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## City to honor, discuss replacement for Allison

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There will be a moment of silence at Tuesday's Pampa City Commission meeting for City Commissioner Bill Allison, 71, who died earlier this month.

Allison, commissioner for Ward 2, died at home early Dec. 3.

The commission will also go into executive session to discuss replacing Allison on the commission and to discuss appointing a city attorney.

Commissioners will consider adopting on

second and final reading an ordinance concerning the appropriations and expenditures in support of the city's last fiscal year beginning Oct. 1, 2009, and ending Sept. 30, 2010.

They will also consider on first reading an ordinance in for appropriations and expenditures in support of the city's new fiscal year, which began on Oct. 1, 2010, and will end Sept. 30, 2011, to match a donation to the Pampa Animal Welfare Society (PAWS).

The commission will also consider a resolution regarding unrestricted donations held in Fund 12 and its distribution to PAWS.

They will consider a resolution denying a rate increase proposed by Southwestern Public Service.

Commissioners are expected to reappoint James Bradley, Glennette Goode and Ken May for two year terms to the Pampa Economic Development Corporation.

They will also consider canceling the Dec. 28, regularly scheduled city commission meeting.

The Pampa City Commission will meet in regular session at 4 p.m., Tuesday, in the city commission chambers on the third floor of Pampa City Hall, 201 W. Kingsmill.

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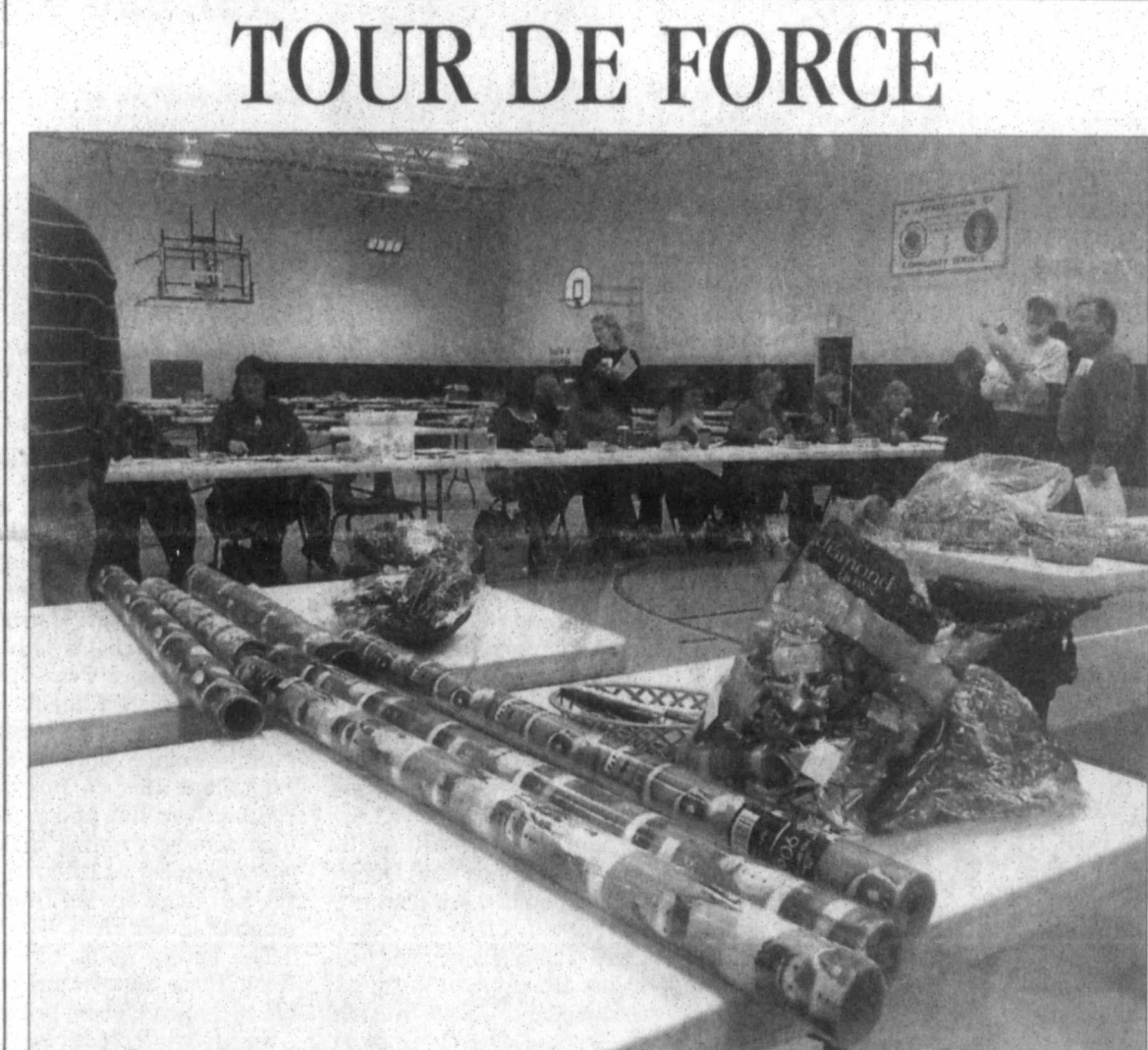
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Gift wrapping paper lined in wait prior to the 2010 Children's Shopping Tour held Saturday. Local volunteers, many of them high school students, spent time shopping with children in the community. Volunteers who donated their time, coupled with monetary donations from the community, ensured a happy Christmas for hundreds of local families.

## Constable applications on agenda

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The Gray County Commission will consider the applications for Constable when it meets Wednesday in the Gray County Courthouse.

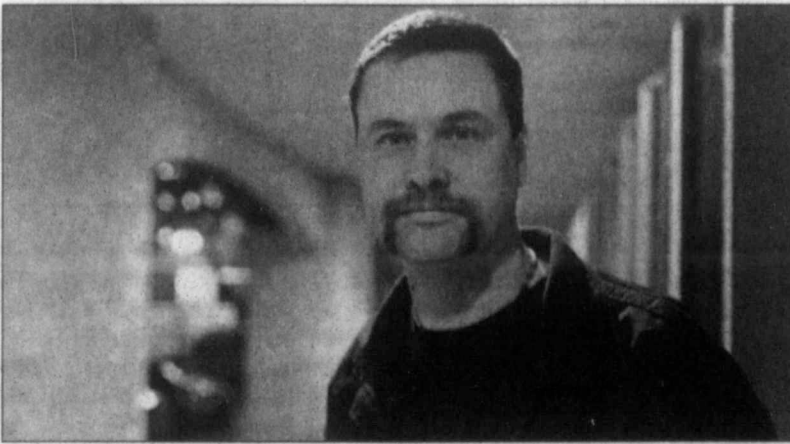
Gray County Constable for Precincts 1 and 3 James Lewis died earlier this year. Lefors City Marshal Kerry Hodge and former Pampa Police Officer and Hemphill County Deputy Dave Thomas have applied for the job.

In other business, commissioners will consider jury reimbursements for 2011 and consider the District Clerk's request for a name change on bank accounts and the District Clerk's request to hire an employee.

County commissioners will also consider tax bids on properties in Lefors.

They will consider a donation agreement with BNSF Railway and oil and gas proposals on county trust land in Gaines County.

The Gray County Commissioners Court will meet at 9 a.m., Wednesday, in the county courtroom on the second floor of the Gray County Courthouse, 205 N. Russell.



staff photo by David Bowser

Shawn Ewing is one of two Ewing brothers in local fire safety.

## Ewing shares ups and downs

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There have been good times and there have been rough times.

At one point, Shawn Ewing had to walk away from his work as a volunteer firefighter and EMT, but he returned and has no regrets.



Ewing, 38, grew up in Dimmitt in the western panhandle, graduating from Dimmitt High School  
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## CITY WATER REPAIRS DRAWING THE LINES



staff photo by David Bowser

Jilgardo Arias (left) and Donny Hooper discuss the city's water line project in the city's Public Works Office of city hall. City crews are expected to finish up laying new water lines north of Harvester Stadium this week as part of the city's water line replacement program. Later this week, city officials said they expect to begin paving along the construction sites on 18th Street, depending upon the weather.

## Chamber Luncheon

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# For the record

## PAMPA FORECAST

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
High 59 Low 28	High 63 Low 25	High 42 Low 24

**Tonight:** Mostly clear, with a low around 23. South wind between 5 and 10 mph.

**Tuesday:** Sunny, with a high near 59. Wind chill values between 15 and 25 early. South wind around 5 mph becoming west.

