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TOP: Santa Claus (Boyd Matthews) throws treats to the crowd from atop an antique fire engine during Saturday's Christmas parade.
LEFT: Dakota Roberson of PHS' Pride of Pampa marching band adds a little music accompaniment. **BOTTOM: Duly Miranda** (right) does a last-minute check on grandson Jaime Aragon, 4, before he gets his picture taken with Mrs. Claus (Mary McDaniel).



Shortage of drugs hits local stores

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Drug shortages have increased dramatically across the nation in the past few years, with about 200 shortages in 2010 and 2011. Pampa is not immune from this increasing problem. Local pharmacies reported shortages of drugs including tetracycline, biaxin, the Medrol dose pack, the Transderm Scop patch and the intravenous form of compazine.

"It's a mess when you have (medicine) you can't get. We have to call a customer's doctor and switch to an alternative product," said Bill Hite, owner of Heard and Jones.

Merlin Rose, pharmacist with Keyes Pharmacy, said that some of the recent shortages have lasted between three and six months.

"It's been difficult, because sometimes there are not good alternatives to an unavailable drug, so we've spent a lot of time talking to doctors to find an alternative course of action until the drug comes in," he said.

According to a recent study from the IMS Institute for Healthcare Informatics, 80 percent of unavailable drugs are generics, which affects costs that patients face when receiving a prescription.

"When a drug's unavailable for a while, it's way more expensive when it comes back," said Beth Bagwell, pharmacist at United Pharmacy. "If our customers don't have insurance, it will affect them. If they have insurance, as long as it's a generic drug, they'll have a generic co-pay."

"What's left is more expensive name brand drugs, so it drives up the cost of treatment," said Dr. Jim Hall of Pampa Regional Medical Center.

In addition to generics, Hall noted that the other main type of drugs affected by the shortage is orphan drugs, medicines that treat

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PD warns of counterfeit bills

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A recent rash of counterfeit bills has the Pampa Police Department warning area businesses of their circulation, according to a release from Pampa PD Public Information Officer Stormy McCullar.

"The Pampa Police Department is in the process of investigating at least four cases in the past few days," said McCullar on Friday.

The counterfeits in question are \$20 bills, said McCullar, who encouraged local businesses to be vigilant in checking any currency that goes through their hands while the department's investigation is ongoing. She urged businesses to use counterfeit detection pens, which contain iodine ink that reacts with starches in paper used for spurious bank notes, although she added that other inspection methods

should also be used.

"(The police) also ask that you look at a few distinct characteristics of genuine money versus counterfeit," McCullar said. "A few things to look at are the serial numbers, paper portrait, Federal Reserve and Treasury Seal and the 'feel' of the paper."

The unique, heavy paper used to print United States currency is less "floppy" than other paper and is illegal to reproduce. Also, genuine currency paper is embedded with fine blue and red fibers, whereas forged money is often printed with tiny colored lines or specks on the paper to simulate the effect. A close look, however, can reveal that such lines are printed on the surface of the paper and not inlaid within it.

Also, McCullar added, genuine serial numbers are spaced evenly and the borders of real bills are unbroken and distinct. For other ways to spot a faked

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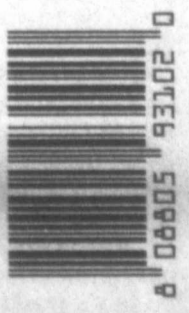


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Senior Cole Engle shoots a three over a leaping defender to help Pampa clinch its third straight River Road Championship. Full story in **SPORTS**, page 7.

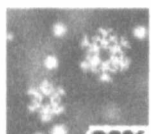

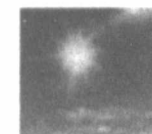
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PAMPA FORECAST

Today	Tuesday	Wednesday
		
20%		
High 26 Low 13	High 29 Low 13	High 39 Low 17

Today: A 20 percent chance of snow. Cloudy, with a high near 26. Wind chill values between 4 and 13. Windy, with a north northeast wind between 20 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Tonight: A slight chance of snow, mainly before midnight, then a chance for flurries. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 13. Wind chill values between zero and 7. Windy, with a north northeast wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20%.

Tuesday: A slight chance of flurries. Partly sunny, with a high near 29. Wind chill values between -2 and 8. Blustery, with a north northwest wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 13. North northwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming west southwest.

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 39. West wind between 5 and 10 mph.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I have heard of interventions for drug and alcohol addicts. Could I stage one for my daughter "Aileen's" addiction to texting on her cell-phone and Facebook?

She and our grandson live with us because her marriage broke up. I am becoming the boy's default mother because Aileen is constantly texting or spending hours on Facebook. She'll say, "I have to send a quick message," then reappear an hour later. By then, we have fed our grandson and changed his diaper.

When I try to discuss this with her, she says her work requires this constant communication, but I know it doesn't. There have been times when Aileen's feelings have been hurt because her son doesn't want to go someplace with her and prefers to stay with us instead. I suspect that he feels ignored when he's with her because her thumb is constantly flying across her phone. How can we get her to understand how this might be making her child feel? — FULLY PRESENT IN ARIZONA

DEAR FULLY PRESENT: You could and should stage an intervention with your daughter. Aileen is neglecting her son. It's a shame that before couples are allowed to conceive that they aren't forced to take parenting classes. The time she spends on Facebook and texting is time she should be interacting with him.

Because she is so easily distracted, you and her father should declare your home to be a digital-free zone unless your grandson is napping or in bed for the night. Consider making discussions with the boy's pediatrician —

and perhaps parenting classes — a condition of her staying in your home. She won't like it, but it would be in your grandson's best interests.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a male in my 60s who has been active all my life and still try to be. However, I'm not dealing with the aging process very well. I have just been told that I'm going to lose my eyesight.

I have never been sick or hospitalized, no broken bones, no operations, ate right and consider myself in great health. But now I find myself taking naps a lot and not wanting to socialize very much. I have to force myself to do things.

I have always said one of these days it's going to start raining on me, and then it will be over. I don't like this attitude and I'm a great believer in faith. Any suggestions? — MALE READER IN THE U.S.A.

DEAR MALE READER: I wish you had included your address and phone number because I would have contacted you personally. The first thing to do is get a second opinion regarding your vision loss. If the diagnosis is confirmed, there are devices available that can help some sight-impaired people. There are also programs to help you adjust to your vision loss and live an independent and full life. But you should start now.

Some of the symptoms you describe could be signs of depression. Please consult your physician about them. With counseling and medication, the "rain" in your life could be reduced to a drizzle you can handle. And hang onto your faith because it will serve you well.

McCain: Hispanic vote 'up for grabs'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. John McCain said Sunday that the potentially powerful Hispanic vote in the upcoming presidential election remains "up for grabs" because neither President Barack Obama nor Republicans have convinced these voters that they are on their side.

The one-time GOP presidential hopeful, whose own 2008 candidacy was shaped in part by immigration, said that large Hispanic populations in his home state of Arizona and elsewhere are listening carefully to what Republican candidates have to say on immigration and could become a "major factor" in 2012.

"I think that the Republican party has to discuss this issue in as humane way as possible," he said. He later added, "the enthusiasm on the part of Hispanics for President Obama is dramatically less than it was in 2008, because he has not fulfilled his campaign promises either. So I view the Hispanic vote up for grabs."

