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## Whistlin' Dixie



staff photo by David Bowser  
**Rodney Kelley and his mother, Brenda Donelson, at their new restaurant The Dixie Cafe.**

## New owners take over Dixie Cafe

**DAVID BOWSER**  
 dbowser@thepampanews.com

A hometown restaurant this month has become...well...a hometown restaurant.

Rodney Kelley and his mother, Brenda Donelson, bought The Dixie Café from Shane Dyer the first of the month.

"We're brand new on this end of town," Kelley said. The family also has Kelley Chevron and Deli on East Frederic and plans on opening another restaurant, Kelley's Crossing, next to The Dixie Cafe at 25th and Perryton Parkway next spring.

Kelley and his mother, Brenda Donelson, are proud of their Pampa heritage. Both are from Pampa and both are graduates of Pampa High School.

"Once a Harvester, always a Harvester," Kelley grinned. While over the years, each has left Pampa, each has also returned.

"We're definitely big Pampa lovers," Donelson said.

"We love our city," her son said. "We're glad we can do something here on the north end of town."

They've had Kelley's Chevron and Deli on the east side of Pampa for four-and-a-half years.

"We have had the Coney Island since 2001," Donelson said. "My sister Linda has worked there probably 35 years. That's why we bought the Coney."

"Mother bought it from Ted and John Gikas when they were ready to get out," Kelley said.

But while Donelson's sister has been in the restaurant business most of her life, Donelson is relatively new to it.

"I have always been involved in fabrics," Donelson said. "Since Rodney went to kindergarten, I've always managed fabric stores."

She said the food industry was new to her.

"But I've really enjoyed it," Donelson said.

"We love the service industry," Kelley said. "We enjoy it. God's led us in this direction."

Donelson said they don't plan any immediate major changes at the Dixie.

"We want to become really good consistently at what we

do," Kelley said. "We're trying to build a team in here to service our customers."

Donelson said the Dixie has always had good food.

"We don't want just good food," Kelley said. "We want it to be great."

The crew at the restaurant is excellent, he said, and they are responding well to the change in management style. Kelley said the employees' attitudes are really positive.

"Positive breeds positive," he said. "God has blessed my mother and me and our family with this."

In addition to taking over the restaurant this month, they've already had several large catering jobs, including the First Baptist Church and the City of Pampa's banquet at M.K. Brown.

The catering's been wonderful," Kelley said.

"We cater the Rotary Club every week," Donelson said.

He said they do a lot of on-site catering in the oil field.

"It's all about service and great food," Kelley said.  
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## Local 'Angels' still needed

Capt. Laura Martin hopes interest in the Salvation Army's Angel Trees pick up next week.

The Children Shopping Tour held in conjunction with the Pampa Optimists Club and Pampa Kiwanis Club will be this weekend, but interest in the Angel Trees has waned the first part of December.

There are names on each of the trees around town of children, or angel, for whom presents are needed. When an angel is adopted, gifts are purchased, wrapped and distributed to needy families just before Christmas, Martin said.

This year, the gifts will be distributed on Wednesday, Dec. 22 at the Salvation Army Family Store, 409 West Brown, she said.

All the Pampa schools this year are also participating a food drive, Martin said. The food will be collected on Dec. 16th and will be sorted and boxed for each applicant.

Each applicant will receive canned food, dry goods and a gift card from United Supermarket for purchasing perishable products.

"We're busy during this season," Martin said, "but we have good reason."

She quoted Matthew 25:40, saying "I tell you the truth. Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me."

Martin said the Salvation Army screens the clients for eligibility, but the Children's Shopping Tour Steering Committee makes all other arrangements for the clients needs to be met.

In addition to the individual donations for Christmas, area churches, businesses or organization can adopt a family.

"In years past," Martin said, "I have seen trees and decorations, fruit and hams and wonderful gifts given to meet the needs of entire families."

Anyone interested in adopting a family can call Martin at 655-7233 or go by the Salvation Army offices at 701 S. Cuyler.

There are 14 Angel Tree locations in Pampa with 398 Angels that need adoption for Christmas. Angel Trees are located

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## 'The Bridge' executive recognized by TX Senate

The executive director of The Bridge, a children's advocacy group, has been recognized for her work by the Texas Senate.

The Bridge is a child-focused program that offers a one-stop approach to child abuse investigation. It strives, according to Emily Ellis of The Bridge, improve investigations



Leming

while reducing harmful effects on children and families.

April Leming was the object of a Proclamation of Appreciation by the Texas Senate this month for her contributions in the field of child forensic interviewing and child

abuse prevention.

"She truly has made a difference in the lives of thousands of Texas Panhandle children," said Ellis.

Ellis said Leming has been recognized by the state senate as one of the most knowledgeable and experienced forensic interviewers in the Lone Star State.

Leming has conducted more than 5,400 forensic interviews, has trained more than 1,200 people on

the best methods of conducting forensic interviews on children and has attended more than 900 hours of training on child abuse prevention and interviewing children.

The Bridge, headquartered in Amarillo, covers the top 26 counties of the Texas Panhandle and has an office in Pampa.

Amarillo State Sen. Kel Seliger signed the proclamation.

**Chamber Luncheon**  
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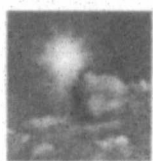
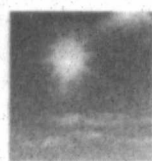
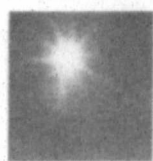
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# For the record

## PAMPA FORECAST

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
		
High 47 Low 25	High 61 Low 32	High 62 Low 33

**Saturday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 23. North northwest wind between 5 and 15 mph.

**Sunday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 47. Calm wind becoming southwest between 5 and 10 mph.

**Sunday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 25. South southwest wind around 5 mph.

**Monday:** Sunny, with a high near 61. South southwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

**Monday Night:** Clear, with a low around 32. South southwest wind around 10 mph.

**Tuesday:** Sunny, with a high near 62. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming east south-east.

**Tuesday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 33.

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## Obituaries

### Carl Dewayne Bright, 55

**AMARILLO**—Carl Dewayne (Pappy or Tex) Bright, 55, died Saturday, December 4, 2010, in Amarillo.

A memorial service will be held at the Christian Heritage Church, 900 S. Nelson, Amarillo, Sunday, December 19, at 2 p.m. with Pastor Burd and Dean Riviera officiating. We will be serving beans, fried potatoes, cornbread, and chocolate cake after the services. His last wishes were this dinner, taking his last ride on a motorcycle and spreading his ashes in Tombstone.

Arrangements are by Blackburn-Shaw Martin Road Chapel, Amarillo.

Mr. Bright was born December 30, 1954, in Pampa, to Charles Arlington Bright and Nina Grace Bright. He was the last of six children.

He attended Pampa schools from 1961 and graduated Pampa High School in 1973. After graduation he enlisted in the Navy. His first duty was aboard the USS Ranger from September '73 to December '73. In December '73 he was diagnosed with Hodgkins. After his release from the hospital, his assigned duty was on the USS Saratoga from 1975 to '76. In 1987 he attended Texas State Technical Institute and received his associate degree in commercial art and advertising in 1989. He endured thyroid cancer in 1994 and prostate cancer in 2004.

Pappy always had an interest in western history and found his place in the spotlight by participating in a yearly re-enactment show where he accepted a role as an undertaker in Tombstone, Ariz. His passion was an old west role, playing the Undertaker Digger O'doul. He volunteered at the Veterans Hospital in Amarillo, where he was nominated Chaplain for Chapter 26 Disabled American Veterans. He also played as an extra in movies, and landed a role as an old prospector in the movie *The Avenging Angels*, with Tom Berenger.

A special thanks to 3rd floor nurses station at the Veterans Hospital in Amarillo and all of Pappy's biker friends, IAMBK.

Surviving relatives include wife Katherine Anne Bright; daughter, Shannon Gilmer of Wheeler; son, Brandon Simmons of Wheeler; granddaughter, Adley Erin Gilmer of Wheeler; stepdaughter, Heidi Henry of Amarillo; brother Floyd Dale Bright (Lois), of Fairview, Ill.; brother, Bobby Joe Bright (Patsy) of Pampa; and sister Patricia Ann Demaroney (Morgan) of Rio Rancho, N.M.; his best friend and cousin Jackie Dean Shackelford (Joni) of Amarillo; a



Bright

very special niece, Bonnie Louise Donahoo of Lubbock; Charles Lynn Watson of Pampa; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Charles Arlington Bright; his mother, Nina Grace Bright; a brother, Roy William Bright; a brother, Charles Nelson Bright; and a sister, Bonnie Faye Floyd.

Sign the online guestbook at [www.blackburnshaw.com](http://www.blackburnshaw.com).

### Ryne David Malone, 21

Ryne David Malone, 21, died December 8, 2010, in Lubbock.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, December 13, 2010, at First Baptist Church, with Dr. Johnny Funderburg, pastor, officiating.

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

Ryne was born October 13, 1989, in Pampa where he was a lifelong resident. He was a 2008 graduate of Pampa High School where he played varsity football and earned the "Fighting Heart" award. Ryne was named to the Academic All-State Football Team, and in his senior year, was voted Prom King. He was currently a junior at Texas Tech University, majoring in wildlife fisheries and management. His ultimate goal was to become a game warden. Ryne was a member of First Baptist Church in Pampa and Indiana Avenue Baptist College Ministry in Lubbock. He had a tremendous love for God and strived to lead people to Christ. This past summer, he was a counselor at Hidden Falls Ranch in Wayside, a Christian camp that he loved. He was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed hunting, fishing and hiking. His best buddy was his black Labrador retriever, "Hanley."

Survivors include his parents, Johnny and Cheryl Malone of Pampa; two brothers, Chadd Malone of Lubbock and Reid Malone of Pampa; maternal grandparents, Larry and Linda Starnes of Pampa; paternal grandparents, Harold and Neva Malone of Pampa; several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Memorials may be made to Hidden Falls Ranch, P.O. Box 136, Wayside, TX 79094; Indiana Avenue Baptist College Ministry, 8315 Indiana Avenue, Lubbock, TX 79423; or First Baptist Church, P.O., Box 621, Pampa, TX 79066-0621.

Sign the online register at [www.carmichael-whitley.com](http://www.carmichael-whitley.com).



Malone

## EMERGENCY SERVICES

### Sheriff's Office

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

**Wednesday, Dec. 8**  
 Cody Allen Hollon, 20, was arrested by police on charges of theft of property over \$50 but less than \$500.

Joseph Dagan Jones, 27, was arrested by deputies on charges of forgery of financial instruments.

Terry Michael Gonzales, 18, was arrested by police on charges of harassment, criminal trespass, possession of marijuana, minor in possession of alcohol, failure to appear and bail jumping.

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

**Thursday, Dec. 9**  
 Zachary Wade Skinner, 25, was in Gray County jail after having his bond revoked.

Dustin Michael Johnson, 22, of Amarillo, was arrested by the Lefors City Marshal, on charges of simple assault, speeding, driving while license invalid and driving a vehicle with an expired inspection sticker.

Dwayne Edward Watson, 47, of Kress, was arrested by deputies on charges of burglary of a building.

**Friday, Dec. 10**  
 Joshua McBrayer Hart, 31, was arrested by police on charges of driving while intoxicated.



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Our thanks go out to our many friends for the cards, donations, food, phone calls and visits from the family of Kenny Mayer. He was a very loving, kind, thoughtful, giant of a young man, who loved God and his family. When he took that helicopter ride on that clear Sunday morning, he met Jesus in the sky. He chose to continue his journey and not return. He will be missed.  
 God bless you all -  
 from his mother, Lajuana Mayer daughter, Chelsea sisters, Pam and Sue and many others.

# AFTERNOON RUSH

## Dixie Restaurant under new ownership

### Fleeing man falls, shoots self

DALLAS (AP) - Dallas police have released the name of a 28-year-old man who was carrying a gun and fatally shot as he fell while trying to flee.

Police on Friday identified the man as Aaron Massey. Investigators are trying to determine whether Massey intentionally shot himself, or his gun accidentally fired.

Highland Village police on Thursday afternoon attempted to arrest Massey, who was suspected of fleeing from officers Wednesday during a traffic stop.

Police had spotted his vehicle in the parking lot of a business.

Lt. C.L. Williams says Massey began running when officers walked into the store and asked for him. Police say Massey apparently stumbled, fell and a gun he was carrying went off.

Police did not draw their weapons.

He said when their customers come to the restaurant, they're spending their hard-earned money.

"When they do," he said, "they want a happy environment and great tasting food."

"You go out to eat to relax and visit with friends," Donelson said.

They also have a number of other banquets booked for the restaurant.

"This is a busy time of year," Kelley said, "but it's a very rewarding experience."

Kelley said they've made some changes and there will be more, but he said the only changes they plan to make are ones that will improve the restaurant.

"I've eaten all over," Kelley said. "Now, I think our Alfredo sauce and pasta is as good as any I've ever eaten."

He said it's all made from scratch at the restaurant.

"Our Alfredo sauce is made fresh," Donelson said. "All our meat is hand cut," Kelley said.

Even their chicken fried steaks are cut and battered in their kitchen.

"We don't get breaded products and fry them,"

Donelson said.

"It's all hand breaded," Kelley said.

Donelson said she's gotten a number of compliments on the chicken strips.

Kelley said they are listening to their customers carefully and taking heed of what they are saying. He said there will be changes as time passes, but for the

moment they aren't planning any major changes.

They'll simply concentrate on serving the best food they can on a consistent basis and giving the best service they can, he said.

"We're locals so I know the people that are coming in," Kelley said.

He is asking his customers for their honest opin-

ions of the food and service and any adjustments that need to be made.

"That's how you improve the business," he said.

The question remains, however, will Donelson bring any secret home recipes to the restaurant?

"She's going to," her son smiled. "We're going to bring mom's home touch in here."

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### US rig count up by 10

HOUSTON (AP) - The number of rigs actively exploring for oil and natural gas in the U.S. increased by 10 this week to 1,723.

Houston-based Baker Hughes Inc. said Friday 948 rigs were exploring for natural gas and 763 for oil. Two were listed as miscellaneous. A year ago this week, the rig count stood at 1,161.

Of the major oil- and gas-producing states, Texas gained four. California, Oklahoma and Wyoming were each up by two. Arkansas and North Dakota were up one. Louisiana and Pennsylvania dropped three. Colorado and West Virginia lost two and Alaska was down one. New Mexico was unchanged.

The rig count peaked at 4,530 in 1981 at the height of the oil boom. It posted a record low of 488 in 1999.

### OK Dist. considering year-round

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) - The state's largest school district is considering a move to year-round classes.

The Oklahoma City school board will vote Monday on a proposal to move to a "continuous learning calendar," which already is being used at seven schools in the 40,000-student district. The Oklahoman reports that under the plan, the traditional summer break would be reduced by a month and the time would be used to create a two-week break in October and extend current winter and spring breaks.

Superintendent Karl Springer has advocated a move by the district to longer school days and the continuous learning calendar during his two-year tenure with the district.

Pam Calvert, the council president of the district's Parent Teacher Association, calls the proposal "a step forward" for the district.

