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## Pampa City Commissioner Allison dead at 71

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Allison

Pampa City Commissioner Bill Allison, 71, died at home early today.

Officials said they were called to Allison's home at 2300 North Beech a little after 1 a.m. today. Gray County Justice of the Peace Joseph Martinez pronounced him dead.

Allison had been suffering from cancer.

Services are scheduled for 2 p.m. Monday at the First Baptist Church under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral

Morris said City Hall offices would be closed beginning at 1 p.m., Monday, Dec. 6, in order to allow city staff to attend Allison's funeral. City offices will resume regular hours on Tuesday.

Emergency services and city offices outside city hall will remain open all day Monday, according to Morris.

Allison was first elected to the Pampa City Commission from Ward 2 in May, 2006.

Born in Greggton (now part of Longview) on Sept. 15, 1939, Allison graduated from Pine Tree High School in 1957, moved to Houston to attend the University of Houston before going into the U.S. Army. While in the Army, he spent two years in France.

Allison's parents moved to Pampa in 1961, while his father was with Sinclair Oil Company.

After the Army, Allison went **ALLISON** cont. on page 3

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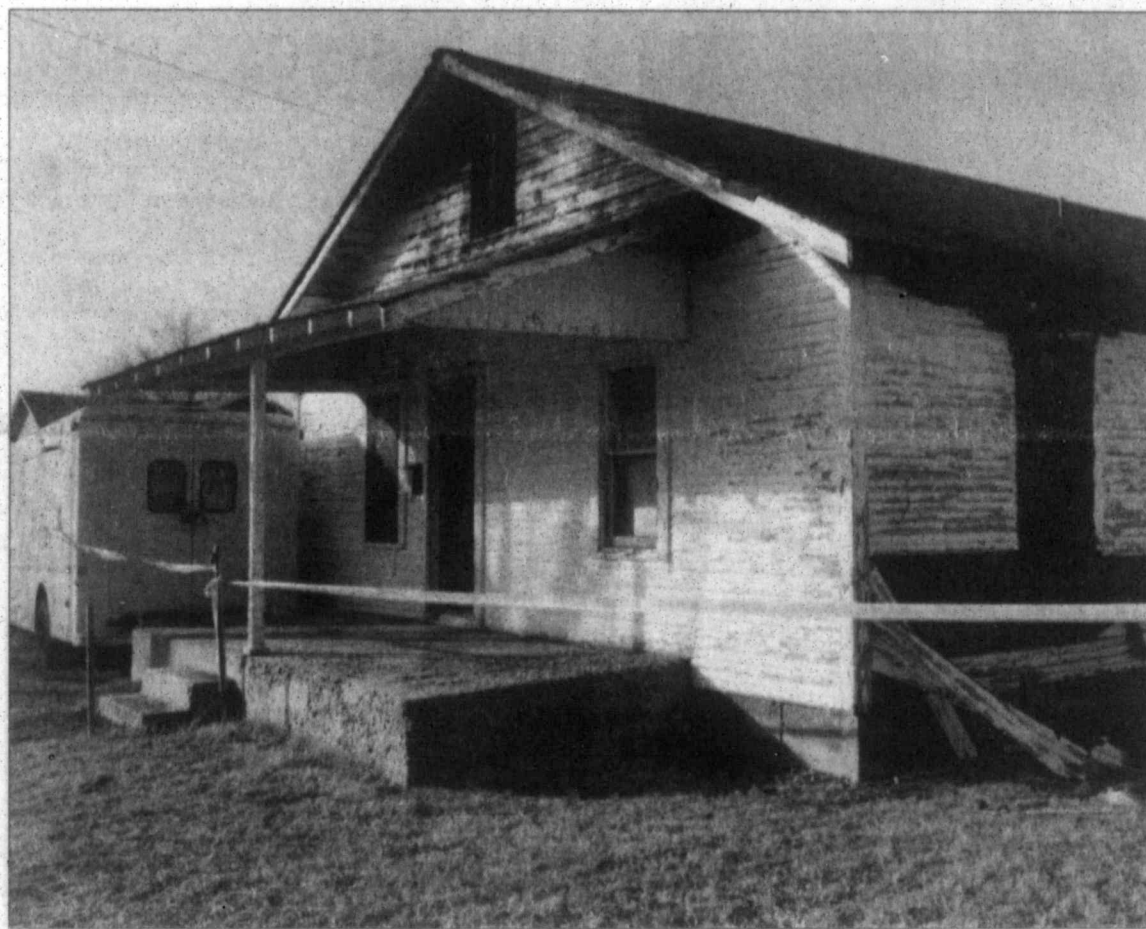
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## SMOKE BEFORE SUNRISE



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The fire in a vacant house at Nelson and Carter early today was under investigation by the Pampa Fire Marshal's office. It was the second house fire overnight in the neighborhood.

## Firefighters respond to morning calls

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Pampa firefighters were busy today with two house fires before dawn.

Firefighters were called to a home on South Dwight shortly after midnight. They were called out again to a house fire on North Nelson about two

hours later. Pampa Fire Chief Kim Powell said that in both cases smoke was billowing from the houses when fire units arrived.

Fire officials said no injuries were suffered in either fire.

The fire at 1033 South Dwight was reported a few minutes after midnight, officials said.

Five fire units and 10 person-

nel were dispatched to the blaze. They were able to contain the flames to the kitchen area of the home, but fire officials reported smoke and heat damage through the house.

One man was reported to be living in the home at the time of the blaze.

Fire units were called out **FIRES** cont. on page 3

## Six Pampanans arrested in drug raid

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Six Pampa residents were in Gray County jail today following a multi-law enforcement raid on a home in the Southeast part of town.

Armed with a search warrant, Pampa Police and Gray County Deputies swooped down on a home about 11.30 p.m. Thursday in the 300 block of East Tuke.

Detria Ray-Don McIntosh, 33, was arrested and charged with possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia and striking a fixed object.

Amber Loree Caviness, 28, was arrested and charged with possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Katina Ann Atchley, 32, was arrested on charges of possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Robert Lee Sanderson, 39, was arrested on charges of possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Sarah Elizabeth Davis, 31, was arrested on charges of possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Scott Lee Baker, 47, was arrested on charges of possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Officer Stormy McCullar said the people arrested offered no resistance to law enforcement officers. McCullar said the raid was part of an on-going investigation.

Atchley was arrested by state **ARRESTS** cont. on page 3

## 'A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols' on Sunday

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"A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols," a performance by the Pampa Civic Chorus, will open at St. Matthews Episcopal Church at 7 p.m. this Sunday.

The chorus' performance is incorporated into a nondenominational service, according to chorus director Rick Land.

"It's a service for everyone," Land said. "We just want everyone to come in and enjoy a very traditional service with a traditional Christmas reading and singing, just like it used to be."

The chorus, "which has been rehearsing together since the end of October, has come

together nicely and is prepared for the performance, according to Land.

"We have some folks who are fighting illness because of the weather," he said. "But it's a good, strong group. We have 25 members. We have pastors, choir members, community members, a little of everything."

"Most of the folks who sing are good, capable singers. They really are quite good, plus it's all local talent. It's all people from Pampa."

Several of the singers who participated in the chorus' spring singing have returned, Land said.

"We had about 50 percent turnover. Half the folks came back and we picked up half new

people. We've really grown as a group."

