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The Gray County Republican Executive Committee discusses placement of names on the primary ballot in March Friday evening, January 8. The primary election will be held on March 2. Four candidates have filed for the Precinct 4 County Commission seat being vacated by James Hefley, two for the 223rd District Judgeship being vacated by Lee Waters, two candidates are challenging Richard Peet for the position of County Judge and Precinct 2 Commissioner Gary Willoughby faces a lone opponent. Clockwise beginning with John Tripplehorn (back to camera) is Nell Bailey, Doug Ware (standing) and Harold Price.

on announces commission run

On December 10th, 2009 Lynn Allison filed to run for election to the office of Gray County Commissioner Precinct 4 with the Republican Party. The current commissioner, James Hefley, announced his intent to retire at the end of his term. Lynn said if elected he

husband Trey Glover live in Tyler, Texas. Cortnie is married to Trent Price and lives in Pampa along with their two children Ella and Slade. Lynn and his brother Bill operate Bill Allison Auto Sales; a local car dealership in Pampa for over 30 years.

As an active member of the

Pampa community Lynn is

is actively involved with their flag service, participated in the children's Christmas shopping tour, and the club's annual golf tournament.

Lynn is also a member of the Pampa Chamber of Commerce Gold Coats; a program in which new businesses are welcomed to the community and to membership of the chamber.

USDA seeks input on resources

BY DAVID BOWSER dbowser@thepampanews.com

Conservation issues will be the topic of a joint agricultural department and county soil and water conservation

district meeting this month. John Wimberley, district conserva-tionist for the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, said the local work group meeting is looking for input from a broad range of agencies, organizations, businesses and individuals that are interested in natural resource conditions in Gray County.

That input, he said, will allow the working group to make address resource concerns, land use priorities to be addressed and rankings developed for county-based funding.

These recommendations will be used in implementing the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and other Natural Resources Conservation

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Lynn Allison is a well known Pampa businessman and has been a resident of Gray County for over 45 years. He grew up in Lefors and is a graduate of Lefors High School and Tyler Junior College. Lynn and his wife Lynn (that is right it is Lynn & Lynn) have been married for 32 years. They have two daughters Shelbie and Cortnie. Shelbie and her

involved in many community organizations. Lynn and his wife are active members of the First Baptist Church where he is a deacon and serves on the finance and buildings and grounds committees.

He is a volunteer with the Meals on Wheels program, delivering meals weekly to residents of the Pam Apartments. Lynn is a long standing member of the Pampa Downtown Kiwanias Club. During his vears of membership he has served as President of the club,

Recently he was elected to serve on the Gray County Appraisal District Board of Directors. Lynn Allison stated "Being involved in the community has allowed me to become well acquainted and develop good working relationships with all of the county and city department heads as well as many employees.

"I believe that these relationships will be a great asset to me as a commissioner should I be elected," Allison said.

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Lynn Allison

in governor's race edina adds fire, uncertainty CARE CREDIT ACCEPTED

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) The Republican race for governor has mostly been a heavyweight showdown, with the senior U.S. senator from Texas trying to knock out the state's lon-

gest serving governor. But Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison and Gov. Rick Perry aren't the only Republicans in the race. Fiery GOP activist and

gubernatorial candidate

Debra Medina, who has strong libertarian views and does not rule out seceding from the union, could affect the contest, even if she loses, as experts anticipate.

Republican candidate for Texas Governor Debra Medina attends the State Sovereignty Symposium at a Hotel in Houston Wednesday, January 6, 2010. (AP Photo/Michael Stravato)

But Medina is unswayed establishment candidates by the experts. could take a toll on them "I feel it in my gut," said and the party, and if she

Medina, a registered nurse gets enough traction she from Wharton, just south could trigger a gubernatorial runoff election. of Houston. "I am not quitting. I am not taking my Polls have foot off the pedal. Not one

Medina in the single digits, but even a few points in a close race could be enough Medina has been wagto spark a runoff. If no candidate wins 50 percent of the vote in the March 2 primary, the top two contenders have to face off on April 13.

shown

If there is a runoff, experts believe it will again be Perry and Hutchison, engaging in a costly doover played out over an intense six weeks. Medina has a different scenario in mind: she gets into a runoff with Perry and wins in a David-vs-Goliath battle.

Medina, who homeschooled two children, packs a pistol in her car, but does not have a concealed-weapons license MEDINA cont. on page 3

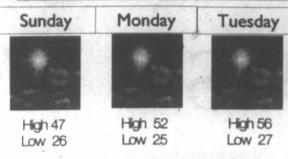




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For the record

PAMPA FORECAST



Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 17. Wind chill values between 5 and 15. South southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 47. South southwest wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 26. South wind around 10 mph becoming northwest.

Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 52. North northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Monday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 25. Northeast wind around 5 mph becoming southwest.

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Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 56. South southwest wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 27.

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Sunshine, more cold temperatures expected

Sunshine and cold, arctic air were in the forecast for much of the Lone Star State on Saturday.

Sunny skies were expected in Dallas-Fort Worth with a high near 35 degrees. Skies should be clear on Saturday night with a low around 19 degrees.

Sunny skies were expected in Amarillo with a high near 39 degrees and wind chill values between minus-2 and 8. The low should drop to around 13 degrees.

Obituaries There are no obituaries today Male DNA test yields clues in Texas criminal cases

HOUSTON (AP) - An advanced type of DNA testing that is male-specific is helping Texas law enforcement solve sexual assaults and other crimes that previously netted inconclusive results.

The Y-chromosome detection analysis is able to extend the evidence collection time from 48 hours on up to 120 hours, experts say

It separates male DNA profiles from those belonging to females and hones in on tiny bits of saliva, skin cells, semen or other biological evidence.

In gang rapes, the malespecific test can determine the number of men involved in the attack. But it falls short in same-sex assaults and can't differentiate between male siblings.

Although the test has existed for at least eight years, some of the state's

larger law enforcement crime labs have only recently become equipped to conduct their own analysis as the courts have become more accepting of newer kinds of technology.

"It's not a common kind of test you use all the time, it takes a considerable amount of work to get those systems up," said John Planz, associate director of the University of North Texas Center for Human Identification in Fort Worth, which has been working to refine the testing kits. The Texas Department

of Public Safety crime lab, which handles forensic testing for a various agencies across the state, including the El Paso Police Department, started conducting its own malespecific DNA tests in the middle of last year, DPS spokesman Tom Vinger said.

The Harris County Medical Examiner's Office biology lab also began using the test around the same time. Since June, it has obtained positive results in 20 sexual assault cases - most involving children — though none of those cases have gone to trial yet.