### NM judge to hear challenges

SANTA FE, N.M. (AP) - A state district judge in Santa Fe is scheduled to hear oral arguments Friday afternoon in a pair of appeals that challenge a controversial set of regulations for New Mexico oil and natural gas producers.

The so-called pit rule restricts the use of pits for onsite waste disposal at drilling sites. The rule also regulates below-grade tanks and the use of closed loop systems during oil and gas operations.

The Oil Conservation Commission approved the pit rule in 2008 after much public debate and expert testimony.


Critics blamed the pit rule in part for a slowdown in drilling activity in New Mexico and the loss of hundreds of millions of dollars in state revenues.

Environmentalists contend the rule protects human health and the environment from oilfield waste.

### Local angels still needed

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at Wal-Mart, United Supermarket, National Oil Well, Titan, Pampa Regional Medical Center, Bank of the Southwest, The Pampa News, Bank of America, Pampa Senior Citizens Center, West Texas Landscape, Cabot, Happy State Bank, The Coney Island and Clarendon College's Pampa Campus.



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### Man pleads guilty to mail fraud

DALLAS (AP) — A 45-year-old man has pleaded guilty to one count of mail fraud, acknowledging that he raised about \$7 million in investor funds under false pretenses.


U.S. Attorney James T. Jacks said Alan Todd May, arrested in San Francisco in June, faces a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine. May is scheduled to be sentenced March 31.

May formed Prosper Oil & Gas Inc. Prosper claimed to own and operate oil and gas leases in Texas, Oklahoma, Colorado and Arkansas. According to court documents, May ran a scheme from July 2008 until May of this year to obtain about \$7 million from investors to purchase royalty interests in oil and gas leases.

Prosper sold purported royalty interests to more than 170 investors.

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**Pampa ISD Events for the Week of December 13 - December 17**

Watch this space every Saturday for a weekly listing of non-athletic events from every campus in our school district.

- Pampa High School**  
Dec. 16 & 17 • Semester Test
- Pampa Learning Center**  
Dec. 17 • Graduation & Awards Ceremony - 10:00 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church
- Pampa Jr. High**  
Dec. 14 • Band Christmas Concert PJH Commons  
Dec. 16 • Semester Exams 1st - 4th Periods  
Dec. 16 • Early Dismissal 1:05 p.m.  
Dec. 17 • Semester Exams 5th - 9th Periods  
Dec. 17 • Early Dismissal 1:05 p.m.
- Austin Elementary**  
Dec. 14 • 2nd Grade Christmas Caroling 12:45 p.m.  
Dec. 15 • Kindergarten Christmas Caroling 12:45 p.m.  
Dec. 17 • Christmas Parties  
Dec. 17 • Early Dismissal 1:15 p.m.
- Lamar Elementary**  
Dec. 14 • 2nd & 3rd Grade Christmas Caroling 9:30 a.m.  
Dec. 14 • Christmas Make & Take with Dad 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Cafeteria  
Dec. 16 • Head Start Christmas Make & Take - Lamar Gym  
Dec. 16 • Kindergarten and 1st Grade Christmas Caroling 1:00 p.m.  
Dec. 17 • Early Dismissal 1:00 p.m.
- Travis Elementary**  
Dec. 14 • 5th Grade Music Program 1:30 p.m.  
Dec. 15 • 2nd Grade Christmas Caroling 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.  
Dec. 16 • Kindergarten Christmas Caroling 9:15 - 10:30 a.m.  
Dec. 16 • Christmas Parties  
Dec. 17 • Early Dismissal 1:15 p.m.
- Wilson Elementary**  
Dec. 13 • Christmas Make & Take 12:00 - 4:00 p.m.  
Dec. 13 • Booster Club Meeting 5:30 p.m.  
Dec. 14 • 1st Grade Christmas Caroling First 1:30 p.m.  
Dec. 16 • 2nd Grade Performance "Holiday MOOSical" 2:45 p.m.  
Dec. 17 • Early Dismissal 1:15 p.m.

**December 20 - 31 Christmas Holiday School Resumes on Monday, January 3, 2011**

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# Viewpoints

## Today in History

Today is Saturday, Dec. 11, the 345th day of 2010. There are 20 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 11, 1936, Britain's King Edward VIII abdicated in order to marry American divorcee Wallis Warfield Simpson.

### On this date:

In 1602, forces sent by Charles Emmanuel I, Duke of Savoy, launched a surprise attack on the city-state of Geneva by attempting to climb its walls; the Genevans were able to repel or capture the invaders.

In 1792, France's King Louis XVI went before the Convention to face charges of treason. (Louis was convicted, and executed the following month.)

In 1816, Indiana became the 19th state.

In 1910, French inventor Georges Claude publicly displayed his first neon lamp, consisting of two 38-foot-long tubes, at the Paris Expo.

In 1928, police in Buenos Aires announced they had thwarted an attempt on the life of President-elect Herbert Hoover.

In 1937, Italy announced it was withdrawing from the League of Nations.

In 1941, Germany and Italy declared war on the United States; the U.S. responded in kind.

In 1946, the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) was established.

In 1980, President Jimmy Carter signed into a law legislation creating a \$1.6 billion environmental "superfund" to pay for cleaning up chemical spills and toxic waste dumps. "Magnum P.I.," starring Tom Selleck, premiered on CBS.

In 1997, more than 150 countries agreed at a global warming conference in Kyoto, Japan, to control the Earth's greenhouse gases.

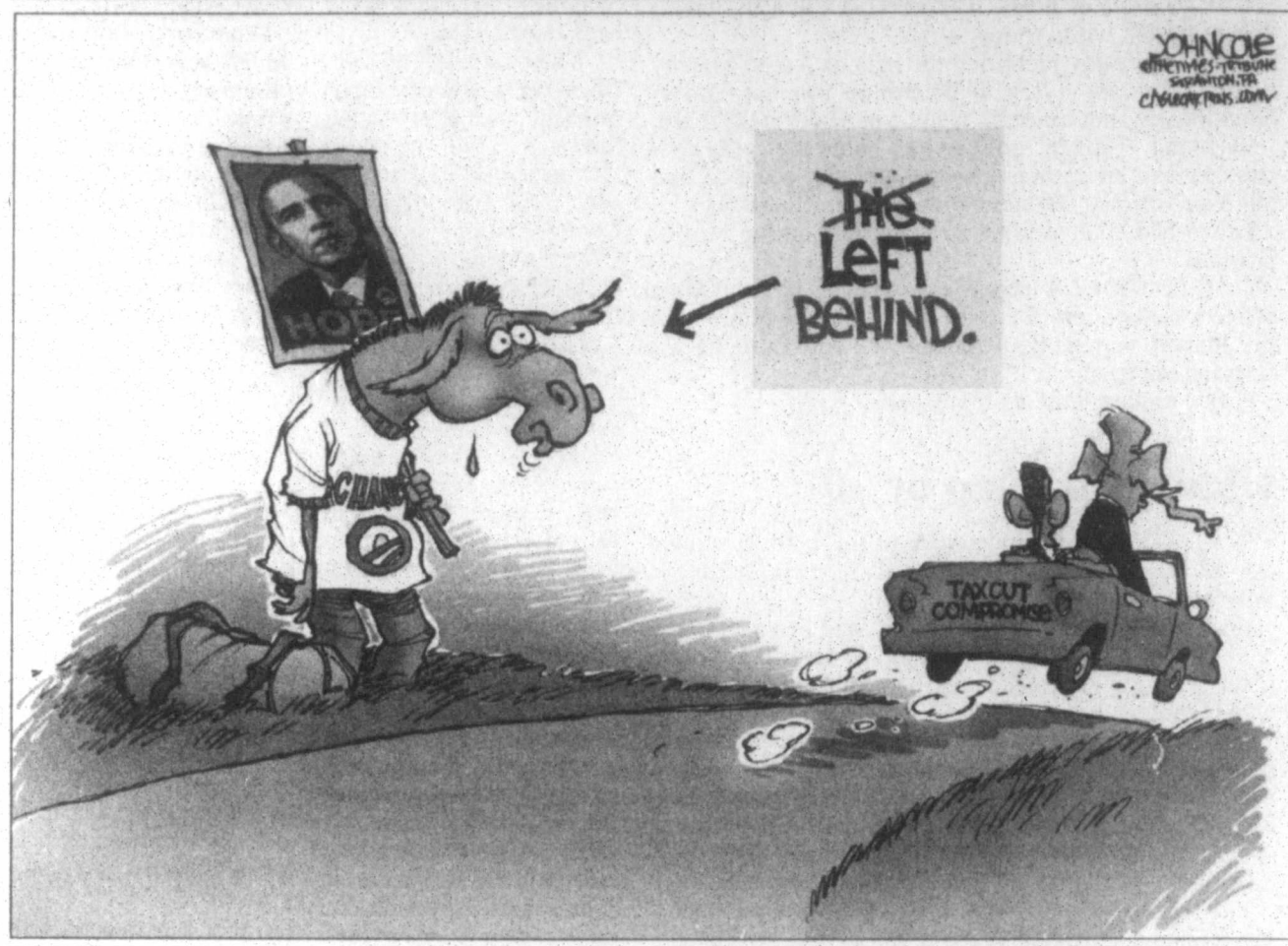
**Ten years ago:** The U.S. Supreme Court heard arguments from lawyers representing George W. Bush and Al Gore concerning the Florida presidential vote recount.

**Five years ago:** Thousands of drunken white youths, angered by reports that youths of Lebanese descent had assaulted two lifeguards, attacked police and people they believed were Arab immigrants at a beach in Sydney, Australia; young men of Arab descent retaliated in several Sydney suburbs, fighting with police and smashing cars.

**One year ago:** Tiger Woods announced on his website that he was taking an indefinite leave from golf to try to save his five-year-old marriage to Elin Nordegren. (However, the couple ended up divorcing in August 2010.)

**Today's Birthdays:** Composer Elliott Carter is 102. Actor Jean-Louis Trintignant is 80. Actress Rita Moreno is 79. Former California state lawmaker Tom Hayden is 71. Pop singer David Gates (Bread) is 70. Sen. Max Baucus (D-Mont.) is 69. Actress Donna Mills is 68. Sen. John Kerry (D-Mass.) is 67. Singer Brenda Lee is 66. Actress Lynda Day George is 66. Music producer Tony Brown is 64. Actress Teri Garr is 63. Movie director Susan Seidelman is 58. Actress Bess Armstrong is 57. Singer Jermaine Jackson is 56. Rock musician Mike Mesaros (The Smithereens) is 53. Rock musician Nikki Sixx (Motley Crue) is 52. Rock musician Darryl Jones (The Rolling Stones) is 49. Actor Ben Browder is 48. Rock musician David Schools (Gov't Mule, Widespread Panic) is 46. Actor Gary Dourdan (DOOR'dan) is 44. Actress-comedian Mo'Nique ("The Parkers") is 43. Actor Max Martini is 41. Rapper-actor Mos Def is 37.

**Thought for Today:** "The people who think they are happy should rummage through their dreams." - Edward Dahlberg, American author and critic (1900-1977).



## Obama tax deal with GOP marks fast turn

**TOM RAUM**  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) - So much for slashing those soaring budget deficits.

Less than a week after his bipartisan deficit commission offered a package of tough tax hikes and spending cuts to stem the flood of government red ink, President Barack Obama cut a deal with Republicans that would add a whopping \$900 billion to the nation's debt over the next two years.

When the bold deficit-slashing measures were greeted last week with widespread praise, Democrat Erskine Bowles, the commission's co-chairman and a former chief of staff to President Bill Clinton, cheerfully exclaimed, "The era of deficit denial in Washington is over."

Well, apparently not quite yet. Bowles said this week that he was "deeply disappointed" by the sweeping Obama-GOP deal, complaining that the plan was not linked to any long-term restraint.

If the Obama-GOP plan is enacted, as generally expected, the United States will become the only major industrialized economy in the world not to move toward fiscal curbs next year — even though Congress is considering legislation that would move in the other direction. That effort involves freezing the budgets of most Cabinet departments and cutting nearly \$46 billion from the president's spending requests. The House passed the measure 212-206 on Wednesday and sent it to the Senate.

The outcry over ballooning deficits was crucial in the last month's midterm elections, which handed majority control of the House to Republicans and gave them added clout in the Senate. The issue was a rallying point for the tea party movement. A flock of freshmen legislators will take office in January having campaigned for smaller government and fiscal discipline.

That Obama could pivot so quickly from emphasizing the need for deficit reduction — such as his plan late last month to freeze the pay of most executive branch employees — to endorsing a GOP-backed plan to extend Bush-era tax cuts for all income brackets, plus a host of other costly measures, took much of Washington by surprise.

No one was more surprised than many in his own party, who promptly revolted.

The House Democratic caucus voted on Thursday — by nonbinding voice vote — in opposition to the tax deal.

That raised the prospect that the legislation could pass the House with more Republican than Democratic votes, a first for Obama's presidency. The tax deal has more support among Democrats in the Senate, where a test vote is set for Monday.

Republicans embracing the deal have been doing some fancy footwork themselves, making deficit reduction a top political priority while also supporting deficit-bloating tax cuts for those in all income brackets, as well as the new spending items in the package.

They argue that, even though voters may have chosen them for their vows for smaller government, low taxes can produce growth — and jobs. With unemployment stuck near 10 percent, now is not the time to raise taxes on anyone, they argue.

Even as Congress hashed over the costly new package, the Treasury Department said Friday the government spent \$150.4 billion more than it took in during November — a 25 percent bigger deficit than in November 2009. If the tax-cut deal is enacted, the federal deficit for the budget year that began Oct. 1 will soar to around \$1.5 trillion, a record, according to private forecasters. The pact would extend cuts in income tax rates for all earners that would otherwise expire Dec. 31, renew long-term jobless benefits for all of 2011 and trim Social Security taxes for one year. It would also reinstate the expired estate tax, but with generous terms.

Trying to widen support, negotiators added tax credits to promote ethanol and other forms of alternative energy. Provisions designed to increase production of hybrid automobiles, biodiesel fuel, energy-efficient homes, coal and energy-efficient household appliances would be extended through the end of 2011. The measure also includes tax breaks for commuters who use mass transit.

For his part, Obama strongly defends the agreement. In an interview with NPR, he said he hoped to use the two-year hiatus on tax rate changes to press for overhaul of the entire tax code. "We've got to start that conversation next year," he said.

Obama suggested one overhaul option is eliminating most deductions in

return for lowering all tax brackets, a recommendation of his deficit commission. Wiping out exemptions "might make sense if, in exchange, people's rates are lower," he said. "That may end up being a more efficient way of doing business."

House Speaker-in-waiting John Boehner of Ohio says he'll move in January to slash congressional budgets, including his own, by 5 percent. In an interview to be aired Sunday on CBS' "60 Minutes," Boehner says that in the age of trillion-dollar deficits, "we've got to start somewhere and we're going to start here."

Bowles and Republican deficit commission co-chairman Alan Simpson met on Thursday with Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner and Budget Director Jacob Lew. Bowles and Simpson later issued a statement urging Obama "to launch negotiations with congressional leaders from both parties when Congress returns in January" on long-term debt-trimming solutions.

