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Mesa Water, CRMWA to complete rights deal

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 After almost ten years of marketing water to San Antonio, Dallas and other buyers, T. Boone Pickens and his Mesa Water company will complete a sale of the water rights to the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority (CRMWA) this morning in Amarillo.



Satterwhite

The \$103 million purchase will cover 211,217 surface acres of ground-water holdings across seven counties in the Panhandle. "The purchase came about from lucky timing," said Kent Satterwhite of CRMWA. "They were ready to share, and we were ready to buy. The drought was also a part of it."

Amid the most severe one-year drought in Texas history, Pickens said that he entered into the agreement due to lingering concerns regarding water supplies in the Panhandle area. In October, CRMWA decided to reduce water allocations and to stop pumping water from a nearly

depleted Lake Meredith to its 11 member cities, including Pampa. As of Tuesday, the lake's depth was measured at 30.39 feet, nearing a record low of 30.21 feet from November of this year. "In 2001, we started pumping from the John C. Williams Aqueduct and Wellfield, and since then, the lake has started dropping drastically, and we've relied more on groundwater."

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TAKING A BOW



Daniel Heuston (left) and **Jarron Clark** practice their archery skills in Highland Park on Wednesday in preparation for a bowhunting trip. Last week's frigid climes made way for fair weather yesterday and will continue to do so all week, with temperatures expected to hit the low 60s by the weekend.

staff photo by **Arnie Aurellano**

Increased patrols over New Year's

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With New Year's Eve on the horizons, local authorities are cautioning Pampa residents to remember the dangers of driving drunk.



McCullar

Both Officer **Stormy McCullar** of the Pampa Police Department and Lieutenant **Terry Cox** of the Gray County Sheriff's Office said that their

respective law enforcement agencies would have extra patrols on the streets on Dec. 31.

"Typically, on New Year's, we have more officers out on the street," McCullar said. "New Year's Eve is just a partying type of night, so you're going to have more people drinking and driving, even in Pampa. We will be arresting people for drinking and driving. We always do."

"We'll do some additional (patrols) there," chimed Cox. "(We) just advise the public to be aware of increased amounts of officers on the streets."

The Texas Department of **DRIVING** cont: on page 8

PHS grad Woodard to have book signing in Pampa

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 The White Deer Land Museum will host a book signing for minister **Billy R. Woodard**, a 1971 Pampa High School graduate, from 3 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 8.

The signing will be for his first book, a premarital and marriage counseling manual called "The Greatest Romance Expose Based on King Solomon's Ancient Diaries."

Woodard's inspiration for the book, produced through self-publication website AuthorHouse.com, was his relationship with his wife of 12 years, **Lillian**. The couple met when they were living in different cities, but fostered a relationship over the phone.

"We began to talk on the phone for seven months, but we never dated," said Woodard. "We formed a bond, and decided to marry. Naturally, we had differences, but as we grew

together, we learned from each other and built on virtues, and our relationship budded into a friendship. It progressed into a romance that I will never forget."

His book draws on the Bible's Song of Solomon.

"King Solomon's wife left home because of sibling rivalry, and she had to find a livelihood, so she went into the fields in King Solomon's vineyard," said Woodard. "She was amazed at King Solomon's qualities, and he began to connect with her as a woman. He **WOODWARD** cont: on page 8

"The Greatest Romance Expose Based on King Solomon's Ancient Diaries" is the first book by Pampa graduate **Billy R. Woodward**, who will be signing copies on Monday, Jan. 8, at the White Deer Land Museum. >

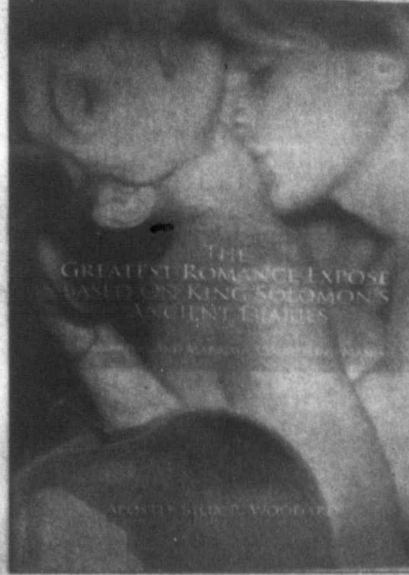
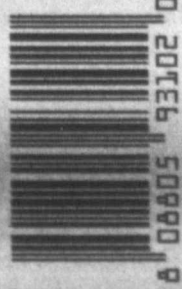


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PAMPA FORECAST

Forecast table with columns for Today, Friday, and Saturday. Includes high and low temperatures and wind directions.

Today: Sunny, with a high near 62. Wind chill values between 20 and 30 early. West northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 31. West northwest wind around 5 mph.

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 58. North northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 31. East wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south southwest.

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 63. West southwest wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 27. North northwest wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

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GOP's Bachmann does Texas two-swipe

CRESTON, Iowa (AP) — Republican Michele Bachmann did the Texas two-swipe Wednesday in her push to gain ground before next week's presidential caucuses in Iowa.

The Minnesota congresswoman, trailing in the race for her party's presidential nomination, went after Texas Gov. Rick Perry for "27 years as a political insider" and said Texas Rep. Ron Paul would be "dangerous as president" because of his hands-off views on national security, especially toward nuclear weapons-seeking Iran.

The aggressive tone underscores Bachmann's role as a chaser in the final week of campaigning. She has bet heavily on Iowa, where she was born.

Bachmann came hardest at Perry, who this week began a television ad lumping Bachmann with other Washington figures seeking the GOP nomination in his attempt to come off as the outsider in the race.

"Just because he's held office outside of Washington, D.C., does not mean he is not a political insider. It's what you do in your office that matters," she said outside a small-town cafe. "There aren't very many politicians who have spent more time paying off political donors than Gov. Rick Perry has."

Perry has served Texas as a part-time legislator, agriculture commissioner, lieutenant governor and governor.

Bachmann also said Perry has engaged in "crony capitalism" by helping donors with Texas government contracts or giving them political appointments. And she called Perry a double-dipper for collecting his gubernatorial salary and state pension at the same time.

As for Paul, who is among the candidates leading in Iowa, Bachmann criticized him as misguided about foreign threats to U.S. interests.

"Ron Paul would be a dangerous president. He would have us ignore all of the warning signs of another brutal dictator who wants to wipe Israel off the face of the earth. I won't. He would wait until one of our cities is wiped off of the map until he reacted. I won't wait."

Obituaries

Elna Mae Cox, 78

Elna Mae Cox, 78, died Monday, Dec. 26, 2011 in Amarillo.

Services will be at 2 p.m., Friday, Dec. 30, 2011, at Hobart Baptist Church with Rev. Mike Watson, pastor, officiating.

Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Cox was born Aug. 17, 1933 in Gracemont, Okla., and attended Gracemont High School. She was married to Raymond Cox, Sr. for over 60 years. She came to Pampa following her marriage and had lived here ever since. Mrs. Cox was a member of Hobart Baptist Church, and she was a homemaker. In her spare time, she enjoyed sewing and crafts. She will be remembered as a loving wife, mother, grand-



Cox

mother, and great-grandmother, and she will be greatly missed. In the last few years, she became attached to Raymond, Jr.'s dog "Buddy." She was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers, J. C. Dyer, Carl Dyer, and Jim Dyer; and by a sister, Neomi Van Brocklin.

Survivors include her husband, Raymond Cox Sr. of the home; two sons, Mike Cox and wife Sherry and Raymond Cox Jr. and wife Melinda, all of Pampa; three brothers, Junior Dyer and wife Edith of Colorado Springs, Colo., Bob Dyer of Lawton, Okla., and Virgil Dyer and wife Judy of Houston; a brother-in-law, H.M. Killough of White Deer; three grandsons, Raymond Cox, III and fiancée Alicia, Brandon Cox, and Jon Cox, all of Pampa; two granddaughters, Michelle Shedd and husband Logan and Jennifer Petroski and husband Bobby, all of Pampa; four great-grandchildren, Christopher Shedd, Bryson Cox, Ashton Shedd, and Madison Petroski, all of Pampa.

Memorial may be made to Alzheimer's Association, 415 W. 8th Ave., Suite 300, Amarillo, TX 79101 or Hobart Baptist Church, 1100 W. Crawford, Pampa, TX 79065.

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

For the record

cont. from Weds.

Sheriff's Office

Sunday, December 25 Jimmie Ray Fitzer, 51, was arrested by DPS agents for driving while intoxicated.

Stephen Lee Llamas, 28, was arrested by police for public intoxication.

Juan N. Camacho, 52, was arrested by police for driving while intoxicated.

Christopher Greenberry Belter, 34, was arrested by deputies for public intoxication.

Brandy Lee Crawford, 34, was arrested by deputies for assault causing bodily injury.

Monday, December 26 Tereza Soto, 20, was arrested by deputies for expired motor vehicle inspection.

Christian King, 30, was arrested by deputies on charges of forgery of a financial instrument, failure to appear in court regarding bail jumping and theft under \$50.

Maria Priscilla Roman, 34, was arrested by police for failure to identify a fugitive from justice.

Police Department

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the five day period ending Tuesday, December 27 at 7 a.m.

Pampa PD reported 64 traffic related incidents.

Pampa EMS, the Pampa Fire Department, Pampa PD and the Lefors Volunteer EMS responded to 21 medical calls.

Animal Control officers and Pampa PD reported 17 animal related incidents.

Thursday, December 22 A burglary occurred at the 200 block of North Russell.

A theft occurred at the 700 block of East Murphy.

A burglary occurred at the 500 block of North Starkweather.

A suspicious person was reported at Short and Yeager.

A suspicious vehicle was reported at the 2300 block of North Comanche.

A domestic disturbance occurred at the 1100 block of Cinderella.

An offense against family and children occurred at the 1000 block of North

Duncan.

A domestic disturbance occurred at the 900 block of East Campbell.

