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## Should city salt the streets when it snows?

Facebook readers speak out.

BY TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE  
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I grew up in Northwest Indiana near Chicago and we got lots of snow every winter. After a snowfall street departments would put down sand on the intersections as the Pampa Street Department does here in Pampa. Along with the sand,

most cities and towns would put down salt, which melts snow and ice. My sister lives in Indianapolis and I know they salt the streets where she lives. While salt can make the streets safer for drivers, there is a downside. Salt is very corrosive and causes vehicles to rust out. I have seen this growing up in Indiana. The frame and body of my beloved 1974 Plymouth Valiant fell to pieces long before its trusty 318-cubic-inch V8

was ready for the junk yard. Pampa Public Works Director Donny Hooper said the city does not salt the streets when it snows. "We have always used a bottom ash, sand mixture (in the intersections)," he said. "With salt you can't get away from sodium chloride, which makes a mess on vehicles." Salt not only damages vehicles, Hooper said, but it is also bad for concrete. To make sidewalks safer for pedestrians, Hooper

said an ice-melt product is dispersed on sidewalks around city hall and other city buildings like the library and M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium. Hooper said the Texas Department of Transportation may use salt or an ice melt product on state and U.S. highways. A spokesman for Tx DOT in Pampa said sand is used when there is light snow because salt costs so much. **SALT** cont. on page 3



Freezing rain made for slippery driving conditions on Monday. Photo by Sasha Heller

### MUSIC MEN



Photo by Timothy P. Howsare

Bob Conner, left, and Herb Smith perform "San Antonio Rose" Monday during lunch at the Pampa Senior Citizens Center. Conner, who also plays guitar, said they entertain every Monday at the center because "I'm a barber and that's my only day off." The center is located at 500 W. Francis St. and serves lunch to members and the general public, 10:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., Monday through Friday. For more information, call 669-7414.

## Money from Sandy relief concert being put to work

BY DAVID B. CARUSO  
 Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Some of the biggest names in rock 'n' roll were on the bill for the nationally televised "12-12-12" concert benefiting victims of Superstorm Sandy, but the charity in charge of distributing donations has been thinking small when it comes to doling out the \$50 million-plus raised by Bruce Springsteen, Paul McCartney, the Rolling Stones and other stars. More than 160 organizations and counting have gotten shares of the Sandy relief funds collected so far by the Robin Hood Foundation, and many have been the type of small, grass-roots groups that seemed to be everywhere on the devastated New York and New Jersey coastlines in the initial weeks after the storm. Some of the grants have been small, too, but the foundation's staff said each has been designed to make a difference on a human scale. The list of grant recipients includes places like the Point Pleasant Presbyterian Church, of Point Pleasant Beach, N.J., which got \$25,000 so it could install showers and beds for the stream of volunteers it has been deploying to help rebuild damaged homes. Numerous food pantries got grants to help serve thousands of hot meals. Another group got \$25,000 for making storage space available to families that need a temporary place to put salvaged possessions. Robin Hood gave a \$100,000 grant to an operation called Rockaway Relief, hastily put together after the storm by James Brennan, a San Diego nightclub and restaurant owner who grew up on New York City's flood-ravaged Rockaway peninsula. In the days after the catastrophe, Brennan hired tractor-trailers to send space heaters, water pumps

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## Texas judge OKs ban on Planned Parenthood funding

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas may cut off funding to Planned Parenthood's family planning programs for poor women, a state judge ruled Monday. Judge Gary Harger ruled that Texas may exclude otherwise qualified doctors and clinics from receiving state funding if they advocate for abortion rights, attorney general spokeswoman Lauren Bean said. The state has long banned the use of state funds for abortion, but had continued to reimburse Planned Parenthood clinics for providing basic health care to poor women. "We are pleased the court rejected Planned Parenthood's latest attempt to skirt state law," Bean said.



Gary Harger

"The Texas Attorney General's office will continue to defend the Texas Legislature's decision to prohibit abortion providers and their affiliates from receiving taxpayer dollars through the Women's Health Program." Representatives for Planned Parenthood did not immediately respond to requests for comment Monday. The Women's Health Program provides check-ups and birth control to 110,000 poor women a year.

Planned Parenthood clinics were treating 48,000 of those women. Planned Parenthood has brought three lawsuits over Texas' so-called "affiliate rule," arguing it violates the constitutional rights of doctors and patients while also contradicting existing state law. Last week, the group asked Harger for a temporary restraining order against enforcing the ban until a judge can decide its case to overthrow the rule. Harger rejected the request. Another hearing is scheduled with a different judge for Jan. 11, where Planned Parenthood will again ask for an injunction to receive state funding.

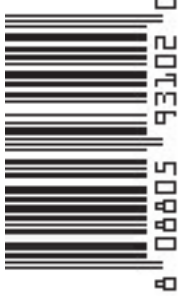
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## PAMPA FORECAST

Today	Thursday	Friday
		
High 37 Low 13	High 39 Low 18	High 46 Low 18

**Wednesday:** Sunny with a high of 37. No chance of rain. Winds northwest at 7 mph. Sunrise at 7:54 a.m.

**Wednesday night:** Clear skies with a low of 13. No chance of rain. Winds northwest at 6 mph. Sunset at 5:43 p.m.

**Thursday:** Sunny with a high of 39. No chance of rain. Winds west northwest at 8 mph. Sunrise at 7:54 a.m.

**Thursday night:** Clear skies with a low of 18. No chance of rain. Winds west southwest at 9 mph. Sunset at 5:44 p.m.

**Friday:** Sunny with a high of 46. No chance of rain. Winds west southwest at 12 mph. Sunrise at 7:54 a.m.

**Friday night:** Clear skies with a low of 18. No chance of rain. Winds west southwest at 11 mph. Sunset at 5:45 p.m.

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# For the record

## Pampa woman arrested for aggravated assault

■ 33-year-old Heather Lynnette Edinger, Pampa, was arrested Saturday by the Gray County Sheriff's Office for bond surrender — aggravated robbery and two counts of forgery of a financial instrument.

■ 23-year-old Jahaziel Eli Huerta, Amarillo, was arrested Monday by the Pampa Police Department

for public intoxication.

■ 28-year-old Justin David Kalka, Pampa, was arrested Monday by GCSO for possession of drug paraphernalia.

■ 46-year-old Ronald Ray Harris, Pampa, was arrested Friday by GCSO for driving while intoxicated — third charge or more.

■ 45-year-old David Olney Turlington, Lefors, was arrested Friday by Lefors Marshals for two counts of *capias pro fine* — failure to maintain financial responsibility, two counts of *capias pro fine* — driving while license invalid and no valid motor vehicle registration.

■ 35-year-old Christopher Dewayne Garcia, Dalhart, was arrested Friday by the Department of Public Safety for no valid drivers license.

■ 23-year-old Brittny Michelle Jones, Dalhart, was arrested Friday by DPS for possession of marijuana — less than 2 ounces.

## Case keeps lawmakers from tackling school finance

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — There should be no shortage of school finance fights in the Texas Legislature this session, with key Republicans pushing for expanding school vouchers and Democrats clamoring to restore some of the \$5.4 billion in cuts to public education passed in 2011.

Efforts to ease the state's tough and getting-tougher academic accountability standards, meanwhile, may draw support from portions of both camps.

But what likely won't come up after lawmakers descend on the State Capitol on Jan. 8 is the case unfolding in a courtroom three blocks away, where school districts responsible for educating three quarters of Texas' more than 5 million public-school students have sued, claiming the underlying formula used to fund schools is unconstitutional.

That's because, while an initial ruling may come quickly, it will surely get appealed to the Texas Supreme Court — which won't rule until the Legislature has adjourned for the summer.

If the courts find that the state is underfunding schools or distributing funding in unfair ways, it will be up to the Legislature to craft a new formula. But that's expected to require a special session called late next year or in 2014.

That makes it the Legislature's fight next time. Or perhaps not at all — depending on what the courts decide.

"We know funding levels aren't adequate. We also know that we have a distribution problem," said state Rep. Mark Strama, an Austin Democrat. "So knowing we have a problem, it would be better to address it now rather than later. But we won't."

And, in a Legislature where both parties won't see eye-to-eye on that much, everyone agrees on this.

"The Legislature isn't known for making any changes to the school finance system until the courts tell them to," said Chandra Villanueva, a policy analyst for the progressive Austin think tank the Center for Public Policy

Priorities. "Their hands are going to be put to fire before they do anything."

Similar sentiment came from JoAnn Fleming, chairwoman of the Tea Party Advisory Committee, a group of activists that counsels conservative state lawmakers. "I don't see the political will for anybody to do anything," she said.

Testimony in the case will go until late January, when State District Judge John Dietz will rule. Dietz says he'd like to decide "in time for somebody to still do something" during the legislative session.

