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Xcel Energy withdraws fuel cost increase

■ No increase in Pampa residents' prices for now

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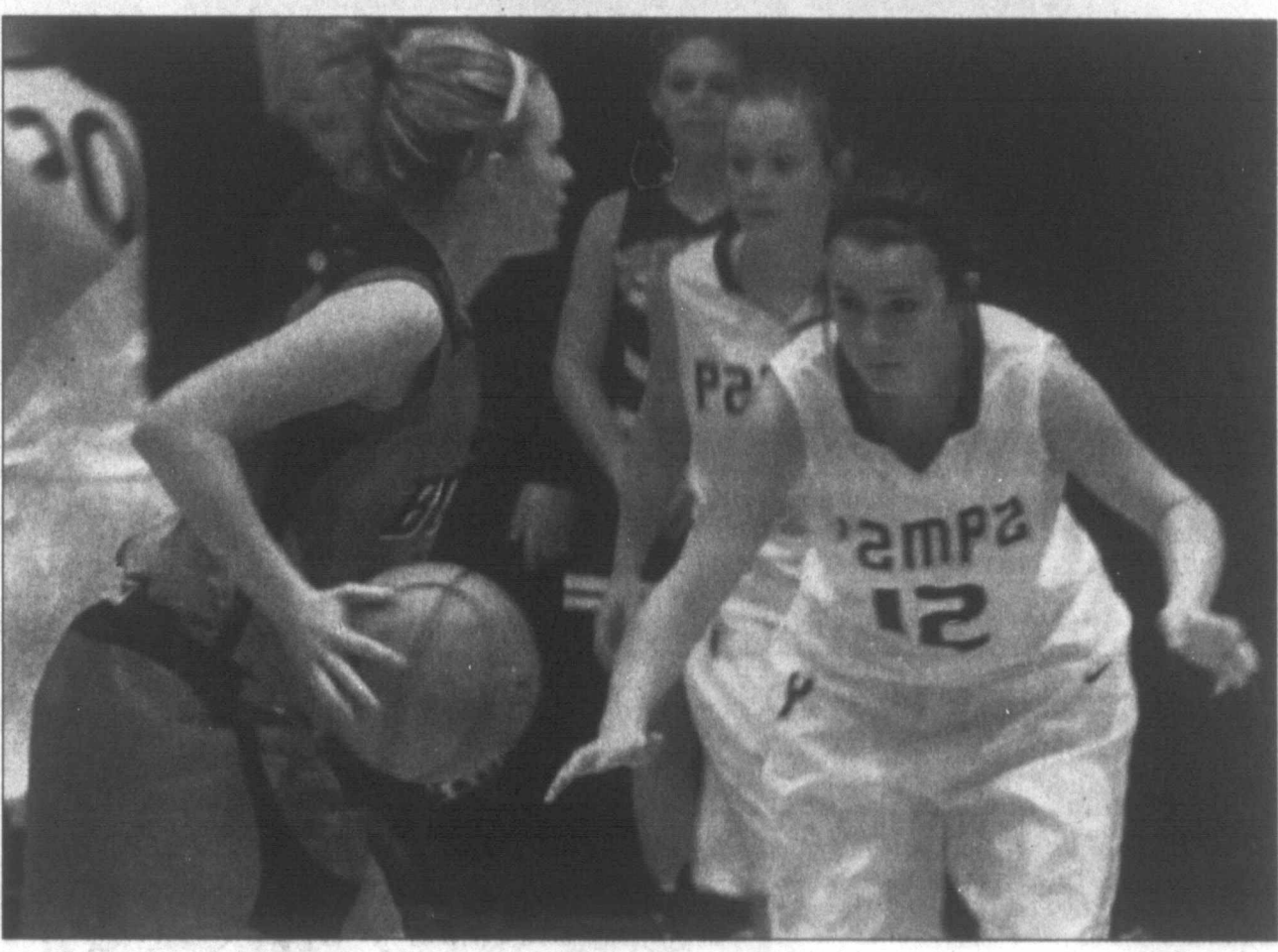
With a federal court issuing a stay against the implementation of the Environmental Protection Agency's Cross-State Air Pollution Rule (CSAPR), Xcel Energy has decided to withdraw a plan to increase fuel costs for Texas retail customers, including Pampa and Gray County residents.

The decision was announced via a statement issued by Xcel media relations representative Wes Reeves on Tuesday. Xcel had originally filed the fuel cost hike with the Public Utility Commission of Texas in November; the increased fuel cost formula would have added seven percent — approximately \$6.30 — typical winter residential bill of 1,000 kilowatt-hours in Texas.

The increase, Reeves said, would have been a direct result of achieving short-term compliance with the CSAPR. According to Reeves, with

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EYES ON THE BALL



staff photo by Joe Murray

Senior Caitlin Sieck keeps her eye on a Borger ballhandler in the first half. Sieck scored 13 in the first quarter as Pampa routed their rivals, 73-25. Full story in **SPORTS**, page 1B.

CaB internship pays dividends for Harmon

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Chad Harmon, 24, started playing the tuba as a sixth grader, and his interest in music led him to pick up six other instruments while he was growing up and eventually make All State Band. Since graduating high school, however, his interest in music transitioned from performing, and Harmon is now in his senior year studying music therapy at Texas Women's University.



Harmon

As part of his program, he just started a six month internship with Create-a-Beat, a local after school program that offers music, theater and art classes.

"This internship is definitely one of the best in Texas, because I am getting to work with over 50 individual clients (with) a big range of disorders, maybe emotional disabilities, developmental (disabilities), mental retardation, Asperger's, Alzheimer's," said Harmon. "It's just really beneficial and rewarding getting to work with so many different people, and with other internships, you don't get the opportunity to do that."

