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**City's recycling center now open for business**

**MOLLIE BRYANT**  
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 Area businesses and Pampa residents now have a place to recycle cardboard, as the city's recycling center is now open. Located by the entrance to the city's landfill, the facility features a cardboard baler, and continues to accept paper, newsprint, plastic, tin cans and aluminum cans.  
 Donny Hooper, Pampa's public works director, reported that in the month the facility has been open, it has collected 10,000

pounds of cardboard and 500 pounds of plastic.  
 "I think it will be a huge success, and even better than anticipated," he said.  
 Cardboard no longer has to be sorted by type, and paper doesn't have to be sorted by color, as this waste will eventually be sold to Western Fibers, an Oklahoma company that manufactures Cellulose spray on insulation.  
 "We're very pleased and excited," said Hooper. "People can bring their cardboard in, and we'll put it to good use."  
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photo courtesy of Donny Hooper  
**Bales of recyclable** paper products wait at Pampa's recycling center for processing.

**GO AWAY, ICE**



staff photo by Mollie Bryant  
**Alisa Humphrey**, volunteer coordinator of CASA, salts the icy sidewalk outside the CASA office in Pampa. Pampa got 2.6 inches of snow, according to the National Weather Service office in Amarillo.

**Final number of local GOP filings at 12**

**MOLLIE BRYANT**  
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 Doug Ware, chairman of the Gray County Republican Party, reported that three more people have filed with the party for local elected office, bringing the total number of local GOP filings in the upcoming Texas elections to 12.  
 Randy Stubblefield, a former sheriff of Gray County, will join current sheriff Don Copeland on the ballot, along with David Lee, a retired Pampa police officer, and former deputy Robert Douglas.  
 Local lawyer Steve Hallwill run for county attorney against incumbent Josh Seabourn.  
 Gary McFall will run for constable of Precincts 1 and 3.  
 In addition to these new filings, current Ward 4 City Commissioner Neil Fulton will run against County Commissioner John Mark Baggerman for the Precinct 3 position. Fulton will not seek reelection with the City Commission.  
 Precinct 1 County Commissioner Joe Wheeley, tax assessor-collector Gaye Whitehead and Joe Montgomery, Constable of Precinct 2, have re-filed for their current positions.

**12 kids of Christmas**

**Baylon Haigood, 3**  
 Parents: Monica King and Omar Chavez  
 What would you like Santa to bring you? "Cowboy stuff."  
 And for mom and dad? "Bullriding stuff"  
 My favorite Christmas song: "Jingle Bells"

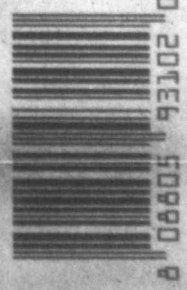
**Banquet success, youth influx highlights of Chamber's 2011**

**ANDREW GLOVER**  
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 It was, in many respects, a very good year in 2011 for the Pampa Chamber of Commerce.  
 For many, the highlight of the Chamber's year came in March, when it hosted former First Lady Laura Bush for a speech during a banquet at Pampa High School.  
 That event was preceded by a February banquet, during which Culberson Stowers was awarded Business of the Year and Ramona Hite won Citizen of the Year. Both banquets were well-attended, with the Bush banquet involving Pampa High School in much of the planning and execution. With the banquets being such marquee events in Pampa, executive director Joe Weaver said that the Chamber is already planning for next year's luncheon and has already set a date: March 1.  
 The Chamber, though, was active in more avenues than just organizing banquets; the organization, for example, unveiled a new website in the fall. The Chamber's new online home, according to executive director Joe Weaver, is easier for users to navigate.  
 "We have an easier-to-manage event calendar," Weaver said. "We got it fired up in mid-November. I'm excited about it."  
 The year also saw the creation of a new group affiliated under the Chamber's umbrella: The Pampa Young Professionals, who were founded in February to get more of Pampa's under-40 crowd involved in the Chamber's activities.  
 The group, which is helmed by Bryan **CHAMBER** cont. on page 8

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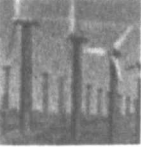


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**PAMPA FORECAST**

Today	Thursday	Friday
		
High 45 Low 21	High 32 Low 17	High 31 Low 16

**Today:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 45. Wind chill values between 10 and 20 early. Breezy, with a southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

**Tonight:** Scattered flurries after midnight. Partly cloudy, with a low around 21. Wind chill values between 9 and 19. Breezy, with a south wind 10 to 15 mph becoming north northwest. Winds could gust as high as 20 mph.

**Thursday:** A 20 percent chance of snow after noon. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 32. Windy, with a north wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

**Thursday Night:** A 30 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 17. Windy, with a north wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

**Friday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 31. Blustery, with a north northwest wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

**Friday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 16. West southwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

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**Guard at border cut to less than 300**

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Obama administration will keep a reduced contingent of National Guard troops working along the Mexican border for the next year, the Defense Department said Tuesday.

Starting in January, the force of 1,200 National Guard troops at the border will be reduced to fewer than 300 at a cost of about \$60 million, said Paul Stockton, assistant secretary of defense for homeland defense.

The remaining troops will shift their focus from patrolling the border on the ground looking for illegal immigrants and smugglers to aerial surveillance missions using military helicopters and airplanes equipped with high-tech radar and other gear. Exactly where those troops will fly or how many aircraft will be used has not been decided, he said.

"We are basically going from boots on the ground to boots in the air," said David Aguilar, deputy commissioner for Customs and Border Protection.

Border Patrol Chief Michael Fisher said his agency is working on identifying the "areas of greatest concern" along the border — areas that include Arizona and South Texas — and will station troops and aircraft accordingly.

President Barack Obama ordered a second round of Guard troops to the border last year, with the first of those troops arriving in California, Arizona, New Mexico and Texas in August 2010. President George W. Bush first ordered Guard troops to the southern border from 2006 to 2008. They were supposed to be in place for about a year but Obama extended the deployment earlier this year. The smaller force is now expected to remain until the end of 2012.

Stockton said the remaining troops are "transitioning to much more effective support."

"This provides us with more flexibility in dealing with the persistent challenges posed by cross-border movement and illegal crossings," Stockton said.

According to the Government Accountability Office, the Pentagon has previously spent about \$1.35 billion for the deployments under Bush and Obama.

Stockton said the Pentagon has budgeted about \$60 million for the mission in 2012.

Congressional Republicans have objected to reducing the number of troops, arguing that the border isn't

secure and reducing the number of people patrolling the area doesn't help security.

"If the Obama administration's goal is border security, their actions undermine their objective," said Rep. Lamar Smith, a Texas Republican and chairman of the House Judiciary Committee. "The administration's decision to draw down the National Guard troops along the U.S.-Mexico border makes an already porous border worse."

Aguilar, who previously led the Border Patrol, said Tuesday there is still work to be done at the border but that successes in securing the frontier have allowed DHS to reduce the number of troops and change the mission.

In the fiscal year that ended Sept. 30 Border Patrol agents at the southern border made 327,577 arrests, the fewest since 1972. There are also more than 18,500 agents patrolling the border, the highest number in the agency's history.

When Bush first deployed the National Guard, there were just over 11,000 Border Patrol agents in the area who made more than one million arrests.

**Obituaries**

**Nettie Mae Irvine, 67**

WEBSTER—Nettie Mae Irvine, 67, died December 16, 2011, in Webster.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, December 22, 2011, at Fairview Cemetery in Pampa, with Frankie Lemons, Church of Christ minister, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-


Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Ms. Irvine was born February 3, 1944, in Jasper to Quincy and Neva Irvine.

Survivors include her mother and stepfather, Neva and Ira J. Thomas of Houston; a sister, Terrie Thompson and husband Milton of Friendswood; two very special goddaughters, Alexis Shaw and Ola Oliver, both of Los Angeles, Calif.; three nieces, Dena Simmons of Borger, Diana Williams and husband Farley of Jacksonville, Fla., and LaShonda Thomas Pendleton of Irving; a nephew, Michael Thompson of Friendswood; two great-nieces, two great-nephews, one great-great-nephew, and many other relatives and close friends. Nettie was preceded in death by her father, Quincy Irvine; and a brother, Curtis Irvine.

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**Police Department**

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 24 hour period ending Tuesday, December 20 at 7 a.m.

Animal Control agents responded to nine animal related incidents.

Pampa EMS responded to three medical calls.

Pampa PD reported one traffic related incident.

**Monday, December 19** Fraud was reported.

A violation of a city ordinance occurred at the 500 block of North Davis. Endangerment of a child

or elderly person occurred at the 1000 block of North Mary Ellen.

Disorderly conduct was reported.

A suspicious person was reported at Starkweather and Harvester.

A suspicious person was reported at Browning and Cuyler.

Identity theft was reported.

A suspicious vehicle was reported at the 2200 block of North Zimmers.

A theft occurred at the 1400 block of North Hobart.

Suspicious persons were reported at the 600 block of West Worrell and the 200 block of West Cook.

A suspicious person was reported at the 1200 block of North Hamilton.

An assault occurred at the 1300 block of North Coffee.

A theft occurred at the 100 block of West 30th.

An accident occurred at Highway 152 and County Road 1.

An accident occurred at Highway 60.

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


An accident occurred at Highway 60.

An accident occurred at 19th and Hobart.

Disorderly conduct occurred at Starkweather and Tyng.

Domestic disturbances occurred at the 500 block of North Faulkner and the 300 block of North Perry.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 900 block of East Denver.



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## Sentence for gun traffickers

McALLEN (AP) — Three men have been sentenced to prison after being convicted of charges related to unlawful exportation of firearms to Mexico.

Chief U.S. District Judge Ricardo H. Hinojosa sentenced 40-year-old Oscar Bravo-Hernandez of Falcon Heights to seven years in prison. Thirty-four-year-old Luis Javier Lira Jr. and 35-year-old Jose Macedonio Castillo, both United States citizens living in Mexico, each received nearly four years followed by a two-year term of supervised release.

Bravo-Hernandez pleaded guilty to unlawful exportation of munitions. Lira and Castillo pleaded guilty to making false statements on federal firearms acquisition forms.

A news release states that agents of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives discovered that Lira and Castillo had purchased large numbers of firearms highly desired by Mexican cartels. Hernandez admitted traveling to Mexico to obtain orders.

## Six passed fake payroll checks

SILSBEE (AP) — Police say six people have been accused of passing about \$40,000 worth of fake payroll checks in Southeast Texas.

Silsbee police Chief Mark Davis said Tuesday that five suspects who remain in custody are from Honduras and are believed to be in the U.S. illegally. He says a suspect from Houston has posted bond. All have been charged with forgery.

Davis told The Associated Press that Friday was payday for a manufacturing firm in Silsbee. He says the fake checks were similar to those from a legitimate company that supplies temporary workers.

The suspects were captured late Saturday after allegedly returning, for a second day, to try to cash more fake checks at some of the same businesses.

Police in Port Arthur and immigration authorities are assisting with the investigation.

## Oklahoma killing arrest made

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Bethany police have announced an arrest in the death and dismemberment of a woman found stuffed in a duffel bag and say another woman was forced to watch the torture and killing of the victim.

Jimmy Lee Massey was arrested for the death of 19-year-old Carina Saunders. Her body was found Oct. 13.

Police Chief Phil Cole said at a Tuesday news conference in Bethany that Massey was already in the Oklahoma County Jail on drug charges.

Court documents do not list an attorney for Massey. Cole said the woman forced to watch the killing knew Massey and was being sent a message to cooperate with drug and prostitution rings.

