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## JINGLE ALL THE WAY



Captain Mark Martin receives a Christmas hug from Opal Whittley, after her grandson, Nathan Whittley, donates to the Salvation Army.

## Salvation Army bell ringing under way

**MOLLIE BRYANT**  
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This Christmas season, Mark Martin and other local volunteers will be carrying on a Salvation Army tradition by ringing a bell outside area stores to collect donations for the organization.

"The tradition started in the turn of the century after the fires in San Francisco," said Martin. "An officer decided to stay outside with the Salvation Army band. They stood with a pot, and people would throw pennies in. We

do it more because of the tradition than anything."

The money raised by the Salvation Army during the holiday season bell ringing campaign goes towards the organization's various programs. Martin says he tries to tailor the bell ringing tradition to the community.

"Because this is a small

I put candy in my pocket and try to get the kids to say 'Merry Christmas,' because our society doesn't say that very much.

— Mark Martin  
Local Salvation Army Captain on how he approaches the bell ringing campaign

community, we see the same people all the time, so I prefer working one door to give people a choice (on whether to give)," said Martin.

"It can be fulfilling," he

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## New oil and gas contract for County Commission

**MOLLIE BRYANT**  
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The County Commission decided to enter into an oil and gas contract with Frac Land and Title Company. The company will lease Gray County's School Lands — 4,733 acres in Gaines County — at 25 percent royalty and \$500 an acre. The county will donate revenue from the lease to Gray County school districts. Over 2 million dollars will go to PISD.

"Getting 25 percent royalty is new and unprecedented for us, and it's a blessing for the Gray County schools," said commissioner Jeff Haley. "It's a blessing we still have those minerals."

The county also passed a reso-

lution allowing the pursuit of a grant to complete the Gray County Courthouse restoration.

"We have two phases yet to be completed," said Gray County Judge Richard Peet. "New doors, (with) a revolving door on the east side, and then hopefully we will replace the balcony in the district courtroom. That was taken out in the 1950s."

The project will cost about one million dollars, and the commission plans to apply for a grant that would cover half of that. The county's restoration fund would cover the remaining cost of the restoration.

In other business, the commission:

• approved two changes to the county's Sick Leave Pool policy,  
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## POP INTO WILSON



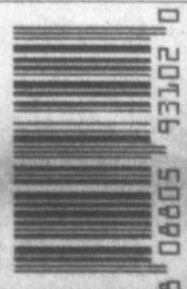
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The Pampa Independent School District's Sabrina East hands out bags of popcorn at Wilson Elementary. Wilson recently held "Pop Into Wilson," where teachers and the PISD Parent Involvement team handed out bags of popcorn with parent information to parents who were waiting to pick up their students after school.

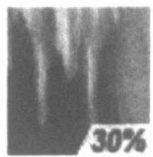


**"Country Christmas" Parade**  
Saturday, December 3rd  
Starting at 2 p.m.

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### PAMPA FORECAST

Today	Saturday	Sunday
		
30%	70%	
High 31 Low 30	High 38 Low 17	High 34 Low 19

**Today:** A slight chance of freezing rain before noon, then a chance of rain or freezing rain. Areas of freezing fog. Cloudy, with a high near 31. Wind chill values between 12 and 22. North northwest wind around 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent.

**Tonight:** Rain or freezing rain, becoming all rain after midnight. Areas of freezing fog after midnight. Low around 30. Wind chill values between 22 and 27. West wind between 5 and 10 mph becoming calm. Chance of precipitation is 80 percent.

**Saturday:** Rain likely, mainly before noon. Cloudy, with a high near 38. North northwest wind 5 to 10 mph increasing to between 15 and 20 mph. Winds could gust as high as 25 mph. Chance of precipitation is 70 percent.

**Saturday Night:** Mostly cloudy, with a low around 17. North wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

**Sunday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 34. North northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

**Sunday Night:** Mostly cloudy, with a low around 19. North wind between 5 and 15 mph.

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**SOUL SISTER'S** Super Sat. Dec 3rd at Calvary Baptist Church Fellowship Hall (900 E. 23rd) 9-1pm. Crafts, vendors, baked goods, etc.

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**CRAFT SHOW** Dec. 3 9-6pm & Dec. 4 noon-4pm. Ag Life Family Center north of Wheeler on Hwy 83. Set up time Fri 5-9pm & Sat 7-9am. 806-334-3039.

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## READY FOR SATURDAY



photo courtesy of Pat Johnson

**Mrs. Claus** (Mary McDaniel) is ready for Altrusa's "Soup With Mrs. Claus" event to be held Saturday at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 318 N. Cuyler. Soup, chili, corn dogs and desserts will be served from 11:30 a.m to 1:30 p.m. Children can have their picture taken with Mrs. Claus and can select a free book.

## Mexico discovers gas reserves off coast

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Deep-water drilling in the Gulf of Mexico has revealed reserves that could multiply Mexico's production of natural gas, the country's state oil company said Thursday.

Petroleos Mexicanos said the Nen 1 exploratory well found a deposit estimated to hold 400 billion cubic feet of gas. It said that could lead to production of 27 million cubic feet a day. This year's daily average is 6.64 billion cubic feet.

The company said the gas deposit is 14,270 feet (4,350

meters) feet deep, including 4,898 feet (1,493 meters) of water.

The well is 68 miles (113 kilometers) northeast of Coatzacoalcos in an area that doesn't yet have a pipeline to shore.

Because natural gas cannot be shipped like oil, Pemex would have to build a pipeline in order to develop the newly found gas. It's not yet clear if that would be profitable, said David Richardson, an analyst for the energy consulting firm Wood Mackenzie.

## Bell

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added. "I put candy in my pocket and try to get the kids to say 'Merry Christmas,' because our society doesn't say that very much. It's become almost robotic."

You can find the bell ringers at United and Walmart from 11:30 to 2:30 Monday through Wednesday, and all day on Thursday through Saturday.

## Obituaries

### Lowell Heckman, 89

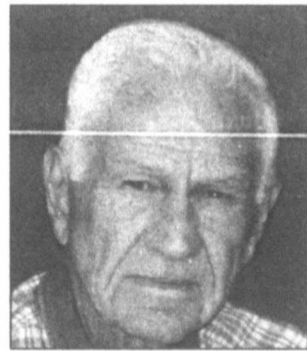
Lowell Heckman, 89, died November 30, 2011, in Pampa.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, December 3, 2011, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel, with Marilyn Frye and Rachel Potter, officiating.

Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery with military honors courtesy U.S. Army, Fort Hood. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Heckman was born May 3, 1922, in Antelope Flat, on the southeastern edge of the Palo Duro Canyon, to George and Annie Mae Heckman. His family moved to Clarendon in 1929 where Lowell lived during his school years. Lowell worked for the J. A. Ranch in Clarendon and Palo Duro, as did his grandfather and father, and his family was befriended by Charles Goodnight during their time on this ranch.

He was a decorated veteran of WWII for his service with the U. S. Army 104th Timberwolf Division, which



Heckman

participated in the Battle of the Bulge campaign. After the service, Lowell married the love of his life, Cora Lee Muse, and graduated from Texas Tech University. During his career in the petroleum industry, he and Cora Lee moved to Pampa in 1968 where they raised their four children.

Lowell was an example of a life well lived. His family and friends will forever be inspired by his devotion to family, tireless work ethic, immeasurable patience, easy manner and a wonderful sense of humor.

Lowell was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Ray Heckman and Cecil Heckman; one sister, Leola Gilmore; and their oldest son, Richard Heckman.

Survivors include his wife of 64 years, Cora Lee Heckman of the home; two daughters, Cheri Rutledge and husband Bob of Grapevine, and Teresa Heckman of Pampa; a son, Rodney Heckman and wife Cathy of Sachse; four grandsons, Josh Shelton and wife Alexis of Pampa, Kylar Rutledge and wife April of Saginaw, Hal Rutledge and wife Kelli of North Richland Hills, and Riley Heckman of Sachse; four great-grandsons and one great-granddaughter.

Memorials may be made to Disabled American Veterans National Headquarters, 3725 Alexandria Pike, Cold Spring, KY 41076

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

## For the record

### Police Department

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 24 hour period ending Thursday, December 1 at 7 a.m.

Pampa PD reported 13 traffic related incidents.

Animal Control agents and Pampa PD reported 12 animal related incidents.

Pampa EMS and the Pampa Fire Department responded to nine medical calls.

**Wednesday, November 30**

A runaway was reported at the 2800 block of North Rosewood.

Criminal mischief occurred at the 2100 block of North Hobart.

An assault occurred at the 900 block of South Faulkner.

A theft occurred at the 700 block of North Zim-

mers.

The Pampa Fire Department responded to a call at the 1600 block of North Banks.