"Everyone recognizes (this) testing will work when traditional testing doesn't," Dr. Roger Kahn, the Harris County medical examiner's forensic biology director, told the Houston Chronicle. "The number of successes is up. Even we're surprised at some of these."

In the case of a 9-yearold girl who told authorities that a male relative molested her while she slept, there were no witnesses and no semen recovered. Harris County's supervisory forensic investigator Dan Morgan said

testing using traditional DNA tests yielded inconclusive results. But testing using the new analysis found a partial DNA profile on swabs and portions of the girl's clothing that matched the suspect's.

Like a black light that causes white clothes and teeth to glow in the dark, the technology in the new test essentially makes the female DNA profile invisible and amplifies any male DNA, no matter how small, that may not have been seen before.

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The male-specific DNA tests can also be used to solve crimes involving people of the opposite sex, such as burglaries or homicides that do not involve rape.

But the advanced tests only work in cases where a suspect has given a DNA sample to investigators looking at a specific crime, Kahn said.

Government health insurance option appears doomed

WASHINGTON (AP) ----Senior House Democrats have largely abandoned hopes of including a government-run insurance option in the final compromise health care bill taking shape, according to several officials, and are pushing for other measures to rein in private insurers.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and other senior Democrats told President Barack Obama in recent meetings they want the legislation to strip the insurance industry of a long-standing exemption from federal antitrust laws, officials said. That provision is in the House-passed measure, but was omitted from the bill that the Senate passed on Christmas Eve. They also want the final measure to include a House-passed proposal for a nationwide insurance exchange, to be regulated by the federal government, where consumers could shop for private coverage. The Senate bill calls for a state-based system of exchanges.

groups and individuals.

The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because the negotiations are private.

The maneuvering comes as the White House and majority Democrats intensify efforts to agree on a final measure, possibly before Obama delivers his State of the Union address late this month or early in February.

Government intervention

had to be jettisoned.

Given the opposition in the Senate, Pelosi, D-Calif., signaled late last year she did not view a public option as a requirement for a final compromise. Asked in an interview Dec. 16 whether she could support legislation without it, she said, "It depends what else is in the bill."

More recently, she listed her goals for a House-Senate compromise withinto the insurance market out mentioning the proviis one of the most conten- sion she long has backed. "We are optimistic that there is much that we have in common in both of our bills and that we will resolve or reconcile this legislation in a way that is a triple A rating: affordability for the middle class, accountability for the insurance companies, and accessibility to many more people in our country to quality, affordable health care," she said. While Obama favors a government option, he has said repeatedly it is only a small part of his overall effort to remake the health

care system, and is not essential.

Pelosi and Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., have expressed optimism about chances for a swift agreement, but there appears to be relatively little maneuvering room. That is particularly true in the Senate, where 60 votes will be needed to overcome a Republican filibuster, and any change carries the risk of alienating a Democrat whose vote is crucial.

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Additionally, House Democrats want to require insurers to spend a minimum amount of premium income on benefits, thereby limiting what is available for salaries, bonuses, advertising and other items. The House bill sets the floor at 85 percent; the Senate-passed measure lowers it to 80 percent for policies sold to small

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tious issues to be settled. Others include the fate of a Senate-passed tax on highcost insurance plans, bitterly opposed by some labor unions; the extent to which abortions could be covered by insurance to be sold in the new exchanges; and the amount of money available to help lower-income families purchase coverage.

Liberals long have pressed to include a government-run insurance option in the legislation, arguing it would create competition for private companies and place a brake on costs.

House Democrats included it in their legislation. In the Senate, it drew opposition from Democratic moderates whose votes are essential to the bill's fate. Even attempts to include an expansion of Medicare for uninsured individuals as young as age 55 widely viewed as a facesaving proposal for liberals

The bill's future is further complicated by a scheduled Jan. 19 election in Massachusetts. Some polls show Democrat Martha Coakley in a closer-than-expected race against Republican Scott Brown and an independent contender. The winner will replace Sen. Paul Kirk, who became the 60th member of the Democratic caucus when he was named to his seat as successor to the late Sen. Edward M. Kennedy.

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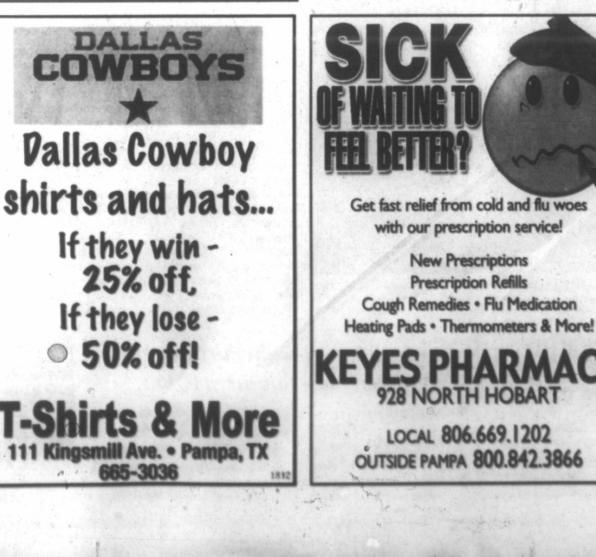
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The 2008 Farm Bill

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the opportunity to help local conservation leaders set program priorities, he

The local working group

meeting is co-sponsored

by the USDA Natural

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Conservation District. It will be at 6 p.m., Jan. 21, in

the USDA Service Center

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Pennies from Miami

The Miami ISD Student Council held a penny campaign and donated all the money to CASA. They raised \$1,000.00. Pictured are Student Council President Shelly Morrison, CASA Executive Director Janet Watts and CASA Board President Paul Nachtigall.

Feds order tests for some rookie Texas teachers

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Several thousand firstyear elementary school teachers in Texas will have to take exams as early as this spring, the U.S. Department of Education has ordered, rejecting an appeal from the state to

 waive the requirement.
In a letter to state
Education Commissioner
Robert Scott this week, the
federal agency said firstyear teachers in elementary
and some middle schools

Medina

who didn't pass a "generalist" exam measuring knowledge in core subjects are not in compliance with federal standards and must be tested. Texas has a week to come up with a testing plan.

However, federal officials did exempt teachers who specialize in music, art and similar courses from the generalist exam. That waiver may cover thousands of first-year fine-arts teachers.

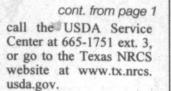
Debbie Ratcliffe, a spokeswoman for the Texas Education Agency, said there is no estimate yet on how many teachers will have to take the exam. Before the waiver for fine arts teachers was granted, state officials said as many as 30,000 new teachers hired in the current school year might have to take the exam.

Texas schools typically hire about 45,000 new teachers each year. "We're pleased with the ruling because we didn't think we would win on any front," Ratcliffe said Friday. "We're glad they recognized the special circumstances of fine arts teachers."

