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United Way seeks donations, extends campaign

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 With its original end-of-year deadline looming and its fundraising target barely two-thirds achieved, the Pampa United Way is extending its campaign until its total goal of collecting \$310,000 is met.

"We're going to go until we reach our goal," said Pampa United Way Executive Administrator Katrina Bigham.

"We tried to have it by the end of December, but it doesn't look like we're going to make it this year."

As of Thursday, the United Way had collected \$206,262, roughly 66.5 percent of the \$310,000



Bigham



Rigoulot

goal. Campaign chair Kenny Rigoulot said that the funds collected by the United Way for its 19 beneficiary agencies are too important to cut off the fundraising effort now. "We'll keep going after it,"

said Rigoulot. "If we can get in and talk to some businesses that we haven't had a chance to visit with, that would be great. We'd like to send out a plea to those who haven't given yet to consider giving."

"We are still waiting to get into a few of the larger businesses that have always supported the United Way in the past," he said. "We think that there has been some miscommunication as well

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WINTER WHITE



staff photo by Andrew Glover

The snow on the ground may be melting away, but Friday's frigid temperatures proved to be perfect for winter frost to develop on Pampa's leafless trees, such as the ones in front of the M.K. Brown Civic Center. The net effect (inset) is a beautiful one, if you can stand being outside in the cold long enough to admire it.

Child abuse awareness event Mon.

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With so much talk of high profile child abuse scandals circulating in the nightly news of late, CASA of the High Plains Executive Director Janet Watts felt that she and her organization had to take action.

"We were just thinking about everything that's been happening lately and people not understanding about reporting child abuse and neglect," Watts said.

"The more we talked about it, the more we found out people were

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Child Abuse Reporting Presentation

Sponsored by CASA, the Bridge and the PISD

When: Monday, 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Where: Heritage Room, M.K. Brown Civic Center

What: Presentation and discussion of importance of and procedures for child abuse reporting in Texas and Gray County

Pampa teen Richards to community: Don't text and drive

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Jett Richards, a 13-year-old seventh grader at Pampa Junior High, is working to raise awareness about a growing issue in our technology driven society: Texting while driving. "My National Junior Honor Society teachers presented us with this project that would go until April, and they wanted me to think outside of the box, so since it is the holiday season, and that traffic is starting to get kind of tense, and I'm seeing people text and drive all the time, I thought I should get the word out there that people don't need to text and drive," said Richards.

In September, Gray County led the district in crash fatalities, and many of the county's crashes in general involved cell-



Richards

phones. According to the National Highway Traffic Administration, 85 percent of all accidents are contributed to by some form of distracted driving, with texting and talking on cellphones being major culprits.

Mayor Brad Pingel signed a proclamation on Tuesday to discourage

texting and driving during the holiday season, and Richards was in attendance.

"We started out with the proclamation, and then we're going to be doing radio ads and newspaper ads, and after that, during my Christmas break, I'm going to have people sign a pledge that says they will not text and

drive," he said.

Next week, Richards will also give out thumb bands that discourage dangerous texting.

"They wear them on their thumbs to support the cause," he said. "One says 'texting' and one says 'kills,' and they just wear them on their thumbs, so when they're texting, they'll remember not to text and drive."

In addition to NJHS, Richards is involved in Student Council, PAWS and the Gifted and Talented Program. He also loves playing video games and writing fiction.

Richards hopes his project will raise awareness about the dangers of texting in the months to come.

"Basically my goal is to just get the word out there that texting and driving is becoming

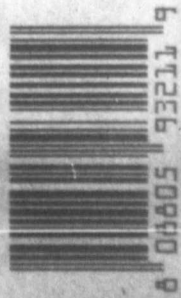
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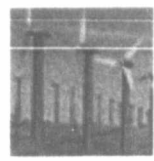
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Low 27



High 45
Low 34



High 51
Low 34

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Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 27. Wind chill values between 16 and 21. Breezy, with a south southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Sunday: Partly sunny, with a high near 45. Windy, with a south southwest wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Sunday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 34. Breezy, with a south southwest wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Monday: Partly sunny, with a high near 51. Breezy, with a west southwest wind 5 to 15 mph becoming east.

Monday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 34. East northeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

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Texting

an epidemic, and I want people to be aware that they shouldn't text and drive during the holiday season, because it's (a major reason) for accidents on the roadway," he said.

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United

as some fear of the uncertainty of the economy, and so people are a little bit more reluctant to let us in and let us visit with their employees about the 18 different agencies that the United Way supports, and what they can do to help our community," he added.

Rigoulot said that if the United Way cannot meet its fundraising goal, it could be disastrous for some of the organizations that depend on the United Way's financial contribution.

"We don't want to have to cut any of the funding that we had set aside for each of these agencies," Rigoulot said. "Many of them depend on the United Way heavily, and others will have to help less people or cut back on services if we're not able to come through for them and reach our goal."

Bigham said that the local monetary need is magnified this year by the fact that, in 2011, Gray County

did not receive a FEMA grant to help area agencies combat homelessness.

"We didn't get any FEMA funds this year," Bigham said. "For the first time in 25 years, we did not get any funds from FEMA. Last year, we received \$12,000 for Gray County, and that was divided up between five agencies. Four of them are United Way Agencies (Salvation Army, Southside Senior Citizens Center, Pampa Meals on Wheels and Tralee Crisis Center)."

Rigoulot implored potential donors to contribute to keep the United Way's agencies proactive in helping Gray County's needy.

"We're going to hope that the folks who haven't had a chance to give will let us come and let them know what they can do to help," he said. "We know that we have a wonderful community that strives to take care of one another, and we just want to assure people that United Way agencies are doing a lot of wonderful

things for all kinds of folks in our community — our children through Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts and the Optimist Club, our elderly, our hungry and those who are experiencing hardships. The United Way is an organization that really tries to help raise the money for the different groups that help these folks so that they can do spend more time doing what they do best, which is helping people.

"We know," Rigoulot continued, "that times are tough, and when times are tough, people often want to insulate themselves and crawl back into their shell. That's the opposite of what we need to do. We need to open ourselves up and extend a hand to those who are close by, because when one of us falls, we all fall. When we rise up, the rest of us can rise up with them. We really want to help each other out knowing that all of us have benefited from these 18 agencies in one way or another."

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Abuse

afraid to report, they didn't know how to report, different things like that. We decided that this was a good time to educate people."

To that end, CASA is partnering with the Bridge Children's Advocacy Center and the Pampa Inde-

pendent School District to hold a community presentation about how to recognize, report and react to a possible instance of child abuse.

The event, which will be held from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday at the M.K. Brown Civic Center Heritage Room, is free and open to parents, teachers, professionals who work with children and other community members who wish to learn more about how to protect Pampa and Gray County against potential child abuse cases in the future. The presentation will include a half-hour video produced by the Texas Young Lawyers Association regarding child abuse, as well as discussion with a representative from Child Protective Services about the abuse reporting process.

"It's a good time to learn these things," Watts said.

Watts referenced incidents such as that involving former Penn State football assistant coach coordinator Jerry Sandusky, who is facing 40 counts of sexually abusing minors over a 15-year period, as indicative of the importance of the public's

awareness of child abuse reporting. Another highly visible child sex abuse scandal, this one involving Syracuse University associate basketball coach Bernie Fine, has also recently rocked national headlines.

The fact that these scandals have occurred at educational institutions, Watts said, made it important for CASA to get the school district involved.

"The thing that's really crucial is that teachers are probably the first ones that can notice a lot of things," Watts said. "They are around those children more than anyone, so for them to be able to recognize those signs and be reporting it is kind of crucial. A lot of times, they are the first link in getting anything going."

Suzanne Pingel, PISD Safe and Drug Free Schools Director, echoed Watts in acknowledging the importance of the district's involvement.

"We are the ones who see the kids most often, sometimes more than the parents themselves," Pingel said. "They're with us most of the day. It's our job to keep these kids safe,

and it's what the law says we have to do.

Indeed, Watts said, Monday's presentation will touch on state laws regarding mandatory reporting of child abuse incidents.

"In Texas, there is a law that requires people to report suspected child abuse or neglect, and there can actually be a legal penalty for not doing so," Watts said. "It's like a misdemeanor offense, and for professionals like teachers, they can actually lose their teaching certification if they don't report."

Watts said that, while child abuse can be an uncomfortable topic to broach, it is vitally important that the community — both children and adults — stay informed.

"There were 173 confirmed victims of child abuse and neglect in Gray County in 2010," Watts said. "Gray County had a child abuse rate of 33.5 confirmed victims per 1000 children, while the statewide average was 10.2. This is an issue in Gray County and we need to be educated about our responsibility to these children."

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Obituaries

David Mark McElroy

COLUMBIA, S.C.—David Mark McElroy left his loving family on December 6, 2011. Mark was born in Wichita Falls, on January 25, 1957. He attended Pampa High School in Pampa. Mark was a beloved son, brother, father, uncle and friend. Embodying the spirit of the wild west, Mark was known for his true grit, his mischievous laugh, his pranks and his sense of fun. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy and served on the submarine tender USS Sperry. He was a talented industrial welder and an inspiration to many during his years in recovery.

He is survived by his parents, Rhea Lee Bonner Ward and Vincent P. Ward of Columbia, S.C., and William M. and Jean D. McElroy of Pawley's Island, S.C. Also surviving are his siblings, Rhea Ann

Merck of Columbia and Christopher Lee McElroy of Lexington, S.C.; his son, Kyle Mark McElroy and former wife, Pamela Best of Pampa; his nieces, Caitlin and Rebekah Merck and Allison McElroy; his nephew, Matthew McElroy; his brother-in-law, J. Jeffrey Merck, and his many loving family members in Texas and both coasts.

A brief service will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, December 11, 2011, at Providence Presbyterian Church, 1112 Hummingbird Drive, West Columbia, S.C. In lieu of flowers, the family would prefer that donations be given to Harvest Hope Food Bank or Central Carolina Region Narcotics Anonymous.

Expressions of sympathy for the family may be left www.southcarolinacremation.com.

For the record

Police Department

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 24 hour period ending Friday, December 9 at 7 a.m.

Pampa PD reported 17 traffic related incidents.

Animal Control agents reported 10 animal related incidents.

Pampa EMS responded to three medical calls.

Thursday, December 8

A suspicious person was reported at the 1800 block of North Evergreen.

A theft was reported.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 100 block of West 30th.

A suspicious person was reported at the 900 block of East Fisher.

An assault was reported.

A theft was reported.

A theft occurred at the 600 block of North Hobart.

Fraud occurred at the 1000 block of North Mary Ellen.

A domestic disturbance occurred at the 600 block of North Wells.

A missing person was reported at the 800 block of East Kingsmill.

Phone harassment was reported at the 1000 block of West Wilks.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 900 block of South Reid and the 400 block of Rose.

Friday, December 9

A domestic disturbance occurred at the 2200 block of North Charles.

Criminal trespassing occurred at the 500 block of North Red Deer.

A suspicious person was reported at the 1700 block of North Hobart.

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Atheists want Christmas display

ATHENS (AP) - A national atheist foundation says it will seek permission to hoist its own banner to join secular and religious Christmas displays on an East Texas courthouse square.

Attorney Stephanie Schmitt of the Freedom From Religious Foundation revealed the plan after Henderson County Attorney Clint Davis wrote a letter defending the legality of the displays on the Athens square.

She tells the Athens Daily Review that since the county allows a nonprofit civic group to erect the displays on the town square, they amount to a "public forum."