McCain comment, on CNN's "State of the Union," is a warning to the GOP primary candidates who have mostly embraced a hardline on immigration, lest they be accused of supporting any kind of "amnesty" for the some 12 million illegal immigrants estimated to be living in the U.S. Newt Gingrich was most recently attacked by his opponents for saying he would grant legal status to those with longstanding family and community ties; he has since endorsed a South Carolina law that allows police to demand a person's immigration status.

McCain said he believes the Hispanic vote could sway Arizona, Colorado and New Mexico. The key, he said, was for Republicans to address immigration in a humane and pragmatic way that every voter could appreciate. More specifically, McCain said, GOP presidential candidates should find a way to address the status of illegal immigrants already in the country while finding a way to secure the border to deter others from

crossing the border.

"It's a careful balance of addressing this issue, which I think the majority of Hispanics would appreciate. ... We have to have empathy. We have to have concern. We have to have a plan," he said.

In 2008, McCain watched his own standing in the election suffer when he backed a plan to give some illegal immigrants an eventual path to citizenship.

Gingrich has challenged his GOP opponents to come up with their own plans for dealing with the millions inside the U.S. illegally.

"What is it that you're going to do? Are you really going to go in and advocate ripping people out of their families?" he said.

In 2008, Mitt Romney had supported the idea of allowing some illegal immigrants to sign up for permanent residency or citizenship. More recently, he has said it would be a "mistake" for the GOP to allow anyone to "jump ahead of

Whooping crane water suit to go to trial

HOUSTON (AP) — A hard, bleak winter may lie ahead for whooping cranes in their South Texas coastal refuge because of a persistent drought and an ongoing water dispute that goes to trial this week.

Local governments and environmentalists are taking state regulators and water suppliers to federal court in Corpus Christi on Monday, alleging they've withheld water needed to maintain tidal pools upon which the endangered waterfowl species depends.

The persistent Texas drought has curtailed that freshwater flow. State officials contend there is no evidence of major losses in the fragile crane population in the bird's coastal wintering grounds. However, the plaintiffs accuse the state of putting the endangered species at risk.

The Aransas Project, a coalition of Aransas County and environmental organizations, hopes to persuade a federal

judge to order the state to develop a binding water use plan that leaves enough water in the Guadalupe and San Antonio river basins to replenish the cranes' habitat.

"The future of the whooping crane hangs on the outcome of the trial," Aransas Project attorney Jim Blackburn of Houston told the *Houston Chronicle*.

However, the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority, says such a binding water use plan might deprive existing users upstream of water.

The authority provides the water for much of the basin that runs off into the cranes' habitat.

Some biologists have compared the conditions to those of late 2008, a winter in which as many as 23 cranes died because of starvation or related problems. That deadly winter led to a legal fight over how much water is needed for the cranes to survive.

COMMUNITYcalendar

Wednesday, Dec. 7

• Pampa Rotary Club meets, noon at the M.K Brown Room of the Chamber office.

Thursday, Dec. 8

• Pampa Lions Club meets, noon in the basement of the First Methodist Church.

Friday, Dec. 9

• Pampa Kiwanis Club meets, noon in the basement of the First Methodist Church.

• Scrooge - All Jazzed up like the Dickens - performance at 7:30 p.m. at M. K. Brown Civic Auditorium.

Saturday, Dec. 10

• Optimist Club's "Christmas Shopping Tour."

Tuesday, Dec. 13

• Diabetic Support Group meets, 7 p.m. at the Pampa Regional Medical Center cafeteria.

Wednesday, Dec. 14

• Chamber luncheon, noon at Chamber building.

• Pampa Rotary Club meets, noon at the M.K Brown Room of the Chamber office.

Thursday, Dec. 15

• Pampa Lions Club meets, noon in the basement of the First Methodist

Church.

Friday, Dec. 16

• Pampa Kiwanis Club meets, noon in the basement of the First Methodist Church.

Wednesday, Dec. 21

• Pampa Rotary Club meets, noon at the M.K Brown Room of the Chamber office.

Thursday, Dec. 22

• Pampa Lions Club meets, noon in the basement of the First Methodist Church.

Friday, Dec. 23

• Pampa Kiwanis Club meets, noon in the basement of the First Methodist Church.

Sunday, Dec. 25

• CHRISTMAS DAY

Monday, December 26

• The Pampa News office closed.

Wednesday, Dec. 28

• Pampa Rotary Club meets, noon at the M.K Brown Room of the Chamber office.

Thursday, Dec. 29

• Pampa Lions Club meets, noon in the basement of the First Methodist Church.

• Good Samaritan Christian Services, Inc. Board of Directors will meet

at 5 p.m. at 309 N. Ward Street.

Friday, Dec. 30

• Pampa Kiwanis Club meets, noon in the basement of the First Methodist Church.

Saturday, Dec. 31

• Chamber "Citizen of the Year" and "Business of the Year" nomination deadline.

Sunday, Jan. 1

• New Year's Day

Monday, Jan. 2

• The Pampa News office closed.

Tuesday, Jan. 9

• Diabetic Support Group meets, 7 p.m. at the Pampa Regional Medical Center cafeteria.

If your nonprofit or community organization has an upcoming meeting or event, submit it to The Pampa News Community Calendar at least one week in advance by e-mailing to pribble@thepampanews.com. Submissions should include only the date, time, location and contact number for the event. The Pampa News reserves the right to edit or reject any submission. Items will be considered for the calendar solely at the discretion of the newspaper.

Obituaries

Mary F. Cauthorn, 84

BRIGHTON, COLO. — Mary F. Cauthorn, 84, died Friday in Brighton, Colo.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Cauthorn was born Sept. 15, 1927 in Cambridge, Massachusetts to Joseph and Mary Vincent Ferreira. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1951. She married Charles "Buddy" Cauthorn on Dec. 14, 1946 in Cambridge.

He preceded her in death on March 23, 2009. She was a homemaker and loved playing bridge, camping, and spending time with her many friends and family.

She is survived by three sons: Charles Cauthorn, Jr. and wife Virginia of Brighton, Colo.; Don Cauthorn of Dallas, and Tom Cauthorn and wife Janice of New York, NY; five grandchildren: Charity and husband Travis and Chad, all of Dallas, Erica and husband Todd and Kelly and husband John, all of Brighton, Colo.; and Ashli of Oklahoma City; four great grandchildren: Conner, Brooklyn, Madison, and Ashton.

Sign the online register book at www.carmichael-whitley.com.

Ann Kenney, 86

Ann Kenney, 86, died Friday in Pampa.

Services will be at 10 a.m. on December 7 at Memory Gardens Mausoleum. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery. Arrangements are by Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Kenney was born May 2, 1925 in Virginia City, Montana and had been a resident of Pampa for the past 50

years. She married Robert B. Kenney, Jr. who preceded her in death on Aug. 22, 2002. She was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. She was an animal lover and loved doing crossword puzzles.

She is survived by four daughters: Becky of Pampa, and Terry, Gayla, and Dana, all of Great Falls, Montana; 5 grandchildren; and special friends, Ronny and Gail Smith and Ron and Taci Fernuik, all of Pampa.

She was preceded in death by her parents and by a daughter, Debbie.

Memorials may be made to Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 411 E. 29th, Pampa, TX 79065.

The family will receive friends from 6:00-7:30 PM Tuesday at the funeral home.

Sign the online register book at www.carmichael-whitley.com.

Curt B. Beck, 87

Curt B. Beck, 87, died Saturday in Pampa.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.