But Strama noted that lawmakers know from past experience not to tackle major reform until the courts have had their full say. He was a staffer in the state Senate when the Legislature reformed school finance laws to create county education district tax rates in response to previous lawsuits and a 1991 state Supreme Court ruling.

Less than nine months later, however, the Texas high court issued another ruling declaring county education districts unconstitutional too.

"You could spend a lot of time creating a new system that, when the court ruling finally comes down, turns out to violate one of its aspects," he said. "So there's a rational explanation for the attitude of delay, even as it it's totally unsatisfying."

Sen. Dan Patrick, chairman of the Senate Education Committee, agreed that "the specter of a court decision hanging over both districts and the Legislature makes the task to find answers through the proper legislative process that much more difficult."

The Houston Republican vowed instead to focus on "how we spend our education dollars with the same attention and priority as how much we spend."

Patrick supports lifting a cap of 215 charter schools licensed to operate in Texas, and a school choice program — others call it a voucher system — allowing students to use public money to attend private schools.

A tea party favorite, Patrick has frequently clashed with fellow Republican and

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, who controls the flow of legislation in the Senate. But Patrick endorsed Dewhurst's failed run for U.S. Senate this year, forming an alliance that has now allowed the pair to team up on proposed school-choice legislation.

Democrats who oppose diverting state money to private schools are hoping to win allies among conservative lawmakers in rural districts, where public schools are often the only schools available, rendering moot any expansion of educational choice.

An issue that could bring together both tea party supporters and Democrats may be reducing the importance of high-stakes standardized tests when measuring student performance. Even the influential Texas Association of Business — which has long called for tough academic accountability standards to ensure a properly educated state workforce — is supporting a proposal to reduce the number of standardized tests high school students are required to take.

On the possibility of restoring some of the \$4 billion in cuts to public education and \$1.4 billion to grant programs the Legislature approved in 2011, House Speaker Joe Straus has promised lawmakers will at least increase funding \$2 billion — enough to keep up with the state's booming population, which has seen statewide enrollment grow by 80,000 public-school students per year.

But the San Antonio Republican, like many of his GOP colleagues, has refused to commit to rolling back the cuts more than that — even though the improving Texas economy will give the Legislature more revenue to work with than in 2011.

"How far we can go in restoring certain decisions that we made last time remains to be seen," Straus said. "I hope we can."

### Father of Conn. school gunman claims son's body

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — The father of the gunman who killed 26 people in a Connecticut elementary school, including 20 first-graders, has claimed his son's body, a spokesman for the family said Monday.

The remains of Adam Lanza were claimed by Peter Lanza, the spokesman said. He did not say when the remains were claimed or what plans the family might have for a funeral service.

Adam Lanza, 20, slaughtered the children and six adults at the Sandy Hook Elementary School on Dec. 14. He also killed his mother in their Newtown home before going on the rampage and then committing suicide.

A private funeral was held earlier this month in New Hampshire for his mother, Nancy Lanza, who was divorced from Peter Lanza.

Peter Lanza lives in Stamford, Conn., and is a tax director at General Electric.

Authorities have not offered a motive for the killings.

State police say they have been exploring all as-

pects of Adam Lanza's life, including his education, family history and medical treatment for clues.

Police have said it could take months to produce a final report on their investigation.

### Nine dead in Oregon tour bus crash

PENDLETON, Ore. (AP) — A hospital official says it appears 46 people were aboard a tour bus that crashed through a guardrail and down a slope on an icy stretch of interstate in north-eastern Oregon, killing nine passengers.

Larry Blanc, a spokesman for St. Anthony Hospital in nearby Pendleton, said Monday that 14 of those aboard remain at St. Anthony, one in serious condition. Seven were discharged Sunday and are in the care of the Red Cross.

Blanc says 16 people were sent to other hospitals in the region, including the Oregon Health & Science University hospital in Portland.

The bus crashed Sunday morning along a stretch of Interstate 84 known for snowy, icy conditions in the winter.

### 2 die in East Texas house fire

TROUP, Texas (AP) — Officials say two people have died in a house fire in East Texas.

Cherokee County Sheriff James Campbell says two bodies were recovered from the ashes of the late Sunday morning house fire near Troup, located about 20 miles southeast of Tyler. Campbell says the bodies are believed to be a 68-year-old man and his 66-year-old wife, but have been sent for an autopsy for positive identification.

Campbell tells the Tyler Morning Telegraph that the fire was reported by the homeowner's brother, who heard a loud explosion coming from the home. Campbell says the man rode his four-wheeler to his brother's house and saw the two-story log cabin in flames.

Campbell says the state fire investigator has been called to determine the cause of the fire.

### Ky. Subway giving free sandwiches to homeless

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — The proprietor of a Subway franchise in Frankfort is giving away 6-inch sandwiches to the homeless each Friday through the end of January.

Andy Patel, who runs two outlets of the sandwich shop, told The State-Journal he got the idea after seeing a sign in a New York restaurant.

Patel said he's been offering the free subs since November, and estimated that seven or eight people have visited every week.

To be eligible for the free sandwich, the customer must present a certificate from an agency or shelter verifying they are homeless.

Mehgan Straub, a community resources case manager for the Simon House in Frankfort, was excited for her clients to take advantage of the free meal.

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# RECYCLING CHRISTMAS



Photo by Sasha Heller

Local residents who wish to recycle their Christmas trees can drop them off at the Pampa City Landfill, located across from the Pampa Country Club on North Loop 171. The landfill is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 8 to 11:30 a.m. on Saturdays. The landfill is open on the first Saturday of each month from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

# Salt

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He said if the weather is bad enough they do have salt to put down, but it is mainly for intersections and bridges.

We queried readers on our Facebook page whether they thought the city and the highway departments should use salt on the roadways.

Most said yes, while some disagreed, pointing out that salt does corrode vehicles.

Cheryl Twigg Lopez said the highway department should put salt on the highways through Pampa and the city department on the other streets.

Sabra Stone said, "Both, since they both get paid to do it."

Brenden Courtney and Eddie Graham agreed with Lopez and Stone.

Angel Sprang Goodman said, "If the salt will help us Floridians from sliding all over the road, then

yes!" AllaMarie Miranda said, "Yes! Dirt makes such a mess."

But Andres Andy Carrillo's answer was an emphatic no.

"The salt will eventually corrode and rust out your fenders and damage the metal on the undercarriage or your vehicle. Bad idea. Stick with the dirt."

Jana Williams said yes. "Then people wouldn't slide on road so bad."

Michael Ray chimed in, "It's not dirt they are using it's ash from coal plant."

Ty Lewis said, "Either put down sand or salt ... not rocket science ... don't y'all pay engineers to figure that out?"

Cynthia Cowan agreed with Carrillo that salt is a bad idea. "The city or highway department should put dirt down. Over time the salt will cause your undercarriage to rust and corrode."

Teddra Kinsey also agreed.

"It only rusts out your vehicle if you don't wash it off within a reasonable

amount of time. Come on, take the initiative to take care of your vehicle if someone is willing to take care of the roads during bad weather."

Terri Penland Taylor said, "Sand."

Shannon Bonner wasn't clear on whether she wanted sand or salt, but gave this response: "Yes! And businesses should put it on walkways. I just fell and almost broke my arm on black ice in a parking lot this morning."

Gary Noblett said both sand and salt.

Kathy Borden Well said, "The businesses don't own the sidewalks. But when I had my business, I tried to always scrape and shovel and salt in front of my business."

Joy Larsen said both sand and salt. "But not just on main streets, resident streets also. No point in clearing only part of the town when the rest is nasty."

Buddy Shook doesn't like salt.

"The salt will be bad news for automobiles in

time. The bodies will corrode, so the sand or dirt is the answer, these people that complain about the dirt there is this new thing called water and a water hose. There is also a new invention called a car wash."

Candy Merritt said, "Yes, definitely!" to salt and Diana Driggers agreed.

"Yes, I think they should. It will prevent accidents. Just as long as our loved ones are safe driving."

Cynthia Cowan Even said, "washing your undercarriage doesn't guarantee that it will not rust."

Melissa Cox Porter said, "Wow, seems like a dumb question to me. I say whatever it takes to protect people and having wrecks."

Judi Smith said, "I don't care who does it, as long as they do it! Nearly got T-boned by a truck who slid on the ice at the stop."

Bob Conner said, "No salt. It will seriously corrode cars. Sand works fine."

# Historic 15-story hotel reopens in West Texas town of Big Spring

BIG SPRING, Texas (AP) — A historic hotel in the West Texas town of Big Spring has been restored after being closed for almost four decades.

The Hotel Settles re-opened on Friday with a ceremonial floor-by-floor lighting.