For the first time, liberals like Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., and Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., are finding themselves on the same side as tea party-backed conservatives such as Sen. Jim DeMint, R-S.C., former Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin and former Republican Delaware Senate candidate Christine O'Donnell. Those Republicans criticized the deal, mainly because of the extension of unemployment benefits without offsetting budget cuts.

Obama isn't the first president to tack away from his political base. President George H.W. Bush did it in 1992 when he abandoned his "read my lips, no new taxes" pledge and supported tax increases to control federal spending. And President Bill Clinton "triangulated" after his party suffered deep midterm losses in 1994, reaching out and co-opting some initiatives long favored by Republicans, including welfare overhaul.

Liberal Democrats grumbled then, just as they're doing now, but Clinton went on to win re-election in 1996.

Doug Schoen, a Democratic consultant who was Clinton's pollster, said he was surprised that Obama didn't bring restive congressional Democrats into the negotiating process or talk more about the need for longer-term deficit reduction.

This was an election about smaller government,

and this wasn't reflected in the deal," Schoen said. "He basically went out there and attacked the deal he'd just agreed to. He attacked the left. He attacked the right. He acted like what I call a sore winner."

Obama called Democratic critics of his tax-cut deal "sanctimonious" and defended it as necessary to keep taxes from going up for nearly every American on Jan. 1 — which is what will happen in the event of congressional stalemate. Also, Obama noted that he managed to get into the proposed deal other measures Democrats eagerly want, such as the extension of expiring jobless benefits.

His supporters defend the deal as a bow to political reality, given that Obama clearly didn't have the 60 votes needed in the Senate to raise taxes for the nation's wealthiest people while extending the Bush tax cuts for everybody else.

"Obama got a lot out of it. He got desperately needed stimulus, which in the end matters a lot. And, with the two-year extension of the tax cuts, he lives to fight another day," said Thomas Mann, a political scientist and congressional scholar at the Brookings Institution.

But deficit hawk David Walker, head of a balanced-budget advocacy group called Comeback America Initiative, complained that the deal extends some tax cuts, proposes new ones and calls for additional spending, "none of which are planned to be paid for with spending cuts in other areas."

"The result is a bigger bill for our kids, grandkids and future generations of Americans," said Walker, former comptroller general of Congress' Government Accountability Office.

The White House has put on a full court press to win approval.

Presidential spokesman Robert Gibbs said some of the suggestions of the Bowles-Simpson commission would be considered when Obama puts together a new budget early next year. Gibbs then ripped a blank piece of paper from his briefing book and held it up. If Obama's grand compromise fails, "we're going to have that," Gibbs said, pointing to the blank sheet.

In any event, said Norman Ornstein, a fellow at the American Enterprise Institute who specializes in Congress, "It's very clear that the era of deficit denial in Washington may not even have hit its peak yet."

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## Sunday in History

Tomorrow is Sunday, Dec. 12, the 346th day of 2010. There are 19 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 12, 2000, a divided U.S. Supreme Court made Republican George W. Bush president-elect over Democrat Al Gore as the justices reversed a state court decision for recounts in Florida's contested election. (The nation's highest court agreed, 7-2, to overturn the order for a state recount and voted 5-4 that there was no acceptable procedure by which a timely new recount could take place.)

### On this date:

In 1787, Pennsylvania became the second state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

In 1870, Joseph H. Rainey of South Carolina became the first black lawmaker sworn into the U.S. House of Representatives.

In 1906, President Theodore Roosevelt nominated Oscar Straus to be Secretary of Commerce and Labor; Straus became the first Jewish Cabinet member.

In 1917, Father Edward Flanagan founded Boys Town outside Omaha, Neb.

In 1925, the first motel - the Motel Inn - opened in San Luis Obispo, Calif.

In 1937, Japanese aircraft sank the U.S. gunboat Panay on China's Yangtze River. (Japan apologized, and paid \$2.2 million in reparations.)

In 1963, Kenya gained its independence from Britain.

In 1985, 248 American soldiers and eight crew members were killed when an Arrow Air charter crashed after takeoff from Gander, Newfoundland.

**Ten years ago:** The Marine Corps grounded all eight of its high-tech MV-22 Osprey tilt-rotor aircraft following a fiery crash in North Carolina that killed four Marines. (The Osprey program was revived by the Pentagon in 2005.)

**Five years ago:** California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger refused to block the imminent execution of Stanley Tookie Williams, rejecting the notion that the founder of the murderous Crips gang had atoned for his crimes and found redemption on death row.

**One year ago:** Houston became the largest U.S. city to elect an openly gay mayor, with voters handing a solid victory to City Controller Annise Parker after a hotly contested runoff with former city attorney Gene Locke.

**Today's Birthdays:** Former TV host Bob Barker is 87. Former New York City Mayor Edward Koch is 86. Basketball Hall of Famer Bob Pettit is 78. Singer Connie Francis is 72. Singer Dionne Warwick is 70. Actor Wings Hauser is 63. Actor Bill Nighy is 61. Gymnast-turned-actress Cathy Rigby is 58. Actress Sheree J. Wilson is 52. Rock musician Eric Schenkman (Spin Doctors) is 47. Actress Jennifer Connelly is 40. Actress Madchen Amick is 40. Country singer Hank Williams III is 38.

**Thought for Today:** "To escape criticism - do nothing, say nothing, be nothing." - Elbert Hubbard, American author and publisher (1856-1915).

## Deadline near for EQIP 2011 first funding

**JOHN WEMBLEY**  
District Conservationist

The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), administered by the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, provides financial assistance to landowners and operators in addressing natural resource concerns on their land.

Although there is a continuous sign-up throughout the year for this program, there are specific funding windows when applications are reviewed and ranked for possible funding.

The first and primary deadline for ranking and funding applications for 2011 will be Jan. 28, when the county's initial funding allocation will be used.

There will likely be other funding opportunities later in the year, but the possibility of an application being funded then will not be as good.

There will be approximately \$85,000 in County Base Funds and Ogallala Aquifer Irrigation Funds available in Gray County for the 2011 program.

Some of the conservation practices that will be eligible for funding assistance through

This program include livestock water development, brush management, fencing, grass establishment, well decommissioning, terraces, diversions, waterways, and tree and shrub planting.

Irrigation practices such as pivot conversions,

replacing leaky concrete pipeline, pivots replacing pivots at least 20 years old, and new pivots on previously row-watered cropland are also eligible for financial assistance through EQIP.

There is also a grazing incentive payment of \$10 per acre available for expired CRP acreage. These contracts will be for three years, with require-

ments for managed grazing, fencing, and water development.

To find out more about the 2011 EQIP program in Gray County, contact the Pampa NRCS office at (806)665-1751, ext.3, or come by the NRCS office located in the Gray County Annex at 12125 E. Frederic Ave. (Highway 60 East).

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## Sunday Horoscope

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Sunday, Dec. 12, 2010:

This year, be willing to invest more time and caring into your domestic life. You might not understand what is needed by a roommate or family member. Ask and listen. Real estate investments need to be eyed with caution. What you believe is a sure-bet winner often won't pan out. If you are single, a friend might not be a good choice for a lover. If you are attached, the two of you need to add some of the zest of dating back into your relationship. Use your imagination. PISCES can be an anchor.

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)**

Others know that you mean what you say. You could feel that others don't pull their weight on a project. Stay steady, but also be willing to postpone plans if need be. A loved one radiates with your attention. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

This Week: Tuesday, you are up to snuff. The Moon in your sign defines you as a powerhouse.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**

You and a key family member and/or loved one are finally in sync. Whether visiting others, off to the movies or simply relaxing, you feel great together. Don't make a big deal of a last-minute snafu. Tonight: Where the gang is.

This Week: Not surprisingly, responsibilities tumble on you. Focus on accomplishing one key project.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**

Bring family,

friends or perhaps a group together. As a natural leader, you know what keys to play to evoke certain responses. Your smile draws others, helping them relax. Tonight: Time with a special person.

This Week: Stand up and let the gang know how you feel. They will respond accordingly.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**

Others invite you to join them on their exploration. Some might go to the mountains; others to a flea market. Wherever you are, opt for escape. You'll hear a lot of news when visiting with family and friends. Tonight: With loved ones.

This Week: Funnel your imagination into your work or a community commitment. You will enjoy yourself far more.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**

Deal with a partner directly, and you'll come out on top of your game. Your ability to understand this person often proves to be an asset, preventing problems. Don't worry about saying what you feel. Tonight: Don't hold back.

This Week: Others take the lead. All you need to do is sit back and go along for the ride.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**

Give up the thought of a quiet day. Even if you have plans, you could be surprised by how many people you encounter. Don't extend yourself more than you are comfortable with, especially financially. Tonight: The only answer is "yes."

This Week: Others dominate all sections of your life. Don't fight city hall. Go off and have a good time.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**

You might try to loosen up, but you have been stiff for a while. Choose a nurturing activity where you can recharge your mind and body. A little pampering mixed in can only help. Tonight: Quit standing on ceremony.

This Week: Tuesday, network and expand your horizons. Only good can come from this act.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**

Your ingenuity allows you to make the most of nearly any situation. Even if you are having a ball with a child or loved one, you manage to move the fun up a notch. If you are alone, you might feel depressed. Don't let this happen! Tonight: Be the belle of the ball or the beau of the moment.

This Week: Expect to work hard. You won't be disappointed. Maybe you can take a good part of Friday off.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**

Act like your home is your castle. Don't permit someone to slow you down. A friend could have a case of the blues; be smart and move away from a problem person. You need some time off. Tonight: Make a favorite meal.

This Week: Stay centered. Understand what your expectations are. Then find the path to fulfillment.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**

You are likely to tell it like it is. You have unusual insight, which takes you down different paths. Sometimes you see an obstacle where others don't. If you observe that an older friend or relative could hit a boomerang, let this person know. Tonight: Visit with family.

This Week: Discussions become so animated that

you might want to duck and hide out. Friday is better.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**

Curb a need to go overboard. Spending also could be an issue. Someone from a distance reaches out to you; make plans to visit in the near future. A friend could cause a last-minute change of plans. Move with the moment. Tonight: Make a special dinner.

This Week: Communicate what is on your mind. Accept different opinions and learn to work with them.

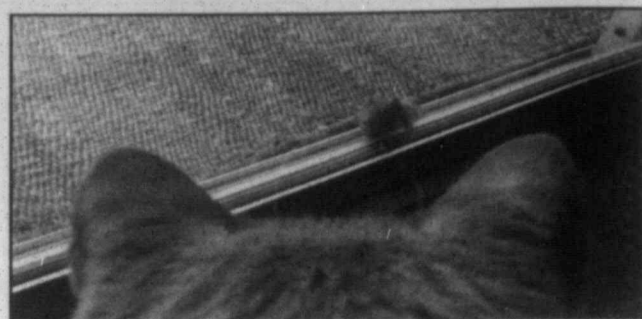
**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**

Your innate charisma speaks. Others are drawn to you and let you know it in no uncertain terms. Convincing a partner to get on board with plans could be like moving mountains. Let this person be. Tonight: Only where the fun is.

This Week: Beam in more of what you want. Be realistic about the costs, too.

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# Group: Leasing decline in West has serious impact

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) - Environmental red tape has contributed to a 79 percent decrease in oil and gas leasing on public land in Rocky Mountain states, taking a toll on the region's economy, a petroleum industry group says.

Members of the Denver-based Western Energy Alliance are prepared to spend \$3.9 billion to drill in the West, creating 16,000 jobs, said Kathleen Sgamma, the group's government affairs director.

Bureaucratic uncertainty is causing them to look elsewhere to invest, she said.

"They simply can't get the permits, they can't get their projects approved," Sgamma said Thursday.

An alliance report out this week documents the decline in numbers, though an environmentalist questioned the group's characterization of the federal permitting process as bogged down in bureaucratic mud.

"The oil and gas industry is like a baby with 10 lollipops. It can only put one in its mouth. But if you try and take one of the 10 away, it will cry and scream," said Erik Molvar, with the Biodiversity Conservation Alliance.

The U.S. Bureau of Land Management in seven states - Colorado, the Dakotas, Montana, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming - issued 60 percent fewer parcels for lease and 70 percent less acreage for leasing in 2010 than in 2005, according to the report.

The result, the group said, has been a 46 percent decline in revenue from leasing, from \$190 million to \$102 million. Those are funds that go to the federal government as well as state governments struggling with budget deficits, Sgamma said.

Not only are fewer drilling leases being sold at BLM auctions, she said, but fewer leases are being issued to companies under much stricter environmental review since the Obama administration took office almost two years ago.

"There's already three layers of analysis in the leasing process. This administration has added in another couple other layers of analysis," Sgamma said. "We think it's probably time to scale back some of that redundant analysis and enable development to go

through, to go forward, to create jobs in the West and economic activity."

Less drilling in the West has been the making of industry itself, Molvar said.

Companies have drilled to the point where they have created a natural gas glut that has driven down prices, Molvar said Friday. Economics, more than anything, has caused the leasing decline, he said.

"It's dishonest to suggest that the drop in leasing is being driven by some kind

of government policy, or oversight by environmentalists, because it's the oil industry themselves that's requesting a lot less acreage to be leased," Molvar said.

Companies themselves nominate parcels of BLM land for oil and gas leasing. The Western Energy Alliance report shows the number of nominated parcels declining from around 3,000 in 2007 to 1,300 in 2010, Molvar noted.

"No wonder you're getting decreases," he said.

Sgamma said lease nominations "don't just go away" and there's a "huge backlog" of nominated leases before the BLM.

"What company in their right mind would continue to nominate over and over again when there's no progress being made?" she said.

Molvar said companies exercise their right to drill on just a small number of leases they acquire - just 30 percent in Wyoming. He also said several large drilling projects, and thou-

sands more wells, have been approved in recent years.

Sgamma said companies often don't drill on leases because exploration shows that the leases aren't viable. Focusing on high-profile projects with thousands of new wells, she said, overlooks the bigger picture of many small developers not getting permission to drill

just a handful of wells.

The overall result, Sgamma said, is drilling in the West costs more, causing companies to look to gas plays on primarily private land in the East and South.

"Do we want to put the Western states at a disadvantage to the rest of the country? We don't believe that should be occurring,"

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Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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Level: Advanced



## Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I am a 23-year-old woman and my best friend is a guy, "Trevor." After hearing him call me "Sweetie" and say he's smitten with me and crazy about me, I mustered up the courage to talk with him about taking our friendship to the next level -- dating. Trevor responded that his emotions are in a "blender" right now and that he doesn't want to deal with them. He said he doesn't want to make promises in the future he can't keep. He also said he loves me and wants to continue to be best friends.

I know in my heart that it would be beautiful if Trevor just gave us a chance. I'm ready to date him. In fact, we already act like a couple. My friends say I should give up on him, but isn't a solid relationship built on a strong base of friendship? Should we remain best friends? — MAD ABOUT HIM IN WASHINGTON STATE

DEAR MAD ABOUT HIM: The answer to both your questions is yes. However, best friends are free to date others — and that seems to be what Trevor would prefer right now: no commitments. Loving someone and being in love with someone are not the same. And while Trevor's emotions are "in a blender," he is clear that he wants his freedom. You have my sympathy.