Cole said Saunders also apparently knew Massey — but that there is no indication she was involved in criminal activity.

## Misbranded meats recalled

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — An Oklahoma City company is recalling 875 pounds of turkey filets that are mislabeled as center cut steaks.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service announced the recall Monday by Chef's Requested Foods Inc.

The product's label reads "Chef's Requested Center Cut Steak" and includes the establishment number "EST.5792."

The U.S.D.A. says in a Tuesday news release that the product was distributed to retail stores in Arizona, California, Maryland, Ohio and Texas. The mislabeling was discovered by a retailer who notified Chef's Requested Foods — which notified the U.S.D.A.

Both the company and the Food Safety and Inspection Service say no health problems have been reported.

## Man decapitated by rail car

HITCHCOCK (AP) — Galveston County authorities say a man has been found dead after apparently being decapitated by a railroad car.

An autopsy has been ordered on the body located Monday night along a rail line near Hitchcock. Some employees of Fort Worth-based BNSF Railway discovered the body.

Sheriff's Maj. Ray Tuttoilmondo (too-leh-MAHN'-doe) says no signs of foul play were initially found.

Officials say the Hispanic man, believed to be in his late teens or early 20s, had a pierced tongue and eyebrows.

# Gunfire heard before near Edinburg school

McALLEN (AP) — Authorities had previously responded to reports of gunfire around the South Texas middle school where two teen boys were shot last week on an outdoor basketball court, the school district's lawyer said Tuesday.

The local sheriff's office, constable and school district police responded to Harwell Middle School on the earlier occasion, but only confirmed that shots from afar had been heard, said Renee Rodriguez-Betancourt, attorney for the Edinburg Consolidated Independent School District.

"There were shots heard from afar," Rodriguez-Betancourt said. "There weren't shots at the school or anything of that matter." Reached while out of town, she said she did not recall the exact date of the earlier incident.

After the boys were shot Dec. 12, investigators questioned three men who were found on adjacent ranchland. Two were practicing target shooting and were in line with the students. A third was an illegal immigrant with an assault rifle who was trespassing.

Nicholas Tijerina, 13, was left with no movement in his legs after the bullet passed through a lung, his liver and a bone in his spine. The 14-year-old boy's identity has not been released, but he was reportedly stable. The boys were among about 50 kids trying out for the school's basketball team in a parking lot converted to a basketball court behind the school.

The McAllen Monitor first reported the earlier incident Tuesday.

On that occasion school administrators contacted the superintendent, who sent another administrator to investigate, Rodriguez-Betancourt said. The Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office was the first agency to respond, but the school district police and constable were also involved, she said.

"We spoke to the landowner, he assured us that he wasn't going to allow hunting and that the hunting that was previously done wasn't going to be done anymore and he wasn't going to allow it because of the school area being around there," Rodriguez-Betancourt said.

Sheriff Lupe Trevino said he would neither confirm nor deny the earlier incident. Generally, he said if his deputies respond to a school they defer to police unless it appears to be a major crime involving injuries or significant loss of property.

If something did occur "days and days" before the Dec. 12 shooting, it would not be part of their evidence so someone else would have to release it, he said.

School district Superintendent Rene Gutierrez did not immediately respond to messages left on his cell phone seeking comment. The school district police chief also did not immediately respond to a request seeking comment. The district offices are closed this week for the winter break.

School board President Carmen Gonzalez declined to comment, citing an open investigation. Investigators are awaiting the results of ballistic testing in hopes of matching one of the bullets fired to one of the rifles.

"We've identified the exact location where the shots came from," Trevino said. He had previously said investigators believed the target shooters were about 800 yards or nearly a half mile from the students, but Tuesday Trevino said their location was just short of a mile from the school.

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# Viewpoints

## Today in History

Today is Wednesday, Dec. 21, the 355th day of 2011. There are 10 days left in the year. Winter arrives

### Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 21, 1861, President Abraham Lincoln signed a congressional act authorizing the Navy Medal of Honor.

### On this date:

In 1620, Pilgrims aboard the Mayflower went ashore for the first time at present-day Plymouth, Mass.

In 1910, 344 coal miners were killed in Britain's Pretoria Pit Disaster.

In 1948, the state of Eire, or Ireland, passed an act declaring itself a republic.

In 1958, Charles de Gaulle was elected to a seven-year term as the first president of the Fifth Republic of France.

In 1976, the Liberian-registered tanker Argo Merchant broke apart near Nantucket Island, off Massachusetts, almost a week after running aground, spilling 7.5 million gallons of oil into the North Atlantic.

In 1988, 270 people were killed when a terrorist bomb exploded aboard a Pam Am Boeing 747 over Lockerbie, Scotland, sending wreckage crashing to the ground.

In 1991, eleven of the 12 former Soviet republics proclaimed the birth of the Commonwealth of Independent States and the death of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

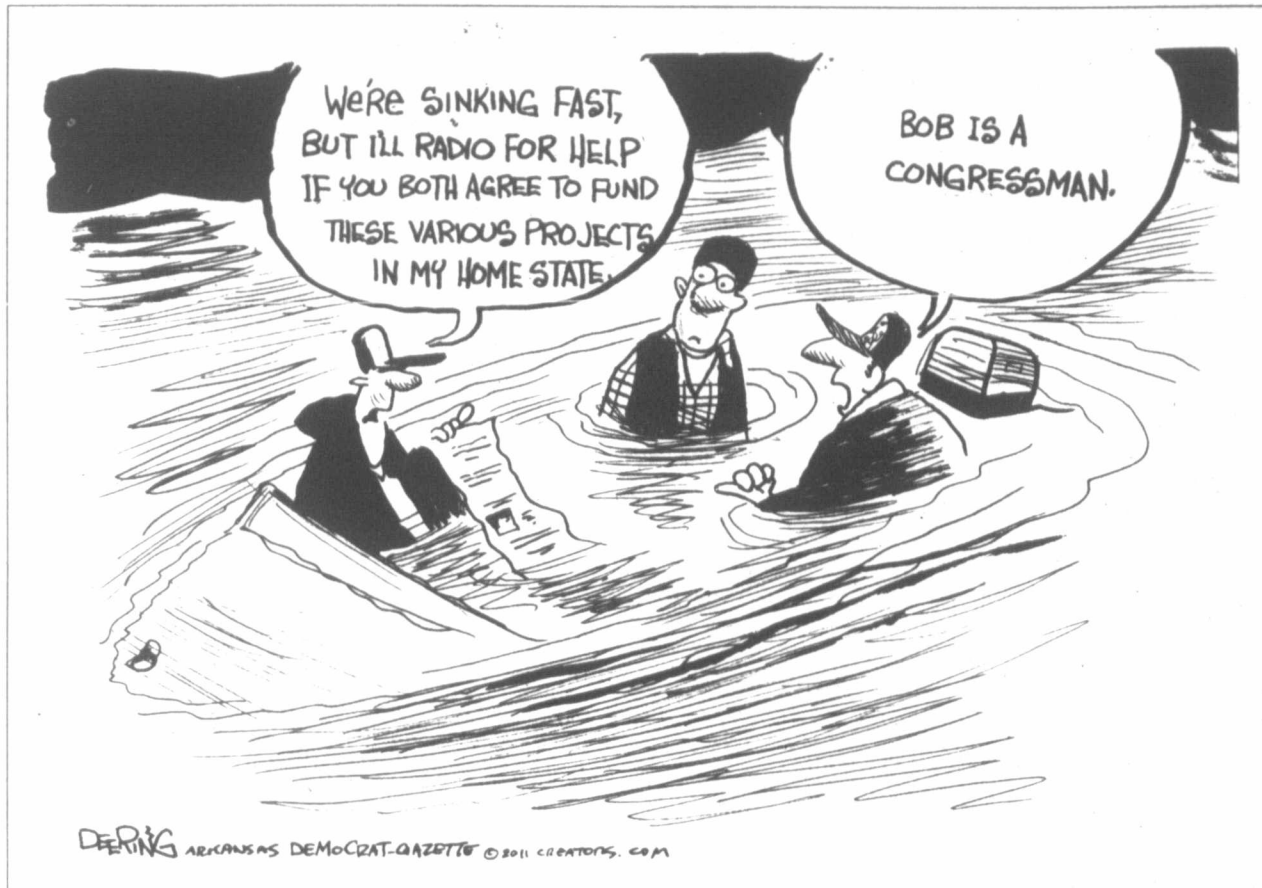
Ten years ago: President George W. Bush signed the Zimbabwe Democracy and Economic Recovery Act of 2001, which required the African nation to adopt land ownership protections in order to continue receiving U.S. aid.

Five years ago: At Camp Pendleton, Calif., four Marines were charged with murder in the killings of 24 Iraqi civilians in Haditha; four Marine officers were accused of failures in investigating and reporting the deaths. (Of the eight, six had charges dismissed, and one was acquitted of making false statements; Staff Sgt. Frank Wuterich, who had his unpremeditated murder charge reduced to voluntary manslaughter, has yet to stand trial.)

One year ago: The Census Bureau announced that the nation's population on April 1, 2010, was 308,745,538, up from 281.4 million a decade earlier.

Today's Birthdays: Country singer Freddie Hart is 85. Actor Ed Nelson is 83. Talk show host Phil Donahue is 76. Movie director John Avildsen is 76. Actress Jane Fonda is 74. Actor Larry Bryggman is 73. Singer Carla Thomas is 69. Musician Albert Lee is 68. Conductor Michael Tilson Thomas is 67. Actor Josh Mostel is 65. Actor Samuel L. Jackson is 63. Movie producer Jeffrey Katzenberg is 61. Singer Betty Wright is 58. Actress Jane Kaczmarek is 56. Country singer Lee Roy Parnell is 55. Actor-comedian Ray Romano is 54. Rock musician Murph (The Lemonheads; Dinosaur Jr.) is 47. Actor-comedian Andy Dick is 46. Rock musician Gabrielle Glaser is 46. Actor Kiefer Sutherland is 45. Actress Karri Turner is 45. Actress Khristyne Haje is 43. Actress Julie Delpy is 42. Actor Glenn Fitzgerald is 40. Rock singer Lukas Rossi (Rock Star Supernova) is 35. Country singer Luke Stricklin is 29.

Thought for Today: "It is not necessary to understand things in order to argue about them." - Pierre Augustin Caron de Beaumarchais, French author and dramatist (1732-1799)



## Merry Christmas, happy holidays and God bless

Right around now is when people start fretting over creches in the public square and arguing as to whether publicly funded Christmas symbols violate the establishment clause of the First Amendment. And right about now is also when certain Jewish groups begin insisting that the answer is to place a Hanukkah menorah right next to that creche, which leads atheists to complain about a plague on both their houses.

Years ago I was approached to bring one of these creche cases, and I politely declined. I'm not sure whether the creche violates the First Amendment or not, but to quote one of my favorite films, I really don't give a (dam). Not my issue.

There are plenty of First Amendment issues that make my blood boil, but this isn't one of them. If you want to have an official Christmas tree or menorah or whatever, mazel tov. Too many other things to worry about in this world than giving some of my conservative pals a chance to claim that my liberal friends are waging a war against Christmas.

But make no mistake: In my book, Christmas is a religious holiday. The



SUSAN ESTRICH

fact that I'm not willing to sue to keep the tree out of the public park doesn't mean that there will be one in my house. There won't be. It doesn't belong. I'm Jewish.