Brint Ryan, a former resident and native of Big Spring, restored the building, which was originally completed in 1930. It was abandoned and shuttered in the 1970s.

The hotel was built by W.R. and Lillian Settles, local ranchers who found oil on their land. In building the 15-story hotel, they gave Big Spring the biggest hotel between Fort Worth and El Paso.

Big Spring is about 40 miles northeast of Midland.

## Mich. inmate gets two more years

MUSKEGON, Mich. (AP) — A Michigan inmate who tried to escape by burying himself in a prison garden has been sentenced to an additional two years behind bars.

Authorities say Edwin Cota was found buried in August at the Brooks prison in Muskegon. He had a sheet tied in knots that he had hoped to use to get over the fence.

The Muskegon Chronicle says Cota was sentenced to at least two years in prison Thursday after earlier pleading no contest

to the attempted escape. The punishment will be added to the sentence he's serving for home invasion in the Detroit area. His earliest release date for that crime is in 2018.

In August, officials said Cota's scheme fell apart when guards interviewed his cellmate, who had appeared nervous.

## Good Samaritan finds ring on Calif. highway

KINGVALE, Calif. (AP) — Finding a lost wedding ring along a snowy high-

way is hard enough. But a Good Samaritan in Northern California also has to track down the man it belongs to.

Douglas Benedetti says he met the man but doesn't know his name or phone number.

Benedetti says the man was searching for the ring on the shoulder of Interstate 80 near Kingvale in the Sierra earlier this month. He told Benedetti he'd lost the ring while putting chains on his vehicle.

# Sandy

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and generators into the disaster zone.

Then, he rallied volunteers to help rip out soggy walls and furniture. Since then, the group has repaired plumbing, electrical and heating systems in close to 100 homes, he said. "This was really way over my head," Brennan said. "But there is so much more that these people need. I could probably rattle off 500 families right now that don't have washer and dryers and have no way of paying for them."

The foundation gave another \$150,000 to the Mennonite Disaster Service, which has been dispatching home builders almost daily to New York City's Staten Island and the Rockaways all the way from Pennsylvania.

Volunteers, mostly rural farmers, leave Lancaster County, Pa., at 4 a.m., put in a full day mucking out homes and hanging drywall in the city, and then make the 170-mile drive back to Pennsylvania at night, said MDS Executive Director Kevin King.

So far, they have worked on 117 houses.

"We are looking to set up a long-term camp," King said.

Founded in 1988 by a hedge fund manager, Paul Tudor Jones, the Robin Hood Foundation is one of New York City's premier anti-poverty charities.

It spends about \$125 million per year funding a wide array of food banks, schools, medical clinics, and other programs.

Still overseen and financed by big names on Wall Street, the charity is considered a pioneer in "venture philanthropy."

The programs it funds are put through rigorous performance evaluations, with a goal of rewarding nonprofit groups that achieve the strongest result per dollar spent.

The foundation's executive director, David Saltzman, said it has tried to apply some of those concepts to the Sandy relief effort.

"Our general strategy is to get out to the hardest-hit communities ...

and see with our own eyes who is doing good work, and then be able to pump money into the strongest organizations doing the most needed work in the toughest-hit communities," he said. "That is the kind of grant-making you can't do from behind a desk."

Robin Hood had also been in charge of distributing the \$65 million raised by the Concert for New York after the Sept. 11 attacks.

Saltzman said that in the weeks ahead, he anticipated that the foundation would focus on housing — still a critical concern in neighborhoods where many houses are still uninhabitable, or lack power and heat.

"We need to make sure nobody is freezing this winter in New Jersey, or New York or Connecticut," he said.

That effort has included making a \$1 million grant to the Affordable Housing Alliance, in Monmouth County, N.J., which is using the money to buy and install manufactured homes for people displaced by the storm.

Legal aid groups have also gotten donations to help storm victims maximize FEMA benefits and deal with banks and insurers.

Robin Hood has also made a \$2 million grant to a program, administered by the Fund for the City of New York, that will make interest-free loans to nonprofit groups that suffered losses in the storm.

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## Letter to the Editor

### Pampa Senior Citizen Center great place for lunch

My husband and I eat out for lunch every weekday in Pampa. We, like a lot of others, only have a one-hour lunch.

We have several good choices in town to eat but one we eat at two three times a week is the Pampa Senior Citizen Center.

You get a home-cooked meal, with a choice of two entrees,

salad, vegetables dessert and drink, all for \$6 for members and \$6.25 for nonmembers.

This is not just for seniors. Everyone is welcome and the fellowship is great, too.

The weekly menu is posted in the weekend newspaper. Come try the good food at a reasonable price and see what else

Pampa has to offer.

The senior center, 500 W. Francis Ave., serves lunch from 10:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., Monday through Friday. Come support our seniors.

**Heidi Phelps Pampa**

## The nation's father figure

Back during the Bill Clinton years, I was on a long plane ride over the Pacific on Air Force One, when I was lucky enough to fall into

conversation with one of the plane's navigators. We were standing in the narrow pathway on the left side of the

plane just outside the conference room, looking out the windows at the ocean, killing time.

He had been a member of the Air Force One flight crew since the Ronald Reagan presidency. So after asking him all kinds of questions about the plane and the job of a navigator, I asked him which president he liked best.

"Oh, President Bush," he said. "He was phenomenal. He took a deep personal interest in each of us and our families."

"When we flew the presidents to Israel for Prime Minister (Yitzhak) Rabin's funeral, he came up to see us in the flight deck and asked about our children by name."

That trip came in November 1995, nearly three years after President George H.W. Bush left office.

According to Bush's chief of staff, "most of the civilized world" contacted her this week inquiring about the president's health after he'd been admitted to the intensive care unit for a persistent fever.

The widespread concern for the former president is understandable; he never has rationed the kind of personal attention and affection he showed to the flight crew of Air Force One.

In fact, he has embraced the very people you'd think politics would have forced him to dislike.

He made a point of inviting President Barack Obama to give the keynote address at a forum Bush hosted

in 2009 at Texas A&M University — one of the most conservative college campuses in the country and a place where Obama might have been hard-pressed to find a warm welcome if not hosted by President Bush, whose school of government and presidential library are housed there.

When President Bush was invited back to the White House less than a year after his loss to President Clinton to help the new presidential campaign for the North American Free Trade Agreement, Bush brought warmth and laughter to the East Room by saying: "That was a very eloquent statement by President Clinton, and now I understand why he's inside looking out and I'm outside looking in."

Eleven years later, at the Clinton Presidential Library dedication in November 2004, the 41st president said: "It always has to be said that Bill Clinton was one of the most gifted American political figures in modern times. Trust me. I learned this the hard way. ... But one of the great blessings is the way one-time political adversaries have the tendency to become friends, and I feel such is certainly the case between President Clinton and me."

Bush showed the same respect to staff, friends and acquaintances as he did to heads of state.

Early in their married life, George and Barbara Bush lost their 3-year-old daughter, Robin, to leukemia. Robin's father later remembered her in a letter: "She'd fight and cry and play and make her way just like the rest. But there was about her a certain softness. She was patient — her hugs were just a little less wiggly."

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## Gun debate revives enduring American fight

WASHINGTON (AP) — On the eve of a new year, a libertarian strain pulses through America — a get-government-out-of-my-personal-life sensibility that cuts across ideologies and is driven by a younger generation's cultural attitudes.

We've seen it in gay-marriage legalization and marijuana decriminalization. And in the fact that, four decades after *Roe v. Wade* allowed abortion, there's little appetite among most for overturning it. Perhaps we've also seen this play out with guns, with a more limited role for government in regulating firearms.

But today, a mourning nation must square that shift toward fewer gun restrictions with a series of fatal mass shootings in the past few years, the latest claiming 20 elementary school students among the dead. And the pendulum may swing just as quickly back toward curbs on gun rights: A country that's become more tolerant on other cultural issues may end up bucking the trend on this subject.

Here's why: It can't be boiled down to "my body, my decisions."

The gun issue doesn't fit neatly into the libertarian lane in which the United States has been driving when it comes to gay marriage, abortion and marijuana — the belief that people have the right to make their own decisions about how they live their lives, as long as they respect the rights of others to do the same. And that's because while it may be your right to own a gun, you can use it to harm others, thereby taking away their right to live their lives as they want.

This is not a new tension in America, a republic founded by men with libertarian leanings that has always struggled to strike the right balance between

rights for one and safety for all.

The first settlers fled the big hand of Mother England, seeking a smaller government to protect basic freedoms — and founding a nation built on the "inalienable" rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. The Declaration of Independence acknowledged the stress in America's foundation, saying the new country's government would secure those rights, but people would have the authority to alter or abolish it if it were to become "destructive of these ends."

