona "Sid" Sloan, 87, died November 29, 2010, in McLean.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, December 2, 2010, at First Christian Church, with Rev. Roy King, retired minister, and Rev. Dr. Jeff Knighton, pastor of First Christian Church, officiating.

Burial will be at Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Sloan was born June 11, 1923, in Blackburn, Okla. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1930. She married Fred Sloan, Jr., on October 31, 1941, in Pampa. He preceded her in death on July 20, 2004. Leona was a member of First Christian Church, Bethany Bible Class, Pampa Senior Citizens, Pampa Duplicate Bridge Club, and Regent White Sands Chapter DAR. She enjoyed needlepoint, genealogy and playing bridge.

Survivors include grandson, Larry E. Sloan and wife Cindy of Huntington Beach, Calif.; two granddaughters, Shelly Barrett and husband Brian of Richmond Hill, Ga., and Tiffany Sloan and husband Jason Aucon of Gray, La.; 10 great-grandchildren; daughter-in-law, Ellen Sloan-Spurgeon and husband Bobby Spurgeon of Palm Harbor, Fla.; two sisters, Thelma Bailey and husband Bob of Brownfield and Pat Baker of Colorado Springs, Colo.; two sisters-in-law, Carol Harper and husband Bill and Margie Walters, all of Amarillo; two brothers-in-law, Jack Sloan of Pampa and Herndon Sloan and wife Timmie of Panhandle. She was preceded in death by two sons, Larry Sloan and Stephen J. Sloan; her parents, Edith and Kenneth Brannon; and her father, Fred R. Parkes.

Memorials may be made to Interim Hospice, 2217 Perryton Parkway, Pampa, TX 79065, or First Christian Church, 1633 N. Nelson, Pampa, TX 79065.

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EMERGENCY SERVICES

Police Department

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents over the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Police reported 12 traffic-related incidents and five accidents.

Animal Control Officers reported six animal-related incidents.

Pampa EMS reported five ambulance calls.

The Pampa Fire Department responded to one grass fire and one investigation call.

Tuesday, Nov. 30

An escort was provided in the 800 block of W. 23rd.

A missing person was reported in the 1500 block of N. Hobart.

A welfare check was conducted in the 1000 block of S. Sumner.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 100 block of E. Harvester.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 1700 block of E. Harvester.

Identity theft was reported in the 200 block of W. Kingsmill.

Lost property was reported in the 1100 block of Neel Rd.

A presentation was made in the 2300 block of N. Primrose Ln.

Water was shut off in the 2500 block of N. Dogwood Ln.

Sexual assault was reported in the 1800 block of N. Banks.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 2600 block of Evergreen.

Sheriff's Office

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

Tuesday, Nov. 30

Monica-Marie Smith, 27, was arrested by deputies on charges of theft by check.

Robbyn Leann Griffen, 36, of Mobeetie, was arrested by officers on charges of displaying expired registration and failure to appear.

James David Peterson, 36, of Oklahoma City, was arrested by deputies on insufficient bond - possession of a controlled substance.

Wednesday, Dec. 1

Officers conducted a building check in the 400 block of S. Cuyler.

An alarm was reported in the 2100 block of N. Christie.

Officers conducted a follow-up investigation in the 1200 block of Aleock.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 2400 block of N. Christie.

LAST MINUTE ADS

The Pampa News is not responsible for the content of paid advertisement.

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we have Salvation Army Angels for you to choose from on our Christmas tree! These are angels who were not chosen from the Salvation Army Angel tree. Items should be returned unwrapped before Dec. 20th, (if you have questions please call 665-7233). Come by The Pampa News, 403 W. Atchison, pick an angel & make someone's Christmas brighter this year! We are open Mon-Fri., 8am-4pm. Merry Christmas from The Pampa News!!

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of Homes, Sun Dec 5, 1-4pm. Tickets avail at Pampa Office Supply or at the homes. 12035 Berry Lane, 1101 Christme, 8878 Hwy 70 N. More info? Call 669-0148.

DUE TO heating & cooling

problems "Liquidation Sale" Dec 1-Dec 31, excludes Miracle II. All Avon 50% Off. Think Christmas Gifts-purses & jewelry 30% Off, wigs & hair clip-ons 25%. Le Chic Boutique, 113 W. Foster, Pampa, 806-688-1530, 806-665-0346. Mon-Sat 10-5:30.

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AFTERNOONRUSH Official: Feds won't end oil drilling ban

DPS: Driving records now online

AUSTIN (AP) — Putting together the paperwork to take a defensive driving class in Texas just got easier. The Department of Public Safety on Wednesday announced Texas drivers can now order their driving records online and print them out immediately.

Previous requests were only handled via mail. DPS says drivers can place their online order using a credit card and details from their driver's license, and then print out their record, which is available in a certified version suitable for submitting in court.

A statement from DPS says the convenience of ordering a driver's record online and then printing it will save everyone time and money.

Three to prison for drug ring

TYLER (AP) — A federal judge in Tyler has sentenced three people to prison over their roles in an alleged methamphetamine manufacturing ring.

A grand jury in February returned a 256-count indictment naming 44-year-old Shannon Sue Guess of Longview, 27-year-old Jeremy Kristopher Ivie of Carthage and 27-year-old Christie Rene Tull of Carthage.

All three pleaded guilty earlier this year to possession of pseudoephedrine with intent to manufacture methamphetamine.

U.S. District Judge Michael Schneider on Wednesday sentenced Guess to 57 months in prison. Ivie was sentenced to 70 months behind bars, while Tull received a 37-month federal prison term.