The essence of the First Amendment, in my book, is the freedom each of us has to pray or not to pray, to choose religion or no religion, to celebrate our holidays free from outside interference.

So all you Christmas Jews, I will fight to the end to defend your right to put up a tree and sing carols and the rest. But why? Why are you celebrating the birth of Jesus?

Need I point out that I don't know of any Christians who celebrate Hanukkah, much less the more important holy days of Yom Kippur and Rosh Hashanah. And while we're at it, ask any educated Jew, and they'll tell you that Hanukkah is a pretty minor holiday in our

calendar, and that elevating it to Christmas-like standing is only one step away from putting up that tree. It's a nice holiday, and I love jelly donuts (even if my single attempt to bake them failed), but it's not the Jewish Christmas. There is no Jewish Christmas. Christmas is a Christian holiday, based in Christian faith.

Some years ago, before ideology took over talk radio, I interviewed a rabbi about Christmas, and he made a point I'll never forget: If you want your grandchildren to be Jewish, you shouldn't be celebrating Christmas with your children. And in the years since, as I look around, there is great truth to what he said.

When my kids were younger, there were plenty of occasions in the schoolyard when I would ask Jewish parents what they were doing for "our" holidays, and they would look at me like I was slightly crazy and explain that they didn't celebrate the Jewish holidays because their children were "nothing." Nothing. These parents who worried about whether the apple juice had pesticides and whether

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# Worship

## CHURCH SPOTLIGHT

### Harvest, Redeemer to hold joint services for Christmas weekend

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Harvest Bible Church and Redeemer Pampa Church will join together for one service each on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

Harvest Bible Church pastor Brad Kidder said he is excited about the joint service.

"Jeremy (Buck) and I are good friends and like to think of our churches as friends," Kidder said. "It's an exciting thing to do it together."

Redeemer pastor Jeremy Buck said it will be a great opportunity to celebrate together.

"I feel like we can link arms and stand side by side," Buck said. "We get to see two churches speak highly of one another, love one another and be excited about what's going on."

The Christmas Eve service is 7 p.m. at Harvest Bible Church, and Christmas Day's service is 10:30 a.m. at Harvest Bible Church.

Buck said both pastors wrote a sermon series for December and will have the Christmas services tie into the series.

"We've been preaching the same series the first three weeks of December," Buck said. "It will all culminate with the Christmas Eve service that we will do together and the Christmas morning service together."

Kidder said he hopes by joining together it will help more people come.

"We got plenty of chairs," Kidder said. "It makes it easier that you aren't tying yourself to either one. You can come check it out."

Harvest Bible Church is located on the 300 block of W. Browning Avenue.

### First Baptist delivers food boxes to families in need

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First Baptist Church helped make several families' holidays brighter Sunday as it delivered boxes of food after morning worship.

FBC minister of education David Troublefield said church members nominated families adding everything went smoothly.

"The small team that led it did a great job," Troublefield said. "It took

quite a bit of planning. I got to deliver one of them and the family was very receptive and grateful."

This is the second year the church has done the ministry. This year the church gave away 33 boxes. Troublefield said the amount of food depended on the size of the family.

"Some received two or three," Troublefield said. "Others received five or six."

Troublefield said this event meets a need in the town and could go annual.

### Local Church Christmas Services

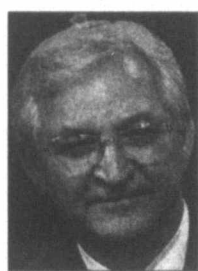
- Today**
- **Calvary Baptist Church** Advent and Candlelight service 6:30 p.m.
- Saturday**
- **First Presbyterian Church** 5 p.m. Family service and 11 p.m. Traditional candlelight service with lessons and carols.
  - **First Baptist Church** 6 p.m.
  - **Briarwood Full Gospel Church** communion service 6 p.m.
  - **First United Methodist Church** 6 p.m.
  - **Highland Baptist Church** 6 p.m.
  - **Cornerstone Baptist Church** 6:30 p.m.
  - **Harvest Bible Church and Redeemer Pampa** 7 p.m. at Harvest Bible Church
  - **Zion Lutheran Church** Candlelight and Vespers Service 7:30 p.m.

- Sunday**
- **First United Methodist Church** Sunday School 9:15 a.m., 10:30 a.m. service
  - **First Baptist Church** 10 a.m.
  - **Highland Baptist Church** 10:30 a.m.
  - **Harvest Bible Church and Redeemer Pampa** 10:30 a.m. at Harvest Bible Church.
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  - **First Presbyterian** 10:45 a.m.
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## GOD'S GOOD NEWS

### The most wonderful time of year

The sights and the sounds! The spirit and the splendor! The symphony of lights and sensations! It's Christmastime in our town! Christmas is not just a date on a calendar. It is not just an annual holiday. It's not a day to glorify materialism. Christmas is the celebration of the event that set Heaven to singing, a night in which the stars shone with a new brilliance.



DAVID BOULER

triumphant Christ! The scene at Bethlehem's stable must have been electric! Here where travelers' animals were kept, eternity stepped into time. Christmas tells us that at a specific time and at a specific place a specific person was born. That wonderful person as described in an early church creed, "God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God — the Lord Jesus Christ." Heaven has come to our rescue and God has not left us alone to stumble through life's pathway. We have a Savior, a Guide, a Helper, Immanuel, God is with us.

May your life be filled with wonderful and glorious hope because of who came in that first Christmas. This is what Christmas is about — the most wonderful time of year! Invite Jesus Christ into your life, your family, your events of these wonderful days. Merry Christmas to all!

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## Porcelain breakfast set is pretty in pink

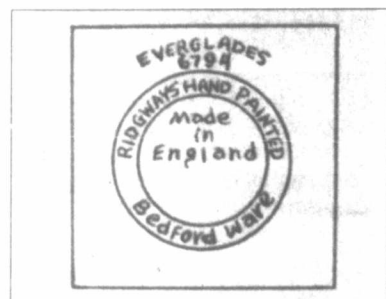
Q: I have enclosed a photo of my beautiful pink porcelain breakfast set. There are 14 pieces. Each is marked "Victoria Czecho-Slovakia." They are in very good condition, with the exception of the missing sugar bowl.

If you have any information about my set and its value, I would appreciate hearing from you.

A: Victoria Porcelain Factory made your breakfast set. They produced porcelain and earthenware in Bohemia, from 1883 to 1945. Czechoslovakia existed from 1918 to 1992. It is now the Czech Republic and the Slovak Republic. The covered dish is used for serving pancakes; the covered pitchers are for syrup or milk.

Your breakfast set was made in the early 1900s and would probably be worth \$175 to \$225.

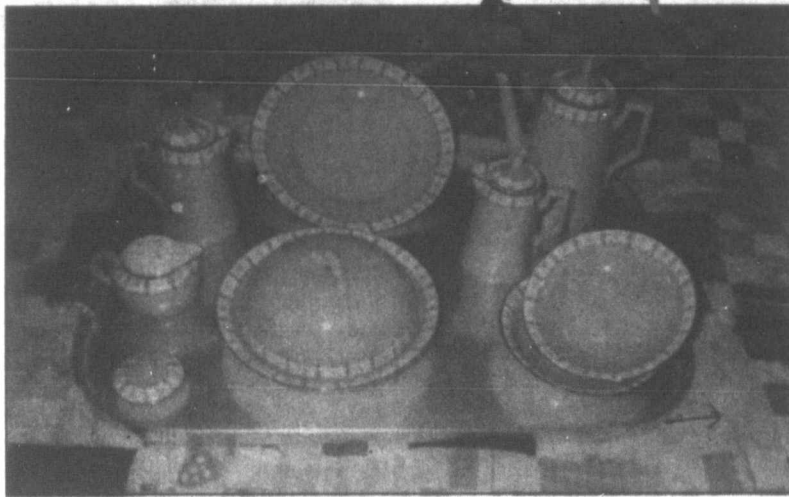
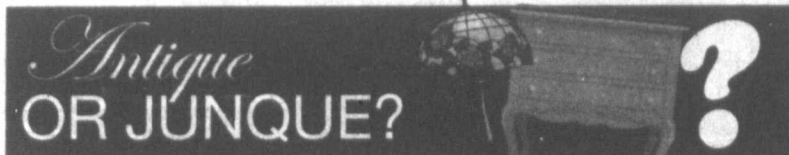
Q: This mark is on the back of 6



Ridgway was located in Staffordshire, England.

dinner plates that I inherited from my aunt. I have always admired them, and she gave them to me when she moved into a retirement home. Each plate, on the borders and in the centers, is decorated with hand-painted red, blue, green and yellow flowers. The background is off-white.

What can you tell me about my heirlooms?



This breakfast set was made by Victoria Porcelain Factory in what used to be Czechoslovakia.

A: Ridgway has made earthenware and semi-porcelain in England since 1879. Bedford Ware was produced at their Bedford, Staffordshire, factory. "Everglades" is the pattern name and "6794" is the design number.

Your plates were made around 1928, and similar plates are selling in the range of \$20 to \$40 each on the Internet.

Q: We recently purchased an old lithograph in a dilapidated frame. Overall, it measures about 13 inches by 28 inches. Even though there is some staining from the wood backing and also a little damage along the edges, we liked the colors and bought it. There is a caption that says, "Good Morning" and a copyright mark in the lower left corner that reads "Copyright 1881 Woolson Spice Co., Toledo, Ohio."

I researched online for informa-

tion on our lithograph, and I found the company sold roasted ground coffee and made advertising cards. How do we repair the small tears and preserve the paper, which is very brittle? Also, what is it worth?

A: You have an advertising chromolithograph that was given away with purchases. Some tears are beyond repair. A good framer experienced with fragile paper could reframe your lithograph to prevent further damage.

Considering the poor condition, your lithograph would probably be worth \$50 to \$100.

Address your questions to Anne McCollam, P. O. Box 247, Notre Dame, IN 46556. Items of a general interest will be answered in this column. Due to the volume of inquiries, she cannot answer individual letters.

## Oklahoma panel OKs \$6.5B budget for '12

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — State leaders expressed cautious optimism Tuesday about Oklahoma's recovery from the recession, as they certified preliminary revenue figures that show lawmakers will have an estimated \$6.5 billion to spend on next year's budget.

The amount certified by the Board of Equalization is roughly the same amount that the Legislature spent last year, although a shortfall of approximately \$150 million is predicted for the upcoming fiscal year because of the loss of one-time revenue.

"We're very encouraged that our economy is growing. It's moving in the right direction," said Gov. Mary Fallin, who chairs the seven-member board. "But we also know that with one-time funds that will not be available that we've had the previous couple of years ... we still need to be optimistically cautious about the amount of money that we will have."

Fallin will use the \$6.5 billion figure to craft her executive budget proposal that lawmakers typically use as a starting point for budget negotiations. During the December board meeting in 2010, lawmakers approved a \$6.1 billion preliminary budget estimate.

The final certified amount that the Legislature will appropriate will be determined in February.

The board on Tuesday also freed up \$6 million from a higher education reserve fund to help shore up next year's budget. The panel approved \$63 million in funding for the Oklahoma Higher Learning Access Program scholarship, also known as Oklahoma's Promise, but directed that \$6 million of that funding come from the scholarship program's cash reserve fund. That move freed up an additional \$6 million in certified general revenue funds.

"I think it's important that state leaders and my office and the Office of State Finance look at all of our reserve funds, our cash funds, to see if there are pockets of money that we're not aware of that can be used to help in balancing our budget," Fallin said.