In modern times, libertarianism, which draws from both liberal and conservative influences, has reared its head often in American history — most recently in today's tea party, which is uncompromising in pursuing a smaller government role in fiscal matters.

These days, 16 to 18 percent of adults in various surveys identify themselves as libertarians. But many more have libertarian views on individual issues even as they call themselves Republicans, Democrats or independents. It also can be a generational thing, with a Pew Research Center poll in December 2011 finding that 50 percent of Americans under age 30 had positive reaction to the label compared with only 25 percent of senior citizens.

The debate now under way underscores how different guns are from other social issues — how this topic is not just about you, but about us.

There is a thicket of considerations. The fact that many people view gun ownership as a foundational right. Mental health. Urban vs. rural matters. Sports. Crime. Violence in video games and movies. Parental responsibility. "We know," President Barack Obama said, "this is a complex issue that stirs deeply held passions and political divides."

The multiple factors at play — and the loss of young innocents — could explain why, despite the

nation's recent libertarianism on cultural matters, the Newtown, Conn., killings quickly spurred calls from across the political spectrum for at least a discussion of whether new limits should be placed on guns. This suggested a possible expansion of government in this realm.

"This awful massacre of our youngest children has changed us, and everything should be on the table," said Democratic West Virginia Sen. Joe Manchin, a lifetime member of the National Rifle Association. And Iowa Sen. Charles Grassley, the senior Republican on the committee that would take up any legislation, said: "You've got to take all these things into consideration."

The NRA, the nation's largest gun-rights lobby, has promised opposition to more regulations, just as it helped ensure the federal assault weapons ban wasn't renewed in 2004 and state gun laws were loosened by legislatures.

Advocates for gay marriage, marijuana legalization and abortion rights also all have made significant recent strides. Each has pushed legislation in states with friendly political environments while also taking advantage of the country's changing mindset.

Consider that in the last election:

- Washington, Maryland and Maine became the first states ever to approve same-sex marriage by popular vote. Now nine states and the District of Columbia recognize gay unions.

- Washington state and Colorado voted to legalize recreational marijuana use, and Obama's administration signaled it wouldn't pursue those users, even though the drug is illegal under federal law.

- Several Republicans who took rigid stands against abortion rights lost. Among them: GOP presidential nominee Mitt Romney.

Then, only six weeks after the election, came Sandy Hook. And gun control jumped to the front of the national conversation.

In the days and weeks before, lawmakers in the GOP-led states of Alabama, Tennessee, South Carolina and Pennsylvania considered proposals to loosen restrictions on employees keeping guns in their vehicles on work property, and Ohio's legislature passed a law allowing guns to be left in parked vehicles underneath the Statehouse.

A federal appeals court in Illinois struck down a ban on carrying concealed weapons, while Florida's GOP-led administration announced that 1 million people would soon have valid permits to carry them. Michigan's legislature also approved laws easing restrictions, though its Republican governor, Rick Snyder, later vetoed a measure allowing certain gun owners to carry concealed weapons in public places.

Public opinion polling has illustrated the trend since 2000, with more Americans now generally favoring the right to own guns over increased limitations on ownership. But there is also widespread support in surveys for reinstating the federal assault weapons ban and for limiting high-powered magazines.

It is, for sure, a contradictory series of messages — unsurprising for an issue that asks such an intricate question: In a world of weaponry unimaginable to the people who came up with the Second Amendment, how do you strike the right balance between the individual's right to bear arms and the government's role in protecting the public?

Whatever happens with gun control in the aftermath of Newtown, the debate reveals what this generation faces as it tries to shape the nation it inherits: the enduring struggle to understand that delicate constitutional space that exists between my right to swing my arm around freely and your right not to be hit in the face.

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# Tribune Company leaves bankruptcy after four years

CHICAGO (AP) — Tribune Co. has emerged from a Chapter 11 restructuring more than four years after the media company sought bankruptcy protection. The reorganized company said Monday that

it is starting with a new board of directors and new ownership that includes senior creditors Oaktree Capital Management, Angelo, Gordon and Co., and JPMorgan Chase and Co. Tribune closed on a new,

\$1.1 billion senior secured term loan and a \$300 million revolving credit line. The loan will fund payments required under the reorganization plan, and the credit line will fund ongoing operations.

The new board of directors includes Bruce Karsh, Ken Liang, Peter Murphy, Ross Levinsohn, Craig A. Jacobson, Peter Liguori, and Eddy Hartenstein. "Tribune emerges from the bankruptcy process

as a multimedia company with a great mix of profitable assets, strong brands in major markets and a much-improved capital structure," said Hartenstein, Tribune's chief executive officer.

The Chicago Tribune reported late Sunday that Liguori, a former TV executive at Discovery and Fox, is expected to be named chief executive of the reorganized Tribune Co.

## Vultures pick at visitors' cars in Fla. Everglades

HOMESTEAD, Fla. (AP) — Visitors to parts of Everglades National Park are getting tarps and bungee cords to make their vehicles less delectable to vultures.

Migrating vultures have developed a habit of ripping off windshield wipers, sunroof seals, and other rubber and vinyl vehicle parts. Visitors to the park's Homestead and Flamingo entrances are loaned "anti-vulture kits" to protect their vehicles.

Park wildlife biologist Skip Snow tells The Miami Herald that the vultures are migrating as normal. It's just not clear why the birds are picking at parked cars and trucks. Park employees have tried to scare away the vultures, but nothing has worked.

Park Superintendent Dan Kimball says complaints about the vultures have declined since employees began distributing the tarps and bungee cords last year.

## Harris Cty. deputies fatally shoot man

HOUSTON (AP) — Authorities say a 43-year-old Harris County man was shot to death by sheriff's deputies after violently confronting paramedics who the man's wife called after he began acting irrationally.

Harris County Sheriff Adrian Garcia says a woman had called paramedics Sunday morning. The Houston Chronicle reports that Garcia says paramedics called the sheriff's office after the man confronted them violently. Garcia says the two deputies engaged with the man, eventually using a Taser on him before both deputies fired shots.

The man died at the scene. A deputy was taken to a hospital where he was treated for a concussion, cuts and a bite before being released.

The case remains under investigation by homicide detectives.

## Social Security update for the new year

TOM MARGENAU  
Creator's Syndicate

It has been my custom for most of the past 15 years to write a year-end column that summarizes the Social Security changes and updates scheduled to take place the following year.

Almost all Social Security beneficiaries are familiar with the most popular and publicized upcoming change: the increase in monthly benefit checks for 2013 due to the automated cost-of-living adjustment, or COLA. In fact, Social Security recipients have probably already received a notice from the Social Security Administration telling them of the expected increase.

All Social Security checks are going up 1.7 percent in 2013. The COLA is based on something called the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers. This is the official measuring stick SSA has used to determine COLAs for the past 40 years. If you want to learn more about this measure, check out the website of the folks who maintain it: the Bureau of Labor Statistics. You'll find them at [www.bls.gov](http://www.bls.gov).

I always dread mentioning COLAs in this column because every single time I do, I am flooded with emails from readers complaining that the increase is not enough. (Curiously, not once in 15 years has anyone ever written to me to say that their COLA increase was too high!)

Yet here's the rub: many economists and social planners believe Social Security COLAs are too generous! (I've explained why in past columns, but don't have the space to get into that argument today.) That's why most discussions of long range reforms for Social Security include proposals to reduce cost of living increases.

Due to these increases, the average monthly retirement check will be \$1,261 in 2013, a \$21 increase from the 2012 level. The maximum Social Security check for a worker retiring at age 66 next year will be \$2,533, compared to \$2,513 in 2012. And please note that is the maximum for someone turning 66 next year. That does not mean it is the maximum Social Security payment anyone can receive. There are millions of Social Security beneficiaries who get much more

than that, primarily because they work well past age 66.

Another measuring stick, called the national wage index, is used to set increases to other provisions of the law that impact Social Security beneficiaries and taxpayers. Specifically, this includes increases in the amount of wages or self-employment income subject to Social Security tax; the amount of income needed to earn a "quarter of coverage;" and the Social Security earnings penalty limits.

The Social Security taxable earnings base will go up from \$110,100 this year to \$113,700 in 2013. In other words, anyone who earns more than \$113,700 next year will no longer have Social Security payroll taxes deducted from their paychecks once they hit that threshold. This has always been a very controversial provision of the law. (Donald Trump pays the same amount of Social Security tax as his plumber.) I will bet a year's worth of my pension checks that any Social Security reform package will include a big increase in that wage base. I don't think it will be eliminated. But it will increase rather sharply.