Kenney



Beck

MORNINGRUSH

Homeowner wounded by intruder

LEAGUE CITY (AP) — Police seek clues to the identity of a man who, posing as a construction worker, gained entry to a suburban Houston home and shot the homeowner when told to leave.

The incident happened Saturday morning in a new neighborhood in League City, 25 miles southeast of Houston, where homes were still under construction.

Police say the thief came to the homeowner's door and said he needed to check on the water pressure. The homeowner became suspicious, however, and told the man to leave. Police Lt. Bruce Whitten says the thief pulled a handgun, which the homeowner tried to wrest from his grasp. The gun fired, wounding the homeowner in the leg. The thief fled in a waiting car.

Whitten urged residents to check credentials of workers who show up unexpectedly.

Eleven horses dead in stable fire

HOUSTON (AP) — Investigators are sifting through the charred ruins of a suburban Houston stable for clues to the source of a fire that killed almost a dozen horses.

Mitchell Weston of the Harris County Fire Marshal's Office says the roof had already collapsed when firefighters arrived at the predawn fire Saturday.

Firefighters trained their hoses on the four horses they were able to rescue, although one is receiving treatment for severely burns. Eleven others died in the flames.

Weston said foul play isn't suspected.

Man dead at UNT Occupy site

DENTON (AP) — An official at the University of North Texas says a man has been found dead at a campsite on the school's campus where Occupy Denton protesters have been gathering.

The Dallas Morning News reports that university spokesman Buddy Price says officers from the school's police department found the man's body Saturday after someone called authorities. Price says no one else was at the encampment when police arrived.

He told the newspaper the man is believed to have been a member of the Occupy Denton encampment.

The man's name and age have not been released. An autopsy is pending.

University police referred calls to Price on Saturday night. Price did not immediately return a phone call to The Associated Press.

Denton is about 40 miles northwest of Dallas.

Refugees expect more blood

VERACRUZ, Mexico (AP) — Rafael Echevarria had a steady factory job, a modest home of his own, and enough cash to occasionally take his family to McDonald's. It was a good life until the drug war hit Ciudad Juarez, followed by two robberies at his house, extortion at his daughter's school, and finally, the shootout on the bus.

When the firing began, 6-year-old Valeria dove to the floor, breaking a tooth. There was so much blood from her mouth wound, her parents thought she'd been shot.

The next day, the couple and their two children boarded a flight back home to Veracruz, along with 1,600 others who had once moved north for work in foreign assembly plants and now were fleeing south in search of safety. The Veracruz state government paid for the flights, and assured the drug war refugees that there would be jobs, education and housing.

At the time, it seemed to the Echevarrias like the only solution.

Calderon bashes cartels

MEXICO CITY (AP) — President Felipe Calderon says organized crime is threatening Mexico's democracy through involvement in elections.

Calderon says meddling by drug cartels in elections is "a new fact, a worrisome fact, a threat to everyone."

Calderon urged the country to block such interventions in a 90-minute speech marking his five years in office Sunday. He did not provide specifics on how he plans to stop cartels from manipulating July's national elections.

His sister recently lost the governor's race in the family's home state of Michoacan in an election fraught with accusations of criminal manipulation. Prosecutors are investigating a taped phone call in which a cartel figure threatened voters and accused a rival of financing a candidate.

Two kids shot in head

HOUSTON (AP) — The Harris County medical examiner says two children who died in their father's shooting rampage were shot in the head.

Investigators say Jose Avila on Wednesday afternoon shot his wife Laura Gonzalez during an argument at the family's mobile home in Bay City, 65 miles southwest of Houston. Police say Avila then fatally shot their four children before killing himself.

The Houston Chronicle reported that the medical examiner has determined that two boys, 3 and 5, were both shot in the head. The cause of death for a 2-year-old sister and 4-year-old brother had not yet been determined.

A spokeswoman for Memorial Hermann-Texas Medical Center said Saturday that she could no longer provide information on Gonzalez. She was listed in critical condition on Friday.

Both drivers dunk in crash

HOUSTON (AP) — Police suspect the drivers of both vehicles involved in an early-morning collision in north Houston were intoxicated.

Officials say a truck was stopped about 2 a.m. Saturday in a lane on Interstate 45. KTRK-TV reports that the driver was passed out, possibly drunk.

A car, apparently driven by another intoxicated motorist, slammed into the back of the truck.

The driver of the car was taken to the hospital with several lacerations. The truck driver, who was uninjured, was arrested at the scene.

Police say both motorists likely face charges.

Cain suspends presidential campaign

ATLANTA (AP) — A defiant Herman Cain suspended his faltering bid for the Republican presidential nomination Saturday amid a drumbeat of sexual misconduct allegations against him, throwing his staunchly conservative supporters up for grabs with just one month to go before the lead-off caucuses in Iowa.

Cain condemned the accusations as "false and unproven" but said they had been hurtful to his family, particularly his wife, Gloria, and were drowning out his ability to deliver his message. His wife stood behind him on the stage, smiling and waving as the crowd chanted her name.

"So as of today, with a lot of prayer and soul-searching, I am suspending my presidential campaign because of the continued distractions and the continued hurt caused on me and my family," a tired-looking Cain told about 400 supporters.

Cain's announcement came five days after an Atlanta-area woman, Ginger White, claimed she and Cain had an affair for more than a decade, a claim that followed several allegations of sexual harassment against the Georgia businessman.

"Now, I have made many mistakes in life. Everybody has. I've made mistakes professionally, personally, as a candidate, in terms of how I run my

campaign. And I take responsibility for the mistakes I've made, and I have been the very first to own up to any mistakes I've made," he said.

But Cain intoned: "I am at peace with my God. I am at peace with my wife. And she is at peace with me."

White's attorney said in a statement after the announcement that Cain had disparaged his client and should apologize. Cain had called her a "troubled Atlanta businesswoman" whom he had tried to help.

"We continue to encourage Mr. Cain to retract these statements and apologize for the way he has characterized these women in the media," Buckley said. Cain's campaign had no immediate response.

Cain's announcement provides a new twist in what has already been a volatile Republican race. Former House Speaker N

Newt Gingrich has, so far, been the biggest beneficiary of Cain's precipitous slide. Polls show Gingrich and former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney atop the field in what is shaping up as a two-man race heading into early voting states.

But others, such as Texas Gov. Rick Perry and Minnesota Rep. Michele Bachmann, will likely make a strong play for Cain's anti-establishment tea party backing as they look to rise as a

viable alternative to Romney, whose conservative credentials are suspect in some GOP circles.

Cain said he would offer an endorsement, and his former rivals were quick to issue statements on Saturday praising his conservative ideals and grassroots appeal.

At a tea party rally in Staten Island, Gingrich praised Cain for bringing optimism and big ideas to the race.

"He had the courage to launch the 9-9-9 plan, which, whether you liked it or disliked it, was a big idea and started to elevate the debate toward big solutions and not the usual nit-picking, consultant-driven negativity," Gingrich said. He was referring to Cain's catchy but controversial plan to scrap the current tax code for a 9 percent tax on personal and corporate income as well as a new 9 percent national sales tax.

Some disappointed Cain supporters were clearly in search of a candidate on Saturday following his withdrawal.

"I don't know where I will go now," Janet Edwards, 52, said following Cain's announcement. "I guess I have to start looking at the rest of them."

Cain told supporters he planned to continue his efforts to influence Washington and announced "Plan B" — what he called a grassroots effort to return government to the people.