Prosecutors say the cases involved the purchase of cold pills at stores in Longview, Tyler and Henderson, plus at other retailers, with the intent of making methamphetamine.

Air defense firm moves to Lawton

LAWTON, Okla. (AP) — A subsidiary of defense contractor Raytheon is moving an air defense missile training support operation from El Paso, Texas, to Lawton.

Raytheon Technical Services Company announced Tuesday that the Patriot New Equipment Training Program will have about 50 employees. The Lawton Constitution reports about 40 employees will be brought from El Paso with the remainder to be hired locally.

The program's primary function is to train Army personnel on upgrades to Patriot air and missile defense system equipment operation and maintenance.

The move is due to the moving of the Army's Air Defense Artillery School from Fort Bliss, Texas, to Fort Sill as part of the base realignment and closure process.

Jeffs extradited to Texas

SAN ANGELO (AP) — Polygamist sect leader Warren Jeffs has been extradited from Utah to Texas to face trial on bigamy and sexual assault charges, the Texas Attorney General's Office said Wednesday.

Jeffs, who is being held without bail in Texas, is set to make a court appearance Wednesday morning in San Angelo. Texas authorities have charged the ecclesiastical head of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints with felony bigamy, aggravated sexual assault and assault.

Attorney General's Office spokesman Jerry Strickland said the 54-year-old Jeffs arrived Tuesday night at a West Texas jail, but declined to specify where he is being held. Jeffs' Southern Utah-based church practices polygamy in arranged marriages that have involved underage girls.

Strickland said a Texas Ranger and an officer from the Attorney General's Office went to Utah to pick up Jeffs and flew with him back to Texas. Utah Department of Corrections spokesman Steve Gehrke said Wednesday that prison officials transported Jeffs to the Salt Lake City airport Tuesday afternoon and turned him over to Texas law enforcement personnel.

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — The Obama administration will maintain a long-standing oil drilling ban in the Gulf of Mexico off Florida after considering loosening it before the BP spill, a senior administration official told The Associated Press on Wednesday.

Just a month before the spill started in April, the Obama administration had announced plans to allow drilling in the eastern portion of the Gulf as part

of the management plan for the Outer Continental Shelf.

"In light of the BP spill, we've learned a lot and understand the need to elevate the safety and environmental standards," said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because the decision hadn't been announced yet. "We took a second look at the announced plan and modified it to remove the Eastern Gulf of Mexico from leasing consideration."

Trees

whose farm hosted a special education class from Wilson Elementary earlier this week.

"They had been reading stories about the perfect tree," Davis said. "They got to go to the farm and look at all kinds of trees — big ones, small ones, skinny ones, fat ones — and they found the perfect tree for them."

"The fifth grade kids got to cut down the tree. They all took turns at the saw. It was great. I had more fun than they did, I think."

For more information on the Christmas tree farm's ACS donations, contact Davis at 663-9453.

Rodeo

the round and the winning average.

"That piece of string cost him about \$14,000," Reeves said, "besides costing him the Canadian title. Sometimes those little pieces of string are really expensive."

Matt Reeves' winnings at the Canadian finals were still enough to make him the number two steer wrestler this year in Canada.

"He went up there and made the required 15 rodeos and happen to luck out and win a pretty good check at every one of them," Reeves said.

Matt went into the finals ranked fifth and came out second in Canada. Now, he's looking forward to running at the Calgary Stampede.

"It's really been on his mind since his wife, Savannah, won it this summer," Reeves said. "She won \$140,000 in July at that one rodeo."

For all practical purposes, Matt's already won the Dodge Texas Circuit.

"There's not enough money on the table to catch

him," Reeves said of his son. "He's going to win the circuit."

It'll be the third Dodge Texas Circuit title that he's won, Reeves said.

"We're hoping that we can bring a World Title home with us," Reeves said this week as he headed west toward Las Vegas. "The way it shakes out right now, mathematically, it's very possible."

"It depends upon who has the best 10 runs out there. We're kind of excited about it this time. This is the best shot we've had at winning the World."

Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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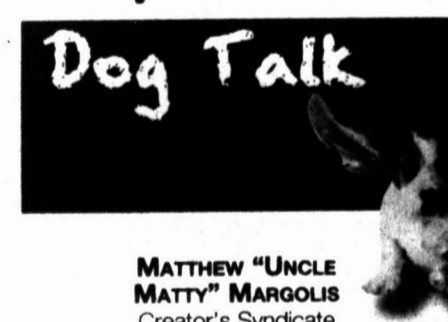
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Watch for our PAWS booth at the Christmas Parade, our float at Christmas on Main and our tree in the Festival of Trees!

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Thank you for your help!

Tiny terror needs training



MATTHEW "UNCLE MATTY" MARGOLIS
Creator's Syndicate

The island of Malta boasts the best weather in the world and some say the best dog: the Maltese. The Maltese is a toy breed and one of the most popular companion dogs, favored for its compact size and its affectionate and playful demeanor. But that doesn't mean all Maltese pups play nice.

Just the other day, a woman called me to discuss her beloved Maltese, a wonderful dog whose teeth have found a resting place in the epidermis of her landlord, her neighbor, her best friend and a random stranger in a supermarket.

As if that weren't enough, this woman has four children, ages 7, 5, 3 and 3 months.

She called me because she wanted to know what to do. And I told her:

- 1) Invest in a professional trainer.
- 2) Once the dog is trained, find him a home without children.

The question that follows is always: Why do I have to get rid of the dog if I go to the expense and trouble of having him trained?