Most people need 40 Social Security work credits (sometimes called "quarters of coverage") to be eligible for monthly benefit checks from the system. In 2012, people who were working earned one credit for each \$1,130 in Social Security taxable income. But no one earns more than four credits per year. In other words, once you made \$4,520, your Social Security record has been credited with the maximum four credits or quarters of coverage. Next year, the one credit limit goes up to \$1,160, meaning you will have to earn \$4,640 in 2013 before you get the maximum four credits assigned to your Social Security account.

People under age 66 who get Social Security retirement or survivor's benefits



next year.

A couple other Social Security provisions are also impacted by inflationary increases.

For example, people getting disability benefits who try to work can generally continue getting those benefits as long as they are not working at a "substantial" level. In 2012, the law defined substantial work as any job paying \$1,010 or more per month. Next year, that substantial earnings level increases to \$1,040 monthly.

Finally, the Supplemental Security Income basic federal payment level for one person goes up from \$698 this year to \$710 in 2013. SSI is a federal welfare program administered by SSA, but it is NOT a Social Security benefit.

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

## Community Calendar

### City Commission meetings

The Pampa City Commission meets at 4 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. The meetings are held on the third floor of City Hall.

### School board meetings

The Pampa Independent School District board meets at 6 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month. Check The Pampa News for meeting locations.

### County Commission meetings

The Gray County Commission meets at 9 a.m. on the 15th and 30th of each month. If the date falls on a Saturday, the meeting will be held on Friday. If the date falls on a Sunday, the meeting will be held on Monday. The meetings are held on the second floor of the Gray County Courthouse.

### Meredith House presents live music

Meredith House, an assisted-living facility at 812 W. 25th Ave., has a band performing at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday and Saturday night. Join them for Western music, gospel and the classics. For more information, call 806-665-5668.

### Jam sessions every Friday night

The Woody Guthrie Folk Music Center has a jam sessions every Friday night starting at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to play or listen. The center is located at 320 S. Cuyler St. For more information, call 806-664-0824.

### Meredith House chili supper

All members of the community are invited to stay warm with a hearty bowl of home-cooked chili. Join the staff and residents from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Jan. 10.

### Adoption workshop set for Jan. 12

An adoption seminar sponsored by If You Were Mine will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 12 at the First Baptist Church activity building in Perryton. If You Were Mine workshops have encouraged thousands of families nationwide to investigate adoption from a biblical and practical perspective. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. The church is located at 415 S. Baylor St., Perryton. RSVP by Jan. 10 by calling Karmyn Heckart 806-435-6942.

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### Nominations for the Pampa Citizen and Business of the Year have begun.

You can pick up a form at the Chamber Office or we can email you a form

Nominations must be in to the Chamber by 5:00pm on January 31st.

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# Pampa Faith

## A historical perspective on religion in America

As at once a journalist and a Christian, I am a strong believer in the separation of church and state. The last thing I want is the government telling me what or how I should believe.

Four years ago, while working as the community news editor at Hernando Today in the Tampa Bay area, I heard an interesting presentation on religion in early America by a United Methodist historian.

It was very insightful, as a good bit of what this historian and UMC minister had to say was much different than what I had learned in public school.

I wrote an article on his presentation and would like to share it with you today:

### Be thankful today for religious freedom

Religious freedom in the United States was never planned by the colonial settlers; it was something that just happened, said the Rev. Charles Weaver, assistant to the bishop of the United Methodist Church's Florida conference.

Nonetheless, Weaver said religious freedom is something for which we should be grateful.

Weaver, a Sebring, Fla. native and UMC minister who majored in history before he went to seminary at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, was the guest speaker at the Daughters of the American Revolution, Annattaliga Chapter, monthly meeting (November 2008) at the Brooksville Country Club.

His presentation was titled "Religion in Colonial America."

"The First Amendment states Congress shall make no law respecting the establishment of religion," he said. "We as Americans take this for granted because that's the way it's always been."

Weaver said freedom of religion was a revolutionary concept in colonial times, as it is now.

"Other governments, unless influenced by the American concept, tend to support one religion or have an established church," he said.

Weaver wasn't referring to countries like Saudi Arabia, which has Islam as the state religion — he was talking about Europe.

"England has the Anglican church, Scotland the Presbyterian church and Sweden the Lutheran church as tax-supported churches," he said.

The plus side to a tax-supported church might be not having to hold a bake sale when the water heater needs to be replaced, but there is a tradeoff.

"Governments that give money to churches expect some degree of control," Weaver said. "Americans are more religious (than Europeans) — does that tell you something? We basically have a free-market approach."

Weaver, who now lives in Lakeland, Fla. with his wife Barbara, said colonial Americans were overwhelmingly British, but were unchurched.

"Most of the people in early America were not religious," he said. "They were not anti-religious or anti-church. They didn't come to America seeking religious freedom. Most came for a better life."

Weaver pointed out there were settlers who did cross the Atlantic specifically for religious freedom — like William Penn and his fellow Quakers who settled Pennsylvania, and the Pilgrims who set foot at Plymouth Rock.

But for the most part, Weaver said, the American colonials were commercial ventures; they needed settlers regardless of religion.

The original plan was for the colonies to be no more tolerant than England. When Jamestown was established in 1607, the Church of England was intended to be the established church in Virginia but early attempts to enforce it were unsuccessful.

During the 175 years of the colonial period, toleration policies changed and progressed in the colonies and in Britain.

Early New England, dominated by the morally strict Puritans, was an exception to colonial toleration, but New England changed over time, Weaver said.

In 1775, one year before the American Revolution, congregations in the colonies included Congregational (667 churches), Presbyterian (558), Anglican/Episcopalian (495), Baptist (494), Quaker (310), German Reformed

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## New year brings new commitment

In the business of faith, like the business of life, if you aren't moving toward God, you are moving away from Him. It's a choice we make. We can choose to stay where we are, or we can make the decision to move closer to God.



**CHRIS ELY**

The start of the new year is the perfect time to make the decision to press in and go deeper in your walk with God. It's not a decision to take lightly. It takes time, commitment — and a lot of hard work.

New year's resolutions are hard to keep and seldom last. Instead of resolutions, I like to start the year by making fresh commitments for moving closer to God. Here are a few things I'm committed to in the new year:

I will draw closer to God in prayer. James 4:8 says, "Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you." If we're willing to take that first step toward God by spending time in prayer, He will draw near to us. He will make Himself known to us when we begin to pray and seek Him.

I will be a stronger disciple of Christ through Bible study. In 2012, I was committed to reading through the entire Bible. In the new year, I want to do more than just read the Bible.

I want to study the Scriptures and learn to apply them to the situations in my life. The Bible is a pattern for all of life. If we will follow it, it will change our lives and move us closer to God.

I will be a better witness for the Lord. The Bible says there will be false teachers in the last days who will deceive many.

Even some believers will be deceived. We're seeing that today. That's why it's important to warn our friends and family not to give in to the ways of the world.

These commitments may seem like small steps, but they're part of the process that takes me closer to God instead of away from Him.

Where will I be a year from now? It's up to me and whether I stick to these commitments. God doesn't move. I must make the move toward Him.

How about you? Is your life moving toward God? If not, take some time to think about where you are with God and where you want Him to take you in 2013.

Then, take the first step toward Him. He will meet you where you are and take you on a great new adventure in the coming year.