The Create-a-Beat program, which is offered to kids in kindergarten through fifth grade, begins with a snack and open play, and at 3:45, classes begin.



staff photo by Mollie Bryant

Sykora Guy (left) and Reese Thomas jump rope during one of Create-a-Beat's after school programs. TWU senior Chad Harmon is performing a six-month internship with Create-a-Beat as part of his course of study in music therapy.

"Those vary, just depending on what they sign up for," said Harmon. "I'm teaching all the music classes. (I teach) music appreciation, where we're just talking about different cultures around the world to try to appreciate and acknowledge their music. General music is teaching them what chords and notes are, rhythm and melody. (We have) a rhythm class where we work on just drums and things like that."

Harmon thinks the music and arts aspect of Create-a-Beat makes it a different experience from other

after school programs. "It's special because we are offering that...We're actually giving (the kids) activities to promote and better their education," he said.

Harmon decided to study music therapy as part of a goal to help others.

"My senior year in high school, I was really having a deep moment, and I was wondering what I wanted to do with my life," he said. "I love to play and perform and everything, but I love being a part of a

HARMON cont. on page 8A

City approves loans, gets new golf carts

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At yesterday's city commission meeting, commissioners approved two loans from the Pampa Economic Development Corporation (PEDC) for Dr. Mark Ford's revamped New Life Wellness Center, formerly Ford Family Chiropractic.

The loans, amounting to \$188,900, will go towards developing senior fitness services and additions that include an aqua therapy pool, physical therapy equipment and treatment tables. The loans will also go towards remodeling the current facilities.

Ford recently added pain management services to the New Life Wellness Center, as well as family care and urgent care. He plans to hire 10 new employees as part of the center's expansion.

Before a final approval, the loans require a second favorable vote from the city commission, as well as approval from the county commission.

The city commission also decided to replace a fleet of 40 electric golf carts at the Hidden Hills Golf Course for \$111,900. That cost takes into account a trade in of 40 of the carts they have now for \$56,100. David Teichmann of Hidden Hills said that the price of new carts has gone up about \$300 to \$400 a unit since the city last purchased them in 2008.

"With the trade value staying at the same or a little bit less and the increasing cart price, it's just left us with a bit of a gap, but it's still beneficial to trade them every four years," said Teichmann.

The city is considering increasing cart fees to offset costs of the new carts.

In other business, the commission:

- approved the minutes from its two previous meetings;
- excused the absences of Commissioners Neil Fulton and John Studebaker from the previous meeting;
- approved the List of Disbursements dated November 2011.

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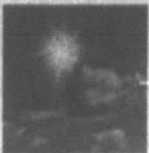

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PAMPA FORECAST

Today	Thursday	Friday
		
High 40 Low 19	High 37 Low 21	High 50 Low 23

Today: Partly sunny, with a high near 40. Wind chill values between 16 and 26. Windy, with a north northwest wind 15 to 20 mph increasing to between 25 and 30 mph. Winds could gust as high as 40 mph.

Tonight: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 19. Wind chill values between 8 and 13. Blustery, with a north northwest wind 20 to 25 mph decreasing to between 10 and 15 mph. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 37. North northwest wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 21. North northwest wind around 5 mph becoming west southwest.

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 50. North northwest wind around 5 mph.

Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 23. North northwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming west southwest.

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Obituaries

Betty Sue Goldsmith, 69

Betty Sue Goldsmith, 69, died January 9, 2012, in Pampa.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, January 12, 2012, at Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel, with Rev. Jim Sinyard, pastor of Carpenter's Church, officiating.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, January 13, 2012, at Fairlawn Cemetery in Chickasha, Okla., under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Betty Sue Goldsmith was born to Luther Donald and Inez Bagwell on October 31, 1942, in Chickasha, Okla. She attended Chickasha schools and graduated high school in 1960. She married Don Goldsmith on May 19, 1961, in Chickasha. They made their home in Pampa where they lived together for the past 42 years. She was the owner and operator of D&B Equipment for 12 years, a volunteer with Pampa Meals on Wheels for 13 years, and a devoted wife, mother and grandmother.

Her pride and joy was her large, loving family who she enjoyed spending time with, and was always up for a good game of cards or dominoes, as well as spending time in the outdoors, riding four-wheelers and fishing.

Betty went to be with the Lord on Monday at her home in Pampa. The family wishes a special thank you to BSA Hospice and Shepard's Crook of Pampa. Betty was preceded in death by her parents and brother, Don Bagwell. She is survived by her husband of 49 years, Don Goldsmith; three children; son, Steven Goldsmith and wife Kim of White Deer, daughter, Cindy Flaharity and husband Darrell of Pampa, and son, Jacky Goldsmith of Pampa; her sister, Linda Ruggles and husband Dave of Defiance, Ohio; sister-in-law, Suzanne Bagwell of Oklahoma City; five grandchildren, Stefani Devoll and husband Coy of Pampa, Kelly Flaharity and wife Nikki of Pampa, Melyssa Hill and husband John of Amarillo, Shane Goldsmith and wife D'Ann of Pampa, and Ryan Goldsmith of Pampa; as well as several nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorials be made to Pampa Meals on Wheels, P.O. Box 939, Pampa, Texas 79066-0939.

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



Goldsmith

of Kingston, Okla.; brother, Earl Winegeart of Pampa; two granddaughters, Erin Winegeart of Pampa and Holly Winegeart of Canyon; a great-grandson, Justice Trevathan of Pampa; and special friend, Carolyn Howe of Lefors. He was preceded in death by his parents, George and Gertrude Winegeart; and two sisters, Colleen Lowe and Patsy Jones.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials to the Lefors Volunteer Fire Department.