DEAR ABBY: I have been divorced for almost a year and am the mother of

two daughters. I am dating two very nice men, and I have been open and honest with both of them about not wanting a serious relationship right now. They both understand. The problem is my sister seems to feel that I need to make a commitment to one of them because if I don't, I will be viewed as a "player." She hasn't spoken to me in weeks because of this "issue."

Is it wrong of me to date more than one man at a time even if I am absolutely honest with them about it? I am not ready to settle down, and I enjoy dating both of them. How do I handle this with my sister? — NOT PLAYING FOR KEEPS

DEAR NOT PLAYING FOR KEEPS: The way to "handle" her is to ignore the silence and not allow her to push your buttons. By giving you the silent treatment, your sister is attempting to control your life. You are an adult, and you should not allow your sister — however well-meaning she may be — to pressure you.

DEAR ABBY: Today I witnessed two incidents of apparently well-meaning parents swatting their small children's behinds -- in public, no less. I cannot believe in these enlightened times this is still considered acceptable by otherwise intelligent people.

As an elementary school teacher, I can tell which children have been

subjected to physical discipline at home. They seem more fearful and angry and are more likely to hit another child because children learn through mimicry. In school or in public, a child who swats another child is liable to be lectured on bullying, sued or even arrested. Hitting someone other than your own child is called "assault" in legal terms.

Any degree of swatting may seem effective because it gets the child's attention in the moment, but in the long run, it is counterproductive.

I believe all high schools should offer mandatory child-rearing classes for both genders to break this harmful cycle, and to teach more effective forms of discipline. — ANY CHILD'S TEACHER

DEAR ANY CHILD'S TEACHER: I agree with you 100 percent!

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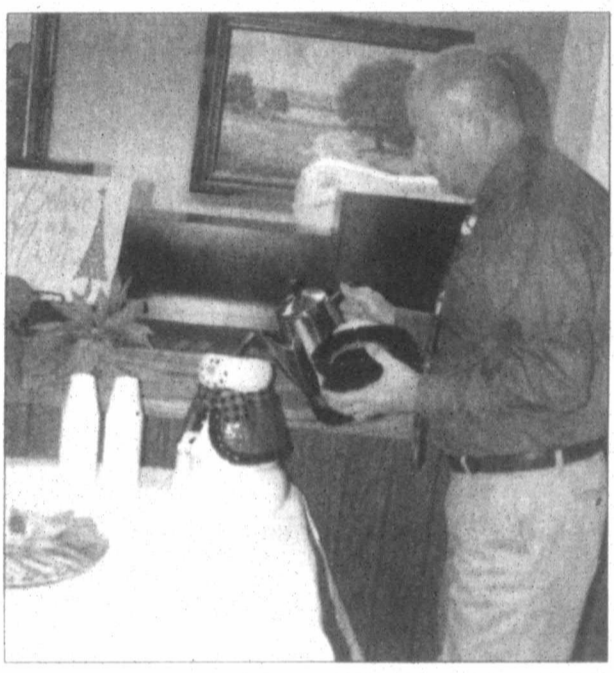
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**NBC bank held** a holiday open house for friends and patrons Friday. Above - Lanessa Steward and Heather Thompson set up cookies and punch. Below - Kevin Hunt prepares the coffee.



## Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR ABBY:** I would like to say something to my mother, but the truth is I don't know who my biological mother is. I was adopted when I was a baby. I have looked for her online over the years, but have yet to find her. I have asked myself many times what I'd say to her if I met her. Because I know it may never happen, I'm asking you to print my message:

"Mama, I don't know the circumstances of my birth, and I don't really care. All I know is that two loving parents adopted me and helped to shape me into the person I am. Today I am a successful professional with a loving spouse and wonderful children, to whom I try to give the best. I imagine that is what you wanted to do for me. Therefore, I have decided that I don't really need to find you and say, 'Thank you. You made a good choice. I am doing fine and I love you.'" — HER THANKFUL SON

**DEAR THANKFUL SON:** I hope one day your birth mother will be fortunate enough to meet you and you can say those words to her in person. One of the most difficult decisions a mother can make, but one of the most loving, is to place a child for adoption when she is unable to provide a stable upbringing for her baby. Most birth mothers long for a reunion. And for them, as well as for you, I am printing your letter.

**DEAR ABBY:** I am a semi-retired professional man. My wife and I have an ongoing disagreement and would like the benefit of your wisdom. I was raised that when a man enters a house or a place of business, especially a restaurant, he should remove his hat. It annoys me to see young men sit in a restaurant wearing baseball caps, cowboys hats or even stocking caps.

My wife says times have changed — recent generations were not raised

the same way and I should just get over it. I say there is no right or wrong age for common etiquette. I can overlook this behavior in a fast-food restaurant, but I also see it happening in nice establishments. I believe that restaurant managers should ask men to remove their hats. If they refuse, at least they will have been told it is unacceptable behavior. Should I follow my wife's advice, or do I have a valid gripe? — TONY IN FLORIDA

**DEAR TONY:** Some restaurants still insist that their patrons adhere to a strict dress code — but fewer of them do than in decades ago. In recent years the rigid rules regarding the wearing of hats have relaxed — in part, I suspect because of aging baby boomers who use baseball caps to camouflage their bald spots.

However, according to Emily Post, you do have a valid gripe. She says there are times when wearing a hat is appropriate, and times when it isn't. According to her, a man should remove his hat (and this includes baseball caps) upon entering a home, when indoors at work (especially in an office), at mealtime at the table, *IN RESTAURANTS AND COFFEE SHOPS* (the italics are mine), at a movie or indoor performance, when the National Anthem is played and when the American flag passes by as in a parade.

**DEAR ABBY:** Before she died last May, my wife ordered Christmas cards with both of our names printed on them. Should I send those cards, Abby? It would comfort me to still have our names linked together. — WIDOWED IN ARKANSAS

**DEAR WIDOWED:** If it brings you comfort, send them. And if you are questioned about it, tell the person the reason why.

## The tax plan's estimated cost

The estimated cost, over 10 years, of some of the new provisions added to the tax deal taking shape in Washington:

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- Grants to reimburse developers of renewable energy, such as wind and solar, \$3 billion
- Incentives for biodiesel fuel production, \$2 billion
- Gulf Coast tax incentive programs enacted after Hurricane Katrina, allowing states to issue tax-free bonds, offer enhanced tax depreciation for investments, \$792 million
- Tax credit for construction of energy efficient homes, \$138 million
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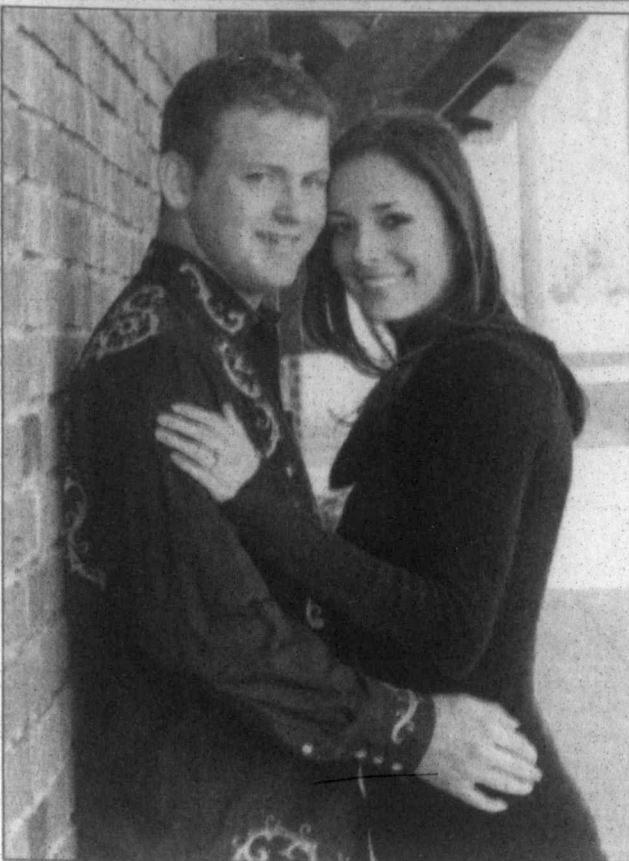
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# Community

## WEDDING BELLS



Robert Aaron Douglas and Natosha Crystal Goode.

## Goode, Douglas to marry Jan. 7

Ronnie and Jane Goode announce the engagement of their daughter, Natosha Crystal Goode, to Robert Aaron Douglas, son of Hank and Heather Douglas. The wedding is planned for Jan. 7, 2011 at Trinity Fellowship Church, in Pampa.

Natosha is attending Clarendon College - Pampa campus and is a nursing student.

Robert attended Oklahoma State University in Goodwell, Okla., and is employed at Titan Specialties Ltd. in Pampa.

## HONOR ROLL

The following students were named to the second six week honor roll at Austin Elementary school:

### A HONOR ROLL:

Second grade - Ruth Andrews, Haley Brock, Rieley Carroll, Chandler Coronis, Riley Devoll, Caleb Ebenkamp, Seth Ericson, Denise Gonzales, Jackson Hendricks, Joseph L'Esperance, Mia McCracken, Austin Murphy, Marianna Nava, Justice Perez, Tessa Potter, Hallie Sieck, Seth Smith, Jake Thomas, Clayton Tucker.

Third grade - Rebekah Andrews, Conner Anstey, Avery Cochran, Abigail DeLoach, Brock Ferguson, Jessica Gooch, Gabriel Heiskell, Taylor Jefferies, William Karson, Kayla Monds, Nathaniel Morales, Hunter Nicholas, Isaiah Nies, Allison Pooley, Conner Scott, Julian Velasquez, Halie West.

Fourth grade - Elizabeth Arreola, Jacey Baten,

Braydon Burrell, Brittney Carbajal, Ashley Cerda, Brenden Courtney, Jacob Ebenkamp, Avery Hoganson, Jordan Littlefield, Elle McCracken, Allie O'Brien, Karson Parnell, Keely Rex, Bethany Roden, David Syfrett, Maizy True, Jace Ware, Natalie Winborne.

Fifth grade - Sidney Armendariz, Garrett Bonner, Maddy Cross, Cierra Ditmore, Mason Eldridge, Angel Garcia-Gonzalez, Alexander Karson, Adrian Nanez, Kade Parker, Destiny Peet, William Read, Alexander Smith, Kayden Stidham, Aspen Sullivan, Michael Villareal.

### AB HONOR ROLL:

Second grade - Jackson Bagwell, Klaire Cambern, Kyler Cook, Makala Graham, Zapryce Johnson, Ruth Matthews, Karla Nanez, Ky Parnell, Natalie Phillips, Thomas Reagan, Terra Selvidge, Aracely Sierra.

Third grade - Preslee Alvey, Garrett Anderson, Evan Boyd, Caitlynn Budd, Jasper Chaney, Laurel Cordova, Marcus Davila, Roc Doan, Riley Elliff, Allyson Gutierrez, Jayden Holland, Kylee McMurrin, Ashlynn Mulanex, Georgie Sue Osborne, Addison Smith, Andrew Stevens, Kellan Stokes, Zane Sutherland, Cooper Trolinger, Chae Ward, Chase Weinette.

Fourth grade - Donovan

Addington, Brenna Barrow, Katie Barton, Jace Clark, Jasmine Crumpton, Jazmin Guzman, Raven Lightfoot, Taylor May, Raymond Mendoza, Nahum Nanez, Jakan Reeves, Eduardo Soto, Garrison Stevens, Esmeralda Torres.

Fifth grade - Fernando Anguiano, Brittney Blakemore, Thomas Costley, Seth Langley, Jared Minyard, Mateo Mosqueda, Tyler Orand.

## NHS inductee

Austin Hinkle, son of David and Stacy Hinkle and grandson of Joyce Cotham and Ken Hinkle was recently inducted into the National Technical Honor Society. Austin a Junior at Clear Creek HS was nominated by faculty at CCHS for induction into NTHS, which recognizes student accomplishments in values, honesty, responsibility, leadership and excellence in education.



## CLUB NEWS

The Pampa Art Club met Tuesday, Dec. 7 in the Nona Payne Room at the Pampa Chamber of Commerce.

The club welcomed two new members, Rebecca Greenhouse and Suzie Wilkenson. Suzie is a past member who is returning.

Marilyn Lee served a lunch of pizza, salad and a choice of mini desserts. Dona Cornutt will host the club's annual Christmas gathering on Tuesday, Dec. 21. The gathering will include a gift exchange of regional art work.

The next meeting will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday,

Dec. 21 at Dona Cornutt's home.

## WEDDING BELLS



Jared Adam Jones and Anna Elizabeth Johnson.

## Johnson, Jones to wed

Dr. and Mrs. Jay Johnson announce the engagement of their daughter Anna Elizabeth to Jared Adam Jones.

The bride-to-be graduated from Pampa High School in 2004 and received a bachelor's degree in Interior Design with a minor in Architecture from Texas Tech University in 2008. She is employed by Van Stavern Interiors of Midland, Texas and

by Family Fit as a yoga instructor.

The prospective groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael R. Jones of Pampa. He graduated from Pampa High School in 2002 and received a bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering from Texas Tech University in 2008. He is employed by FloCO2 in Midland, Texas.

A January wedding is planned in Austin, Texas.

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# Community

## Oh, Christmas Tree!



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A class from Wilson Elementary School recently visited the Davis Christmas Tree farm. The students enjoyed selecting the tree and the hot chocolate and cookies that warmed them up. Back row, from left are Kaa Gasaway, Corby Unruh, Janet Gonzalez, Matthew Velasquez, Mickey Hardy, Summer Price, Shyann Price, Jasmin Gonzalez, Elijah Palma, Autumn Rossiter, Lupe Carra. Kneeling, from left are Stephanie Velasquez, India Gatson, Isaiah Harvey, Aaron Free, Taylor Kent, Robert Vanbuskirk. Sitting, from left are Julio Silva, Dakota David, Sabrina Videon, Stephine Ballard, Autumn Price, Amiya Donahue, Timmy Ketchum.

## Weekly Menus

### Pampa Senior Citizens Center

MONDAY, Dec. 13

Chicken Fried Steak or Chicken & Dumplings, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Beets, Beans, Cole Slaw, Tossed Salad or Jello, Strawberry Cake, Chocolate Sundae Cup or Fruit Cup, Hot Roll or Cornbread.

TUESDAY, Dec. 14

Hamburger Steak or Chicken Louisiana, Tater Tots, California Blend, Spinach Beans, Cole Slaw, Tossed Salad or Jello, Butter Pecan Cake, Bread Pudding or Fruit Cup, Hot Roll or Cornbread.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 15

Roast Beef Brisket, Brown Gravy or Cook's Choice, Mashed Potatoes, Peas, Carrots, Beans, Cole Slaw, Tossed Salad or Jello, Devilsfood Cake, Lemon Pie or Fruit Cup, Hot Roll or Cornbread.

THURSDAY, Dec. 16

Chicken Strips or Beef Enchiladas, Scalloped Potatoes, Cheese Hominy, Onion Rings, Beans, Cole Slaw, Tossed Salad, or Jello, Carrot Cake, Peach Cobbler or Fruit Cup, Hot Roll or Cornbread.