Accidents occurred at the 300 block of West 30th and Bradley and Harvester.

A domestic disturbance occurred at the 500 block of North Faulkner.

A suspicious person was reported at Browning and Somerville.

A burglary occurred at the 900 block of North Christine.

A domestic disturbance occurred at the 900 block of South Banks.

A theft was reported.

An accident occurred at Highway 152 and County Round 2.

Burglaries occurred at the 1200 block of East Francis and the 400 block of North Doyle.

A suspicious person was

reported at the 1100 block of Cinderella.

**Thursday, December 1**  
A suspicious person was reported at the 2700 block of North Hobart.

### Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests for the 24 hour period ending Thursday, December 1 at 7 a.m.

**Wednesday, November 30**

Rebecca Jane Carpenter, 39, was sent to state jail by deputies.

Thomas Ray Kirby, 18, was arrested by police for theft over \$50 and under \$500.

Cheryl Renay Foster, 43, was arrested by police on charges of failure to appear, expired motor vehicle insurance, no driver's license and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

Ricky Joe Diaz, 37, was arrested by deputies for evading arrest or detention.

Justin Reed Ensey, 31, was arrested by police for displaying expired registration, failure to appear in court, no driver's license, no seatbelt and expired motor vehicle registration.

Marie Williams Scott, 33, was arrested by police on charges of expired motor vehicle insurance and failure to appear in court.

James Michael Martin, 27, was arrested by deputies on charges of possession of marijuana and non-payment of court costs or fees.

**Thursday, December 1**  
Billy Michael Grimes, 50, was arrested by deputies for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

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# MORNINGRUSH

# Horses soon to be slaughtered for meat?

## State Dems argue against stay

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas Democrats are asking the Supreme Court to deny Texas' request for an emergency stay of new redistricting maps.

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott has asked the high court to prevent the use of court-drawn congressional and legislative boundaries. He suggested affected primary elections could be pushed back from March 6 to May.

But in a response filed Thursday, the Texas Democratic Party argues that a stay would lead to a "massive disruption" of the election and would cause "massive voter confusion."

Filing for the elections began Monday using the interim, court-drawn maps. A San Antonio court issued the maps, ordering they be used until ongoing litigation over the original, legislative plans can be resolved.

It was not immediately known when a decision would be made by the Supreme Court.

## TX gas prices down 6 cents

HOUSTON (AP) — Retail gasoline prices have dropped 6 cents this week across Texas.

AAA Texas on Thursday reported the average price at the pump was \$3.11 per gallon.

The association says nationwide gasoline prices are also down 6 cents, to settle at an average \$3.29.

Amarillo has the most expensive gasoline statewide, at \$3.18 a gallon.

El Paso and Corpus Christi have the least expensive gasoline in the latest survey, at \$3.04 per gallon.

Analysts say the cost of gasoline could continue to slip, possibly bottoming out this month or in early 2012, before spring when demand and prices usually go up.

## Romney visits George H.W. Bush

HOUSTON (AP) - Mitt Romney is set to chat behind closed doors with former President George H.W. Bush. But Romney's campaign says no endorsement is imminent.

The Republican presidential hopeful was heading Thursday to Bush's home in Houston, even though he was venturing onto the home turf of a rival, Texas Gov. Rick Perry.

Romney spokeswoman Gail Gitcho confirmed the meeting saying, "they are friends," but added it doesn't mean Bush will endorse Romney.

The elder Bush endorsed Perry during the tight 1998 race for Texas lieutenant governor. Perry won.

Perry then became governor when the younger Bush left for the White House in 2000.

Both Perry and George W. Bush have denied reports of a rift between their camps dating back to their days working together in Texas.

## DNA helps ID another victim

HOUSTON (AP) — DNA evidence has helped identify another teenage victim of a serial killer operating about four decades ago in the Houston area.

Harris County forensic anthropologist Sharon Derrick said Wednesday that DNA and circumstantial evidence identified Roy Eugene Bunton. Bunton had been missing since the early 1970s. He was last seen heading for work.

Dean Corll was blamed for abducting and killing more than two dozen teens. Two bodies were found buried in a boathouse that belonged to Corll, after he was slain by an accomplice in 1973.

A Houston woman contacted Derrick in 2009 to say Corll might have killed her missing brother. One of those boathouse bodies was exhumed, after apparently being misidentified, and turned out to be Bunton.

## Plane crash victims identified

ROSWELL, N.M. (AP) — Authorities have released the names of two Texans found dead in plane wreckage in New Mexico.

New Mexico State Police Lt. Robert McDonald said Thursday that 49-year-old Jerry Don Greene of Snyder, Texas, and 30-year-old Tracy Martinez of San Angelo, Texas, died when the single-engine Cessna 182 they were in crashed about 37 miles west of Roswell.

The Federal Aviation Administration initially reported three people had died. McDonald said there were no survivors.

The FAA said the plane was reported missing Tuesday, and search crews found the wreckage Wednesday morning.

Officials with the National Transportation Safety Board and the FAA continued their investigation Thursday.

The plane left Snyder on Saturday apparently headed to Sierra Blanca Regional Airport in Ruidoso. No flight plan was filed.

## Congress could stop strike

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress could intervene as early as Friday to prevent a national railroad strike that would paralyze retailers during the peak holiday shipping season.

A strike is looming unless the nation's freight railroads and three labor unions resolve their differences by a 12:01 a.m. Tuesday deadline.

But House lawmakers say they hope the parties will agree to extend the negotiation period for another 60 days.

The railroads have reached agreements with 10 of the 13 unions covering about 60 percent of the 132,000 workers bargaining.

Contract talks are being overseen by a special presidential board in Washington. The unions are not allowed to strike until a "cooling off" period ends Dec. 6.

## U.S. sales increase for Toyota

TORRANCE, Calif. (AP) — Toyota says its U.S. sales rose 7 percent in November, boosted by the introductions of new models and improved dealer inventories.

Toyota's sales have suffered in the months since the March earthquake and tsunami in Japan, which resulted in parts shortages that limited how many vehicles it could build.

Toyota sold a total of 137,960 new cars and trucks, up from 129,317 in the same month last year.

Car sales rose 18.8 percent, as sales of the Prius hybrid, including its new Prius V model, increased by nearly half and Camry sales, including its new gas and hybrid versions, jumped 13 percent.

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — Horses could soon be butchered in the U.S. for human consumption after Congress quietly lifted a 5-year-old ban on funding horse meat inspections, and activists say slaughterhouses could be up and running in as little as a month.

Slaughter opponents pushed a measure cutting off funding for horse meat inspections through Congress in 2006 after other efforts to pass outright bans on horse slaughter failed in previous years. Congress lifted the ban in a spending bill President Barack Obama signed into law Nov. 18 to keep the government afloat until mid-December.

It did not, however, allocate any new money to pay for horse meat inspections, which opponents claim could cost taxpayers \$3 million to \$5 million a year. The U.S. Department of Agriculture would have to find the money in its existing budget, which is expected to see more cuts this year as Congress and the White House aim to trim federal spending.

The USDA issued a statement Tuesday saying there are no slaughterhouses in the U.S. that butcher horses for human consumption now, but if one were to open, it would conduct inspections to make sure federal laws were being followed. USDA spokesman Neil Gaffney declined to answer questions beyond what was in the statement.

The last U.S. slaughterhouse that butchered horses closed in 2007 in Illinois, and animal welfare activists warned of massive public outcry in any town where a slaughterhouse may open.

"If plants open up in Oklahoma or Nebraska, you'll see controversy,

litigation, legislative action and basically a very inhospitable environment to operate," predicted Wayne Pacelle, president and chief executive of The Humane Society of the United States. "Local opposition will emerge and you'll have tremendous controversy over slaughtering Trigger and Mr. Ed."

But pro-slaughter activists say the ban had unintended consequences, including an increase in neglect and the abandonment of horses, and that they are scrambling to get a plant going — possibly in Wyoming, North Dakota, Nebraska or Missouri. They estimate a slaughterhouse could open in 30 to 90 days with state approval and eventually as many as 200,000 horses a year could be slaughtered for human consumption. Most of the meat would be shipped to countries in Europe and Asia, including France and Japan.

Dave Duquette, president of the nonprofit, pro-slaughter group United Horsemen, said no state or site has been picked yet but he's lined up plenty of investors who have expressed interest in financing a processing plant. While the last three slaughterhouses in the U.S. were owned by foreign companies, he said a new plant would be American-owned.

"I have personally probably five to 10 investors that I could call right now if I had a plant ready to go," said Duquette, who lives in Hermiston, Ore. He added, "If one plant came open in two weeks, I'd have enough money to fund it. I've got people who will put up \$100,000."