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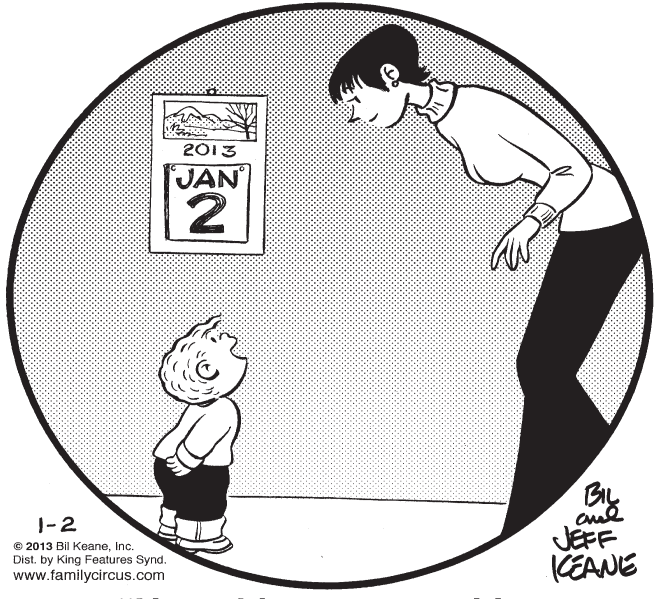
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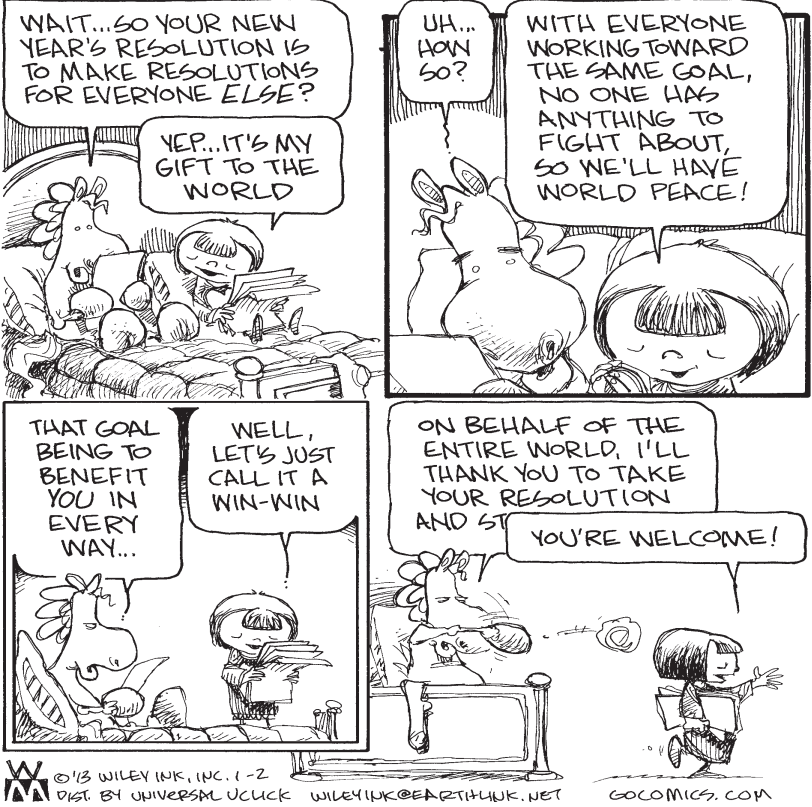


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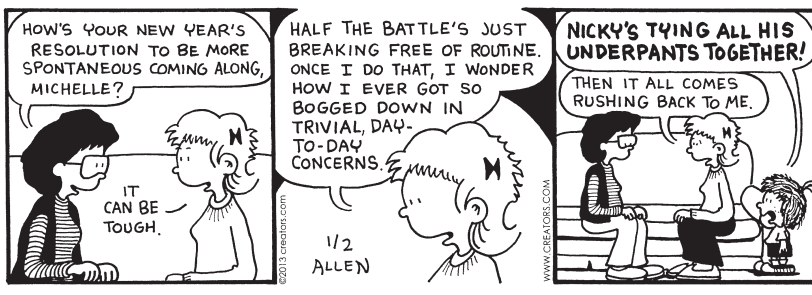
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# daily horoscope

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Thursday, Jan. 3, 2013:

This year you can be very practical one moment, and then unexpectedly switch to being idealistic. When dealing with certain people, you often tend to find that one-on-one relating can push you over the edge. Be careful if you sense your frustration building. If you are single, your diverse personality attracts many potential suitors; they find you exciting. If you are attached, your sweetie will have the experience of not knowing for sure which side of you he or she will encounter. Don't worry -- this seesaw behavior will be short-lived. **LIBRA** is the ultimate romantic.

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

### ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★ You have a lot to accomplish. Many of you will be dealing with backed-up email and other requests. A delayed message or package will surprise you. News and/or information might draw a strong reaction because of a vital fact that is left out. Tonight: Say "yes" to an offer.

### TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Your ingenuity helps prevent what could be a problem. While others scramble to put a situation together, you'll figure out a new solution or procedure. Excitement surrounds you. Be careful not to miss an important fact or step. Tonight: Off to the gym or squeeze in a walk.

### GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Leaving your cocoon could take a major effort, but you will have some help. A meeting or forthcoming news could jolt you into action. Something you hear simply does not sound right. You'll revitalize and feel much more like yourself. Tonight: Lighten up the moment.

### CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Make an effort to reach out to someone who might need your attention. A boss or older family member continues to act erratically, as he or she often throws you a curveball. You can only duck so many times. Consider alternatives. Tonight: Straighten out a misunderstanding.

### LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ You could be feeling drained and at your wits' end. You might not be sure what to do with a loved one who seems to be acting as if there is no tomorrow. A one-on-one discussion could

reveal an unusual or surprising outlook. Allow more give-and-take. Tonight: In the whirlwind of living.

### VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ A family member makes it clear that he or she wants your time. You can handle this request, but it might involve a postponement of plans. The unexpected keeps tossing your day into chaos. Do not overspend; instead, opt for a shortcut. Tonight: Deal with a financial matter.

### LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ Stand back and say little right now, as much is going on behind the scenes. You might want to observe rather than act. You'll learn much more about the people around you as a result. Tonight: Once more, a close associate's actions stop you in your tracks.

### SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Don't just think about what you want -- take action toward that result. No one else can read your mind or do this for you. You might be surprised at how news could toss what seemed to be a well-organized plan into chaos. Tonight: Consider getting some extra R and R.

### SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Consider taking a different approach when dealing with someone you believe to be rather shifty yet important to your life. Your sense of humor will help you handle the situation. Do not let anyone interfere with your plans. Tonight: Finally, some easy time with friends.

### CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ You might be open to change, if you could just understand the reason for it. Should you feel as if you are being manipulated, you are making too much of the situation. The unexpected remains a theme. Keep that in mind in your dealings. Tonight: Burn the midnight oil.

### AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Febr. 18)

★★★ Be forthright in your dealings. You might not know which way to go with someone's request. It might not make a difference, either. This person is so driven that your mere presence could be an obstacle right now. Get out of the way. Tonight: Follow the music.

### PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Defer to others, but make sure that you are not being held responsible for their choices. You might not be as sure of yourself as you would like to be. A trusted partner whispers in your ear, and you finally will get the full story. Tonight: Have dinner, and chat with friends and loved ones.

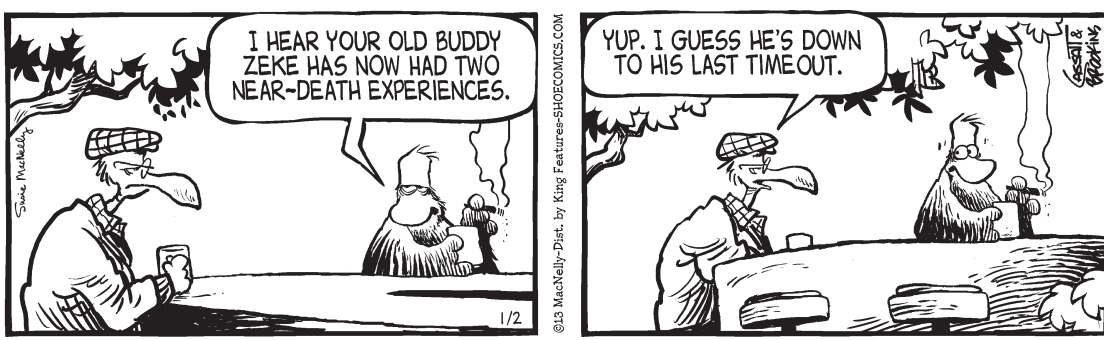
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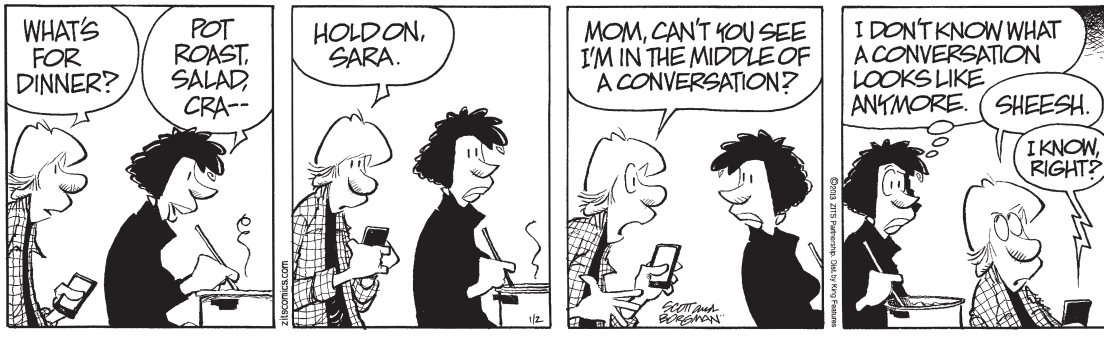
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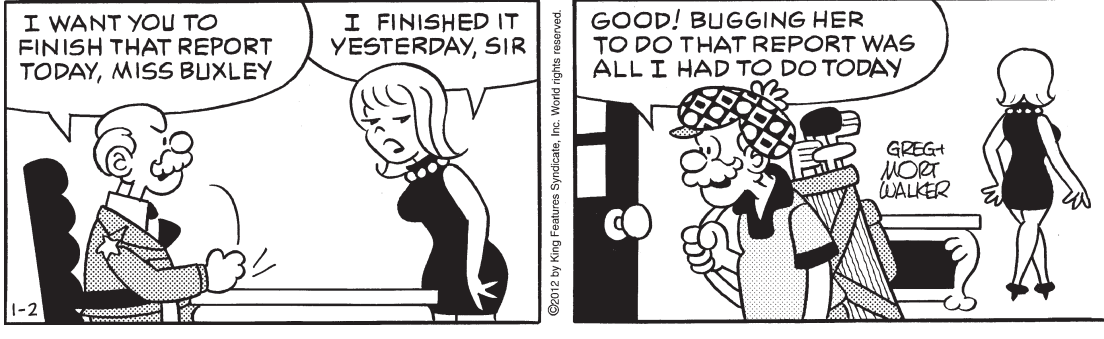
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# PampaSports

## Harvesters fall on buzzer beater to finish tourney

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After falling into the consolation bracket on Thursday due to a loss to Vega, Pampa stayed alive with a win on Friday against Bovina. That forced them to play Sands on Friday night.