The answer: You can't train aggression out of a dog. You can teach the dog manners, establish boundaries and learn ways to modify his behavior, but a dog that has bitten four people can never be fully trusted around small children.

Which inevitably begs the question: Why should I bother training the dog if I'm going to have to give him up?

The answer: Who is going to know-

ingly adopt an aggressive dog? A dog in need of a home is at an extreme disadvantage if he has never been trained. If he's never been trained and has a history of biting, it's almost mission impossible. And if you aren't forthright about the dog's history and temperament, you aren't doing the dog any favors because the next owner — not having as deep a bond — might just drop him at the local shelter at the first snarl.

There are some dogs that are just not suited for human companionship. But the vast, vast majority of dogs would be just fine with the right person or family. In the case of the Maltese Snapper, a professionally trained version of this dog would surely work its way into the heart of an experienced adult dog owner. And then everyone would get their happily ever after.

To do nothing, though, would be the ultimate in irresponsibility. To do nothing would mean continuing to subject children to a dangerous situation. To do nothing would mean further diminishing the dog's chances of a good life. To do nothing should not be an option.

My experience with dogs and their owners tells me that the big trouble is with the smallest dogs. Owners of big dogs tend to zero in on the importance of training. The impetus is the idea that with big dogs come big messes and big trouble. But the truth is that without proper training, trouble comes a knock-in' regardless of size.

Woof!

Dog trainer Matthew "Uncle Matty" Margolis is co-author of 18 books about dogs, a behaviorist, a popular radio and television guest, and host of the PBS series "WOOF! It's a Dog's Life!"

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Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Wednesday, Dec. 1, the 335th day of 2010. There are 30 days left in the year. The Jewish Festival of Lights, Hanukkah, begins at sunset.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 1, 1955, Rosa Parks, a black seamstress, was arrested after refusing to give up her seat to a white man on a Montgomery, Ala., city bus. The incident sparked a year-long boycott of the buses by blacks.

On this date:

In 1824, the presidential election was turned over to the U.S. House of Representatives when a deadlock developed between John Quincy Adams, Andrew Jackson, William H. Crawford and Henry Clay. (Adams ended up the winner.)

In 1860, the Charles Dickens novel "Great Expectations" was first published in weekly serial form.

In 1910, Porfirio Diaz was inaugurated for an eighth term as President of Mexico. (He was overthrown in the Mexican Revolution and forced to flee the following year.)

In 1921, the Navy flew the first nonrigid dirigible to use helium; the C-7 traveled from Hampton Roads, Va., to Washington, D.C.

In 1934, Soviet communist official Sergei M. Kirov, an associate of Josef Stalin, was assassinated in Leningrad, resulting in a massive purge.

In 1944, Bela Bartok's Concerto for Orchestra was premiered by the Boston Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Serge Koussevitzky.

In 1969, the U.S. government held its first draft lottery since World War II.

In 1973, David Ben-Gurion, Israel's first prime minister, died in Tel Aviv at age 87.

In 1990, British and French workers digging the Channel Tunnel between their countries finally met after knocking out a passage in a service tunnel large enough to walk through and shake hands.

Ten years ago: The U.S. Supreme Court heard arguments on a narrow question of Florida election law while the Florida Supreme Court and a circuit judge denied Al Gore's petitions for immediate recounts.

Five years ago: A jury in Sarasota, Fla. recommended the death sentence for Joseph Smith, the killer of 11-year-old Carlie Brucia.

One year ago: President Barack Obama ordered 30,000 more U.S. troops into the war in Afghanistan but promised during a speech to cadets at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point to begin withdrawal in 18 months.

Today's Birthdays: Former CIA director Stansfield Turner is 87. Singer Billy Paul is 76. Actor-director Woody Allen is 75. World Golf Hall of Famer Lee Trevino is 71. Singer Dianne Lennon (The Lennon Sisters) is 71. Rock singer-musician Eric Bloom (Blue Oyster Cult) is 66. Rock musician John Densmore (The Doors) is 66. Actress-singer Bette Midler is 65. Actor Treat Williams is 59. Country singer Kim Richey is 54. Actress Charlene Tilton is 52. Actress-model Carol Alt is 50. Actor Jeremy Northam is 49. Actress Golden Brooks is 40. Actress-comedian Sarah Silverman is 40. Actor Ron Melendez is 38. Contemporary Christian singer Bart Millard is 38. Rock musician Brad Delpson (Linkin Park) is 33. Rock musician Mika Fineo (Filter) is 29. Actress Ashley Monique Clark is 22.

Thought for Today: "The only people who attain power are those who crave it." - Erich Kastner, German author and poet (1899-1974)



Unemployment benefits ending for 2 million

TOM BREEN
Associated Press

Extended unemployment benefits for nearly 2 million Americans begin to run out today, cutting off a steady stream of income and guaranteeing a dismal holiday season for people already struggling with bills they cannot pay.

Unless Congress changes its mind, benefits that had been extended up to 99 weeks will end this month.

That means Christmas is out of the question for Wayne Pittman, 46, of Lawrenceville, Ga., and his wife and 9-year-old son. The carpenter was working up to 80 hours a week at the beginning of the decade, but saw that gradually drop to 15 hours before it dried up completely. His last \$297 check will go to necessities, not presents.

"I have a little boy, and that's kind of hard to explain to him," Pittman said.

The average weekly unemployment benefit in the U.S. is \$302.90, though it varies widely depending on how states calculate the payment. Because of supplemental state programs and other factors, it's hard to know for sure who will lose their benefits at any given time. But the Labor Department estimates that, without a Congress-approved extension, about 2 million people will be cut off by Christmas.