Sue Wallis, a Wyoming state lawmaker who's the group's vice president, said ranchers used to be able to sell horses that

were too old or unfit for work to slaughterhouses but now they have to ship them to butchers in Canada and Mexico, where they fetch less than half the price.

The federal ban devastated "an entire sector of animal agriculture for purely sentimental and romantic notions," she said.

Although there are reports of Americans dining on horse meat a recently as the 1940s, the practice is virtually nonexistent in this country, where the animals are treated as beloved pets and iconic symbols of the West.

Lawmakers in California and Illinois have banned the slaughter of horses for human consumption, and more than a dozen states tightly regulate the sale of horse meat.

Federal lawmakers' lifting of the ban on funding for horse meat inspections came about in part because of the recession, which struck just as slaughtering stopped. A federal report issued in June found that local animal welfare organizations reported a spike in investigations for horse neglect and abandonment since 2007. In Colorado, for example, data showed that investigations for horse neglect and abuse increased more than 60 percent — from 975 in 2005 to almost 1,600 in 2009.

The report from the U.S. Government Accountability Office also determined that about 138,000 horses were transported to Canada and Mexico for slaughter in 2010, nearly the same number that were killed in the U.S. before the ban took effect in 2007. The U.S. has an estimated 9 million horses.

Cheri White Owl,

founder of the nonprofit Horse Feathers Equine Rescue in Guthrie, Okla., said she's seen more horse neglect during the recession. Her group is caring for 33 horses now and can't accept more.

"A lot of the situation is due to the economy," she said, "People deciding to pay their mortgage or keep their horse."

But White Owl worries that if slaughterhouses open, owners will dump their unwanted animals there instead of looking for alternatives, such as animal sanctuaries.

Animal rights groups also argue that slaughtering is a messy, cruel process, and some say it would be kinder for owners to have their horses put to sleep by a veterinarian.

"Euthanasia has always been an option," Pacelle said. But "if you acquire a horse, you should be a responsible owner and provide lifetime care."

The fight over horse slaughtering has pitted lawmakers of the same party against each other.

Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont., said the poor economy has resulted in "sad cases" of horse abandonment and neglect and lifting the ban will give Americans a shot at regaining lost jobs and making sure sick horses aren't abandoned or mistreated.

But U.S. Rep. Jim Moran, D-Va., is lobbying colleagues to permanently ban slaughter because he believes the process is inhumane.

"I am committed to doing everything in my power to prevent the resumption of horse slaughter and will force Congress to debate this important policy in an open, democratic manner at every opportunity," he said in a statement.

## Suspect's release approved by Texas

AKRON, Ohio (AP) — A Texas parolee now linked to a deadly Craigslist robbery scheme was in an Ohio jail and poised to stay there earlier this year, but he was released because Texas officials allowed him to be freed, according to court records and an Ohio sheriff's office.

Richard Beasley was released in July on a judge's order. He now is linked to an autumn plot in which, authorities say, someone tried to lure robbery-victims by posting a bogus ad touting a cattle farm job in southeast Ohio.

Authorities have linked two bodies and the shooting of a man who survived to the scheme, which targeted single, out-of-work men in their late 40s or early 50s. The investigators heading up the Craigslist inquiry also found a third body but have yet to link it to the case.

When Beasley was arrested June 24 on a drug-dealing charge in Ohio, authorities in Texas at first asked that he be held for violating parole on a burglary conviction in that state.

Ohio officials said Beasley would have remained behind bars but that Texas officials decided he could be

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# Viewpoints

## Today in History

Today is Friday, Dec. 2, the 336th day of 2011. There are 29 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 2, 1961, Cuban leader Fidel Castro declared himself a Marxist-Leninist who would eventually lead Cuba to Communism in a nationally broadcast speech that began around midnight and ended five hours later.

### On this date:

In 1804, Napoleon crowned himself Emperor of the French.

In 1823, President James Monroe outlined his doctrine opposing European expansion in the Western Hemisphere.

In 1859, militant abolitionist John Brown was hanged for his raid on Harpers Ferry the previous October. Artist Georges-Pierre Seurat was born in Paris.

In 1927, Ford Motor Co. unveiled its Model A automobile that replaced its Model T.

In 1939, New York Municipal Airport-LaGuardia Field (later LaGuardia Airport) went into operation as an airliner from Chicago landed at one minute past midnight.

In 1942, an artificially created, self-sustaining nuclear chain reaction was demonstrated for the first time, at the University of Chicago.

In 1954, the Senate voted to condemn Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy, R-Wis., for conduct that "tends to bring the Senate into disrepute."

In 1970, the newly created Environmental Protection Agency opened its doors. (Its first director was William D. Ruckelshaus.)

In 1980, four American churchwomen were raped and murdered outside San Salvador. (Five El Salvador national guardsmen were later convicted of murdering nuns Ita Ford, Maura Clarke and Dorothy Kazel, and lay worker Jean Donovan.)

In 1991, American hostage Joseph Cicippio, held captive in Lebanon for more than five years, was released.

**Ten years ago:** In one of the largest corporate bankruptcies in U.S. history, Enron filed for Chapter 11 protection.

**Five years ago:** Fidel Castro failed to attend a military parade marking the 50th anniversary of the formation of Cuba's Revolutionary Armed Forces, raising questions about his ability to return to power.

**One year ago:** The House voted, 333-79, to censure Rep. Charles Rangel, D-N.Y., for financial and fundraising misconduct; it was only the 23rd time that the House had invoked its most serious punishment short of expulsion.

**Today's Birthdays:** Actress Julie Harris is 86. Actress Cathy Lee Crosby is 67. Movie director Penelope Spheeris is 66. Actor Ron Raines is 62. Country singer John Wesley Ryles is 61. Actor Keith Szarabajka is 59. Actor Dan Butler is 57. Broadcast journalist Stone Phillips is 57. Actor Dennis Christopher is 56. Actor Steven Bauer is 55. Country singer Joe Henry is 51. Rock musician Rick Savage (Def Leppard) is 51. Rock musician Nate Mendel (Foo Fighters) is 43. Actress Rena Sofer is 43. Actress Lucy Liu is 43. Singer Nelly Furtado is 33. Pop singer Britney Spears is 30. Actress-singer Jana Kramer is 28. Actress Daniela Ruah is 28. Actor Alfie Enoch is 23. Actresses Daniella and Deanna Canterman are 19.

**Thought for Today:** "When your work speaks for itself, don't interrupt." - Henry J. Kaiser, *American industrialist (1882-1967)*



## Our strengths outweigh our weaknesses

There is a deep vein of pessimism running through the country right now. And I'm not even talking about the overwhelming numbers of people who tell pollsters that we're "on the wrong track," which suggests that we can simply throw a switch to get onto the right one.

More worrisome is the prevailing belief that our problems are here for the long haul. This was the message of a recent poll in the Capitol Hill newspaper *The Hill*, which found almost 70 percent of respondents saying that the U.S. is "in decline," 83 percent either very or somewhat worried about the nation's future, and a bare 19 percent believing that the U.S. will still be the most powerful country on earth 20 years from now. Americans are dejected.

I understand the sentiment, but it is far too soon to give in to it. If you look at our system's abiding strengths, rather than the shortcomings of the moment, you can't help but conclude that the challenges ahead of us may be formidable, but they are not unmanageable.

For one thing, we have a durable Constitution that has given us more than two centuries of political stability — weathering along the way a civil war, multiple wars overseas, economic and political turmoil, and sweeping movements for social change. We work out our difficulties within its generous confines, not by ignoring it or trying to dismantle it. I've conducted hundreds of public meetings, some of them quite heated, and never once do I recall anyone suggesting that we ditch the U.S. Constitution.

Just as important, our nation possesses an open and energetic spirit. We have a long history of renewing ourselves through immigration and

openness to new ideas and other cultures; we're blessed with vast economic resources and can deploy a dynamic, talented and innovative workforce; we educate our young adults at institutions of higher education that are the envy of the world; and we encourage all these assets to flourish in a free, secure and democratic society. Our fundamentals, in other words, are quite strong.

So is the system within which they operate. It may be hard these days to find many people who think of Congress or the political system it represents as being core American strengths, but they are. The system protects against arbitrary authority, enshrines fundamental power in a body elected by the broad mass of the people, and balances the three branches of government. It strives — however imperfectly — for liberty and justice for all.

It allows ordinary citizens to create change and try to improve the quality of American lives, encouraging this to happen in an evolutionary, not revolutionary, fashion. These values are alive and well in the hearts of the American people, who refresh the system every two years with their votes.