Criminal mischief occurred at the 800 block of East Beryl and the 500 block of North Sumner.

A suspicious person was reported at the 300 block of North Starkweather.

Suspicious vehicles were reported at the 2500 block of North Perryton and the 900 block of North Hobart.

Friday, December 23 Criminal mischief occurred at the 2200 block of North Lynn.

A suspicious person was reported at the 1100 block of Wilcox.

Suspicious vehicles were reported at the 1400 block of West Somerville and 23rd and Price.

An accident occurred at the 1200 block of North Duncan.

An assault occurred at the 1600 block of West Somerville.

Criminal mischief occurred at the 2500 block of North Perryton.

Fraud was reported at the 1200 block of South Wilcox.

Suspicious vehicles were reported at the 400 block of North Nelson, the intersection of Alcock and Naida and the intersection of Browning and Zimmers.

A theft was reported at the 1900 block of North Hobart.

A threat was reported at the 2800 block of North Charles.

A burglary occurred at the 800 block of North Christy.

A dumpster fire occurred at the 1100 block of South Varnon.

A DWI was reported at Cuyler and Brown.

A suspicious person was reported at the 400 block of North Dwight.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 1400 block of North Hobart.

Saturday, December 24 A domestic disturbance occurred at the 800 block of North Somerville.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 800 block of North Somerville.

An assault occurred at the 100 block of West 30th.

A burglary occurred at the 700 block of East Fred-eric.

Phone harassment occurred at the 1100 block of Willow.

A suspicious vehicle was reported at the 700 block of North Hobart.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 700 block of East Scott.

Criminal mischief occurred at the 900 block of East Campbell.

A suspicious vehicle was reported at the 2500 block of North Perryton and the intersection of Brown and Huff.

Disorderly conduct was reported.

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

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 1000 block of South Nelson.

A theft occurred at the 600 block of North Hobart.

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

An assault occurred at the 600 block of Carr.

A suicide attempt occurred at the 400 block of South Starkweather.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 400 block of North Lowry and the 500 block of North Doucette.

Suspicious vehicles were reported at the 1600 block of East Highway 60 and the 1400 block of North Hobart.

A domestic disturbance occurred at the 200 block of North Sumner.

A suspicious vehicle was reported at the 2200 block of Williston.

A violation of city ordinance occurred at the 400 block of North Davis.

A suspicious person was reported at Ballard and Duncan.

A domestic disturbance occurred at the 1200 block of North Wells.

Phone harassment was reported at the 1400 block of West Somerville.

A domestic disturbance occurred at the 400 block of East Red Deer.

Sunday, December 25 A domestic disturbance occurred at the 1200 block of North Wells.

A suspicious person was reported at the 1000 block of East Darby.

A burglary occurred at the 2200 block of North Wells.

A suspicious person was reported at the 300 block of South Henry.

A domestic disturbance occurred at the 100 block of Hampton.

A suspicious person was reported at the 1500 block of North Russell.

A burglary occurred at the 1500 block of North Russell.

An accident occurred at the 1100 block of South Finley.

A domestic disturbance occurred at the 1000 block of South Farley.

A theft occurred at the 1700 block of North Hobart.

An accident occurred at Sumner and Somerville.

A suicide attempt occurred at the 1200 block of East Kingsmill.

A theft occurred at the 300 block of North Hobart.

Criminal trespassing occurred at the 2500 block of North Christine.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 400 block of East Browning.

Monday, December 26 A theft occurred at the 500 block of North Magnolia.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 100 block of South Starkweather.

Suspicious persons were reported at the 100 block of North Hobart, the 1100 block of South Faulkner and the intersection of Hobart and 21st.

Criminal trespassing occurred at the 400 block of North West.

A suspicious person was reported at the 500 block of North Faulkner.

A burglary of a motor vehicle occurred at the 1000 block of North Duncan.

A suspicious person was reported at the 1200 block of North Hobart and the 400 block of North Roberta.

A burglary occurred at the 1300 block of North Coffee.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 1000 block of West Wilks.

A suspicious person was reported at Allen and Sloan.

A DWI was reported at the 1000 block of West Wilks.

A domestic disturbance occurred at the 1000 block of North Duncan.

Tuesday, December 27 Disorderly conduct occurred at the 700 block of East 14th.

A suspicious person was reported at the 1200 block of South Finley.

A theft occurred at the 400 block of Graham.

Johnston Insurance Agency advertisement with text 'Come In Or Call For A Quote AUTO • HOME • BUSINESS • LIFE' and contact information for 1712 N. Hobart.

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Woody Guthrie archives sold

TULSA, Okla. (AP) - A Tulsa-based foundation has purchased the comprehensive archive of folk singer Woody Guthrie's writings, recordings and artwork and plans to display the collection in a new center dedicated to the Oklahoma native.

The Tulsa World reports that the George Kaiser Family Foundation will open the Woody Guthrie Center in downtown Tulsa by the end of 2012, to mark the centennial of Guthrie's birth. The four-building arts hub will feature public displays from the Guthrie archives and research space for scholars.

The foundation didn't disclose how much it paid for the collection, which includes a handwritten copy of Guthrie's anthem, "This Land is Your Land."

Guthrie died of Huntington's disease in 1967. The archive had been housed in the Mount Kisko, N.Y., home of Nora Guthrie, the songwriter's daughter.

Lubbock hospital VP quits

LUBBOCK (AP) - A vice president at Lubbock's University Medical Center has resigned after a routine internal audit turned up possible employee embezzlement.

The hospital said Tuesday Greg Bruce, its vice president of corporate services, quit. Spokesman Eric Finley told the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal he wouldn't comment on the amount of money embezzled, whether Bruce was involved or when the loss was discovered.

Bruce wouldn't elaborate on a statement released by the hospital. He supervised several administrative departments at the hospital for the past six years. The Lubbock County Commission appoints the hospital's board of managers.

The hospital says it's cooperating with an ongoing investigation by the FBI and federal prosecutors.

2 condemned killers lose appeals

HOUSTON (AP) - A federal appeals court has refused appeals from two Texas death row inmates, including one condemned for killing a corrections officer 12 years ago while already serving a life sentence for murder.

The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals has rejected arguments from 32-year-old Robert Pruett and 39-year-old Bobby Lee Hines.

Pruett in December 1999 was at the McConnell Unit prison near Beeville in South Texas, serving 99 years for a slaying in Harris County, when he used a shank to fatally stab a corrections officer.

Hines was condemned for the 1991 death of a 26-year-old woman at her Dallas apartment. He was 19 at the time and on probation from a 10-year burglary sentence after spending three months in a boot camp.

Sugar Bowl to promote seafood

NEW ORLEANS (AP) - The Sugar Bowl has announced plans with oil giant BP for a two-week promotion of Gulf Coast seafood and culture.

The Gulf Coast Seafood & Tourism Bash is billed by the Allstate Sugar Bowl Committee as a two-week celebration being held as New Orleans hosts the Sugar Bowl on Jan. 3 and the BCS championship on Jan. 9. The events bring thousands of visitors to the area and draw millions of television viewers.

"Together, we want to deliver a clear message that the Gulf's beaches, restaurants, fishing and attractions provide unsurpassed vacation experiences," Crystal Ashby, BP executive vice president of government and public affairs, said in a news release.

Gulf Coast seafood will be featured at official Sugar Bowl and BCS National Championship galas and pregame parties and promotional announcements will be made during the games. There will be vacation giveaways to Florida, Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana and seafood samplings for fans and media in New Orleans.

The promotion comes as the Gulf seafood industry continues efforts to rebound from the 2010 BP oil spill. State and federal officials have declared Gulf seafood safe to eat but industry leaders have said repeatedly that they are fighting to overcome negative perceptions since the spill.

Medicaid drug suit settled

AUSTIN (AP) - Texas has reached an \$84 million settlement with a prescription drug maker convicted of inflating drug prices to the Medicaid program.

State Attorney General Greg Abbott says the agreement averts lengthy appeals after a Travis County jury verdict in February. Prosecutors argued Actavis Inc. inaccurately reported its prices, leading Medicaid to overpay pharmacies.

CEO Doug Boothe said Wednesday his New Jersey-based company was pleased to resolve the case and would continue to report prices legally and under terms of the agreement.

The lawsuit followed a whistleblower suit filed more than 10 years ago by a small pharmacy in Florida and was the only one of several similar cases to reach a jury. About \$30 million of the settlement gets returned to the Texas treasury after legal fees and federal reimbursements.

Mexican cartel head arrested

MEXICO CITY (AP) - Federal police say one of the United States' most-wanted drug traffickers has been arrested at Mexico City's airport.

U.S. authorities offered a reward of up to \$5 million for Luis Rodriguez Olivera, or "Whitey." Olivera and his brother Esteban are accused of smuggling tons of cocaine and methamphetamine into Europe and the U.S.

Luis Olivera was indicted in U.S. federal court in 2009 on cocaine-smuggling conspiracy and related charges. Federal police said in a statement that the 39-year-old, red-haired suspect was arrested Tuesday.

His gang was known as "The Blondies." Authorities say it formed temporary allegiances with bigger Mexican cartels, including the Sinaloa cartel, the Zetas and the Gulf Cartel.

Historic NM dam to offer tours

SANTA FE, N.M. (AP) - Members of the public haven't been allowed to walk across the historic and massive Elephant Butte Dam 200 miles south of Santa Fe for more than a decade.

Now, on Jan. 7 for one day only, the public can again tour the 25-story, nearly century-old dam that backs up the Rio Grande to form New Mexico's largest water body. The dam also has played a key role in the water politics and disputes among Colorado, New Mexico, Texas and Mexico.

The Santa Fe New Mexican reports that the tour is being offered next month as part of Sierra County's events surrounding its centennial celebrations. The dam has been closed to visitors since Sept. 11, 2001.

The American Society of Civil Engineers has designated the dam a National Historical Engineering Landmark.

The dam was built in the early 1900s by the then-fledgling U.S. Bureau of Reclamation to control flooding, supply irrigation to hundreds of farmers and to resolve problems over the shared Rio Grande.