Most new teachers passed only a certification exam in a specific subject, which the state backed by the Bush administration at the time said was sufficient to be licensed as a teacher. Teachers also must pass a separate pedagogy and professional responsibilities exam.

But an Oct. 19 monitoring report from the education department said the state is in violation of federal law and must submit a timeline and plan to implement the requirement that those teachers pass a multisubject exam.

State education officials have been directed to submit a plan to test the teachers and come in compliance with federal law by Jan. 15.



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because she says she doesn't believe she needs one.

She cherishes libertarian ideas but is a takeno-prisoners conservative Republican. She wants to abolish property taxes and replace them with an expanded sales tax. Like Perry, she also has made the federal government the whipping post of her campaign, saying Washington is encroaching too much in citizens' lives and overstepping its constitution-

al limits on health care, spending, environmental regulations and other policies. line. She says she'd restore Texas "sovereignty" by fighting Uncle Sam with executive orders and legal action. If that doesn't work, she says she won't rule out pulling a page out of Civil War history with a move to secede from the nation.

"It will be up to the people. I don't think you can rule it out," Medina told The Associated Press. "I'm going to work really hard not, to take us down the path."

Though she's critical of both Hutchison and Perry, Medina sees ner main rival as Perry and she reserves her harshest remarks for the governor. Methodist Southern University political scientist Cal Jillson said Medina is likely to draw support from voters "out of Perry's right flank." But he predicts Medina will get no more than 5 or 6 percentage points as voters pick between the much bettercont. from page 1

known Republican candidates.

If the three-way race sparks a runoff, Perry and Hutchison will have to raise and spend more money and compete for a smaller pool of voters who are interested enough in the race to return a second time to the polls.

Mark Jones, political scientist at Rice University in Houston, said a runoff could help Democrats by keeping the intramural Republican brawl in the headlines. He still gives

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Perry grabbed headlines last year when he suggested Texans might want to secede from the United States if Washington "continues to thumb their nose" at its citizens. But the governor has said he would never advocate breaking off from the United States. Medina takes a harder Perry the advantage in a second round against Hutchison but says unpredictable things could happen in the course of a new election.

"There's a whole host of things that could go wrong in the state government that people could blame Perry for," Jones said. "But it's still only six weeks."

Pampa ISD Events for the week of January 11-16

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> 12 * Parent University "College Preparation" & "Bullying, Cyber Bullying and Sexting 14 * 8th Grade Parent Meeting * 6:00 pm

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Today in History

Today is Saturday, Jan. 9, the 9th day of 2010. There are 356 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1719 - France declares war on Spain. 1792 - Russia ends war with Turkey by Treaty of Jassy

1945 - U.S. forces invade Luzon in Philippines in World War II.

1951 - United Nations headquarters opens in New York.

1962 - Soviet Union and Cuba sign trade pact.

1964 - Anti-U.S. rioting breaks out in the Panama Canal Zone, resulting in the deaths of 21 Panamanians and three U.S. soldiers.

1965 - An estimated 500 people suspected of being rebels are executed by Congo government forces in Stanleyville in six weeks since city was retaken.

'Those who give have all things. they who withhold have nothing."

1970 France agrees to sell Mirage military jets to revolutionary regime in Libya. 1977 - Palestinian nationalist, Abou Daoud, suspected of having planned attacks on Israeli athletes at 1972 Olympic games in Munich, is arrested in Paris by French intelligence agents.

1978 - Islamic revolution erupts in Iran.

1987 - The White House releases a memorandum prepared for U.S. President Ronald Reagan in January 1986 that showed a definite link between U.S. arms sales to Iran and the release of American hostages in Lebanon.

1991 - U.S. defense officials adopt a set of press rules for the impending war in the Persian Gulf that is criticized as bordering on censorship.

1992 - Serbs in Bosnia-Herzegovina proclaim their own state.

1993 - In a symbolic victory, government troops capture the headquarters of UNITA rebel leader Jonas Savimbi in central Angola. Savimbi, however, escapes.

1994 - Gunmen attack a delegation including African National Congress chairman Cyril Ramaphosa in a township in South Africa, killing a photographer.

1995 - Russian forces close in on the Chechen presidential palace in Grozny.

1996 - Chechen rebels demanding an end to the war in their breakaway republic seize a hospital and at least 2,000 hostages in Kizlvar. Dagestan, and battle Russian troops in the town's streets. At least 40 people die. 1997 - Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak inaugurates a pumping station designed to send Nile river waters west from Nasser Lake to create a second river valley for Egypt's growing population.

counseling upon release. Literacy, GED, and workforce preparation programming are available at some

demonstrate that we can be facilities. Parole officers have safer while saving money. In 2008, 1,016 fewer increasingly been oriented Texas parolees were towards helping parolalleged to have committed ees succeed while some a new crime than in 2007. states are known for sim-Net savings may exceed "trail'em, nail'em, ply \$96 million. These gains and jail'em." Funding for parole chaplains was continued in 2009, though scaling back parole superrestored in 2007. Parole vision could reverse this resource centers emphasize decision-making based on concern for others and Why are so many fewer the victim. Texas also has committing crimes? For starters, subsmaller caseloads than stance abuse treatment many states, ranging from

> 15 to 75. Employed ex-offenders are far less likely to reoffend and most Texas parolees are working. Job placement and training for parolees has been enhanced since 2007 through closer ties between parole offices and local workforce centers. Some 65 percent of Texas parolees are employed. In contrast, 80 percent of California parolees are unemployed. Decisions on granting or revoking parole are appropriately based on public safety. Mississippi Parole Board member Betty Lou Jones recently noted, "we do not consider what the prison census is."

of work, education, and treatment programs. Each case is reviewed based on individualized factors and the severity of the offense.

Furthermore, the most dangerous Texas sex offenders are ineligible for parole. The most seriously violent inmates serve 87.5 percent of their sentences, with serious sex offenders serving 97.5 percent. Yet two-thirds of offenders enter prison for a nonviolent offense.

Prosecutors recognize the value of strong parole policies. The National District Association Attorneys notes that low-risk offenders can be released without jeopardizing public safety if they are properly supercost \$76.2 million.

Prison costs 13 times more than parole, but if supervision, treatment, workforce development, and chaplaincy for parolees are scaled back, more parolees may commit new crimes and be revoked to prison. The result: more crime and higher costs to taxpayers.

Instead, we must continue to break the cycle of crime. Since prisons consume 85 percent of the corrections budget, the best way to save money is to prevent crime so fewer lockups are needed.