Congressional opponents of extending the benefits beyond this month say fiscal responsibility should come first. Republicans in the House and Senate, along with a handful of conservative Democrats, say they're open to extending benefits, but not if it

means adding to the \$13.8 trillion national debt.

Even if Congress does lengthen benefits, cash assistance is at best a stop-gap measure, said Carol Hardison, executive director of Crisis Assistance Ministry in Charlotte, N.C., which has seen 20,000 new clients since the Great Recession started in December 2007.

"We're going to have to have a new conversation with the people who are still suffering, about the potentially drastic changes they're going to have to make to stay out of the homeless shelter," she said. Forget Christmas presents. What the so-called "99ers" want most of all is what remains elusive in the worst economy in generations: a job.

"I am not searching for a job, I am begging for one," said Felicia Robbins, 30, as she prepared to move out of a homeless shelter in Pensacola, Fla., where she and her five children have been living. She is using the last of her cash and reserves, about \$500, to move into a small, unfurnished rental home.

Robbins lost her job as a juvenile justice worker in 2009 and her last \$235 unemployment check will arrive Dec. 13. Her 10-year-old car isn't running, and she walks each day to the local unemployment office to look for work.

Jeanne Reinman, 61, of Greenville, S.C., still has her house, but even that comes with a downside.

After losing her computer design job a year and a half ago, Reinman scraped by with her savings and a weekly \$351 unemploy-

ment check. When her nest egg vanished in July, she started using her unemployment to pay off her mortgage and stopped paying her credit card bills. She recently informed a creditor she couldn't make payments on a loan because her benefits were ending.

"I'm more concerned about trying to hang onto my house than paying you," she told the creditor.

Ninety-nine weeks may seem like a long time to find a job. But even as the economy grows, jobs that vanished in the Great Recession have not returned. The private sector added about 159,000 jobs in October (CBO half as many as needed to reduce the unemployment rate of 9.6 percent, which the Federal Reserve expects will hover around 9 percent for all of next year.

"I apply for at least two jobs a day," said Silvia Lewis, of Nashville, Tenn., who's also drained her 401(k) and most of her other savings. "The constant thing that I hear, and a lot of my friends are in the same boat, is that you're overqualified."

JoAnn Sampson of Charlotte hears the same thing. A former cart driver at U.S. Airways, she and her husband are both facing the end of unemployment benefits, but she can't get so much as an entry-level job.

"When you try to apply for retail or fast food, they say 'You're overqualified,' they say 'We don't pay that much money,' they say, 'You don't want this job,'" she said.

Sampson counts her blessings: At least her two children, a teenager and

a college student, are too old to expect much from Christmas this year.

Shawn Slonsky's three children aren't expecting much either. The 44-year-old union electrician in northeast Ohio won't be able to afford presents or even a Christmas tree.

"I'm more concerned about trying to hang onto my house than paying you," she told the creditor.

His sons and daughter haven't bothered to send him holiday wish lists with the latest gizmos and gadgets. Things used to be different. Before work dried up, Slonsky earned about \$100,000 a year and he and his wife lived in a three-bedroom house where deer meandered through the backyard. For Christmas, he bought his aspiring doctor daughter medical books, a guitar, a unicycle.

Then he and his wife lost their jobs. Their house went into foreclosure and they had to move in with his 73-year-old father.

Now, Slonsky is dreading the holidays as he tries to stretch his last unemployment check to cover child support, gas, groceries and utilities.

"You don't even get in the frame of mind for Christmas when things are bad," he said. "It's hard to be in a jovial mood all the time when you've got this storm cloud hanging over your head."