State revenue has been boosted by revenue collections from virtually every tax category exceeding official estimates prepared by the Oklahoma Tax Commission. Collections from personal and corporate income taxes, sales taxes, and gross production taxes on oil all have exceeded the estimates so far this fiscal year. Only collections from the gross production tax on natural gas, which fell nearly 20 percent below the estimate, was less than the projected amount.

Leaders in the GOP-controlled House and Senate have been warning for weeks that despite consistent positive revenue reports, state agencies should prepare for a relatively flat budget next year because of the loss of one-time revenue like federal stimulus funds, cash reserve money and funds from a transportation bond issue that were used to shore up last year's \$500 million shortfall.

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there was too much smog on hot days worried not at all about the spiritual nourishment that is as important as the quality of the apple juice. When it came time for Christmas, these same parents would tell me about their elaborate plans for celebrating a holiday that, as they would explain to me, meant "nothing" religiously.

Kids who grow up as nothing lose something that is very important. That something matters more than feeling left out when Santa skips your house. It defines us in critical ways, gives us comfort in difficult times, gives us faith when that is all there is.

For many years, I used to meet my mother every Christmas, and we would go see a movie and then eat Chinese. In the years since she passed away, I remember those Christmas Days with special fondness, days when my mother and I celebrated who we were, the ties that bound us. It matters.

So this year, I'll be celebrating with my kids -- and egg foo yung.

Merry Christmas. Happy Holidays. God bless.

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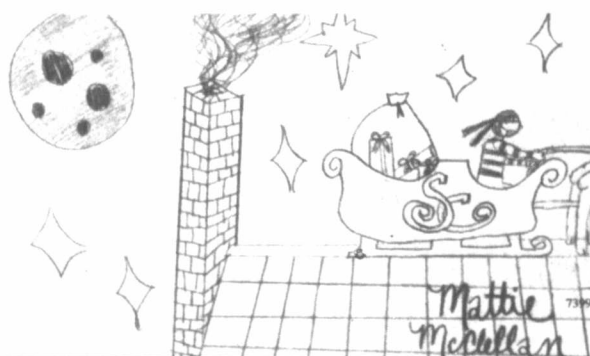
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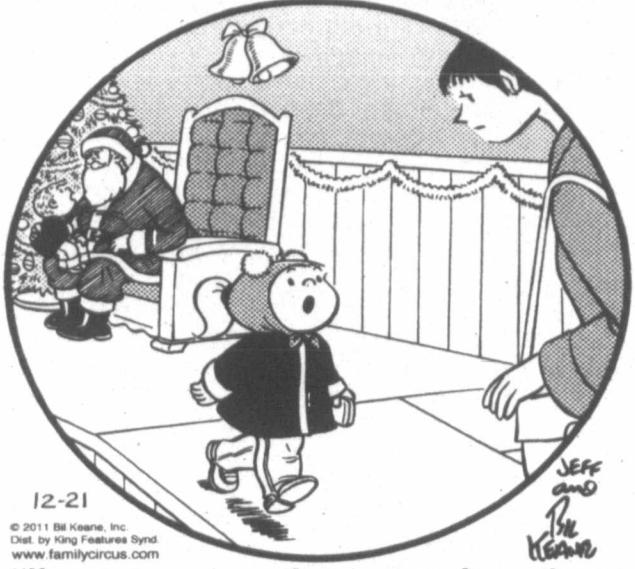
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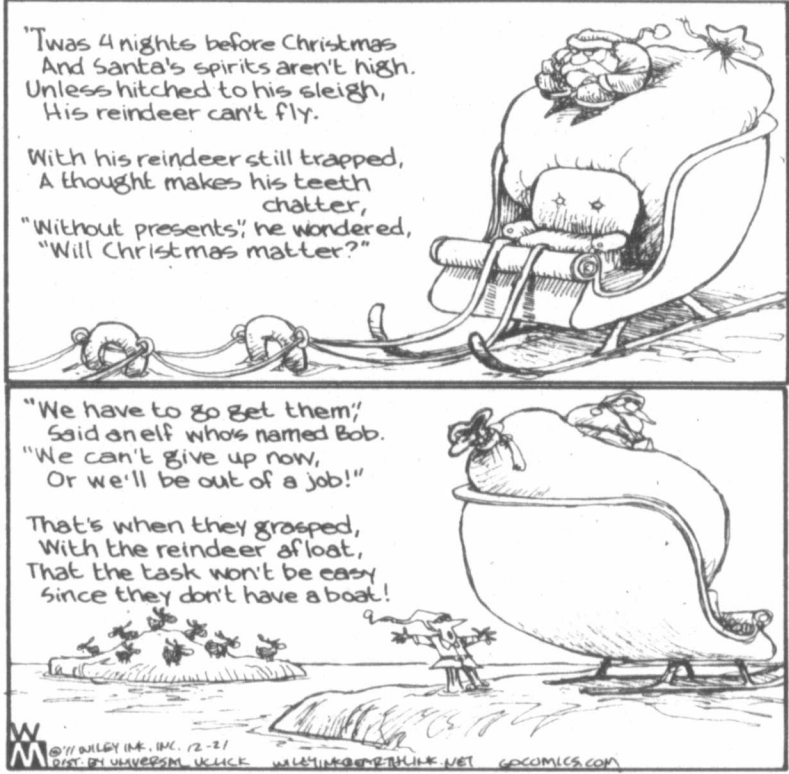
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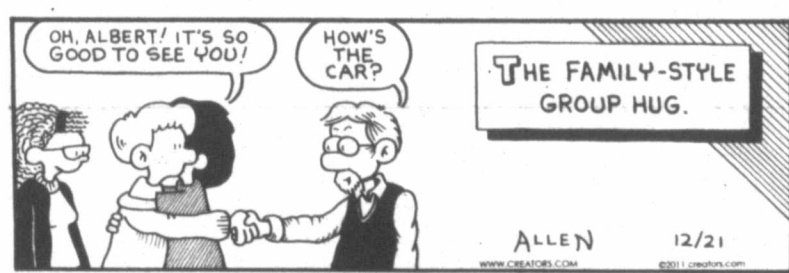


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"I'm not so sure he remembered me. He just kept calling me 'sweetheart.'"

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Nest Heads



## daily horoscope

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Wednesday, Dec. 21, 2011

This year you will respond to many different and possibly conflicting drives within you. You will want to be wise with money, yet carefree and a risk-taker. Emotionally you could be secretive, yet at other times you are everyone's best friend, sharing your multifaceted personality. If you are single, a love relationship evolves through a friendship, if you are open. If you are attached, the two of you braid together the many dimensions of your bond. You accept rather than judge each other. **SCORPIO** can be loyal but secretive.

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)**  
★★★★ Your sense of direction and high energy encourage completion, though you might be tempted by an offer or a new project. You cannot cap your enthusiasm for this venture. Know what works for you. Understand what might be happening. Tonight: Others bend to your ideas.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**  
★★★★ Defer to others, and you'll find that you have less to do and will foster good will. Ask yourself why you need to be so in control, and try giving up that role. Focus on your creativity with a child or project. You will only add to the moment. Tonight: Your imagination takes the lead.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**  
★★★ Make an effort to clear out key projects. Follow through on what is needed, opening up some free time. Your high energy could be disruptive with a family member or a personal situation. Make sure you squeeze in a stress-buster. Tonight: Happy at home.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**  
★★★★ You might want to see a situation differently or work with it. Your ability to move a project forward allows flexibility, not only for you, but also for others. A close friend could be emotionally fried, adding more of a problem. Tonight: Let your imagination flow into plans.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**  
★★★★ Listen to feedback. Nothing replaces the opinions and thoughts of others. Still, you might not be ready to absorb everything that is said. Visit with family, if possible, and stay close to home. Others seem to just appear. Tonight: At your place

... wrapping or unwrapping.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**  
★★★★ Your unusual drive marks this holiday season. A child or loved one wants to participate and help organize. The phones ring. You return calls. You have your hands full with many people seeking you out, on top of what you already have to do. Tonight: Smile away.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**  
★★★★ You could be taken aback by your own unanticipated actions and/or feelings. Some issues need to be discussed and not shoved under the carpet, as you can see. Investigate what is going on around you, but be accountable for what is happening. Tonight: Treat time.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**  
★★★★ Continue as planned, but allow for spontaneity. Your choices will naturally be the correct ones, if you don't lose sight of your long-term goals. Others need more of you. Be aware of your limits and, once more, remember your priorities. Tonight: Catch up on a friend's news.

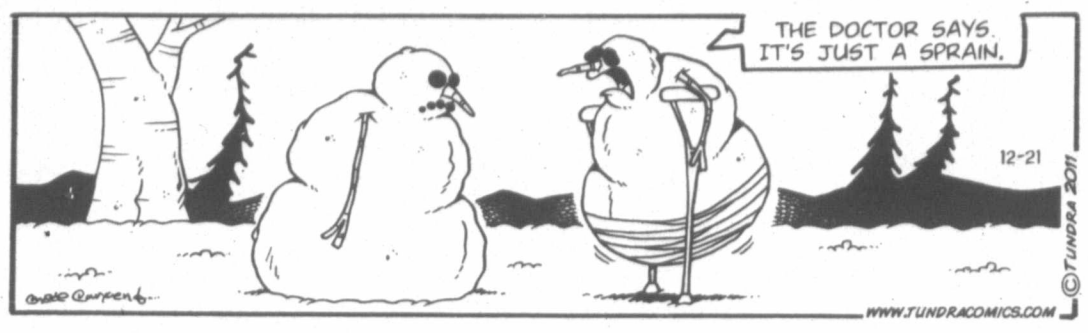
**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**  
★★★ Listen to the drumbeats, making sure everything is going fine. Don't push too hard to achieve certain goals. Slow down and catch your breath. You don't want to be too exhausted when the weekend rolls in, do you? Tonight: Try for an early bedtime.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**  
★★★★ Zero in on what you want, when you want. A meeting — even a business meeting — could turn into a fun get-together. Don't limit yourself by keeping to your schedule. Know when to deviate from the pace. Tonight: The more people around you, the better.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**  
★★★★ Visualize, and you are likely to create just that. Others tap into your imagination for suggestions. Try to slow the pace, as you are carrying an enormous amount of responsibility. A close friend or loved one will pitch in. Tonight: Know when to call it a night.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**  
★★★★ Some of you might be traveling; others have loved ones from a distance coming in. You are on a hectic pace, one that you cannot stop — or so you think. Take the time to relax and enjoy the moment, even if it means canceling a plan or two. Tonight: Isn't that better?

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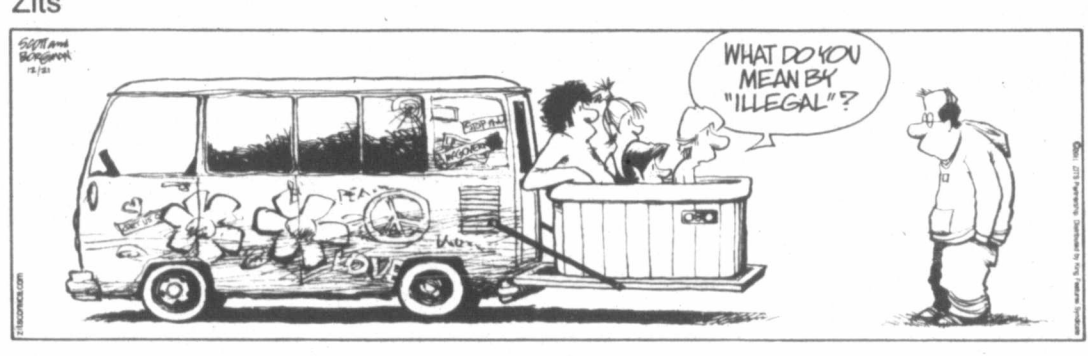
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# I-40 reopened, but weather closes many thoroughfares

AMARILLO, Texas (AP) — Travelers in the Texas Panhandle were urged to stay off ice-packed roads Tuesday after up to 10 inches of snow covered parts of the region.