Henderson County officials received a letter from the foundation Monday, arguing that the seasonal display on courthouse grounds amount to an unconstitutional endorsement of the Christian faith.

County Judge Richard Sanders says the displays aren't only Christian in nature and therefore legal.

Children die in trailer fire

BROADDUS (AP) - Authorities say three children have died after a fire destroyed their mobile home in East Texas.

Fire spokeswoman Amy Williams says 8-year-old Austin McGee, 5-year-old Brandon Riter and 4-year-old Shina Riter died of smoke inhalation in the fire Wednesday night in the small town of Broaddus.

Williams tells KTRE-TV of Lufkin that the father, Brad Riter, was home at the time and pulled all three of the children from the trailer. Williams says she and her husband, another volunteer firefighter, tried to help Riter revive the children, but it was too late.

Broaddus is a town of about 180 residents near the Louisiana border, 180 miles southeast of Dallas.

Insurance rules delayed

AUSTIN (AP) - More than a dozen Democrats in Texas House have opposed state efforts to delay new federal rules on health insurance company administrative costs.

Texas is among a number of states seeking waivers from immediately requiring insurers to spend no more than 20 percent of customer premiums on administrative costs and profits.

The rule would apply to coverage for individuals and small businesses. Violators would have to rebate the difference to customers.

The Texas Department of Insurance has raised concerns that companies will leave the state. The agency wants the requirement phased in by 2014.

Fifteen House members Thursday wrote to U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius to object to delays. Rep. Ruth Jones McClendon of San Antonio says consumers need all the help that they can get.

Alleged gang members indicted

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - Federal prosecutors say 17 people accused of being members of the prison-based Texas Syndicate gang have been indicted on racketeer-related charges.

The indictment unsealed Thursday in San Antonio includes charges of murder, attempted murder, conspiracy to commit murder and drug trafficking. Authorities say four slayings since 2008 have been linked to the gang members.

Investigators say the last of the six suspects still on the loose were arrested during a raid Thursday.

The investigation began last year with a traffic stop in Bexar County that led to the seizure of an undisclosed amount of drugs.

Teen gets 20 years for beating

McKINNEY (AP) - A North Texas teen has been sentenced to the maximum 20 years in prison for the fatal beating of a man during an argument about reckless driving.

A judge in McKinney on Thursday sentenced 18-year-old Seth Dorris of Wylie, a day after convicting the teen of manslaughter.

The Dallas Morning News reports prosecutors say Dorris threw the first punch in the 2009 attack that killed Jonathan Bird of Wylie. Investigators say Bird was outside, on a lawn, when he told several youths in a truck to slow down in the neighborhood.

Three other teens charged with murder face trial next year. Another teen pleaded guilty to aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and spent time in juvenile custody.

Man dies in forklift accident

DENTON (AP) - Police say a forklift accident at a North Texas business has left a worker dead.

Denton police say the accident happened Friday morning when the forklift overturned.

Police told the Denton Record-Chronicle that the man, whose name wasn't immediately released, had dropped off a pallet in the parking lot of the business. Police say the worker was backing away when a wheel on the forklift got stuck in a pothole.

Police say the man tried to free the equipment and raised the forks. Investigators say the machine's weight shifted, causing the forklift to overturn.

The driver tried to jump to safety but was caught beneath the machine.

Range reports twice as much gas

PITTSBURGH (AP) - Range Resources Corp. says that natural gas production from its Marcellus Shale wells has reached the equivalent of 400 million cubic feet per day.

The company, which is based in Fort Worth, Texas, says in a release Wednesday that the daily production from wells in Pennsylvania's Marcellus region roughly doubled from the end of 2010, and matched its targets.

The firm is aiming for 600 million cubic feet per day of Marcellus production by the end of 2012.

Range also says it has firm agreements to sell up to 650 million cubic feet per day of Marcellus gas in the future.

Perry flubs name, number of Justices

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Texas Gov. Rick Perry said Friday there are eight Supreme Court justices, not nine, and couldn't remember Justice Sonia Sotomayor's name in an editorial board meeting with *The Des Moines Register* newspaper.

Perry's repeated stumbles are keeping him from steadying his Republican presidential campaign with less than a month remaining before the lead-off caucuses in Iowa.

On Friday, Perry criticized Obama for his two Supreme Court nominees. "When you see his appointment of two, from my perspective,

inarguably activist judges, whether it was," he said, trailing off.

He paused for six seconds. "Not Montemayor," he said.

"Sotomayor," a member of the editorial board said.

"Sotomayor, Sotomayor," Perry said.

He went on to denounce "eight unelected and, frankly, unaccountable judges" in a discussion of prayer in schools. But nine justices sit on the Supreme Court; they are nominated by the president and confirmed by the Senate.

"For Washington to tell a local school district that you cannot have a prayer and a time of prayer in that

school is, I think, offensive to most Americans," Perry told the editorial board. "I trust the people of the states to make those decisions. I trust those independent school districts to make those decisions better than eight unelected and, frankly, unaccountable judges."

Similar gaffes have plagued Perry. Perhaps the most memorable was during a debate last month, when he couldn't remember one of three federal agencies he has pledged to abolish. As recently as Thursday, Perry had to correct himself after saying the U.S. is at war in Iran instead of Iraq.

Supreme Court halts new electoral maps

HOUSTON (AP) — Texas' March primary will likely be delayed after the Supreme Court on Friday blocked the use of state legislative and congressional district maps that were drawn by federal judges.

The court issued a brief order late Friday that applies to electoral maps drawn by federal judges in San Antonio for the Texas Legislature and Congress that would have ensured minorities made up the majority in three additional Texas congressional districts. The justices said they will hear arguments on Jan. 9.

The judges issued the new maps for the 2012 election in Texas after a lawsuit was filed in San Antonio over redistricting maps drawn by the GOP-led Legislature. The maps were to remain in place until the lawsuit was resolved.

The Supreme Court's order brings to a halt filing for legislative and congressional primary elections that began Nov. 28. The primaries had been scheduled to take place in March, but the Supreme Court's decision means those elections almost certainly will be delayed, possibly until May.

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott, whose office had appealed the case to the Supreme Court, said the decision was an important step in his office's efforts to protect the integrity of the state's elections by ensuring they are conducted based on legally constructed redistricting maps. Abbott also noted the delays the court's decision could cause.

"We understand the need for speed for Texas voters as well as those who wish to run for office and will work to resolve this matter as quickly as possible," Abbott said in a statement.

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst said the court's decision shows the federal judges in San Antonio "overreached and displayed judicial activism inconsistent with federal law and contrary to the intent of the Legislature."

State Rep. Trey Martinez Fischer, the leader of the Mexican-American Legislative Caucus, which participated in the San Antonio lawsuit, said it was "deeply concerned" about the potential disruption of the 2012 election schedule.

"Our resolve remains stronger than ever and our commitment to minority voting rights unwavering,"

he said in a statement. "If there ever was a textbook case of Voting Rights Act violations, this is it. We look forward to making our case before the United States Supreme Court."

Lawmakers redraw districts every 10 years to reflect changes in population reported by the census, and Texas is adding four U.S. House seats based on population gains in the 2010 census. Texas' Republican-controlled Legislature drew up new maps earlier this year, but minority groups sued in federal court in San Antonio, claiming the plan didn't reflect the growth in the state's Hispanic and black populations.

The San Antonio court issued new maps while it decided the case. The judges reasoned that the state

would be unable to hold elections without the temporary maps.

The maps appeared to give Democrats a greater chance of winning seats in the state House and Senate than did the plans approved by those bodies and signed into law by Republican Gov. Rick Perry.

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Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Saturday, Dec. 10, the 344th day of 2011. There are 21 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 10, 1931, Jane Addams became the first American woman to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize; the co-recipient was Nicholas Murray Butler.

On this date:

In 1520, Martin Luther publicly burned the papal edict demanding that he recant, or face excommunication.

In 1817, Mississippi was admitted as the 20th state of the Union.

In 1861, the Confederacy admitted Kentucky as it recognized a pro-Southern shadow state government that was acting without the authority of the pro-Union government in Frankfort.

In 1906, President Theodore Roosevelt became the first American to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize, for helping mediate an end to the Russo-Japanese War.

In 1911, TV newscaster Chet Huntley was born in Cardwell, Mont.

In 1948, the U.N. General Assembly adopted its Universal Declaration on Human Rights.

In 1950, Ralph J. Bunche was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize, the first black American to receive the award.

In 1964, Martin Luther King Jr. received his Nobel Peace Prize.

In 1967, singer Otis Redding, 26, and six others were killed when their plane crashed into Wisconsin's Lake Monona.

In 1984, South African Bishop Desmond Tutu received the Nobel Peace Prize.

In 1986, human rights advocate and Holocaust survivor Elie Wiesel accepted the Nobel Peace Prize.

Ten years ago: President George W. Bush told reporters a videotape of Osama bin Laden in which the al-Qaida leader talked happily about the September 11 attacks "just reminded me of what a murderer he is."

Five years ago: Iraqi President Jalal Talabani criticized a bipartisan U.S. report on American war policies, saying it contained some "very dangerous" recommendations that would undermine the sovereignty of Iraq.

One year ago: The Norwegian Nobel Committee honored Chinese literary critic Liu Xiaobo, imprisoned for urging political reform, by presenting his \$1.4 million Nobel Peace Prize diploma and medal to an empty chair.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Tommy Kirk is 70. Actress Fionnula Flanagan is 70. Pop singer Chad Stuart (Chad and Jeremy) is 70. Actress-singer Gloria Loring is 65. Pop-funk musician Walter "Clyde" Orange (The Commodores) is 65. Actress Susan Dey is 59. Actor Michael Clarke Duncan is 54. Actor-director Kenneth Branagh is 51. Actress Nia Peeples is 50. TV chef Bobby Flay is 47. Rock singer-musician J Mascis is 46. Rock musician Scot Alexander (Dishwalla) is 40. Rock musician Meg White (The White Stripes) is 37. Rapper Kuniva (D12) is 36. Violinist Sarah Chang is 31. Rock musician Noah Harmon (Airborne Toxic Event) is 30. Actress Raven-Symone is 26.

Thought for Today: "Journalists were never intended to be the cheerleaders of a society, the conductors of applause, the sycophants. Tragically, that is their assigned role in authoritarian societies, but not here - not yet." - Chet Huntley (1911-1974).



Parade weather could have been worse

WHEW!

We dodged a bullet on last weekend's weather, didn't we? Saturday morning broke bright and clear and I made my way down to First Baptist Church for men's breakfast, only to find out it had been canceled! I was grateful that OUR event was later in the day, so I could keep an eye on developing weather, which didn't, as it turned out, develop! (Until Monday, that is. If we'd had weather like that on Saturday, it would have been nasty!)

It was a tough call for some folks. I don't blame anyone for not wanting to put hours and effort into an entry that might not get seen, but I really appreciate the ones that did. I felt it was a great parade—a great day all around. Special kudos to United's U-Crew for directing the parade, to Joe Millican of the Hoover Fire Department for his guidance, to Pam Dalton and her team at Shepherd's Helping Hands for organizing the craft fair, carriage rides, tree lighting, and other things that went into making the day really special.

WEATHER OR NOT

Not tooting my own horn, here, but I really didn't think the weather was going to be bad. They had been predicting bad weather since the first of the week and it seems like the further out they tell us we are going to get slammed, the better chance we have of dodging it. On the other hand, they often predict a small storm or a glancing blow and we get slammed. And that is exactly what happened this time—the big storm didn't materialize, but the one they thought would be minor was pretty bad.