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

Lalage Fussell, 91

Lalage Fussell, 91, died January 9, 2012, in Panhandle.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, January 13, 2012, at Grace Baptist Church, with Pastor Kyle Ohsfeldt, officiating.

Graveside services will be at 2:30 p.m. Friday, January 13, 2012, at Mooreland Cemetery in Mooreland, Okla., under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Fussell was born on October 31, 1920, in Turon, Kan. As a girl, she attended school in Hutchison, Kan., graduating from Hutchison High School in 1940. She married Fred D. Fussell on February 28, 1945, in Woodward, Okla. Lalage had been a resident of Pampa since 1954. Besides being a wonderful wife and mother, she worked for M. E. Moses & Co. and Marie Foundation. She was a former member and Sunday school teacher at Fellowship Baptist Church and a current and faithful member at Grace Baptist Church.

The family would like to thank the staff of St. Ann's Nursing Home for their wonderful care.

Survivors include two sons, Lyle Fussell and wife Tina of Panhandle, and Jeff Fussell and wife Lynn of Sugar Land; three daughters, Veletta Butcher and husband David of Odessa, Cathy Dreiss of Kerrville, and Freda Tabor and husband Chuck of Henryetta, Okla.; 11 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren. Lalage was preceded in death by her husband, Fred D. Fussell; an infant son, Dee Allen Fussell; and a brother, Gage Prewett.

Memorials may be made to Grace Baptist Church, 824 S. Barnes, Pampa, TX 79065.

The family will receive friends from 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, January 12, 2012.

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



Fussell

E. Don Winegeart, 72

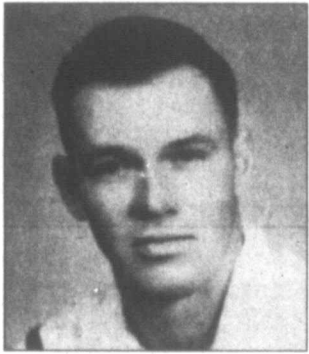
E. Don Winegeart, 72, died January 9, 2012, in Amarillo.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, January 12, 2012, at Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel, with Rev. Norman Rushing, pastor of Central Baptist Church, officiating.

Burial will be at Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Mr. Winegeart was born January 26, 1939, in Gray County where he had been a lifelong resident. He attended schools in Lefors and then served in the U.S. Navy. He worked for the U.S. Postal Service for several years and retired from the Texas Railroad Commission after working there for many years. He was a member of Central Baptist Church.

Survivors include his son, Donnie Winegeart and wife Debbie of Pampa; sister, JoAnn Ring and husband Jessie



Winegeart

Estelle Hembree, 91

SHAMROCK—Estelle Hembree, 91, died Sunday, January 8, 2012, in McLean.

Funeral services will be Thursday, January 12, 2012, at 2 p.m. at Robertson Funeral Directors, 311 N. Wall, in Shamrock with Rev. Thacker Haynes officiating.

Interment will be at Shamrock Cemetery. Arrangements are by Robertson Funeral Directors of Shamrock.

Estelle was born October 25, 1920 in Sawyer, Okla. She married E.C. "Pete" Hembree on February 20, 1938, in Sayre, Okla. She was a homemaker and loved fishing. She was a resident of Shamrock most of her life.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Pete, in 1981; and her son, Jackie Dale Hembree, in 2009.

Survivors include her son, Jerry Hembree, of McLean; two daughters, Patsy Hembree, of Shamrock, and Edwyna Rohlfing, of Beatrice, Neb.; eight grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

The family may be contacted at 107 S. Nebraska, Shamrock, TX 79079.

You may sign the online guestbook at www.RobertsonFuneral.com.

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Bell Amarillo plans expansion

FORT WORTH (AP) - Bell Helicopter plans to build its next new commercial helicopter model at its facility in the Texas Panhandle.

A Bell Helicopter spokesman on Monday would not specify how many jobs could be created in Amarillo by work on the Magellan project. William Schroder declined to release further details, other than final assembly, product test flights and delivery of the Magellan will be done at the Amarillo facility.

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram reports Bell Helicopter revealed the plans Monday in an e-mail from CEO John Garrison to employees.

The project, opting for Amarillo instead of a company plant in Mirabel, Canada, involves a larger, longer-range aircraft mainly meant for the offshore oil industry.

A spokeswoman for Fort Worth-based Bell Helicopter did not immediately return a message Tuesday from The Associated Press.

Rail worker struck, killed

AMARILLO (AP) - Amarillo police say a railroad worker has been killed after being struck by a maintenance car.

Lt. Gary Trupe says the victim was hit Monday by a grinder machine and was pulled beneath the car.

The name of the victim, who worked for Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway, was not immediately released. An autopsy has been ordered.

A spokesman for Fort Worth-based BNSF, Joe Faust, says rail grinders are used to help maintain the tracks.

Perry sharpens dig on Romney

FORT MILLS, S.C. (AP) - Republican presidential hopeful Rick Perry is likening front-runner Mitt Romney's former private equity firm to "vultures" that ruin workers' lives.

Perry is sharpening his attack in hopes of drawing a clearer contrast on jobs with Romney, the former Massachusetts governor who touts his business credentials. The issue has special salience in South Carolina, where unemployment is high.

Addressing a retiree community in South Carolina, Perry criticized Romney's Bain Capital firm for two business deals that caused job losses in the state. He said private equity firms are "just vultures" that feed off sick companies no matter the human toll.

Perry often boasts of fostering the addition of a million jobs as Texas governor.

Perry was alone in South Carolina Tuesday while his rivals were in New Hampshire for the primary.

More windows for state hospitals

AUSTIN (AP) - The state's 10 psychiatric hospitals will be getting more windows to help prevent alleged abuse of patients by staff or anyone else.