Pampa Coach Matt Embry said that Sands is the No. 3 ranked team in the state in Class 1A. "They are a very good team with two very big skilled posts. Both of which are taller than 6 foot, 5 inches," said Embry.

Pampa came out of the gate strong, spreading the ball around evenly and taking a 12-6 lead after the end of the first quarter.

The Hustlin' Harvesters' lead increased to eight after the end of the first half at 22-14.



Ty Hutto

The third quarter is where the wheels fell off for Pampa. "We played three very good quarters and one very bad quarter. The bad third quarter ended up being costly," added Embry.

The score heading into the fourth quarter was 33-27, Sands.

Pampa would find themselves down 11 with 3:45 left, but they came all the way back to take the lead with seven seconds to go on a three-pointer by Ty Hutto.

Right after that, Sands went down the length of the floor and hit what coach Embry called a "prayer floater" to win the game. The final score was Sands 48, Pampa 47.

"I'm very proud of the boys not giving up and coming

back to take the lead. We have nothing to be ashamed of. We played hard and overcame some real adversity," said Embry.

Hutto led Pampa with 19 points, most of which came on four three-pointers. Derrek Pollard scored nine points. Jake Green added six points.

Cory Ponce scored five points. Cade Engle and Patterson Alvey added three points each. Gabe Garcia scored two points.

Pampa finished the game 6-12, or 50 percent, from the free-throw line. Sands finished the game 7-9, or 78 percent, from the free-throw line.

With the loss, Pampa finished 1-2 at the Caprock Classic and their overall record moves to 6-10 on the season.

The Harvesters will be back in action today against Monterey in Lubbock at 3 p.m.

## Lady Harvesters finish Caprock Classic at 1-2

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After a victory against Morton on Thursday, Pampa played Wall Friday night with a chance to go to the tournament semifinals if they won.

Pampa held a 13-7 lead after the first quarter. At the half, Pampa trailed 22-21. After three quarters, Wall led 35-29. Pampa was unable to overcome the deficit and lost the game 42-26.

Hayley Burnett led Pampa with 15 points. She also went 2-2 from the free-



Hayley Burnett

throw line and made one three-pointer. Taylor Morgan scored nine points and hit all three of her three-point attempts. Taylor Eubank added five points and shot 3-4, or 75 percent, from the free-throw line. Bailey Wichert, Madison Brown and Rachel Andrews scored two points each. Risa Rodriguez added one point. As a team, Pampa shot 8-12, or 67 percent, from the free-

throw line.

The loss put Pampa in the consolation bracket for one final game on Saturday morning against Tulia.

Pampa kept the game close after the first quarter only trailing by three points, 16-13. At the half, Pampa trailed 41-28. After three quarters, the lead increased for Tulia at 59-36. The final score was Tulia 73, Pampa 47.

Burnett led Pampa again with 22 points. She also went 9-13, or 69 percent, from the free-throw line and made one three-pointer. Andrews added nine points and

shot 3-6, or 50 percent, from the free-throw line. Eubank scored five points and shot 3-4, or 75 percent, from the free-throw line. Allison Ceyanes and Brown each added four points. Casey Sark added three points.

As a team, Pampa shot 18-29, or 62 percent, from the free-throw line.

With the losses, Pampa finished the Caprock Classic at 1-2 and their overall record moves to 6-12.

The Lady Harvesters will be back in action Friday as Perryton comes to town to open district play at 6 p.m.

## Associated Press: A recap of the best, and worst moments of the 2012 NFL season

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The MVP, Coach of the Year and Comeback Player awards will be handed out by The Associated Press the night before the Super Bowl. On national television. Hosted by Alec Baldwin.

The following aren't official awards in any manner. Nor are some of them coveted. Nonetheless, some offbeat honors (and dishonors) for 2012:

### BEST GAME

Redskins 31, Ravens 28, OT, Dec. 9

A scintillating back-and-forth game with lots of playoff implications.

AFC North leader Baltimore built a 28-20 lead on Ray Rice's 7-yard run with 4:52 remaining. Redskins rookie quarterback Robert Griffin III led his team downfield despite hurting his right knee, hitting Pierre Garcon for 22 yards. Griffin then was called for intentional grounding and could no longer continue. RG3 eventually limped to the sideline as another rookie, Kirk Cousins, replaced him.

Cousins then connects with Leonard Hankerson for 15 yards, then Garcon for an 11-yard TD with 36 seconds remaining. The untested QB ran in the 2-point conversion to tie it.

Richard Crawford returned an OT punt 64 yards to set up Kai Forbath's 34-yard field goal for the win.

Runner-up: San Francisco blew a 31-3 second-half lead at New England, then wakes up to beat the Patriots 41-34.

### WORST GAME

Browns 20, Steelers 14, Nov. 25

The Steelers turned it over eight times — yes eight — including five fumbles and three interceptions from backup quarterback Charlie Batch, playing for injured starter Ben Roethlisberger and No. 2 QB Byron Leftwich. Yet the Browns were so inept that Pittsburgh still had a chance to win in the fourth quarter.

Not surprisingly, Pittsburgh fumbled on the final play during a series of laterals.

Runner-up: The Monday night mess when Tennessee outlasted the New York Jets 14-10 as Mark Sanchez was responsible for five giveaways.

### BEST PLAY OF THE YEAR

Ravens 16, Chargers 13, OT, Nov. 25

Fourth-and-29, or fourth-and-hopeless in most cases. Not this one. Not against the San Diego defense.

Joe Flacco looked downfield hoping for a big play to keep the Ravens alive. Nothing doing, so he dumped the ball to Rice just past the line. At his swiveling best, Rice avoided three defenders at the 50, kept going around another handful of Chargers, then slammed into two defensive backs.

The ball was spotted at the 33. After a long video review, it was moved back to the 34, but still was good for a first down. Officially, it was a 29-yard gain.

Justin Tucker's 38-yard field goal tied it and he made a 38-yarder in overtime for the win.

Runner-up: RG3 again, with his stunning 76-yard TD sprint against Minnesota that showed off his world-class speed as well as his moves and power.

### WORST PLAY OF THE YEAR

Seahawks 14, Packers 12, Sept. 24

The demise of the replacement officials.

Do we really need to recount all the problems with this play and call, the last one made by the replacements before the NFL ended its lockout of the regular officials?

Suffice to say it will be celebrated in Seattle and slammed in Green Bay forever.

Runner-up: Sanchez colliding with Jets guard Brandon Moore's butt, knocking the QB down and sending the ball to the ground, where Steve Gregory grabbed it and went 32 yards for a Patriots touchdown in a Thanksgiving night rout.

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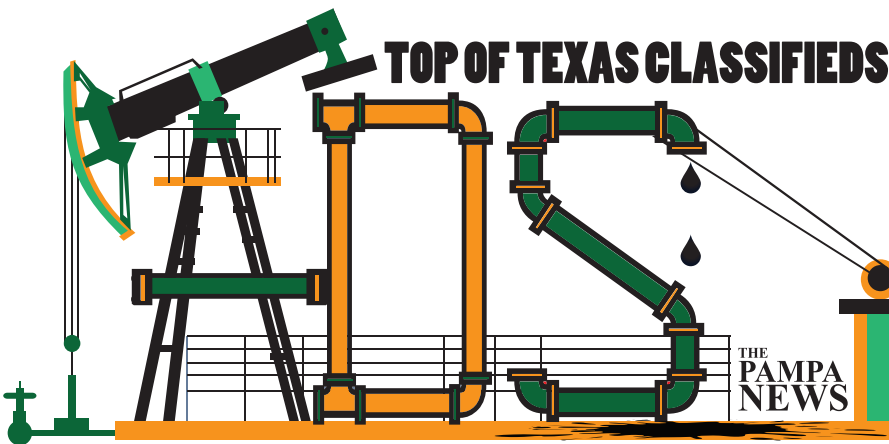
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One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

## 1-2 CRYPTOQUOTE

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**Yesterday's Cryptoquote:** WITHOUT A FAMILY, MAN, ALONE IN THE WORLD. TREMBLES WITH THE COLD. — ANDRE MAUROIS



## Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: After years of denial I have come to realize that I am bisexual. I'm happily married to a straight man, and we have a great marriage I wouldn't change for the world. He is my soul mate, and we plan to be together for many years to come. I just happen to be physically attracted to women, too.