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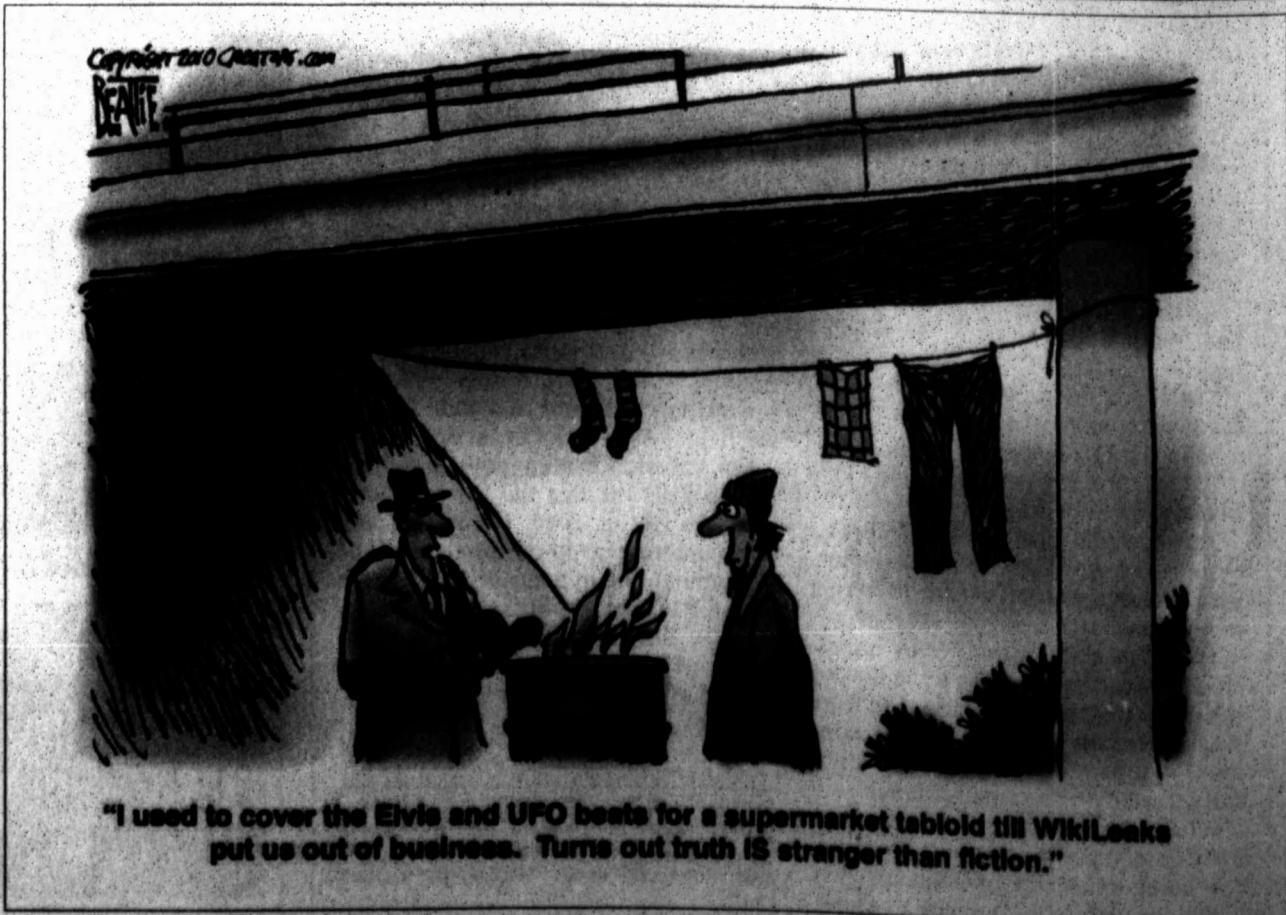
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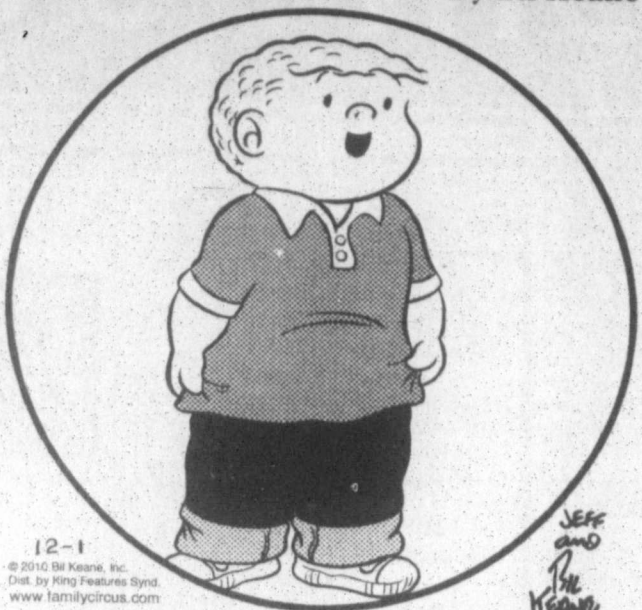
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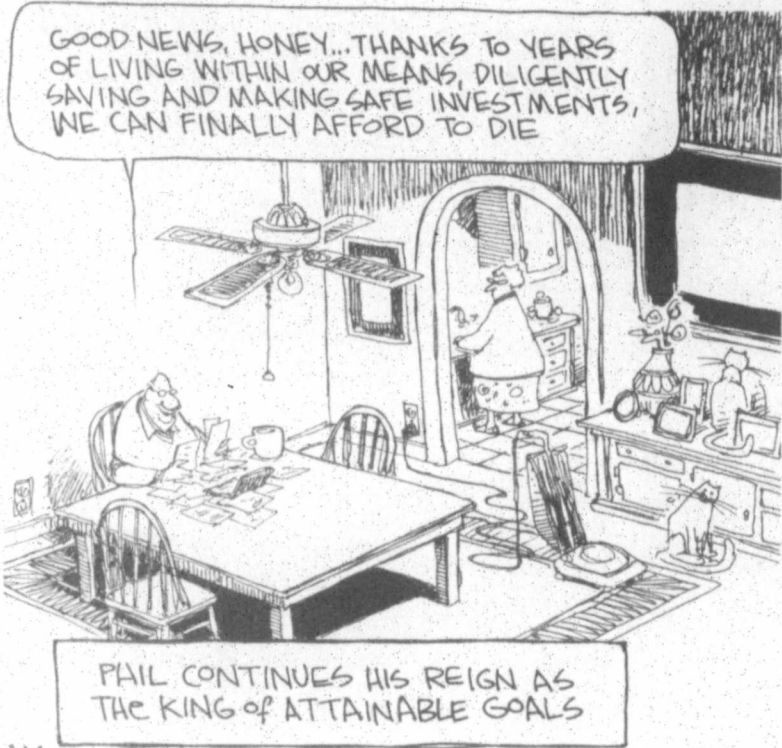


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Nest Heads



daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Dec. 2, 2010:

This year, you move in a new direction, surprising others, perhaps even yourself. You have an intensity that sometimes overwhelms others. Stop and center yourself during the day. Don't take people's reactions personally. They simply don't have the depth needed to understand you. Be aware of what you bring to the table in relationships. Use care if you are single, because you could draw an emotionally unavailable suitor. In 2011, Cupid will be running around your neighborhood. If you are attached, the two of you already know that Cupid has been in your neighborhood. Some of you might be looking to new additions to the family. **SCORPIO** reads you cold.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ A fiery individual could energize you more than you realize. An insight pops up out of left field. One-on-one relating allows more give-and-take than anticipated. Someone is more open than usual. Take advantage of the timing. Tonight: Where the gang is.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Others seem to come out of the woodwork. If you sense an element of manipulation, it probably exists. Don't talk or share too much so that others can reveal their true intentions. Revitalize an idea and perhaps your impressions of another person. Tonight: Say "yes."