The Texas Department of State Health Services is spending up to \$135,000 to retrofit nearly 340 doors at psychiatric hospitals.

The Austin American-Statesman reported Monday that cameras will be installed in offices where doors cannot have windows because of structural barriers.

Agency spokesman Carrie Williams says employees walking by will have a clear view of hospital therapy rooms.

Former Austin State Hospital psychiatrist Charles Fisher was fired in November over sexual abuse allegations. Fischer, who has not been charged and denies the allegations, has filed an official grievance.

Several law enforcement agencies are currently investigating.

No contest plea in Ponzi scheme

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - Two people in South Texas face up to 18 years in prison over a Ponzi scheme involving ex-NFL player T.J. Slaughter and other investors.

Alan Keith Nelsen and Mary Alice Monteza pleaded no contest Monday in San Antonio to setting up a fake international investing firm.

Slaughter in 2009 filed a complaint about losing \$150,000 to Castro International. The former Southern Mississippi standout says Nelsen and Monteza claimed his December 2008 investment grew to nearly \$7.6 million over a few months, but they wouldn't give him any money.

The San Antonio Express-News reports prosecutors would recommend probation if Nelsen and Monteza repay \$850,000 before sentencing in April.

Slaughter played for Jacksonville, Green Bay, Baltimore, New Orleans and San Francisco. The linebacker was released by New England in 2008.

Victorian era clock is a classic

Q: I purchased this clock about 50 years ago and would like to know more about its history and value. Marked on a label on the back are the words "Sharon - Prize Awarded Paris Expo 1878." The case is oak, and it stands about 17 inches tall. It has a "June 18, 1882," patent date. It is in good working condition.

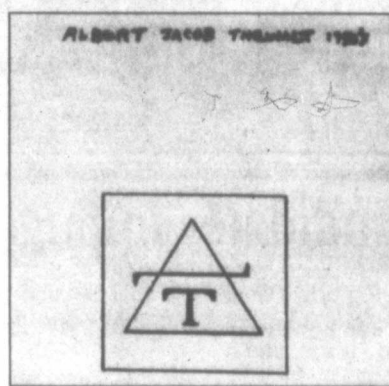
A: Ansonia Clock Co. made your Victorian shelf clock. Anson Phelps, along with clock manufacturers, Franklin C. Andrews and Theodore Terry, formed Ansonia Clock Co. in 1850. They became one of the major clock manufacturers in the United States in the early 19th century. By 1929, they went into receivership and sold their holdings to Soviet Russia. "Sharon" is the name of the design of your clock. It is an 8-day strike and has a classical design with pilasters on either side. The words "Prize Awarded Paris Expo 1878" refers to an award given to the company rather than to your clock.

Originally, it sold for around \$8. Today, your circa 1882 clock would probably be worth between \$300 and \$400.

Antique OR JUNQUE?



Ansonia Clock Co. was in business from 1850 to 1929.



Thewalt Factory has been located in Germany since 1893.

Q: The enclosed mark is on the bottom of a stein that was purchased in Germany. Also included with the mark are the words "Western Germany." The stein is decorated with scenes in relief of people drinking, has a pewter lid and stands about 5 inches tall. I measured how much liquid it holds; it is 1/8 of a liter.

What can you tell me about the manufacturer, age and value of my stein?

A: Your stein was made around 1960 by Albert Jacob Thewalt Factory. Thewalt has made steins in Hohn, Grenzhausen, Germany, since 1893. Objects marked "Western Germany" were made between 1949 and 1990.

Your stein would probably be worth \$50 to \$100.

Q: I have a question regarding a Hummel figurine that my wife inherited. It is a figurine of a boy on a sled holding a lantern, and there is a Christmas tree aboard behind him. It is marked "Goebel - 396-1-- W. Germany" and "M. I. Hummel" on the base. The overall height is 6

inches, and it is in mint condition. What is its value?

A: The Goebel mark you described shows your Hummel figurine was made between 1972 and 1979. "Ride into Christmas" is the name of your figurine and it is the larger of the two sizes available. Many Hummel figurines are not commanding as high of values as in the past. Internet prices for your figurine are in the \$175 to \$275 range.

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

Court: Texas abortion law can be enforced

CHRIS TOMLINSON
Associated Press

AUSTIN (AP) - A Texas abortion law passed last year that requires doctors to show sonograms to patients can be enforced while opponents challenge the measure in court, a federal appeals court said Tuesday in a ruling that signaled the judges believe the law is constitutional.

When the state would begin enforcing the law was not immediately clear. A spokesman for the attorney general's office said the matter was under review. The group that brought the case, the Center for Reproductive Rights, is weighing how to continue fighting the law and has 14 days to ask for

a rehearing of the case.

The three-judge panel of the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals overturned a temporary order against enforcing the law and then went further to advise U.S. District Judge Sam Sparks how he should ultimately rule in the case. Chief Judge Edith H. Jones used her opinion to systematically dismantle the argument that the Texas law infringes on the free speech rights of doctors and patients, the key argument against the law.

"The required disclosures of a sonogram, the fetal heartbeat, and their medical descriptions are the epitome of truthful, non-misleading information," Jones wrote. "The LAW cont. on page 5A

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Today in History

Today is Wednesday, Jan. 11, the 11th day of 2012. There are 355 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 11, 1942, Japan declared war against the Netherlands, the same day that Imperial Japanese forces invaded the Dutch East Indies.

On this date:

In 1759, the first American life insurance corporation, for "poor and distressed" Presbyterian ministers and their widows and children, was chartered in Philadelphia.

In 1805, the Michigan Territory was created by an act of Congress.

In 1861, Alabama became the fourth state to withdraw from the Union.