Texas remains tough, but is also smart on crime. As policymakers face budget pressures, they must remember that a strong parole system is vital for public safety and taxpayers. Marc A. Levin, Esq. is the Director of the Center for Effective Justice at the Texas Public Policy Foundation (www.texaspolicy.com), a non-profit, free-market research institute based in Austin.



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1998 - Eight inmates die when a riot erupts in a prison in southeastern Brazil.

1999 - In the first major violation of a three-month cease-fire, Yugoslav troops attack ethnic Albanian positions in Kosovo in an attempt to free captured soldiers.

2000 - An investigation into leaks in Switzerland's vaunted bank secrecy turns up 13 people in eight countries who illegally received data on other people's Swiss bank accounts.

2001 - Some British schools begin handing out the morning-after pill to students, setting off a debate over parental rights as the government tries to curb an alarming rate of teenage pregnancy.

2002 - Hamid Karzai, head of the interim Afghan government, announces a plan to disarm Afghan citizens and create a national army.

2003 - Weapons inspectors Hans Blix and Mohamed ElBaradei tell the U.N. Security Council they had not uncovered any "smoking gun" evidence proving that Iraq possessed or sought to develop chemical, biological or nuclear weapons.

2004 - U.S. National Security Adviser Condoleezza. Rice admits that the United States has no credible evidence that Iraq moved weapons of mass destruction into Syria early in 2003 before the U.S.-led war that drove Saddam Hussein from power.

2005 - Mahmoud Abbas is elected Palestinian Authority president by a wide margin, winning a decisive mandate to renew peace talks with Israel, rein in militants and try to end more than four years of Mideast bloodshed.

2006 - An Iranian military flight carrying a commander of the country's elite Revolutionary Guards and at least 10 others crashes while trying to make an emergency landing, killing all aboard.

2007 - A cargo plane carrying Turkish construction workers crashes while landing at an airstrip. north of Baghdad, killing 34 people. The Islamic Army in Iraq, a nationalist anti-occupation insurgent group, claims to have shot it down.

Today's Birthdays:

Pope Gregory XV (Allesandro Ludovisi) (1554-1623); Thomas Warton, English poet laureate (1728-1790); Karel Capek, Czechoslovak author (1890-1938); Richard M. Nixon, U.S. president (1913-1994); Sekou Toure, first president of Guinea (1922-1984); Joan Baez, U.S. folk singer (1941--); Jimmy Page, English guitarist w/rock group Led Zeppelin (1944--).

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2007, drug tests were sent

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By Marc A. Levin, Esq.

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Jutras, Street to wed in June

Mr. Christopher Jutras and Ms. Casey Justrs of Euless, Texas are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristi Jutras, to Mr. Colby Street, son of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Street of Pampa.

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The future bride is a 2005 graduate of Texas Tech University with a duel degree in Public Relations and Spanish Language and Literature. She is employed as a senior account executive for Edleman public relations agency in Seattle. The groom is a 1999 graduate of Pampa High School and a 2003 graduate of Texas Tech University with a BA degree in Corporate Communications. He is currently a spine specialist for Nuvasive Spine.

The couple plan to wed July 17, 2010 in St James Cathedral in Seattle, Washington.

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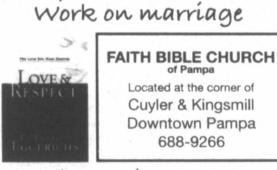
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There are four things that I vow to keep in mem-Resolutions

dry concerning Christ and my relationship with Him: First, that through Christ only can I be saved Second, that Christ was sinless and that He is my example. Third, that I am not my own but belong to Christ. Fourth, that He warned me that it was possible for my soul to be

He is my example. I Peter 2:21,22

I- I will respect the church as property purchased by the precious blood of the Lord. Ephesians 5:25; Acts 20:28 II- I will honor the church

And the Lord shall be known to Egypt, and the Egyptians shall know the Lord in that day and shall do sacrifice and oblation: yea, they shall vow unto the Lord and perform it." Isaiah 19:21

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The prophet speaks of a day when Egypt will know the Lord and worship Him. Generally speaking the Egyptians were a very ungodly people. It was unusual for them to love and serve the true God of heaven.

During their time of obedience they made a vow unto the Lord and performed it. It is better not to make a vow unto the Lord than to make one and not perform it. This fact, however, should not prevent our making vows unto Him. Every true and Godloving Christian should be free to renew his vows and make new ones. Vows set up a standard of a Christian goal for one to work for. I will endeavor to better understand three things about the Bible: First, アクテクテ that it is the word of God. Second, that it is my guide and light. Third, that by it I will be finally judged.

I- I will accept the Bible as the inspired word of God. II Timothy 3: 16; II Peter 1:20, 21

II- I will accept the Bible as my light and guide. Psalm 119: 105

III-1 shall ever keep in my mind the fact that one day I will be judged by the gospel. Romans 2: 16

I will endeavor to remember three things about the church: First, that the church was bought by the blood of Jesus Christ. Second, that the church is a divine institution. Third, that it is my duty to assemble with the church.

I-I will respect the church as property purchased by the precious blood of the Lord. Ephesians 5:25; Acts 20:28

II- I will honor the church as a divine institudestroyed in hell. I- I shall ever remember that through and by Him I can be saved. Acts 4:10-12; John 14:6

a divine institution. as Matthew 16: 18

III- I will endeavor to assemble with the church regularly. Hebrews 10:25

There are four things that I vow to keep in memory concerning Christ and my relationship with Him: First, that through Christ only can I be saved.

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Dear Abby..

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

15-year-old girl whose parents treat me like an 8-year-old. They not only refuse to let me see any movie that isn't G-rated, but they still cut my meat for me! Once a week we go to the park, and they still push me on the swings.

I don't want to tell them it's embarrassing because I'm afraid I'll hurt their feelings. Please tell me how to convey to my parents that I'm not a child anymore. -- OLD ENOUGH **IN VIRGINIA**

DEAR OLD ENOUGH: Your parents mean well, but children who are overprotected to the extent you have been often become stunted in their development. Teens do not learn social skills and how to make appropriate choices when they are "supervised" to the extent you are.

Tell your parents that you love them, but in three years you will be 18 and an adult. Explain that you know they love you, but if you are not allowed some freedom now, then you will be behind your peers because of your inexperience when you have reached an age when you'll be expected to make wise choices. Remind them that even children half your age are sufficiently coordinated that they can cut the food on their plates, and you would appreciate their allowing you to get some practice.

If this doesn't help them let go, then ask another adult to help you deliver the message.

DEAR ABBY: Two family members passed away, and because we live several states from our family, we were not informed of their deaths until many weeks after the funerals. Whose responsibility is it to notify us of a death in the family? --

DEAR ABBY: I'm a LEFT IN THE DARK DEAR LEFT IN THE DARK: There is no designated person who makes the call. Often it is a family member conveying the sad news, or a close family friend if the family is too devastated or too busy making funeral arrangements to reach out. That you were not notified until weeks after the funeral -- not once but twice -- implies that there may have been some sort of estrangement. And if that's the case, you have my sympathy.