As farmers and families settled in Colorado and New Mexico, they began using an increasing amount of water. Texas and Mexico complained they weren't getting their fair share. The reservoir was the answer.

Like many dams built during a time when hand tools and mules were used, Elephant Butte was an engineering marvel.

Originally called Engle Dam, it stood 301 feet high and was 1,674 feet long when it was finished. It took 618,785 cubic yards of concrete GÇö more than 20 times the amount used for The Pit at The University of New Mexico GÇö to make a dam massive enough to hold back more than 2 million acre-feet of Rio Grande water.

Today, the reservoir created by the dam also is a primary recreation spot for sailors, boaters and anglers.

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— Invest in a baby gate and a crate. No dog under the age of 2 should have free rein. His crate should be large enough for him to stand up, stretch out and turn around. It also should offer good visibility.

The idea is to create a safe haven that is comfortable and inviting. Deck it out in soft chew toys and a warm blanket. Your dog's crate is not a place for punishment or timeouts. You want him to love his crate, to willingly retreat there when you have to be out of the house or even out of the room for a while.

— Begin a housebreaking routine. This is not the time for training, but it is the time to get into a routine. The basic idea: feed, water, walk. Feed your pup, provide water for your pup after he eats, and then immediately take him outside. When outside, praise him effusively the moment he eliminates. If he accidentally goes inside, clean it quickly and thoroughly and then take him outside. No pointing, yelling, spanking, rolled-up newspapers or "no"-ing.

— Puppies teethe and puppies chew. To relieve the pain of teething while satisfying the natural urge to chew, keep an army of frozen washcloths in your freezer. If your pup is mouthing or chewing on hands, shoes or anything else you'd rather he not, swap the unwanted item for a frozen washcloth. He'll love you for it.

— Don't forget the basics: stainless steel food and water bowls, puppy food, leash, collar, ID tags, microchip, puppy treats, chew toys and a blanket.

For more information on raising your new puppy, check out my book "I Just Got a Puppy. What Do I Do?" or visit www.unclematty.com. Happy holidays!

Woof!

Dog trainer Matthew "Uncle Matty" Margolis is co-author of 18 books about dogs, a behaviorist, a popular radio and television guest, and host of the PBS series "WOOF! It's a Dog's Life!"

Every year, I caution people against giving the gift of a puppy for Christmas. There are many reasons for this, from the chaos of the season to the coldness of the climate to the fact that it is such a personal decision — essentially the only time you get to choose a family member. Who wouldn't want a part in that?

But every year, people do it anyway. So this column is for all the people who pull off a ribbon and open a box to find an adorable, wiggling, wide-eyed puppy.

When you get the gift of a power tool, an appliance or a gadget, the first thing you reach for is the manual. But puppies don't come with manuals, and they can't tell you what they need. So what do you do?

Well, the first thing you do is most likely instinctive: You bond. You reach into that box, lift your pup into your arms and hold him. You cuddle with him. You stroke his fur and scratch behind his ears. You reassure him and make him feel safe and loved in his new world. You keep doing this for the rest of his life.

Where it goes from there depends largely on his temperament and your environment. If he strikes you as scared or skittish, you'll want to protect him from any chaos. If he bounds around the room brave and game to play, engage with him while beginning the process of puppy-proofing your home.

Puppies need three things right off the bat: love, patience and boundaries. Training can wait. That's not a typo. Day One with your new puppy is not the time to lay down the law. So if you got a puppy for Christmas, make one of your New Year's resolutions to elimi-

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Today in History

Today is Thursday, Dec. 29, the 363rd day of 2011. There are two days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 29, 1851, the first Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) in the United States was founded in Boston.

On this date:

In 1170, Thomas Becket, the Archbishop of Canterbury, was slain in Canterbury Cathedral by knights loyal to King Henry II.

In 1808, the 17th president of the United States, Andrew Johnson, was born in Raleigh, N.C.

In 1845, Texas was admitted as the 28th state.

In 1890, the Wounded Knee massacre took place in South Dakota as an estimated 300 Sioux Indians were killed by U.S. troops sent to disarm them.

In 1911, Sun Yat-sen was elected provisional president of the Republic of China, which officially came into existence three days later on Jan. 1, 1912.

In 1916, Grigory Rasputin, the so-called "Mad Monk" who'd wielded great influence with Czar Nicholas II, was killed by a group of Russian noblemen in St. Petersburg.

In 1934, Japan formally renounced the Washington Naval Treaty of 1922.

In 1940, during World War II, Germany dropped incendiary bombs on London, setting off what came to be known as "The Second Great Fire of London."

In 1975, a bomb exploded in the main terminal of New York's LaGuardia Airport, killing 11 people.

In 1986, former British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan died at his home south of London at age 92.

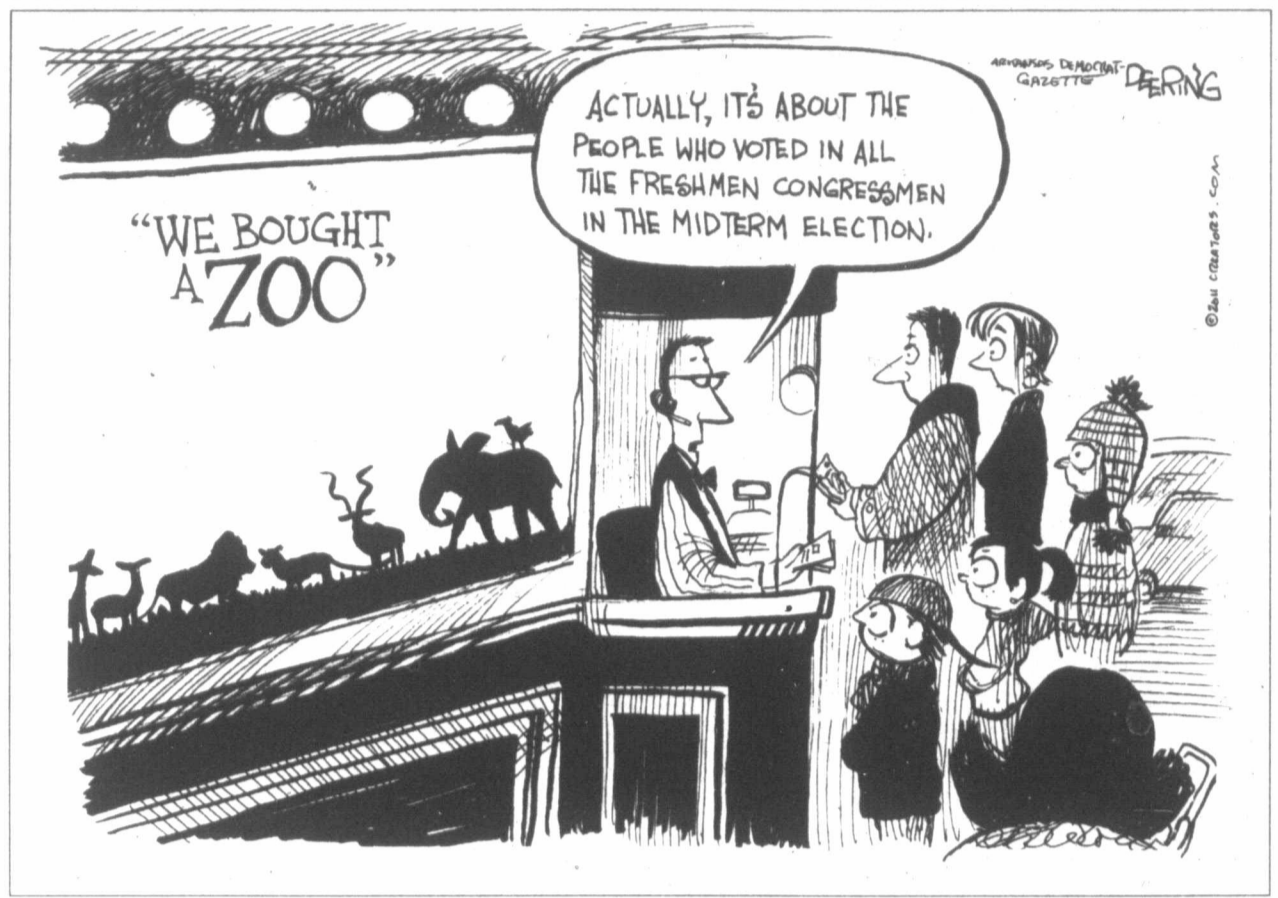
Ten years ago: A fire sparked by a fireworks explosion in downtown Lima, Peru, killed at least 290 people.

Five years ago: Word reached the United States of the execution of former Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein (because of the time difference, it was the morning of Dec. 30 in Iraq when the hanging took place). Gerald R. Ford's flag-draped casket was carried into a church in Palm Desert, Calif., for a public viewing that marked the start of six days of mourning for the former president.

One year ago: The Obama administration expelled Venezuela's ambassador to the United States, a day after Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez said he would not allow diplomat Larry Palmer to become the U.S. ambassador to his country.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Inga Swenson is 79. ABC newscaster Tom Jarriel is 77. Actress Mary Tyler Moore is 75. Actor Jon Voight is 73. Rock musician Ray Thomas is 70. Singer Marianne Faithfull is 65. Actor Ted Danson is 64. Actor Jon Polito is 61. Singer-actress Yvonne Elliman is 60. Actress Patricia Clarkson is 52. Comedian Paula Poundstone is 52. Actor Michael Cudlitz is 47. Rock singer Dexter Holland (The Offspring) is 46. Actor-comedian Mystro Clark is 45. Actor Jason Gould is 45. Movie director Andy Wachowski is 44. Actress Jennifer Ehle is 42. Actor Patrick Fischler is 42. Rock singer-musician Glen Phillips is 41. Actor Kevin Weisman is 41. Actor Jude Law is 39. Actor Mekhi Phifer is 37. Actor Shawn Hatosy is 36. Actress Katherine Moennig is 34. Actor Diego Luna is 32.