In 1908, President Theodore Roosevelt proclaimed the Grand Canyon National Monument (it became a national park in 1919).

In 1913, the first sedan-type automobile, a Hudson, went on display at the 13th National Automobile Show in New York.

In 1927, the creation of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences was proposed during a dinner of Hollywood luminaries at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles.

In 1935, aviator Amelia Earhart began an 18-hour trip from Honolulu to Oakland, Calif., that made her the first woman to fly solo across the Pacific Ocean.

In 1943, the United States and Britain signed treaties relinquishing extraterritorial rights in China.

In 1964, U.S. Surgeon General Luther Terry issued the first government report that said smoking may be hazardous to one's health.

In 1972, East Pakistan changed its name to Bangladesh.

In 1977, France set off an international uproar by releasing Abu Daoud, a PLO official behind the massacre of Israeli athletes at the 1972 Munich Olympics.

In 1995, 52 people were killed when a Colombian airliner crashed as it was preparing to land near the Caribbean resort of Cartagena, however, a 9-year-old girl, Erika Delgado, survived.

Ten years ago: The first payload of al-Qaida prisoners from Afghanistan arrived at a U.S. military detention camp in Guantanamo, Cuba. Ford Motor Co. announced it was eliminating 35,000 jobs, closing five plants and dropping four models.

Five years ago: President George W. Bush's plan to send more troops to Iraq ran into a wall of criticism on Capitol Hill from both Democrats and Republicans.

One year ago: Several hundred mourners remembered the victims of the Arizona shooting rampage during a public Mass at St. Odilia Catholic Church in Tucson.

Today's Birthdays: Producer Grant Tinker is 87. Actor Rod Taylor is 82. Composer Mary Rodgers is 81. Actor Mitchell Ryan is 78. Actor Felix Silla is 75. Movie director Joel Zwick is 70. Country singer Naomi Judd is 66. Singer Robert Earl Keen is 56. Musician Vicki Peterson (The Bangles) is 54. Actress Kim Coles is 50. Actor Jason Connery is 49. Rock musician Tom Dumont (No Doubt) is 44. Movie director Malcolm D. Lee is 42. Singer Mary J. Blige is 41. Actor Marc Blucas is 40. Actress Amanda Peet is 40. Actor Rockmond Dunbar is 39. Actress Kristolyn Lloyd is 27.

Thought for Today: "In much wisdom is much grief; and he that increaseth knowledge increaseth sorrow." - Ecclesiastes 1, 18



Why are candidates impugning each other's character?

There still exists a possibility that, come Jan. 20, 2013, we could have a Republican Senate and House, and a Republican president.

But there is also a possibility that a Goldwater-Rockefeller-type family bloodletting could sunder the party and kick it all away.

America is bored with Barack Obama. The young and the minorities are still with him but exhibit none of the excitement or enthusiasm of 2008.

Moreover, we have been through three years of 23-25 million unemployed or underemployed. Our national debt is now larger than the national economy, approaching Italian proportions. The class warfare rhetoric is beginning to grate. A huge majority believes the nation is on the wrong course.

Who wants four more years of this?

Democratic hopes for 2012 hence hinge on that party's ability to portray the Republican alternative as unacceptable if not intolerable. And the Republicans have begun to play into that script.

The GOP field of candidates suddenly seems headed to a finale that will call to mind the last scene of Hamlet, the dead and dying everywhere, but no Fortinbras to restore order in the house.

In the Sunday debate, Jon Huntsman accused Mitt Romney of virtually questioning his patriotism, when Mitt asked how he could serve as Obama's man in Beijing and be a credible opponent of Obama.

"This nation is divided ... because of attitudes like that," said Huntsman.

Newt Gingrich, who promised in Iowa not to go negative, now calls Mitt a liar. A super-PAC supporting Newt is about to paint Mitt as a Bain Capital corporate predator, a Gordon Gecko whose modus operandi was to swoop down on troubled companies, loot them, fire workers, leave a skeleton crew and move on.

Newt's bitterness is understandable.

A month ago, he was surging.

He had opened up a lead in national polls, moved ahead in Iowa, South Carolina and Florida, and, with the backing of the Manchester Union-Leader, was closing in on Mitt in New Hampshire.

From his crisp debate performances, Newt had steadily risen from his disastrous debut, while one after another of his rivals — Michele Bachmann, Rick Perry, Herman Cain — had taken the lead and lost it.

Newt had engineered a spectacular comeback, seemingly peaking at exactly the right moment, only weeks before the Iowa caucuses.

Came then the Iowa blitz, round-the-clock air strikes from a Romney super-PAC. Millions were dumped into attack ads portraying Newt as a Beltway bandit who had exploited his speaker's ties to enrich himself, pocketing \$1.6 million from Freddie Mac and millions more from Big Pharma to promote the Bush prescription drug benefit for seniors, the largest unfunded entitlement program of the century.

After weeks of unreturned fire, Newt's poll numbers had been cut in half. He finished a distant fourth in Iowa. Having come back from the dead once in this primary season, it is hard to see how he resurrects himself a second time, given the depth of his fall, his seemingly uncontrollable anger and the little time he has left.

Five weeks ago, Newt looked like the GOP nominee. Now, his political career seems about over. Hence the desire for revenge. And with his friend Las Vegas billionaire Sheldon Adelson dumping \$5 million into a super-PAC for Newt, his allies have the resources to exact retribution on Mitt for what Mitt's friends did to Newt.

Nor is this the only bad blood.

In Iowa, Ron Paul's ads charged Newt with "serial hypocrisy" for claiming to be a conservative but leaving Congress to make millions working the system. In New



PAT BUCHANAN

Hampshire, Paul escalated, calling Newt a "chicken hawk" who clamored for war on Iran but ducked service when he could have gone and fought during Vietnam.