> DEAR ABBY: An old friend from high school came to visit. While she was here I couldn't help but notice that her teeth and gums were in awful shape. Her gums were red and swollen, with dark plaque around the gum lines.

I feel terrible for her. I'd hate to see her lose her teeth. She's only 30, but it's clear she'll be in trouble if she doesn't see a dentist ASAP. How can I let her know that she really, really needs to do this? -- CONCERNED IN L.A.

DEAR CONCERNED: Have a heart-to-heart talk with your friend and ask her why she hasn't been seeing a dentist. Tell her you are worried about her because diseases of the mouth can cause problems in other areas of the body or be a sign of illness.

If her problem is a fear of dentists, she should know that there are dentists who specialize in treating patients like her who can administer anti-anxiety meds to help her. And if her problem is money, that she should contact dental schools in her state to see if she could be treated as part of their supervised training for dental students. You are right to be concerned about your friend, so don't put off talking to her.



Austin Smith and Kelly Rogers

Smith, Rogers engagement announced

Tommy and Beck Smith of Pampa are pleased to announce the engagement of their son, Austin Smith to Kelly Rogers. Kelly is the daughter of Denny and Debbie Rogers of Borger.

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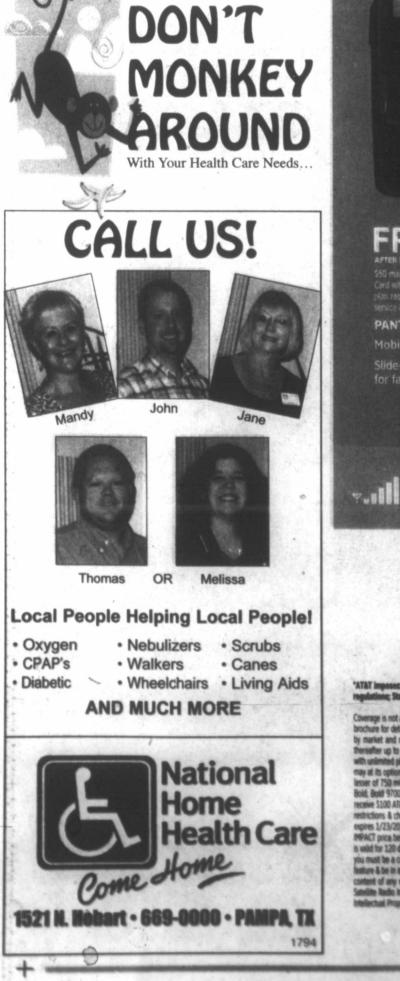
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Kelly is a graduate of Borger High School and received her Bachelor's Degree in Exercise Sport Medicine with a minor in Biology from Texas Tech University in 2008. Kelly is currently employed as a Cardiovascular Technician with Plaza Medical Group in Oklahoma city, OK.

Austin is a graduate of White Deer High School and received a Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering with a minor in Mathematics and Statistics from Texas Tech University in 2008. He is currently employed as a Compression Engineer for Enogex in Oklahoma City. The couple plans an April wedding.

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Lady Harvesters hook Horns for district win streak

BY ANDREW GLOVER aglover@thepampanews.com

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The last time the Pampa Lady Harvesters basketball team had a winning streak during district play was three years ago when Britteni Rice was finishing up her career. Friday night at McNeely Field house The Lady Harvesters won their second consecutive district game 49-46 over the Caprock Lady Longhorns.

Head Coach Gene Valentine said this game was just like Tuesday's triple overtime victory over Dumas.

"We would get up on somebody then we allow those runs," Valentine said. "Now we are learning to withstand them and force people to play catch up to us. It's been our advantage."

In the first quarter the Pampa jumped out to an early lead. The Lady Harvesters scored the first eight points of the game and forced three turnovers. The Lady Longhorns didn't score until they hit a three-pointer with less than two minutes left in



staff photo by **Andrew Glover** Kirsten Kuhn attempts a shot between two Caprock defenders Friday. The Lady Harvesters beat the Lady Longhorns 49-46 for a two-game winning streak.

Longhorns graze on Harvesters' home court

BY ANDREW GLOVER aglover@thepampanews.com The Pampa Harvesters basketball team fell behind

16 points in the third as the Longhorns led 46-28 after the third quarter. In the final quarter, the

Longhorns led by as many

The junior varsity lost to Dumas Tuesday 50-41 being outscored 15-2 in the third quarter.

The Harvesters (9-9, 1-1)

the quarter. Pampa led 9-6 after the first. The second quarter start-

ed like the first for Pampa. After allowing a basket to Caprock, the Lady Harvesters scored the next nine points to expand their lead to 18-10. But momentum would shift as Pampa was held scoreless the rest of the quarter. The Lady Longhorns ended the quarter on a 7-0 run helped by four Pampa turnovers, cutting the Lady Harvesters lead to 18-17 at halftime.

In the third quarter it was a back and forth battle. After Pampa made two free throws, Caprock scored two baskets to take their first lead of the game at 21-20. In the third quarter there was five ties and seven lead changes. Pampa scored the last seven points of the quarter to lead 36-31. The fourth quarter started

The fourth quarter started as a back and forth battle. With Pampa leading 38-36, Caprock went on a 6-0 run to take a 42-38 lead. On the Lady Harvesters ensuing possession Taryn Eubank was fouled and she made both free throws. Then she stole the in bounds pass and got an easy layup to tie the game at 42.

The Lady Longhorns took the lead again and increased it to 46-42. Kirsten Kuhn scored the next three points for the Lady Harvesters on a twopointer and a free throw to cut the lead to one. With around 30 seconds left in the game Cori Cook hit a jumper to give Pampa the lead for good at 47-46. Valentine said when they fell behind in the second half they kept attacking the basket.

"We had some mismatch-

es happening," Valentine said. "So therefore we kept attacking and we were getting to the free throw line. That's something we started doing and they feel comfortable with that."

Shelbie Watson led the team in scoring with 17 points and three threepointers. Eubank had 13, and Emilie Troxell had eight.

The junior varsity beat Caprock 49-25. Delaney Clendening led the team in scoring with 19 and Caitlin Sieck had 13. Tuesday the junior varsity beat Dumas 52-42. Clendening led the team in scoring with 18 and Sieck had 14. Coach Forrest Harding said it was nice to get back in the win column and hopes that will continue.

"We want to win out this round of district play," Harding said. "We want to win the rest of the games including Canyon in two weeks."