Thought for Today: "Sin cannot be undone, only forgiven." - Igor Stravinsky, Russian-born composer (1882-1971).



So... whose America is it, anyway?

Half a century ago, American children were schooled in Aesop's fables. Among the more famous of these were "The Fox and the Grapes" and "The Tortoise and the Hare."

Particularly appropriate this Christmas season, and every Christmas lately, is Aesop's fable of "The Dog in the Manger."

The tale is about a dog who decides to take a nap in the manger. When the ox, who has worked all day, comes back to eat some straw, the dog barks loudly, threatens to bite him and drives him from his manger.

The lesson the fable teaches is that it is malicious and wicked to deny a fellow creature what you yourself do not want and cannot even enjoy.

What brings the fable to mind is this year's crop of Christmas-haters, whose numbers have grown since the days when it was only the village atheist or the ACLU pest who sought to kill Christmas.

The problem with these folks is not simply that they detest Christmas and what it represents, but that they must do their best, or worst, to ensure Christians do not enjoy the season and holy day they love.

As a Washington Times editorial relates, the number of anti-Christian bigots is growing, and their malevolence is out of the closet:

"In Leesburg, Va., a Santa-suit-clad skeleton was nailed to a cross. ... In Santa Monica, atheists were granted 18 of 21 plots in a public park allotted for holiday displays and ... erected signs mocking religion. In the Wisconsin statehouse, a sign informs visitors, 'Religion is but myth and superstition that hardens hearts and enslaves minds.' A video that has gone viral on YouTube shows denizens of Occupy D.C. spewing gratuitous hatred of a couple who dared to appropriate a small patch of McPherson Square to set up a living Nativity scene."

People who indulge in such conduct invariably claim to be champions of the First Amendment, exercising their right of free speech to maintain a separation of church and state.

They are partly right. The First Amendment does protect what they are doing. But what they are doing is engaging in hate speech and anti-Christian bigotry. For what is the purpose of what they are about, if not to wound, offend, insult and mock fellow Americans celebrating the happiest day of their calendar year?

Consider what this day means to a believing Christian.

It is a time and a day set aside to celebrate the nativity, the birth of Christ, whom Christians believe to be the Son of God and their Savior who gave his life on the cross to redeem mankind and open the gates of heaven.

Even if a man disbelieves this, why would he interfere with or deny his fellow countrymen, three in four of whom still profess to be Christians, their right to celebrate in public this joyous occasion?

This mockery and hatred of Christmas testifies not only to the character of those who engage in it, it says something as well about who is winning the culture war for the soul of America.

Not long ago, the Supreme Court (1892) and three U.S. presidents -- Woodrow Wilson, Harry Truman and Jimmy Carter -- all declared America to be a "Christian nation."

They did not mean that any particular denomination had been declared America's national religion -- indeed, that was ruled out in the Constitution -- but that we were predominantly a Christian people.

And so we were born. Around 1790, America was 99 percent Protestant, 1 percent Catholic,



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with a few thousands Jews. The Irish immigration from 1845 to 1850 brought hundreds of thousands more Catholics to America. The Great Wave of immigration from 1890 to 1920 brought millions of Southern and Eastern Europeans, mostly Catholic and Jews. As late as 1990, 85 percent of all Americans described themselves as Christians.

And here one must pose a question.

How did America's Christians allow themselves to be dispossessed of a country their fathers had built for them?

How did America come to be a nation where not only have all Christian prayers, pageants, holidays and holy days been purged from all government schools and public institutions, but secularism has taken over those schools, while Christians are mocked at Christmas in ways that would be declared hate crimes were it done to other religious faiths or ethnic minorities?

Was it a manifestation of tolerance and maturity, or pusillanimity, that Christians allowed themselves to be robbed of their inheritance to a point where Barack Obama could assert without contradiction that we Americans "do not consider ourselves to be a Christian nation"?

What are these Christmas-bashers, though still a nominal minority, saying to Christians with their mockery and ridicule of the celebration of the birth of Christ?

This isn't your country anymore. It is our country now."

The question for Christians is a simple one: Do they have what it takes to take America back?

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After one year missing, hope still persists for West Texas girl

GREG KENDALL-BALL
Abilene Reporter News

COLORADO CITY - The memorial that stands across the street from the house where 13-year-old Hailey Dunn lived before her still-unexplained disappearance is a stark reminder of how much time has passed.

A year ago this week. New Christmas decorations hang next to faded and matted Valentine's Day teddy bears, Easter Bunnies and Fourth of July ribbons.

The toys had been bright, colorful and new when they were tied to the railings of a bridge near Dunn, a collection of homes and a post office 10 miles north of Colorado City. That's when the hundreds of volunteers who were searching for Hailey assumed she would be coming home - or would be found - soon.

The bridge just outside Dunn had been chosen for the memorial because it was near where Shawn Adkins - the only person of interest named in the teenager's disappearance and the live-in boyfriend of Hailey's mother a year ago - was living. Stephanie Boyd, a friend of Hailey's father, Clint Dunn, said searchers wanted Adkins to have something to think about every time he drove across the bridge.

But Boyd said defacing of the memorial began and transportation authorities deemed it a traffic hazard, so it had to be moved.

Colorado City officials allowed the use of the empty lot across from Dunn's home on Chestnut Street, and today the memorial stands just yards away from the place Hailey Dunn last was seen.

The stuffed animals and other items were left before revelations of drug abuse and domestic violence came to light. Before hundreds of pages of printouts about serial killers and mass murderers were discovered. Before child pornography was found.

The items were left months before Hailey's parents moved away - Clint Dunn reportedly to Houston, Billie Dunn reportedly to Travis County, with Adkins.

Almost a year has passed, and there are no answers. But law enforcement officials believe the case will be resolved - some say within a year.

Detective Kelsey Alexander, the Colorado City policewoman who took the call the day Hailey was reported missing, has been the lead investigator on the case since the start.

"Nobody hides forever, eventually everything comes to light.

One day we'll have definite answers, and every day we're getting closer," she said.

Hailey Dunn was reported missing by her mother at 2 p.m. Dec. 28, 2010 - a Tuesday. The day before, she was supposed to have walked to her father's house, just a few blocks away, and then go to a friend's house to spend the night. She never arrived at either location.

Even though it was late December, she was reportedly wearing sweatpants, a T-shirt and flip flops. Her MP3 player and her favorite jacket - something friends said she would never leave the house without - later were found at her home.

No witnesses saw her walking anywhere between the two houses.

The last time law enforcement officials can confirm she was alive was the early morning of Dec. 27. Police have not revealed their source but are sure of that fact.

What happened to Hailey Dunn between that Monday morning and Tuesday afternoon - from the last time police know she was alive to the time

she was reported missing?

Billie Dunn told police that Adkins had left the Dunn home for work in Snyder around 5:30 a.m. Dec. 27. Sometime before leaving for her job in Snyder at 6:20 a.m., Billie Dunn said she checked on Hailey, who was asleep in her room with the TV on. According to court documents, Delbert David Dunn, Hailey's older brother, was spending the night at a friend's house, and after Billie Dunn left for work, Hailey was alone in the house.

The same court documents state that Adkins arrived at work at Weaver Services Inc. at 6 a.m. Adkins told police he was fired that morning after an altercation with a supervisor. Adkins' employer, however, said he arrived at work, got a drink from a machine in a break room, and left.

There was no altercation, and Adkins was not fired, the document states.

Adkins left the premises by 6:10 a.m., the documents state. He told police he traveled straight to his mother's residence in Big Spring, about 50 miles away.

Cellphone records obtained by police could tell a different story.

Adkins' phone "pinged" a Verizon cell tower - Tower 724 - in Colorado City from 6:35 a.m. to 6:56 a.m. According to court documents, Verizon cellular tower records indicate Tower 724 would be used by someone at Dunn's home in the 1800 block of Chestnut Street.

Adkins' phone did not "ping" Tower 730 - which the cellphone company said someone at Adkins' mother's home in Big Spring would use - until 9:38 a.m.

Billie Dunn said Hailey had told Adkins about 3 p.m. that she was going to her father's house, and she then would spend the night with a friend. Billie Dunn told police that around 6:20 p.m., she and Adkins drove to Snyder to make two withdrawals from an ATM.

Billie Dunn later told police that the money was to buy illegal narcotics for herself and Adkins from someone in Scurry County.

They returned to the Dunn home in Colorado City to watch movies, she said. Then, she said, they went to bed about 9 p.m.

She learned around noon the next day that Hailey never had arrived at Clint Dunn's house. After contacting Hailey's friend,

Billie Dunn said Hailey had not shown up there, either.

Billie Dunn reported her daughter missing to police at 2 p.m.

It did not take long for scores of volunteers to begin searching Colorado City and the surrounding area for the missing teenager. As days and weeks passed with no sign of the girl, the story spread across the nation.

Reporters and satellite trucks from national media outlets such as "The Nancy Grace Show" descended on the town. Local law enforcement officials fielded calls from as far away as New York and Australia.

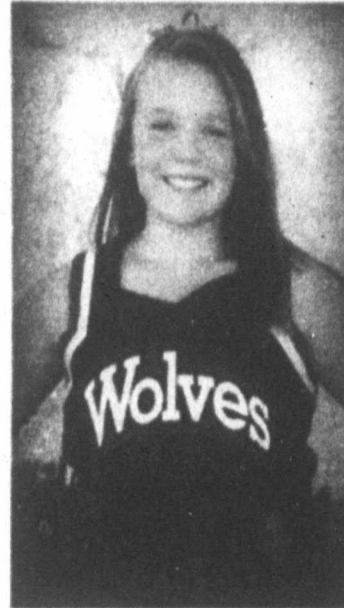
National organizations such as Klaaskids and the Laura Recovery Center for Missing Children arrived with trained searchers.

Billboards in the area showed a large photo of the teenager wearing her cheerleading uniform and "MISSING" in huge letters.