FRIDAY, Dec. 17

Cod Fish Filet, Hushpuppies or Spaghetti & Meatballs, Potato Wedges, Cabbage, Beans, Cole Slaw, Tossed Salad or Jello, Turtle Brownies, Tapioca Cups or Fruit Cup, Garlic Breadsneck, Hot Roll or Cornbread.

### Southside Senior Citizens Center

TUESDAY, Dec. 14

Enchiladas, Spanish Rice, Pinto Beans, Salad, Jalapeno Cornbread, Dessert, Tea.

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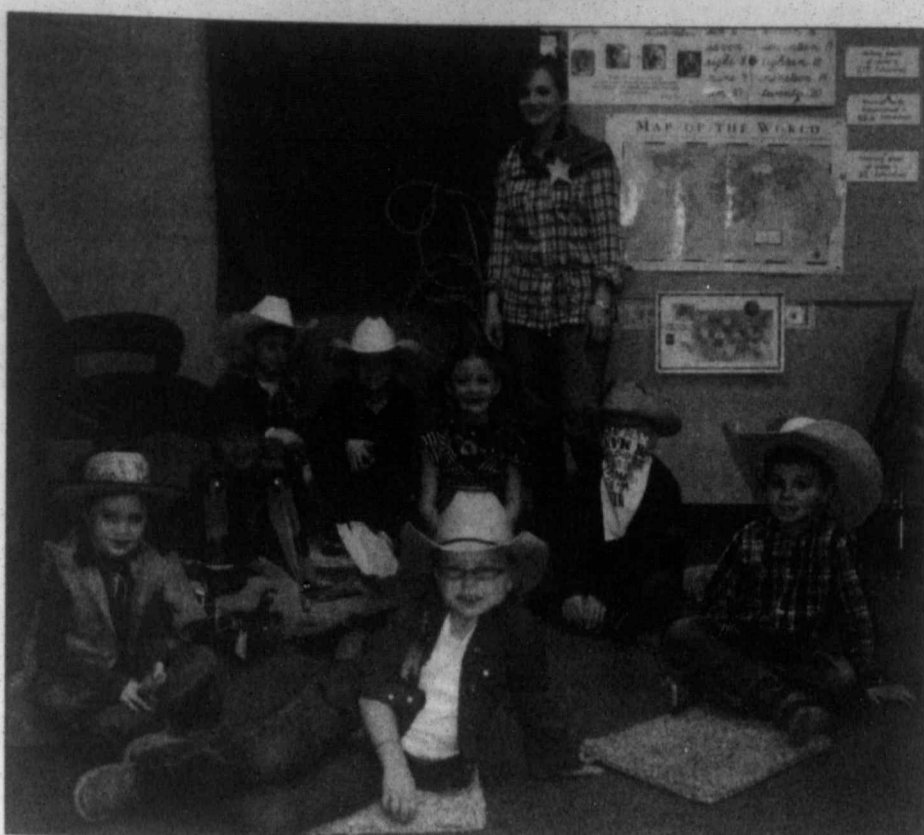
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# Yee-Haw!



Mrs. Thomas's Second Grade Class from Community Christian School just finished learning about the life of a cowboy. In celebration they all wore their cowboy/cowgirl attire to school on Friday, Dec. 10. Posing by the camp fire are Ashlynn Thomas, Isaiah Chisum, Noah Land, Gavin Morton/Hudson, Chandler Petty, Kyle Gordzelik, Jayton Whittington and Mary Catherine Martindale... along with Deputy Mrs. Sharon Thomas.

## Weekly Menus

### Pampa Independent School District

**MONDAY, Dec. 13**  
Fish Strips or Chicken Nuggets, Whipped Potatoes, Green Beans, Mixed Fruit  
**Breakfast** - French Toast Sticks, Syrup.

**TUESDAY, Dec. 14**  
Corn dog or Pizza, Black-Eyed Peas, Tossed Salad, Applesauce. **Breakfast** - Biscuit, Gravy.

**WEDNESDAY, Dec. 15**  
Chicken Fajitas or Steak Fingers, Pinto Beans, Corn, Bell Peppers & Onions, Fresh Fruit, Spanish Rice. **Breakfast** - Cinnamon Pastries.

**THURSDAY, Dec. 16**  
Macaroni & Cheese or Popcorn Chicken, English Peas, Tossed Salad, Peaches, Hot Roll. **Breakfast** - Pancake N' Sausage on a Stick, Syrup.

**FRIDAY, Dec. 17**  
Burrito or Hot Dog French, Fries, Sliced Carrots, Pears, Pudding. **Breakfast** - Cereal, Toast.

### Meals on Wheels

**MONDAY, Dec. 13**  
BBQ, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Applesauce.

**TUESDAY, Dec. 14**  
Meatloaf, Scalloped Potatoes, Peas, Pineapple.

**WEDNESDAY, Dec. 15**  
Stew, Cornbread, Pears.

**THURSDAY, Dec. 16**  
Tuna Casserole, Pickled Beets, Brussels Sprouts, Apricots.

**FRIDAY, Dec. 17**  
Ham/ Dressing, Sweet Potatoes, Green Beans, Cranberry.

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Holiday Season

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Unlike other skip-a-payment programs, there are **NO** fees involved in our skip a payment program. Just another great reason to get all of your loans at **Pantex Federal Credit Union**.

#### Skip a Payment Request Form

- You must have made at least one full monthly payment on your loan and all loans with PFCU must be current and in good standing.
- Your written request to skip a payment must be received 5 days prior to your normal loan payment due date. Verbal requests can not be accepted.
- If the loan is a joint or co-signed loan, both parties must sign the request form.
- Skip a payment is **not** available on any real estate backed loans, including home equity loans.

PFCU reserves the right to deny any skip-a-payment request

The Skip-A-Payment option in no way alters the terms and conditions of your original loan contract as previously disclosed to you. Interest at the contractual rate will continue to accrue on the unpaid balance of your loan. The deferred payment will be added to the end of your loan. Loan payments made by payroll deduction will be deposited back into your savings account.

I (We) understand and agree with the above conditions, and request that you defer the November or December payment (selected below) on the following loan(s) and agree that the payments will resume again at the next regularly scheduled loan payment date.

I (We) will presume approval unless otherwise notified by the Credit Union.

This is your contract... mail, fax or drop it by the credit union to defer your holiday loan payment

Borrower \_\_\_\_\_

Co-Borrower/Co-signer \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Request \_\_\_\_\_

Member Number \_\_\_\_\_

Please skip a payment on the following loan(s)

- all eligible loans with PFCU      Skip  November or  December Payment
- only on the following loans (list loan numbers below)

Loan # \_\_\_\_\_ Loan # \_\_\_\_\_

Loan # \_\_\_\_\_



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Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays from your friends at  
**Pantex Federal Credit Union!**

## CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 1 Walk of Fame sight
- 5 Get news of
- 9 Future fungi
- 10 UFO occupant
- 12 Sachet scent
- 13 September sign
- 14 Bob Marley song
- 16 Empty talk
- 17 Tie the knot
- 18 Business gamble
- 20 Hot linemen
- 23 Opera offerings
- 25 Tag sale proviso
- 28 Takes notice
- 32 Monopoly avenue
- 34 First número
- 35 Play part
- 36 In theory
- 38 Mixes up
- 40 Martini extra
- 41** Marisa of "The Wrestler"
- 42** Descartes and Magritte
- 43** Bring up New driver, often
- DOWN**
- 1 Small piano
- 2 Spanish city
- 3 Asia's — Sea
- 4 Get back
- 5 Safe spot
- 6 Yale student
- 7 Pellet shooter
- 8 Look at
- 9 Delays
- 11 Snouts
- 15 Game choice
- 19 Try out
- 21 Ultimate
- 24 Gate setting
- 25 Nautical call
- 26 District
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- 29 Flat on one's back
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### Yesterday's answer

- 8 Look at
- 9 Delays
- 11 Snouts
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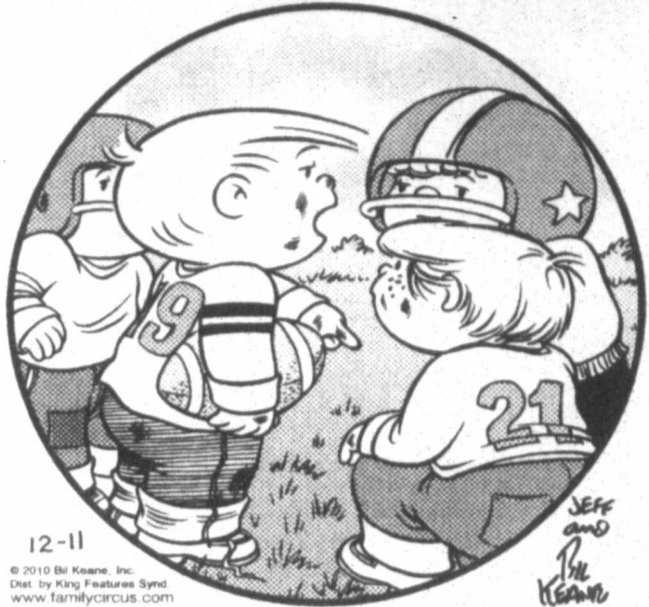
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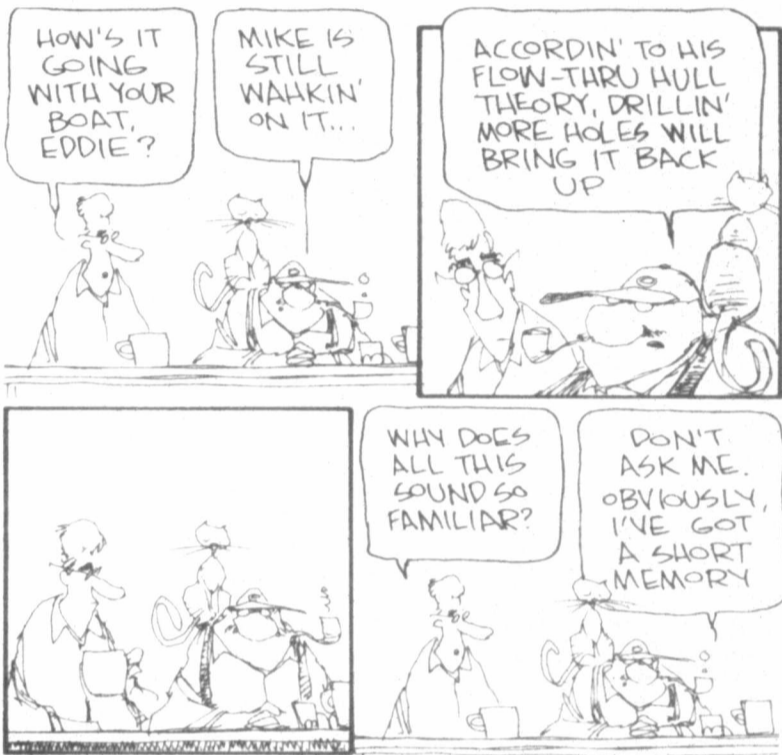


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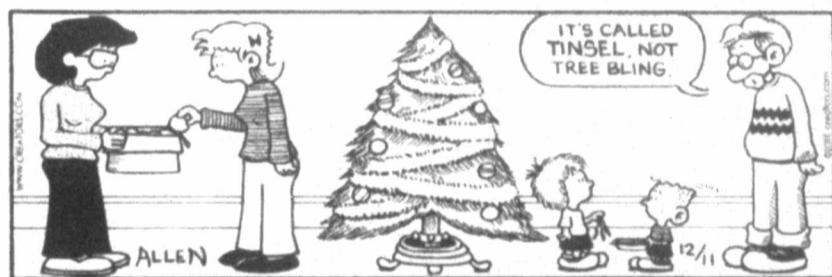
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"I'm gettin' kinda hungry. I think it must be halftime."

### Non Sequitur



### Nest Heads



## daily horoscope

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Monday, Dec. 13, 2010:

This year, expect surprises, and you might not be surprised! You will feel more optimistic and positive about your personal and domestic life than you have in years. Some of you might be purchasing new homes. If you are single, spring 2011 could present a tantalizing relationship. Only you can determine its significance to you. If you are attached, you might be adding to your family, be it just a pet or adding new fun to your already exciting relationship. Plan a trip as a couple. Use care with your finances, as although you feel you are on solid ground, often there might be disruption and major expenses. Be aware, and you will be one step ahead. PISCES can be a drain.

**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)**  
★★★★ Understanding others' motives could be a full-time job. If someone's behavior is weird or off, why not just ask this person what is going on? Understanding your own motives could be more important. Avoid a clash of the titans. Tonight: Take a serious look at your reactions.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**  
★★★★ Zero in on possibilities rather than problems. You will lighten up considerably. Many unexpected developments could toss you off a preordained path. Stretch to see beyond the obvious. Tonight: Where the gang is.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**  
★★★★ How you see a situation and the manner in which it evolves could be far more significant than you believe. Though you could be stunned by news, you will adjust. The unexpected occurs in the workplace or with someone you look up to. Tonight: A partner or loved one could be more difficult than necessary.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**  
★★★★ Your ability to flex is put to the test. How much can you really handle and absorb? New information is forthcoming. A key figure in your life doesn't demonstrate the same ability to flex and could be a problem right now. Tonight: Let your imagination kick in.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**  
★★★★ The best intentions could fall to the wayside. When making plans or a to-do list, you assume a certain set of givens. Those givens could go to the wayside too quickly for your taste today. Demonstrate an innate open-

ness. Tonight: Rethink a decision carefully.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**  
★★★★ Strap on your seat belt, as you could find that nearly everywhere you turn life presents a maze or a roller-coaster ride. Maintain your sense of humor, and you will clear it with ease. A discussion about a project or with a loved one could provide exciting ups and downs. Tonight: Stay in the moment.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**  
★★★★ You could be flabbergasted by how fast the best laid plans fall to the wayside. You also might want to rethink a situation more carefully that involves your personal and/or domestic life. Understanding evolves for those who want it. Tonight: Squeeze in some exercise.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**  
★★★★ Your creativity responds to the unanticipated. You'll move in new ways and in a new direction if you don't get stuck in a mental attitude. In any case, knowing when to move on remains critical. Tonight: Ever playful.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**  
★★★★ Getting clear of a personal matter might not happen. You might have to accept the situation knowing that all the facts and ramifications are far from in. Use care making any financial commitments, especially if you're feeling pressured. Tonight: Mosey on home.