The Lady Harvesters (7-13, 2-2) travel to Hereford Tuesday to play the Lady Whitefaces 6 p.m.



early but unlike Tuesday, they couldn't overcome the early deficit in a 68-44 loss to the Caprock Longhorns Friday at McNeely Field house.

In the Harvesters three games against district opponents they have been outscored by a combined total of 68-44 in the first quarter. For the second time in three games, the Harvesters failed to get a lead. Head Coach Dustin Miller said turnovers and transitioning is what hurt his team Friday.

"The turnovers lead to easy baskets," Miller said. "That's what we try to create is turnovers and some transition baskets. That's what makes the basket bigger and easier to shoot the ball. We didn't create anything. They (Caprock) did a good job handling the ball."

The Longhorns took control from the get go outscoring Pampa 6-1 to start the game. After the Harvesters cut their lead in half with a put back from Alex Clendening, Caprock scored the next five points to expand their advantage to 11-3. Pampa again pulled with in three at 11-8 but the Longhorns scored the last four points of the quarter to lead 15-8. In the second quarter, Caprock continued their run scoring the first seven points of the quarter holding a commanding 22-8 lead. Latigo Collins cut the lead to 12 but the Longhorns expanded it to 16 points and led 30-12 at halftime. Pampa was outscored 15-4 in the second quarter and turned the ball over eight times.

The Longhorns took control early in the third expanding their lead to 22 with the score at 35-13. The closest Pampa would get to Caprock was within 13 points, trailing 40-27 towards the end of the quarter. Both teams scored

as 26 points, as they outscored the Harvesters 22-16 in the fourth. Clendening led the team in scoring with 15 points. Travis Hagerman had nine, Garrett Ericson had seven

and Collins had six. The junior varsity lost 63-43. Coach Matt Embry said his team couldn't handle Caprock's press.

"When they see it they look like deer in headlights," Embry said. "It seems like when this team takes two steps forward they take three steps backward." travel to Hereford Tuesday to face the Whitefaces. Coach Miller said his team better be ready to take care of business.

"Hereford is just like everyone else," Miller said. "You're going to have to play really well to leave Hereford with a win. Somehow in the next two or three days we have to figure out how to get that done."

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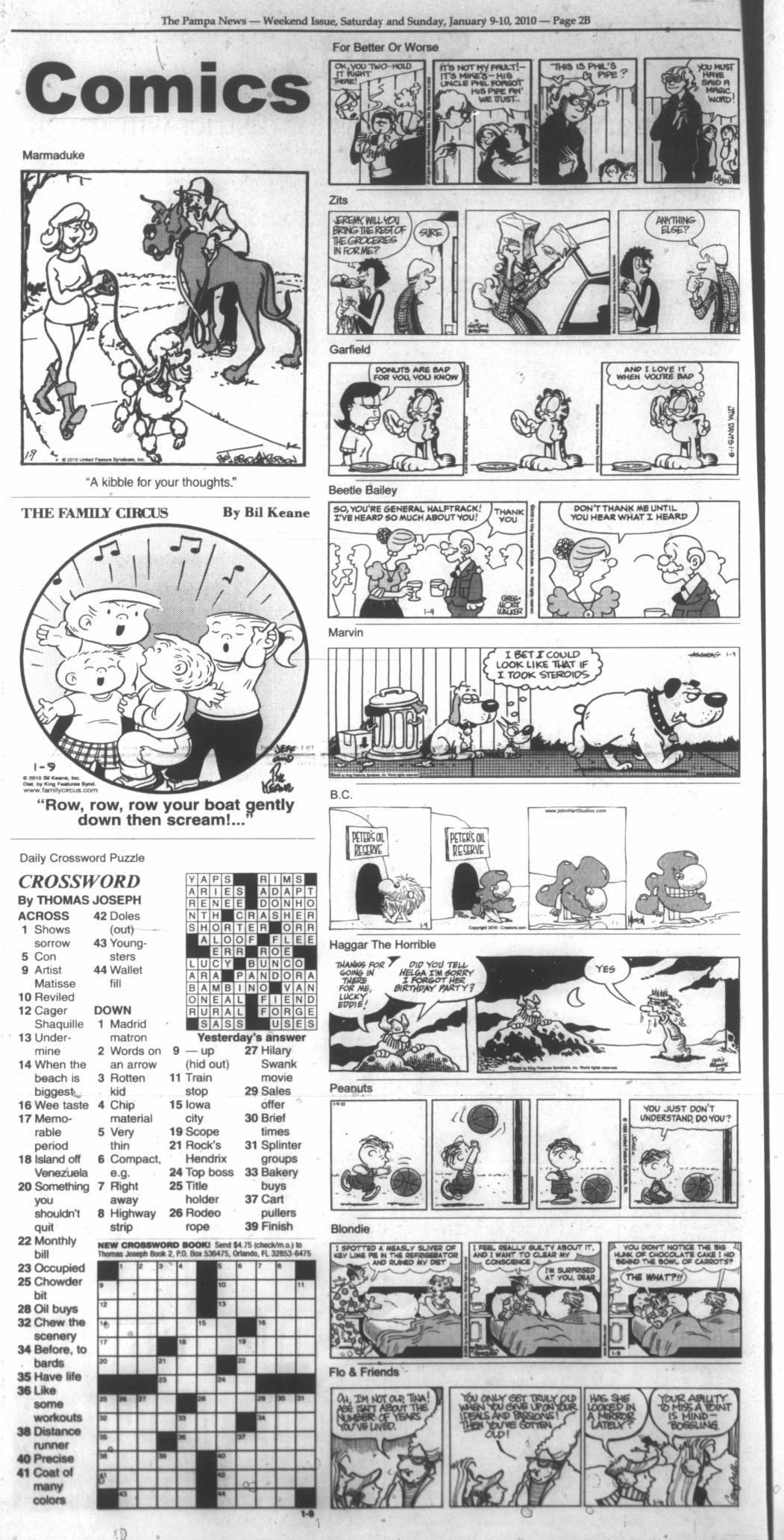
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Dear Abby... Unapologetic girl watcher can't see wife's humiliation

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

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seems scary. AM I overre-

acting? -- YOO-HOO, I'M

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I have had enough, but

DEAR HERE!: If

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OVER HERE!

DEAR ABBY: My husband constantly leers at women. He bases many of his choices on the "best views" available for girl watching: his seat in a restaurant, where he parks to pick up the kids from high school, seats at sporting events that are close to the cheerleaders, even TV shows that feature cute blondes -- the scantier clad the better.

The most upsetting incident happened when we were saying goodbye to our daughter whom we had taken to college. With tears in my eyes, I turned to my husband for comfort. Abby, instead of offering any, his eyes were glued on the rear end of a cute co-ed as she crossed the lobby.