**Tuesday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 28. South wind 5 to 10 mph becoming west.

**Wednesday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 63. West northwest wind around 10 mph.

**Wednesday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 25. North northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

**Thursday:** Partly sunny, with a high near 42. North wind 5 to 10 mph becoming east.

**Thursday Night:** A slight chance of rain and snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 24. East wind between 5 and 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

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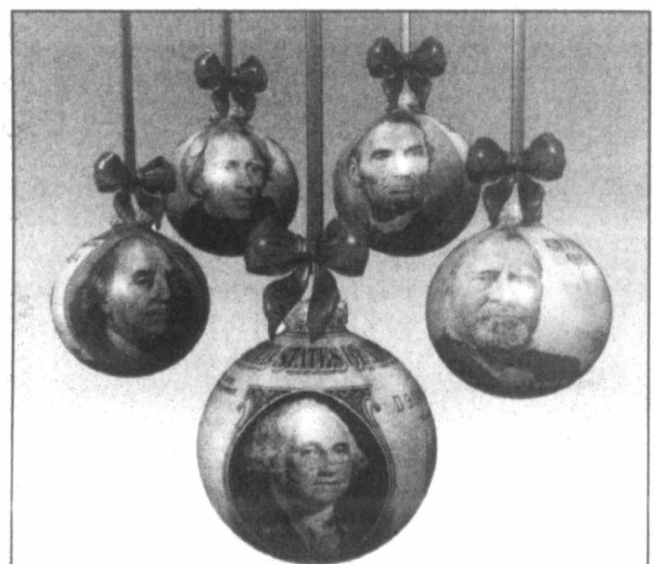
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## Obituaries

### Carrie "Rosie" Hughes, 91

Carrie "Rosie" Hughes, 91, died December 10, 2010, in Pampa.

Memorial graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, December 14, 2010, at Fairview Cemetery, with Steve Cox, pastor of St. Paul United Methodist Church, officiating. Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Hughes was born on March 10, 1919, in Gray County, and she was a life-long resident of Pampa. She married Crawford Hughes in 1933 in Pampa. He preceded her in death on April 18, 2002. She was a homemaker and a member of St. Paul United Methodist Church. She loved to garden and crochet, but most of all, she loved her grandchildren. She will be missed by all.

Survivors include two daughters, Carol Best and husband Don of Hot Springs, Ark., and Jerry Evans of Pampa; her close friend, Ikie Cooke of Pampa; six grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, five great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a sister, Helen Harmon, a great-grandson, Cody Best, and her son.

Memorials may be made to St. Paul United Methodist Church, 511 N. Hobart, Pampa, Texas 79065.

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



Hughes

### Dorothy Murrell Vaughn, 80

Dorothy Murrell Vaughn, 80, died Saturday, Dec. 11, 2010, in Pampa.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 14, 2010, at the Central Baptist Church with Rev. Norman Rushing, pastor, and Rev. Rick Pamell, associate pastor, officiating.

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

Mrs. Vaughn was born Sept. 28, 1930, in Borger. She was raised in the Skelly Oil Camp, graduated from Dumas High School, and attended Draughon's Business School in Amarillo. Dorothy married Gerald Vaughn on Aug. 5, 1949, in Dumas, and she had been a resident of Pampa since 1954. She was a homemaker and sold Mary Kay cosmetics for many years. Dorothy was a longtime member of Central Baptist Church and was a member of Epsilon Sigma Alpha Sorority and the Red Hat Club for several years. After her husband's retirement, she enjoyed taking their RV every winter to Mission, Texas for over 10 years. Dorothy was a loving wife, mother, and "Nannie," and enjoyed spending time with her family.

Survivors include four daughters, Jeri Gerald and husband Chris and Clessie Cates and husband Rick, all of Canyon; Reba Howard and husband Ben of Pampa, and Sharla Hare and husband Gus of San Antonio; a sister, Clessie Dunn and husband Roy Lee of Odessa; nine grandchildren. Heather Tankersley and husband Brian, Ryan Cates, and Colin Howard, all of Canyon, Clessie Moreno and husband Johnny of Dumas, Lyndsey Cates of Tomball, Prebble Hare, Presley Hare, and Paige Hare, all of San Antonio, and Tyler Howard of Pampa; and four great grandchildren, Paitlyn Tankersley and Jaxon Tankersley, both of Canyon, and Greysen Moreno and Gunner Moreno, both of Dumas. Dorothy was preceded in death by her parents and by her husband, Gerald, on Dec. 2, 2007.

Memorials may be made to Central Baptist Church, 513 E. Francis, Pampa, TX 79065, or Alzheimer's Association, 415 W. 8th Ave, Suite 300, Amarillo, TX 79101.

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



Vaughn

### Joan Rae Braxton, 75

Joan Rae Braxton, 75, died Friday, Dec. 10, 2010, in Pampa.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 14, 2010, at Shamrock Cemetery in Shamrock with Rev. Lynn Hancock, pastor of Briarwood Church, officiating. Arrangements are by Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Braxton was born Jan. 23, 1935, in Stamford, and was raised in Fort Worth, where she graduated from high school. She received her bachelor's degree from Texas A & M University in Arlington, now known as the University of Texas at Arlington. She married Jim Braxton on Feb. 22, 1958, in Fort Worth. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1958 where she was the business manager for the Pampa News for 25 years. Joan also worked part-time for the Phil-Pet Credit Union and the Cabot and National Oilwell Employees Credit Union. She was a founding member of Phi Sigma Alpha Sorority. Joan worked on the political campaign for former U. S. Congressman Bob Price. She was a former member of Fellowship Baptist Church and attended Briarwood Church for many years. She was a loving mother, mother-in-law, and grandmother, and was affectionately known as "The Grandmother."

The family would like to extend special thanks to Caprice Melhew and Donna Gordy, her caregivers, Denise Joiner of Interim Hospice, and many others for their loving care of their mother.

Survivors include her daughter, Janna Bentley and husband Harold of Pampa; son, Jim Braxton and wife Ann of The Woodlands; eight grandchildren, Jacob Braxton, Leina Braxton, Sterlin Rose-Braxton, Jeremy Braxton, Dakota Braxton, Heath Bentley and wife Angela, Jenifer Bentley-Miller and Hudson Bentley; three great grandchildren, Emmajin Braxton, Colton Rose, and Kaydence Miller; two nieces, Debbie Lanzarotti and Tiffany Crawford; and two nephews, Danny Crawford and Elliott Crawford. Joan was preceded in death by her parents and by her husband, Jim.

Memorials may be made to Interim Hospice, 2217 Perroy Parkway, Pampa, TX 79065.

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Braxton

### Billie Frances Cox, 81

Billie Frances Cox, 81, died Friday, Dec. 10, 2010, in Amarillo.

Graveside services were at 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 13, 2010, at Fairview Cemetery with Rev. Bob Hudson, pastor of Bible Baptist Church, officiating. Arrangements are by Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Billie was born Oct. 11, 1929, in Borger, the daughter of Thurman and Elmelda Vaden. She grew up in Phillips, Texas, attending schools there, and graduated from Phillips High School on May 29, 1947. Billie married John Hugh Cox on July 3, 1954 in Pampa where they continued to live and work. They nurtured and raised their family, forming many loving relationships. She was a member of Bible Baptist Church in Pampa where she had many loving friends who added happiness and laughter to her life.

The family would like to thank the staff of Ussery-Roan Texas State Veterans Home and BSA Hospice for the loving care given to Billie in the last year of her life.

Survivors include two sons, Larry Cox and wife Marilee of Greenville, N.C. and Fred Cox and wife DeLisa of Amarillo; two brothers, Richard Vaden of San Mateo, Calif. and Jerry Vaden and wife Charlou of Dallas; seven grandchildren and several great grandchildren. Billie was preceded in death by her husband, John.

In lieu of flowers, the family wishes that charitable contributions be made in Billie's name to Bible Baptist Church, 500 E. Kingsmill, Pampa, TX 79065.

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

## EMERGENCY SERVICES

### Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests over the weekend.

**Friday, Dec. 10**

Keith Alan Stevens, 39, of Border was sentenced after being convicted on charges of unlawfully carrying a weapon.

Sergio Herrera Alonzo, 44, of Dallas, was charged by police with fraudulent use of identification.

Jason Samuel Shorter, 30, was arrested by deputies on charges of violation of probation in connection with possession of a controlled substance.