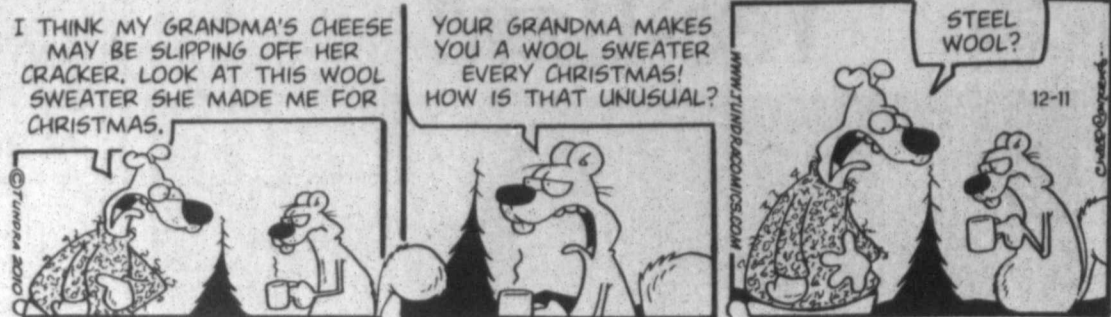
**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**  
★★★★ Keep asking questions and listening to the responses. What seems too good to be true quite possibly is. You could discover that what you always thought of as a given is otherwise. You might have to stop and regroup. Tonight: Rethinking recent events.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**  
★★★★ Use caution with an investment, commitment or personal spending. What you didn't think was going to happen does occur. Your ability to flex and grow in a new direction emerges. Tonight: Give some deep thought to an idea.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**  
★★★★ Your unpredictability comes forward and might blow what felt like a special opportunity right out. Don't get too upset. Eventually this would have happened. You cannot suppress sides of your personality. Tonight: A hard talk with an assertive friend.

**BORN TODAY**  
Guitarist Ted Nugent (1948), singer, songwriter Taylor Swift (1989), boxing champ Archie Moore (1913)

### Tundra



### Shoe



### Mother Goose and Grim



### Zits



### Garfield



### Beetle Bailey



### Marvin



### Hagar The Horrible

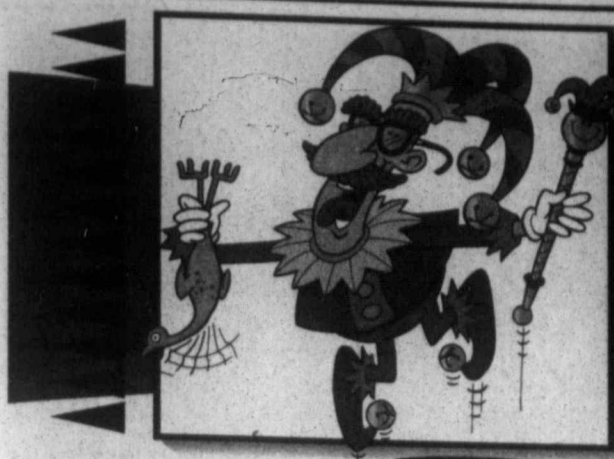


### Peanuts



### Blondie





# kicks kids

## GAMES AND PUZZLES

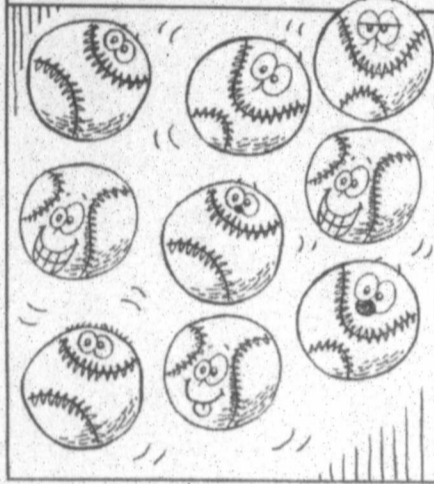
### DRAW IT!

**COLOR ME BROWN !!**

**GIVE ME 5 RHYMES FOR THROW...**



**WHICH TWO BASEBALLS ARE THE SAME ?**



**THIS OLD BASEBALL IS PRETTY MAD ! HE THINKS THE PLAYERS TREAT HIM BAD. UNSCRAMBLE HIM, AND YOU WILL SEE WHY HE'S AS MAD AS HE CAN BE !**



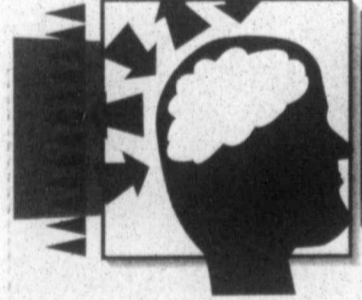
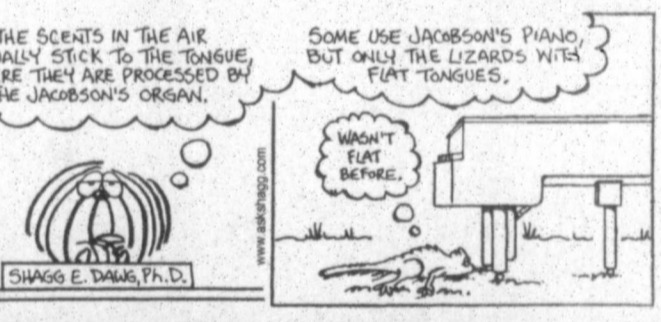
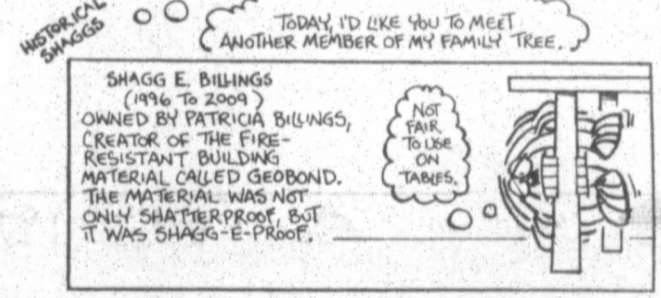
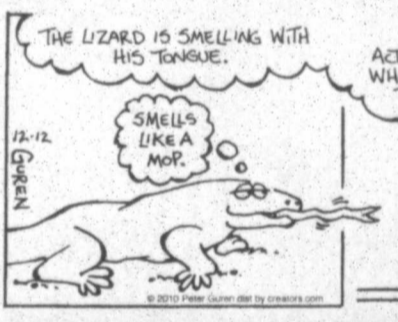
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**Color this picture of a snowman decorating his Christmas tree.**



Dear Shagg,  
Why do lizards stick their tongues out so much?  
Hayley Pirrotta  
Greenwich, CT



# adult addlers

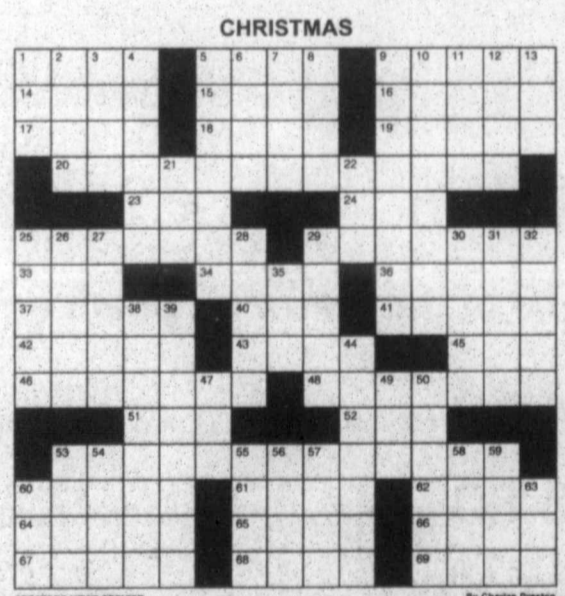
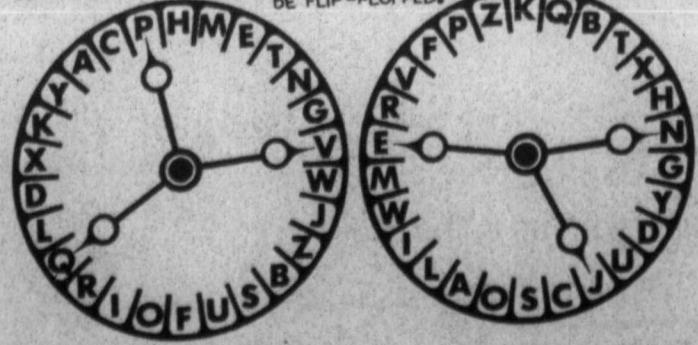
### Word Search — Christmastime

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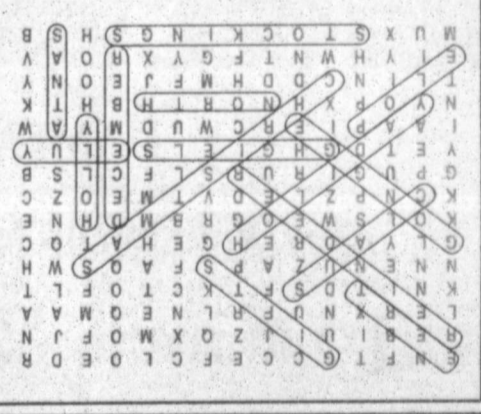
### DIAL A PAIR

THE OBJECT OF THIS PUZZLE IS TO DIAL TWO IDENTICAL SETS OF LETTERS. AT PRESENT, THE POINTERS MAY OR MAY NOT BE ON THE CORRECT DIAL FACE, AND ONE OR BOTH POINTERS MAY HAVE TO BE FLIP-FLOPPED.



- ACROSS**
- Hook
  - sol: at home
  - Dress to the nines
  - vincit omnia
  - Sun: prefix
  - RSVP
  - Love to excess
  - Algerian port
  - Sites Marner's child
  - Carol character
  - Family member
  - Athena, for one: Gr.
  - Tijuana wraps: var.
  - College in Athens, W.Va.
  - 33 Resident: suffix
  - 34 Carry on
  - 36 Felt sun hat
  - 37 New Hampshire's state flower
  - 40 Jordan's org.
  - 41 Members of the mil.
  - 42 Wagon drivers
  - 43 Journey
  - 45 NRC predecessor
  - 46 Greek wine
  - 48 Some helpings
  - 51 Darys
  - 52 Kind of head
  - 53 See 28 Down
  - 60 Room, in Rouen
  - 61 Yours, in Burgundy
  - 62 New Rochelle college
  - 64 Common cat
  - 65 Madonna's ex-husband
  - 66 Author Charles Peary
  - 67 Clues
  - 68 Visited Davy Jones's locker
  - 69 "Such as hang on \_\_\_'s cheek"
- DOWN**
- Spilled
  - In a frenzy
  - Bistro offering
  - Vaccaro or Jagger
  - Fish soup
  - Command to Fido
  - Joyousness
  - Galvanize
  - Load for 53 Across
  - Supplants
  - Baseball Hall-of-Famer Rbxy
  - Wallach and Whitney
  - Entertainer Louis
  - Place for a bridge
  - Conductor de Waart
  - Type of heat
  - for labour
  - Switched on again
  - With 29 Down, a familiar Christmas figure
  - See 28 Down
  - Keyboard instrument
  - Was worthy of notice
  - Parts of brakes
  - Native of Nigeria
  - Attacked
  - Means of access for 28 Down
  - Consider anew
  - Litchi
  - Bliff's mate
  - Goggle-eyed
  - Place for serendipities
  - Ms. Nazimova
  - Emulates Rip van Winkle
  - Virginia willow
  - NE state
  - Top
  - Standoffish person
  - volatiles
  - Wonder

### Word Search Answers



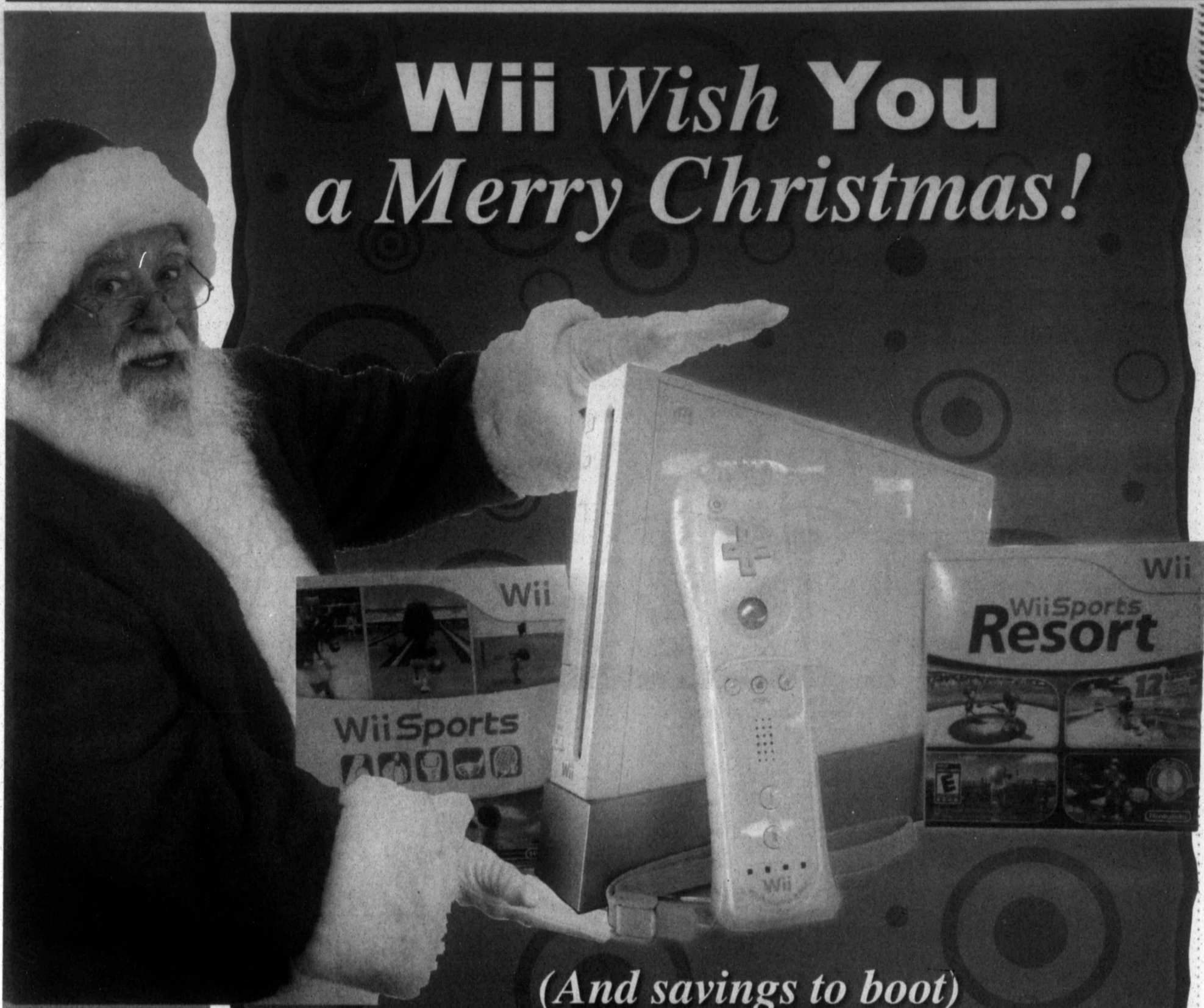
### Crossword Puzzle Answers



### Dial A Pair Answers

THE LETTERS ARE \*RGC\*. THE POINTERS WERE BOTH POSITIONED CORRECTLY AND ONLY ONE SPACE OFF.