Sunday's service, Land said, aims to harken back to a simpler time and rekindle the classic spirit of the holidays.

"This is a good format. It's very traditional. We're even using the King James version (of the Bible).

"I hope it's something that will take people back. A lot of things in church have changed. This is just good old, rock bottom, old-time stuff. All those carols that everyone knows. 'Hark the Herald Angels Sing,' 'O Come All Ye Faithful,' those kinds of carols."

Other pieces to be performed include works by Antonio Vivaldi, Camille Saint-Saens and George Frideric Handel.

**Boomtown Christmas Parade**

Saturday, Dec. 4 at 2 p.m.

Santa will be at the White Deer Land Museum at 3 p.m.

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# AFTERNOON RUSH

## Burglary call leads cops to tot

AMARILLO (AP) — A neighbor noticed three men in an alley and contacted Amarillo police in a tip that led to arrests and a toddler they allegedly were baby-sitting draped with stolen loot.

Lt. Terry Lichtie says the 2-year-old boy was unharmed in his booster seat in a car, amid laptops, cameras, televisions and weapons.

Police arrested the three men Thursday afternoon on suspicion they took the child they were watching with them while allegedly committing a home burglary.

Police believe the three men had been staying at a motel with the boy and his mother.

Two of the men initially were charged with burglary of a habitation. The third man was released, but police say additional charges are expected against all three suspects as part of a burglary ring investigation.

## Recount upholds Howard win

AUSTIN (AP) — A recount has given state Rep. Donna Howard a 12-vote victory over Republican challenger Dan Neil for another two years representing state House District 48 in western Travis County.

Thursday's recount found the Democrat Howard had 25,023 votes to Neil's 25,011 and Libertarian Ben Easton's 1,519. The first count of the ballots cast in the Nov. 2 election gave Howard a 16-vote victory.

In a statement issued Thursday, Neil alleged that "dozens of overseas ballots, many of which were likely cast by military personnel, were not fully counted by the election clerk, including numerous ballots where overseas voters voted straight Republican." He says his campaign and the Republican Party "will continue to fight for every vote that should be counted."

## Millions wasted in air grants

HOUSTON (AP) — A state audit has found that Texas environmental regulators have allowed \$62 million to be improperly used by grant recipients in a key air pollution program.

State auditor John Keel released his report Friday on the Texas Emissions Reduction Plan, which provides incentives to individuals, businesses and government agencies that want to replace old vehicles and industrial equipment with more environmentally friendly models. The report says some 593 grant recipients misused more than \$62 million in funds between December 2006 and July 2010. The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality has only recovered \$1 million.

Environmental regulators disputed the auditors findings, saying most problems are associated with late paperwork and are rapidly corrected. However, the commission does have several active criminal investigations and is trying to recover \$17 million.

## Worker births not public record

AUSTIN — The Texas Supreme Court has ruled that birth dates of about 145,000 state workers are not public record.

The court's Friday ruling says releasing birth dates is an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy in an age when many people are victimized by identity theft.

The case stems from a 2005 dispute between The Dallas Morning News and the state comptroller's office.

The newspaper requested an updated state employee database. The state released most of it but withheld birth dates.

The state attorney general, a district court and appeals court had ruled in favor of the newspaper.

The Supreme Court, however, says privacy outweighs "minimal" public interest in releasing birth dates.

## Safari guide denies allegations

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — A South African hunting guide denies violating laws or cheating hunters and says the Texas man who filed a lawsuit this week is a disgruntled former business partner.

Barry Burchell's wife Lizelle Burchell said in an e-mail Friday that Scott Anglin's allegations are not true, but Anglin and Burchell, who used to be friends, have been fighting for several years.

Anglin, of San Antonio, is asking for \$1.2 million in damages from Burchell and Cabela's Outdoor Adventures, which sold hunting trips led by Burchell's Frontier Safaris business.

Lizelle Burchell says Anglin became friends with her husband after they hunted together. Anglin later bought some hunting land from Burchell but the business relationship soured.

The Burchell have a defamation lawsuit against Anglin pending in South African court.

## Mexican army detains 'hit boy'

CUERNAVACA, Mexico (AP) — The Mexican army has detained a 14-year-old suspected of acting as a killer for a drug cartel, an army official said Friday. The boy said he had been working for the cartel since he was 11.

The much-rumored alleged young assassin nicknamed "El Ponchis" was captured late Thursday at the airport near Cuernavaca with his 16-year-old sister as they tried to catch a flight to Tijuana and flee the country, said the official, who requested anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss the case.

The sister told reporters that they planned to cross the border to San Diego, California, where their mother lives.

The two were brought to the office of the Mexican Attorney General's Office in Cuernavaca early Friday, where the boy told reporters that he had participated in at least four decapitations. The source said his sister was accused of getting rid of the bodies by dumping them on streets and freeways.

## New York to ban fracking?

ALBANY (AP) — New York could be the first state in the country to impose a limited ban on a controversial method of drilling for natural gas.

This week, the state assembly passed a hydraulic fracturing moratorium bill, which is currently en route to New York Gov. David Paterson's desk. He will have 10 days from then to take action.

In the past, Paterson has expressed concern about hydraulic fracturing, which involves cracking thousands of feet beneath the earth's surface to get at valuable natural gas. It is unclear if the governor will sign or veto the legislation.

"He'll hear what everybody has to say," a representative of the governor's office told CNN. She would not provide her name.

# Bad weather scraps Obama-Karzai meet

## BAGRAM AIR FIELD, Afghanistan (AP)

President Barack Obama slipped unannounced into dangerous Afghanistan on Friday for a hurried holiday season visit with U.S. troops, but plans for a face-to-face meeting with Afghan President Hamid Karzai were abruptly scrapped.

The White House blamed the last-minute cancellation on rough weather. Instead, the two leaders spoke by phone, Obama at the air base and Karzai in Kabul.

Obama's surprise visit, his second to Afghanistan as president, came a year after he widened an ever deadlier war and ahead of the completion later this month of a review of the 9-year-plus conflict.

Under intense security, Obama landed in darkness after a clandestine departure from the White House on Thursday, where plans of his trip into the war zone were tightly guarded. Obama stepped off Air Force One just after 8:30 p.m. local time, clad in a leather jacket.

He was to personally thank U.S. troops for their service during the holidays.

The White House said rough weather forced the president to abruptly drop plans to meet Karzai in Kabul. The White House determined the wind, dust and cloud cover made it unsafe for the president to fly by helicopter from the huge military complex here to the presidential palace.

In a rapidly changing sequence of events, the White House then said the two would speak by secure videoconference — then said that, too, was dropped.

In total, Obama was to spend three hours on the ground in Afghanistan, about half the time he had scheduled.

Obama is expected to give a speech the week of Dec. 13 on Afghanistan upon completion of the White House review of the conflict. No big policy changes are expected.

"I wouldn't anticipate a major speech," National Security aide Ben Rhodes

said aboard Friday's flight.

The secret trip had been in the works for more than a month. Rhodes said Obama wanted to go to Afghanistan between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

"It's always tough to serve in harm's way but when you're away from loved ones in the holiday season it's particularly hard, and the president wanted the ability to come out and have some time with them," Rhodes said.

Rhodes said the scrapping of the personal visit with Karzai would not have consequences because the two just met at a NATO summit in Lisbon two weeks ago.