Newt has said that, should Paul become the nominee, he, Newt, could neither endorse nor vote for him. Paul's supporters would reciprocate, were Newt to become the nominee.

Paul's ads also charge Rick Santorum with being a "corrupt" politician who exploited his 12 years of Senate service to make millions on K Street.

Santorum's reply: "Ron Paul is disgusting."

The Republican candidates have gone beyond challenging each other's records and positions to impugning their character.

Sunday, New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, a Romney surrogate, directly questioned Huntsman's "integrity," implying he had plotted his presidential campaign against Obama while serving as Obama's man in Beijing.

He had taken the king's shilling and then sought to dethrone the king.

Such wounds take time to heal. Some never do, and some will not be closed before the Republican convention opens in Tampa, Fla.

Then there are the policy divides. Paul may well run second to Romney in delegates and demand that his ideas -- shutting U.S. military bases overseas, downsizing the American empire, getting a declaration of war from Congress before any attack on Iran -- be written into the platform.

How will a hawkish Republican majority finesse that one?

To bring this crowd together at Tampa, the GOP nominee may need the diplomatic skills of a Talleyrand or Metternich.

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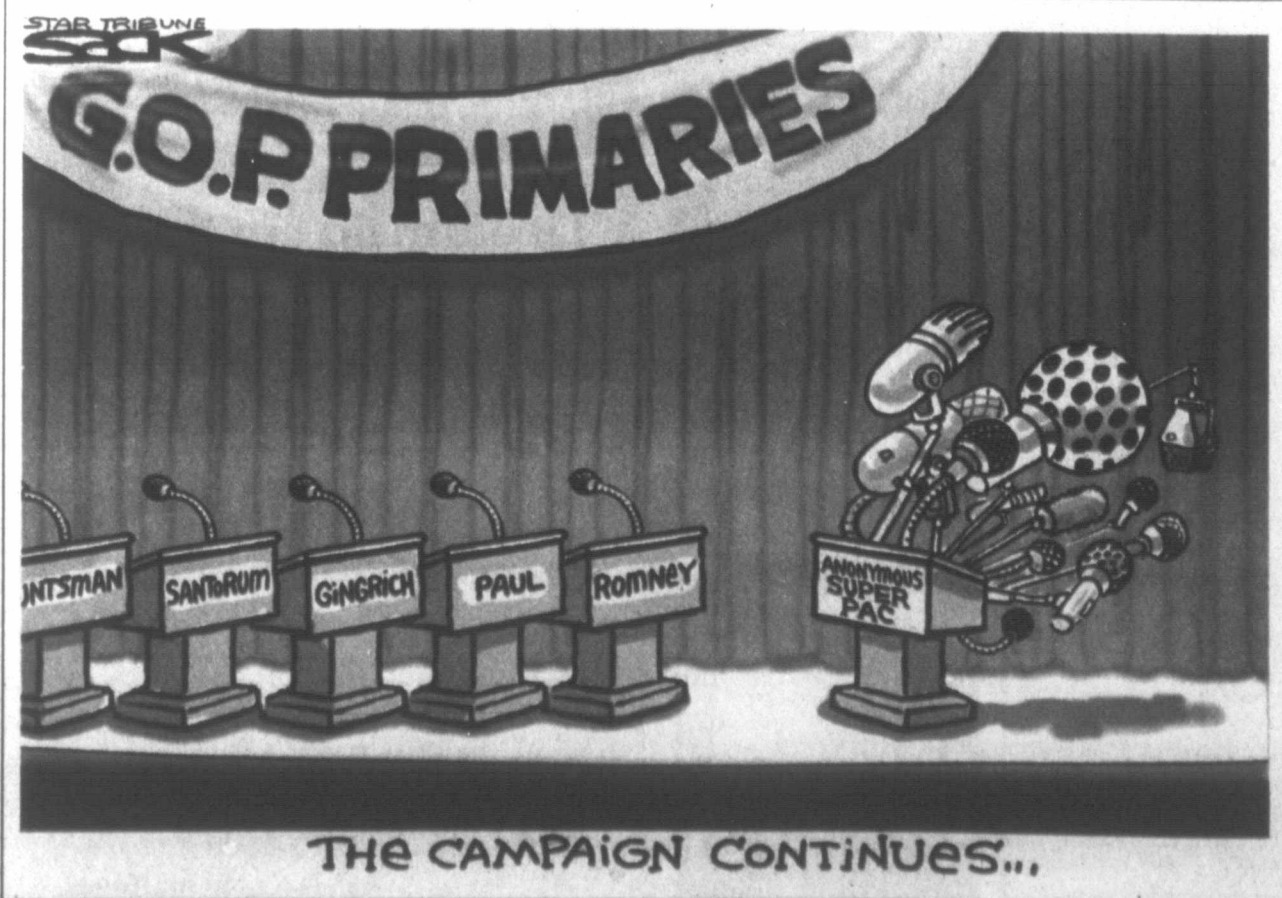
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Closing of 259 USDA offices raises safety concerns

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DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — The U.S. Agriculture Department announced Monday it will close nearly 260 offices nationwide, a move that won praise for cutting costs but raised concerns about the possible effect on food safety.

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack said the goal was to save \$150 million a year in the agency's \$145 billion budget. About \$90 million had already been saved by reducing travel and supplies, and the closures were expected to save another \$60 million, he said.

The plan calls for 259 offices, labs and other facilities to be closed, affecting the USDA headquarters in Washington and operations in 46 states. Seven foreign offices also will be shut.

Some of the closures had been previously announced. The USDA said last year it would shut down 10 agricultural research stations, including the only one in Alaska, where scientists were seeking ways to use the vast waste generated by the largest wild fishery in the nation to make everything from gel caps for pills to fish meal for livestock feed.