I have begged, pleaded may look occasionally, but and explained repeatedly it appears your husband is to my husband that his obsessive. He owes you behavior is humiliating, an apology for his lack of degrading to all involved sensitivity regarding your and just plain disgusting. feelings and should make He either denies he's doing an effort at behavior modiit, becomes defensive, says fication. I need help or tells me I'm Staying in an unhappy

marriage because the idea of starting over "seems scary" is the wrong reason. But before you throw in the towel, both of you should talk to a marriage counselor -- or an optometrist who can help your husband practice tunnel vision.

ABBY: DEAR My 18-year-old son, "Brandon," dated several girls in high school -- none seriously. But now that he's thinking about colleges, he has fallen headover-heels for someone named "Michelle." I'm OK with that; my problem is Michelle's mother. It's like she's trying to get them married as soon as possible.

This woman manipulates situations so that her daughter and Brandon spend the majority of their time at her house. Every time we make plans to have Michelle over for dinner or a movie, there's either a reason she can't come, or her mother calls asking her to return home.

Michelle's mom constantly calls and texts my son. On Facebook she carries on about how much she misses him. Whenever Brandon makes a comment about his wonderful girl-

friend, her mother chimes in with, "What about her wonderful mother?"

Brandon is being set up and manipulated, but becomes defensive if I try to point it out. We live in a small town, and I have had several unsolicited warnings of "watch out for the mother" whenever people find out who Brandon is dating. Would it be wrong to approach this woman? -- LEVEL-HEADED IN MONROE, N.C.

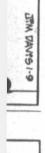
DEAR LEVEL-HEADED: It appears that Michelle's mother is living vicariously through her daughter and is trying to "help" her land your son. Although the woman's behavior is over-the-top, I doubt that confronting her would discourage her.

Before this goes any further, Brandon needs to understand that Michelle's mother is a textbook example of a problem mother-in-law. If your son has a father, uncle or grandfather in the picture, he may be more receptive to a man-to-man talk about what's going on than he is to a warning from his mother.

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more, often leaving you amazed. If you are single, you will meet people with ease. Others find you to be unusually attractive. Often, to your dismay, others are not authentic, hiding parts of themselves. If you are attached, the two of you benefit from weekends away together. Make a conscious effort to add to the romance that exists between you. SAGITTARIUS makes a great healer for vou!

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

**** You are willing to assume responsibility, but you also need to be more sensitive to or in tune with others. A brainstorming settion only strengthens an idea. Also, if you detach from this project, you might see some holes. Tonight: Let your mind wander. TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Deal with a partner directly.He or she wants to feel helpful and is more than willing to share more. You might encounter this focused attention more than just this one person. Detach from someone's story, but remain empathetic. Tonight: A debate proves to GEMENE (May 21-June 20) worthwhile.

*** * * Defer to others and make an effort to get past a problem. Your sense

to break past conventional thinking. Someone flatters you - you might wonder if this person is for real. He or she is. Tonight: Get a project completed. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) **** Others admire the fact that

you are firing on all cylinders, as one idea after the other rolls off your tongue. This lightning thinking is impressive, but make sure others are with you. Slow down and indulge an associate. Tonight: Having fun wherever you are. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) *** What is comfortable might not

he the best solution, no matter how you cut it. If you want to open up a conversation, do so, but realize that you could be stunned by someone's thoughts and ideas. A child or loved one lets you know how important you are to him or her. ight: Stay close to home. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

*** Go along with someone else's thinking for now. By not questioning this person's rationale, you'll clear out a problem, and quickly at that. You are anchored and determined to handle a personal or domestic matter. Tonight: Hang out with an old pal.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ### Remain sensitive to your budg et. Your ability to move through prob lems and get to the bottom of the issue emerges. If you try a gentler approach

**** Though much could be more surreptitious than you might like, you'll clear out an unusual amount of work. Take your time weighing a decision. Impulsiveness won't serve you well here. Tonight: Take some much-needed personal time

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) **** You smile, and others respond. Your sense of humor comes through and helps others move from one

issue to another. You might be holding back some strong feelings. Sooner or later, do share. Tonight: Where people

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) *** Others appreciate you taking a stand when they would prefer not to. At the same time, you have many allies and supporters who agree with you. Investigate an alternative more carefully in order to realize a project. Tonight: Burning the candle at both ends.

BORN TODAY First Secretary of the Treasury Alexander Hamilton (1755), singer Naomi Judd (1946), actress Kim Coles (1966)

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This year, you see many changes in your life and in the lives of those around you. Network and expand your circle of friends. Zero in on your goals. One situation in your life could remain problematic. Look within for answers, and change your perspective and attitude. If you are single, you could meet someone easily; however, this person might not be everything that he or she seems to be. Be aware of this possibility. If you are attached, your bond will become happier if you schedule more time alone together. SAGITTARIUS can be your best friend or your worst enemy, depending on his or her integrity.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

 $\star \star \star \star$ After a discussion in which you feel you have been open, if you still get no response, proceed. Walk down a new path. With all the excitement that surrounds a new movie or a special visit, why not make it happen? Tonight: Let your mind wander to good music. This Week: Keep reaching out for the

unusual, offbeat idea TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

**** Relate directly to those in your life. A brunch could involve more than one person, but you need to make time for key people. Test what has been just a theory, and see if it could become a reality. Someone you look up to is nebulous at best! Tonight: Have an overdue chat. This Week: Listen to opinions, and find out whether you agree

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ Your willingness to put yourself on the line counts. If you're trying to make inroads right now with a new or key person, use the afternoon to get together, but be willing to defer. Let this person reveal his or her true colors. Tonight: Just don't be alone.

This Week: Let others have the platform

they want

CANCER (June 21-July 22) *** Funnel creativity into a cleanup project, redoing a room or whatever interests you. This ingenuity often comes out emotionally, but also use this special quality elsewhere in your life. Tonight: Make a list of to-dos.

This Week: Dive into work and get as much done as possible. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

**** This afternoon you feel like a child again. Even better if you can find a kid to share this moment with. In any case, get into a fun activity; go to the movies and escape into fantasy. Tonight: Forget tomorrow: live now. This Week: Getting into work mode could be close to impossible. If you can take a few days off, do.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

*** Make calls. Many of you would prefer to stay close to home and not push so hard. You could be tired and overdrawn to the max and need to honor your fatigue. Don't push so hard. Feel free to cancel plans. Tonight: Make it an early night. This Week: Coming from a secure basis,

you can tackle nearly anything. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

 $\star \star \star$ Be careful with your finances and spending. Curb a wild mood in the afternoon, later on you could regret what you do. Better yet would be to visit with a friend over a late lunch. Tonight: Where people are.