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ An easy pace works. You might see a situation far differently because of a partner's attitude or impression. Focus on the job rather than doing a job with this person. You'll come out ahead as a result. Tonight: Do you need some R and R? Well then ...

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Your playfulness emerges. The problem lies in that others might not be in the same mood. Be aware of someone's need to control and/or manipulate. Step away and don't get involved in this person's stuff. Tonight: "Playful" is the word.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Listen to your instincts with a family member or a real estate investment. Schedule time later in the day to handle this matter. Your schedule might change more than once throughout the day. Tonight: Paint the town

red.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Someone is nothing less than a hot tamale. Though you attempt to be gracious and thoughtful, you seem to say the wrong thing at the wrong time. Don't walk on eggshells. Know that it isn't you. Be easygoing when dealing with others. Tonight: Hang out.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Be sensitive to a need to go overboard. Your drive helps you to remain disciplined, because you will need the vitality to complete a project. Your imagination helps you see the right path and present it in a most appropriate manner. Tonight: Don't go overboard.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Claim your power, though it might be hard not to have others dump some of their responsibilities on you. You wonder what happened to get you to this point. Establish firm boundaries. Tonight: The world is your oyster.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Pulling back in an interpersonal matter wouldn't hurt. You probably have a lot to do, and need some downtime. Observe a tendency to lose yourself and not even know what time it is. Use your energy for you. Tonight: Vanish while you can.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Zero in on what is going on. Understanding evolves after a meeting. Though everyone means well, it could be difficult to have that many people with so many ideas. You, too, have strong ideas. Tonight: Center of the action.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ You are on top of your game, and others respond well to your suggestions. Present a request with as much flourish and appreciation as possible. This path will draw others' good will. Follow your instincts. Tonight: In the limelight.

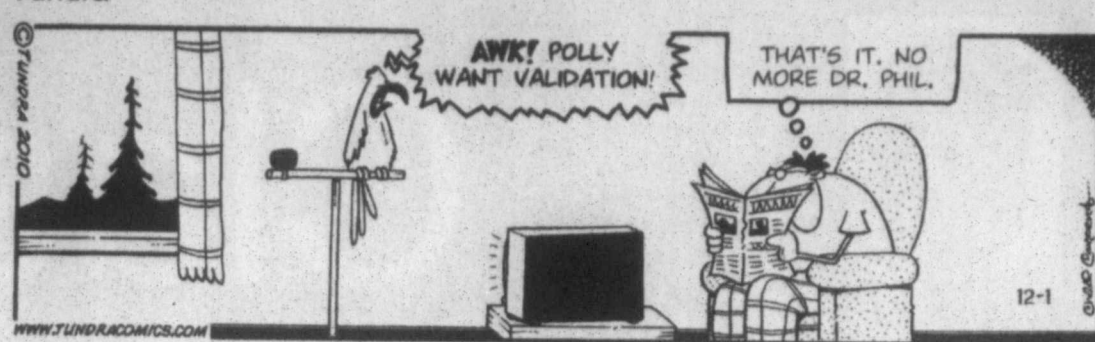
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ News heads in your direction that forces you to reassess a personal issue. Your eyes become wide open, knowing that you have misjudged another person or situation. We can only absorb information we pick up -- nothing more. Tonight: Follow the music.

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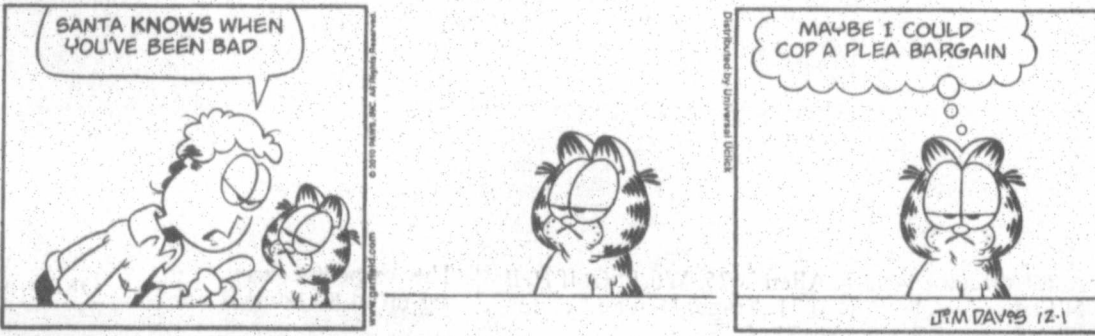
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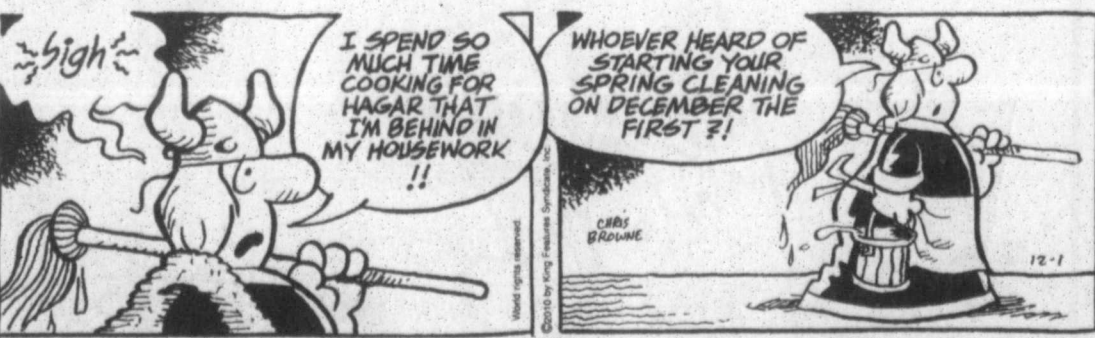
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Sports