Other parts of the announcement were a surprise. Andrew Lorenz, dep-

uty district manager for the Food Safety and Inspection Service in Minneapolis, learned his office would be closed, along with those in Madison, Wis., and Lawrence, Kan.

"They wiped out the entire Midwest," said Lorenz, whose office handles all federal inspections of meat, poultry and egg products in Minnesota, Montana, the Dakotas and Wyoming.

FSIS offices in Chicago and Des Moines will remain open. It was not immediately clear whether work from the other offices would be shifted to them.

Lorenz said about 16 people work in his office, and he expected 12 to 14 of their jobs to be eliminated. A USDA spokeswoman said employees would be given the opportunity to transfer to other offices whenever possible.

Elisabeth Hagen, undersecretary for food safety, said the closures would affect management and support staff as FSIS offices are consolidated from 15 to 10, but that there wouldn't be a reduction in inspectors or inspection work.

"There will be no reduction in inspection presence at slaughter and processing facilities and no risk for consumers," Hagen said.

"Not only do we have a statutory obligation to be in

every facility, we have an unwavering commitment to food safety," she added. "We will still be on the job, in every facility, every day."

Vilsack said he didn't anticipate widespread layoffs, in part because 7,000 USDA employees took early retirements over the past year. He said the agency is trying to do more with less in light of federal cutbacks, and many of the offices to be closed had few employees or were near other offices.

"Our workload is at record highs, we have less money and fewer people and work to do and we tried to address how do you do that without interrupting service," Vilsack said in a phone call from Honolulu, where he was speaking to the American Farm Bureau Federation.

The USDA manages a wide array of programs, from emergency aid for farmers to grants for rural development and food assistance programs for the poor. Along with the Agricultural Research and Food Safety and Inspection services, six other departments will be affected by closures, including the Farm Service Agency and Rural Development.

Kevin Ross, 31, a sixth-generation farmer in Iowa, expressed concern about

how services would be affected. Farmers could drop out of programs if they have to travel long distances, he said.

"Access to agencies is a big deal, especially in rural areas," said Ross, who grows 400 acres of corn on his farm near Minden. "It's easy to say it looks like great cost savings, but I hope they are careful and strategic in their decisions."

Vilsack said public hearings will be held in counties where Farm Service Agency offices are to be closed. That department handles disaster assistance, farm loans and crop subsidies, among other programs. The USDA plans to shut 131 FSA offices in 32 states, with largest number of closures in Arkansas, Tennessee and Texas.

Bruce Babcock, a farm economist at Iowa State University and director of the school's Center for Agricultural and Rural Development, said consolidation was a long time coming, given that advances in technology made it possible to file applications and do other tasks over the phone or online. He said he's more concerned about the USDA's ability to maintain programs that deal with disease prevention.

"The capability to collect data and do the behind the scenes activities that really

help U.S. agriculture stay safe, that should be concerning," Babcock said.

Colin Woodall, a spokesman for the National Cattlemen's Beef Association, which represents more than 147,000 ranchers nationwide, applauded the USDA for trying to save taxpayers' money in tight economic times but also expressed concern about food safety.

"We can't say this is all great news because some offices will be closed," he said. "We have to make sure we have the process in place to keep food safe."

Vilsack said the closures and other cost-cutting measures will allow the agency to keep investing in programs that make agriculture more productive, including maintaining credit to farmers, providing aid to beginning farmers and scientific research.

"Over the long haul, we believe farmers and ranchers across the country will be better served by the choices we made," he said.

But that was of little consolation to California cotton growers mourning the loss of the 80-year-old agriculture research station at Shafter, which solved many of the industry's pest and fungus issues.

Calcot, a growers' co-op that sells more than a million bales annually, had lobbied officials to keep the center, which lately has been working to address fusarium wilt, a soil-dwelling fungus that attacks cotton plants.

"This is going to be to the detriment of the U.S. cotton industry and ultimately the world because so much research there has benefited growers everywhere," Calcot spokesman Mark Bagby said.

Law

failed to demonstrate constitutional flaws" with the law.

Sparks had ruled in August that several provisions of the state law violated the free-speech rights of doctors who perform abortions by requiring that they show and describe the sonogram images and describe the fetal heartbeat, all of which doctors have said is not necessary for good treatment.

Nancy Northup, president of the Center for Reproductive Rights, called the appeals court opinion extreme and out of line with past court decisions.

"This law, and this decision, inserts government directly into a private decision that must be protected from the intrusion of political ideologues," Northup said. "Anyone concerned with the erosion of the constitutional protection of our individual rights as Americans should be profoundly concerned and disappointed by today's events."

Gov. Rick Perry, on the presidential campaign trail in South Carolina, praised the court's decision.

"Today's ruling is a victory for all who stand in defense of life," Perry said. "Every life lost to abortion is a tragedy, and this important sonogram legislation ensures that every Texas woman seeking an abortion has all the facts about the life she is carrying, and understands the devastating impact of such a life-ending decision."

The author of the bill, state Sen. Dan Patrick, said he felt confident the appeals court would uphold the law.

"I am extremely gratified that the sonogram bill will finally take effect," the Houston Republican said. "I have worked to pass this bill for five years and I am grateful to the Fifth Circuit for their rapid action on this important issue."

The New Orleans-based appeals court cited a 1992 U.S. Supreme Court ruling that "upheld an informed-consent statute over precisely the same 'compelled speech' challenges made" in the current Texas case.

Earlier rulings have

found that laws requiring doctors to give "truthful, non-misleading and relevant" information are reasonable regulation, not ideological speech requiring strict scrutiny under the First Amendment, the appeals court said.