Hundreds of square miles were searched on foot, on horseback and off-road vehicles. Planes and helicopters searched from the air.

Officials with cadaver dogs searched landfills as far away as Lubbock and Abilene. Whether to search nearby Lake Colorado City was debated.

Missing Person \$10,000.00 Reward



Hailey Dunn

Missing from Colorado City, Texas

Last Seen Monday Dec. 27 2010 at 1804 Chestnut St.

Age: 13 years old Height 5'1 Weight: 120 pounds

Eye Color: Hazel Hair Color: Brown/Blondish Streaks



The Colorado City Police Dept. is offering a \$10,000.00 reward for information leading to the whereabouts and safe return of Hailey Dunn. Please call 325-728-5294 or 325-728-3161.

Hailey Dunn, 13, has been missing from her Colorado City home since Dec. 27, 2010. She is described as 5'2", 120 pounds, with hazel eyes and brown hair with blonde streaks. Anyone with information to her whereabouts should contact the Colorado City Police Department at (325) 728-5294 or (325) 728-3161.

But without success and as a cold February turned into a warm spring, then hot summer, the daily searches became weekly, then held monthly.

Finally, searches were held whenever a group could get together.

A release of balloons in late August coincided with Hailey's birthday.

The number of searchers has dwindled, as have vigils and other events. Now just a handful of people away from law enforcement remain committed to finding out what happened to a popular teenager.

A year after the 13-year-old's mysterious disappearance, people in town can be divided into three groups as to their relationship to the case, said Mitchell County Sheriff Patrick Toombs.

"There are those who have moved on, there are those who are still totally fixated on the case, and then there's those somewhere in the middle," he said.

Boyd, one of the first people to organize searches for Hailey, still is fixated. Searching for Hailey is her full-time job. She lives with her parents and works as much as she can on following up on leads.

"I keep searching because I want her found. I don't want a bad name for Colorado City. I have to keep searching and assuming she's alive," she said.

But she said it was a "kick in the gut" when Billie Dunn and Clint Dunn both appeared to give up hope and moved from Colorado City.

"What mother in her right mind is going to up and move 500 miles away from the home your daughter knows? That goes for Clint, too," she said. "It really sucks that Clint left, because he told me in the beginning he would never give up."

Even though she said she feels alone in her search, and feels that most of the town has lost hope and interest, she's not quitting.

"Until there is some physical evidence, I'm not giving up. I'm not giving up until Hailey is brought back here, one way or another."

Mark Merrell, principal of Colorado Middle School, said moving on does not mean forgetting.

"This is not something you'll ever forget. We'll by no means forget Hailey, but there are hundreds of other kids at the school that need our attention. You've got to move on somehow," he said.

Hailey's eighth-grade classmates moved on to high school this fall, but Merrell said she still had a lot of friends at the middle school.

There's a photograph of Hailey taped to the dry-erase board in Andra Maxwell's eighth-grade history class-

room. "I'm not planning on taking it down any time soon," Maxwell said.

She said students will still walk up to it, and say a quiet prayer for their friend.

Tammy Johnson, another of Hailey's teachers, said the lack of closure is the hardest part.

Emily Strain, the school's counselor, said she still gets visits from students who are having a hard time coping. Not knowing exactly what happened to Hailey makes it hard to move on, she said.

"I can't believe there are still no answers," said

Joni Lacefield, Hailey's former math teacher. "It feels like something from a TV movie. I just can't believe it happened here."

People around town have their theories about what happened to Hailey - ones they're willing to share and others they keep close to the vest.

Was she kidnapped? Did she run away? Was she sold into slavery to pay off a drug-related debt?

Alexander, the Colorado City detective, said the case had generated all sorts of stories and rumors - "white noise," she called it, that had to be sorted through to get at the truth.

"This is still an open, active missing person case. We are following up on all leads and tips, and we're backtracking and reviewing things that have already been done," she said.

The investigation into the child pornography seized on several electronic devices owned by Adkins also is ongoing, but in another jurisdiction.

Images depicting bestiality and other deviant sexual acts may be disgusting, she said, but as long as they're not being done in public, they're not illegal. No child pornography was seized in Colorado City, she said.

Although Boyd believes there's only a 50/50 chance that the truth about what happened to Hailey will come out, law enforcement officials are confident the case will be resolved.

Sheriff Toombs said he believes the case will be resolved within a year.

Colorado City Police Chief Roy "Tinker" Owens, who joined the department in July and has been working to get up to speed on the case, is similarly confident.

"Eventually something is going to break. We firmly believe that at some point in the future, we will have some closure," he said.

He also believes police haven't been given all the help they can from Hailey's family.

"It's my opinion that, whether or not she was involved in Hailey's disappearance, Billie knows something, and she's not saying," he said.



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New property tax exemption for veterans' surviving spouses

AUSTIN — Texas continues to do its part to keep helping military veterans and their families. A full homestead property tax exemption that began in 2009 to help totally disabled military veterans will extend to their surviving spouses after January 1.

"This new provision will help families who have been a part of the tremendous sacrifice that veterans have given our country," said Texas Comptroller Susan Combs. "Texas voters overwhelmingly passed a constitutional amendment that will allow surviving spouses of totally disabled veterans to continue to claim a full homestead exemption and not pay property taxes on their home."

In 2009, veterans began receiving an exemption for the total appraised value of their residential homesteads if they have received 100 percent disability rating or are considered unemployable by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

Based on information provided by appraisal districts, about 35,300 veterans currently receive that exemption.

The homestead exemption for surviving spouses of veterans who received the exemption begins January 1. Senate Bill 516 allows the total homestead exemption if a surviving spouse does not remarry after a disabled veteran passes away and the property remains the homestead of the surviving spouse.

Surviving spouses would have to apply for the tax exemption through their county appraisal district. The application form containing property tax exemptions has been updated for residents and appraisal districts to use. It can be found at <http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/taxforms/50-114.pdf>.

Acquitted pastor's ex-wife dies decades after attack

JAMIE STENGLE
Associated Press

DALLAS (AP) — The discovery of the wife of one of Dallas' most prominent ministers choked with a cord and left convulsing and near death on their garage floor led to a sensational trial. Prosecutors charged Walker Railey with attempted murder, saying he wanted to marry his lover, who also had church connections.

He was acquitted, while Peggy Railey never recovered from the savage assault at her Dallas-area home in April 1987. She remained in what doctors called a vegetative state until her death at age 63.

Ron Gamel of the Tyler Memorial Funeral Home confirmed Railey's death but declined to release details Tuesday, citing a family request for privacy. The funeral home's website listed her date of death as Monday.

Railey's husband at the time of the attack, Walker Railey, was once a rising star at Dallas' First United Methodist Church. He was acquitted in 1993 of attempted murder, though he acknowledged lying about his whereabouts the night of the attack to hide his affair.

Walker Railey, who has maintained his innocence, lost an \$18 million civil judgment in his wife's attack but the award was later set aside as part of bankruptcy proceedings and a settlement between Railey and his former wife's family.

"I'm grateful that Peggy's medical struggles have finally come to an end," Walker Railey told The Associated Press in a brief telephone interview Tuesday. "She suffered a long time."

Peggy Railey had been staying at an undisclosed nursing home in Tyler, where she required 24-hour care, was fed through tubes, had no muscle control, was awake intermittently and made noises and cries. The Tyler Morning Telegraph first reported her death.

In the spring of 1987, Walker Railey was a dynamic and socially conscious senior minister at the 6,000-member First United Methodist Church. He had received threatening, racially charged letters and even wore a bullet-proof vest to deliver the

Easter Sunday sermon that would be his last at the church.

On the night of April 21, Peggy Railey was choked with a cord and left convulsing and near death on their garage floor. The couple's two children, Ryan, 5, and Megan, 2, were left inside, unharmed. Railey told police he discovered his wife about 12:40 a.m. when he returned from doing research at Southern Methodist University.

A little more than a week after the attack, Railey locked himself in a hospital suite and began to write. A security guard found him unconscious, empty pill bottles and a long, rambling note lying nearby. Police described it as a suicide note. In the letter, Railey wrote of a lifelong battle with the "demon inside my soul" and said it had lured him into doing things he did not want to do. "My demon has finally gotten the upper hand," he claimed.

He surrendered custody of his children to long-time friends and moved to California with his lover Lucy Papillon, a psychologist and the daughter of a Methodist bishop who, like Railey, once served as senior minister at First Methodist.

Dallas prosecutors didn't immediately bring criminal charges against Railey. In a civil judgment in 1988, however, a state district judge ruled that Railey "intentionally, knowingly, maliciously, and brutally attempted to strangle his wife" and to cover up his actions with a "false alibi."

More than four years later, Railey went on trial for attempted murder. Investigators developed evidence through his cell phone calls that he was not on the SMU campus but nearer his own home at a critical time the night of the attack. Evidence also showed the threatening notes were written on a church typewriter and Railey's DNA was on a licked envelope. A grand jury indicted him.

At his trial in San Antonio, prosecutors tried to show that Railey plotted to kill his wife so he would be free to marry Papillon, arguing that he knew a divorce would jeopardize his rise through the church hierarchy.

On the witness stand, **ATTACK** cont. on page 7A

Marine survivor of USS Arizona dies in TX at 91

TYLER (AP) — One of only 15 Marines to survive the 1941 attack on the USS Arizona at Pearl Harbor has died at a Texas hospice.

Funeral services for Lamar Crawford Sr. were being held Wednesday, Paula Allums of Stewart Family Funeral Home in Tyler, said.

Crawford was 91 and died last week.

Rev. Paul Howell, who was officiating the funeral, described Crawford as a quiet man with a deep faith and trust in God who valued "hard work and honesty, trust and faithfulness and all the good virtues of life that characterized that great generation."

Crawford was born in Union County, Ark. In September 1940, three months after enlisting in the Marines, he was

assigned to the Arizona.

On Dec. 7, 1941, he was at his battle station just below the crow's nest on the Arizona's rear tower when the ship exploded and began sinking. He dove into the water and was rescued by sailors in a small boat.