Several major thoroughfares were closed after the storm clipped the far northwest part of the state the day before the official start of winter. Numerous wrecks were reported, some with injuries, as vehicles slid off roads. No fatalities were immediately reported, according to the Texas Department of Public Safety.

"Do not go to the Panhandle," DPS Trooper Lonny Haschel said. "We're really discouraging people from traveling, especially west of Amarillo right now."

About 15 miles of Interstate 40, the main east-west road through the Panhandle, reopened Tuesday west of Amarillo to the New Mexico line. However,

authorities said they still preferred that travelers remain home and not venture out onto the ice-packed roads. Segments of other highways, including U.S. 385 into Dalhart and U.S. 87 north and west of Amarillo, remained shut down.

"We need roadways clear so crews can get in and take care of this snow and ice," Haschel said.

The National Weather Service had a blizzard warning and winter weather advisory in effect until midday Tuesday for the Amarillo area.

Amarillo was spared the brunt of the storm, receiving only 1 to 3 inches of snow Monday night. But road closures prompted the Amarillo Globe-News to announce on its Web site that it would not be able to deliver newspapers to several area towns. About 1,500 homes in the Amarillo area were reported to be without power early Tuesday. Public schools in the

city remained open.

The Dalhart Independent School District called off classes Tuesday after the area received up to 7 inches of snow. The National Weather Service says flurries were still falling Tuesday in Dalhart, located 30 miles south of the Oklahoma state line.

Forecaster Todd Beal told The Associated Press that 10 inches of snow had fallen since Monday outside Texline, near the border with New Mexico.

"The northwest part of the Texas Panhandle got hit pretty hard," Beal said, adding that the storm was moving east Tuesday and the worst was over.

Haschel said officials are more prepared for snow and wintry weather in the Panhandle than elsewhere in Texas and "we have the equipment and personnel we need" to deal with it.

## Five killed in Texas plane crash

AUSTIN (AP) — A single-engine plane crashed amid a rainstorm in central Texas, killing the pilot, his wife and two children from Georgia, as well as his brother who lived in Texas, officials said Tuesday.

The Piper Saratoga aircraft crashed just before 10 p.m. Monday in a farming and ranching community in northeast Brazos County, said Tom Vinger, a spokesman for the Texas Department of Public Safety.

The flight originated in Atlanta, stopped in Jackson, Miss., and was headed for Waco, Texas, when it crashed in a field north of Bryan and College Station. A resident called 911 to report the crash.

Vinger identified the victims as 33-year-old Michael D. Butler; his 34-year-old wife Kelly; their 14-year-old daughter Brooke; and son Braden, age 2. The family was from Stockbridge, Georgia, south of Atlanta.

Also killed was the pilot's brother, David S. Butler, 37, of Mount Calm, Texas, a community outside Waco.

The plane had yet to begin its descent, and storms with rain and lightning were moving through the area when the crash occurred. Vinger said it was not clear if the weather played any role, and that authorities hadn't determined the cause of the crash.

Heavy snow fell Monday in parts of northwest Texas, though the crash occurred hundreds of miles south and east

of the areas of the state that suffered the most severe weather.

Investigators from the Federal Aviation Administration and the National Transportation Safety Board were at the crash scene Tuesday and flew over the area in a helicopter, following a similar flight plan to the aircraft that crashed.

"From there, you can see a whole lot more than you can see from down here," said Department of Public Safety Cpl. Jimmy Morgan, who was also at the scene. "Maybe you can see something we don't."

A final determination on what caused the crash isn't expected for up to a year.

Brazos County Police Sgt. Charles Booker arrived on the scene within an hour of the crash and said Brooke Butler, 14, was ejected from the plane and thrown 50 feet.

One of the plane's wings broke away from the rest of the aircraft and came to rest more than 300 yards from the main crash area, he said. The plane smashed into a series of treetops as it sped toward the ground and left a radius of debris spreading outward more than 2 miles.

The owner of the land where the plane crashed told Booker a light rain had begun to fall in the area just prior to the crash, and it kept raining as Booker began investigating the scene.

Eventually it intensified into "a pretty good little downpour," Booker said.

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## Chamber

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Guymon of Pampa's Underwood Law Firm, hosted its first event in the summer, the Top O' Texas Barbecue Cookoff that accompanied the Boomtown Block Party and Business Expo in July. Weaver said that he is excited to see the direction the Young Professionals are headed.

"We got it fired up this year," Weaver said. "It's been moderately successful. We are looking for that to expand and grow."

Still, the Chamber is already identifying ways to improve its 2012 outlook. For example, Weaversaid the two banquets were good but the summer activities had a down year in terms of turnout.

"I think it was because of the heat," Weaver said. "We are going to be looking at what we can do to improve those events."

Weaver expressed confidence about the makeup of the board going into the new year. Specifically, he spoke highly of the youth present among the board's roster, which includes vice chairman David Hall of Clarendon College Pampa Center, Accolade Home Care's Lindsey Been and Mac Smith, who is currently campaigning for a seat on the Texas State House.

The director said the Chamber is looking to change next year's monthly Chamber luncheons to be more educational.

"We had a good turnout

at the counterfeit money forum (this month)," Weaver said. "We started

the lunch-and-learn (program) and hope to do more of those next year."

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## Recycling

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## Pampa junior Powell starting after recovery from broken collarbone



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Junior Tyler Powell jumps between two Boys Ranch defenders in the River Road Tournament. Powell earned a spot in the Harvesters' starting lineup.

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Pampa High School junior Tyler Powell looked to be in for a big 2011-2012 athletic year as he was set to be starting at wide receiver and defensive back. In an August 20 scrimmage against Palo Duro, though, it all changed.

"It happened so fast," Powell said. "I ran a little too far outside and when I went down I heard a crack."

Powell knew what that unfortu-

nate sound meant. The junior broke his right collarbone and ended up watching the 2011 football season from the sideline.

Three months later, Powell is going against other teams' big men, as he is starting at forward for the basketball team.

Powell said it was hard not getting to play football this season.

"Football is my favorite sport," Powell said. "It was definitely tough especially against Borger not getting to play. I'll be back next year."

Powell said he was still in pain at the beginning of his recovery.

"The first few days were rough being on medicine," Powell said. "After the first few days, I started to feel less pain."

Powell was in a sling for three months and spent two months in physical therapy.

Just after basketball started, Powell finally got the news he wanted to hear — he was released to play basketball.

Powell said playing has felt great. **POWELL** cont. on page 2B

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# Sports

## A&M ignoring distractions from changes

COLLEGE STATION, (AP) — A lot has changed for Texas A&M since its last game against Texas on Thanksgiving.

Mike Sherman was fired and replaced by Kevin Sumlin, but he won't coach the Aggies against Northwestern in the Meineke Car Care Bowl on Dec. 31. They'll be led by interim coach Tim DeRuyter, who must help the Aggies prepare for the game before he leaves to become Fresno State's coach.

"There are a lot of distractions, but we're just going to put that to the side," DeRuyter said.

DeRuyter, who was A&M's defensive coordinator before becoming the interim coach, said he worried about how the team would respond after all the upheaval. But so far his fears have been unfounded.

"A lot of crazy stuff has happened around us right now, but we've done a good job of keeping it together," safety Trent Hunter said.

Part of the motivation for players who will return next season could stem from the fact that Sumlin has been watching most of their practices.

"I said: 'Guys, this is your chance to impress him,'" DeRuyter said. "Our guys have embraced that. Having coach Sumlin out at practice has been kind of neat for guys to be able to show him what they can do."

Sumlin, the former Houston coach, has taken over recruiting duties for the Aggies, but has not been involved in bowl preparations. He mostly stays out of the way at practice, occasionally asking about different players.

"We answer questions as we can," DeRuyter said. "He's been good as far as not being high-maintenance. I hope he's been enjoying things."

DeRuyter hasn't had much free time since being hired on Dec. 14 to replace the fired Pat Hill at Fresno State. He has felt torn while handling his duties at A&M and at his new gig. He said he often works 19-hour days to get everything done.

"It's really different," he said. "I'm not sure I was really smart about what I wanted to bite off here. I'm attacking both of them. I'm trying to do right by our players here, which is the most important thing."

I made a commitment to stay here and do that, but at the same time at night I'm trying to put a staff together and do some recruiting. It makes for a full day."

Senior quarterback Ryan Tannehill said the team has practiced well and that the Aggies are intent on getting their first bowl win since 2001. He's kept in touch with Sherman and the former coach has given him some advice.

"He said: 'Win this game and pull your teammates together and go out and play hard,'" Tannehill said. "He wants us to just continue on doing the things he's taught us throughout his time here. I think we can honor him that way."

They'll get a chance to do it in what is basically a home game in the Houston Texans' Reliant Stadium, little more than 100 miles from College Station. It was in Houston that the Aggies got their last bowl win, a 28-9 victory over TCU in the same bowl when it was called the Galleryfurniture.com bowl and played in the Astrodome.

Texas A&M entered the season with a top-10 ranking and 18 returning starters, but several close losses

doomed the team to a disappointing 6-6 season. Sherman was fired soon after the loss to Texas left his record in four years at 25-25.

"What happened is something that nobody envisioned to start the year," DeRuyter said. "It's a matter of talking to our guys all the time about controlling the things they can control. I say: 'Let's go out and be that team we thought we should have been all year long and have fun.'"

They Aggies have lost five consecutive bowl games, capped by last season's 41-24 loss to LSU in the Cotton Bowl.

They could get a boost against Northwestern with the expected return of running back Cyrus Gray. Gray missed Texas A&M's game against Texas with a stress fracture in his left shoulder. The senior ran for 1,045 yards this season for his second straight year with at least 1,000 yards rushing.

"That's huge," Tannehill said of getting Gray back. "Everyone knows what Cyrus can do. He's a great player for us both on the field and as a leader off the field as well."

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## Powell

"(My collarbone) feels brand new like it did before," Powell said. "I can feel it in the cold because it's a titanium plate."

Head coach Dustin Miller said Powell defi-

nately earned his spot and has fit into his role.

"He worked really hard," Miller said. "He is exactly what we needed in that fifth person. Someone to do all the dirty work and is not con-

cerned with how many points he scores."

Powell said he is glad he is back in action.

"It was a painful process," Powell said. "I'm glad it wasn't worse than it was. I still get to play

basketball and finish the year with baseball."

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## Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 25-year-old guy with a unique problem. My father has been dating a woman since I was 16 who has a daughter my age named "Emma." Over the years Emma and I became good friends — then more than that. We hooked up a few times. About a year ago, I told her I had developed feelings for her, which drove her off pretty fast. We haven't talked since. She now lives in another state with her boyfriend, and I'm happy for her.

With the holidays here, Dad expects me to go to all of the events and get-togethers. I made up excuses last year to avoid them, but don't think I can do that again. I want to escape the awkward interaction with Emma and her boyfriend because I still have feelings for her. I don't want to disappoint Dad, but I don't know how to handle this. Help, please. — RUNNING FROM THE HOLIDAYS

DEAR RUNNING: You don't have to attend "all" the events and get-togethers, but you should attend a few. When you do, consider bringing a friend with you and minimizing the contact you have with Emma and her boyfriend. Observe the social amenities, keep the

conversation brief and casual, and concentrate on the rest of the family.