Lady Harvesters can't contain Lady Hounds' scoring

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The Pampa Lady Harvesters struggled to score in the first half and couldn't overcome the Gruver Lady Greyhounds' runs in a 58-45 loss Tuesday at McNeely Fieldhouse.

Head coach Gene Valentine said they rushed through things offensively. "We would make run and have a couple of turnovers and they would make a run," Valentine said. "It was constantly back and forth."

Junior Delaney Clendening said they needed to maintain their aggression through the whole game.

"We need to toughen up, all of us," Clendening said. "We can't rely on one girl to dribble the ball down court."

Gruver (4-1) started the game strong with a 10-5 run. The Lady Harvesters rallied back and scored five straight points to tie the game. The Lady Greyhounds closed the quarter, scoring four points of what would later end up a 13-0 run. Gruver led 14-10 after the first.

The Lady Harvesters started the second quarter with six turnovers and allowed the Lady Greyhounds to score the first nine points of the quarter. Pampa responded with a 10-2 run, but allowed Gruver to close the quarter on a 5-2 run. Pampa trailed 30-22 at halftime.

In the third quarter, The Lady Harvesters got within

five twice but didn't get closer. Gruver led by as much as ten and scored the last four points of the quarter to hold a 41-32 lead going into the fourth.

Pampa couldn't cut into the deficit at all in the final quarter, only getting within seven. The Lady Greyhounds led by as much as 15.

Valentine said when they got behind they tried getting the deficit back all at once.

"I was trying to stress to them that there is not an eight-point basket, there's not a nine-point basket," Valentine said. "You are not going to get it all back in one possession."

Junior Kirsten Kuhn led the Lady Harvesters in scoring with 20 points. The junior guard made four of five three-pointers. Clendening followed with 10 points and senior Cori Cook scored eight. Madison McClain led the Lady Greyhounds in scoring with 22. Shelly Gibson followed with 12 and Kaysha Bass followed with 9.

The junior varsity (2-5) lost 40-24. Pampa trailed 24-22 after three and allowed Gruver to score the first 16 points of the quarter. Coach Braydon Barker said they have to play better in the fourth.

"I think we got tired in the fourth quarter and lost our rhythm on offense," Barker said. "I think we started freaking out when they started pressing and turned the ball over."

The Lady Harvesters (0-8) have lost 10 straight



Kirsten Kuhn defends Gruver's Madison McClain in the first half Tuesday at McNeely Fieldhouse. McClain was tough for anyone to defend scoring 22 points. The Lady Harvesters lost 58-45.

staff photo by Emily Hart

dating back to last season and haven't won since February 5. Pampa plays in the River Road Tournament starting with Clarendon at 2:30 p.m. Thursday.

Valentine said he likes big size-wise," Valentine they did tonight we will get how his team matches up. said. "I told them if they that win Thursday." "I don't think they are very come out with the intensity



Krysten Miller dribbles downcourt and tries to keep a Gruver defender from stealing the ball. The junior varsity lost 40-24 and fall to 2-5. Pampa plays in the Miami Tournament Thursday through Saturday.

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River Road Tournament Schedule Notes

- The Pampa Harvesters play Claude at 11:30 a.m. Thursday at River Road High School in Amarillo. If they win they play at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, if they lose they play 3:45 p.m. Thursday
- The Pampa Lady Harvesters play Clarendon at 2:30 p.m. Thursday at River Road High School. If they win they play at 3:30 p.m. Friday, if they lose they play at 9:15 a.m. Friday.
- The McLean Tigers play River Road 9:00 a.m. Thursday at River Road High School. If they win they play at 8 a.m. Friday, if they lose they play 2:30 p.m. on Thursday.
- The McLean Lady Tigers play River Road at 10:15 a.m. Thursday at River Road High School. If they win they play at 3:45 p.m. Thursday, If they lose they play at 5:00 p.m. Thursday.