Miguel Ramirez Leal, 27,

of Dallas, was arrested by police on charges of fraudulent use of identification.

Omar Adam Eladi, 28, of Delano, Calif., was arrested by deputies on a bond surrender on charges of possession of marijuana over five pounds but less than 50 pounds.

Chase Denver Aradoz, 19, of Vancouver, Washington, was arrested by deputies on charges of violation of probation in connection with burglary of habitation charges.

Pablo Marcus Caballero, 21, and J'Lene Arlean Kitchen, 34, were arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety troopers on charges

of driving while intoxicated.

Justin Mark Welch, 30, was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety troopers on charges of possession of a controlled substance.

Rebecca Jane Carpenter, 38, was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety troopers on charges of driving while intoxicated.

**Sunday, Dec. 12**  
Clayton Durand Johnson, 46, was arrested by police on charges of driving while intoxicated.

Juan Prieto Quintana, 23, of Eagar, Ariz., was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety troopers on charges of driving while in-

toxicated.

Kristen Lynn Knoop, 17 was arrested by police on charges of driving without a valid driver's license.

Bobby Joe Remy, 69, was arrested by police on charges of failure to appear on Randall County charges of theft over \$20 but under \$500.

Joseph Edwin Rasmussen, 28, was arrested by police on charges of driving while intoxicated.

Wayne Leon Woodward, 47, was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety troopers on charges of driving while intoxicated and driving with an open container.

**Merry Christmas!**

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## AFTERNOON RUSH

### Nutrition bill signed into law

WASHINGTON (AP) — Thousands more children would eat lunches and dinners at school and all school food would become more nutritious under a bill President Barack Obama signed into law Monday, part of an administration-wide effort to combat childhood obesity.

"At a very basic level, this act is about doing what's right for our children," Obama said before signing the bill. The ceremony was moved from the White House, where most signings are held, to an elementary school in the District of Columbia to underscore the point.

Besides Obama, the bill also was a priority for his wife, Michelle, who launched a national campaign this year against childhood obesity.

The \$4.5 billion measure increases the federal reimbursement for free school lunches by 6 cents a meal at a time when many school officials say they can't afford to provide the meals. The bill will also expand access to free lunch programs and allow 20 million additional after-school meals to be served annually in all 50 states. Most states now only provide money for after-school snacks.

### Hearing on proposed line route

AUSTIN (AP) — Two judges with the State Office of Administrative Hearings will recommend where an electric line should cross Collin, Cooke, Denton and Grayson counties either north or south of Ray Roberts Lake.

A weeklong hearing was set to begin Monday in Austin. Critics have raised environmental and property rights concerns.

The *Denton Record-Chronicle* reports the proposed Krum-Anna segment of the wind power-related delivery line is part of the nearly \$5 billion Competitive Renewable Energy Zone project.

The judges' recommendation goes to the Public Utility Commission, which has the final say.

Oncor Electric Delivery spokeswoman Katherine Cuellar says the company is required to designate a preferred route, which she says is the southern route between Krum and Anna. Cuellar also says there are 96 routes and the PUC can choose any route or combination.

### Overdose numbers near 2,000

HOUSTON (AP) — A review of state documents shows Texas had more than 1,900 accidental drug overdose deaths in 2008.

The *Houston Chronicle* reported Monday that one-sixth of the deaths happened in Houston, the state's largest city.

Addiction expert Jane Maxwell, with the University of Texas School of Social Work, is calling for the 2011 Legislature to fund a real-time prescription drug tracking system.

The fatal overdose statistics were compiled from 2008 government death certificates.

The newspaper's review also found that 890 Texans in 2000 sought treatment for addition to pain medications. By 2008 the figure was 5,844.

The nonprofit Drug Policy Alliance last month called for stepped-up federal response and emergency public education campaigns on how to prevent prescription pill overdoses.

## A follow-up to 'the woman's guide'

TOM MARGENAU  
Creator's Syndicate

### Social Security and you

Two weeks ago, I offered to send a free electronic copy of a fact sheet I wrote called "A Woman's Guide to Social Security" to any reader who wanted one. The response was overwhelming. I've sent out well over a thousand copies so far. That may be an insignificant drop in the bucket for major newspaper columnists who have dozens of people on staff to help respond to inquiries. But I'm a "one-man show" sitting at the computer in our family room at home. I quickly got a severe case of carpal tunnel syndrome as I sent out the fact sheet to so many of my readers. I do have a staff of two. That includes my wife, who stops in the room occasionally to bring me a bologna sandwich and a coke. And our cat flops down on my desk demanding to be petted, as I try to answer all the e-mails.

If you requested a fact sheet but did not get it, please send another e-mail to [thomas.margenau@comcast.net](mailto:thomas.margenau@comcast.net). I had a problem with my e-mail software and accidentally deleted a large batch of incoming messages. I am what computer techies call a real "PICNIC." That's: Problem In Chair, Not In Computer.

To be honest, there is a part of me that wishes I'd never written the fact sheet. Not because I don't like answering all these e-mails. Actually, I enjoy sharing my Social Security knowledge and insights with my readers. But the responses I received and the follow-up questions I got after people read the fact sheet confirmed what I already knew going into this project: Each and every person has a unique set of circumstances involving his or her potential eligibility for Social Security benefits. And it's almost impossible — no, I take that back, it's impossible — to write any kind of guide to Social Security that covers all possible ramifications of eligibility for various kinds of Social Security benefits. Here is just a sampling of the kind of questions and comments I got:

— I worked for the federal government, then went into private industry, and eventually came back to the government and retired with what is known as a civil service offset benefit. I am divorced. Your fact sheet didn't cover what a divorced woman who gets a government offset pension is due from Social Security.

— I was married to one man who left me and then I married another man, but I never divorced the first guy. I can't tell from your fact sheet if I can get Social Security from either of those men.

— My ex-husband and I ran a small business for years. All the Social Security taxes we paid went on his record, leaving me with no income on my Social Security account. Can I force him to file amended tax returns for the years we were married, so I can get some Social Security credit?

— I have worked as a Texas teacher where I did not pay into Social Security, but I also worked at other jobs where I did pay Social Security. One of my ex-husbands was also a teacher. The other worked for the railroad. What am I due from Social Security? I didn't see this in your guide.

— I worked in England for many years and qualify for a British Social Security pension. How does that play into my eligibility for widow's benefits from my American husband? This wasn't in your fact sheet.

— I have been in a common law relationship for 20 years. My "husband" has retired. Do I get "wife's" benefits? If you covered that in your fact sheet, I missed it.

That's just a small sampling of the hundreds of questions and comments I received. There is simply no way anyone could write a simple guide to Social Security that would cover all these — and so many more — contingencies. I did receive many follow-up

questions that involved more common situations. Sometimes I responded with an e-mail that clarified the rules that fit the questioner's specific circumstances. And other times, I had to write back to the person to tell him or her that the answer was in the fact sheet. But because the fact sheet had to cover a lot of territory (excluding possible bigamy, common law marriages and British Social Security benefits), the answers may have been too "buried" for some to find. I usually counseled a careful second reading of the fact sheet.

In addition to the many follow-up questions I received, I also got some good comments and critiques from readers to help me improve the fact sheet. (Some writers have a couple editors. I had hundreds!) Over the next several weeks, I will review all of those comments and revise the fact sheet — if necessary. I don't think there will be any substantive changes, so those of you who already received the fact sheet don't have to worry that you have a draft or substandard copy. But if I have to make any really important changes or corrections to the fact sheet, I will let readers know and offer a revised version of the woman's guide to Social Security.

And speaking of that, there is one important "pen and ink" correction some of you will have to make to the woman's guide that you received. I found the error early on and corrected it almost immediately. But not before I had sent out a small handful of the incorrect fact sheets. So, please check your copy. In the first full paragraph on the second page, the last sentence should read: "In other words, at age 70, you would start getting about 132 percent of your own Social Security benefit." Some of you received a copy that incorrectly said "... at age 66" instead of "... at age 70."

If you have a Social Security question, Tom Margenau has the answer. Contact him at [thomas.margenau@comcast.net](mailto:thomas.margenau@comcast.net).

### Ewing

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in 1990. A year later he moved to Amarillo where he lived for another six years.

Back in Dimmitt, Ewing worked for the EMS service before returning to Amarillo and commuting to Boys Ranch where he worked in their EMS.

When Shawn's father-in-law passed away about four years ago, the Ewings moved to her hometown of Pampa to help take care of her mother.

"We've been there ever since," Ewing said.