Our government is built on the belief that ultimate power rests with a diverse people, and that they need a way to make their many voices heard and to work out their differences peaceably. This is what Congress is about — it makes sure

that society's varied and conflicting opinions are heard before government acts, it moderates tensions among competing interests, and it does so in a measured fashion that tends over time to force policymakers to find consensus and move toward the center.

This is why, if you look backward, the work of the Congress over many decades has had such a fundamentally positive impact on Americans' daily lives, in ways we should be grateful we can take for granted.

I would be the last person to argue that things are perfect — either in Congress or within the political system as a whole. Our institutions need plenty of reforms that ought to be on the front burner and aren't. It would be hard to argue that, faced with a mass of serious challenges, we are dealing with them efficiently or with far-sightedness. Local, partisan and private interests too often prevail over the national interest. Our system too often favors the rich and ignores the poor, and the solutions to this and other fundamental problems often seem beyond our reach.

Yet these problems characterize this particular moment in our history, not our basic way of being. They may be discouraging, but they are not crippling. The American people have not given up on our system of government — they believe we can still build a shining city on a hill. Our challenge as a nation is not to reinvent ourselves, but to use the abundant strengths we possess to find our way through our problems and emerge stronger on the other side.



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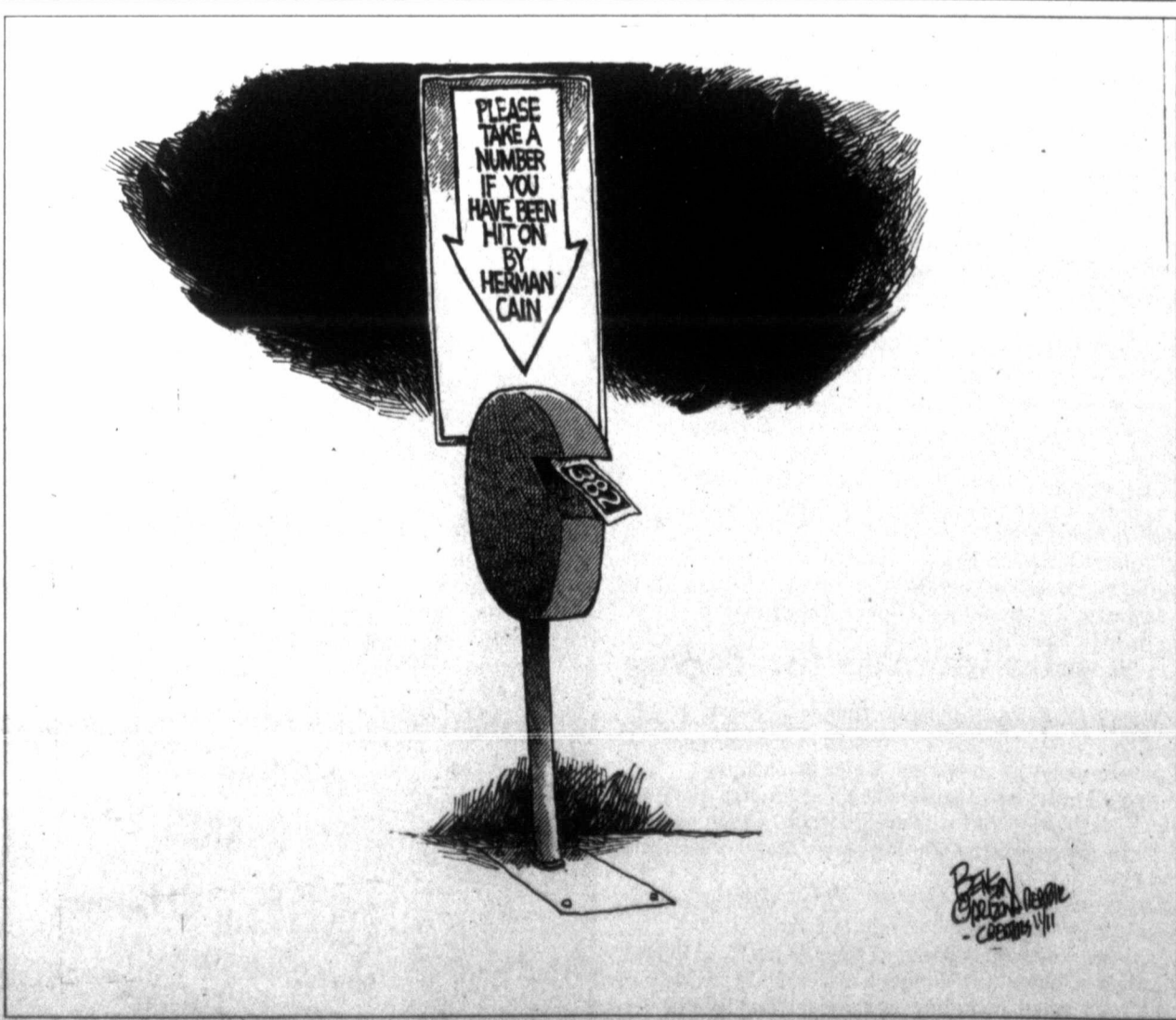
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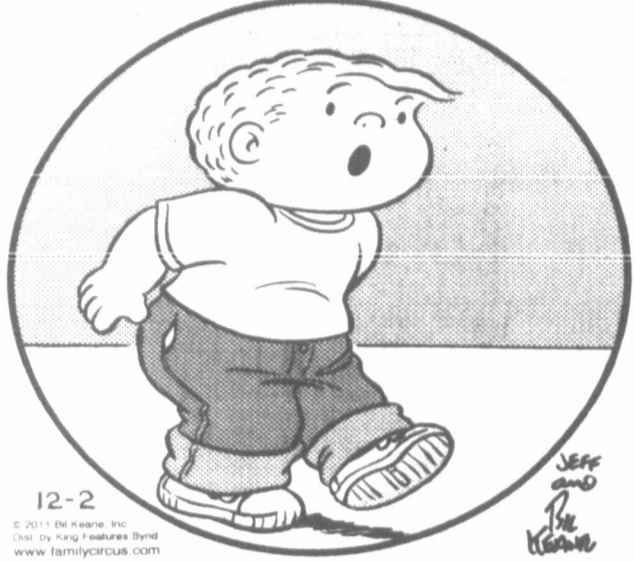
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## THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane



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"Mommy, did I load my shoes with the right feet?"

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### Nest Heads



# daily horoscope

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Friday, Dec. 2, 2011:

This year learning how to express your not-so-nice feelings effectively and not threaten others will become easy. You will put in a significant effort to reach this place. You often are irritated with bosses and authority figures. If you are single, you easily could tumble into a love-hate relationship. Take your time. If you are attached, your vision of your life might be much different from your sweetie's. Don't judge. Try different styles. PISCES can be challenging.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)**  
★★★★ Understand that you might be feeling the undercurrents of other people's unacknowledged feelings. Others could be acting out. Curb your temper, and establish strong and sturdy limits. You will gain if you can be nonreactive. Can you? Tonight: Maintain an unusually low profile.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**  
★★★★ Decide what is too much effort and what is reasonable. The problem lies in getting a group consensus. Don't be surprised to see a couple of people flip their lid on the topic at hand. They feel passionately about the matter. Tonight: Only with pals.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**  
★★★★ Stay on top of work and demands. Pressure builds between you and others. You might wonder what is enough and when to let others know. Unless you like fireworks, the smart Twin won't wait until the last minute before his or her fuse blows. Tonight: A must appearance.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**  
★★★★ With as much anger being sprinkled left and right, you could be sarcastic or say something you might regret later. Clear the air as fast as possible. You don't need a scene. Tonight: A very important talk over dinner.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**  
★★★★ Deal with people with whom you feel comfortable and from whom you can handle feedback. Anger seems to be the underlying tenet no matter who does what and no matter what others say. Ask yourself if someone is trying to cover something up. Let the cards fall naturally. No heroics. Tonight: Share over dinner.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**  
★★★★ Others seem to be on the war-path, but perhaps you are really the one

sticking the pins in. Let someone know how you feel in a calm, quiet way. Creating uproar won't result in a positive situation. Take a walk to clear your mind. Tonight: Listen to another version of the same story.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**  
★★★★ Walk right in. Once you're energized, you'll get a lot done. In a sense, by focusing on what you are doing, you are detaching from another situation. You need some distance here. Use your anger to motivate you, but not to cause a problem. Tonight: Squeeze in some exercise.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**  
★★★★ You leap over hurdles. Your smile lures in whatever you want. A meeting could get a bit rough, as you share hostile words with another person. You know what you want — what is stopping you? If you are single or attached, romantic thoughts could occupy a good part of your day. Tonight: Frisky you.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**  
★★★★ Understand that although you are feeling better than you have in a while, at times you could be caught between a rock and a hard place. Today exemplifies that issue. What determines the quality of the day is how you deal with this pressure. Tonight: Know that others are under the gun, too.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**  
★★★★ Of all signs, you can mobilize anger and use it to enhance a situation. Do just that, and let others see different ways of expressing rage. Communication flourishes, and what was difficult no longer is. Follow your instincts. Tonight: Meet a friend at a preferred place.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**  
★★★★ You need to move forward and not get hung up on someone's disagreeable accusations or feelings. Indicate a willingness to discuss a problem, but not in the manner this person wants. Give this person space. He or she just might be discharging anger on you that belongs to another person. Tonight: Your treat.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**  
★★★★ You are feeling better than you have in a long time and may make a choice to proceed in a different direction. Others are disagreeable. You might want to settle someone's issue, if possible; otherwise, give this person a wide berth. Tonight: Your night to howl!