That being said, the old adage says the only people that try to predict the weather in Texas are fools and newcomers. I've lived here a long time, so I don't qualify for the latter

Chamber Music



JOE WEAVER

category, and I'm not volunteering for the former ones—though some may disagree!

THEY SHOPPED PAMPA AND WON!

Congratulations to our two winners of the "Country Christmas: Shop Pampa and Win" promotion. Gary Potter won at the early drawing, having entered at The Plaza. Robin McCracken held the winning ticket in the afternoon drawing. She'd had some work done at Thomas Automotive which qualified her to enter, and it paid off. Winners received \$500 in "Country Christmas Bucks", which are redeemable at the 15 local merchants who participated in the promotion. Merry Christmas Gary and Robin!

THE LIGHT FANTASTIC

Or maybe that's the fantastic lights. The Downtown Business Association, with a little help from the Chamber's Tourism Committee and others, have gone all out. Ken Rheams had seen where another town somewhere had draped their downtown buildings in lights and put it to the DBA to do something similar. It is quite impressive, so make it a point to cruise Cuyler some evening before Christmas. And don't forget to drive by Harold Comer's office. The remodeled Phillips 66 station looks great.

AND WHILE YOU'RE OUT

Drop in the Open House at the corner of Cook and Gray Saturday (December 10) or Sunday (December 11). Robin Parsley is welcoming all to view her Christmas decorations—many redeemed from "Celebration of Lights". Refreshments will be served. The Open House is free, but a donation of a non-perishable food item is encouraged, which will go to Harvest House.

WHAT A GUY!

We lost good one this week. It's very sad for those of us left behind, but who wouldn't want to go like Curt Beck did? As Pastor Kenny Rigoulot put it, "He lay down to sleep in his recliner and woke up in Heaven." And to leave such a legacy of doing good! It was reflected in the number of folks that showed up at his memorial service. Thanks, Curt, for all you did. We will miss you.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

I have poked fun at Bill Roy for not having a last name, but I have forgotten several in the same predicament. For example, Roy Floyd, Charles Henry, and—not to be sexist—Frances May.

Somewhere recently I ran across the name of Lillie Eager. Shortly afterward I saw the surname "Ready". Wow—what an opportunity for a business name—Ready and Eager. I couldn't decide what sort of business they should have and then Don Savage came to present a program on counterfeit money. So, how about Ready, Eager, and Savage? I still don't know what they do—and I may not want to kind out—but it's a terrific combination.

Joe Weaver is the Executive Director of the Pampa Chamber of Commerce.

Endorsements matter only on checks

Let's be candid with each other: I have never heard (and I bet you haven't, either) anyone explain that in the upcoming presidential primary he intends to vote for Johnny Geesil, rather than any of the other seven active presidential candidates, because his home-state lieutenant governor had publicly endorsed Johnny Geesil. We don't deliver milk or bread in this country, and nobody -- not even popular lieutenant governors -- delivers votes.

A respected neighbor or friend who is especially civic-minded and knows more about the candidates' records and character can often influence our vote in a lower-information political contest. I was never exactly sure just what a county recorder did (although, as my old Cleveland friend Tim Hagan once pointed out, the spouse of a county recorder could qualify as "the first lady of recording"), so a trusted colleague who vouched for the trustworthiness of Recorder Candidate Jones might well deliver my vote.

But not for president. This is personal. We might not be sure what it takes to make an outstanding county coroner. But all of us have definite ideas of just what qualities we value in a would-be president.

Not only that, but in presidential contests, each of us is the beneficiary (or, maybe, the victim) of information overload. We know that Newt Gingrich has been married three times and that Mitt Romney, Ron Paul, Rick

Santorum, Michele Bachmann, Jon Huntsman and Rick Perry have each been married once.

We have learned that Perry and Paul both served honorably in the military, while Romney, Gingrich, Santorum, Bachmann and Huntsman -- like Barack Obama and Joe Biden -- instead chose not to wear their country's uniform. Although Gingrich -- apparently seeking some form of innocence by association -- regularly offers as a credential that his father did serve in the Army for 27 years. (Sorry, Newt, nobody gets credit for a relative's service.)

The Washington Post reported that "Gingrich hopes to roll out endorsements from members of Congress, in part to counter the assertion that he alienated many of his colleagues as House speaker in the 1990's." While endorsements do not seem to matter much to presidential voters, they seemingly do matter to presidential candidates.

According to Roll Call, the Capitol Hill newspaper, Romney, who has never served in Washington, has public endorsements from 55 Republican members of Congress from 30 different states. Gingrich, who has been in poli-



MARK SHIELDS

tics for 33 years and who, as speaker in 1995, was Time magazine's Man of the Year, has been endorsed by just eight congressional Republicans -- only three of whom come from outside of Georgia, the state Gingrich represented for 20 years.

Like every good rule, there is an exception to the one about endorsements not mattering in presidential contests. If the individual giving the endorsement is in fact a brother, sister, child or spouse of the endorsee's opponent on the ballot, it deserves our attention. In 2008, former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani was the father of two voting-age children -- a son who was not speaking to the candidate and a daughter who was volunteering for Obama. His campaign was never able to explain this non-support. So, too, it would rate coverage if Mrs. Gingrich were on Monday morning to endorse Huntsman.

So the general rule does apply: If you want heading into the Iowa caucuses and the New Hampshire primary to be the political sage of the water cooler, pay minimal attention to presidential candidate endorsements, because -- other than the candidate being endorsed and the politician endorsing -- that's exactly what voters do.

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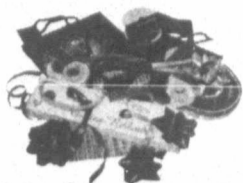
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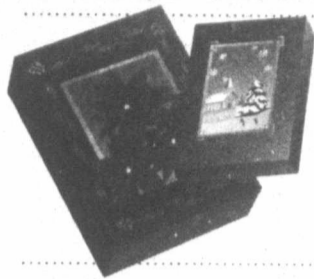
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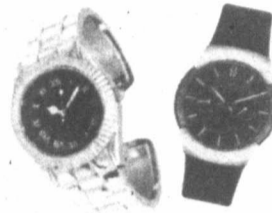
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Tomorrow in History

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Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 11, 1936, Britain's King Edward VIII abdicated the throne so he could marry American divorcee Wallis Warfield Simpson; his brother, Prince Albert, became King George VI.

On this date:

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

In 1816, Indiana became the 19th state.

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

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

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

In 1961, a U.S. aircraft carrier carrying Army helicopters arrived in Saigon - the first direct American military support for South Vietnam's battle against Communist guerrillas.

In 1972, Apollo 17's lunar module landed on the moon with astronauts Eugene Cernan and Harrison Schmitt aboard; they are, to date, the last two men to step onto the lunar surface.

In 1981, the El Mozote massacre in El Salvador claimed the lives of hundreds of civilians at the hands of army troops. The U.N. Security Council chose Javier Perez de Cuellar of Peru to be the fifth secretary-general. Muhammad Ali, 39, fought his final fight, losing by unanimous decision to Trevor Berbick in Nassau, Bahamas.

In 1991, a jury in West Palm Beach, Fla., acquitted William Kennedy Smith of sexual battery, rejecting the allegations of Patricia Bowman.

In 2008, Bernie Madoff was arrested, accused of running a multibillion-dollar Ponzi scheme. (Madoff is serving a 150-year federal prison sentence.)

Ten years ago: In the first criminal indictment stemming from 9/11, federal prosecutors charged Zacarias Moussaoui, a French citizen of Moroccan descent, with conspiring to murder thousands in the suicide hijackings. (Moussaoui pleaded guilty to conspiracy in 2005 and was sentenced to life in prison.) The chairman of the militant Jewish Defense League, Irv Rubin, and an associate, Earl Krugel, were arrested on suspicion of plotting to blow up a Los Angeles mosque and the office of an Arab-American congressman. (Rubin died in Nov. 2002, ten days after what federal officials described as a suicide attempt in jail; Krugel was killed by a fellow inmate in a federal prison in Nov. 2005.) The government approved Swiss food giant Nestle SA's \$10.3 billion purchase of Ralston Purina.

Five years ago: In his farewell address, U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan criticized the Bush administration's leadership on the global stage, warning that America must not sacrifice its democratic ideals while waging war against terrorism. Iran hosted a conference of Holocaust deniers from around the world. After a two-day journey, space shuttle Discovery reached the international space station for a weeklong stay.

One year ago: The eldest son of disgraced financier Bernard Madoff, 46-year-old Mark Madoff, hanged himself in his Manhattan apartment on the second anniversary of his father's arrest. A U.N. conference in Cancun, Mexico, adopted a modest climate deal. Auburn quarterback Cam Newton won the Heisman Trophy after a season in which he played brilliantly but was also the focus of an investigation which found that his father had violated NCAA rules.

Today's Birthdays: Pulitzer Prize-winning composer Elliott Carter is 103. Actor Jean-Louis Trintignant is 81. Actress Rita Moreno is 80. Former California state lawmaker Tom Hayden is 72. Pop singer David Gates (Bread) is 71. Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont., is 70. Actress Donna Mills is 69. Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., is 68. Singer Brenda Lee is 67. Actress Lynda Day George is 67. Music producer Tony Brown is 65. Actress Teri Garr is 64. Movie director Susan Seidelman is 59. Actress Bess Armstrong is 58. Singer Jermaine Jackson is 57. Rock musician Mike Mesaros (The Smithereens) is 54. Rock musician Nikki Sixx (Mötley Crüe) is 53. Rock musician Darryl Jones (The Rolling Stones) is 50. Actor Ben Browder is 49. Singer-musician Justin Currie (Del Amitri) is 47. Rock musician David Schools (Gov't Mule, Widespread Panic) is 47. Actor Gary Dourdan is 45. Actress-comedian Mo'Nique ("The Parkers") is 44. Actor Max Martini is 42. Rapper-actor Mos Def is 38. Actor Rider Strong is 32. Actress Hailee Steinfeld ("True Grit") is 15.

Thought for Today: "Every man has his dignity. I'm willing to forget mine, but at my own discretion and not when someone else tells me to." - Denis Diderot, French philosopher (1713-1784).

ON VACATION WITH THE PAMPA NEWS!



Branson — The Highland Baptist Church ladies recently took a trip to Branson, MO. Those attending included (front row, from left) Shandra McIntosh, Elnora Haynes, Vicki Nachtigal, Marcie Welborn, Nita Ramming; (middle row, from left) Margo Stanley, Phyllis Beckham, Ann Winegeart, Glenda Shelly, Jan Snapp, Marty Campbell; (back row, from left) Vicki Spencer, Roberta Burgess, J'Nell Stiles, Mary McCracken, Jane Adams, Rosa Bilderback, Aloise Martin, Vicki

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Local school officials and students were on hand recently as Pampa Mayor Brad Pingel proclaimed December as "Don't Text and Drive During the Holidays" month. Among those taking part in the ceremony were (from left) Nichole Armendanz, National Junior Honor Society sponsor; Janet Hancock, principal of Pampa Junior High School; Mayor Pingel, Jett Richards of PJH; and Kelli Aderholt, National Junior Honor Society sponsor.