Obama's visit comes at a particularly awkward moment in already strained U.S. relations with Afghanistan. Leaked U.S. cables show American diplomats portraying Afghanistan as rife with graft to the highest levels of government, with tens of millions of dollars flowing out of the country and a cash transfer network that facilitates bribes for corrupt Afghan officials, drug traffickers and insurgents.

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# Viewpoints

## Today in History

Today is Friday, Dec. 3, the 337th day of 2010. There are 28 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 3, 1984, thousands of people died after a cloud of methyl isocyanate gas escaped from a pesticide plant operated by a Union Carbide subsidiary in Bhopal, India.

### On this date:

In 1810, British forces captured Mauritius from the French, who had renamed the island nation off southeast Africa "Ile de France."

In 1818, Illinois was admitted as the 21st state.

In 1828, Andrew Jackson was elected president of the United States by the Electoral College.

In 1833, Oberlin College in Ohio — the first truly coeducational school of higher learning in the United States — began holding classes.

In 1910, Mary Baker Eddy, the founder of Christian Science, died in Chestnut Hill, Mass. at age 89.

In 1925, George Gershwin's Concerto in F had its world premiere at New York's Carnegie Hall, with Gershwin at the piano.

In 1960, the Lerner and Loewe musical "Camelot," starring Julie Andrews as Guenevere, Richard Burton as King Arthur and Robert Goulet as Lancelot, opened on Broadway.

In 1967, surgeons in Cape Town, South Africa led by Dr. Christiaan Barnard performed the first human heart transplant on Louis Washkansky, who lived 18 days with the new heart. The 20th Century Limited, the famed luxury train, completed its final run from New York to Chicago.

In 1979, 11 people were killed in a crush of fans at Cincinnati's Riverfront Coliseum, where the British rock group The Who was performing.

In 1980, Bernadine Dohm, a former leader of the radical Weather Underground, surrendered to authorities in Chicago after more than a decade as a fugitive.

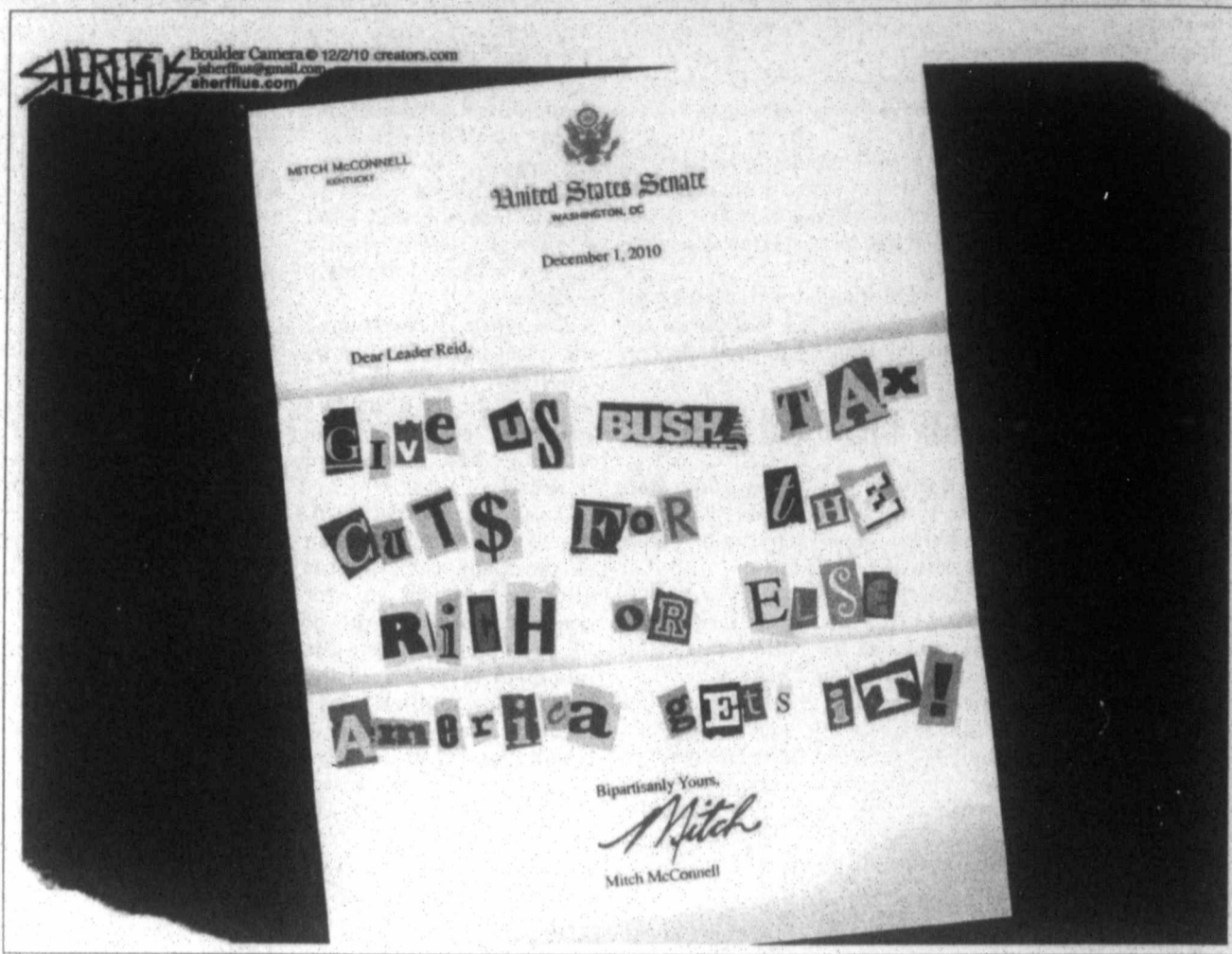
**Ten years ago:** Space shuttle Endeavour's astronauts attached the world's largest, most powerful set of solar panels to the international space station. Sandra Baldwin was elected the first female presid

**Five years ago:** Economic officials from the world's richest countries resumed their pressure on China to adopt a more flexible exchange rate as they concluded a meeting in London.

**One year ago:** President Barack Obama hosted a White House-sponsored jobs forum, where he said he'd heard many "exciting ideas" and proposals and expressed hope some could be put into action quickly. Pope Benedict XVI and visiting Russian President Dmitry Medvedev agreed to upgrade Vatican-Kremlin ties to full diplomatic relations.

**Today's Birthdays:** Country singer Ferlin Husky is 85. Singer Andy Williams is 83. Movie director Jean-Luc Godard is 80. Singer Jaye P. Morgan is 79. Actor Nicolas Coster is 77. Actress Mary Alice is 69. Rock singer Ozzy Osbourne is 62. Actress Heather Menzies is 61. Rock singer Mickey Thomas is 61. Actor Steven Culp is 55. Actress Daryl Hannah is 50. Actress Julianne Moore is 50. Olympic gold medal figure skater Katarina Witt is 45. Actor Brendan Fraser is 42. Actor Royale Watkins is 41. Actor Bruno Campos is 37. Actress Holly Marie Combs is 37. Actress Lauren Roman is 35. Actress Anna Chlumsky is 30. Actor Brian-Bonsall is 29. Actress Amanda Seyfried is 25. Actor Michael Angarano is 23. Actor Jake T. Austin is 16.

**Thought for Today:** "The well of Providence is deep. It's the buckets we bring to it that are small." — Mary Webb, Scottish religious leader (c. 1881-1927)



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### 'Tis the season to be...BUSY!