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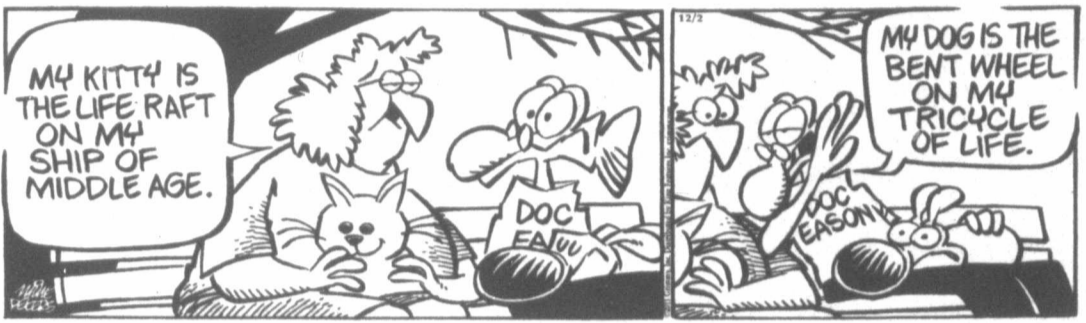


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## Feds delay decision on listing of lizard

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — A decision on whether a lizard found only in parts of New Mexico and Texas should be added to the endangered species list has been put off another six months, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announced Thursday.

Federal wildlife officials were set to deliver their decision on the dunes sagebrush lizard later this month, but the agency said it wants to solicit additional scientific information and public comment before making any final decisions regarding the lizard proposal.

The move comes after congressional representatives from several states, including New Mexico and Texas, sent letters to the agency and Interior Secretary Ken Salazar.

Environmentalists accused Fish and Wildlife of caving to political pressure and oil and natural gas interests.

"There's not any scientific disagreement about the status of the lizard. An independent scientific peer review showed a clear need to list the lizard, so this is just politics in an election year," said Taylor McKinnon, the public lands campaigns director for the Center for Biological Diversity.

The Fish and Wildlife Service initially proposed listing the dunes sagebrush lizard as an endangered species last December, saying habitat loss and fragmentation have pushed it toward extinction.

The lizard is native to a small area of southeastern New Mexico and West Texas. The reptile is so specialized that it's only found in sand dune complexes that include shinnery oak.

The primary threat to the lizard is oil and gas development near the dune complexes and oak removal stemming from the need for more forage for grazing, according to federal biologists.

Environmentalists contend lizard habitat makes up only a fraction of the areas being used by energy developers. However, the developers, some lawmakers and Texas Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson are concerned that a listing decision would have severe implications for the region's economy.

U.S. Rep. Steve Pearce, R-N.M., and others have complained that a listing would result in oil and gas development being limited on thousands of acres in the Permian Basin, costing jobs, tax revenues and royalties.

Pearce was among 18 House members who sent a letter to Salazar in late November, saying new scientific evidence collected since the initial listing proposal supports the view that the lizard isn't endangered.

U.S. Sens. John Cornyn, R-Texas, and James Inhofe, R-Okla., had also requested a delay in a letter sent this week.

"It's essential that the job creators who will be directly impacted have the opportunity to have their concerns heard before this potentially devastating listing goes forward," Cornyn said in a statement Thursday.

Ben Shepherd, president of the Permian Basin Petroleum Association, spent Wednesday in Washington trying to lobby legislators against the listing. He said Thursday he was pleased the agency is giving people more time to weigh in on the proposal.

Patterson agreed, saying, "Let's hope that more information will be the cure."

Mark Salvo of WildEarth Guardians said conservationists support using the best available science to make listing decisions, but he argued that a delay wasn't necessary in the lizard's case.

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freed at least until the Ohio case was resolved.

Jason Clark, a spokesman for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, disputed Ohio officials' account, saying the state never waived its hold on Beasley.

But Bill Holland, a spokesman for the Summit County, Ohio, sheriff, said Thursday that Texas Parole Authority officials said they wanted to wait until the outcome of the Akron drug case, "because if he was found not guilty, then there would be no parole violation."

Akron Municipal Court Judge James Murphy ordered Beasley's release on July 12. "Texas authorities are only interested in extradition if there is a conviction in Ohio," he wrote.

On Thursday, Beasley was wheeled into court in Akron on the drug charge, which alleges he was illegally dealing prescription painkillers in November 2010. Beasley's head bobbed rhythmically, and he later ignored questions about the mounding body count and his relationship with a teen murder suspect.

Beasley, unshaven and dressed in a white and gray striped jail outfit, didn't speak and kept his head down as Summit County Common Pleas Judge Tammy O'Brien revoked his bond on the drug-trafficking charge.

The legal problems faced by Beasley, a 52-year-old self-styled chaplain and youth mentor, are mounting: His attorney said a prostitution case involving Beasley and a 17-year-old boy would be upgraded with a racketeering charge Friday.

The drug and prostitution cases in Akron are unrelated to a widening Craigslist homicide investigation.

In that case, 16-year-old Brogan Rafferty, of nearby Stow, faces juvenile charges of aggravated murder, complicity to aggravated murder, attempted murder and complicity to attempted murder in the death of one man and the shooting of another.

The complaint against Rafferty says he participated in the crimes with Beasley, who has not been charged in the Craigslist case.

Beasley walked into court but later complained that he felt ill, and he was wheeled by deputies before the judge. He ignored reporters' questions outside court on whether there are more buried bodies and about his relationship with Rafferty.

His attorney, Rhonda Kotnik, said later that Beasley's mother is worried that he has displayed symptoms of a stroke. Beasley is taking medication for back pain, Kotnik said.

His emotional state "is distraught. He's alert, he's in pain because of his issues, his back issues," she said.

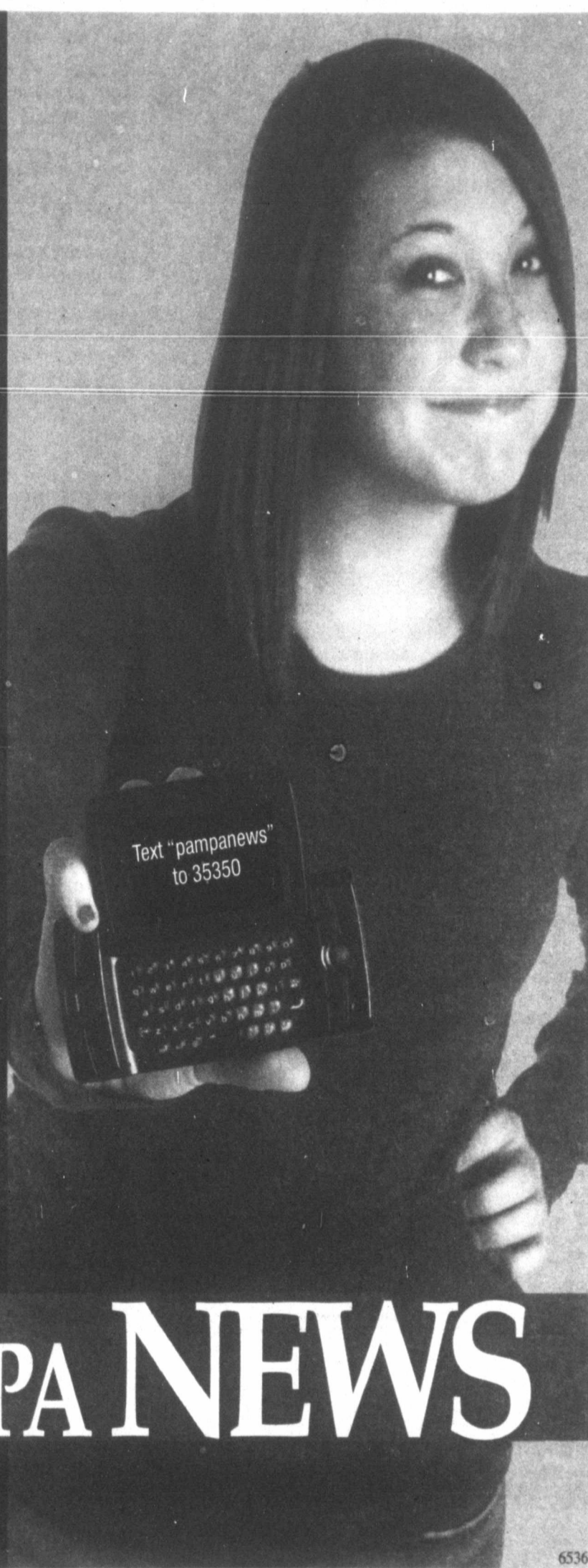
Kotnik said earlier this week that Texas had wanted Beasley held regardless of his circumstances.