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School Notes

HONOR ROLL

Travis Elementary School students earn high marks

The following students were named to the second six weeks honor roll at Travis Elementary School:

First Grade

A Honor Roll
Danielle Gonzalez, Celeste Ramirez, Lesli Salazar, Jett Schumacher, Isabella Cabrales, Korbin Preston, Laney Shipman, Britney Wood, Veronica Davis, Jordyn Richards, Sarah Spence, Brody Reppart, Taylor Maddux, Mykaella Leal and Drake Harkins.

First Grade

AB Honor Roll
Kaden Brown, Devin Chaney, Kaylee Crabtree, Jaya Ledbetter, Jessica Leal, Rachel Alonso, Yena Christensen, Aaron Klammes, Jose Lerma, Kaydence Roark, Jade Shackelford, Valeri Anguiano, Dana Benedict, Ever Granados, Ayana Harlan, Jacob Kirkwood, Kate Orr, Zariah Sandoval, Aaron Barton, Damaris Florencia, Chase Gaines, Ariel Lacher, Johann Miranda, Benny Proffitt, Aiden Rodriguez, Jaquelin Ruiz, Emmi Schmitt and Joaquin Segovia.

Second Grade

A Honor Roll
Dalia Acosta, Gracie Covil, Hannah Davis, Gabrielle Lopez, Tiffany Nava, Troy Perez, Dason St. Louis, Dallas Vaughn, Kiera Donehue, Quintessa Rodriguez, Lexie Rosser, Delaney Tucker, Kara Berry, Jacilyn Hall, Devin Lindley, Celeste Ortiz, Kayleigh Steen, Kaylyn Tidwell, Emilio Tierrablanca and Eva Welsh.

Second Grade

AB Honor Roll
Lexie Alvarado, Jessica Arter, Carlyn Lawyer, Dax Scott, Benjamin Langford, Emiliano Tierrablanca, Brekyn Gaines, Kloie Bravo, Audrey Cason, Ozlyn Fields, Scotty McLatchy and Blake Ruiz.

Third Grade

A Honor Roll
Lacey Bilyeu, Maegan Gerhardt, Hope McCollum, Raegan Beckham, Jorge

Renteria, Hanna Boland, Madison Parks, Jaylene Montes, Jack Studebaker and Taylor Boyett.

Third Grade

AB Honor Roll
Daijania Botello, Ethan Cason, Jared Gasi, Romeo Gonzalez, Haley Goodwin, Seth Reppart, Natalie Silva, Myra Villanueva, Brady Townsend, Tiegan Lewis, Brandon Jimenez, Tayler Guerra, Allah Robinson, Macie Voss, Ciara Bellflower, Ashtyn Johnson, Madeline St. Louis, Madysen Monroe and Esai Calderon.

Fourth Grade

A Honor Roll
Jasmine Bolch, Zoe Fry, Gage Gerhardt, Emma Gill, Sierra Burr, Xzavion Donehue, Josie Fields, Oscar Silva and Felicity Taylor.

Fourth Grade

AB Honor Roll
Dylan Booth, Kendal Elliott, Monica Florencia, Pete Mejia, Wyatt Owen, Ariana Perez, Christian Porter, Ethan Rushing, Shelby Watson, Melanie Lopez, Alan Carrasco, Victoria Corbitt, Quinlan Honeycutt, Angelina Martinez, Alexander Welsh, Julia Allen, Avery Cochran, T. J. Conley, Damiana Garza, Brandon Maxwell, Colby Mayberry, Kira McClelland and Kameron Parks.

Fifth Grade

A Honor Roll
Madison Davis, Jana Shults, Maddie Yates, Mikaela Clark, Regina Davis, Destiny Mears and Jherman Morales.

Fifth Grade

AB Honor Roll
Bryson Bowen, Collin Burlison, Alyson Chisum, Lexi Didway, Britney Evartt, Kassie Ledbetter, Makayla Mires, Joseph Munsell, Austin Turner, Reece Aikin, Jaden Baker, Marcus Ryan, Remi Didway, Carolyn Golleher, Darrien Gonzales, Mikaela Gonzalez, Shaddan Lish, Aylin Olivas, Riley Patterson, Paxton Proctor, Reid Smith and Kiarra Terrell.

ARMY MEN



submitted photo

Pampa Junior High School recently collected canned meats and soups for the local unit of the Salvation Army. The Student Council members held a competition for the entire school. The top two homerooms for each grade level that collected the most cans won a free trip to Cinema 4 complete with popcorn and drink to see "Arthur Christmas." The total number of cans collected was 1,693. Above, from left are - Bryce Parker, Erik Vizcaino, and Jett Richards, student council members who helped to load canned foods.

Wealthy districts sue over school finance

AUSTIN (AP) — A coalition of about 120 property wealthy Texas school districts filed a lawsuit against the state Friday, alleging that its system of paying for public-education is inadequate and unconstitutional.

Six school districts, ranging from Lewisville and Richardson in North Texas to Aransas County on the coast, are named as plaintiffs in the lawsuit. The lawsuit is being handled by the Texas School Coalition, which is made up of school districts that give money back to the state under the so-called Robin Hood school funding plan.

The lawsuit proclaims "the Texas school finance system has reached a crisis stage again."

The schools argue that because so many districts are taxing at the maximum allowable rate, the school property tax has effectively become a statewide property tax, which is unconstitutional in Texas.

The state is "co-opting the school districts' taxing authority, so it's become a de facto state property tax," said Mark Trachtenberg, one of the attorneys representing the school districts.

The schools also argue

that the Legislature hasn't been putting enough money into the system to meet the constitutional mandate for an "adequate" education.

"They're failing to provide the resources to provide an adequate education under the state's own standards," attorney John Turner said.

Debbie Ratcliffe, a spokeswoman at the Texas Education Authority who is named as a defendant in the lawsuit, did not immediately respond to a request for comment Friday morning.

Another coalition of schools filed a similar lawsuit in October, alleging the system is unfair,

inefficient and unconstitutional.

That one accuses lawmakers of turning a blind eye to the state's troubled school financing system for years and exacerbating the flaws this summer when they slashed public school spending by more than \$4 billion to close a massive budget gap.

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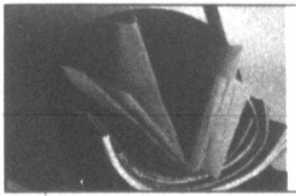
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COATS AND CANS DRIVE



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The employees and managers at Culberson Stowers recently held a company effort to collect coats and canned goods to benefit the local unit of the Salvation Army. Shown in the photo are (from left) Scott Brown, Dillon Best, Kelly Edaburn, George Keely and owner Richard Stowers.

Benefit concert planned

A benefit concert has been planned with the proceeds going toward expenses for an injured Pampa man.

The North Fork Gospel Band will perform on Dec. 17 at 7 p.m. at the Stokes Barn, on Highway 60 five miles east of Pampa, across from Schwan's.

Donations raised during the concert will go towards Rick Scott's medical expenses as he awaits a liver transplant.

Donations for Scott may also be made at the First State Bank of Miami in Pampa.

Open house set

An Open House benefiting the Harvest House will take place on Dec. 10 and 11 from 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. at 821 North Gray.

Guests are encouraged to bring nonperishable food items and toiletries to be donated to the Harvest House. Refreshments will be provided.

Communication Connection holds toy drive

Communication Connection in Pampa is holding a Toy Drive for "Toys for Tots."

The Verizon retailer is collecting toys and offering a chance to win a Motorola Xoom tablet to all who donate.

From now until December 16, everyone is encouraged to bring new, unwrapped toys to donate and place under the store's Christmas tree.

For each toy donated, participants will receive an entry into a drawing for a 32GB Motorola Xoom Wi-Fi tablet. There is no limit on the number of toys a person may donate, so people may enter the drawing multiple times.

The Xoom winner will be drawn from the location that collects the most toys. Therefore, the more toys donated in Pampa, the greater the chance of a local resident winning.

For more information, go to www.facebook.com/CommConn.

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Edie Hudson (right) of the Heritage Art Center, presents a check to Nancy Looper of the Pampa Senior Citizens Center.

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United gives \$5K to research

LUBBOCK — United Supermarkets, Market Street and Amigos United locations raised nearly \$5,500 for the fight against breast cancer during the company's annual "Who Do You Pink For?" promotion.

The funds raised will be shared between the CURE Cancer Foundation of Lubbock and the Komen Greater Amarillo Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure.

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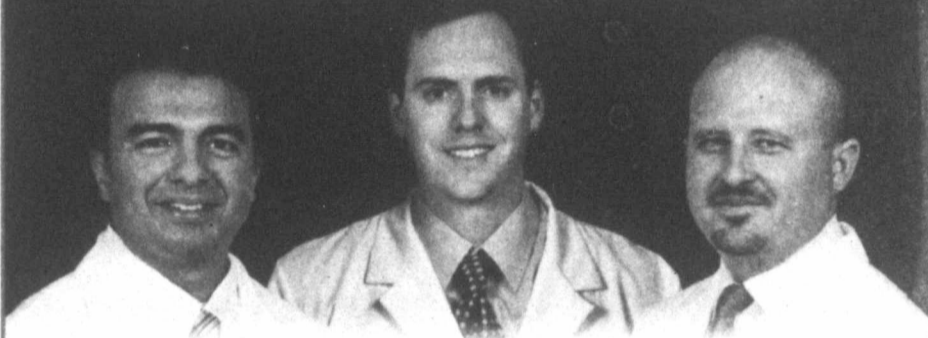
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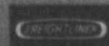
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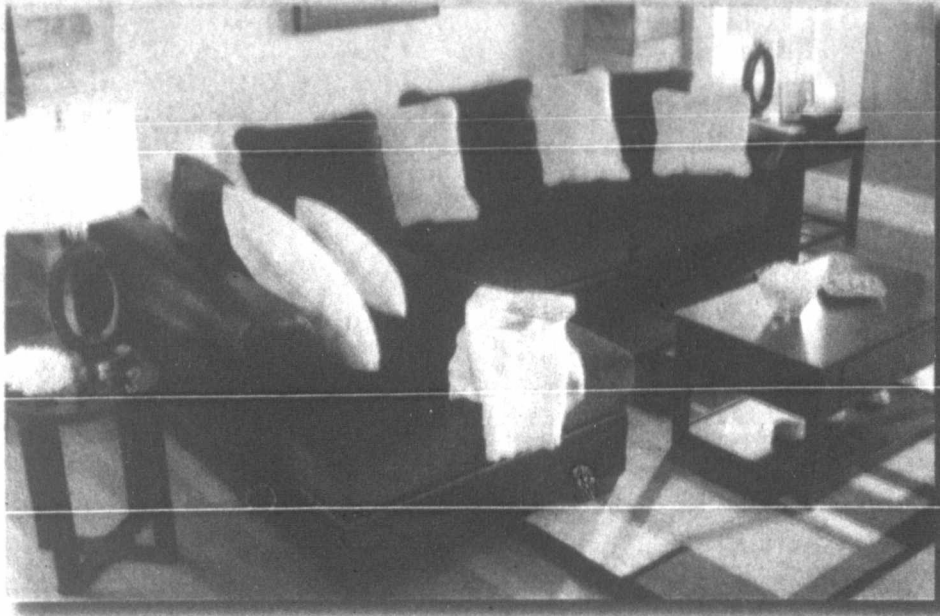
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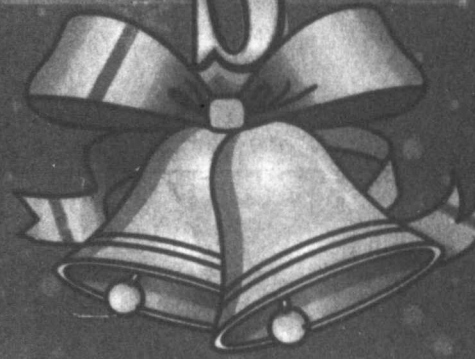