Some people say I can't be bisexual if I've never been with a woman; I say they're wrong. Am I correct?

How do I deal with this in social situations? I'm afraid to put it on my social media profile for fear of a backlash from my family. I'd like my friends to know, but it doesn't feel proper to just come out and say, "I'm bi."

I was hoping some of your readers might be able to give me some input. How does one "come out" without overdoing it or coming across the wrong way? Is there a right way? Should I continue keeping it a secret?

I'm not sure what to do with my revelation. I have pondered it for some time now, and felt I could trust you to give me tactful, unbiased advice. — BI IN THE DEEP SOUTH

**DEAR B.I.T.D.S.: Bisexuality is having an attraction to people of both sexes, and yes, it is possible to be bisexual without having acted upon it. However, being married means you are (happily) involved in a monogamous relationship. To announce that you are bisexual and/or put it on the Internet**

would be a mistake, in my opinion, not only because it would shock your family, but also because it might seem like you were advertising that you are "available." Unless you are promiscuous, you are NOT available. Most married people agree to be committed to their spouses regardless of whether they are straight, gay or bi.

If you choose to confide your diverse sexual orientation to your close friends, that is your business. But if you do, please remember that once two people know something, there's a strong likelihood of the news spreading faster than the flu.

**P.S. If you do decide to divulge, be sure to tell your husband first.**

DEAR ABBY: I work in a jewelry store where the associates get generous discounts. I mentioned the amount of my discount at one family party, and ever since, my brother-in-law has continued to ask to use it for my sister.

Abby, letting others use my discount is strictly forbidden. Although the store may never find out, this goes against my morals.

My sister's birthday is in six weeks, and today I told him we can split the cost for the item she wants. I offered because I felt pressured. I have now decided that I can't go against my morals, plus the item is pretty expensive even with my discount.

How do I tell him no? I have told him before that it's against company policy, but the

message isn't getting through. — FEELING USED IN GEORGIA

**DEAR FEELING USED:** Tell your brother-in-law that even with the discount, splitting the cost of the birthday gift is too much for you. Then reiterate firmly that doing this is against company policy and could cost you your job. It's the truth.

While the conversation may not be pleasant, it's important to deliver the message now so he can make other arrangements to pay for that expensive piece of jewelry your sister is expecting.

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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### ACROSS

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- 11 Refer
- 12 Deadly missile
- 13 Turns red, perhaps
- 14 "— Around"
- 15 Sioux people
- 17 Act the model
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- 23 Running bird
- 24 Camera accessory
- 26 Cloth scrap
- 27 Impress greatly
- 28 Luau instrument
- 29 Rough, as lips
- 31 Garden visitor
- 32 Fast runners
- 33 Look after
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- 37 In a frenzy
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- 44 Galahad's mother
- 45 Fired
- 46 Prepared for a blow

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- 6 Cubicle fixture
- 7 Quarterback Johnny
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- 9 — out (supplement)
- 10 Filming site
- 16 Held title to
- 17 Bar in a cage
- 18 Nebraska city
- 19 Scoop holder
- 21 Occupied
- 22 Velocity
- 24 Small error
- 25 Ram's mate
- 30 Made coffee
- 33 Dallas native
- 35 Help in crime
- 36 Foot part
- 37 Copying
- 38 Dance tape
- 40 Frank McCourt book
- 41 Count start
- 42 — XING (street sign)

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For each of the words below, replace one letter with the tile after the plus sign. Then rearrange the letters to spell something typically found in a bathroom.

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Yesterday's Answer: 1-8; 2-4; 3-7; 5-6

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# NFL

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## BIGGEST SURPRISE (PLAYER)

Adrian Peterson isn't just back from major left knee surgery, he may be better than ever as he pursues 2,000 yards rushing and carries an outside shot at Eric Dickerson's single-season record of 2,105 heading into the finale against Green Bay.

## BIGGEST SURPRISE (TEAM)

Anytime a team goes from earning the top overall draft pick with a 2-14 record to earning a playoff berth with a 10-5 record, it's stunning.

And sensational, which the Indianapolis Colts' turnaround has been — es-

pecially considering coach Chuck Pagano began treatments for leukemia in late September and only returned this week.

Indy was the lowest-ranked team in the AP Pro32 power rankings when the season began. Now, it is the No. 5 seed in the AFC playoffs.

## BIGGEST LET DOWN (PLAYER)

Tim Tebow. This one is not his fault entirely, of course.

Why, exactly, did the Jets trade for him? One season after practically willing the Broncos into the playoffs, he was a headline-drawing nonentity in New Jersey.

## BIGGEST LET DOWN (TEAM)

Eagles. What a sad way the Andy Reid era is about

to end in Philadelphia. With so much talent, such a strong recent history of success and, it appeared, a solid coaching staff, the Eagles looked like an NFC East power. Instead, they fell apart, with most of their alleged stars (Michael Vick, Nnamdi Asomugha, Jason Babin, DeSean Jackson) disappearing.

## BEST COACHING DECISION

Pete Carroll picking third-round rookie Russell Wilson as his quarterback over high-priced free-agent signee Matt Flynn.

## WORST COACHING DECISION

Detroit's Jim Schwartz knew the rule, he said. Yet he threw his red flag to challenge a call that automatically would be

reviewed, and came away red-faced.

Schwartz negated the video review that almost certainly would have overturned the officials' call that Houston's Justin Forsett was not tackled on an 81-yard TD run. That score pulled the Texans within three points in the third quarter of what would be an overtime win.

## BEST FREE AGENT SIGNING

Peyton Manning, Denver. No need to say more.

## WORST FREE AGENT SIGNING

Brandon Jacobs, San Francisco.

Barely saw the field, had five carries, got suspended and publicly expressed his annoyance at the 49ers on Twitter.

## BEST PLAY-BY-PLAY ANNOUNCER (TV)

Mike Tirico, hands down. No one is more prepared or understands the rules and game situations better than the ESPN lead man. Smooth, enlightening and not afraid to express an opinion. His call to finish the Jets-Titans game was a classic.

## BEST PLAY-BY-PLAY ANNOUNCER (RADIO)

Kevin Harlan, who does the Monday night games nationally. His descriptions — unlike so many other radio voices who prefer to simply count down the yardages rather than explain what is happening — are an invaluable service to listeners. Harlan's announcing is almost as good as watching the games.

## BEST ANALYST (TV)

Tim Ryan. Too bad Ryan, a former pro defensive lineman, doesn't get more national exposure from Fox.

He's insightful, funny and has great rapport with players.

Want to know how something happened on the field? He's the best at telling you.

## BEST ANALYST (RADIO)

Hall of Fame receiver James Lofton is just quirky enough to make the Sunday night games worth tuning in to even after a long day of football.

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# Freedom

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(159), Lutheran (150), Dutch Reformed (120), Methodist (65), Roman Catholic (56), Moravian (31), Congregational-Separatist (27), Dunker (24), Mennonite (16), French Reformed (7) and Jewish

(5). "Though many colonies had established churches, it would have been impossible to choose one denomination as a national church," he said. "Nonreligious Americans opposed establishment in the name of freedom from religion, but many religious Americans opposed it for theological

reasons." Weaver said early churches tended to be led by lay people and were locally controlled.

Early Americans believed the church must be limited in power, but free.

"We are a puzzle to many and a marvel to many," Weaver said.

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■ Pampa varsity boys @ Monterey at 3 p.m.

**THURSDAY JAN. 3**  
■ Pampa JV boys @ Perryton Tournament.  
■ Pampa freshman boys @ Perryton Tournament.

**FRIDAY JAN. 4**  
■ Pampa Varsity girls v. Perryton at 6 p.m.  
■ Pampa JV girls v. Perryton at 4:30 p.m.  
■ Pampa freshman girls v. Perryton at 7:30 p.m.

**SATURDAY JAN. 5**  
■ Pampa wrestling @ Pampa Duals. All day event.  
■ Pampa boys soccer scrimmage v. Monterey at 12:30 p.m.  
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