"They said we don't want to waste our gas to come down there if he hasn't been convicted of anything," she said Tuesday. "So Texas wanted him held, but you can't do that, you can't hold somebody indefinitely in a jail if they post bond."

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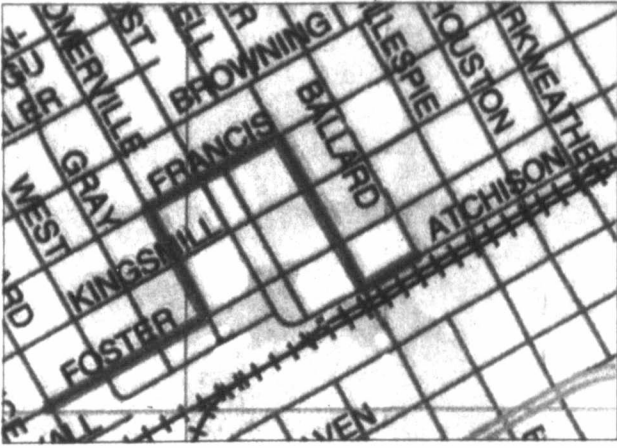
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**Saturday's Christmas parade route** (in green) begins at the train depot on E. Atchison and goes west to Cuyler, north to Francis, west to Somerville, south to Foster and finally west on Foster to Ward.

## Christmas

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to go through with the parade. The Chamber will post the decision on its Facebook page and alert the local media (*Editor's Note: An update will be posted on The Pampa News' Facebook page and through the newspaper's texting service on Saturday as soon as information is available.*)

"With the parade at two o'clock in the afternoon, we can pretty much tell by mid-morning how (the weather) is going to go," Weaver said. "If it was a 10 or 11 o'clock parade, it'd be tough because you'd need at least a few hours advance notice. We'll know by probably about 10 or so on Saturday how it's going to be for us."

Pam Dalton of Shepherd's Helping Hands, which along with the Downtown Business Association and Shepard's Crook Nursing is organizing Christmas on Main, said that while the downtown Christmas Tree lighting may be affected by the weather, the rest of the Christmas on Main schedule is either inside or can be moved indoors.

"If the weather's bad, we'll just light the tree and it'll be lit," Dalton said. "We won't have a ceremony or anything. Everything else, all that stuff is inside. Soup with Mrs. Claus is inside. Everything at the library is inside. The Holiday Pet Contest can go inside. Everything else is still going to go."

The only other explicitly outdoor Christmas on Main event is the Jingle Bell Walk/Run held by the Pampa High School cheerleaders, and PHS cheerleading sponsor Sandee Stokes said that there is already a contingency plan. If Saturday's weather is too hazardous, Stokes said, the walk/run will be held the following Saturday, Dec. 10.

"We do not want anyone to slip and fall or be out in the elements if it is dangerous," Stokes said in an e-mail on Thursday. "It will probably be a game time decision, if that make sense. If it is not slick or dangerously cold, we will still have it."

## Christmas on Main Schedule

- 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.**
- Breakfast with Santa sponsored by Pregnancy Support Center  
*Pampa Chamber of Commerce, 200 N. Ballard*
- Madeline Graves Christmas Dancers  
*Pampa Chamber of Commerce, 200 N. Ballard*
- 10 a.m.**
- Lighting of the Tree and Chamber Bucks drawing  
*Gray County Courthouse, 205 N. Russell*
- Jingle Bell Run/Walk Registration  
*Gray County Courthouse, 205 N. Russell*
- 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.**
- Holiday Bazaar sponsored by Shepherd's Helping Hands  
*Community Christian School, 300 W. Browning and Pampa Senior Citizens Center, 500 W. Francis*
- 11 a.m.**
- Holiday Pet Contest, sponsored by Leeann's Grooming Park; judging at noon  
*Park by VFW Post 1657*
- 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.**
- Soup with Mrs. Claus, sponsored by Altrusa  
*Knights of Columbus, 318 N. Cuyler*
- 2 p.m.**
- Country Christmas Parade, sponsored by Pampa Chamber of Commerce; Santa Claus at White Deer Land Museum, 116 S. Cuyler, immediately following the parade
- 2 p.m. - 5 p.m.**
- Pictures with Santa  
*Shutterbug Photography, 207 N. Cuyler*
- 3 p.m.**
- Story and Craft Time  
*Lovett Memorial Library, 111 N. Houston*
- 4 p.m.**
- Chamber Bucks Drawing  
*The Plaza Restaurant, 1201 N. Hobart*
- 5 p.m.**
- Jingle Bell Run/Walk Registration  
*Gray County Courthouse, 205 N. Russell*
- 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.**

- Caroling and Hot Chocolate  
*Gray County Courthouse, 205 N. Russell*
- 6 p.m.**
- Jingle Bell Run/Walk sponsored by PHS cheerleaders  
*Gray County Courthouse, 205 N. Russell*
- 7:30 p.m.**
- Nutcracker Ballet by Pampa Dance Academy  
*M.K. Brown Auditorium, 1000 N. Sumner*
- All Day Events:**
- Spectacular Christmas light displays downtown
- Stagecoach and carriage rides
- Christmas Characters (Frosty, Toy Soldier, Gingerbread Man, Reindeer, Elves, Santa and Mrs. Claus, etc.)
- Festival of Trees sponsored by Pampa Fine Arts  
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# Weather may mean ERCOT blackouts

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas needs more generating capacity if it's to avoid repeats of last February's rolling blackouts and the summer's power supply crises, according to reports issued Thursday by the state's electric power grid operator.

"Our assessment indicates a concern if we experience a simultaneous occurrence of extreme weather and worst-case generation outages," said Trip Doggett, chief executive of the Electric Reliability Council of Texas.

Under normal winter conditions, peak demand should be around 53,600 megawatts with normal generation capacity of 64,000 megawatts, Doggett said. Extreme winter conditions, though, could mean a worst-case of demand for 60,000 megawatts with generation dipping to about 57,000 megawatts, he said.

"We believe the risk is very low of these simultaneous conditions, but the purpose of this report is to highlight such risks," Doggett said.

However, in a separate 10-year assessment, ERCOT said its reserve generating capacity "will likely fall

below the minimum target beginning next summer." It cites decisions to mothball some outdated generation units, delays in planned generation and higher demand expectations.

ERCOT expects to have a 12 percent margin in reserve generating capacity in the next two summer peak seasons. That's short of the 13.75 percent margin it believes ensures reliable power during higher-than-normal temperatures and generator outages, Doggett said.

Available generating capacity has fallen by 4 percent since a May assessment.

"We are very concerned about the significant drop in the reserve margin," Doggett said. "If we stay in the current cycle of hot and dry summers, we will be very tight on capacity next summer and have a repeat of this year's emergency procedures and conservation appeals."

The grid operator is working with the Public Utility Commission of Texas on rules changes that would include expansion of ERCOT's emergency demand response pro-

gram, he said.

Because of concerns over the persistent drought, the present level of generating capacity and further mothballing of generation units because of new clean air requirements, ERCOT has asked transmission operators for a thorough review of the capacity they have to contribute to the grid, Doggett said.

ERCOT has more than 59,000 megawatts of generating capacity now under review as possible additions to the grid, but many of those projects are speculative and may never be completed, Doggett said.

The grid operator says each megawatt is equivalent to the electricity needed to power 500 average homes under normal conditions in Texas, or about 200 homes during hot weather when air conditioners are running for longer periods of time.

ERCOT carries about 85 percent of the state's electric power to about 23 million people. It does not include the El Paso area, the Texas Panhandle and northeastern and southeastern parts of the state.

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adding one person to the pool committee and changing language in the policy.