Along the way, he became involved with Hoover Volunteer Fire Department. He's been with them for four years.

"I joined them back in July 2006, right after all the big fires," Ewing said.

If the name Ewing sounds familiar, Shawn's brother Chad is a firefighter at Pampa Fire Department.

"I actually got my start in Dimmitt when I was 19," Shawn said of his firefighting and EMS career. "I joined the fire department down there and was on about a year before I moved to Amarillo."

When he moved to Amarillo, he joined the Potter County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department.

"I spent about eight years off and on with them," Ewing said.

That's what actually got him into the emergency medical side of his career.

The Potter County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department would cover various accidents, and Ewing was looking for a way to help out, he said.

Ewing finally went to Amarillo College's basic EMT school, but he was called out on a bad wreck one day where a seven-year-old child died.

"I gave it all up," Ewing said.

He had a two-year-old son at home and the death of the child in the wreck shook him badly.

Ewing went into the trucking industry and for awhile ran his own firm, but after the 2006 fires that swept across the Texas Panhandle, Ewing went down to talk to Joe Millican, Gray County's Emergency

Coordinator and head of the Hoover Volunteer Fire Department.

"I showed him my certificates and everything," Ewing said, "and he said, 'Man, we sure could use you.'"

Ewing came to their meetings and has been there ever since.

While he's involved with the Hoover Volunteer Fire Department, Ewing works for Amarillo Medical Services.

"I've been with them a year in March," he said.

About a year ago, Ewing said, he went to work for Pampa EMS on an as needed basis.

"I needed a full-time job," Ewing said.

After Colorado-based AMR took over the Amarillo Medical Services, Ewing was hired full-time in Amarillo.

His schedule requires him to be in Amarillo about half the week. The rest of the time, he's in Pampa.

While Ewing's schedule can get hectic, he said just working with the people he does far outweighs any inconvenience, particularly with regard to the Hoover Fire Department.

"There are a lot of great guys on there," Ewing said. "They're there for you fire department-wise and even on a personal level, too."

One of the worst calls Ewing said he remembers going on was the multiple fatality truck-van crash north of Pampa on Texas Highway 70 a couple of years ago.

He said he and Brian Snapp and Joe Millican had been called out to work it.

"I think that brought all of us a little bit closer together," Ewing said.

He said he had been through similar situations before, but because many of the fatalities were young and just the number of deaths, it was difficult emotionally. Working closely together and being able to talk it out with people you trust helps, he said.

"The people and the camaraderie, that's the number one thing about Hoover," Ewing said.

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# Viewpoints

## Today in History

Today is Monday, Dec. 13, the 347th day of 2010. There are 18 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 13, 1862, Union forces suffered a major defeat to the Confederates in the Civil War Battle of Fredericksburg.

### On this date:

In 1769, Dartmouth College, in New Hampshire, received its charter.

In 1835, Phillips Brooks, the American Episcopal bishop who wrote the words to "O Little Town of Bethlehem," was born in Boston.

In 1918, President Woodrow Wilson arrived in France, becoming the first chief executive to visit Europe while in office.

In 1928, George Gershwin's musical work "An American in Paris" had its premiere, at Carnegie Hall in New York.

In 1944, during World War II, the U.S. cruiser Nashville was badly damaged in a Japanese kamikaze attack that claimed more than 130 lives.

In 1978, the Philadelphia Mint began stamping the Susan B. Anthony dollar, which went into circulation in July 1979.

In 1981, authorities in Poland imposed martial law in a crackdown on the Solidarity labor movement. (Martial law formally ended in 1983.)

In 1994, an American Eagle commuter plane crashed short of Raleigh-Durham International Airport in North Carolina, killing 15 of the 20 people on board.

In 2003, Saddam Hussein was captured by U.S. forces while hiding in a hole under a farmhouse in Adwar, Iraq, near his hometown of Tikrit.

**Ten years ago:** Republican George W. Bush claimed the presidency a day after the U.S. Supreme Court shut down further recounts of disputed ballots in Florida; Democrat Al Gore conceded, delivering a call for national unity.

**Five years ago:** Crips gang co-founder Stanley Tookie Williams, whose supporters argued had redeemed himself inside prison, was executed in California for killing four people in robberies.

**One year ago:** The Senate passed, 57-35, a \$1.1 trillion spending bill with increased budgets for vast areas of the federal government, including health, education, law enforcement and veterans' programs.

**Today's Birthdays:** Former Secretary of State George P. Shultz is 90. Actor-comedian Dick Van Dyke is 85. Actor Christopher Plummer is 81. Country singer Buck White is 80. Music/film producer Lou Adler is 77. Movie producer Richard Zanuck is 76. Singer John Davidson is 69. Actress Kathy Garver ("Family Affair") is 65. Singer Ted Nugent is 62. Rock musician Jeff "Skunk" Baxter is 62. Country musician Ron Getman is 62. Actor Robert Lindsay is 61. Actress Wendie Malick is 60. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack is 60. Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke is 57. Country singer John Anderson is 56. Singer-actor Morris Day is 54. Actor Steve Buscemi is 53. Actor Johnny Whitaker is 51. Actor-comedian Jamie Foxx is 43. Actor Bart Johnson is 40. Rock singer-musician Thomas Delonge is 35. Actor James Kyson Lee is 35. Actress Chelsea Hertford is 29. Rock singer Amy Lee (Evanescence) is 29. Country singer Taylor Swift is 21.

**Thought for Today:** "To know how to say what others only know how to think is what makes men poets or sages; and to dare to say what others only dare to think makes men martyrs or reformers - or both." - Elizabeth Charles, British writer (1828-1896)



## Give, but give wisely this holiday season

SPECIAL TO THE PAMPA NEWS

AMARILLO — December 9, 2010 — Every holiday, billions of dollars are donated to worthy causes and now more than ever charities need the support of donors to help those who are struggling. Approximately 79 percent of charitable donations come from individuals. Make sure your dollars stretch the farthest in these tough economic times.

"This year, more than ever, it's extremely important that you maximize the impact your holiday donations have by avoiding the common giving mistakes," said Janna Kiehl, Better Business Bureau CEO. "A smart donor takes a hard look at a charity's programs, finances and governance before making a donation. 'It's easy to get caught up in the holiday spirit and forget to use your head as well as your heart when donating.'"

Avoid these common mistakes that

may not benefit the charity or the donor," said Kiehl:

1. Assuming your donation tax deductible. If you want to take a charitable deduction for federal income tax purposes, the organization must be tax exempt as a charity under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. To verify a charity's tax status, access an IRS database of organizations by viewing Publication 78 on the IRS website at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov). Ask how much money is spent on the actual cause and how much goes toward fundraising and administration.

2. Failing to do your research before you give. Even good friends may not have fully researched the charities they endorse, so don't just take their word for it. Expertise is available. Go to [www.bbb.org/charity](http://www.bbb.org/charity) to verify that a charity meets the BBB's 20 Standards for Charity Accountability.

3. Succumbing to high-pressure, emotional pitches. Giving on the spot

is never necessary, no matter how hard a telemarketer or door-to-door solicitor pushes it. The charity that needs your money today will welcome it just as much tomorrow.

4. Assuming that the charity wants any item you donate. Worn out, unusable or unwanted donated goods cost charities millions of dollars each year because the organization has to bear the cost of tossing the unacceptable donation. If you have questions about an item's acceptability, call the charity and ask.

5. Mistaking a charity's identity. With so many charities in existence, their names can blur in a donor's mind and similar-sounding organizations are common. Be sure you know which charity you're supporting and that it's not a case of mistaken identity.

Donors can check out BBB Wise Giving Alliance evaluations on national soliciting charities free at [www.bbb.org/charity](http://www.bbb.org/charity).

## Why can't the poor climb out of the hole?

Why do the poor stay poor?

Of the six billion people on Earth, two billion try to survive on a few dollars a day. They don't build businesses, or if they do, they don't expand them. Unlike people in the United States, Europe and Asian countries like Japan, South Korea, Hong Kong, etc., they don't lift themselves out of poverty. Why not? What's the difference between them and us? Hernando de Soto taught me that the biggest difference may be property rights.

I first met de Soto maybe 15 years ago. It was at one of those lunches where people sit around wondering how to end poverty. I go to these things because it bugs me that much of the world hasn't yet figured out what gave us Americans the power to prosper.

I go, but I'm skeptical. There sits de Soto, president of the Institute for Liberty and Democracy in Peru, and he starts pulling pictures out showing slum dwellings built on top of each other. I wondered what they meant.