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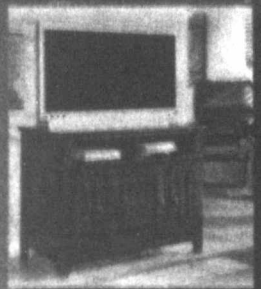
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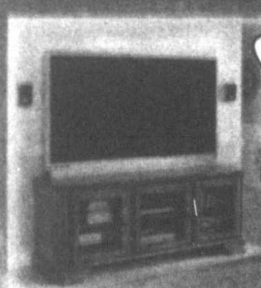


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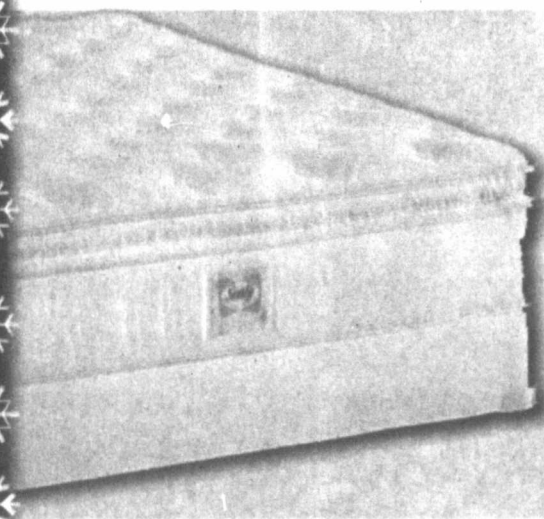
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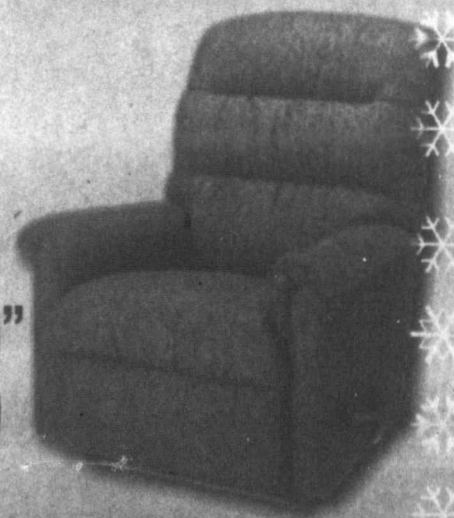
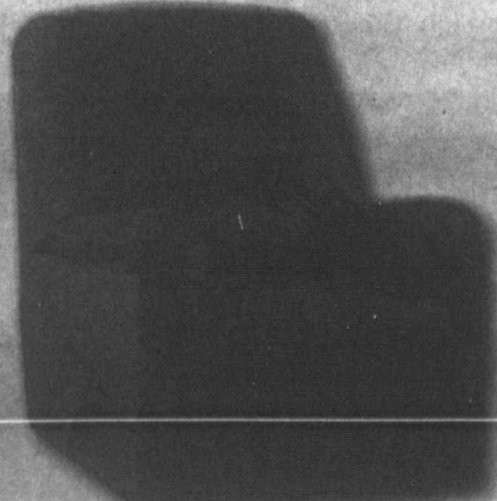
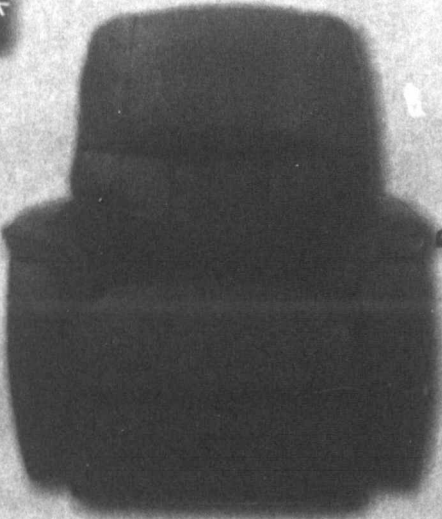
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No. 21 Harvesters rally, can't overcome slow start

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With his team trailing the South Garland Colonels 12-0 in the first quarter Friday, Pampa head coach Dustin Miller sent a message to his starters by having them sit on the bench.

"It's the first time I've done it," Miller said. "Hopefully it's something I never have to do again. It's not a habit and hopefully they didn't like it very much."

When his starters returned in the last minute of the quarter, they responded and started a rally, but couldn't overcome their slow start in a 63-48 loss in the Nichols Shootout at South Garland.

The Harvesters (7-2) struggled with the Colonels' full court pressure and making shots inside. Pampa didn't score until 3:24 left in the quarter when senior Jesus Cabrales made a free throw. Senior Cole Engle converted the Harvesters' first field goal with only a minute left in the quarter. Pampa trailed 18-3 after the first. Miller said his team hurt themselves more than South Garland did.

"We didn't handle it at all," Miller said about the Colonels' press. "When we did, there was no pressure. We made them look pretty good."

South Garland widened its advantage at the beginning of the quarter. Junior Trey Jackson swished three three-pointers giving the Colonels their largest lead of the game at 29-11. The Harvesters fin-

ished the quarter strong, outscoring South Garland 12-2. Senior Latigo Collins, who was held scoreless in the first quarter and missed his first three free throws, scored 10 in the second and was one-for-two from the line. Pampa trailed 31-23 at halftime.

In the third quarter, the Harvesters got themselves back into the game. Senior Taylor Kennedy and junior Jonathan Cox hit three pointers to cut the Colonels' lead to three.

Pampa wasn't able to get closer. South Garland closed the quarter on a 9-0 run. The Colonels took advantage of a turnover and a flagrant foul committed by senior Reid Miller.

South Garland led by at least nine the rest of the game. Dustin said the slow start in the first killed his team.

"Hopefully we are beyond moral victories," Miller said. "This one stings a bit."

Collins led the Harvesters in scoring with 18. Kennedy followed with nine. Senior Marvell Green and Jackson led the Colonels in scoring with 15 each.

Pampa concludes the Nichols Shootout 1:30 p.m. today with the Lewisville Hebron Hawks (6-4). The Hawks beat South Garland 71-32 Tuesday. Miller said his team has to be ready to play.

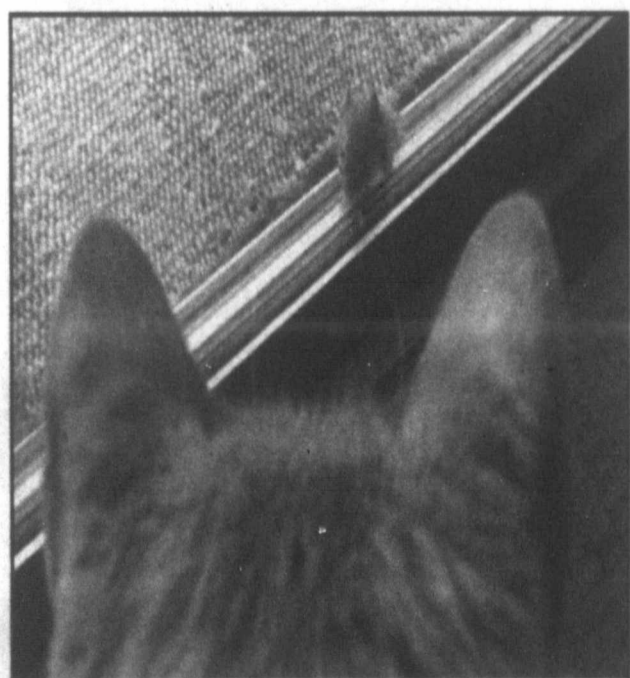
"We don't have much time to think about it," Miller said. "We are playing a team tomorrow that we probably aren't better than. So hopefully we come out swinging and see what happens."

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The Optimist 5th and 6th grade Cowboys pose at Harvester Field. The Cowboys went 6-0 during the season. The team recently got a letter from the Dallas Cowboys congratulating them on their season. Front row: Zerick Arnzen, Justin Beller, Chace Williamson, Vincent Garcia Jr, Lonnell Moore, Brayden Danner, Roy Soto, Lonnie Moore, Keshawn Stewart and Jared Thomas. Middle Row: Seth Langley, Justin Thomas, Kyle Patrick, Sidney Armendariz, Grayson Roberts, Joshua Townsend, Trenton Richey, Reece Parker and Jordan Perez. Back row: Kenny Williamson, Keith Stewart, Ryan Cloud and David Jenkins.



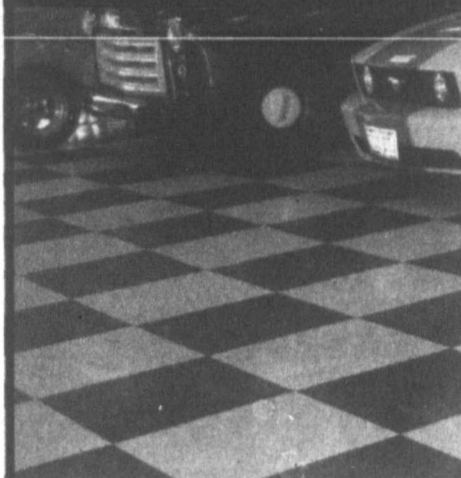
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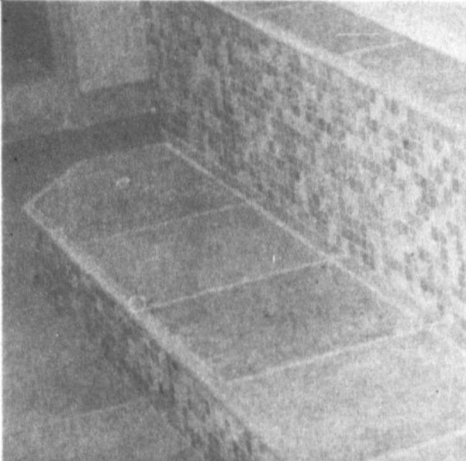
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Sports

First quarter woes continue for PHS girls vs. Fillies

ANDREW GLOVER

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The Pampa Lady Harvesters have trailed by double digits after the first quarter in their last two games. Facing the No. 4 Shallowater Fillies, Pampa was hoping for a change in luck but didn't get it, as the Lady Harvesters lost 53-30 Friday in Shallowater.

"We just came out late," senior post Kailyn Troxell said. "We picked up the intensity in the second half."

In the last three games, Pampa has been



Troxell

outscored by an average score of 16-8 in the first. Shallowater took a 17-8 lead after the first quarter. Troxell said this is an issue that Pampa needs to fix.

"We need to figure out what we are doing wrong and get out to a better start," Troxell said.

The senior post said their defense was one of their main struggles in the first half.

"Our defense was just off," Troxell

said. "We weren't always in the right place. We improved quite a bit in the second half."