Wow! I can't wait for Christmas on Main. This is going to be a super event, with Santa, Mrs. Claus (a "souper" event!), the Parade, craft and vendor booths (84 at last count!), Christmas tree lighting...the list goes on and a full schedule can be found at: [www.shepards-nursing.com](http://www.shepards-nursing.com).

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Thanks to all of the people who have contributed money, time, and energy towards making Christmas in Pampa something special. What a way to get into the Holiday Spirit!

(The "Shop in Pampa and Strike it Rich" tickets will be drawn at 3 p.m. - after the parade - in front of the Museum, and at 6 p.m. at the Courthouse, right before the Christmas Tree lighting.)

Mmm, Mmm, Good

Several businesses will have spe-

cial hours through Christmas. Heard-Jones Healthmart will be open late on Thursday, with special dishes available at the fountain. (I'm watching for the chicken 'n' dumplin's—as close to my mother's as I have found!)

### Telling Tales

OK, it's Christmas for me, now. Several weeks ago Dr. Jay Johnson asked me to give a program at Lions Club in December. I jumped at the chance because it would be a program I developed several years ago called "A Christmas to Remember: Texas 1870" — the story of two old friends and a scrape they get into.

My Christmas seems a little incomplete if I don't tell it at least once during the season.

### What if...

...Lance Defever and Ty Payne went into healthcare and opened "Defever and Payne Clinic"?

...Denise Winter and Sue Snow sold that stuff they use to flock Christmas trees and called it "Winter-Snow"?

(Denise is one of the White Deer Urbanczyks. If anyone can tell me how to work that name into one of these puns, they will get a prize!)

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# Sports

## Harvesters' defensive pressure too much for 'Cats

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The Pampa Harvesters didn't allow the River Road Wildcats junior varsity team to give them trouble, as everyone scored in an 87-25 rout Thursday at River Road High School in the River Road Tournament.

Head coach Dustin Miller said it was a good game for them to just work on things.

"We tried to focus on anything that we could get better at," Miller said. "We focused on defense and wanted to keep them under 30. So, we did pretty good."

The Harvesters (4-2)

scored the first five points of the game, but the Wildcats followed with a 7-0 run. That would be River Road's only lead. Pampa went on an 11-0 run and led 18-12 after the first quarter. Senior Jonathan Polasek led the Harvesters attack, scoring seven of his 15 points in the first quarter. Polasek said this was the perfect game for him to break out of his shooting slump.

"It was the game I could take the most shots in," Polasek said. "It just opened up early for me. Reid (Miller) got a really good post up on the first possession of the game and I hit a three."

The Harvesters didn't

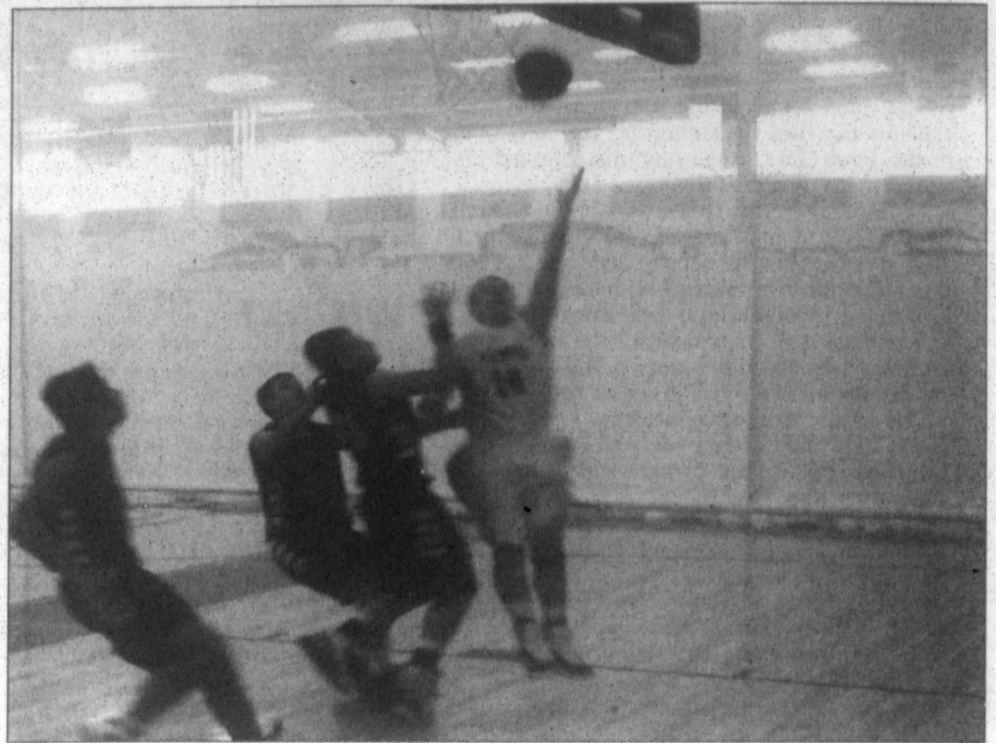
allow the Wildcats to get closer than eight in the second. After both teams exchanged points, Pampa went on a 10-0 run and pulled out to an eighteen point lead. The Harvesters outscored the Wildcats 31-7 in the second and held a commanding 49-19 half-time lead.

Senior guard Zach Murray said their defensive pressure was key to them pulling out to a large lead.

"They were just losing control and making their own mistakes," Murray said. "It really helped us out."

In the second half, Miller experimented with different lineups. The Harvesters didn't skip a beat and held River Road to six points in the second half. Midway through the third quarter till the end of the game, Pampa went on a 28-0 run.

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staff photo by Andrew Glover

Jonathan Polasek goes in for a first half layup Thursday against River Road JV. Polasek led the team in scoring with 15 and Pampa won 87-25.

### Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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## Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend's father is very odd socially. If there is a line, he will unknowingly cross it. He has no sense of what is appropriate when it comes to personal space, and his only friends are teenagers. His wife and two grown children are constantly upset with his bizarre behavior, but dare not bring it up with him for fear of hurting his feelings.

As a health care worker, I suspect he has Asperger's syndrome, for which behavioral treatment is available. Must I "just ignore" this man's odd conduct as well? Or should I speak with my boyfriend about my suspicions in order to get his father help? — NEW DOCTOR IN NEW ENGLAND

DEAR NEW DOCTOR: Of course you should discuss this with your boyfriend. To do so would be a kindness. Whether his father is open to therapy is not assured -- but if he's intelligent, he must be aware that he doesn't fit in with his contemporaries, and he may accept help if it is offered.

DEAR ABBY: As we head toward Christmas, would you remind people to please treat others as they, themselves, would want to be treated?

I work in retail, and it's amazing how many customers are rude. They don't acknowledge us, they'll talk on their cell phone throughout transactions and become angry at us if something beyond our control goes wrong. If we were to treat them this way, they would surely file a complaint against us.

Abby, can you remind folks to remember what the reason for the season is, and to act toward others

with kindness, patience and respect -- no matter what? — MINDFUL IN FAIRBANKS

DEAR MINDFUL: There is something about Christmas that can turn the most angelic individuals into gremlins. And that "something" is the pressure to buy, buy, buy -- accumulating debt that can't be repaid for months or even longer. Add to that, no place to park and long lines in understaffed malls, and the "joy" of the season can curdle into frustration.