While the initial contact may be painful, this is no different than any other romance that didn't work out. The awkwardness will pass if you concentrate on something else.

DEAR ABBY: I have been living with my daughter and her family for two years because I lost my job. I don't pay rent, but help out with the utilities and buy my own groceries. I also baby-sit for them several days a week. The only money I have is an inheritance my father left me to live on, and it is dissipating quickly.

I have met a man and have fallen in love with him. I plan to move in with him soon. The problem is my daughter and son-in-law owe me money. They promised it would be repaid, but when I ask when, they give me the run-around. (They always have money for tattoos, movies and concerts, though.) They also expect me to baby-sit for them on weekends, but that's the only time I can see my boyfriend.

How do I tell them I want to live my own life? I want to be free and not have to worry about them needing

me to baby-sit and making me feel guilty about it. I'm afraid they'll say that because I lived with them, they no longer owe me the money. I don't know how to tell them without it turning ugly. Any suggestions would be appreciated. — FRUSTRATED IN K.C., MO.

DEAR FRUSTRATED: I presume your daughter and son-in-law have met your boyfriend? Announce the good news that you will be living with him; it shouldn't be shocking. Ask again for the money that they owe you. Be pleasant, but firm, and don't let it escalate into an argument. If they say they don't have it, ask them to sign (and date) a note promising to repay it at a later date. That will be your proof that a loan was extended. If they refuse, with no proof that you loaned them money, you won't have leverage to force them to pay up.

As for the baby-sitting, do it when it's convenient for you. If they want their "freedom" on some weekends, let them pay you instead of a sitter and work off part of their obligation that way. But insist on cash.

## CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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# Letters to Santa

From: The kids of Travis Elementary

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NORTH MOLE  
2011

I want a dog.  
Moses, age 5

I want an easy bake oven.  
Joelee, age 6

I want an army man.  
Corbin, age 6

I want a HelloKitty Pet.  
Katie, age 6

I want a cat.  
Catalina, age 6

I want a Kitten.  
Saige, age 5

I want a DS.  
Caleb, age 5

I want a snow board.  
Kade, age 5

I want an xbox 360.  
Alex, age 5

I want an Ipad.  
Rylee, age 5

I want an xbox.  
Ezeauiel, age 6

I want an xbox 360.  
Angelo

I want a lot of things for cristmas. And yes i've been really good to. Befor i get on with this how have you been this year. I wan't shoe's, clothes, Ipad, puppy. north face jacit, amircan doll, mackup kit, bed set, candy, money, magic kit a gun, basket ball, cheetah blanket  
Taiten, age 8

How long have you been working as santa? How many elves do you have? Roudolfs My favirite raindeer because he has a shiney nose.  
Madi StLouis, age 9

I hope you like your christmas. Thank you for giving me all those wonderful toys. Can I ask you some questions. What do you do for Christmas? What do you do for fun? Does every rain deer get to ride on the slay each year? What is your favorite thing about christmas. I hope you like this note.  
Madysen Monroe, age 8

I will to have a toy puppy for real because I like puppy.  
Hope Doyle, age 8

What I want for christmas is a doll hous, DQblizzard mker, snow cone machen a real babby puppy and I have ben good this year  
Jaci, age 8

I want an Ipad, a Computer, Barbies, and a Picture of you and Mrs. Clause and you're raindeer and a Rodolfe picture, DS games, Wii games  
Ashtyn, age 8

I have ben very gud latel I hop you have a gud weeyr I hop that all th boys and girls get that tos pless  
Jaya, age 7

I want sord.  
Tanner Wade, age 7

I want a lapJop and a phone and a comp and a molor mix Doll and a Uese Bake.  
Hannah Phelps

I have been very good can you bring me a skateboard and a Happy napper and a wild crats suit with dhis and a tpy puppy.  
Jett, age 6

I have not bine prfikt bt I have bin good. have you bin good. Jesus have you bin good I want a Momster boy high.  
Kaden, age 6

Pleaes Bring me a I-pod and a phone. and a laptop and a momster the High Collectio  
Trystan, age 7

I have been good this year but I wuld like to have a Nintendo DS and a Barbie. Thank you,  
Lesli, age 6

I love December becoue it is God birthday I wont to git Ms. caison ipad. I wont a big shtrobary. I wont a big banana. I wont a big orange.  
Ariel, age 7

I have bin good this I wot to have a xbox-3-60. And a ply station 3.  
Devon, age 7

Pleez get me a roebot. a play stian-3 Ps loveand pleesabone for my dog  
Anthony, age 7

I have amost awas bin good. I wood love a rile sord. And a rile gun. I love you santa. And a rile shilde.  
Drake

Can you get my a x-box 360 thank you i nevr ben on redBlack to  
Jaxtyn, age 7

I would nah Ipod tough and ToT dog.  
Autumn, age 7

I have been good can you bring me Just dance three.  
Jade

can you bring me sam hihills that have hill on the back the colers is purple. I had been good.  
Jaquelin, age 6

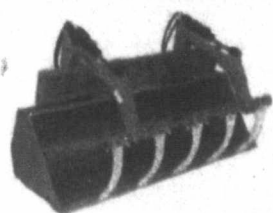
I'm been go this yeer. Can you breen me a Amandan doll. That looke like me.  
Isabella, age 7

I wold lik for you to brig me dresser and a lab top. And a fon And Cit puppy dog.  
Mynadra, age 7

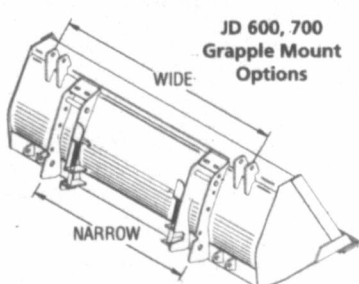
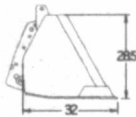


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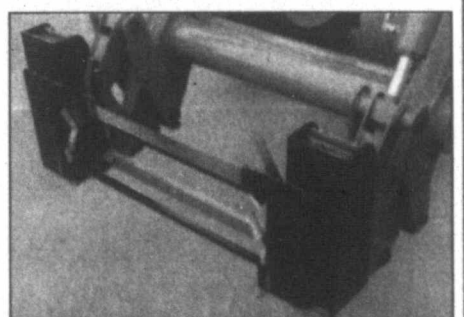


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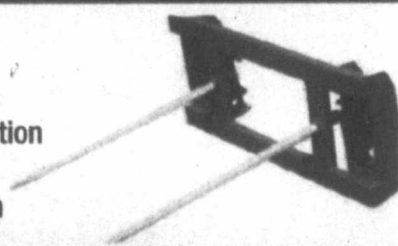


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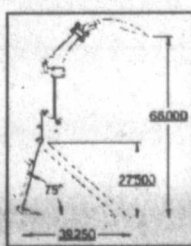
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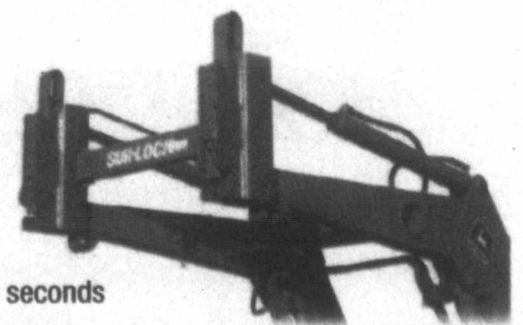
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Do you no what I want for christmas can I plies get a doll named Blair.  
Danielle

I have been a good boy this year becaza I been wating a psp and a xbox.  
Christian, age 7

I wont two gams that are coud colof dote and halow last a tome gun that shos bebes. the gams I wus toing u bawt the gams are for xbox  
Chase, age 8

I want a DS I want game and a to by the i pad and a home before crismis new car for my mom I want a DS I want a gan.  
Brody, age 6

I wota mptrtrae. I wot a snt. I wot tesber I wot cat I wot a catt we I wot boretone Loore  
Amiyah, age 7

I wut a camkorder and I wut to slurat god brth-day. thin I wut a se set of Brdedols.  
Kendall, age 6

I want to hav a toy ce theats ild and a rpla his an cram and a spliuglasis  
Tyler, age 6

wnet i woud like to have a fake shield and a fake sord oh and bubl bee  
Johann, age 7

I wunt a four wheeler. Becausa it is fun to play with it.  
Dan, age 6

I would a psp. I waw a gudd ocobe I woulda I pod tough. and a DS. and awe  
Benny, age 7

I want a shorkutadebote and a Nrfeuns.  
Hunter, age 7

I want a psp and a four wheeler a lpod touch a hotwheels Wl.  
Marco, age 7

I want a wii that is blue. with blue marthal.  
Saben Luca, age 6

I want a air plane and I have win good. I even thank if I can get a presint will I get a Presint.  
Jacob, age 6

I want a Game for my dsi and a xbox 360 cunekt. I want a Game for xbox 360 cunekt.  
Jose, age 6

how are you? how are you'r riander I would like a Monster high girl!  
Sarah, age 7

May I ask how has you year been? I just wot

too no?  
Dana, age 6

I would like to have puppy for Christmas?  
Valeri, age 7

how are you? how are your riander? I've ben a good girl. I would  
Veronica, age 7

I want a new D.S.I. and 1 charjjer America doll. and a charjjer to.  
Laray Taylor, age 7

I want a psp and a Ex box 360 and puppy  
Ever, age 6

for Christmas I want stone cold I would like a black spidre  
Aaron, age 6

Can you please get these toy for me can you bring me a loopse and a Monster high girl and a pot to  
Celeste, age 7

I want a toy dog And a beutpls  
Jace, age 7

I have ben a verey good girl this year so if you would I would like ering set a baby potl and have a good year.  
Jordyn, age 7

please can I get a camru and a giant spider with ginchl and a robot zobe with a ginchl zobe dog with a ginchl  
Kaylee, age 6

I trie to be a good girl tha year  
Serenity, age 8

I have been good this Year. I want a rmot cuntrol spider and a wishol Also a fidgit. Have a good ride.  
Yena, age 6

I want a rel live puppy for christmas. And I want a mnrhiy girl. and I wanta now drass with purple hihlss and a pink cron.  
Kate, age 6

I want a cat and a giant rmot ctrl spidre as obe theta has a motreol sodea dog theat naza mole cuta.  
Aaron, age 6

Please can you gev me an xbox and Dans Cencheroll 2 and a baby pupy.  
Ayana, age 6

I want a elecree scooder. I want a laptop. I want a puppy  
Zariah, age 7

Ive trid to be a good sport.  
Gabriel, age 7

I tried to be a good oy this year I want a shark attack ship.  
Pocer, age 6

how are you I 6 in a pritee good girl year I would like a veeeyou  
Cari

I want a wah with Invisivall mode. and Pleas can I have cat in the hat doll. Merry Christmas. tell mrs. clos hi for me. Thank you  
Lesley, age 6

I would a Justin Beiber doll that sing like some roller skates I been very good I would also like a barbie doll house  
Laney, age 7

I want a Laptop and a bel and a dees thrthur and a brbe haws it hus a aluvad  
Mercadez Romero

How are you today? how are your reindeer I would like to have a bike  
Britney age 7

For Christmas I would like a PSP.  
Unsigned

I want a Jack-in-the-box and a tedde bear. I hav ben good this yir.  
Bradley, age 6