Crawford's recollections of that day are included among stories of survivors posted on the website of the Pearl Harbor Visitors Center.

He said he had been cleaning the rifle assigned to him, a 1903 Springfield Army rifle, and was standing outside the ship's Marine compartment when the first wave of Japanese warplanes attacked.

"I heard the sound of airplane motors, several of them," he wrote. "Looking up I saw a Japanese dive bomber coming directly

toward the Arizona.

"About that time, machine-gun bullets from the plane started bouncing off the tub-type gun mount immediately to my right. Realizing that we were being attacked, and that the bullets from the diving warplane were addressed 'to whomever it may concern,' I did a quick dash back into the Marine compartment!"

He went to his battle station but found all communication lines were out.

"Explosions and fires were raging uncontrolled throughout the ship," he said. "Suddenly, the forward magazines exploded with a deafening roar. The ship raised several feet in the harbor waters, then slowly began to sink to the bottom of the shallow harbor, a total loss."

He said an officer told

everyone there to abandon ship, wished them luck and offered God's blessings.

"We lost no time clambering down the ladders toward the ship's quarterdeck, to the main deck level. ... I sat down, took off my shoes and then dove into the water intending to swim to nearby Ford Island. As I hit the water a motor whaleboat, manned by two Navy men, pulled alongside me, helped me into the boat, and then the three of us continued through the area pulling other men from the water until we couldn't take on any more."

Crawford was discharged in 1946. The Tyler Morning Telegraph reported Wednesday that Crawford worked as a postal inspector after the war, retiring in 1976.

Services held for member of Navajo Code Talkers

CHINLE, Ariz. (AP) — Billy Crosby, one of hundreds of Navajo Code Talkers who used their native language to confound the Japanese and help win World War II, has died at the age of 85.

Crosby was laid to rest Tuesday at the Chinle Community Center, near his hometown of Many Farms where he taught Head Start children about the Navajo language and culture after he retired. Crosby, who died last week, also volunteered as a foster grandparent.

"Mr. Crosby never stopped giving back to his community," said Navajo

President Ben Shelly. "He was a model for his people well beyond his service to his country and people."

Crosby was one of about 420 Navajos trained to transmit messages in a code based on the then-unwritten Navajo language. The Code Talkers took part in every assault the Marines conducted in the Pacific, sending thousands of messages without error on Japanese troop movements, battlefield tactics and other communications critical to the war's ultimate outcome.

The Navajo Code Talkers Association estimates that fewer than 70

of the 420 Code Talkers are still living. Crosby was the sixth Code Talker to die so far this year, according to Shelly's office.

Another group of 29 Code Talkers developed the code. Only one member of that group, Chester Nez of Albuquerque, N.M., is alive. He and his colleagues or their families each received a Congressional Gold Medal for their service, while those who followed in their footsteps received silver medals.

Crosby was born on July 15, 1926, and attended Saint Michael Indian School in St. Michaels. He

joined the Marines at 16 years old in July 1945, telling a recruiter he was a year older.

He later worked on the railroad in Nevada, as a ranch hand in Colorado and as a custodian at two reservation boarding schools. He upheld Navajo tradition and culture, taking part in ceremonies, herding sheep and playing a popular card game called Navajo 10 that is similar to gin.

He and his wife, Christine, had 10 children.

Shelly has ordered flags lowered across the Navajo Nation through Friday in Crosby's honor.



Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 19-year-old woman, hard-working and married to my best friend. Life is amazing!

So what's my problem? I burn out of jobs quickly. I'll start a job and absolutely love it, but within six months the things that I once loved about the job start to drive me crazy. Within a year, I hate my job and put in my two-week notice. It's not that I have problems finding jobs — I'm well-groomed, speak well and I'm enthusiastic.

I have recently considered enlisting in the Air Force. (My husband is on active duty.) I am absolutely thrilled about it, but I'm afraid I'll eventually start hating my job and it's something I'll be stuck with. How do I overcome this? — WANTS TO ENLIST

DEAR WANTS TO ENLIST: Please stop and re-read your letter. Are you aware that you're talking about work the way a schoolgirl talks about romance — blind, grand passion until reality sets in, then on to the next one?

A job isn't like that. While it can be rewarding on many levels, when the novelty fades it is still

WORK. There are good days and ones that are less so, co-workers who are a pleasure and some who are a challenge. Sometimes it's stimulating and sometimes it's an effort.

Years ago there was a letter in this column that read: "Dear Abby: I joined the Navy to see the world. I've seen it. Now how do I get OUT?" I don't want a letter like that from you.

Military life is rewarding, but it can also be demanding, frustrating and dangerous. It requires making a commitment and sticking with it even after the going gets tough. With your short attention span and low tolerance for frustration, I don't recommend you take ANY job that requires a signed contract guaranteeing you won't leave.

DEAR ABBY: My friend and I have a massage therapist, "Shelby," whom we hire on a regular basis because she does an excellent job. However, it's hard to get a completely relaxing massage because she likes to talk the whole time.

What's the nicest and

most polite way to inform Shelby that we prefer peace and quiet so we can enjoy the massage? — RUBBED THE WRONG WAY IN COLORADO

DEAR RUBBED THE WRONG WAY: Shelby is not your buddy; she's a professional who has been hired to perform a service. When you make your next appointment and she starts talking, say, "Shelby, when you talk during the massage, it makes it difficult for me to relax. Right now, I need to completely relax, and conversation is distracting." If that doesn't clearly — and politely — convey your message, then you need to find a massage therapist who is less verbal.

DEAR ABBY: I hired a pet sitter to stay in my home for two days to care for my dog. (I have used him in the past.) After 24 hours of no response to my texts or phone calls, I asked a neighbor to check on my dog. The sitter never showed up. My dog had been left alone with no food or walks.

Should I alert his other clients about what happened? I have this person's client e-mail list. It's possible that other pets were also neglected. — ANGRY PET OWNER IN HOUSTON

DEAR ANGRY: Pet sitting is a sacred obligation, and if the sitter is for some reason unable to fulfill that responsibility, there should be a backup plan in place in case of emergency. Unless your sitter had a life-threatening emergency, by all means warn the other clients.

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Text messages show timeline of Christmas Day shootings

DALLAS (AP) — One of the victims of a Christmas Day shooting in Texas that left seven dead sent text messages before her uncle opened fire on the gathering saying he was there dressed as Santa Claus and wanting to be "all fatherly," police said Wednesday.

Authorities say 56-year-old Aziz Yazdanpanah, who had marital and financial problems, killed his estranged wife, their two teenage children, his wife's sister, his brother-in-law and his niece before turning the gun on himself at the apartment in the Dallas-Fort Worth suburb of Grapevine.

Yazdanpanah's niece, 22-year-old Sara Fatemeh Zarei, sent a text to a friend just before 11 a.m. saying they had arrived at the apartment and that Yazdanpanah was there. "Soo we're here. We just got here and my uncle is here too. Dressed as Santa. Awesome," she said in one text.

At 11:15 a.m. she texted, "Now he wants to be all fatherly and win father of the year."

Grapevine police Sgt. Robert Eberling said that police believe Yazdanpanah shot his six family members inside the apartment near Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport where his wife and children had been staying. Police believe Yazanpanah then called 911 at 11:34 a.m. — a muffled voice heard saying "help" twice was followed by heavy breathing before the line went dead — and then shot himself.

Police arrived about three minutes later and found everyone dead. It appeared they had been opening presents around their Christmas tree just before the attack.

Police say that in addition to killing his wife of 24 years, 55-year-old Fatemah Rahmati, their 19-year-old daughter Nona and 14-year-old son Ali, Yazdanpanah also killed his wife's sister, 58-year-old Zohreh Rahmaty, her husband, 59-year-old Mohamad Hossein Zarei, and their daughter, Sara.

Eberling said one of the two weapons, a 9 mm, was purchased in 1996 and registered to Yazdanpanah. The other weapon was a .40 caliber.

The medical examiner's office said Yazdanpanah's son, daughter, niece and sister-in-law were shot multiple times in the head. His wife was shot once in the head and his brother-in-law was shot multiple times in the head, chest

and stomach. "The Persian community is devastated," said Mashy Modjehi, a friend of Yazdanpanah's wife and sister. Modjehi called the two women "the nicest people in the world — angels."

Eberling has said that detectives believe Yazdanpanah's marital and financial troubles led him to kill his family, but added Wednesday that Yazdanpanah's exact thought process that morning may never be known.

"We really don't have a clear idea of why he did this," Eberling said. "Sometimes there's not a really good explanation for irrational behavior."

Modjehi said Yazdanpanah's wife moved out of the couple's 3,010-square-foot home in the neighboring suburb of Colleyville in April and into the apartment complex two miles away. The two children moved with her.

Rahmati, known to family and friends as Nasrin, filed for bankruptcy in August 2010, and she told her attorney she hoped the proceedings would stave off foreclosure of the home where the family had lived for more than a decade.

She separated from Yazdanpanah in the midst of the bankruptcy and the proceedings were later dismissed because she failed to make the plan payments, said the attorney, George Barnes. He said his notes show that Rahmati told him, "Please don't talk to the husband at all."

Barnes said Yazdanpanah initially accompanied his wife to meetings related to the bankruptcy and listed his occupation as "self-employed."

According to federal court records, Yazdanpanah was placed on three years' probation in 1996 after pleading guilty to one count of subscribing to a false income tax return. He also was fined \$1,000 and required to pay \$30,119 in restitution to the U.S. Department of Justice.

Three years later, Yazdanpanah and his wife filed jointly for bankruptcy. That case was discharged in a matter of months.

Modjehi, who owns a beauty salon in nearby Plano, said the family's financial troubles intensified about four years ago when Yazdanpanah stopped working in the mortgage business.

Modjehi said Yazdanpanah had long forbidden Rahmati, who

holds a state cosmetology license, to work. But once he became unemployed, his wife held down jobs at two spas, the friend said.