But readers, please hang onto your tempers even if those around you are losing theirs. The folks behind the counters are people, too, and they feel as pressured if not more so -- than you.

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I have been married 40 years. Five years ago, she told me she didn't want me in our bedroom and that she is "off limits." She said she is not interested in me "that way" anymore.

Other than that, we have a great marriage and we're best friends, but I can't go on like this. I have suggested counseling, but she refuses to go. What do you think I should do? — MISSING THE KISSING

DEAR MISSING: I think you should talk to a counselor without her. You have some important decisions to make about how you will spend the rest of your life, and it's a shame your wife does not want to be a part of the discussion and, possibly, reach a compromise. But unless both of you are happy being roommates, the current situation is unfair to you.

## Install a ceiling vent fan for the bathroom

Dear Pat: My bathroom has a window and an overhead light, but I would prefer to add a vent fan with a built-in light. What is the proper way to install it in the ceiling and vent it through the attic? — Hadiya S.

Dear Hadiya: Although having a window in a bathroom with its natural light is great for putting on makeup, it is not always the best ventilation for a bathroom. Excess moisture in the air from showering or bathing can damage paint, warp doors and cause mold growth. Having a light overhead is also a plus, even with adequate natural light from one side by the window.

Your first step is to select a bathroom vent fan/light. You will be amazed at the many design and styling options available. The most important selection criteria are the size of the vent fan and the type of light. As a rule of thumb, a 5-by-6 bathroom would require a 33 cfm (cubic feet per minute of air flow) fan. An 8-by-10 bathroom would require an 88 cfm fan.

Your two choices of lights are typically incandescent bulbs or fluorescent tubes. Incandescent bulbs, particularly halogen bulbs, provide good color rendition so your makeup still looks the same after you leave the bathroom. Fluorescent tubes use about 75 percent less electricity and last about 10 times longer. This is an advantage if it is difficult to reach the fan to replace bulbs.

Although installing the vent fan should not take long, start the job in the morning in case you run into problems. You will have to remove the old light fixture so you will have to rely on the natural light from the window or bring in some additional lamps.

Before starting this project, switch off the electric power at the circuit breaker panel. Test the existing light to make sure you switched off the correct breaker. Also tell your other family members you switched off the breaker or put a note on it. If another family member notices a light or clock is off in another room, they may check the breaker box and switch the power back on without

### HOME HOW-TO

knowing you are working on the wiring.

If you want to operate the fan and the light independently, you may have to run another cable with an extra wire to the fan/light unit and replace the existing single switch with a double one.

Remove your existing ceiling light and install the fan housing in the same location. The conduit box for the old light should be located at a joist so secure the fan housing there.

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#### Shower Venting

Bathroom exhaust fans are very effective at ventilating high levels of moisture-related problems, such as the growth of mold and mildew. Add a new vent fan or replace an existing fan with a quieter, more efficient model.

#### CFM MEASUREMENT

Determine the fan's CFM (cubic feet per minute). First, calculate the total volume of your bathroom in feet by multiplying the length, width and height. Proper venting fan must change the room's air eight times in one hour.

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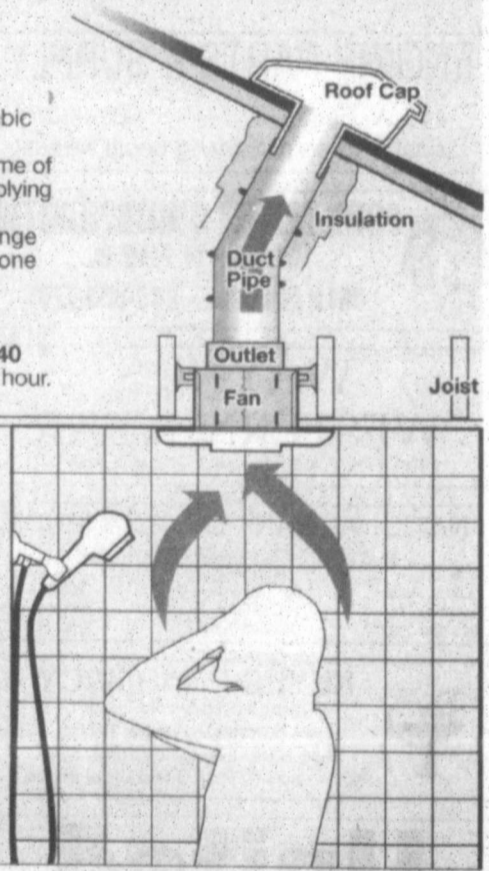
- 1 Room volume  
Multiply (L)x(W)x(H)= 640
- 2 Air change eight times per hour.  
Multiply by 8 = 5,120
- 3 Ratings are per minute (60 sec).  
Divide by 60 = 85.33 cfm

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# Sports

## Lady Harvesters' defensive intensity earns first win

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The Pampa Lady Harvesters forced turnovers with aggressive defense and took advantage of them to win their first game of the season 46-42 over the Clarendon Broncos Thursday at River Road High School.

This game was the first for Pampa in the River Road Tournament and ended a 10-game losing streak that dated back to last season. Head coach Gene Valentine said they did a good job of pulling out the game.

"We did some good things," Valentine said. "We got the lead on them. This is the first time we had the lead at halftime. I was glad for them that we end up on the

good end of (the scoreboard)."

Senior guard Cori Cook said they came together as a team.

"We figured out how to play a good the whole game," Cook said.

The first quarter was very close. The Lady Harvesters had a few two point leads. The Lady Broncos scored the final four points of the quarter and held a 10-7 lead after one.

At the beginning of the second quarter, Clarendon held a four to five point lead. With the use of a press defense, the Lady Harvesters took control of the game. Pampa went on a 15-2 run to take a 25-17 lead late in the quarter. The Lady Harvesters led 27-20 at halftime.

The Lady Broncos started the second half strong with a 8-4 run and cut Pampa's lead

to 31-28. The Lady Harvesters responded and scored six of the last eight points and brought their lead back to 37-30.

Valentine said their defensive intensity in the second and third quarter was key to victory.

"It allowed us to go on a couple of runs," Valentine said. "They had it down to six and we got it up to ten. We got some turnovers and that's what we are going to have to do to score."