I want a Laptop  
Kaitlyn, age 6

I want a I pod touch. I want a dog I want a marmo game.  
Rachel, I am 6

I want a skabuod for christmas and have a grat flin bak  
Colin Geore, age 7

I want a lpad! I want a x-box 360! I want a orange latop!  
Ethen Pate, age 7

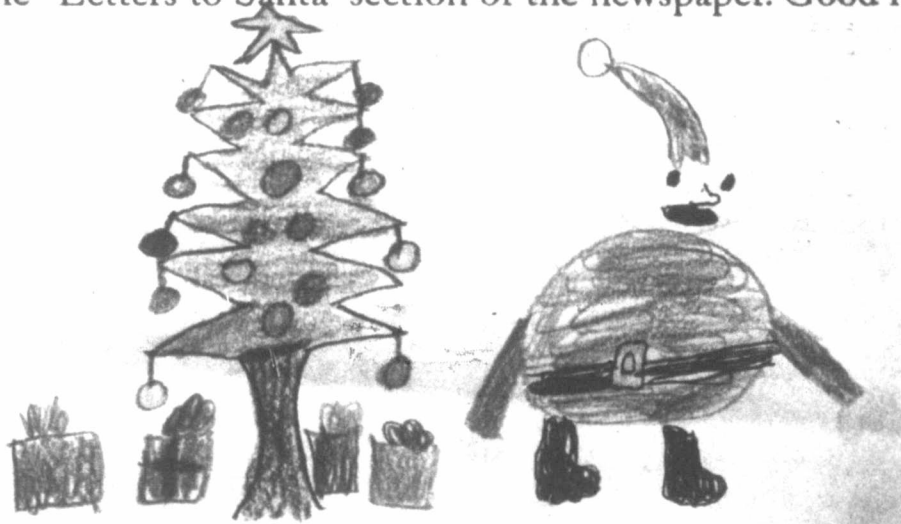
I wunt sume bluespy glasies. and sume blue spy wocht.  
Breanton, age 6

I want a exbox four christmas  
Fransisco, age 6

I want a pet frog and a pet dr  
Unsigned

I love you. I want a drumset  
Elizabeth, age 5

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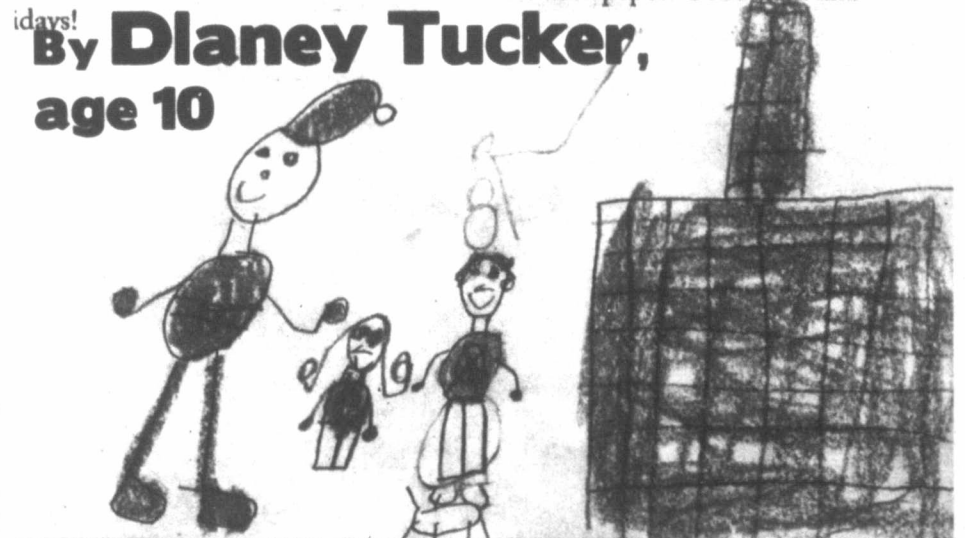
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By Yena, age 6

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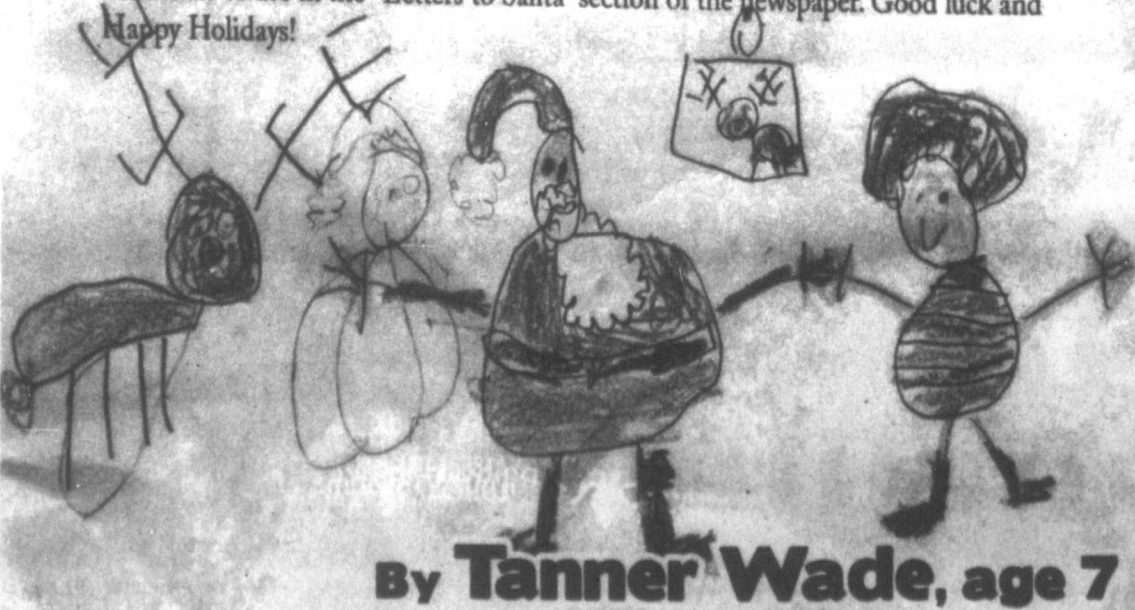
By Dianey Tucker, age 10

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By Cole, age 8

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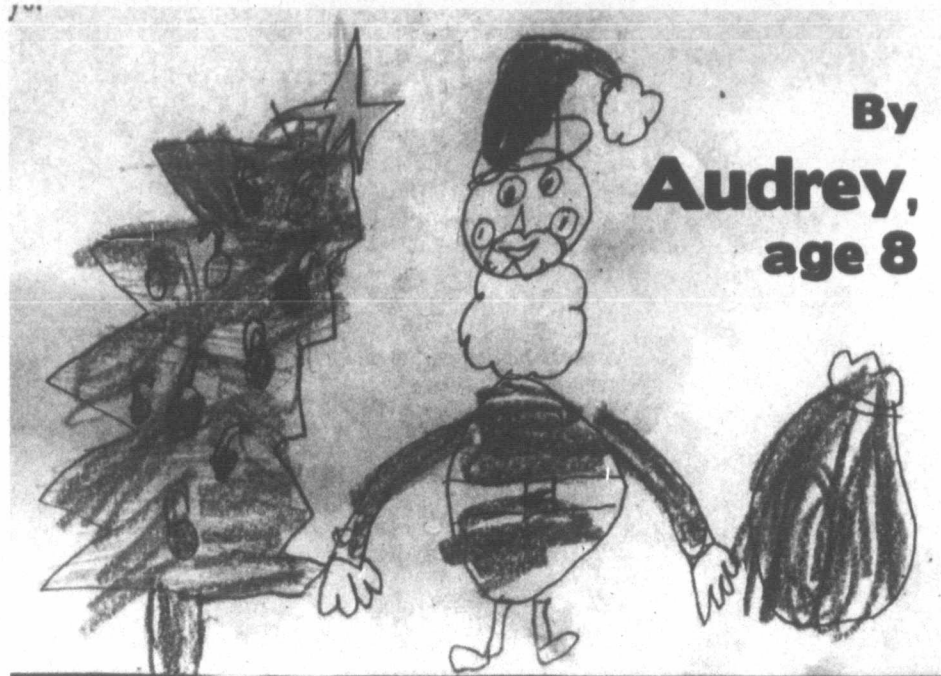


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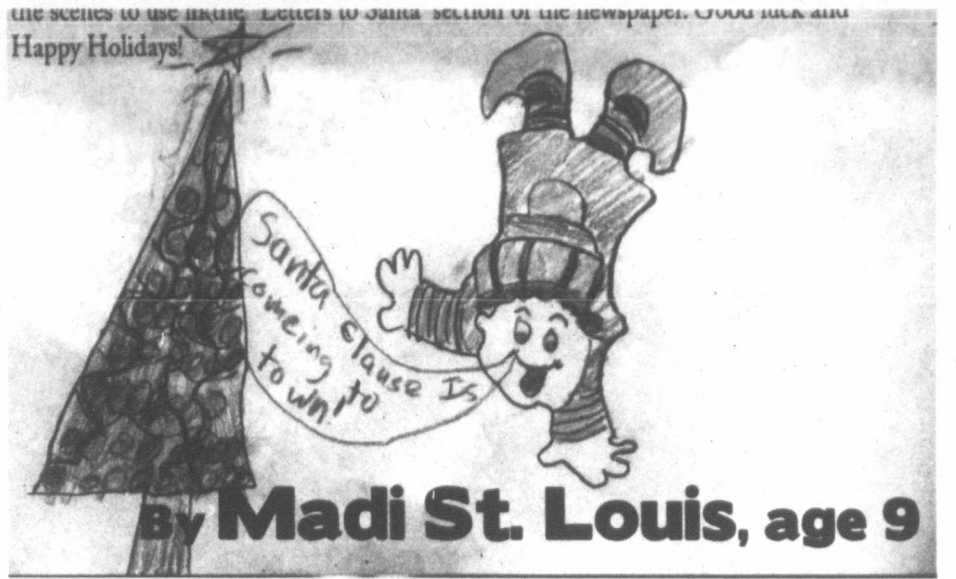
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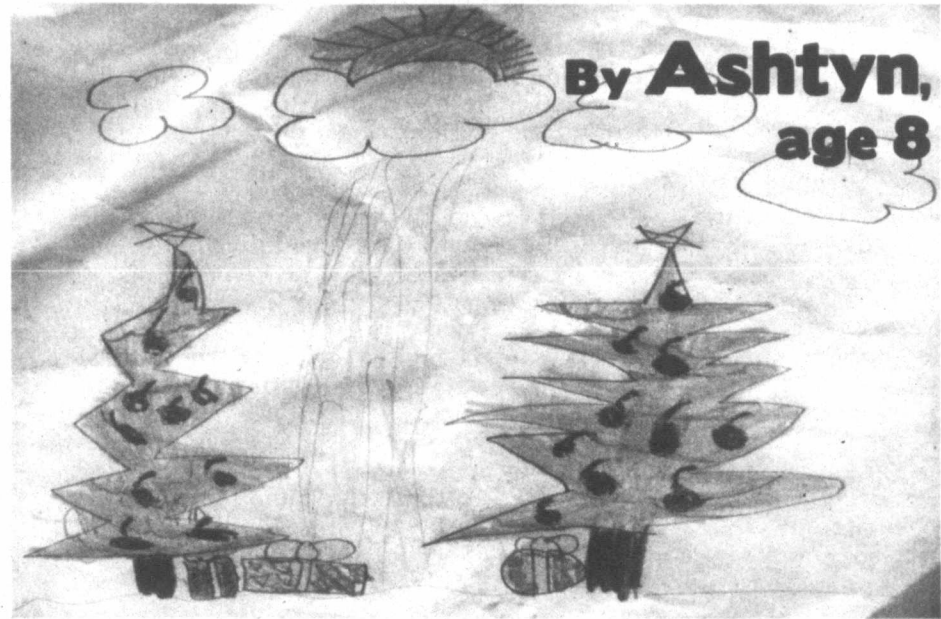