Counterfeit

bill, McCullar referred businesses to the U.S. Secret Service's counterfeit detection web page at www.secretservice.gov/know_your_money.shtml to see diagrams that show the difference between real and fraudulent paper currency.

"We also ask that if you are a business who obtains a counterfeit bill, please do not return it, if you can do so safely," McCullar said. "If the person leaves, please get as much information as you can, such as vehicle description, make, color,

model and most important, the license plate number. We also ask that you try to get the physical description of the person that passed the counterfeit."

Anyone with information regarding the counterfeit bills can call the

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Shortage

rare diseases, and consequently, have a small market.

"Orphan drugs cost too much to continue production. Chemotherapy drugs are expensive, because they have a small market, and they're hard economically to produce. So, companies that produce them are not going to make them if they can't afford to," said Hall.

Reasons for current drug shortages include manufacturing issues, product recalls, unavailable raw materials and companies shutting down production facilities. But whatever the reason, drug unavailability can be frustrating for pharmacists and doctors.

"It's unusual. In past years, we could have a shortage with drug production when an entire lot had some issue. A lot of the time now, we're not even getting reasons for the shortage. A lot of times, it's a raw material issue," said Rose. "In 15 years, I've never seen anything like this, and I don't know if there's an end in sight."

"What's frightening is, with some common drugs, older drugs are getting to where they're not available," said Hall. "It could

get scary fast." But pharmacists like Bagwell are more sanguine about the situation.

"We're not having too many problems, and it's something we can deal with," she said.

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Today in History

Today is Monday, Dec. 5, the 339th day of 2011. There are 26 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On Dec. 5, 1933, national Prohibition came to an end as Utah became the 36th state to ratify the 21st Amendment to the Constitution, repealing the 18th Amendment.

On this date:
In 1776, the first scholastic fraternity in America, Phi Beta Kappa, was organized at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Va.

In 1782, the eighth president of the United States, Martin Van Buren, was born in Kinderhook, N.Y.; he was the first chief executive to be born after American independence.

In 1791, composer Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart died in Vienna, Austria, at age 35.

In 1792, George Washington was re-elected president; John Adams was re-elected vice president.

In 1831, former President John Quincy Adams took his seat as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives.

In 1848, President James K. Polk triggered the Gold Rush of '49 by confirming that gold had been discovered in California.

In 1932, German physicist Albert Einstein was granted a visa, making it possible for him to travel to the United States.

In 1955, the American Federation of Labor and the Congress of Industrial Organizations merged to form the AFL-CIO under its first president, George Meany.

In 1979, feminist Sonia Johnson was formally excommunicated by the Mormon Church because of her outspoken support for the proposed Equal Rights Amendment to the Constitution.

In 1991, Richard Speck, who'd murdered eight student nurses in Chicago in 1966, died in prison a day short of his 50th birthday.

Ten years ago: Three Green Berets and six Afghan allies were killed by an errant U.S. bomb in Afghanistan. Afghan leaders signed a pact in Koenigswinter, Germany, to create an interim government.

Five years ago: Robert Gates won speedy and unanimous approval from the Senate Armed Services Committee to be secretary of defense.

One year ago: On the eve of talks with six world powers, Iran announced that it had produced its first batch of locally mined uranium ore for enrichment.

Today's Birthdays: Singer Little Richard is 79. Author Joan Didion is 77. Author Calvin Trillin is 76. Musician J.J. Cale is 73. Actor Jeroen Krabbe is 67. Opera singer Jose Carreras is 65. Pop singer Jim Messina is 64. Actress Morgan Brittany is 60. Actor Brian Backer is 55. Pro Football Hall of Famer Art Monk is 54. Country singer Ty England is 48. Rock singer-musician John Rzeznik (The Goo Goo Dolls) is 46. Country singer Gary Allan is 44. Comedian-actress Margaret Cho is 43. Writer-director Morgan J. Freeman is 42. Actress Alex Kapp Horner is 42. Rock musician Regina Zernay (Cowboy Mouth) is 39. Actress Paula Patton is 36. Actress Amy Acker is 35. Actor Nick Stahl is 32. Actor Frankie Muniz is 26. Actor Ross Bagley is 23.

Thought for Today: "Talent hits a target no one else can hit; Genius hits a target no one else can see." — Arthur Schopenhauer, German philosopher (1788-1860)



Newt keeps pitching the America of his imagination

Here are a couple of things to keep in mind about Newt Gingrich, as he leads in polls for the Republican presidential nomination nationally and in Iowa and South Carolina, and may be threatening Mitt Romney's lead in New Hampshire.

One is that he is an autodidact. A second is that he has incredible perseverance.

Autodidact is a fancy word for someone who is self-taught. Gingrich calls himself a historian and says his worldview was shaped at age 15 by viewing the bones at the ossuary at Verdun, site of the World War I battle. And he did earn a Ph.D. in history in 1971, with a dissertation on "Belgian Education Policy in the Congo: 1945-1960."

But he hasn't pursued that or any other subject with scholarly rigor. Instead, in his voluminous writings and unusually lengthy speeches, you will find references to the futurist Alvin Tofler, to Olympic beach volleyball, to zoos and space exploration. You'll find management book lingo, salesmanship tips, offbeat and sometimes revealing facts and anecdotes.

Gingrich started running for Congress as a teacher at West Georgia College, in a traditionally Democratic area where he had no local connections, in 1973. That was when Richard Nixon was president. Nelson Rockefeller was governor of New York, and Ronald Reagan governor of California. Both had supported tax increases and signed bills legalizing abortion. Paul Ryan, Marco Rubio and Bobby Jindal were not yet in kindergarten.

The sophisticates of the time said that Vietnam proved that America was overextended and impotent, Watergate proved that it was morally unworthy and corrupt, and stagflation proved

that its days of economic growth were over. Gingrich disagreed on all three counts.

With autodidact intensity, he argued then and has argued ever since, that America is not in decline but at the brink of technological and economic breakthroughs; it is not a waning power in the world, but one that can inspire revolutionary transformation; the wave of the future is not the liberal welfare state but (in a 1983 phrase that never quite caught on) the conservative opportunity society.

Politically he persevered through adversity. He ran a strong race against a longtime Democratic incumbent but lost in the Watergate year of 1974. He set out to run again, but after Jimmy Carter clinched the Democratic nomination he knew he could not win in rural Georgia. It was only when he ran a third time in 1978 that he finally won.

I remember Gingrich predicting that in the 1984 cycle Republicans would win a majority in the House of Representatives. Every political insider thought that was ridiculous, and it illustrates Gingrich's tendency toward overoptimism. But while he was wrong on the timing, he was right on the reasons why the Republicans could and would end the Democrats' decades of control. He saw that the South was moving Republican as elderly incumbents retired and that smart young Democrats elected in Vietnam and Watergate years would be replaced by Republicans. That finally happened in 1994, and Gingrich became speaker



MICHAEL BARONE

of the House.

His record there was mixed. As I wrote in the 1998 Almanac of American Politics, "He had more success as an inside-the-House legislative leader than as an outside-the-House shaper of public opinion." Congress passed welfare reform and held spending level for a year, which led to a balanced budget. Gingrich and Bill Clinton were negotiating Medicare and Social Security reforms until distracted in different ways by impeachment.