As de Soto explained: "These pictures show that roughly 4 billion people in the world actually build their homes and own their businesses outside the legal system. ... Because of the

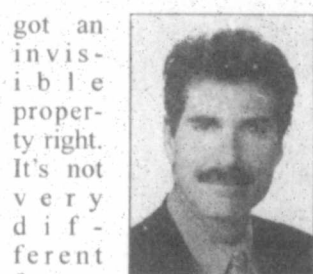
lack of rule of law (and the definition of who owns what, and because they don't have addresses, they can't get credit (for investment loans)."

They don't have addresses?

"To get an address, somebody's got to recognize that that's where you live. That means ... you've got mailing address. ... When you make a deal with someone, you can be identified. But until property is defined by law, people can't ... specialize and create wealth. The day they get title (is) the day that the businesses in their homes, the sewing machines, the cotton gins, the car repair shop finally gets recognized. They can start expanding."

That's the road to prosperity. But first they need to be recognized by someone in local authority who says, "This is yours." They need the rule of law. But many places in the developing world barely have law. So enterprising people take a risk. They work a deal with the guy on the first floor, and they build their house on the second floor.

"Probably the guy on the first floor, who had the guts to squat and make a deal with somebody from government who decided to look the other way, has



JOHN STOSSELL

got an invisible property right. It's not very different from when you Americans started going west, (but Americans at that time were absolutely conscious of what the rule of law was about," de Soto said.

Americans marked off property, courts recognized that property, and the people got deeds that meant everyone knew their property was theirs. They could then buy and sell and borrow against it as they saw fit.

This idea of a deed protecting property seems simple, but it's powerful. Commerce between total strangers wouldn't happen otherwise. It applies to more than just skyscrapers and factories. It applies to stock markets, which only work because of deed-like paperwork that we trust because we have the rule of law.

Is de Soto saying that if the developing world had the rule of law they could become as rich as we are?

"Oh, yes. Of course. But let me tell you, bringing in the rule of law is no easy thing."

De Soto started his work in Peru, as an economic adviser to the president, trying to establish property rights there. He was successful enough that leaders of 23 countries, including Russia, Libya, Egypt, Honduras and the Philippines, now pay him to teach them about property rights. Those leaders at least get that they're doing something wrong.

"They get it easier than a North American," he said, "because the people who brought the rule of law and property rights to the United States (lived) in the 18th and 19th centuries. They were your great-great-great-granddaddies."

De Soto says we've forgotten what made us prosperous. "But (leaders in the developing world) see that they're pot-poor relative to your wealth." They are beginning to grasp the importance of private property.

Let's hope we haven't forgotten what they are beginning to learn.

John Stossell is host of "Stossell on the Fox Business Network." He's the author of "Give Me a Break" and of "Myth, Lies, and Downright Stupidity."

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# Chamber

## A 'Cowboy's Christmas Prayer,' courtesy of the Chamber

Jimmy Dean passed away earlier this year. Anyone a little younger than me might think of him only as a sausage maker—much younger than that and you probably don't think of him at all, but in his early days he was known as a significant country recording artist. Back in those days the companies pretty much owned the artists, and one stipulation of their contracts is that they would record a Christmas album.

We had "Jimmy Dean's Christmas Card". It included some old favorites, a rip-off of "Yes, Virginia There is a Santa Claus", and some stuff I had never heard before. One of those was "A Cowboy's Christmas Prayer" which really struck a chord with me, growing up on a farm/ranch operation and spending cold winter mornings feeding cattle.

A few years ago my wife and I were on vacation in Las Vegas, New Mexico and decided to visit the Carnegie library. They had set aside a special room as the S. Omar Barker room. I was unfamiliar with the man but learned that he was from the area and well known

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as a cowboy poet. (He had a quirky sense of humor, as his brand, taken from his initials, was Lazy SOB!) Doing a little research later, I discovered that he was the original author of the poem I had grown up hearing Jimmy Dean recite.

I share it here as my Christmas gift to you:

#### COWBOY'S CHRISTMAS PRAYER By S. Omar Barker (1894-1985)

I ain't much good at prayin', and You

may not know me, Lord—  
I ain't much seen in churches where they preach Thy Holy Word.

But you may have observed me out here on the lonely plains,

A-lookin' after cattle, feelin' thankful when it rains.

Admirin' Thy great handiwork, the miracle of grass,

Aware of Thy kind spirit in the way it comes to pass

That hired men on horseback and the livestock we tend

Can look up at the stars at night and know we've got a friend.

So here's ol' Christmas comin' on, remindin' us again—

Of Him whose coming brought good will into the hearts of men.

A cowboy ain't no preacher, Lord, but if You'll hear my prayer,

I'll ask as good as we have got for all men everywhere.

Don't let no hearts be bitter, Lord. Let no child be cold.

Make easy beds for them that's sick and them that's weak and old.

Let kindness bless the trail we ride, no matter what we're after,

And sorter keep us on Your side, in tears as well as laughter.

I've seen ol' cows a-starvin, and it ain't no happy sight:

lease don't leave no one hungry, Lord, on thy good Christmas night—

No man, no child, no woman, and no critter on four feet—

I'll aim to do my best to help You find 'em chuck to eat.

I'm just a sinful cowpoke, Lord-ain't got no business prayin'—

But still I hope You'll ketch a word or two of what I'm sayin':

e speak of Merry Christmas, Lord-I reckon you'll agree

There ain't no Merry Christmas for nobody that ain't free.

So one thing more I'll ask You, Lord: Just help us what you can

To save some seeds of freedom for the future sons of man.

Merry Christmas from all of us,  
Joe, Erica, and Grady

## the chamber around town



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Goldcoats Terry Barnes (from left, in gold), Scott Haynes, Sheila Webb, Kathy Cota and Ken Rheams join owners and operators Alissha and Kevin Jefferis in cutting the ribbon at Pampa Glass.



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Terry Barnes (from left), Fr. Francisco Perez, Scott Hahn, Marilu Lopez, Max Lopez Jr., Max Lopez Sr., Carmen Hernandez, Vanessa Lopez, Ken Rheams, Sheila Webb, Jerry Foote and Gladys Vanderpool cut the ribbon at Priscilla's boutique.



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Madison's Closet is welcomed to Pampa by Scott Hahn (from left), Anna Morris, Taylen Gregory, Sue Snow, Martha Porter, Jeanine Autry, Mary Denman, Jan Haynes, Ken Rheams and Gladys Vanderpool.

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# Sports

## Harvesters leave Nichols Shootout empty handed

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The Pampa Harvesters got off to another slow start and couldn't recover in a 75-56 loss to the Dallas Rowlett Eagles Saturday at North Garland High School in the Nichols Shootout.

Head coach Dustin Miller said they missed some good shots early.

"That kind of set the tone early," Miller said. "(Rowlett) had something to do with that."

The Eagles controlled the game from the start scoring the first 12 points and led

by as many as 17. Nathan Tucker scored 10 of Rowlett's first 12. The closest the Harvesters got was within 10. Junior Latigo Collins scored seven of Pampa's 13 points. The Harvesters trailed 24-13 after the first.

In the second quarter, Rowlett expanded their lead to 15. Pampa went on one of their few runs of the game and cut the lead to seven, but the Harvesters would not get closer. The Eagles led 39-29 at halftime. Jeffrey Carroll led Rowlett's offense with seven points in the second. Collins scored nine in the second to lead Pampa's offense.

Unlike Pampa's first game in the Nichols

Shootout, they weren't able to rally. The Eagles outscored the Harvesters 11-3 to start the third and led by as many as 21. Pampa was outscored 17-11 in the third and trailed 56-40 after the third. Rowlett outscored Pampa 19-16 in the fourth quarter and led by as many as 22.

Tucker led the Eagles in scoring with 26 points with 14 coming in the fourth quarter. Carroll followed with 21. Collins led the Harvesters in scoring with 24. Senior forward Garrett Ericson followed with nine.

The Harvesters (6-4) leave the Nichols Shootout empty handed for a second con-

secutive year. Last year Pampa went 4-12 after those games. Miller said he is not concerned about their season.

"This is a different group of kids that will do whatever it takes to be successful," Miller said. "We knew this was our toughest three game stretch."

Pampa visits former district rival Randall 7:30 p.m. today. Miller said they will have their hands full.

"They are picked to win that 4A district," Miller said. "This is a year they have been waiting on, ranked number 14 in the state."