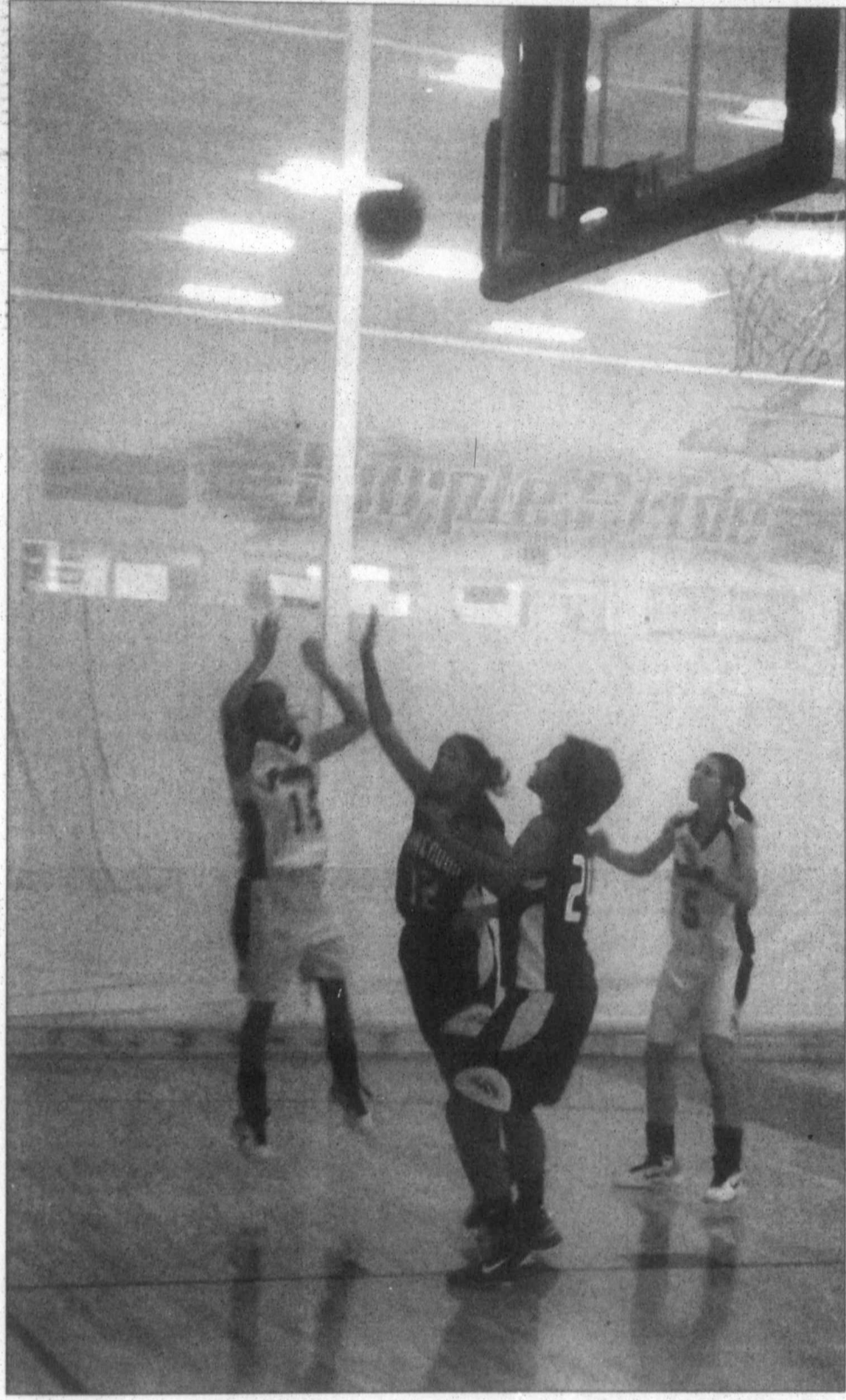
Junior guard Kirsten Kuhn said they picked up their intensity after starting the game slow.

"We saw we were having problems offensively, so we had to get the ball back somehow," Kuhn said. "We stepped it up and had people flying through passing lanes and just being more aggressive."

In the fourth quarter, the Lady Harvesters mostly maintained their lead, being up by as many as eight. Clarendon was able to cut Pampa's lead to two. But that was as close as they got. Pampa scored the next four points and increased their lead to six.

Kuhn led the Lady Harvesters in scoring with 12. Cook followed with eight and junior Kailyn Troxell followed with seven. McKayla Cartwright led the Lady Broncos in scoring with 15 points. Amber Keelin and Anna Calletos followed with six points each.

The Lady Harvesters (1-8) play either Randall JV or McLean at 3:30 p.m. today. If they win that game, they play for the tournament championship 1 p.m. Saturday. If they lose, they will play in the third place game 10:30 a.m. Saturday.



staff photo by Andrew Glover

Cori Cook hits a fourth-quarter jumper against Clarendon in the River Road Tournament Thursday. Cook scored eight points and the Lady Harvesters won 46-42 for their first win of the season.

## JV girls fourth quarter lead fades, fall to Miami JV in OT

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The Pampa Lady Harvesters junior varsity team again struggles in the final quarter and lose to Miami junior varsity 43-38

in overtime at Miami. Coach Braydon Barker said they were up by six in the fourth but made mistakes.

"(Miami JV) hit some clutch shots and we missed some clutch free throws

late. We just need to pull out a close game to get some confidence."

The loss drops the junior varsity to 2-6 and they continue play tomorrow.

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## Pampa

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River Road's Tony Sarcee ended the run with a free throw late in the fourth.

Polasek's 15 points led the Harvesters in scoring. Pampa had five players score in double digits. Sophomore post Derrek Pollard led the team in rebounds with 10 and scored 13 points. Senior guard Greg Cabrales scored 12 points with 10 in the fourth quarter on fastbreak layups. Murray scored 11 points and Senior forward Brandon Chairez scored 11 off the bench.

Miller said he wanted to give everyone a chance to score.

"At some point we knew we needed to get everyone in the book," Miller said. "We ran an inbounds play and Joe Mechelay was the last one to score. They all contributed in some way not just points."

The Harvesters continued play in the tournament against White Deer 10:30 a.m. today. If they win they play in the tournament championship at 1 p.m. Saturday. If they lose they play in the third place game at 11:45 a.m. Saturday. The Harvesters won the tournament last season.

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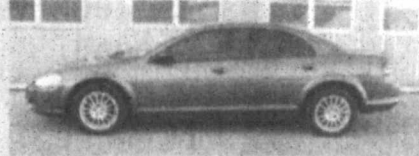
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# Around the State

## Texas to see dramatic gain in Washington delegation

AUSTIN (AP) — Fast-growing Texas is poised to be the biggest winner of all when it comes to picking up influence in Congress in the next few years, and Republicans are salivating at the prospect of fattening the largest GOP delegation in Washington.

Texas will gain at least three and possibly four seats in Congress, as population trends continue to push people out of the rust and snow belts and into the sunbelt, demographers say. With strong GOP majorities in the Texas capitol and all statewide offices in their fold, Republicans are sure to use their new clout to cement their hold on power through the redistricting process and possibly increase their majority in the House.

Republican state Rep. Tommy Merritt, an outgoing member of the Legislature who sits on the House redistricting committee, predicted the Republicans would "go for the gusto."

"I think they're going for three (Republicans) and one (Democrat)," he said. "This election in November dramatically changed the cards. There's a whole new set of cards that have been dealt to the Texas Legislature."

GOP leaders in other states are also pondering the prospect of gaining new strength as redistricting begins over the next few months.

In Texas and across the nation, the GOP significantly increased its influence in the legislatures that will redraw the boundaries of their own districts and for members of



Merritt

"In this modern era of redistricting, this is the best position Republicans have ever been in," said Tim Storey, a redistricting expert with the national conference. But Storey said civil rights laws and political realities limit the scope of what Republicans can do and predicted the GOP would be "shoring things up rather than dramatically expanding their majority."

Texas is in a league by itself in reapportionment, the process of redistributing the 435 U.S. House seats according to population growth every 10 years. That's separate from redistricting, a political act to help elect more members of the party in power. The seats go where the people are, and Texas — the second largest U.S. state — grew by almost 20 percent, to nearly 25 million people, from the 2000 Census to July of last year. Texas already had the largest

Congress. The party picked up almost 700 state House and Senate seats in the 2010 elections, giving Republicans their best showing since 1966, according to an analysis by the National Conference of State Legislatures.

The gains were most dramatic in the South, where Anglo Democrats fell like dominoes. In 1990, Republicans didn't control a single legislative chamber in the South; today they have 19 of them.