# Wii Wish You a Merry Christmas!

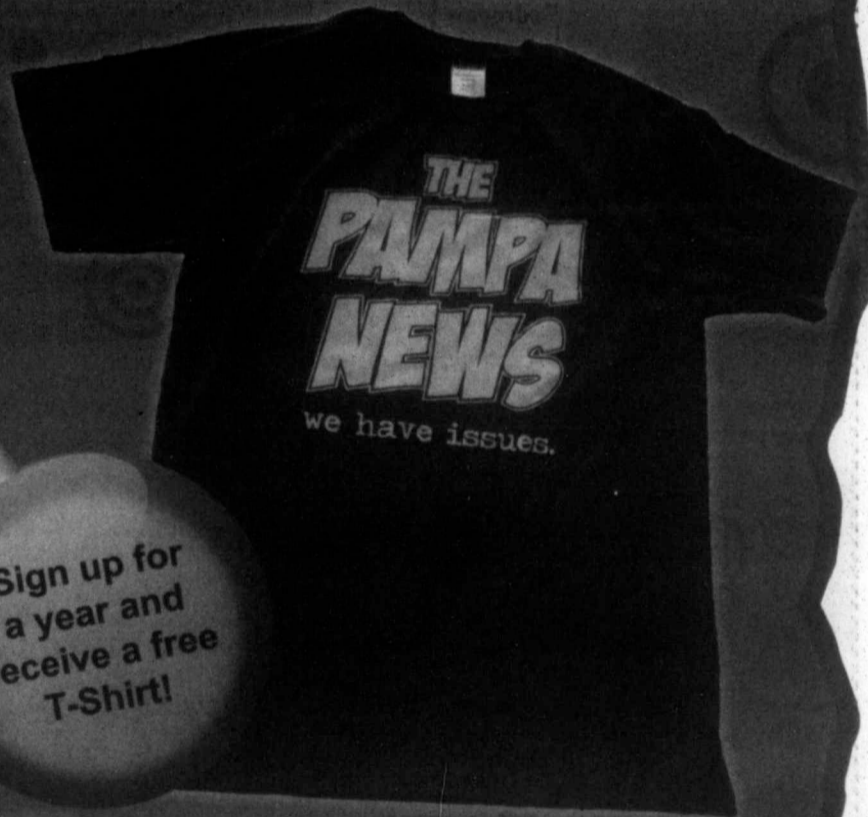


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**1 Public Notice**  
**ORDINANCE NO. 1542**  
**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE 6.06 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PAMPA, TEXAS, BY AMENDING SEC. 6.06.002 IN ITS ENTIRETY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION BY THE CITY OF PAMPA, TEXAS:**  
**Section 1.**  
 Sec. 6.06.002 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Pampa, Texas, is hereby amended in its entirety to read as follows:  
**Sec. 6.06.002 When and where dumping**  
**1 Public Notice**  
 allowed, monthly amount; limiting amount;  
 (a) All dumping by an owner at the sanitary landfill shall only be during the hours of operations as established by resolution adopted by the city commission. All solid waste and rubbish shall be deposited only in the place designated by the landfill foreman.  
 (b) An individual owner shall be limited to not more than 1,000 lbs. per month of solid waste and rubbish unless the holder of a commercial permit.  
 (c) An individual owner shall provide proof of residency within the City by providing a copy of a current water bill.  
 (d) Exceptions to the above limitations may be granted upon written approval by the director of public works or landfill foreman.  
**Section 2.**  
 It is the intention of the City Commission that this Ordinance, and every provision thereof, shall be considered severable, and the invalidity or unconstitutionality of any section, phrase, provision or portion of this Ordinance shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other portion of this Ordinance.  
**Section 3.**  
 This ordinance shall be effective upon approval on second and final reading and shall be enforceable on and after January 1, 2011.  
**INTRODUCED, PASSED and APPROVED** on its first reading this the 9th day of November, 2010.  
**INTRODUCED, PASSED and APPROVED** on its second and final reading this the 23rd day of November, 2010.  
 CITY OF PAMPA, TEXAS  
 By: *Lanny Robbins*, Mayor  
**ATTEST:**  
*Karen L. Price*, City Secretary  
**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**  
 Don R. Lane, Interim City Attorney  
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# Sports

## More NCAA bowl games means less quality competition

Next week starts the 88th College Bowl season. For two and a half weeks, people will be in front of their television sets all day watching college football.

Every year of the last decade, new bowl games have been added. While this gives people more games to watch, the NCAA FBS division has only gained four teams. Thus with the addition of more bowl games, it's watering down one of the most exciting post-seasons. The expansion of the college bowl season needs to stop.

In 1990, there were 19 bowl games and 107 teams in NCAA Division 1; meaning only 35 percent of teams played in bowl games. Only six of 15, 6-win teams (40 percent) played in a bowl game and five of nine (56 percent) seven-win teams played in bowl games.

In 2000, the NCAA gained nine teams to Division 1 and added six more bowl games. So, 50 of 116 teams played in a



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bowl game.

There wasn't much of a change in the number of six-win teams making bowl games. However 15 of 19 seven-win teams played in a bowl game, an increase of 22 percent.

This year, there are 10 new bowls, but the NCAA gained only four teams. Now 58 percent of college football teams will play in a bowl game. That's a higher percentage than teams that make the NBA or NHL playoffs (53 percent). This year, every team that won six games (15) made it to a bowl game. All 17 seven-win teams are playing in a bowl game. So almost half the teams playing in bowls this year won no more than seven games.

If the pattern of growth continues, in 2020 the NCAA will have 49 bowl games and only 120 teams. Currently six wins is the minimum to be bowl eligible. If the NCAA keeps adding more bowls and doesn't add many more teams, that requirement will go down. The rate bowls are being added, it won't be a surprise if in a season or two, we have 5-7 teams mak-

ing bowl games.

The question is: How does the NCAA fix this and make it an accomplishment to play in a bowl game?

First, they can reduce the number of bowl games. There are some bowl games that would be easy to get rid off. Do we seriously need a bowl game in every major city? Heck some major cities like Dallas have two bowls now.

The way the NCAA is expanding bowl season by century's end, Pampa could be hosting the Wheat Bowl at Harvester Field. There could be bowls named after celebrities if the bowl season keeps expanding.

Stop adding bowl games that represent populated cities. What would make this difficult is the money involved. The payouts to the teams in these bowl games range from \$325,000 to \$17,000,000. Add in the commercials, and what the television station makes, and that's a lot of money.

Next, the NCAA can lower the number of spots per conference. Currently, it's possible for eight of 12 teams in the Big XII to play in bowl games. As long as

you win a couple of conference games you could go to a bowl game. The NCAA can lower the number of teams to half of the conference and still keep the six win requirement. The issue for some conferences is they might not have enough bowl-eligible teams. However, the NCAA can select from other conferences that have teams in the bottom half that meet the requirement.

I will admit that during the first couple days of the college bowl season, I make it a priority to sit in front of the television and watch the games. After that, if I have something better to do with those three hours, I won't hesitate to do it. Usually after the first couple days of bowl games, I only make it a priority to watch Texas Tech's bowl and the BCS bowls.

While the college bowl season is enjoyed by many, further expansion could lessen that enjoyment.

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## City League volleyball standings

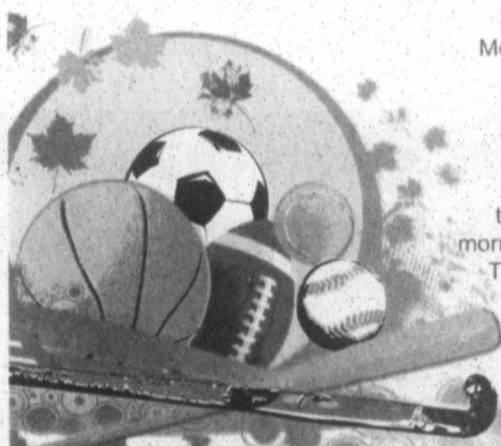
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	Conference	Overall
Hulkamaniacs	4-2	6-4
Kickin' Gas	3-3	6-4
Tangles	3-3	4-6
Wolf Pack	3-3	3-7
RE/MAX	2-4	6-4

### Recreational

	Conference	Overall
Domino's	5-0	10-0
Anytime Fitness	4-1	6-4
Mom Ministry	2-3	3-7
Century 21	2-3	6-4
Sturgeon Law Firm	2-3	4-6
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# Sports

## Lady Harvesters struggle offensively, lose 12th game

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The Pampa Lady Harvesters matched the Shallowater Fillies for almost three quarters; but turnovers and missed shots sent Pampa to a 64-38 defeat.

Head Coach Gene Valentine said they struggled with the same issues.

"We had a lapse in the fourth quarter," Valentine said. "It was a game till then. We just went cold. It's kind of an issue we've been dealing with."

Senior guard Cori Cook said they need to keep the turnovers down.

"We just have to calm down and set up the offense," Cook said.

The first quarter was a defensive battle. Only 16 total points were scored in the first and both teams held leads. Pampa made the opening basket on a Delaney Clendening layup. Shallowater had three two-point leads and one four-point lead. The game was tied twice at two and six. The Fillies led 10-6 after the first.

Just like the first quarter, Pampa made the opening basket in the second. Shallowater would outscore Pampa 9-1 and hold their largest lead to that point 19-9. The Lady Harvesters followed with a 10-2 run and cut the lead to two. The Fillies closed the quarter on a 9-3 run and led 30-22 at halftime. Junior Caitlin Sieck led the Lady Harvesters' offense scoring seven of Pampa's 16 points in the second.

Valentine said Sieck was very aggressive in the second and wished more people were.

"Second quarter, she comes in and is

driving," Valentine said. "She's getting fouled and getting some free throws. We kind of got away from that aggression and that's where it hurt us."

The Lady Harvesters (1-12) started the third quarter strong, scoring six of the first eight points and cut the Fillies' lead to 32-28. The rest of the quarter belonged to Shallowater, who took advantage of Pampa turnovers and went on a 9-1 run. Pampa trailed 46-32 after the third.

Sieck said they need to take their time with their shots.

"We've been rushing it a little bit," Sieck said. "We just need to get set and hit it."

The Fillies made sure there would be no fourth quarter comeback by the Lady Harvesters as they opened the fourth on a 15-0 run. Pampa was held to only six points in the fourth, which were all scored by junior guard Kirsten Kuhn in the last two minutes of the game.

Sieck led the Lady Harvesters in scoring with 12 points. Kuhn and Clendening followed with eight each. Bailey Pounds led the Fillies in scoring with 11. Kylee Smith followed with 10 and Katie Fowler followed with eight.

Valentine said Shallowater was very balanced in their scoring.

"They are a good team," Valentine said. "They're always ranked in the top 15 in the state. I thought early on we matched them."

Pampa visits Amarillo High 7:30 p.m. Monday for a rematch of Tuesday's game.



staff photo by Andrew Glover

Cori Cook attempts a three in the first half against Shallowater Friday. The Lady Harvesters lost 64-38 and fall to 1-12. Pampa rematches with Amarillo High 7:30 p.m. Monday in Amarillo.

### this week in SPORTS:

DEC 13

Monday

- Pampa High School Freshman Girls Basketball vs. Hereford, 6 p.m., Hereford
- Pampa Junior High Girls Basketball vs. Borger, 5 p.m., Pampa Junior High
- Pampa Junior High Boys Basketball vs. Borger, 5 p.m., Borger Junior High
- Pampa Freshman, JV and Varsity Boys Basketball vs. Randall, Fr: 4:30 p.m. JV: 6 p.m. Varsity 7:30 p.m., Randall
- Pampa Freshman JV and Varsity Girls Basketball vs. Amarillo High, Fr: 4:30 p.m. JV: 6 p.m. Varsity 7:30 p.m., Amarillo High

DEC 14

Tuesday

- Lefors High School Girls Boys and Girls Basketball vs. Darrrouzett, Girls: 6 p.m. Boys: 7:30 p.m., Darrrouzett

DEC 15

Wednesday

- Seniors Scramble: Sign up 10 a.m., 10:30 a.m. shotgun start, Hidden Hills

DEC 16

Thursday

- McLean Boys and Girls Basketball, Valley Tournament TBA, Valley
- Competitive and Recreational Volleyball, Games start at 6:30 p.m., Dennis Cavalier Activity Center

DEC 17

Friday

- Pampa High School Freshman, JV & Varsity Girls Basketball vs. Lubbock Estacado, Fr and JV: 5:30 p.m. Varsity 7 p.m., Lubbock Estacado
- Lefors Boys and Girls Basketball vs. Miami: Girls: 6 p.m., Boys: 7:30 p.m., Lefors
- McLean Boys and Girls Basketball, Valley Tournament TBA, Valley

DEC 18

Saturday

- McLean Boys and Girls Basketball, Valley Tournament TBA, Valley
- Pampa High School Wrestling, Tucumari Tournament, TBA



Kirsten Kuhn controls a wild pass in the first half Friday against Shallowater. Pampa lost 64-38.

### Quick Summary

#### Shallowater Fillies 64, Pampa Lady Harvesters 32

Records: Shallowater (10-3), Pampa (1-12)

It was over when: The Fillies went on a 9-1 run midway through the third quarter and turned a four-point lead into a 12-point lead.

Game ball goes to: Bailey Pounds, Shallowater Pounds led the Fillies in scoring with 11 and was threat on the glass on both sides of the ball.

Pampa Game ball goes to: Caitlin Sieck, Jr. Sieck led the Lady Harvesters in scoring with nine points. Sieck was very aggressive going towards the hole and was rewarded with several free throws.

Stat of the game: 28-12. The combined total of points Pampa was outscored in the first and fourth quarter. The Lady Harvesters only scored six points in each of those quarters.

Teams	1	2	3	4	Final
Shallowater	10	20	16	18	64
Pampa	6	16	10	6	38

#### Stat Leaders

Scoring: SHS-Bailey Pounds 11, Kylee Smith 10, Katie Fowler 8. PHS- Caitlin Sieck 9, Kirsten Kuhn 8, Delaney Clendening 8

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# Sports

## Harvesters let fourth quarter lead slip, fall to Sachse

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The Pampa Harvesters got off to a slow start and let a fourth quarter lead slip away. The local team lost 61-58 to the Sachse Mustangs Friday at Sachse High School in the Nichols Shootout.

Sachse got off to an early lead in the first quarter off the shooting of Cody Epting, who hit three three-pointers in the first quarter. The Mustangs led by as many as eight and prompted Pampa head coach Dustin Miller to call timeout twice.

The Harvesters regrouped at the end of the quarter. Junior Latigo Collins led the offensive attack with seven points. Pampa trailed 15-11 after the first.

In the second quarter, the Harvesters still had no answer for Epting who hit two more three-pointers and scored eight points in the second. The Mustangs led by as many as 14. The Harvesters were outscored 16-10 and struggled with Sachse's defensive pressure. Pampa trailed 31-21 at halftime.

In the second half, the Harvesters made adjustments and got back into the game. Senior Garrett Ericson, who was held scoreless in the first half, made three of four three-pointers in the third quarter. Collins hit two threes and scored eight points. Pampa outscored Sachse 21-11 in the third and even held a one-point lead twice at the end of the quarter.