### Quick Summary

Rowlett Eagles 75, Pampa Harvesters 56

Records: Rowlett (6-4), Pampa (6-4)

**It was over when:** The Eagles jumped out to a 12-0 lead in the first and mostly maintained that advantage throughout the game.

**Game ball goes to:** Nathan Tucker Rowlett. Tucker scored 26 points including 14 in the fourth quarter. Tucker scored 10 of the first 12 points of the game.

**Pampa Game ball goes to:** Latigo Collins Jr. Collins was the leader of the Harvesters' offense with 24 points. The junior scored 16 points in the first half.

**Stat of the game:** 56-47. Tucker and Jeffrey Carroll combined to score 47 points, almost the total the whole Harvesters team scored.

Teams	1	2	3	4	Final
Pampa	13	16	11	16	56
Rowlett	24	15	17	19	75

### Stat Leaders

Scoring: RHS-Nathan Tucker 26, Jeffrey Carroll 21 PHS- Latigo Collins 24, Garrett Ericson 9

## 7th grade boys win in Perryton

SPECIAL TO THE PAMPA NEWS

The seventh grade boys Green Team cruised through the North division tournament last Thursday and Friday in Perryton by sweeping the competition with four consecutive victories to win the tournament and raise their record to 7-1 on the year.

Pampa used a 17-point fourth quarter to pull away from Borger with a convincing 39-24 win in the opening round game. Pampa's second contest would resemble more of a gridiron game than a basketball game but the young

Harvester's battled for 4 quarters and came away with a hard fought 44-43 win over the hometown Rangers.

Pampa looked refreshed on Saturday morning, coasting to a 38-19 win over a Dumas team they had already beaten earlier this year. In the deciding game, Pampa used a 10-point first quarter by Cade Engle to build an 18-2 lead over Dalhart. Dalhart battled back but still wound up on the short of another Pampa win as the young Harvester rolled to a 48-32 victory.

Engle led Pampa in the tournament with 64 points, 14 assists, 23 steals and

pulled down 18 rebounds. Marcheenan Hair and Colton Thompson added 24 points each, Thompson also led the team in rebounds with 31 and Hair added 11 steals. Josh DeLoach had 18 points, 9 boards and 6 steals. Adam Zuniga scored 16, with 5 assists and 15 rebounds. Solon Wilson and Bryson Burrell had 8 points each. Rhett Harden with 5 and Nathan Furgason with 2 rounded out the scoring for Pampa.

The boys will travel to Borger on Monday to take on the Bulldogs in a rematch of the tournament's 1st game.

## Eagles beat Cowboys in Dallas, eye return trip for Super Bowl

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Michael Vick and the Philadelphia Eagles could be on track for an encore appearance at Cowboys Stadium in eight weeks.

The Cowboys long ago blew their opportunity to be the first team to play a Super Bowl in their home stadium. And now, after Vick and the NFC East-leading Eagles turned plenty of big plays into a 30-27 victory Sunday night, Dallas is assured its first losing record in six seasons.

"That's the way it is. That's not good. It doesn't feel good," owner Jerry Jones said outside the Cowboys locker room in his \$1.2 billion showplace. "It makes it very hard to think of the good things that can happen."

For the Cowboys (4-9), not Vick and the Eagles.

Philadelphia (9-4) has won five of its last six games and is a half-game ahead of the New York Giants (8-4) in the NFC East. New York plays its postponed and relocated game against Minnesota in Detroit on Monday night before hosting the Eagles next weekend.

The clincher against the Cowboys was Vick's short pass to DeSean Jackson with less than 12 minutes left that turned into a 91-yard touchdown — the longest career play for both players — with a splashy ending that drew a penalty.

"I knew he was going to have an opportunity to get some yards. I knew I put the ball in the perfect location," Vick said. "I just didn't know he was going to take it 91 yards. ... Basically won the game."

Vick also threw a 60-yard pass to Jackson on the first play of the game. That was the longest this season against Dallas until Jackson later caught a ball near the sideline, sped past one safety, made another one fall and outran a diving cornerback. He stopped at the edge of the goal line, turned to face the defense and tipped over backward into the end zone for the

tiebreaking score.

Jackson, who sprained his ankle on the 91-yarder, had four catches for 210 yards, third-most in franchise history. LeSean McCoy ran 16 times for a career-high 149 yards, including a 56-yarder that is the longest run against the Cowboys this season.

"Once we started rolling, we were rolling. We finished it. We put the foot on the gas and kept pushing away," McCoy said. "We've got so many play-makers that can make plays when it's time to."

Philadelphia, which lost three times against Dallas last season, plays its division rival again in the regular season finale Jan. 2.

If they keep winning, the Eagles could be back Feb. 6 for the Super Bowl at Cowboys Stadium, where last January they lost on consecutive weekends — the 2009 regular season finale, then the first round of the playoffs when Vick was rarely on the field behind the since-departed Donovan McNabb.

Dallas fell behind in the opening minutes, yet kept it close and even led

20-14. But Philadelphia was relentless, dropping the Cowboys to 3-2 under interim coach Jason Garrett.

"We fought hard throughout this ballgame, it just wasn't good enough at the end," Garrett said.

Jackson's performance helped mask an otherwise rocky outing by Vick, whose interceptions matched his season total and led to 10 points for Dallas. The Cowboys sacked him twice and blasted him with hard hits all night, including one that drew a penalty for a helmet-to-helmet hit.

Vick ran for a touchdown and was 16 of 26 for 270 yards. But take out Jackson's numbers, and Vick's other 12 completions produced 60 yards.

Jon Kitna was 24 of 35 for 242 yards for Dallas, with two TDs and two interceptions.

"You're proud of how you fight. It doesn't make me feel better about losing," Kitna said. "We gave that team too many plays on the offensive side of the ball that you can't recover from."

**Sudoku**

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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## Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: About a month ago, my friend lost her keys in a major department store. Despite announcements in the store, the keys were never found. My friend wasn't worried because she had her wallet and personal information in her purse.

Two weeks later, her home was robbed. There was no sign of forced entry. What we learned from the police is that the little tags we carry on our key chains from major pharmacy and supermarket chains carry our names on the receipts. All the person who found the keys had to do was purchase something, swipe the card, and the receipt came up with my friend's name printed on it! Unfortunately, her name is listed in the phone book, so the thief was able to find her house, use her house key, walk right in and take whatever he/she wanted.

I no longer keep the tags on my key chain. I keep them in a separate place in my purse or in my pocket. I hope this keeps at least one person from being robbed. — KAREN IN METHUEN, MASS.

DEAR KAREN: So do I, and thank you for the warning. For those who prefer not to carry those little tags at all, many are linked with the shopper's telephone number in the pharmacy's or supermarket's computer. If you mention it before the cashier starts ringing up your purchase, the sale can be rung up as part of the saver's program. Inquire at the stores where you shop regularly.

DEAR ABBY: Five years ago, when my niece was 9, we came up with the idea of making Christmas cards and sending them out to special friends and family members. We both work hard to make sure each is attractive and in good taste, and we handwrite

a personal note inside. We also print on the back that the card was "handmade with love." This has become a tradition for the two of us, and the cards are quite beautiful.

Last year, after we sent them out, I received a card from a friend with a small check inside. The card read, "I'm sending you this check so you can afford to buy 'real cards' next year." I was, to say the least, hurt and offended. I wondered if others felt similarly, so I asked around and was shocked to learn they, too, thought I was "cheap." Although it cost more money and time to create each card, no one appreciated them.

We won't be making the cards this year, but how do I tell my niece why? I don't want her feelings hurt, too. — BLUE AT CHRISTMAS

DEAR BLUE: Tell your niece what you were told — and by whom — so she won't waste any more effort on these rude and unappreciative individuals. Better she hear it from you than one of the recipients. As to the "friend" who sent the check, I hope you returned it and deleted her from your Christmas card list. What she did was uncalled for.

DEAR ABBY: I am 13 and I have a problem. My mother gave me \$20 so I could go Christmas shopping, but I forgot I was Christmas shopping and ended up buying everything for myself. Now what do I do, because she's really mad. — IN TROUBLE IN MICHIGAN

DEAR IN TROUBLE: Apologize to your mother, admit what happened wasn't a memory lapse as much as yielding to temptation, and start doing whatever you can to earn more money. Some suggestions: shoveling sidewalks and driveways and dog walking, if the neighbors will let you.