But many Republicans felt that Gingrich was continually outnegotiated by Clinton, who as Gingrich told me at the time, "never stops learning." Other Republican leaders nearly ousted him in an unprecedented coup in 1997, and few colleagues are supporting him for president now.

As for the public, Gingrich became widely unpopular due, as I wrote then, to "a cocksureness, a professional abstractness about policy, a more than occasional petulance and high self regard."

He also showed a tin ear for proprieties, divorcing two wives to marry other women and signing a seven-figure book contract as speaker (later dropped), just as he signed up for seven figures from Freddie Mac after leaving office.

Asked a year ago whether he was running, Gingrich said, "Why wouldn't I?" When his campaign staff resigned en masse, he persevered. Now we'll see if voters entrust this autodidact with a position for which few of his colleagues think he is fitted.

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Social Security for the lazy or unlucky?

TOM MARGENAU
Creator's Syndicate

Q: In a recent column, you talked about the large percentage of people who are living on their Social Security checks. You called them unlucky. I don't think they're unlucky. I think they were lazy and didn't do a very good job of planning for the future.

I am really worried that we are turning into a welfare state and that young people today are relying too much on the government to take care of them, as opposed to taking care of themselves, as my generation did. I blame the nanny-state government for all of this.

A: I'll discuss your luck-versus-laziness argument in a minute. But I think you're wrong about your generational generalizations. Statistics show that it's older Americans, not young people, who rely way too much on the government for their livelihood.

These are some of the surprising statistics I pointed out in that prior column: For about 65 percent of all senior citizens, their Social Security check represents fully one-half of their total income. For one-third of older Americans, their Social Security check makes up 90 percent of their monthly income. And sadly, for 20 percent of older Americans, their Social Security check is the only income they have.

So I'm afraid that many of your generation — which, by the way, is also my generation (I'm a geezer myself) — are not the self-reliant, pull-ourselves-up-by-the-bootstraps class of people we like to think we are. As the studies show, many of us are relying way too much on Social

Security (i.e., the government) to take care of us. But I should

point out that it tends to be the more elderly seniors, those currently 70 and older, who depend more heavily on Social Security for their primary income.

And I'm not so sure you can entirely blame the government for that. I can show you government brochures from the very earliest days of Social Security that tell people *not* to rely on the government and Social Security for all of their income. These brochures talked about a "three-legged stool" for retirement. Social Security was supposed to be one leg. Savings and investments were supposed to make up the second leg. And a pension from your employer was supposed to be the third leg.

The first leg, Social Security, has always and will always be there. For a variety of reasons, Americans have never done a very good job with the second leg (savings). And we all know that American business has dropped the ball on the third leg (pensions). Pensions are now dinosaurs, replaced, if they are replaced at all, with 401(k) plans, which can really work out for some people but can be a bust for others.

So who's to blame if the older seniors didn't get the message and relied too much on the government to take care of them? Were they lazy or just unlucky? Obviously, some people simply didn't plan well. But many times, it was circumstances beyond their control that drove them towards poverty.

My own parents didn't save

very much for their retirement. But when I discussed this with my then-widowed mother shortly after I started working for the Social Security Administration, she told me that even though both she and my dad were working (both at low-paying jobs that offered no pension), there was simply no money left at the end of each month after paying the rent and utility bills and buying groceries to feed four children. Putting money aside for retirement was just a pipe dream for my parents — and many like them.

And there are hundreds of other examples of circumstances that caused people to be unlucky. For example, a large number of those very poor, older senior citizens are women whose husbands wouldn't allow them to work. Then, as they approached what was supposed to be their golden years, their husbands dumped them to marry some younger woman. Suddenly, the wife who spent a lifetime putting food on this bum's table, washing his underwear and raising his kids, was left with a meager divorced wife's pension from Social Security. I don't think you would call her lazy.

The good news in this story is that every study I've ever seen shows that for about the past 10 to 15 years or so, more and more people have gotten serious about financial planning for their retirement years. That's why so many people retiring today have something in those other two legs of the three-legged stool to help support them and their Social Security in retirement.



Social Security and you

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Yesterday's Answer: DEMENTIA, GANGRENE, TINNITUS

Q: In a recent column, you discussed a photograph taken in a Social Security office. And the person who took the picture encouraged others to do the same. I think you should have mentioned that it is a crime to take photographs in a federal government office.

A: Thanks for reminding me — and my readers. In fact, I had first-hand experience with that issue.

About 40 years ago, shortly after I was hired by the Social Security Administration, I was sent to their headquarters in Baltimore for training. For a neophyte government employee like me, it was a bit like a Catholic priest making his first pilgrimage to the Vatican City. I was in awe!

One day, I was walking around the outside of the headquarters complex taking pictures. All of a sudden, several federal police cars pulled up with their lights flashing and sirens blaring. I was put into the car and my camera was confiscated. After many phone calls and a lot of explaining, I was finally able to convince them that I wasn't a terrorist, but just a naive new employee.

I got my camera back, but I lost that roll of film.

If you have a Social Security question, Tom Margenau has the answer. Contact him at thomas.margenau@comcast.net.

Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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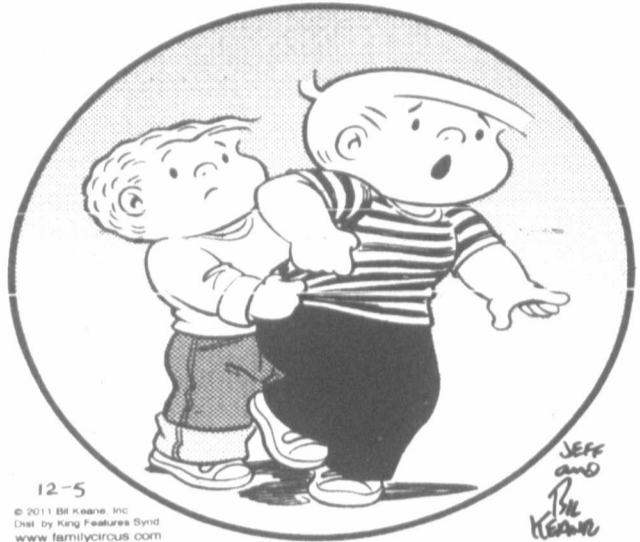
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"Mommy, do we have to start being good two weeks before Christmas or three?"

Non Sequitur



Nest Heads



daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, Dec. 5, 2011:

This year you discover how clarity of intentions lined up with authentic feelings draws strong results. Drop the word "impossible" from your vocabulary. Only you know what you are capable of. An important trip or special bond with someone quite different could define your year. If you are single, this person could be more than a friend. If you are attached, try to schedule that very special trip the two of you often speak of. Don't judge your sweetie and others so much. Walk in their shoes. ARIES brings out your adventurous spirit.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
 ★★★★★ Others might need a fire extinguisher to chill you out. Your spontaneity is high. Someone might feel as if he or she could be consumed by your fire. You know what you are doing. Honor your priorities. Don't sell yourself short. Tonight: So what if it is Monday night?

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 ★★ Knowing when to assume the backseat could be important. Don't allow others to undermine you, even if you don't feel up for the power struggle. Fatigue could hit much earlier than usual. Slow down. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 ★★★★★ Meetings make you smile. If there is a problem, it will be resolved easily. If you have a key concern, act on it while the timing is with you. Be sure and direct. Others will respond accordingly. Tonight: Where your friends are.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 ★★★★★ Certainly, stepping up to the plate isn't foreign to you. Others respond well to your leadership and thoughts. Be most professional during business hours; and during personal time, let go of your daily hassles. Everyone will be happier. Tonight: A force to be behold.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
 ★★★★★ Take the lead while moving in a new direction. Others tend to follow your initiative once they know this new path is not fraught with problems. You are a risk-taker who often lands well. You have sound judgment. Tonight: Let your spirit soar.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Relate to each person directly.