"She worked hard to keep the family together, but he wasn't willing to do anything," Modjehi said.

After the 2010 bankruptcy was dismissed, Yazdanpanah, often referred to as "Bob," remained in the Colleyville home, currently valued on the tax rolls at \$336,200, and was often seen working in his yard.

Neighbors said there were few signs of discord. Fred Ditmars, who lives across the street, said he was unaware that Yazdanpanah's wife and children had moved out. Ditmars said the entire family was around last summer for a couple of garage sales, and Yazdanpanah volunteered at a high school debate tournament where his daughter was a participant.

"He was, from everything that we saw, actively engaged with his children," Ditmars said.

Yazdanpanah's daughter graduated from nearby Colleyville Heritage High School this year. She was attending a local community college, but eventually hoped to go to school in California and become a lawyer, said a friend and high school classmate.

The friend, Yiselle Alvarenga, said Nona had hinted in August that things were becoming increasingly difficult in her life but didn't go into details. Alvarenga said she knew that Nona's father was "really strict" and did not want her to have a boyfriend, although she defied his rule and had a relationship with a student at another high school.

"Her mom was more understanding," Alvarenga said. "Her dad would take away her phone and not give it back to her."

CROSSWORD

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- 1 Herring's kin
- 5 Ryan's daughter
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Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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Driving

Public Safety also issued a news release urging drivers to stay safe over the New Year's holiday. Additional troopers will be on Texas roadways in locations where alcohol-related accidents are likely to occur, with the increased patrols funded by a \$1.5 million grant from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) for targeted driving while intoxicated (DWI) enforcement over various holidays over the course of the year.

The initiative comes after troopers made 1,264 DWI arrests during the period in 2010 between Dec. 20 and Jan. 1. Of those arrests, 449 were made by troopers whose patrols were funded

through the same TxDOT grant.

It has been an active 2011 for DWI arrests in Gray County, with Cox reporting that 110 first offense DWI arrests were made locally by the Sheriff's Office, police department and highway patrol combined. The agencies also reported 24 second offense DWI arrests, 18 third offense arrests and 11 instances of DWI with a passenger under 15 years of age.

In light of those numbers, McCullar and Cox shared some tips to ensure safe travel during the New Year's holiday.

"Certainly, there are ways to celebrate and have a good time without alcohol involved," Cox said, "but if

you do (drink), rely on that designated driver."

"If you do plan on drinking, always, always have that D.D.," echoed McCullar. "Or call someone, or stay at the place that you're drinking. Whatever you do, just don't get behind the wheel drunk."

Other tips from McCullar, Cox and the DPS:

- "Buzzed driving" is drunk driving.
- Don't text and drive, and keep cell phone usage to a minimum.
- Don't travel tired.
- Don't forget to buckle up, and remind everyone in the car to do so as well.

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Water

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said Satterwhite. "This will be more long term. The water should provide over 100 years of supply. Drought or no drought, that water will be there."

Satterwhite said that CRMWA closed on a bond to finance the purchase last Thursday.

"(The purchase) is a huge step that needed to be taken for adequate water availability," he said. "We may have to add pipelines in the future. You can buy pipe, but you can't always buy water."

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Woodward

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discovered that she needed emotional healing as opposed to physical healing, and they began to describe each other in the eyes of love."

Woodard and his wife currently oversee a ministry at their home in Oklahoma. He also ministers through music, playing the keyboard. He attended the Southern Baptist Seminary in Fort Worth, after working as an automotive technician and attending nursing school in Amarillo.

Woodard decided to do the book signing in Pampa after attending the Carver reunion here in September.

"It's my hometown, and I see a lot of people that have not progressed or are not doing what they want to do," he said. "I want to show people that no matter where you come from, you can make it if you try. I hope to be an inspiration to my hometown."

Attack

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Railey swore he wasn't covering up trying to kill his wife but had been trying to hide his affair.

"I was lying to my wife and creating an alibi to go see Lucy Papillon," Railey testified, and said the suicide note was him "confessing the guilt and the sense of betrayal I felt for not being there when my family needed me."

The jury acquitted him. "It's like 'Murder, She Wrote,'" Railey told The Associated Press the night after the verdict. "Everybody wants to solve it. Well, I want to solve it, too."

Railey's married his second wife, Donna, in 1998, less than two weeks after he signed final papers ending his marriage to Peggy Railey. His second wife later died of liver failure.

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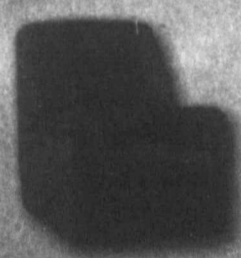
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Boys rusty, but basketball team wins Caprock opener



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Junior Derrek Pollard attempts a jumper over Colorado City's Benny Jones. Pollard scored 12 points as Pampa won 42-37 in the opener of the Caprock Classic.

LUBBOCK — The last time the Pampa Harvesters took the court was two weeks ago.

Wednesday in their Caprock Tournament opener against the Colorado City Wolves, it showed.

"I know coming off the break you are going to have turnovers and miss jump shots," head coach Dustin Miller said. "I expect us to hit layups and free throws. We didn't hit them to separate ourselves."

Despite some uncharacteristic miscues, however, Pampa emerged with a 42-37 victory at Lubbock Coronado High School.

Senior Latigo Collins said he was glad they won but added they need improvement.

"We played all right," Collins said. "We just had turnovers and missed jump shots."

Turnovers kept Pampa from getting into a rhythm offensively, as they had four in the first half. The Harvesters led the whole game but the Wolves stayed within four points most of the first. Senior Reid Miller hit a three that gave Pampa some distance, as it led 15-8 after

one.

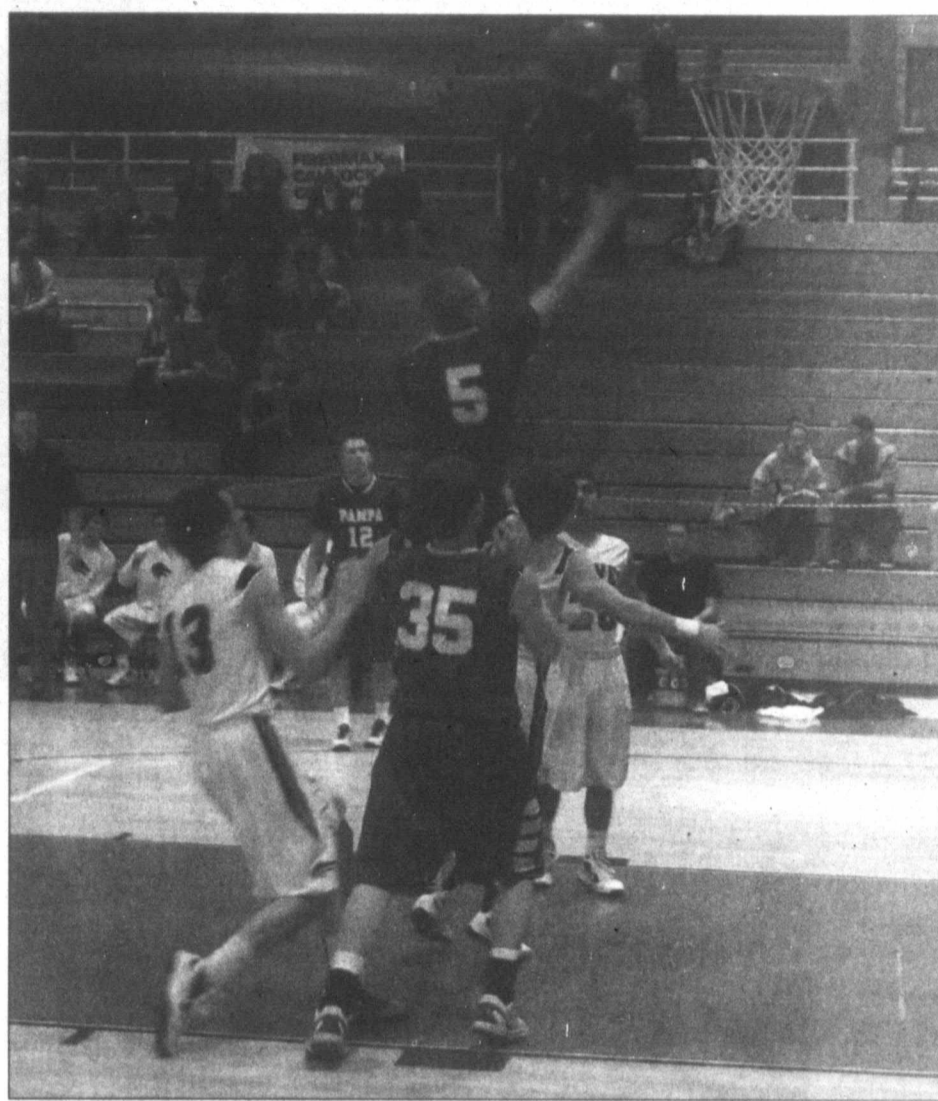
The Harvesters (8-4) were able to get transition baskets in the second with Collins and senior Cole Engle converting most of them. Engle scored 10 points in the first half and helped Pampa pull away. The Harvesters went on a 9-0 run in the second and led 28-17 at halftime.

Pampa maintained a 10-point lead most of the second half. Collins and junior Derrek Pollard led the Harvesters offensively with six points each. Colorado City rallied to within five but didn't get closer.

Collins said the team played well on defense but needed to do better on offense.

"If we give up 37, we will win a lot of games," Collins said. "We got to score a couple more than (42). We won't win those games at Perryton and Dalhart if we do that."

The Harvesters played Morton at Lubbock Monterey. If Pampa wins, it plays the winner of Andrews against Abernathy at 3 p.m. at Lubbock Cooper today. If the Harvesters lose they, play the winner of New Deal and Paducah at 6 p.m. at Lubbock Estacado today.



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Senior Latigo Collins attempts a layup against Colorado City Wednesday. Collins was the leading scorer with 13.