The teams played close in the second quarter, with the Fillies edging the Lady Harvesters 9-7 to take a 26-15 lead to the locker room. Pampa outscored Shallowater 9-8 in the third. The Fillies shut the door on a fourth quarter comeback, rolling past the Lady Harvesters 19-6. Senior Kirsten Kuhn led the Lady Harvesters in scoring with 11. Junior Taylor Morgan followed with seven. Bailey Pounds led the Fillies in scoring with 17. Marissa Westbrook followed

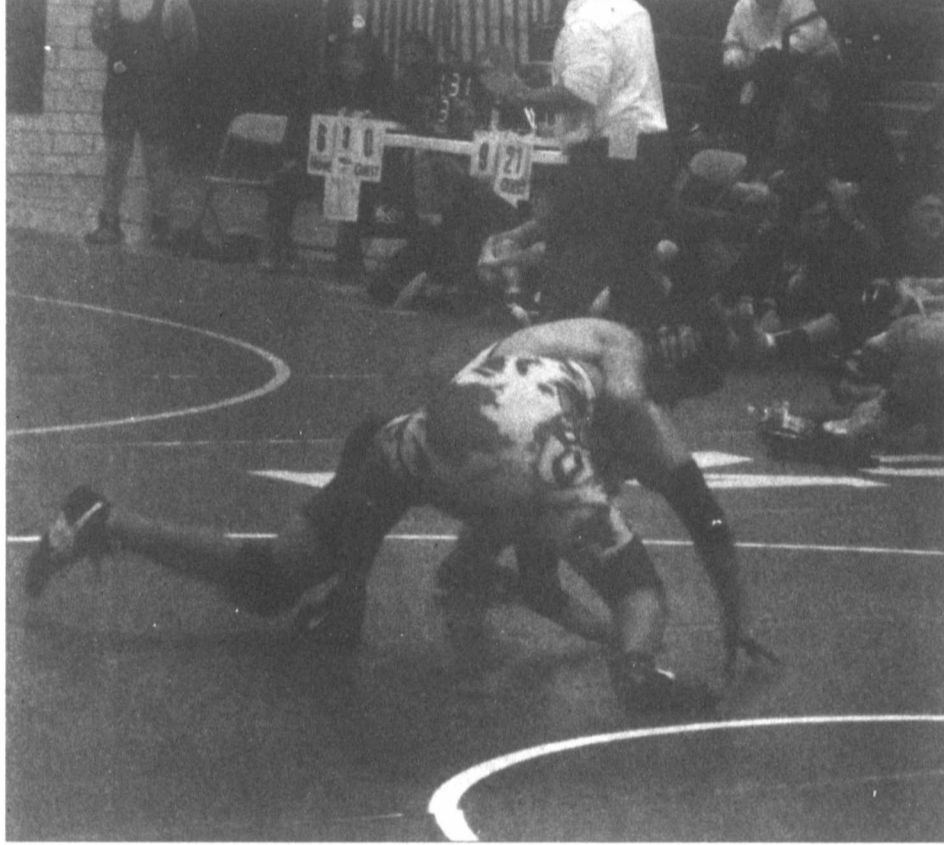
with 11.

The Lady Harvesters (4-9) have lost four straight and seven of their last eight. Pampa returns home Tuesday and faces the Miami Lady Warriors which are ranked 11th in 1A Division 2. Pampa has lost its last 12 at home, a streak Troxell hopes they end Tuesday.

"We'll have to come out and play well at home," Troxell said. "We just have to follow the game plan."

Head coach Gene Valentine's comments were unavailable as of press time.

TAKING CONTROL



staff photo by Andrew Glover

Senior Trent McNear works to bring down his opponent against Tucumcari Thursday. McNear lost by decision and the Harvesters lost 49-30.

This Week in Sports

Monday, December 12

- JV girls basketball vs. Amarillo Flames 6 p.m., McNeely Fieldhouse
- Varsity Girls Basketball vs. Miami, 7:30 p.m., McNeely Fieldhouse
- PJHS Boys Basketball at Borger, games start at 5 p.m.
- PJHS Girls Basketball vs. Borger, games start at 5 p.m.

Tuesday December 13

- Varsity, JV and Fr. Boys Basketball vs. Randall games start at 4:30 p.m., McNeely Fieldhouse
- PHS Wrestling vs. Caprock, Amarillo Tascosa, 5 p.m., Caprock High School
- Lefors Boys and Girls Basketball vs. Darrouzett, games start at 6 p.m., Lefors

Wednesday December 14

- Hidden Hills Senior Scramble, 8 a.m.

Thursday December 15

- McLean Boys and Girls Basketball Valley Tournament, Turkey
- Recreation Volleyball at Dennis Cavalier Activity Center Games start at 7 p.m.
- PJHS Wrestling vs. Boys Ranch

Friday December 16

- McLean Boys and Girls Basketball Valley Tournament, Turkey
- PHS Wrestling Amarillo Duals
- Varsity and JV Girls Basketball vs. Estacado, games start at 5 p.m.,

Saturday December 17

- McLean Boys and Girls Basketball Valley Tournament, Turkey
- JV Girls Basketball River Road Tournament.
- PHS Wrestling Amarillo Duals
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Sports

Mavs eye repeat without key parts

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Mavericks are thinking about a repeat -- even after losing some key players from their championship run.

"We're world champions," Mavericks coach Rick Carlisle said. "We're excited about that."

Beginning with Tyson Chandler, the team's defensive and leader, the Mavericks have significant holes to fill before the season starts Dec. 25.

Chandler agreed to the deal Friday with the New York Knicks as training camps opened. Jose Barea, a part-time starter and postseason star, is resigned to the fact he's not coming back to Dallas.

Caron Butler, injured much of last season but a key contributor before going down, has already signed with the Los Angeles Clippers. The Mavs also don't appear to have much interest in bringing back DeShawn Stevenson.

"The makeup of the team is probably going to be a little different, but that's just the business of basketball," Jason Kidd said. "That happens, but we still believe we can win. We're going to work extremely hard and take pride in being a champion and trying to protect our championship."

The Mavericks still have Dirk Nowitzki, the reigning Finals MVP who remains one of the league's elite players despite being 33. Kidd, Jason Terry and Shawn Marion round out Carlisle's veteran nucleus.

"A championship is the goal," Terry said. "In every training camp you want to set your goals high. Ours are very high, obviously for the reasons of myself, Dirk, J-Kidd, Marion. We've been around a long time. We know what it takes to win."

The Mavs had only 10 players for the first workout, including Brandan Wright who was signed Friday. Rudy Fernandez is expected to clear up visa issues and be in camp Monday. League rules stipulate that teams carry at least 13 players.

"Our roster isn't complete," Carlisle said. "There are still possibilities that exist outside of who is here."

The decision not to sign any of the team's key free agents is a result of the new collective bargaining agreement, owner Mark Cuban has said in various interviews. The CBA, ratified Thursday by the owners and players, has made cap room a more valuable than ever before, Cuban added.

Since buying the franchise, Cuban was simply able to outspend competitors to build a contender. The Mavericks have been over the luxury tax threshold for virtually his entire 11-year tenure.

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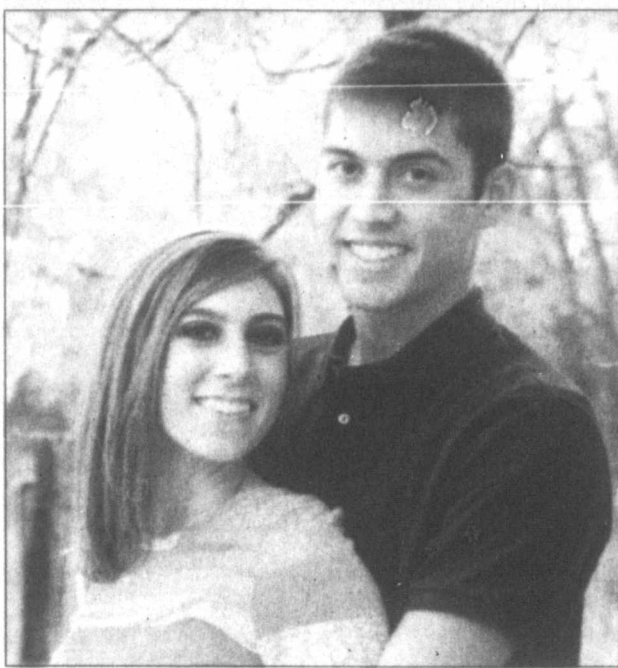
WEDDING BELLS

Acker, Kuhn engaged

Greg and Lisa Acker, of Pampa, Texas are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Haley Acker, of Pampa, to Dustin Kuhn, also of Pampa. Dustin's parents are Steve and Lynn Kuhn, of Pampa.

The wedding will take place on April 14, 2012, at the Presbyterian Church in Pampa.

The bride elect graduated from Pampa High School. She graduated from Amarillo College with an Associate of Applied Sciences Degree in Dental Hygiene. She currently works for Dr. Stapp in



Haley Acker and Dustin Kuhn

Amarillo. The prospective groom also graduated from Pampa High School and attended OSU, graduating with

and Associate of Applied Sciences Degree. He is employed with Culberson-Stowers as a Toyota Technician.

Wilson, Barker to wed

Robert and Neysia Wilson of Iowa Park announce the engagement of their daughter, Brittnee Lea, to Braydon Andrew Barker.

Braydon is the son of Jimmy and Lori Barker of Pampa, Texas.

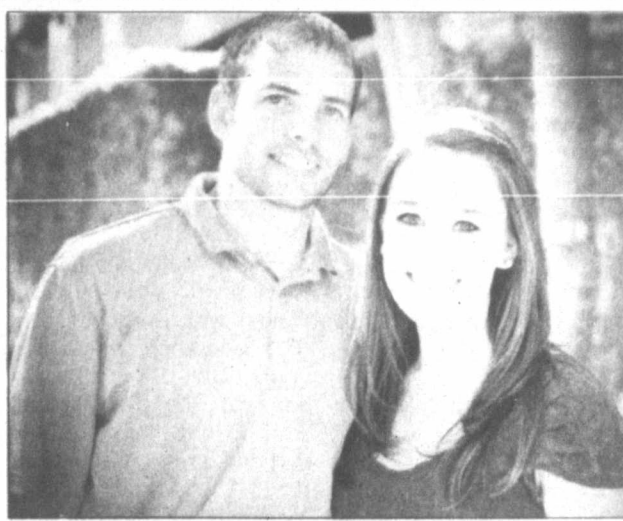
Grandparents of the bride-elect are Bill and Joyce Cross and Nancy Wilson of Canadian, and the late Morris Wilson of Beaumont.

Braydon's grandparents are Roy Don and Gloria Stephens and Delbert and Shirley Barker of Pampa.

Brittnee is a 2006 graduate of Iowa Park High School. She received her Bachelor of Science degree from West Texas A & M University. She is a kindergarten teacher at Austin Elementary in the Pampa Independent School District.

Braydon is a 2006 graduate of Pampa High School. He received his Bachelor of Science degree from Lubbock Christian University. He is employed by the Pampa Independent School District as a high school math teacher and coach.

The couple will be united in marriage on March 10, at the First United Methodist Church in Canadian, Texas.