Through this one-on-one contact, you will strengthen existing bonds, even if they are only work related. You also melt down barriers. If you cannot resolve a problem right now, don't waste time thinking about it. Tonight: A partner or friend takes the lead.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ You could be challenged by a close associate, or you could decide that this person is presenting options and perspectives that you really hadn't thought of. Understand both of you want the same thing from a situation, though your approach might be very different. Tonight: Say "yes" to a loved one.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Pace yourself, with an eye to what you can accomplish and what you expect from others. Sometimes you could be overly tired and not able to be as optimistic. Realism will work, too. Ask yourself how much fatigue is slowing you down. Tonight: Run an errand or two on the way home.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ Your spontaneity keeps coming out. You really don't want everyone to know how spontaneous you can be when left alone. Do your best to sit on some of your impulsiveness in order to gain the trust of a key person. A group decision might not be what you want. Tonight: Stop at a new spot. Let the music flow.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ You might want to revisit a personal or domestic decision. Is this wish even a possibility? If it is, go for it. You want to eliminate any distraction this situation might present. You cannot work well otherwise. Tonight: On top of your game.

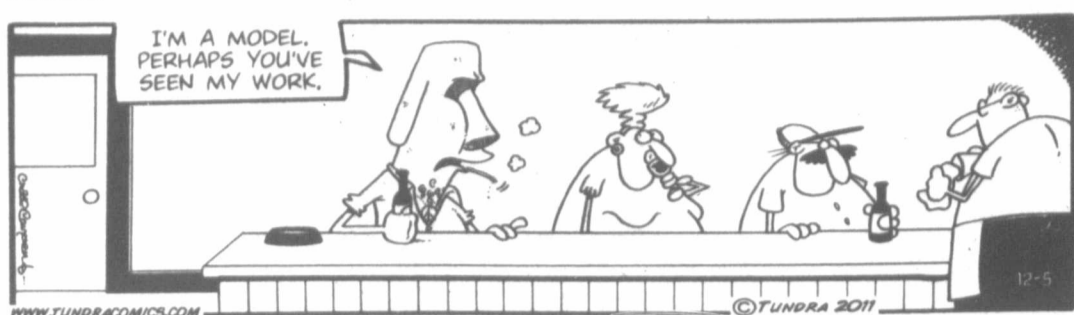
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ You have the ability to keep a conversation moving without allowing anyone to get hung up on petty thoughts. You wonder why you cannot personally get past an obstacle. Find someone who can play devil's advocate. Tonight: Where you like to haunt.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ You might be taking a hard look at your finances and how to bypass a restriction. In any case, try not to make any important financial decisions just yet. Focus on better communication and perhaps a special project. Tonight: Pay bills.

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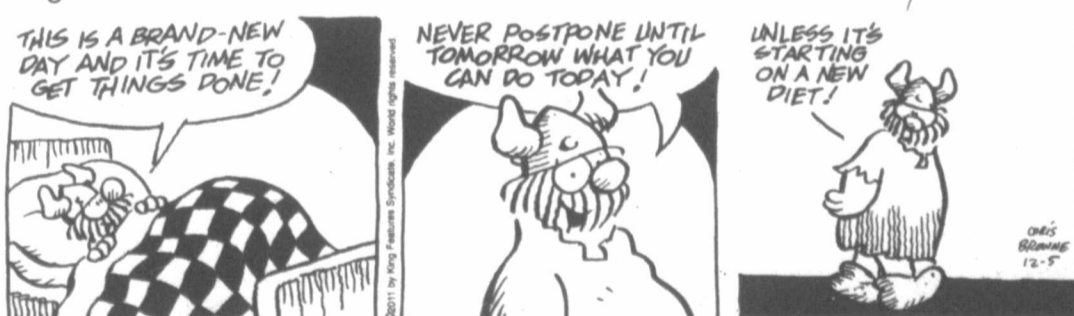
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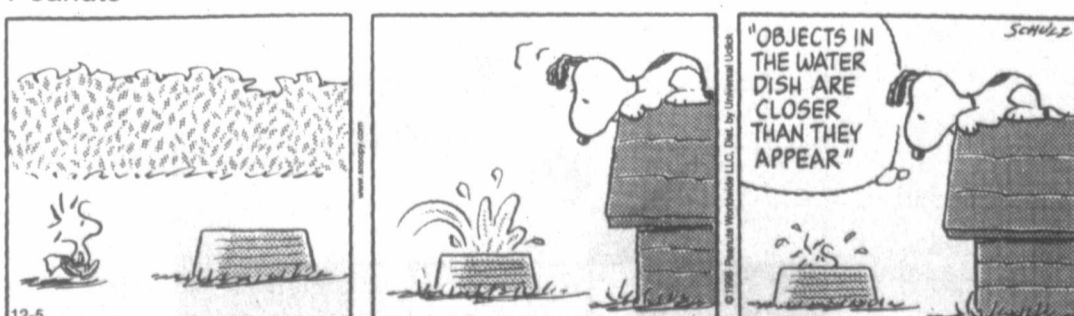
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Harvesters take control in second half, win tourney

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AMARILLO — With his team only up by three at halftime, head coach Dustin Miller challenged his players to pick up the intensity in the second half.

"I was disappointed with our effort and intensity," Miller said.

The Harvesters took the coach's words to heart and dominated the Clarendon Broncos to win their third straight River Road Tournament Championship in a 71-42 victory Saturday.

Senior Reid Miller said Clarendon was ready to play.

"You don't come out against these small schools and play your best, they will get you," Reid said. "Stuff happens with these small schools. They aren't afraid because they have nothing to lose."

Senior Latigo Collins said the team shot better in the second half.

"We came out in the second half, like we wanted to," Collins said. "We decided to play a little bit."

Dustin said he was a little worried about how his team would come out.

"You can't let teams like that stick around in the fourth quarter," Dustin said. "You never know, crazy shots could fall and it could be a game."

The Broncos' defense packed it in and forced the Harvesters to shoot from outside. Pampa hurt itself with turnovers. Offensively, Clarendon relied on its big men, Cole Ward and Adam Topper. Ward scored eight points in the first quarter and grabbed several offensive rebounds. The lead switched hands four times and the teams were tied at 12 in the first quarter.

The defenses dominated the second quarter. Pampa held Clarendon to eight points, with most of them being scored at the beginning of the quarter. The Harvesters weren't able to take advantage of their defense's strong play as they struggled shooting. Pampa led 23-20 at halftime. Collins carried the team with 14 points.

In the second half, Pampa took control. The Harvesters went on a 15-0 run that lasted until Cody Wood drained a three with 2:49 left in the third. Pampa had

other players step up offensively. Junior Derrek Pollard, who only scored four in the first half, led the team in the third with 10 points. Senior Cole Engle scored eight points in the second half, with seven coming in the third.

Collins said everyone shot well in the second half.

"Cole started shooting," Collins said. "Derrek played really good in the second half. Everybody just got it going and we looked good in the second half."

Reid said the team wore down Clarendon's big men by running more on offense.