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Senior Taylor Kennedy shoots a three in the first half against Colorado City Wednesday.



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Junior Allison Ceyanes looks for someone to pass to on the break against a flurry of Paducah defenders. The Lady Harvesters took the game 45-35.

Paducah turnovers aid Pampa en route to first round victory

LUBBOCK — After being off for over a week, the Pampa Lady Harvesters were hoping to start their Caprock Tournament strong against the Paducah Lady Dragons.

Thanks to early turnovers by the Lady Dragons, Pampa was able to jump out and not look back in a 45-35 victory at Lubbock High School.

Head coach Gene Valentine said he was pleased with the start but wished his team was more consistent.

"We started well like I wanted," Valentine said. "Then we started playing their style, really slow and sluggish. We come out in the second half and did the same thing."

Pampa led 10-2 halfway through the first and didn't allow Paducah to get

closer than three in the first half.

Seniors Kirsten Kuhn and Caitlin Sieck jump-started the Lady Harvesters' offense, combining for three three-pointers.

"I hit one in the corner," Sieck said. "It helped us get started. A lot of transition helped us. We moved the ball quick."

The Lady Dragons were hampered by turnovers and missed shots. Pampa turned some of those into transition baskets. The Lady Harvesters led 16-10 after the first and 26-16 at halftime.

"We are usually good about transition points as long as we spread it out and see everyone on the court," Kuhn said.

Pampa's defense stayed strong in the

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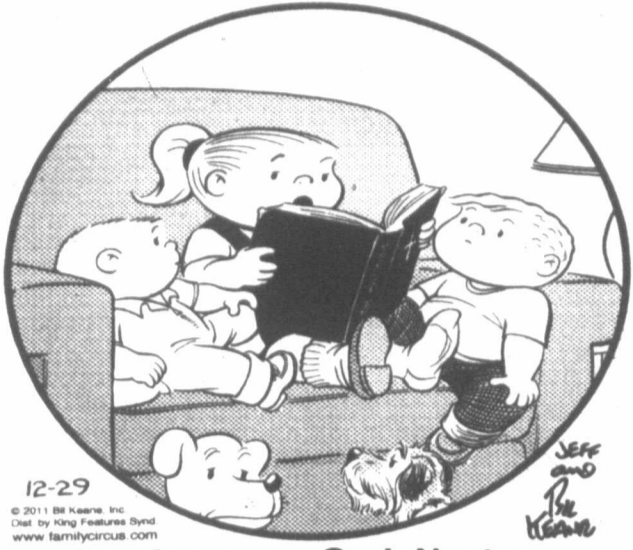
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Nest Heads



daily horoscope

Happy Birthday for Thursday, Dec. 29, 2011:

You certainly have a way with words. At the same time, what were valid goals and thoughts three years ago might not be any longer. Re-evaluate your priorities and update them. Through this process, your words and desires will reflect the authentic you. People will respond more easily. The final result of any project or situation dependent on communication will make you happier. If you are single, you are more likely to draw in someone who works better with you because of this process. If you are attached, there could be an issue as views and goals change. Your interactions will demand mutual respect. If you are giving that gift, it will be reciprocated soon enough. PISCES brings out your personality.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ You have a strong sense of direction, and others tap into it. If you feel that a situation is off, trust your judgment. Your instincts work with those in charge as well. The timing is great if you have been waiting for the right time to make a request. Tonight: Get some sleep.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ Reach out for a distant friend. Speaking to you means a lot to quite a few people. Buy tickets to a concert or some other musical event. You will relax in this environment as you rarely do. Tonight: Go for something entertaining.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Have that discussion now rather than later. You discover how much is going on that you might have missed out on. Listen well to what is said. Ask for feedback. Don't be surprised by how someone is changing right in front of your very eyes. Tonight: Togetherness works.

CANCER (June 21-July 21)

★★★★ You discover that letting others run with the ball works for you right now. No one is challenging you by wanting to do a project his or her way. Respond to someone from a distance who might be reaching out to you. Tonight: Let the medium entertain you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Let the people you deal with nearly every day know that you appreciate them. Ask about them. This interest will help develop stronger bonds. You might be surprised by how much these peripheral people impact you. Tonight: Contain a dif-

ficult conversation.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Don't push to have a situation go the way you want it to. Know that you can handle nearly anything given time and thought. A child or new friend invigorates your day with his or her innate charm and caring. Tonight: Only with favorite people.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ You know your priorities, but might need to loosen up some in order to obtain the desired results. If a call comes through from a neighbor or family member, do be available. Your work situation transforms before your very eyes. Tonight: Know when to call it a day.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Allow more creativity and humor to come forward. Your sense of direction helps sort out your priorities. Don't forget that making yourself happy is also a priority. Examine what is occurring with a neighbor or family member. You might not be in tune with his or her life. Tonight: Be naughty and nice.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ You finally decide to take a hard look at your finances. You have the ability to revamp your situation and gain. You could be surprised by what is going on behind the scenes. Build a greater sense of security between you and a close friend. Tonight: Make the most of the moment.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Clear out as much as you can from 2011 as you prepare for the new year. Communication changes in nature and gives you important feedback. You also are not the same person as you were years before. Understand that you will always need to adjust. Tonight: Share with friends.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ You might be reflecting on a way of observing what is going on. Stay clear about your desires. You might have gone down the wrong path. Know what feels right, and follow through on just that. Tonight: Do something just for you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ You hold far more together than you realize. Honor your natural limitations, even if others don't appear to do the same. Your ability to communicate and bring groups together in a cohesive manner is reflected in both your personal and private lives. Tonight: Where your friends are.

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Marvin



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Peanuts



Blondie



Sports

Alamo Bowl may be Heisman winner Griffin's college finale

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Since winning the Heisman Trophy, Robert Griffin III is often shadowed by a bodyguard of sorts to dissuade autograph seekers, and this week tucked his dreadlocks under a hat in hopes of strolling through Sea World incognito.

"I got a lot of double-takes," the Baylor quarterback said. "If you can get a double-take, you can walk far enough away to where they'll be discouraged to approach you. But it was cool. I didn't mind."

Now it's a question of whether RG3 is about to give college football its last look at him altogether.

The nation's most electrifying player leads No. 15 Baylor (9-3) into the Alamo Bowl against Washington (7-5) on Thursday night while keeping his decision about leaving for the NFL private for now.

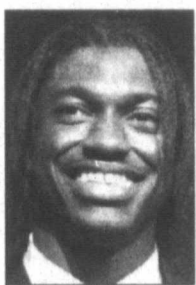
Griffin, who says he can't "go to Wendy's and get a cheeseburger without signing 1,000 autographs" since winning college football's top award, reiterated in San Antonio that he's undecided about forgoing his senior year. He said his parents are looking at his draft prospects but denies having any substantial talks with them.

Baylor can hardly feel jilted if this is Griffin's last game.

The fourth-year junior, who also won the Davey O'Brien Award and is the AP Player of the Year, has raised the program's profile to unseen heights. He rescued the Bears from their perennial status as the Big 12's punch line and has Baylor on a five-game winning streak, its longest in 20 years.

A win against Washington would match the school record of 10 wins when Mike Singletary was a senior in 1980, and merely playing in back-to-back bowls is a first for Baylor in two decades. Simply put, it's been a magical season the school doesn't want to see end.

Washington won't exactly say the



Griffin

same.

The Huskies stumbled into a second consecutive bowl game dropping four of their last six and losing badly to all four ranked teams they played this season. That included Stanford and Andrew Luck, the Heisman runner-up to Griffin, who coasted in a 65-21 win that began Washington's second-half slide.

Yet tailback Chris Polk and other seniors still vividly remember going 0-12 just four years ago under Tyrone Willingham. According to the school, Washington is the first BCS program to go from winless to back-to-back bowl appearances in three years since Central Florida in 2004.

"I would have never imagined this," offensive lineman Senio Kelemete said. "It was pretty hard for all of us, the 0-12 season. I'm pretty sure a lot of guys didn't really want to play football anymore or wanted to transfer or just ... just football wasn't fun."

The Huskies have a shot at an eight-win season for the first time since 2001, but it might be a long night against Baylor.

The Huskies will put one of the nation's worst defenses against the Bears, whose offense was the second-best in the country. Baylor averaged more than 570 yards of offense a game behind Griffin, who threw for nearly for 3,998 yards with a Big 12-leading 36 touchdowns and only six interceptions. That made him the nation's most efficient passer.

Baylor averaged 43 points a game. Washington's let opponents score an average of 33.

"We've had a huge challenge this whole year playing against good offenses," Washington defensive coordinator

Nick Holt said. "This is good offense and the only difference this time is that we're playing against the best player in the country and a Heisman Trophy winner who has a great supporting cast."

Anything else? "And, oh yeah," Holt added. "They run an up-tempo, no huddle offense and can score really quickly."

Griffin is the first Heisman winner to play in a bowl game before New Year's

Day since Ty Detmer led BYU to the Holiday Bowl in 1990. Two years later, Baylor won its last postseason game in the Sun Bowl.

Ending that drought may be the last thing left for Griffin to do.

"We know why we're here and we came to win our 10th game," Griffin said. "Washington just happens to be in the way."



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Senior Kirsten Kuhn passes to senior Caitlin Sieck in the first half against Paducah Wednesday at Lubbock High. Kuhn and Sieck were Pampa's leading scorers.

Basketball

third quarter, holding the Lady Dragons to four points. The Lady Harvesters grabbed their largest lead of the game at 19 points and led 37-20 after the third. Paducah didn't get closer than 10 in the second half.

Kuhn led Pampa in scoring with 14. Sieck followed with 13. Jasmine Walker and Mandy Mayo led Paducah with 10

points each.

The Lady Harvesters (7-9) won their third in a row and played Sundown at Lubbock Coronado.

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added. "Kids living with their parents in a shelter count as homeless, and so do kids who choose not to live with their parents because of drugs, abuse or being kicked out."

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