- paid bills and salaries;
- approved a contract to lease a trailer that will serve as a temporary terminal building during construction of the new terminal building at Perry Lefors Airport;
- approved four bids for property;
- approved line item transfers;

- approved budget amendments;
- approved the 2012 Indigent Defense grant resolution;
- approved health insurance renewal at Gray County;
- approved 2012 COBRA coverage rates;
- approved an agreement with TRANE for heating, ventilation and air conditioning maintenance;
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## Harvesters' shooting too much for Sanford-Fritch



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Senior Latigo Collins drives past Fritch's Colton Valle (21) and Ryan Blakely for a layup in the second quarter. The Harvesters won 81-37 and advance to the semifinals against either Boys Ranch or River Road.

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AMARILLO — The Sanford-Fritch Eagles' zone proved to be no match for the Pampa Harvesters.

Pampa made 13 three-pointers and had its starters on the bench in the fourth quarter in a 81-37 victory in the first round of the River Road Tournament.

Head coach Dustin Miller said it was one of his team's best shooting games.

"It was a good time to do it," Miller said. "When you are more superior athletically, they are just going to stay in a zone. We shot the ball well from start to finish. Everyone did."

Senior Latigo Collins led the Harvesters in scoring with 25. Junior Derrek Pollard scored 15 and senior Reid Miller scored nine. Off the bench, junior Laketon Harris

hit three three-pointers for nine points. Senior Taylor Kennedy scored seven in the second quarter. Junior Ty Hutto hit three layups.

Collins said the team just came out and took care of business.

"We were just looking to go out and play and get better," Collins said.

The Harvesters (5-1) never trailed and held a double digit lead most of the game. Pampa led 23-11 after the first quarter. Collins and Pollard provided the spark offensively, scoring 13 and seven points respectively.

Pampa held the Eagles to seven points in the second quarter. Collins and Kennedy led the offense, scoring 16 of the team's 21 points. Kennedy said the team was in a rhythm shooting.

"The first half we were really running

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# Sports

## Lady Harvesters shoot well, end three-game losing streak

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AMARILLO — After shooting 28 percent against Gruver Tuesday, the Pampa Lady Harvesters tried something different in practice.

"We got a new shooting machine," head coach Gene Valentine said. "We shot about 350 shots."

With just one day of using its new gadget, results immediately showed as Pampa beat the Sanford-Fritch Lady Eagles 60-50 in the first round of the River Road Tournament Thursday.

The Lady Harvesters made 11 three-pointers and turned a two-point half-time lead into a 45-34 lead entering the fourth quarter. Senior Caitlin



Valentine

Sieck said the new shooting machine helped.

"It helped us in our shooting," Sieck said. "It helped us fix our technique. We didn't rush our shots today."

Sieck said Pampa was able to pull away with the fast break.

"We started getting some transition baskets," Sieck said. "We moved the ball around more and got open shots."

Valentine said the team's shooting in the third quarter was key to its victory.

"We started hitting some threes and pulled away from them," Valentine said. "We lead between nine to 15 points the rest of the game. It was good."

Senior Kirsten Kuhn led the team in scoring, hitting five three-pointers and scored 23 overall. Senior Delaney Clendening scored 14 and senior Kailyn Troxell scored 10. The victory ended a three-game losing streak for the Lady Harvesters. Sieck said she's happy to be back on the winning side.

"We really needed a win to push us

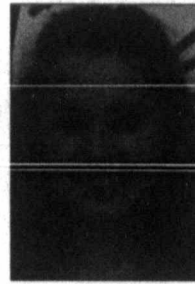
and get our momentum going," Sieck said.

Pampa face Clarendon 10:15 a.m. today. The winner will advance to the championship game. Valentine said Clarendon will give them a nice challenge.

"They have pretty much the same team," Valentine said. "They play pretty aggressive. They have a good girl inside that they like to go to."

Sieck said she thinks the team has a good chance against Clarendon.

"Clarendon is good," Sieck said. "We are going to have to have a good game like today. If we come out with a win we will make the championship and that's what we are looking for."



Sieck

### Pampa

and hitting shots," Kennedy said. "The second half, they started pressing us. We handled the pressure well."



staff photo by Andrew Glover

Senior Taylor Kennedy fires a jumper as Sanford-Fritch's Skylar Jewett watches. Kennedy scored seven points in the second quarter.

Just like the first half, the Harvesters jumped out in the second, scoring the first 15 points. At the end of the third quarter, Pampa's head coach sat down his starters.

Collins said it was nice to see everyone get minutes.

"Everyone probably played about the same (time)," Collins said. "It was a good game."

Pampa will face the winner of Boys Ranch and

River Road 2:15 p.m. today. The winner of today's game will face either Borger or Clarendon in the championship Saturday.

Miller said both Boys Ranch and River Road will provide a good matchup.

"Boys Ranch looks big and strong," Miller said. "So we will see. I won't be surprised if the home team (River Road) wins."

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# Sports

## Bedlam game to decide Big 12 title

The way Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops sees it, there will be only one Big 12 champion no matter how many teams might end up with same record.

"We all played each other, it isn't like we're in different divisions," Stoops said Monday. "You can determine who the champion is if there are two people or three people tied for it. Who beat who."

There is no longer a Big 12 championship game since there are only 10 teams with no divisions and a round-robin schedule. But the annual Bedlam game will be a pseudo title game, with the winner of Saturday night's showdown between third-ranked Oklahoma State (10-1, 7-1 Big 12) and No. 13 Oklahoma (9-2, 6-2) getting the league's automatic BCS berth.

"I just hope I can get home to watch it," Texas coach Mack Brown said.

Oklahoma State, which had its national championship hopes hurt by a loss at Iowa State in its last game, can win its first conference title outright. They have to beat the Sooners for the first time since 2002, when Les Miles was coaching the Cowboys before going to LSU.

"With the BCS, starting in the middle of October becomes somewhat like March Madness, they're all really big games," Oklahoma State coach Mike Gundy said. "But we get to this point, it's cut and dry for our team to have a chance to do something that's never been done."

If Oklahoma wins, and No. 16 Kansas State (9-2, 6-2) also wins its regular season finale, there would be a three-way tie atop the Big 12 standings. According to league policy, the Sooners would get the BCS berth based on head-to-head matchups though all three teams would be declared co-champions.

"Well, I don't really understand that," Stoops said, reiterating how the round-robin schedule was touted during the league's media days before the season. "The entire theme of the two days is, we've got one true champion since everybody's playing each other. ... So in our eyes, there will be one, and so that's just how I see it."

Without a championship game that would usually be played the first weekend of December, the Big 12 extended the regular season with three games for the extra week.

Baylor (8-3, 5-3), already with eight wins for the first time in 20 years after a clean sweep in November, finishes its regular season at home against Texas (7-4, 4-4). It is a last chance for Bears quarterback Robert Griffin III to influence Heisman Trophy voters a week after he was limited to playing one half because of concussion-like symptoms.

Kansas State is home against Iowa State (6-5, 3-5), which is trying to improve its bowl stock after splitting the last two weeks against Oklahoma State and Oklahoma. The Wildcats are 11th in the BCS standings and could still get an at-large berth in one of those big games. But they can't get the Big 12's automatic BCS berth since their losses were to Oklahoma and Oklahoma State.

K-State coach Bill Snyder has never wavered in his preference for divisions and a Big 12 championship game, something that can't happen again unless the league expands back to at least 12 teams.

But if the Wildcats are fortunate enough to end up in a three-way tie at the top of the league standings, Snyder said, "it would be a very positive thing for the players in our program. I think they would appreciate that. I would."

Oklahoma State is third in the BCS rankings, but even a loss by No. 1 LSU in the SEC championship game against Georgia might not be enough to get the Cowboys back in position to play for the national championship. There would still have to be some drastic shifting in the polling and computers that determine the BCS standings.

Gundy is keeping his focus on Oklahoma this Saturday, a game that will be played after the SEC championship game. He's not ready to start politicking to try to influence voters.

"We're in a situation that we have a chance to win a football game and win a conference championship for the first time in the history of the school," Gundy said. "I feel like that's more important than politicking for a spot in second place, or whatever it would be, in the BCS."

"With where we're at with our team, developing and building our program and continuing to take this thing to another level, it's more important that we prepare to win the game than necessarily make comments regarding where we are in the BCS."