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# athletes

of the week

**Kailyn Troxell**  
Pampa High School

Pampa High School senior basketball player **Kailyn Troxell** is *The Pampa News* Female Athlete of the Week. Troxell led the Lady Harvesters in rebounding all week. In Tuesday's game against Amarillo High, Troxell grabbed five rebounds and scored five points. Friday against Shallowater, Troxell grabbed five rebounds and scored five points. Troxell has been one of the rebounding leaders all season. Occasionally contributes in the scoring department.

**Taylor Ray**  
Lefors High School

Lefors High School junior basketball player **Taylor Ray** is *The Pampa News* Male Athlete of the Week. Ray scored 22 points and grabbed 15 rebounds in the Pirates victory over Higgins Tuesday. Ray has been one of the leaders in points and rebounds all season for the Pirates.



# Sports

## Freshman girls win fourth straight, beat Panhandle

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The Pampa Lady Harvesters freshman basketball team continued their winning ways with a 32-31 win over Panhandle Saturday at Panhandle.

Coach Alan Segura said they have improved but still have some improvement to make.

"We are running the offense better," Segura said. "We're running the press with more success and playing better defense. We still have a lot to work on but

overall we improved."

Pampa played Panhandle in the Borger tournament and lost by 17, which was their last loss. The Lady Panthers led 10-4 after the first quarter. The Lady Harvesters outscored Panhandle 12-7 in the second and trailed 17-16 at halftime. Pampa won

the third quarter 12-6 to expand their lead to 28-23. Alexa O'Brien led the Lady Harvesters in scoring with 12. Bella Tarando and Samara Cummins followed with six points each.

The freshmen (5-7) play at Amarillo High 4:30 p.m. today.

## Lady Harvesters JV wins three of five in River Road Tourney

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The Pampa Lady Harvesters junior varsity won three of five games in the River Road Tournament Thursday and Friday.

The junior varsity (5-10) started with pool play on Thursday. The pool play games were four minute quarters instead of the traditional eight. Pampa beat River Road 25-0, Highland Park 30-15 and Sunray 20-13.

Pampa earned the number one seed in bracket play and lost to Borger 35-27 Friday. In their final game, the Lady Harvesters lost to Ascension Academy 30-21. Pampa did not have their point guard Krysten Miller on the second day of

the tournament.

Coach Braydon Barker said that hurt but was pleased with his team's performance.

"I thought my girls really played hard the entire tournament, and I am glad to be seeing some improvement," Barker said.

## Patriots first to clinch playoff spot

The NFL's playoff picture might be muddled in the middle. At the top, it's crystal clear, thanks to the Patriots and Falcons.

New England became the first team into the postseason, locking up its eighth playoff berth in 10 years with a 36-7 pounding of the Chicago Bears on a snowy, blustery, bone-chilling Sunday at Soldier Field.

Atlanta beat Carolina 31-10, and if Minnesota defeats the New York Giants on Monday night in a postponed game that was moved to Detroit, the Falcons clinch a spot.

Tom Brady threw for 369 yards and two touchdowns in New England's fifth successive win. The Patriots (11-2) grabbed a 33-0 halftime lead and gave coach Bill Belichick his 174th career win, putting him in a tie for 10th place with Mike Holmgren.

Brady was brilliant again despite

the brutal conditions, picking apart the league's third-ranked defense. He completed 27 of 40 passes and went without an interception for the eighth straight game.

"They don't cancel football games very often," Brady said. "It's not like baseball. We don't play out there in San Diego all the time."

At Charlotte, Michael Turner ran for 112 yards and three touchdowns. Matt Ryan threw for another and NFC South leader Atlanta (11-2) held onto the best record in the conference.

"With three NFC games left, it's important. All the games are big now," defensive end John Abraham said. "All the games can put us in a good situation. We've got Seattle, then New Orleans and Carolina again. We want to have that home-field advantage and for us, we have

to keep winning."

Elsewhere Sunday, Jacksonville stayed on top of the AFC South by outlasting Oakland 38-31; Pittsburgh beat Cincinnati, 23-7; Philadelphia downed Dallas 30-27; Detroit stumped Green Bay 7-3; New Orleans took St. Louis 31-13; San Diego routed Kansas City 31-0; Miami defeated the New York Jets 10-6; San Francisco romped over Seattle 40-21; Tampa Bay beat Washington 17-16; Arizona took Denver 43-13; and Buffalo beat Cleveland 13-6.

On Monday night, the Giants face Minnesota at Ford Field after the Vikings' Metrodome home had the roof deflate during a blizzard, and Baltimore is at Houston.

The weekend began with Indianapolis edging Tennessee 30-28.

## BANANAGRAMS!

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## SHORT RANGE JUMPER



staff photo by **ReDonn Woods**

**Kirsten Kuhn attempts a jumper over a Shallowater defender Friday at McNeely.** Kuhn scored eight points. The Lady Harvesters visit Amarillo High 7:30 p.m. today.

## 2010 Fall Sports



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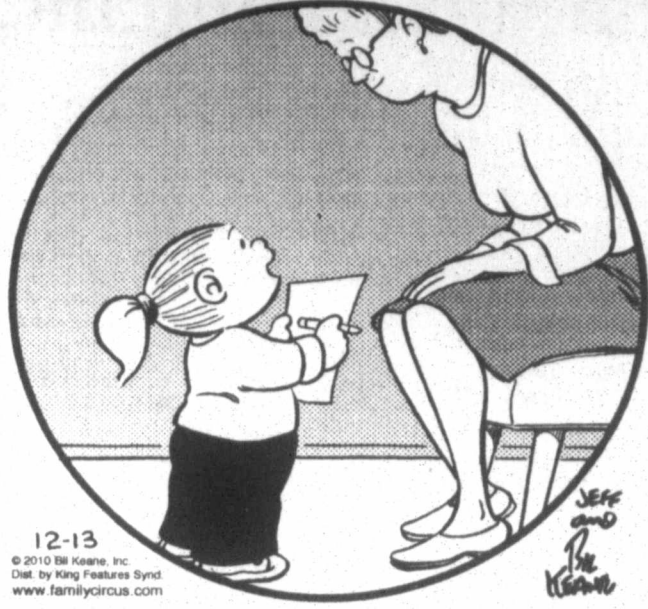
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"Would you like me to help you write a letter to Santa Claus, Grandma?"

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### Nest Heads



## daily horoscope

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Tuesday, Dec. 14, 2010:  
You have your hands full this year. Fortunately, unusual creativity mixed with high intelligence permits you to move in a new direction or to discover novel, good solutions. Use caution with your finances. Don't get involved with others, even if an offer seems solid. If you are single, you meet others with ease. Choosing the right person for you could take time, though you could have quite the rush of suitors. If you are attached, the two of you need to have separate bank accounts if you cannot agree on spending. Romance soars this spring, even for the attached. ARIES can be a lot of fun.  
*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)**  
★★★★ You might feel A-OK, but with the amount of challenges, disagreements and confusion surrounding you, feeling overwhelmed at some point in the day is no surprise. Know that of all signs, you are in the best position to cope. Tonight: Let go of the day and greet the night.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**  
★★★★ As more and more information comes in, you might decide to call it a day, no matter what you are doing. Heading home where you might be more comfortable isn't surprising to anyone. A partner tries to make life smoother. Tonight: Screen your calls.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**  
★★★★ Difficulties surround a key partnership as you eye a situation. You might wonder if it is bad or good. Judging different situations and people in these terms might prevent you from flowing through some unexpected changes. Tonight: Stop at the gym. Get a massage, if possible.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**  
★★★★ Your very playful personality manifests itself, despite a difficult associate, family member or friend. You seem impervious to him or her, though you are feeling the vibes. Stay sensitive, but do what you must. Tonight: Take the lead.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**  
★★★★ Detach and look at the big story rather than get hung up on all the details right now. The panorama will be changing, in any case, with new information. Understand what is happening beyond the obvious. Tonight: Relax your mind so it can wander ... try some great music.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**  
★★★★ The situation concerning a partnership could involve a child, love affair or creative passion. The point remains that you could find yourself juggling different interests. The smart Virgo will detach and see what happens. Tonight: Have an important discussion, so that another person understands where you are coming from.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**  
★★★★ Defer to others, especially if you are having difficulty within your immediate circle. Juggling others' concerns could be too much. Screen your calls, understanding that you have limits. Someone could be off the wall. Detach. Tonight: Find a pal to swap war stories with.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**  
★★★★ You keep putting your best foot forward, to no avail. The time will come if you trust and relax. What you hear and what someone might be saying could be upsetting. Let it go. Discussions at a later date will be illuminating. Tonight: Put your feet up.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**  
★★★★ What a child or loved one could do might surprise you. Use caution with risks, especially if they involve your finances. By saying "yes," you could find your accounts rapidly drained. Understand your limits. Tonight: Take some personal time.