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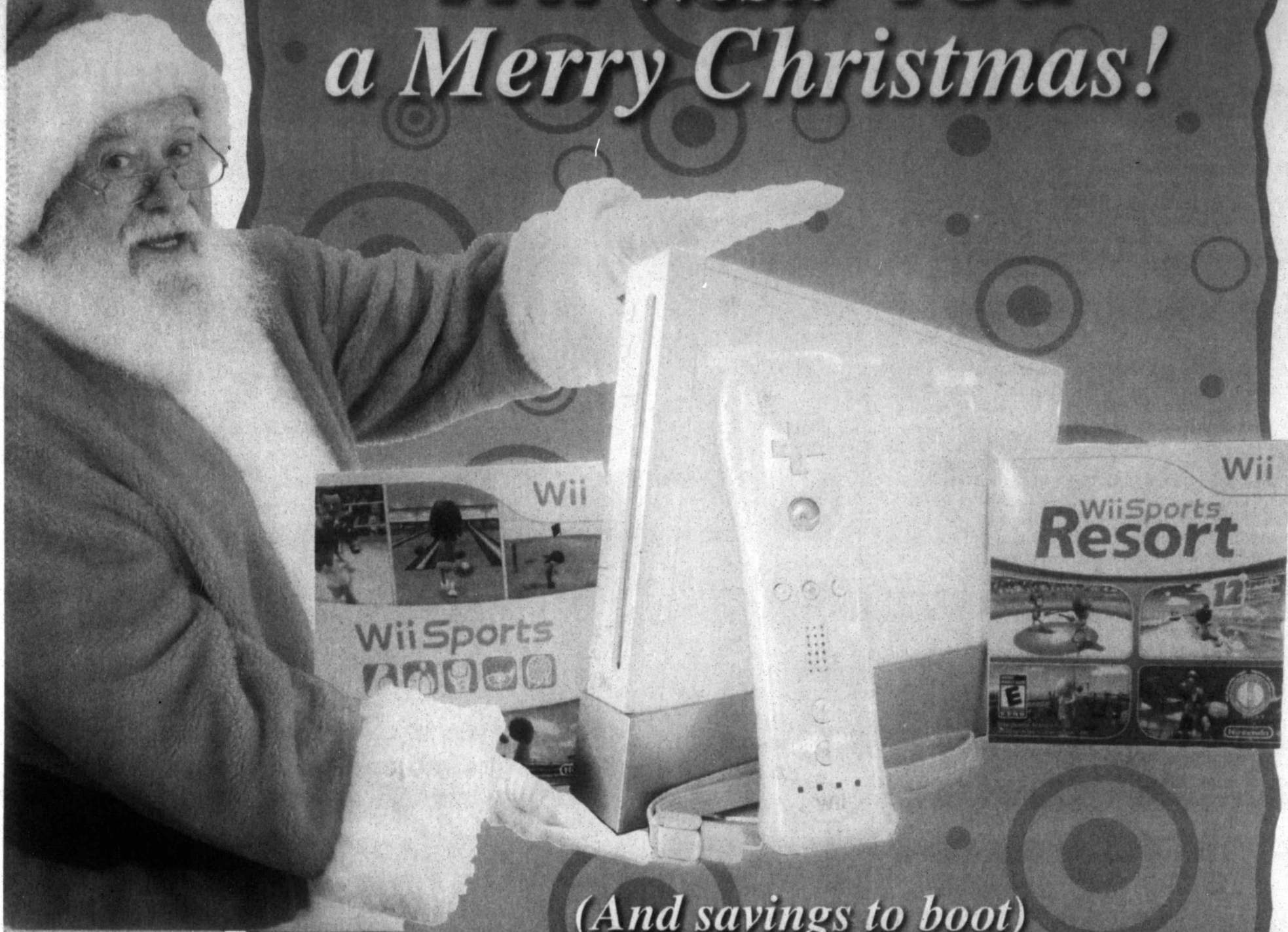
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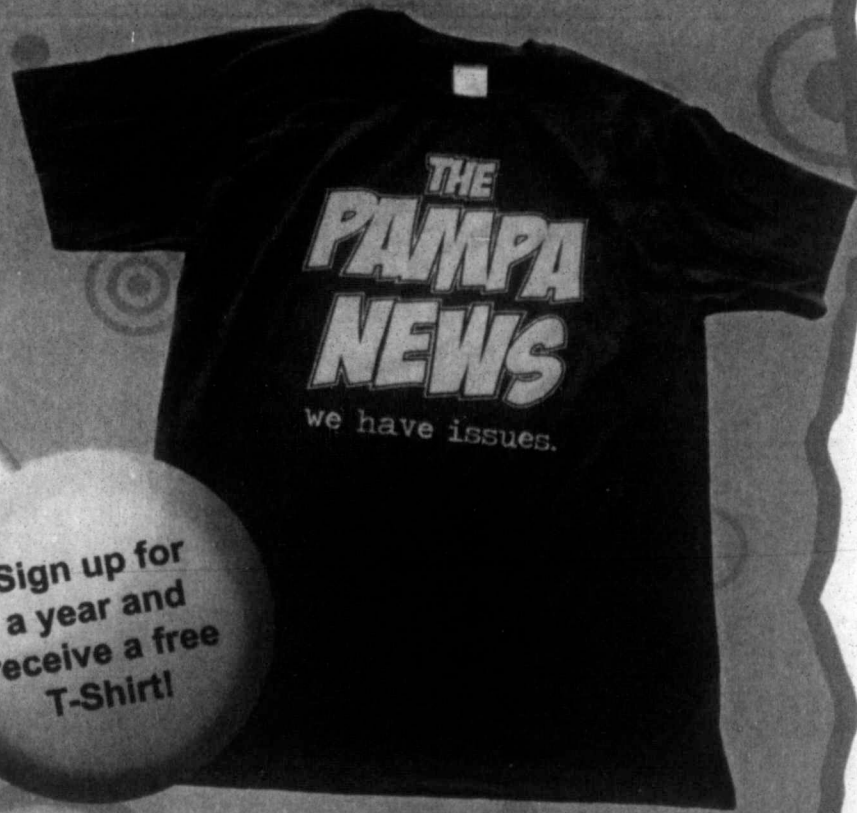


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