"Their big guys were the ones that were killing us," Miller said. "If you wear those big guys down there's not much they can do. We ran them and grabbed more defensive rebounds."

The Harvesters (7-1) outscored Clarendon 25-9 in the third. The Broncos' only points came from Wood, who hit three three-pointers. The Broncos didn't get closer than 12 in the second. Pampa made sure Clarendon didn't rally in the fourth, outscoring the Broncos 22-13.

Collins led the team in scoring with 24 points. Pollard followed with 18. Wood led the Broncos in scoring with 16. Ward followed with 14. Clarendon had only four players score, compared to the Harvesters having seven.

Collins, Engle and Pollard earned spots on the All-Tournament team. Collins averaged 25 points in the three games. Engle averaged 8.6 and Pollard averaged 15. Dustin said he wished he could have gotten four, but was pleased with his three that did.

"Three is a good number for us," Miller said.

Pampa will travel to Dallas Friday and visit South Garland at 10:30 a.m. and on Saturday will play Lewisville Hebron at 1:30 p.m.. Dustin said those games will be a good test.

"We got our hands full Thursday," Miller said. "It's South Garland, they are going to let the whole student body out. We are going to have to play better than this weekend."



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Junior Derrek Pollard dribbles past Clarendon's Cody Wood in the first half. Pollard scored 18 and earned an All-Tournament selection.

Lady Wildcats' aggression too much for Lady Harvesters

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Senior Lindsey Brown drives to the basket with Sunray's Hannah McBughy hooked on her arm. The Lady Harvesters lost 62-42 and finished fourth in the River Road Tournament.

AMARILLO — Head coach Gene Valentine said he knew the Sunray Lady Wildcats would play physical against his team. By the time the Pampa Lady Harvesters matched their opponent's aggression, they were behind by double digits in the second half of a 62-42 loss Saturday in the third-place game of the River Road Tournament.

Valentine said his team picked up the intensity in the second half but wished it would have in the first.

"Once we decided to match (Sunray's physicalness), we played pretty good in the second half," Valentine said. "Early we didn't handle it very well."

Senior point guard Kirsten Kuhn said the team needs to have more physical practices.

"We talked about getting more aggressive with each other and getting used to that contact," Kuhn said. "We talked about going against each other instead of JV."

The game's physical play reached its peak in the third quarter. Midway through the quarter, Kuhn was knocked hard to the floor going for a tie up. At the end, sophomore Hayley Burnett was knocked down after a missed shot, hitting her head on the floor. Kuhn was helped up by her teammates and stayed in the game. Burnett didn't return and had an ice pack on the back of her head in the fourth.

Valentine said both players were roughed up.

"(Kuhn) said it got her pretty good in the shoulder," Valentine said. "She said she felt it. Hayley got it. We had some people get knocked down and bruised elbows."

Kuhn said it was a hard hit.

"That didn't feel good," Kuhn said. "The Lady Wildcats had success from the tip-off and never trailed. Defensively, Sunray's press made it difficult for Pampa to run its offense. Pampa made

several errant passes that created transition baskets for the Lady Wildcats. On offense, Sunray outrebounded the Lady Harvesters and converted several second chance baskets. Sunray went on an 11-0 run midway through the quarter and led 17-6.

Sunray started the second where it left in the first, going on a 12-0 run. Valentine pulled his starters for a two-minute period midway through the quarter. When his starters returned, they played better as they generated a couple of turnovers and cut the lead to 13. The Lady Wildcats closed the quarter scoring the last five points. Valentine made his frustrations heard with a minute left as he was called for a technical, arguing a foul call. Pampa trailed 34-16 at halftime.

Pampa finally generated offense in the third quarter scoring 21 points. Senior Caitlin Sieck got some good looks inside and led the Lady Harvesters with 10 points. Sieck said she took advantage of mismatches.

"(My teammates) were feeding me the ball a lot and I took advantage," Sieck said.

Pampa outscored Sunray 21-17, to trail 51-37 after the third. The Lady Harvesters got as close as 12 but weren't able to get closer. The Lady Wildcats outscored the Lady Harvesters 11-5 in the final quarter. Sieck led Pampa in scoring with 14. Senior Delaney Clendening followed with 11. Kaitlyn Scroggins led Sunray with 17 points. Sarah Pipkin followed with nine.

Kuhn earned an all-tournament selection. In the three games, Kuhn averaged 10 points per game including 23 in the opener. Valentine said he was proud of Kuhn, adding she's a good leader.

"She had a good tournament," Valentine said. "She's kind of our leader, ball handler and go-to person."

The Lady Harvesters (4-7) start a stretch of four games against ranked opponents. Pampa hosts Amarillo High, who is ranked seventh in 5A. Sieck said the team has to start the game better.

"We have to jump out fast or they are going to get a lead on us that we can't catch up to," Sieck said.