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age 8



By **Madi St. Louis,** age 9



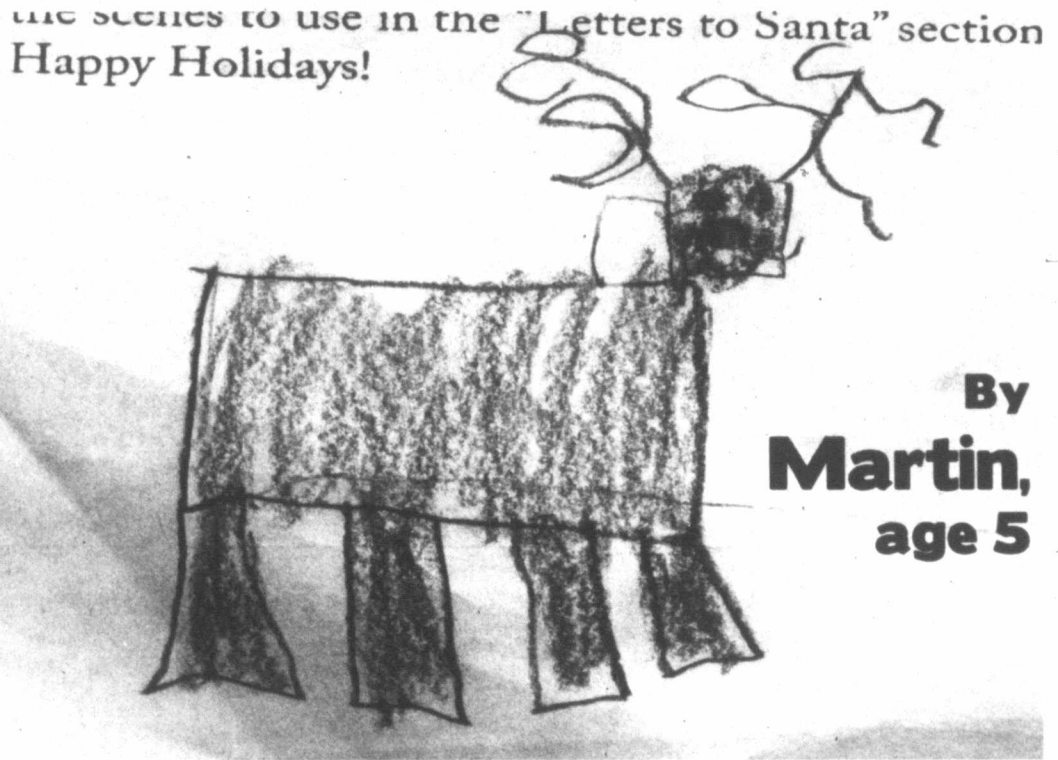
By **Ashtyn,**  
age 8



By **Laray Taylor,** age 7



By **Lella,**  
age 7



By **Martin,**  
age 5

I love you. I want a puppy.  
Erin, age 5

I love you I want a guitar.  
Ella, age 5

I love you. I want a longneck.  
Erik, age 5

I love you. I want a GI Joe.  
Zachary, age 6

I love you. I want a Barbie doll.  
Meyna, age 6

I love you. I want a house.  
Naevhaz, age 5

I love you. I want a DS  
Jimera, age 6

I love you. I wbcnt a fidget friend.  
Kaley, age 5

I love you. I want a Nintendo DS games.  
Ayden, age 6

I love you. I want a dog  
Desirae, age 6

I love you. I want a littledog  
Kynleigh, age 6

I lova you. I wount a puppy.  
Emma, age 6

I love you. I want alpad.  
Nathan, age 5

I love you. I wnt a Nerf gan.  
Elih, age 6

I love you. I want a nerfgun.  
Jon, age 5

I lave you I want a crain.  
Gary, age 5

I love you. I want a play house.  
Robin, age 5

Christmas is coming soon and all I want for Christmas is for you to come and visit Pampa. Bring presents to all of the kids and don't forget the kids that don't have parents. Please make it the best christmas ever.  
Brandon Jimenez, age 8

I want a vampire barbie

Carrie, age 5

I want a doG.  
Emma, age 5

I want a Black haul  
Hunter, age 6

I want a parr of cowgirl boots.  
Josey Osborne, age 5

I want a kitte, I want a dog. I want a cat.  
Amexis, age 6

I want a micro phone also cowgirl stuff.  
Molly, age 5

I want Legos  
Jackson, age 6

I want a new bed. and a barbie car.  
Semiran, age 5

I want a DS.  
Tucker, age 5

I want a wwuresialri  
Talan, age 5

I want a turtle  
Thomas, age 5

I want a teddy bear.  
Grady, age 5

I want a 3DS. I want a dog.  
Adrian, age 6

I want a 3DS. I want a TRAnsFORMeRS.  
Martin, age 5

I want a Barbie camping Trailer.  
Kennedi, age 5

I want a video camera.  
Breelyn, age 6

I want cowgirl stuff.  
McRioley, age 5

I want a bike. Thank you!  
Alexcia, age 5

I want Lego Mario.  
Blake

I want Lego woverum lers  
Kenneh

I want a remote heli copter. Thank you!  
Marcus, age 5

I want popsicle Balby Thank you.  
Savana, age 5

I want a live baby lion. Thank you  
Bodee, age 5

I want Lego Mario Thank you.  
Cameron, age 5

I want a bike Thank you.  
Aubree, age 5

I want Lego Power Ranger. Thank you.  
Dexter, age 5

I want a blue truck. Thank you!  
SM, age 5

I want a Lego Sonic. Thanks  
Christian, age 6

I want a boat with leto play tub  
Zoe

I want a Barbie doll. Thank you.  
Emily, age 6

I want a doll. Thank you  
Eliana, age 6

For christmas I want a ipod, xbox 360, a black berey ipod phone, and a bare anda gogo my walnking pet a phone and a tir legos.  
Audrey, age 8

I want \$80.00 for cristmas.  
Devin, age 7

all I want for christmas is a wesle. I want to ask you some qeschens. What is your farret color? Do you have a farret elf?  
Ozlyn, age 7

I would like some barbie dolls art craft stuff a toy princess phone I want like anything.  
Eva, age 8

I wuld like spy net wach and glass is and luagos men and alyns.  
Scott, age 8

I want clothes and jeens and glasses for the sun cool wans.  
Blake, age 8

I want a game called Angry birds for my Wii and



a DSI and ipad for chistmas.  
Emilio, age 8

I wold like a box with bobo fat legos and a ship with 10 army men and 9 rodes and a trap.  
Rylee, age 7

For Christmas I want a pear of toms, I also want a foot bath, and cloths, some bobs to Kayln, age 7

What i rily want for Christmas is a pet dog named snugle bugles with flufy haer please.  
Nathan, age 7

I would like a bratz on the mic dall and a i.m.c pain mic  
Celeste, age 7

I want a laptop a make-up set a barby doll a dsi a doll house  
Jessica, age 7

I want a Wii on DS ro x-box won ufe tose or a Gte  
Cainon, age 9

For Christmas I whant a speacil Christmas and a wonderful I pod for Christmas and a DSI  
Maria, age 8

Plese git me a xbox 360 laptop legos  
Kade, age 7

I wunt a ipad for christmas and sum legos and bb gun and I wont shut thime and I wunt a target  
Jalen, age 8

How are the reindeer. Are the elves working had. is misis clos doing god tell her I is hi are you exside Ino I am exside fon christmas. I will put my list on the fierplas and christmas my popl list thevfier so bey celfel. I pod I pod cover Jolre box Neclie Braslit  
Jennifer, age 8

I would like to get a brats doll plecase. I would love to have the best Christmas.  
Kayleigh, age 7

I won't a vtech for christmas. how are your elves. I am glad to hear that. how old are you. ok well I have to go bye-by.  
Jacilyn, age 8

I mite make you same cooke for chistmas analliwlad chistmas is a shotulizer.  
Kris, age 8

Gifts are special at Christmas time. How are the elves at the North Pole this year? Do you fly in the sky in your sleigh with the reindeer? Is Rudolf your favorite reindeer? I have been trying to be a good little girl this year. Please bring a special gift. Be safe.  
Amiya Donenue, age 7

I want n Ironman  
Liam, age 6

I lick to have a prtty paris, and a justny bever babck.  
Destiny, age 7

How do you go around the wrlod iq one night? what is your favorite elf? How many elves do you have? I like Crismas  
Brekyn, age 8

For christmas I wunt a elf on a shelf I am going to eat Christmas food.  
Jacob, age 7

Can I pleya have a justin beiber turbus a camera justin beiber purfym. and justin beiber a pretty music box with a blarey  
Bailey Collier, age 8

for Christmas I want a elf on the shelf. And a trampulene. Oh and a raindeer names Rudolph.  
Alec, age 8

How cold is it in the north pole and how do you get around the wrld in one night is it fun r is it boring  
Cole, age 8

cor christmas I just want my family becaues I have 4 simlings in my family and my mom and I love them all my family is not nice but if something heppen to theml will always going to love them  
Tessa, age 7

I want a DSI and a wii. and a snugy-roo and a phone and a new bike like my friend Rylan!  
Dalton

How is it in the northpole is it very cold for you or not and is mrs. laus doing is she makeing you alot of cookies. How can you go down the chimmy dog you have magike.  
Dlaney Tucker, age 10

I will like to have one of your elves pless.  
Breyah, age 9

for Christmas I want lot's of great gifts for my family and friends. And my dogs! It

does not mater what I get. You can surprise me. Thank you for all the gifts.  
Lexie R., age 8

I want to have christmas whithe my family cuse they mean a late to me I hope all my family is thre I have 10 cussen's and 3 sister's.  
Kenlie, age 7

Wold you give me a elf on the shelif. and a dance with me dady.  
Sydney, age 8

Wold you give me a gogo walking puppy and a elf on the shelf and sum knew slipers because my slipers broke and a new bike.  
Samantha, age 7

How cold is it in th Northpole. I wish for a keyboard and drums for Christmas Sant Nicklous  
Emiliano, age 8

HOW are you and Mrs. Clause. Are you and your elfs working hard this year. ARE you excited for Christmas. How do you go around the world in one night.  
Benjamin, age 9

How is it up thar how do you go aroud so fast aroud the word hone night? What is your favorite cokes christmas cokes.  
Drew, age 8


What I want for christmas is a cookie can I place have one. I am excited that you are going to Pama.  
B.B., age 8

How old are you? Which elf and raindeer is your favorite? How much elfs are there? Is there really a Rudolph? p.s. I would like a fur real friend and a baby alive.  
Kiera, age 7

i wish i could see you and your raindear. What is the northpole like if i git to see you can you bring rodeo to.  
Aidan, age 8


I wanted a PS3 for Chistmas and a cramay a phone a jioy game a batman gme a wii a bise a gatboaerd and a sataa hat a sugy-rap a DSI  
Orlando, age 7

you so funny I like christmas so mush how miny elf  
Lella, age 7



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