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John and Betty King - Then

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TUESDAY, Dec. 13
Chicken louisiana or meatloaf, cheese potatoes, california blend, spinach, beans, slaw, tossed salad, Jell-o, butter pecan cake, vanilla pudding cup, fruit cup, hot roll, cornbread

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 14
Roast beef brisket/ brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, peas, carrots, butter beans, slaw, tossed salad, Jell-o, devils food cake, butter-scotch pie, fruit cup, hot roll, cornbread

THURSDAY, Dec. 15
Chicken strips or taco salad, scalloped potatoes, cheese hominy, fried okra, beans, slaw, tossed salad, Jell-o salad, carrot cake, apple cobbler, fruit cup, hot roll, cornbread

FRIDAY, Dec. 16
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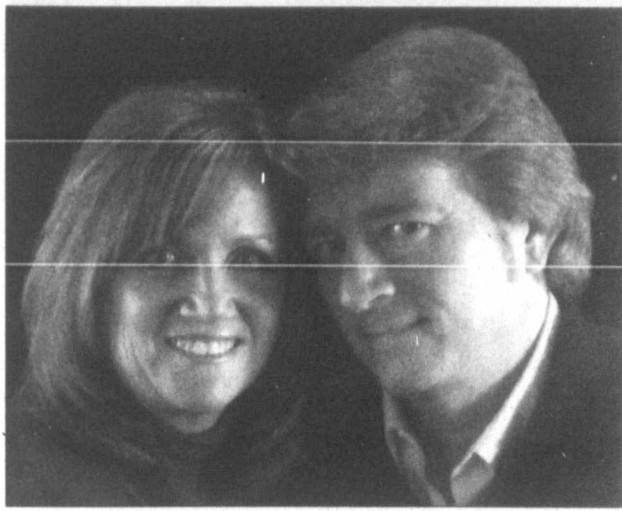
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WEDNESDAY, Dec 14

Fish Strips or steak fingers, corn, broccoli/cheese, mixed fruit, cornbread. **Breakfast:** Waffle sticks, syrup

THURSDAY, Dec. 15

Philly Steak sandwich or pizza, English peas, tossed salad, fresh fruit. **Breakfast:** Biscuit, sausage patty

FRIDAY, Dec. 16

Breaded chicken patty on a bun or hamburger, french fries, burger salad, peaches, fancy gellatin. **Breakfast:** Cereal, toast.

Pampa Meals on Wheels

MONDAY, Dec. 12

Chicken pot pie, pickled beets, salad, apricots.

TUESDAY, Dec. 13

Lasagna, green beans, garlic bread, salad, pineapple.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 14

Eggs/sausage, biscuit/hash browns, peaches.

THURSDAY, Dec. 15

Sloppy joes, tater tots, cole slaw, mixed fruit.

FRIDAY, Dec. 16

Ham/dressing, green beans, corn, pumpkin pie.

Southside Senior Citizens Center

TUESDAY, Dec. 13

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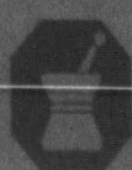
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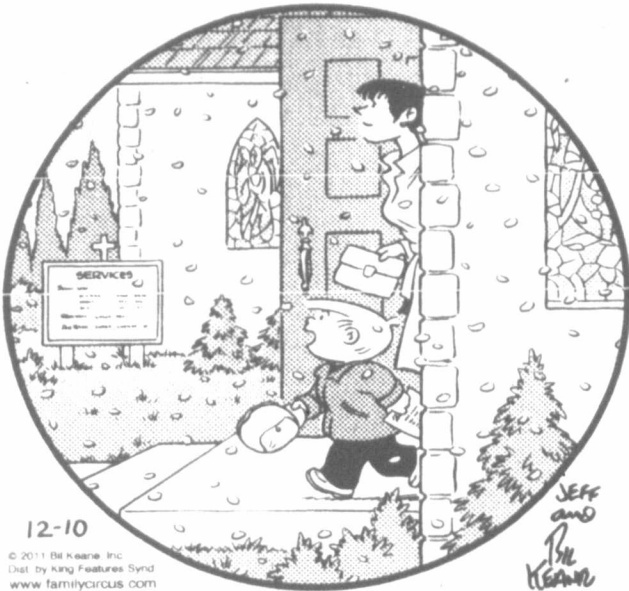
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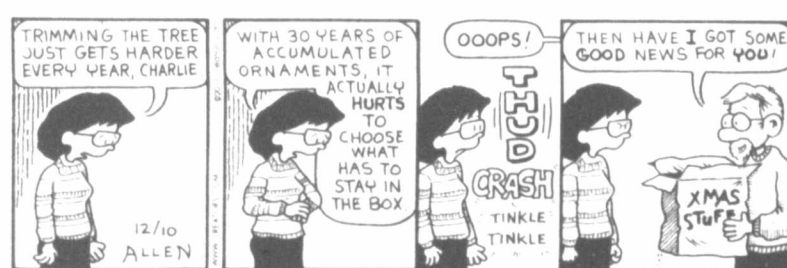
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"YES! My prayin' worked!"

Non Sequitur



Nest Heads



daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, Dec. 10, 2011:

This year others dominate in your personal and professional lives. You will need to bend more than usual and might feel resentful. Don't. By the end of this year, you will see many benefits from being a little less me-oriented. Opportunities involving your daily life appear. Come summer, if you are single, you will have your choice of suitors. Remember, Mr. or Ms. Right doesn't arrive every day. If you are attached, the romantic climate starts warming up June 2012. Allow this closeness to evolve. GEMINI naturally sees issues differently from you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
 ★★★★★ Pressure builds, and you could be steamy. Push comes to shove. See what you need to do in order to get past a problem you might not be sure how to deal with. Seriousness might feel appropriate, and it might be necessary at this juncture. Tonight: Dinner with friends.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 ★★★★★ You understand what is happening within a friendship. Push comes to shove when dealing with a problem. Fatigue easily could cause you to make a major error. You want to understand what is happening. Tonight: Take some time off.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 ★★★★★ You must deal with different stances, which might seem inordinately challenging. Deal directly with a child or loved one who might be holding you back. Others simply are presenting another side of the same issue. Tonight: Know what you want.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 ★★★★★ You want to hear about what is causing a problem within your immediate circle. As a sign, you pick up hidden currents. You feel others' feelings when they refuse to. You could have difficulty with a personal matter, not exactly knowing which way to turn. Tonight: Whatever you need to do to relax.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
 ★★★★★ Zero in on what you need. Others could be unusually contrary and difficult. How you handle controversy or strong challenges will emerge. Could you be more effective in meeting differences of opinion? Consider your options. Tonight: Follow the fun.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ Pressure builds to take the lead. Controversy that surrounds a personal issue might be overwhelming. You'll see what occurs when you take the lead. Start following through on what works for you. Let another person preach to the choir. Tonight: Could go very late.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
 ★★★★★ You might be the one putting obstacles between you and another person at a distance. Perhaps you have made up your mind about this situation and have not absorbed new information. Don't expect agreement on your stance. Tonight: Be spontaneous.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
 ★★★★★ Use Saturday to create a new beginning. You could be very tired and need some downtime. Still, decide to make quality time for that special person in your life. The point isn't so much what you do together, but that you spend time with each other. Tonight: The theme continues.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
 ★★★★★ Defer to others. Everyone wants to feel like his or her ideas work. You might opt to say "no" to a friend or invitation, especially if you feel iffy about the plan. You can be social without making a commitment. Your interest lies in remaining spontaneous. Tonight: The action surrounds you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 ★★★★★ An underlying sense of malaise could filter through your various plans. Infuse your life with more energy and enthusiasm. How you deal with others could be a direct reflection of a need for a change in the status quo. You can do it. Tonight: Do what you want.

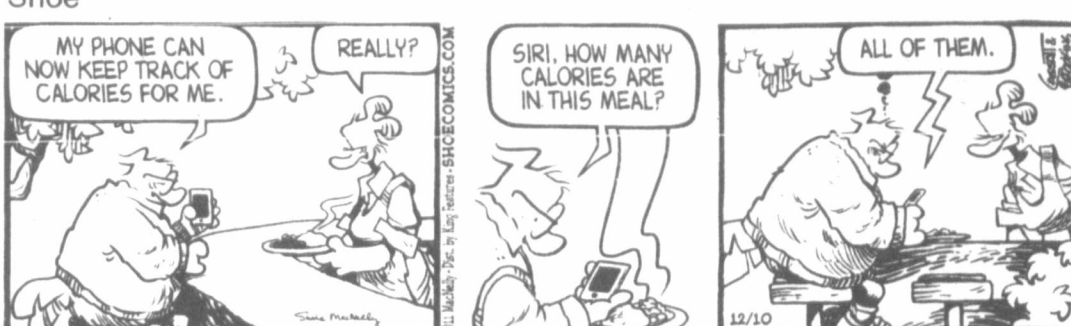
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
 ★★★★★ Your playfulness emerges. Whether you are frolicking with children or just allowing yourself to be more spontaneous is irrelevant — everyone has a good time. News from a distance might not make you happy, but leads to a change. Tonight: Join friends or throw a party.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
 ★★★★★ No matter which direction you go or what comes up, close relating is necessary in order to get past an obstacle. Your image or what you would like to think of as your image is in direct conflict with the real you at present. Tonight: Don't push a loved one.

Tundra



Shoe



Mother Goose and Grim



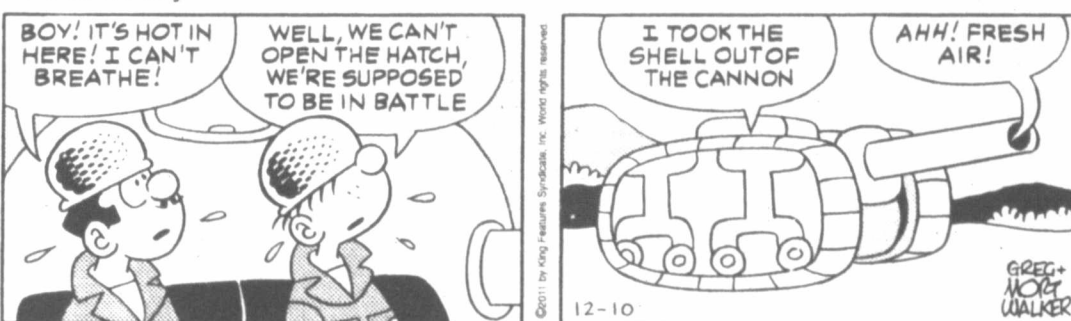
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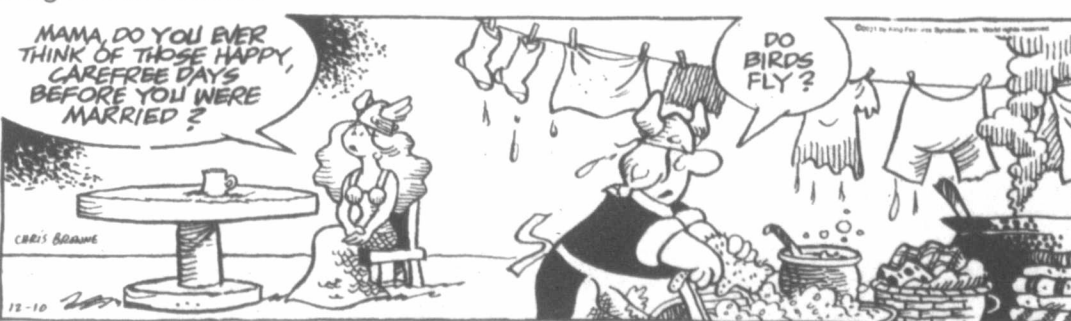
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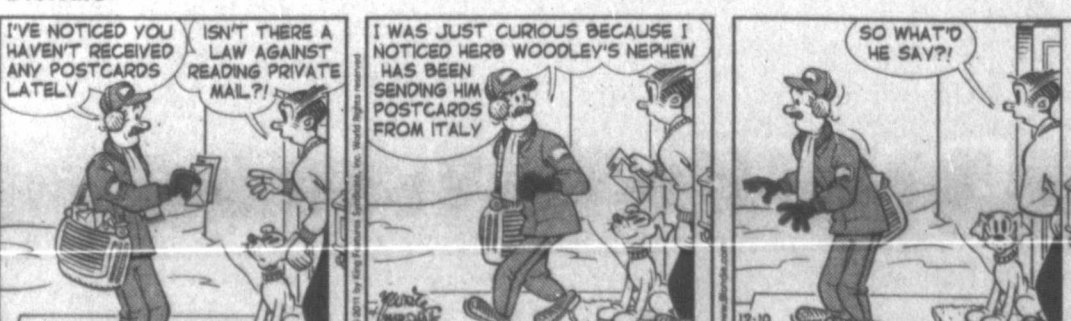
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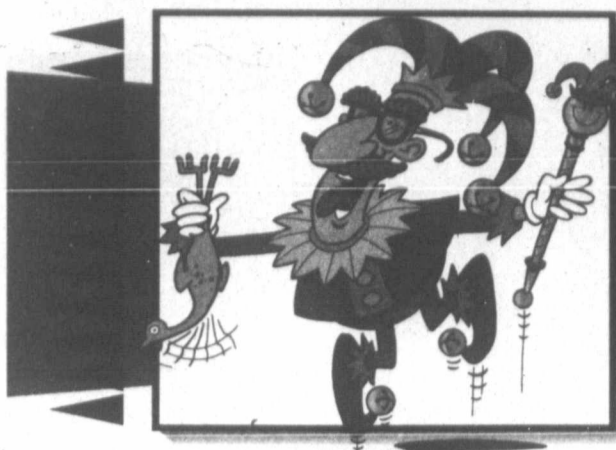