## New puppy behavior is predictable

### Dog Talk with Uncle Matty

**MATTHEW "UNCLE MATTY" MARGOLIS**  
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With any new puppy come certain predictable realities. There may not be blood, but there will be challenges:

- 1) There will be chewing. Puppies, like babies, teethe. It's a painful process that most of us have zapped from our bank of childhood memories. But in search of relief from the intense pressure of new teeth forcing their way out, puppies chew and gnaw — on furniture, on shoes, on anything that feels good to their aching mouths. The solution is to provide your pup with something that feels good but isn't potentially harmful and doesn't cost hundreds of dollars to replace. The perfect chew toy for a teething dog? A frozen washcloth. Soak several washcloths and store them in your freezer. Whenever your puppy puts his teeth to anything you'd rather he not, take the item away and immediately sub in a frozen washcloth. His sore gums will feel immediate relief, and the previous item will fade from memory like so many forgotten baby teeth. Ice cubes also do the trick. The pain of teething also brings nipping and mouthing. Nipping is a diminutive bite. Mouthing is the constant placement of the dog's mouth on some part of you — hand, leg, ankle, arm. Both habits can lead to biting if not corrected, so keep the washcloths coming.
- 2) There will be elimination. Eliminating bodily waste is an act of nature — like breathing. We as dog owners must understand that he doesn't care where he goes — we care. Thus, it is our job to teach him what we want. And so we must first make a choice: outside or inside? Housebreaking your puppy means he goes outside and only outside. Paper training entails teaching him to

go inside the house, in a specific area. I strongly recommend housebreaking. Once a dog gets the go ahead to eliminate inside, it's difficult to switch gears.

Once you and your vet have determined the proper diet for your pup, you'll want to establish a consistent feed-water-walk schedule: He eats according to schedule, drinks according to schedule and is taken outside on the heels of either activity.

Should an accident occur, clean the area thoroughly, and immediately take the dog outside and praise him.

Accidents are not cause for punishment. They are opportunities for learning. Rather than accentuating your displeasure when he gets something wrong during the early leaning stages, focus on demonstrating how pleased you are with his corrected behavior.

3) There will be leash resistance.

Most of us know better than to throw a saddle on a horse that's never worn one and hop on. A leash to a dog is no more natural. Dogs don't come with diplomas. We must be patient with them as they adjust to all our wacky expectations.

The best way to gently introduce the leash to your pooch is to fasten a lightweight model to his collar and supervise as he wears it around the house. This allows him to get used to the weight around his neck. Play fetch with him, have him walk to his food bowl and eat, and do any number of normal activities; however, do not ever leave him alone with the leash on.

Once he's had time to warm to the idea, take him on a walk. Allow him to pull you. Tugging on the leash while it's attached to his neck is no way to make him enjoy wearing one. He'll learn to stop pulling once he begins obedience training and learns "heel." Until then, cut the little guy some slack and have fun.

For more information on creating and implementing a feed-water-walk schedule, housebreaking, chewing, mouthing, nipping or leash training, read "I Just Got a Puppy. What Do I Do?" or "When Good Dogs Do Bad Things," or visit [www.unclematty.com](http://www.unclematty.com).

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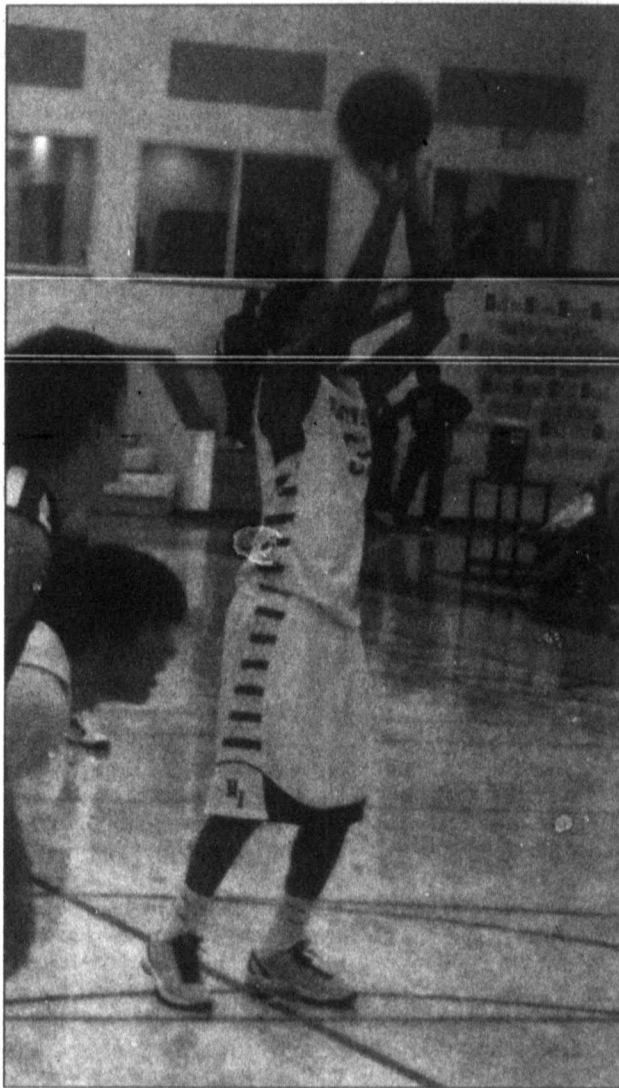
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# Sports



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**TOP LEFT:** Junior Laketon Harris shoots a three in the first half. Harris made three three-pointers. **TOP RIGHT:** Junior Derrek Pollard shoots a free throw in the first quarter against Fritch Thursday. **BOTTOM:** Junior Ty Hutto makes a fast break layup in the second quarter.



## Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR ABBY:** A while back I told my family I was considering downsizing my life and made the big mistake of telling them I want them to eventually have my house. I also revealed the contents of my will. Now I feel exposed, uncomfortable and vulnerable — possibly even a bit paranoid that they might want to have me “six feet under” sooner than I should be.

I don't think I am ready to move yet, but I have gotten my family's hopes up. I did talk to one of them and felt reassured at the time, but I still sense that there's a change in how they perceive me and all of our futures now.

How can I undo the damage, knowing I have to make sure I have enough money to live on as well as provide for them when I'm gone? — **FOOT-IN-MOUTH, MASSACHUSETTS**

**DEAR F-IN-M:** Two of the most sensitive subjects to discuss are death and money, and you deserve praise for having started the conversation. I disagree that making your intentions known instead of having them transmitted during a reading of your will was a mistake. Because you feel there may have been a mis-

understanding, call a family meeting and clarify your message. Tell them your health is great, you have no plans to move in the near future and plan to live a long and happy life.

**DEAR ABBY:** My mother lives in an assisted living community in the memory care unit. During a recent visit, I became upset because the care staff addressed my mom as “Granny,” “Grandma,” “Mamma,” etc. Mother struggles with the time of day, the day of the week and sometimes forgets who we are — so I don't see the benefit of using names other than her own. I think it is disrespectful, unacceptable and unprofessional.

When I asked the attendant to please address Mom as “Mrs. Smith” or “Ms. Ann,” she laughed and said, “Granny wouldn't know who I was talking to if I called her by those names.” My siblings and I took this issue to the director, who told us we shouldn't be hurt and that the staff was showing our mom she is loved.

I am interested in knowing your opinion on this matter. — **SHE HAS A NAME IN GEORGIA**  
**DEAR SHE HAS A**

**NAME:** Not knowing the national origin of the attendants in your mother's care unit I can't be certain, but what you encountered may be a cultural difference. In other cultures, calling someone “Mama,” “Auntie” or “Grandma” is considered respectful. While it made YOU uncomfortable, if it didn't have that effect on your mother, you should take your cue from the director of the facility. However, because you have formally requested that your mother be addressed by name, then that is what should be done in the future.

**DEAR ABBY:** When my husband and I are out together, he strides out ahead of me and calls back, “Catch up!” or “Keep up!” I am not creeping along but walking at my own (reasonable) pace. I think he should either slow down or let me walk behind him and not expect me to run after him at his command. What do you think? — **LIKES TO SMELL THE ROSES IN TENNESSEE**

**DEAR LIKES TO SMELL THE ROSES:** Unless your husband is a Marine drill sergeant, I think you're right.

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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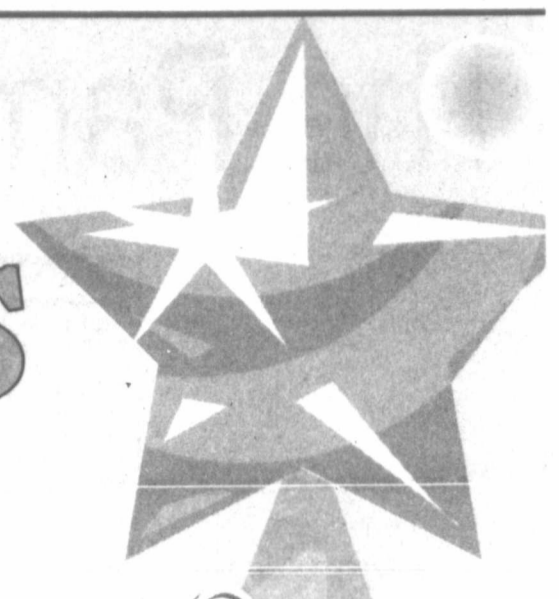


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