This Week: Make calls and schedule meetings on Monday. You could have a lot to do, but you'll also accomplish a lot. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Make calls and reach out to friends in the morning. You could be delighted by a change in plans. Make it a point to invite someone along or let this person know how much you appreciate him or her. Nothing speaks like a token of affection. Tonight: Settle in. This Week: Expenses drive you to put in

overtime and/or cut your budget. Either works

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

**** Move into a more active stance in the afternoon. Though you might be exhausted and fed up with what is going on, the time has come to move forward and handle a situation directly. Do nothing halfway right now. Tonight: The world is your oyster.

This Week: You smile, and others respond. Use that innate charisma positively

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

*** Look at the basics of a situation rather than react. Perhaps, with the aid of a friend, study the possibilities here for change. You don't have to deal with this situation immediately either. Tonight: Play it low-key

This Week: Observe, think and research. Act Wednesday on.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Expect to be more visual than you normally might choose to be. Others want to hear your opinions. Nevertheless, at some point you will want to toss your hands in the air and just go off and enjoy the remaining part of the weekend. Tonight: Forget that tomorrow is Monday. Enjoy.

This Week: Meetings prove to be unusually successful Monday and Tuesday. Do some hardcore thinking Wednesday on. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Touch base with someone at a distance or someone you don't often hear from. Your ability to visualize and create comes out in the afternoon. Claim your power; you have much more going for you than you realize. Tonight: A must appearance.

see the results. Just lead in the direction you want to head.

BORN TODA

Singer, songwriter Jim Croce (1943), singer Rod Stewart (1945), boxing champion George Foreman (1949) * * *

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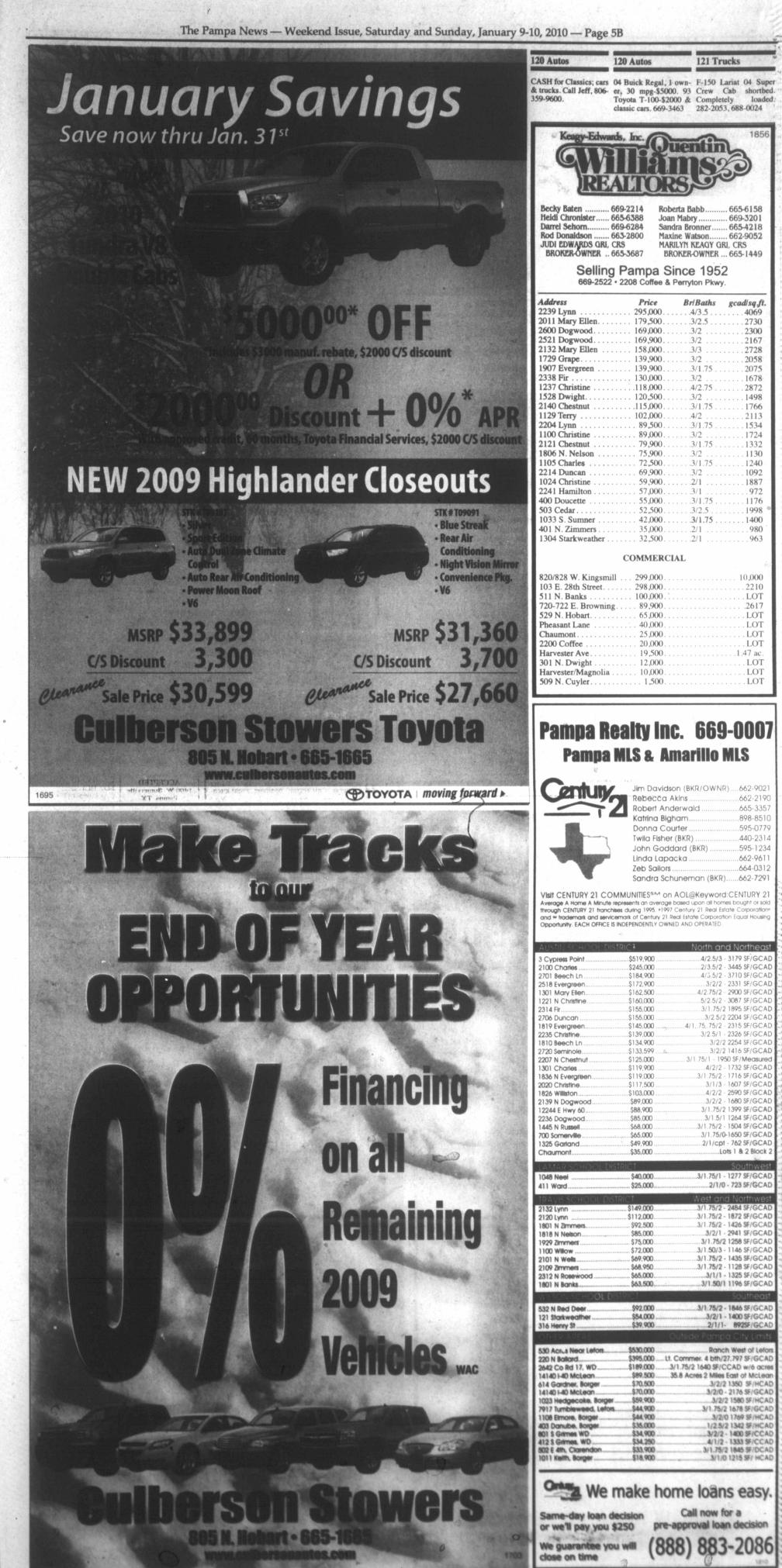
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II- I shall never forget that Christ lived an absolute sinfess life and that He is my example. I Peter 2:21,22

III- I shall remember that I have no right to my selfish desires for I am not my own, Christ bought me. I Corinthians 6: 19-20; I Corinthians 3:23

IV- I shall forever keep in mind that Christ has warned me that it is possible for me to be destroyed in hell. Matthew 10:20

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IF I shall endeavor to appear wise by keeping my tongue. Ecclesiastes 5:3; Proverbs 29: 11, Ecclesiastes 10: 14 II- I shall esteem others and not think that I am the best member of this church. Philippians 2:3

III- I shall endeavor to be my brother's keeper to the extent that I shall try to save every erring one. Genesis 4:8; James 5:19, 20)

New Year's resolutions have become a habit with some of us. It is a good habit but bad policy to make them and then break them. At our conversion we made many vows to God. When we were in trouble we promised Him many things on the condition that He would help us. On these promises we demanded something in return for all that He did for us. Most likely they have not been kept. Our New Year's resolutions should be made out of hearts that are sincerely seeking after God. As long as our hearts continue to seek after Him, our resolutions will be easily kept.

Have a happy New Year! From all of us to all of you!



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