Miller said they played better on both

sides of the ball.

"We played better defense but just handled their pressure better," Miller said. "We just know that we belong on the same court with those guys."

Pampa started strong in the fourth quarter and built a five-point lead. The Mustangs brought back their starters in the second half of the quarter and took over the game.

Sachse scored the next seven points and retook the lead at 53-51. Both teams exchanged baskets for two possessions. The Mustangs scored four points in a row and expanded their lead to four. Senior Jonathan Polasek made a two-pointer with seven seconds left and was fouled.

Polasek made the ensuing free throw

and brought the Harvesters within one. Pampa had a chance to tie the game but Collins' last second three-pointer went off the rim.

Miller said the teams needs consistent play.

"We need to be ready to play four quarters," Miller said.

Epting, who scored 17 in the first half, didn't play much in the second half and only had one shot attempt. His 17 still led the Mustangs in scoring. Collins led the Harvesters in scoring with 21. Ericson followed with 12 points and Polasek scored eight.

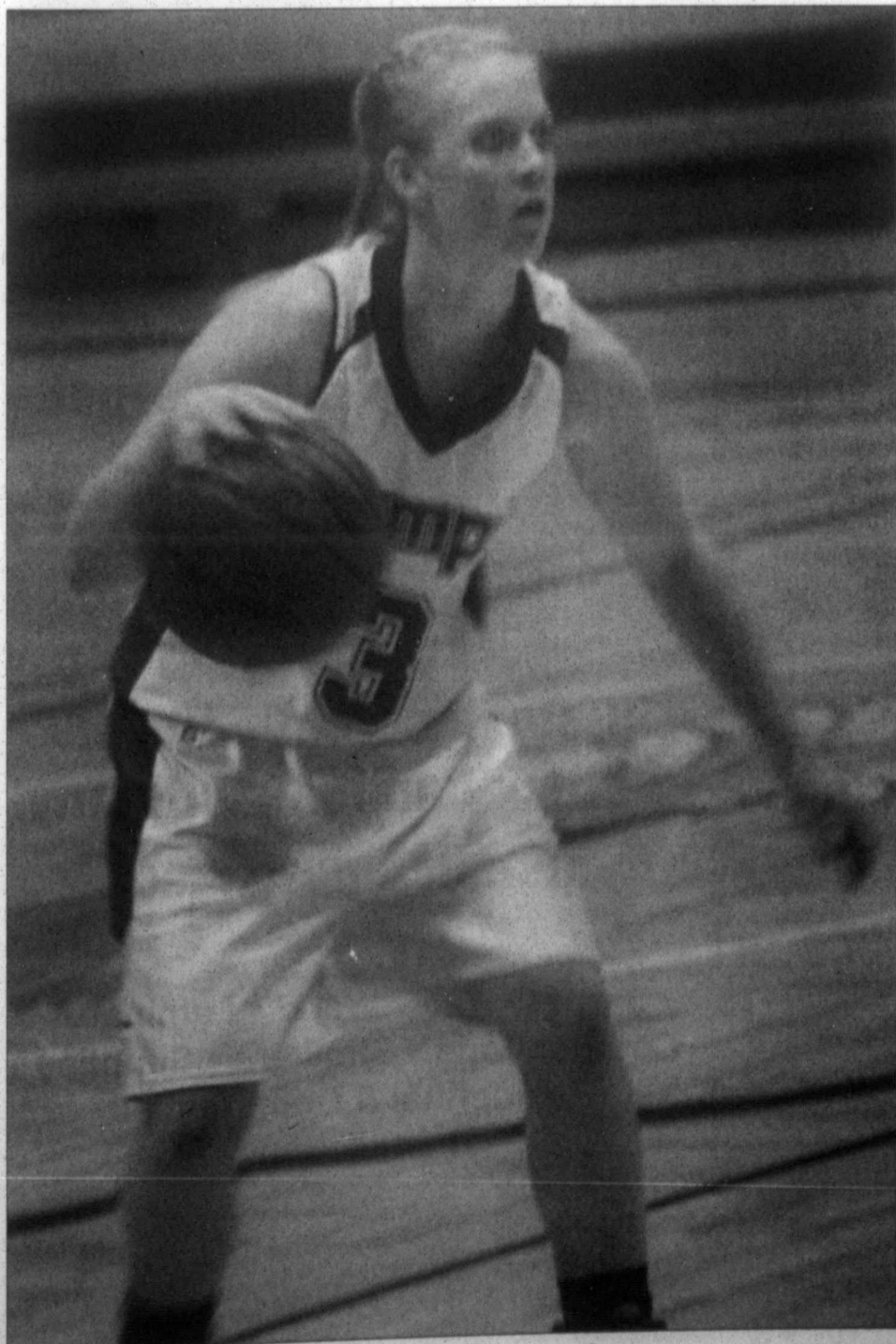
The Harvesters (6-3) continued the Nichols Shootout against Rowlett High School 10 a.m. today.

### More from Pampa vs. Shallowater



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Caitlin Sieck hits the floor Friday to attempt to retrieve a loose ball in the first half. The junior led the Lady Harvesters in scoring with nine in a 64-38 loss.



staff photo by Emily Hart

Kirsten Kuhn scans the court looking for someone to get open Friday against Shallowater. Kuhn scored eight points and the Lady Harvesters lost 64-38.

### Quick Summary

Sachse Mustangs 61, Pampa Harvesters 58

Records: Sachse (3-4), Pampa (6-3)

It was over when: Latigo Collins last second three-pointer went off the rim.

Game ball goes to: Cody Epting, Sachse. Epting scored 17 points and nailed Pampa's defense for five three-pointers in the first half.

Pampa Game ball goes to: Garrett Ericson Sr. After failing to score in the first half, Ericson nailed four threes in the second half and helped get Pampa back into the game.

Stat of the game: 13-4. The run the Mustangs went on in the fourth quarter after Pampa built their largest lead of the game at 51-46.

Teams	1	2	3	4	Final
Pampa	11	10	21	16	58
Sachse	15	16	11	19	61

### Stat Leaders

Scoring: SHS-Cody Epting 17, Darius Singleton 14, Michael Maxwell 12 PHS-Latigo Collins 21, Garrett Ericson 12, Jonathan Polasek 8

## Cowboys Owner Jones wants QB Romo to play again

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones wants Tony Romo to play again this season, even if the playoffs are a long shot at best. He just wants his star quarterback to get back on the field.

Romo has been sidelined since Oct. 25 when he broke his collarbone in a loss to the Giants, and would only be able to return for the team's final two games, at Arizona on Dec. 25 and at Philadelphia on Jan. 2.

Asked if Romo would be ready for the Cardinals, Jones said: "In my opinion, he will be."

"I want to do anything we can to win those games. (The decision) will be based on what gives us the best chance to win," Jones said. "And, when he's ready to go, he's going to be ready. I shouldn't be concerned about additional injury to his shoulder."

Jones added that Romo would only come back this season as the starter, not as a backup. Jon Kitna has filled in for Romo, going 3-3 in his six starts.

Given the fact that the Cowboys are virtually out of the playoff hunt, the benefits of having Romo play seem minimal. But along with trying to win those games, Jones also saw a potential benefit of having Romo back before next season.

"I can envision a scenar-

io where you have a little better taste in your mouth if he came back, and he played the last two games and played lights out than if he hadn't played," he said.

As for interim coach Jason Garrett, the owner had cautious praise. Since taking over for Wade Phillips, Garrett has led the Cowboys to a 3-1 record heading into Sunday's home game against Philadelphia.

"Jason is doing very well," Jones said. "But I explore all possibilities. I always do. I look for what ifs in things where individuals have expressed the direction of where they're going with their careers. I work through that."

In determining who would be the next coach, Jones said he would value experience "a lot."

Jones made it clear that he is disappointed this season. After all, the Cowboys began the year with hopes of becoming the first team

to play a Super Bowl in their home stadium.

"I feel very much involved in the shortcoming that we've had this year," Jones said. "And I am. No question about it. There's no one on this coaching staff that's not here because I wanted them. Not a player on this team. It's real easy. I get in the mirror and look and see what we can do differently and what we're doing wrong."

Jones said he didn't know when running back Marion Barber (strained left calf) would return. Asked if placing Barber on season-ending injured reserve was a consideration, Jones said: "Not today." ... Jones doesn't regret splitting training camp between Texas and California and doesn't believe it led to his team's season struggles. "We've traveled all over the world and won world championships," Jones said, adding that he'd do the same thing again.

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# Entertainment!

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## A muscle-bound action-movie that is mostly style

★★★ “Faster,” in one sense, is a movie that very much lives up to its name. It’s a no-frills, take-no-prisoners revenge flick that barrels along from Point A to Point B as quickly as cinematically possible. There are fast cars. There is female eye candy. Lots of people get shot. Things that get in the way of those things being on screen — silly little details like nuance and logic — are conveniently shunted off the script.

In that sense, it really is quite satisfying. After a mediocre foray into family film, The Rock (sorry, but I still refuse to call him Dwayne Johnson) returns to the genre he was made for, starring as the aptly-labeled “Driver” and gunning down the baddies who killed his brother. The Rock flexes the same muscles here that won him gold in the wrestling ring: The hulking physique that give him instant presence and the surprising acting chops that make him a markedly effective action hero. Poirier, he’s clearly not, but there’s certainly enough charisma in his 6’4” frame that you can’t help but root for him all the way.

Despite his best efforts, though, there’s still a lot missing. For starters, there’s hardly a sense of real danger for “Driver.” Though he’s being chased by a hitman (Oliver Jackson-Cohen) and the cops (Carla Gugino and Billy Bob Thornton), it’s never in doubt for four-fifths of the movie that he’ll speed away from the scene full-bore and undeterred. He gets a flesh wound or two along the way, but nothing that amounts to much more than a speedbump.

And what’s the point of building a movie around the Rock if he doesn’t spend some time beating people up? He kills people, that’s for sure. But with a guy that massive headlining the cast, you’d expect some intense, 80s-throwback fight scenes instead of him just shooting people a bunch.

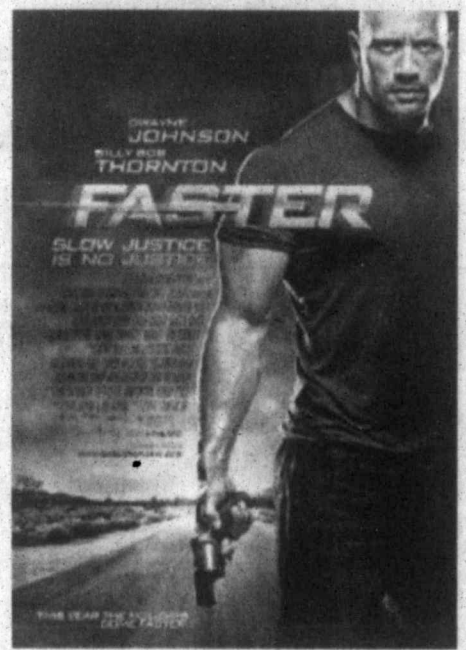
Oh, and that hitman who’s hot on his trail? He’s a sculpted playboy adrenaline junkie with a British accent who made millions from software design

and takes hit jobs for fun. He’s entirely superfluous and spouts an unending fountain of lines that will make you groan. Don’t believe me? In his first scene, he tells girlfriend Lily (Maggie Grace) that he’s “beaten yoga” because he’s mastered its three hardest positions. Yep.

If all that weren’t enough, there’s also a twist ending that’s predictable half-way through. The Rock, Thornton and Gugino certainly try their best. There are some killer shooting and driving scenes. The Rock’s Chevelle is way super awesome. And there are some random fun cameos thrown in for good measure. (Look, it’s Tom Berenger!)

All those things, though, can’t hide the fact that “Faster” is all flash and hardly any substance — it’s a muscle car body with Yugo power under the hood.

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## SPLIT-SCREEN



## Kids will love ‘Tangled,’ but it feels a bit dated

★★★ Animation has come a long way in the last decade or so. With the addition of Pixar and its superior computer graphics and stories, animation has entered into an era that has given us everything from the wonderfully funny, yet emotionally complex Toy Story trilogy to the pop-culture obsessed Shrek series.

And then there’s Disney’s “Tangled,” a throwback to the old school “princess” films of yore. Yet while Tangled is another movie in the classic princess line which gave us Snow White, Cinderella, and Sleeping Beauty, it also tries to be a boy-friendly adventure film. Tangled is based, very loosely (as is the Disney way), on the story of Rapunzel. As we all know Rapunzel was locked up in a tower and the only way up was to have Rapunzel “let down her hair.”

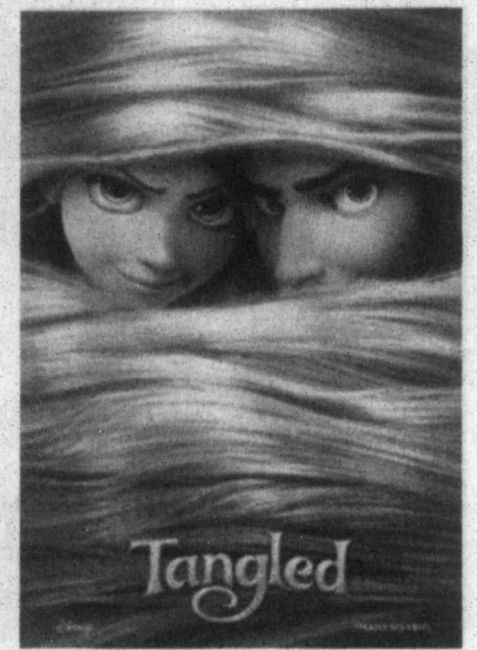
Here, Rapunzel (voiced by Mandy Moore) is a princess who doesn’t know she’s a princess. Kidnapped as a baby because her hair possesses magical rejuvenating powers, this Rapunzel has grown up alone in a tower where she does the same things day in and day out with only her pet chameleon, Pascal, for company.

However, every princess needs her prince, or in this case, her wanted thief, Flynn Rider (Zachary Levi), who has just stolen a crown from the kingdom. With the help of Flynn, Rapunzel sets out on an adventure to find her true self, escape the confines of her tower and maybe fall in love.

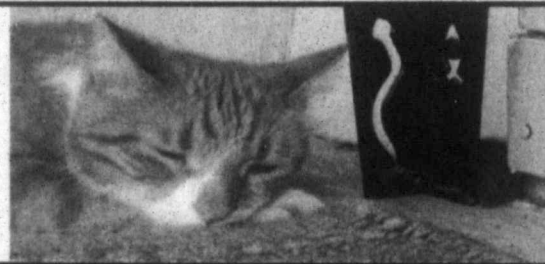
The movie is filled with quite a few of the things we expect from an animated Disney movie. Pascal the chameleon, and a horse named Maximus, are given human traits and distinct personalities. There are many large-bodied villains, many of whom turn out to be good guys. And of course there are several songs, although none really stuck in my head.

Overall it was a decent movie, but one that feels a bit dated. It has its moments, and the kids will love it, but for me it was only okay.

Local attorney Travis Tidmore reviews movies for The Pampa News as well as on his blog, www.thecinemaniac.com.



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