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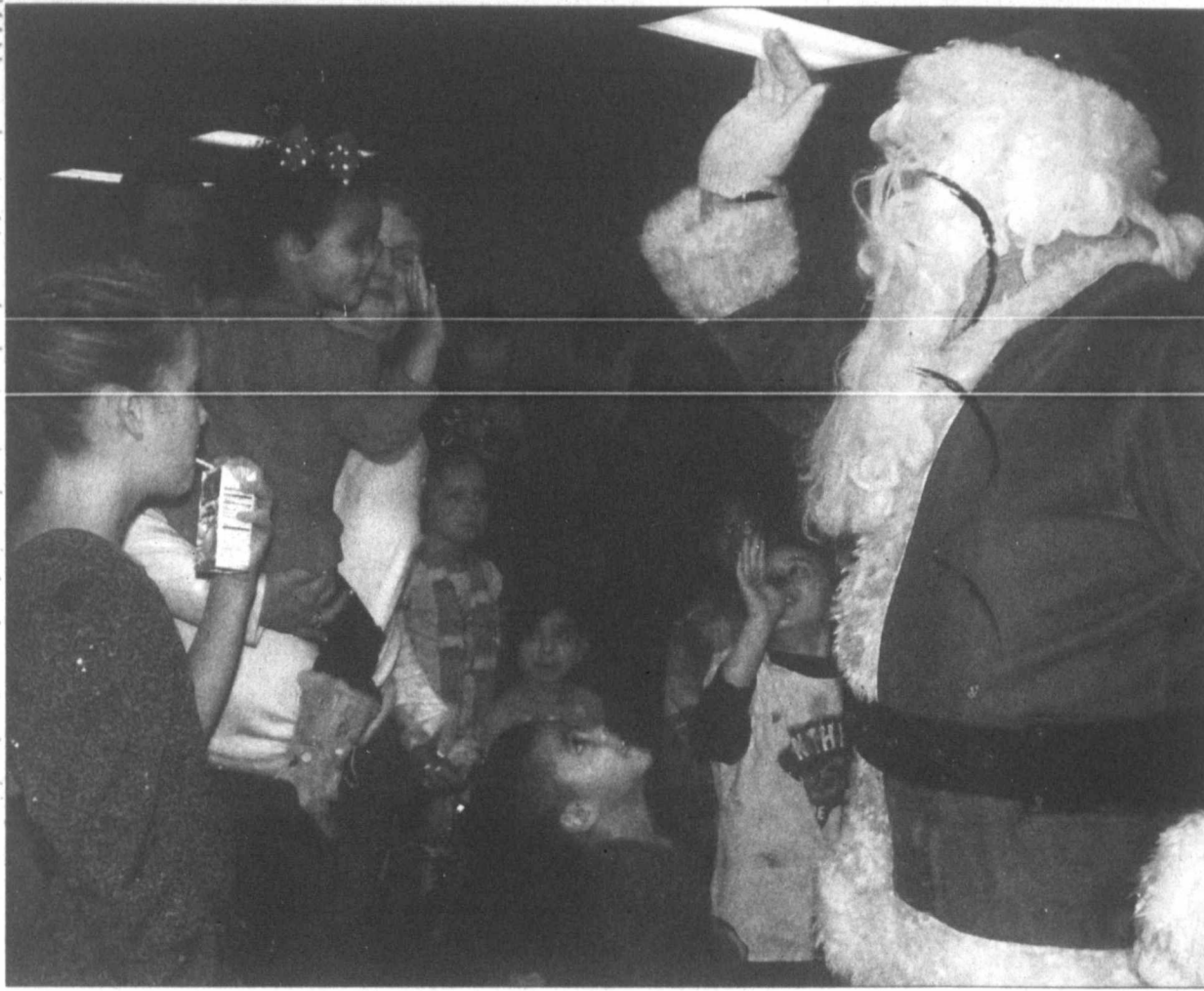
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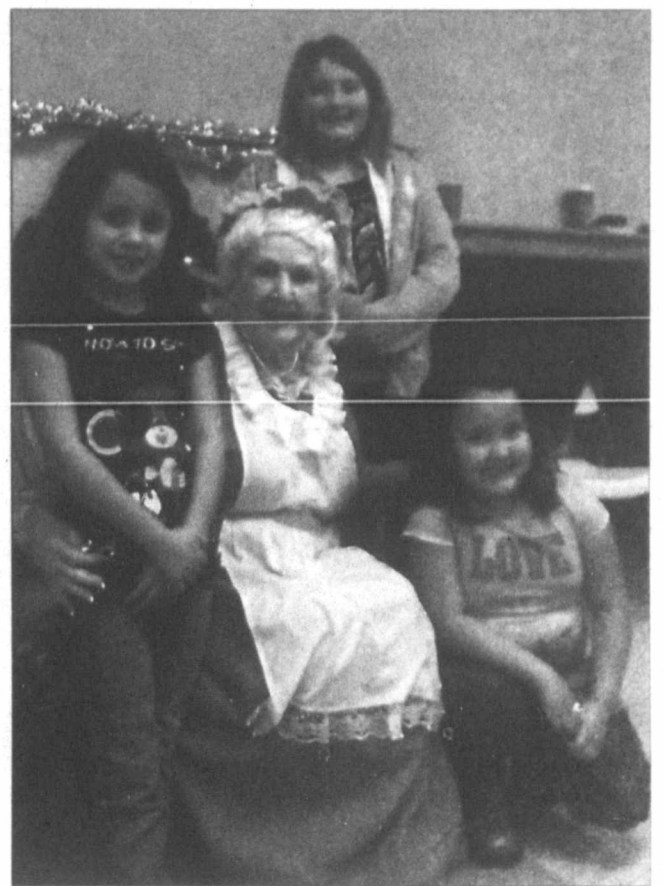
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Luckaleigh Haynes, with a boost from Denise Haynes, gives a high five to Santa Claus as Jacey Montgomery looks on at Breakfast with Santa on Saturday morning.



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Eight-year-old Maja (standing, from left), 10-year-old Winter and 6-year old Gracie Back smile as they get their picture taken with Mrs. Claus (long-time Altrusa member Mary McDaniel) at Altrusa International's Soup with Mrs. Claus event on Saturday afternoon.



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TOP LEFT: McGruff the Crime Dog joins the Pampa Police Department during Saturday afternoon's Christmas Parade in downtown Pampa. **BOTTOM LEFT: Members of Pampa High School's** soccer team stay bundled up as they wave to the crowd on their parade float. **ABOVE: Nancy Swaney of Lefors** gives a hearty wave to the crowd from the window of a classic Volkswagen Beetle.



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Drummer boys (from left) Zach Hampton, Austin Starbuck and Keenan Hughes of PHS' Pride of Pampa marching band share the Christmas beat during the Christmas parade.



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Blyke Breeding and Austin Breeding check out toys at Jerry McHenry's booth during the Holiday Bazaar at the Pampa Senior Citizens Center.

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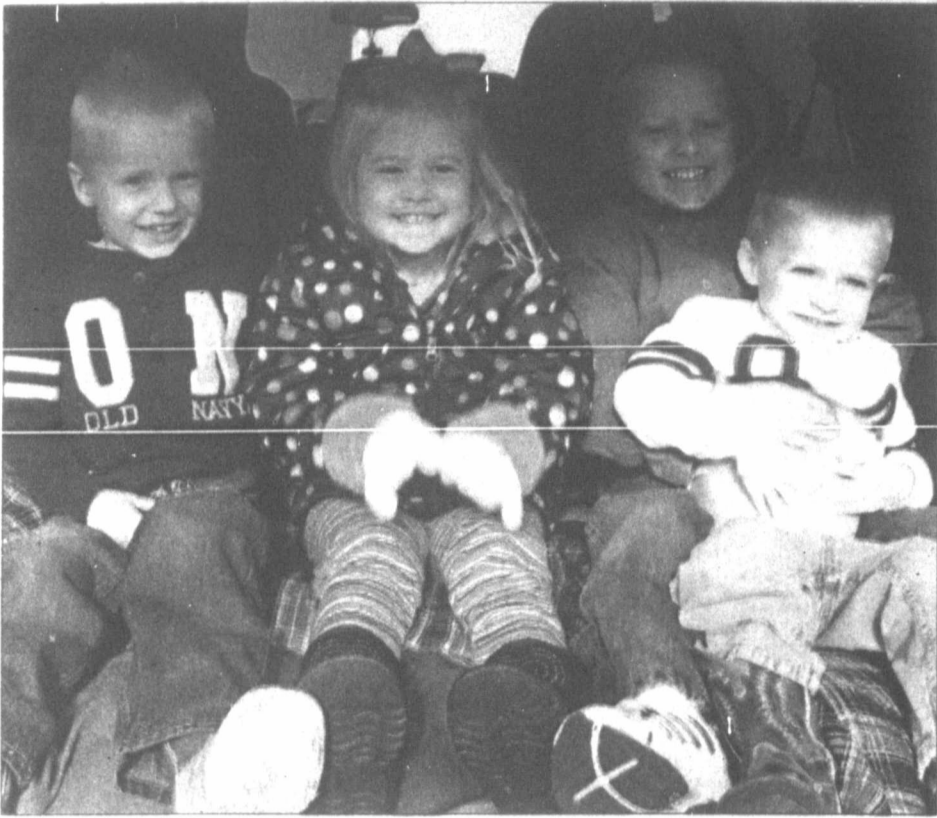


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Cy LeBlanc (from left), Hope Scribner, Hudson Scribner and Tate LeBlanc stay warm and cozy in the back of an SUV as they await the Christmas parade on Saturday afternoon.



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A proud contingent represents the Boy Scouts at Saturday's parade.



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Miss Top O' Texas Rodeo 2011 Shayley Morriss looks positively regal atop her decorated horse during Saturday's Christmas parade.



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Kelly Carey walks four-legged friend Burt while attending the Holiday Pet Contest in downtown Pampa.



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