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kicks & kids

GAMES AND PUZZLES

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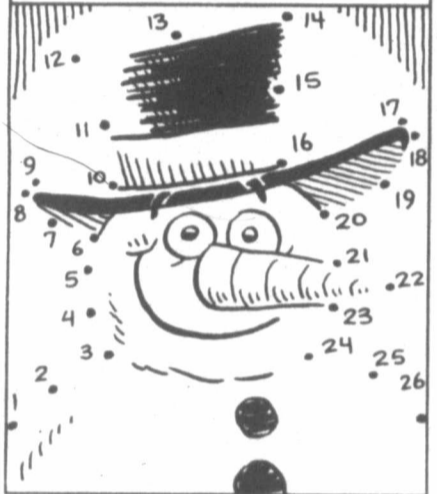
DRAW A CARROT NOSE ON THIS SNOWMAN... AND COLOR IT ORANGE!



GIVE ME 5 RHYMES FOR FLAKE...



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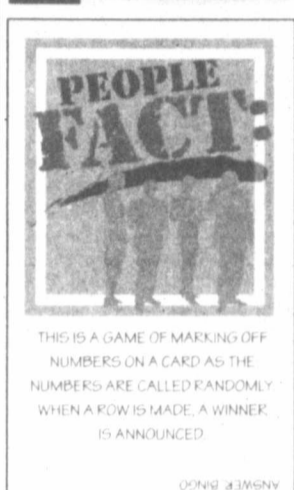
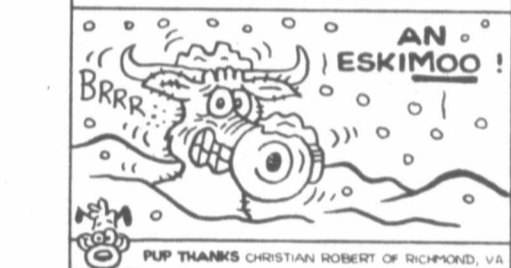


I AM SURE THAT YOU CAN SEE THIS SNOWMAN IS MAD AT ME! UNSCRAMBLE ME AND YOU'LL KNOW WHAT I TOLD MY SNOW PAL, JOE!



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How they SAY that in...
ENGLISH: Game
SPANISH: Juego
ITALIAN: Gioco
FRENCH: Jeu
GERMAN: Spiel



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THIS DAY IN... HISTORY
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New Word
chance
ticket in a raffle or lottery



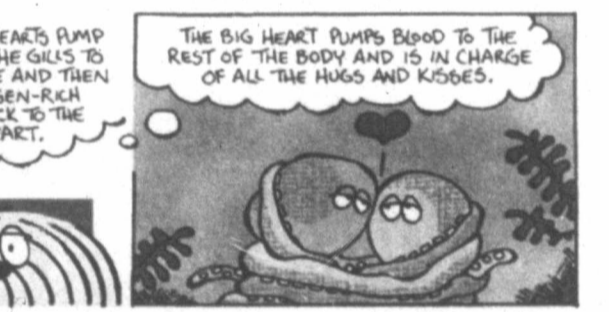
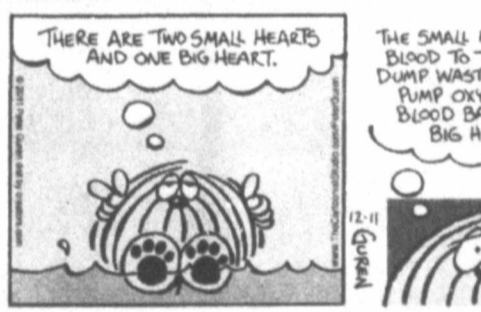
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Dear Shagg,
Why does the octopus have three hearts?
Merrilee Moran
Nashua, NH



adult addlers

Word Search — Christmas Season

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Bows **December** **Holiday** **Santa** **Snow**
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Christmas **Generosity** **Paper** **Shopping** **Yuletide**

Presidents' Day

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15 Fast food symbol
16 City on the Brazos
17 LINCOLN
20 She sheep
21 Clinton-Rodham connector
22 Seeks help from
23 Fr. holy woman
24 Sandburg subject
25 LINCOLN
33 Judean king, the Great
34 Overhangs
35 Pretend
37 Over
38 Less ruddy
39 River to the Baltic Sea
40 Women's counterpart
41 Kind of protest
42 Express, as a point of view
43 WASHINGTON
46 Covenant holder

DOWN
47 Relieved exclamations
48 Heavenly offerings?
52 Trouble
53 Spelldown
56 WASHINGTON
59 Pinballer's default
60 Southernmost Great Lake
61 Actress Berger
62 Ward, of Sisters
63 Depression
64 Obscure

By Charles Preston
23 Put away, at sea
25 Explosion sound
26 Continue, as a sub-
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27 Ryan, of The Beverly
Hillbillies
28 Defense assn. dis-
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29 Actress Shire, of
Rocky
30 Chooser's choice
31 Olympic great
Comanec
32 Redolence
36 Mahogany or maple
38 Protested, in a way
39 Elects
41 Narrow ridge
42 City on Lake
Winnepago
44 Holy places
45 Poi ingredient
48 Cats and dogs, e.g.
49 Pop singer Brickell
50 Void companion
51 Aching
52 Yeah, sure!
53 German auto manu-
facturer
54 Art deco designer
55 LAX postings
57 Tin Tin
58 Mauna

Crossword Puzzle Answers

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PRESIDENTS' DAY

Word Search Answers

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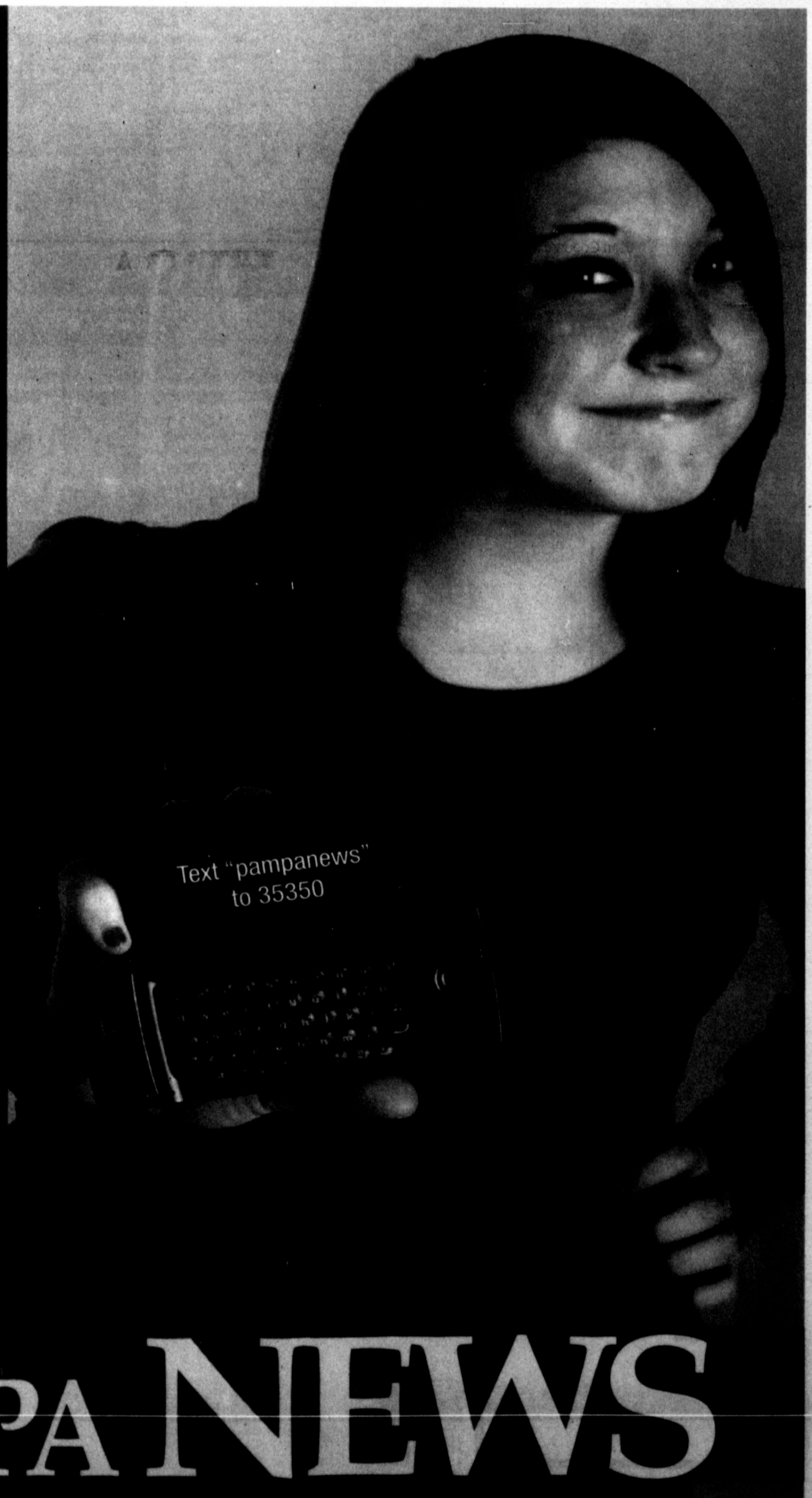
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YOU'RE NOT. — WILLIAM FEATHER

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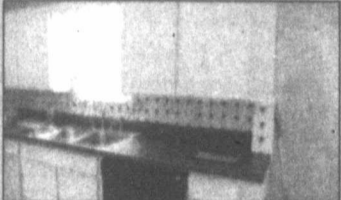


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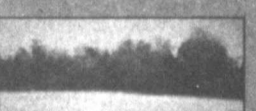
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