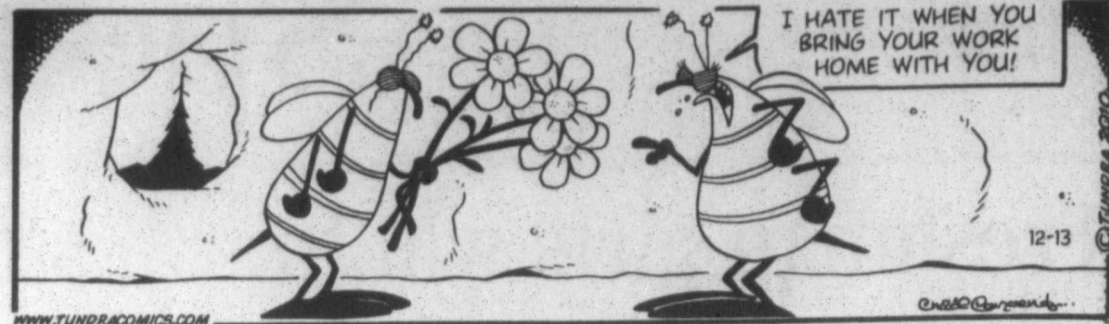
**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**  
★★★★ You could toss a boomerang into a situation without intending to. The end result could be you on the defensive. Honor your priorities, domestic life and security. Right now, play it cool. Tonight: Visit with a friend.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**  
★★★★ You mean well. Communication, though well intended, could reflect your inner judgments in some manner. Whether your expression, body language or voice gives you away, there is no cloaking your feelings right now. Tonight: Do some yoga or take a walk. Relax.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**  
★★★★ Use care with a group, meeting or friend. Though no one intends to cost you a lot, they do just that. Remember, it is you who is doling out the money and feeling the impact, not the recipients. Tonight: Talk to a trusted adviser.

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**Bolin trial set for April**

by David Bowers [dbowers@thepampanews.com](mailto:dbowers@thepampanews.com)

Mary Lee Bolin is scheduled to go to trial in Pampa for the death of her six-week-old baby in mid-April.

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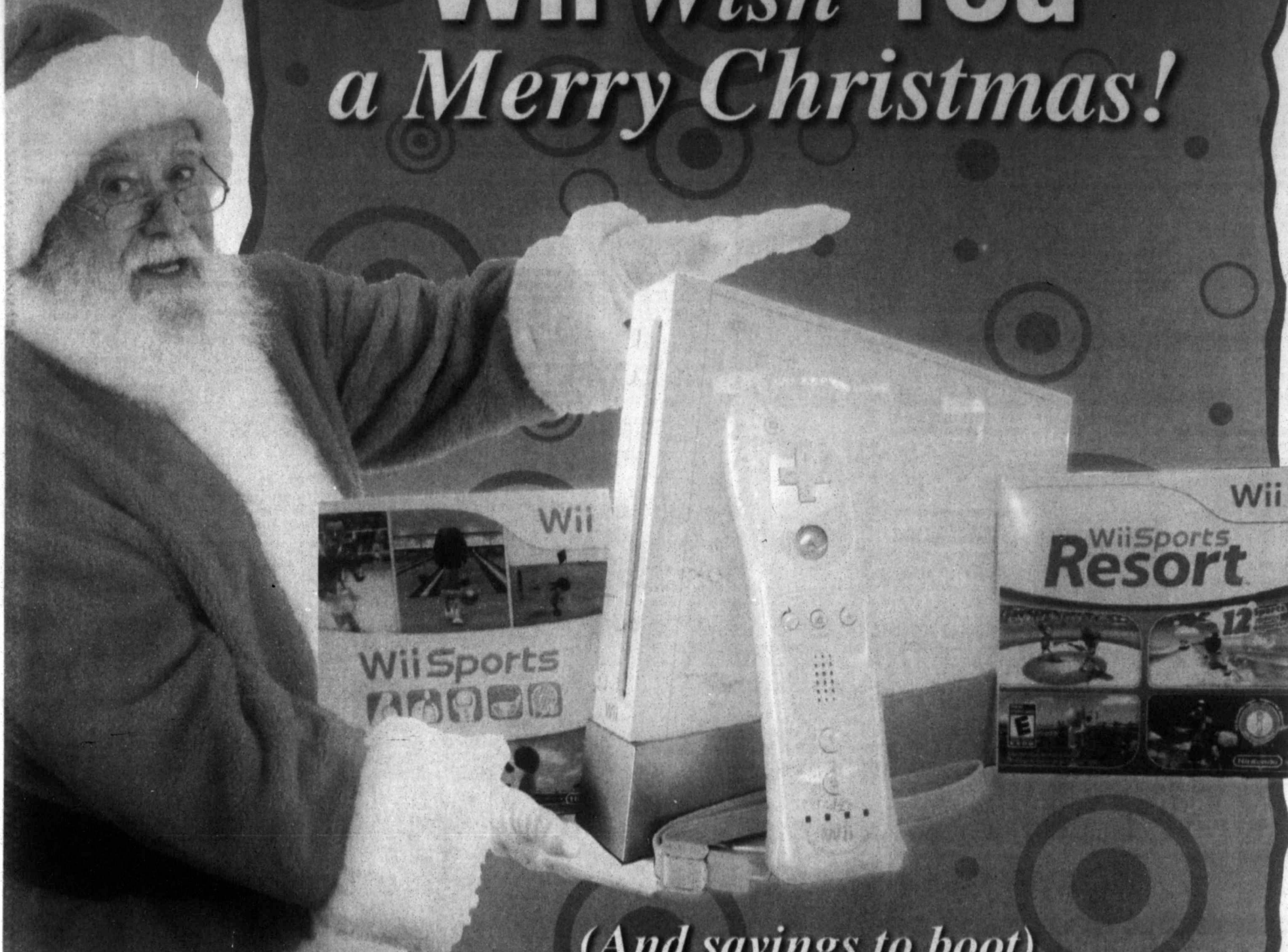
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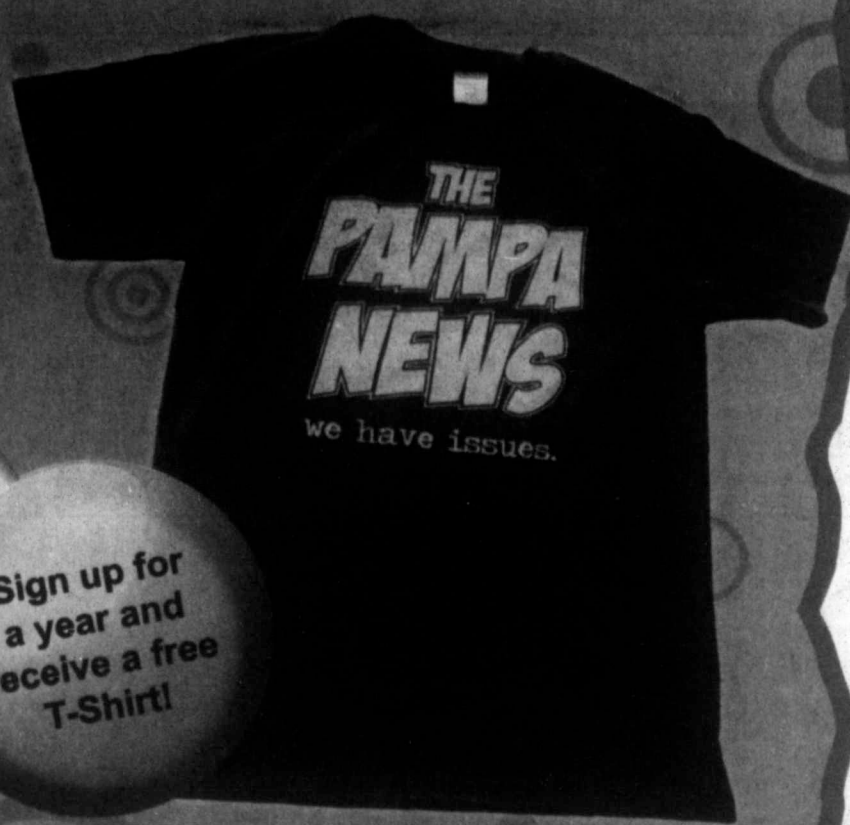


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