Republican delegation in Congress — 20 of the 32 seats. In the 2010 elections, the party picked up another three seats.

The gains in Texas are exacting a political cost in places like Louisiana, which lost population to Texas and elsewhere after Hurricane Katrina.

Besides drawing congressional lines, the Legislature is tasked with crafting its own new boundaries. Despite controlling all statewide offices and both houses of the Legislature, Republicans face limits on how many seats they can grab.

The Voting Rights Act requires that Texas protect the interests of minority voters, including a provision mandating that redistricting plans be submitted for "pre-clearance" by federal authorities. Democratic redistricting expert Ed Martin said the Texas population growth came most heavily among minorities, who tend to favor Democrats.

That will limit the Republicans' redistricting gains as long as the GOP adheres to the law. And for the first time since the act was passed, the U.S. Justice Department will not be under GOP control during the redistricting process.

## EPA demands Texas reissue water permits

HOUSTON (AP) — The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on Thursday demanded that Texas immediately take steps to reissue Clean Water Act permits to some 80 facilities that have been operating without the necessary paperwork, a public request that signaled the latest round in a long battle.

The EPA issued a news release with its request late Thursday, prompting a rapid back-and-forth with Texas environmental regulators. The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality quickly put out a statement saying it had been cooperating with the EPA to resolve the problems, already had two proposals on the table and accused the federal agency of deciding "to jump the gun prematurely with this notice."

The EPA and Texas have been

embroiled in a long battle that has evolved from a dispute over environmental issues into an ugly tit-for-tat over state rights. Gov. Rick Perry used the dispute on the campaign trail this fall as an example of how President Barack Obama's administration meddles in state affairs.

The latest matter involves water discharge permits. The EPA says many of the facilities in question have had their paperwork delayed "due to issues regarding the toxicity of the discharges." A "significant number" of permits have not been issued because concerns raised by the EPA have not been resolved, the agency said.

Texas, with more oil refineries, chemical plants and coal-fired power plants than any other state, leads the nation in greenhouse gas

emissions and industrial pollution. Its environmental regulatory agency is the second-largest in the world, after the EPA.

"We have been working in good faith with them on this issue for some time now," the Texas agency said in its statement.

The EPA, however, said it is concerned that in some cases the expired permits are allowing facilities to discharge toxic waste.

"We are taking a stand for clean water. The streams, lakes and bayous of our great state deserve to be protected from chemicals, bacteria and toxic metals," the EPA's regional director, Al Armendariz, said.

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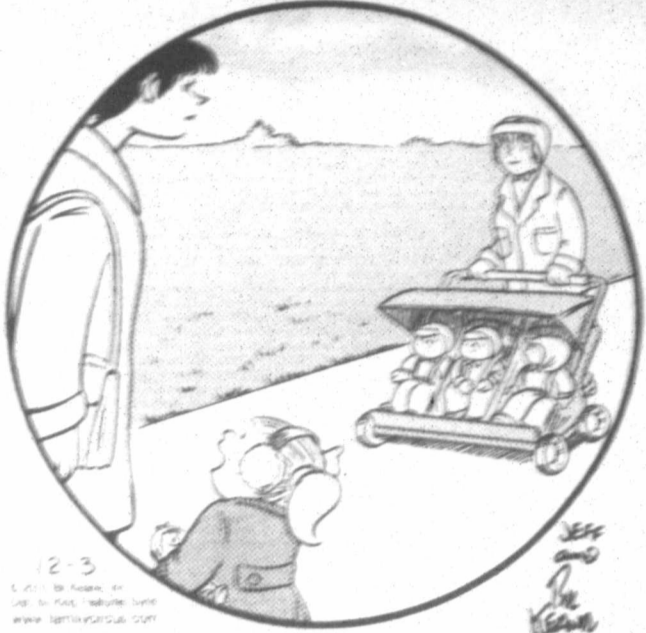
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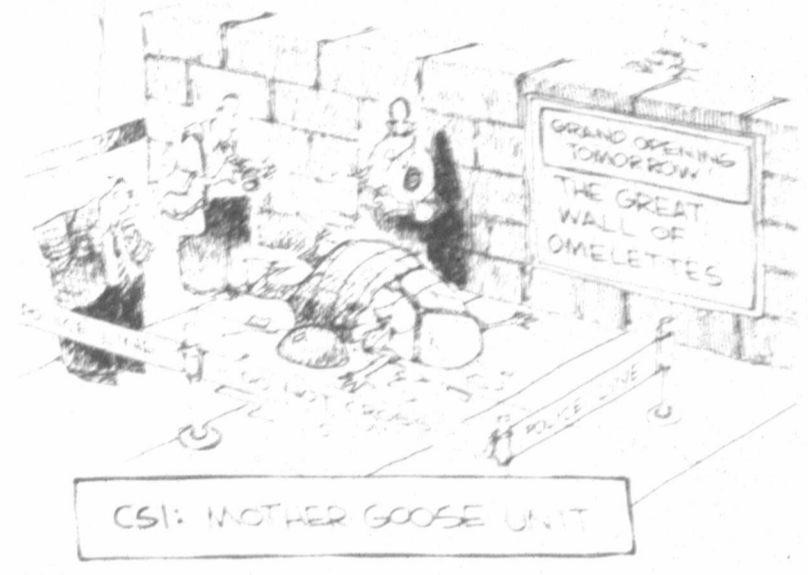
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## daily horoscope

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This year your birthday falls on a New Moon, making new resolutions and beginnings unusually fortunate. This lunar gift adds to your personal charisma and energy, making 2011 a year not easily forgotten. If you could wish upon a star, what would you like to happen? Then you will understand which direction to head. If you are single, you easily could be enticed to change that status. Some one very interesting probably will be entering your life. If you are attached, the two of you will enjoy more quality time together. A fellow SAGITTARIUS is very different but has similar problems.

*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)  
 \*\*\*\*\* Nothing is forever. Scheduling one-on-one time might be a necessity, especially if traveling or visiting with others. A partner or friend feels left out and perhaps confused by the whirlwind around you. Be clear about your intentions. Tonight: Opt for a different experience.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)  
 \*\*\*\*\* Determining your plans could take some time, as you speak to different friends and family members. Opt to make very special time for a dear friend. On a one-on-one level, you relate with depth and clarity. Enjoy a leisurely meal around a favorite activity. Tonight: Be a duo.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)  
 \*\*\*\*\* Head to the gym, or get a few errands done this morning. Once you go out or clear out work, you will want to leave all that behind. Catch up with friends, and make time to visit with a special person. Tonight: Where the action is.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)  
 \*\*\*\*\* What might have seemed like a perfect lazy day has you jumping through hoops by the afternoon. You might not believe how much you need to accomplish. Of course, you can always give yourself permission to say "no" and continue as you would like. Tonight: Just don't push.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)  
 \*\*\*\*\* How you start your day might be very different from what occurs. Your plans could transform. Never fear — the going gets better and increasingly more fun. Allow the

kid in you to reveal him- or herself one more time. Tonight: Be a wild thing.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)  
 \*\*\*\*\* Reach out for a neighbor or sibling this morning. Staying close to home could be more satisfying than running around. Invite a friend or two over. Many of you will get into a project you have been putting off. Tonight: At home.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)  
 \*\*\*\*\* Know the balance in your checkbook as well as your financial landscape. Spontaneity takes over. You don't want to leave anything up to mystery and have a problem later. Join a friend at a favorite spot or go off to a movie or a game. Tonight: Let it unfold naturally.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)  
 \*\*\*\*\* Use the morning hours, when you have the most energy and vim and vigor. Later, you will want to relax or perhaps even be a tad lazy. Make it OK to not plan anything and just hang out wherever you want. Tonight: Your treat.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)  
 \*\*\*\*\* Though you are slow to start, you hit the finish line. This morning, you might want to veg, but by the afternoon, you are your sunny self. A decision or a new resolution you make will stick with the New Moon in your sign. Tonight: You are all smiles.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)  
 \*\*\*\*\* Use the morning to visit with a friend or do something important. Unexpected news tosses you into a new frame of mind. Vanish this afternoon. Remember, you don't need to share everything. Tonight: Mum's the word.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)  
 \*\*\*\*\* Check in with an older relative or friend you care about. Making plans with this person could prove to be quite fun. Don't minimize the importance of another friend. You might want to mix it up. Tonight: Where the party is.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)  
 \*\*\*\*\* Take off this morning; if you are planning a mini-trip, take off ASAP. If you hang at home too long or where people know to find you, you could be doing someone a favor or filling in at work. Tonight: A force to behold.

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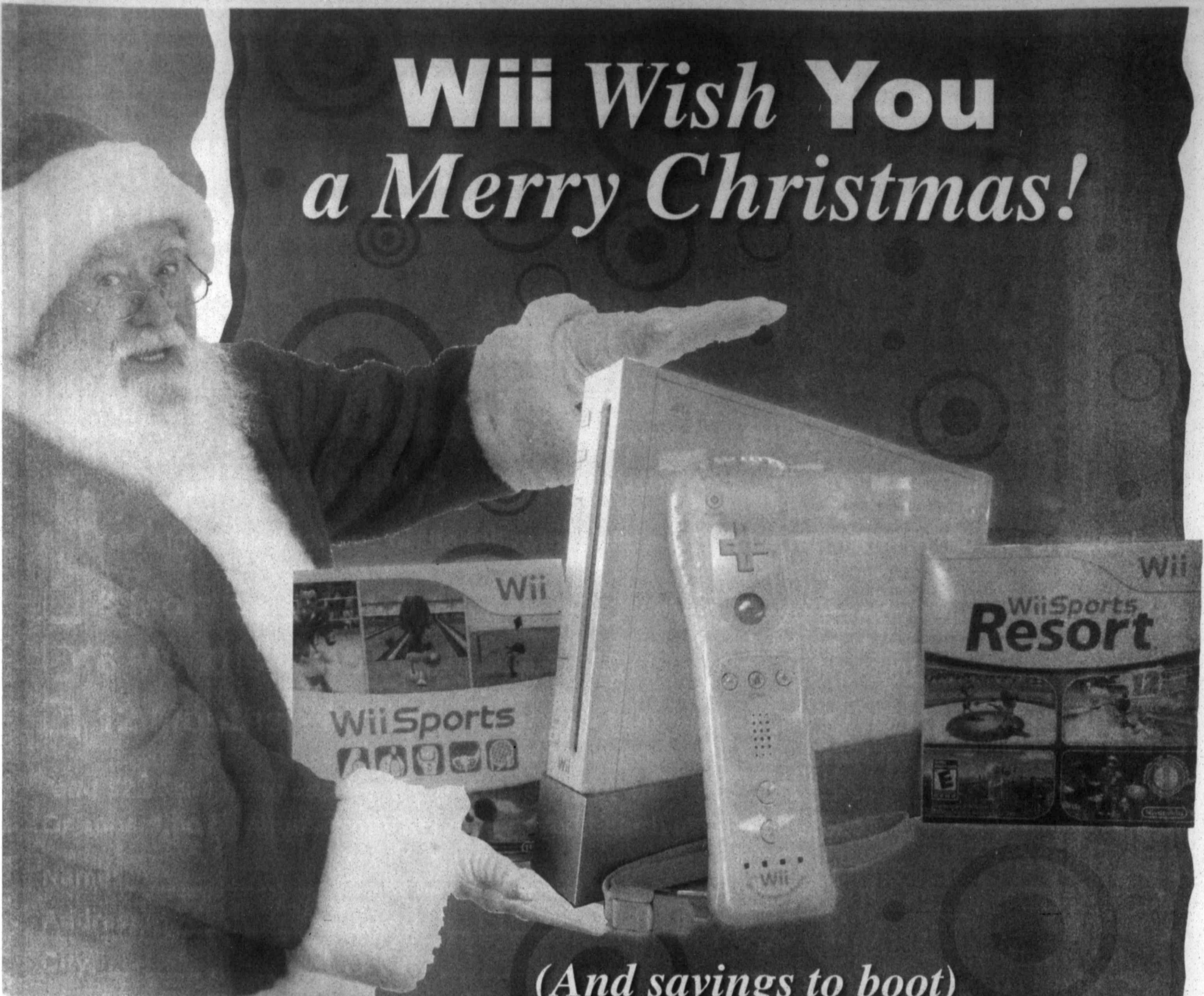
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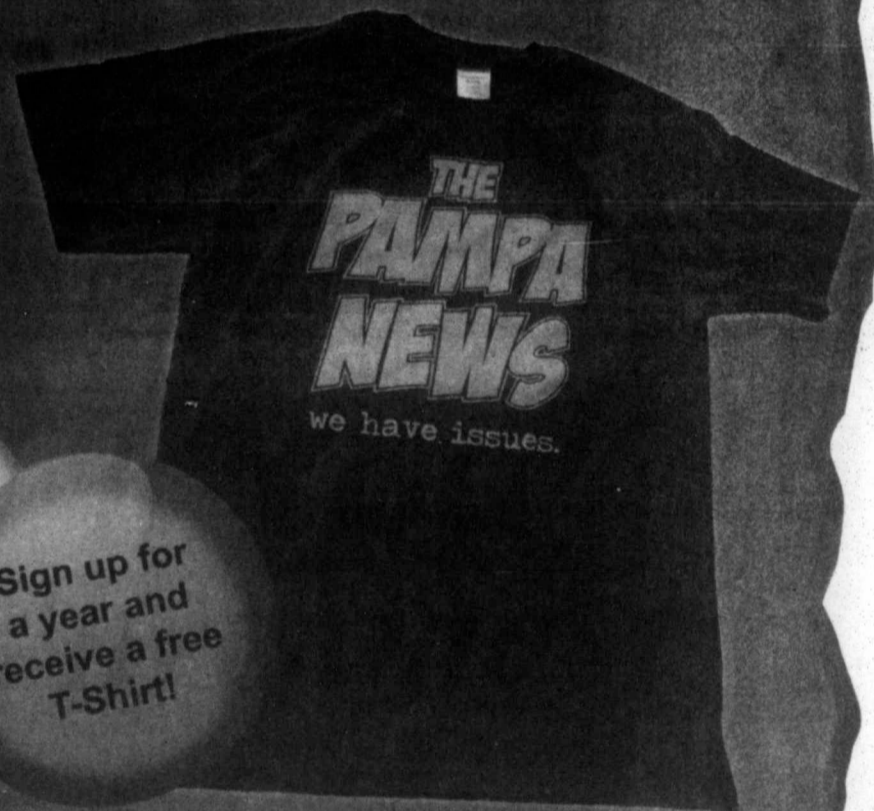
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