"Relevant" informed consent may entail not only the physical and psychological risks to the expectant mother facing this "difficult moral decision," but also the state's legitimate interests in "protecting the potential life within her," Jones wrote.

Jones wrote that the argument against requiring the doctor to perform the sonogram only made sense if a "pregnancy is a condition to be terminated."

"The point of informed consent laws is to allow the patient to evaluate her condition and render her best decision under difficult circumstances," Jones wrote. "Denying her up-to-date medical information is more of an abuse to her ability to decide than providing the information."

Under the Texas law, a woman who has suffered rape or incest can avoid the sonogram requirement by certifying that she is a

victim. Jones said the "the district court was especially troubled by the requirement" to make the certification, but that it doesn't violate the woman's First Amendment rights.

In his temporary order, Sparks also agreed with the doctors appealing the law that the doctor should not be compelled to show the woman the sonogram image, to play the sound of the fetal heartbeat and to explain the sonogram image verbally if the women does not want to look or listen.

Jones found that there was no constitutional argument against these elements of the law.

"The woman seeking

an abortion may elect not to receive these images, sounds, or explanations," Jones wrote. "This election does not obviate the physician's obligations to display the sonogram images or make audible the heart auscultation; the woman may simply choose not to look or listen."

Jones wrote that the doctors had failed to make a convincing argument against the law and she made clear that she expects Sparks to use her ruling when making any further decisions in the case. Jones also said the Fifth Circuit would hear any further appeals in this case.

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Romney sweeps NH to keep top status

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — Mitt Romney cruised to a solid victory in the New Hampshire primary Tuesday night, picking up steam from his first-place finish in the lead-off Iowa caucuses and firmly establishing himself as the man to beat for the Republican presidential nomination.

"Tonight we made history," Romney told cheering supporters before pivoting to a stinging denunciation of President Barack Obama. "The middle class has been crushed ... our debt is too high and our opportunities too few," he declared — ignoring the rivals who had been assailing him for weeks and making clear he intends to be viewed as the party's nominee in waiting after only two contests.

His Republican rivals said otherwise, looking ahead to South Carolina on Jan. 21 as the place to stop the former Massachusetts governor. Already, several contenders and committees supporting them had put down heavy money to reserve time for television advertising there.

Even so, the order of finish — Ron Paul second, followed by Jon Huntsman, with Newt Gingrich and Rick Santorum trailing — scrambled the field and prolonged the increasingly desperate competition to emerge as the true conservative rival to Romney.

With his victory, Romney became the first Republican to sweep the first two contests in competitive races since 1976. Based on partial returns, The Associated Press estimated that turnout would exceed the 2008 record by about 4 percent.

Romney fashioned his victory despite a sustained assault by rivals eager to undermine his claim as the contender best situated to beat Obama and help reduce the nation's painfully high unemployment. Gingrich led the way, suggesting at one point that Romney, a venture capitalist, was a corporate raider. The front-runner's defenders said the rhetoric was more suitable to a Democratic opponent than a conservative Republican.

Returns from 69 percent of New Hampshire precincts showed

Romney with 38 percent of the vote, followed by Texas Rep Paul with 24 percent, former Utah Gov. Huntsman with 17 percent and former House Speaker Gingrich and former Pennsylvania Sen. Santorum with 10 percent each.

In interviews as they left their polling places, New Hampshire voters said the economy was the issue that mattered most to them, and a candidate's ability to defeat Obama outranked other qualities.

Romney had won in Iowa by a scant eight votes over Santorum, and gained barely a quarter of the vote there.

On Tuesday, he battled not only his rivals but also high expectations as the ballots were counted, particularly since his pursuers had virtually conceded New Hampshire, next-door to the state Romney governed for four years.

Seeking to undercut Romney's victory, Gingrich and others suggested in advance that anything below 40 percent or so would indicate weakness by the nomination front-runner.

They didn't mention that Sen. John McCain's winning percentage in the 2008 primary was 37 percent.

Romney's win was worth at least four delegates to the Republican National Convention next summer. Paul earned at least two delegates and Huntsman at least one. Five more remained to be awarded, based on final vote totals.

"Tonight we celebrate," Romney told his supporters. "Tomorrow we go back to work."

Unlike Iowa and New Hampshire, where unemployment is well below the national average, joblessness is far higher in South Carolina. That creates a different political environment for the race.

The state also has a reputation for primaries turning nasty, and it appeared that all of Romney's pursuers read the new Hampshire returns as reason enough to remain in the race.

Texas Gov. Rick Perry, who skipped New Hampshire to get a head start in South Carolina, said Tuesday's results showed "the race for a conservative alternative to Mitt

Romney remains wide open." "We're nibbling at his heels," Paul said of Romney.

Huntsman had staked his candidacy on a strong showing in New Hampshire, and he announced after the polls closed that he had passed his own test. "Where we stand is a solid position and we go south from here," he said.

Despite struggling to gain 10 percent in New Hampshire, Gingrich and Santorum also said they were in.

About one-third of Republican voters interviewed as they left their polling places said the most important factor in choosing a candidate was finding someone who could defeat Obama in the fall. Romney won their support overwhelmingly.

He ran about even with Huntsman among the one-quarter of the voters who cited experience as the most important factor in selecting a candidate to support.

Paul ran first among voters who cited moral character or true conservatism.

As was the case last week in Iowa, the economy was the issue that mattered most to voters, 61 percent of those surveyed. Another 24 percent cited record federal deficits.

Romney carried the first group and split the second with Paul.

The survey results came from interviews conducted for The Associated Press and the television networks with 2,670 voters across the state. It had a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

New Hampshire has a rich history of humbling favorites, the front-runner of an occasional incumbent.

The state's Republican voters embarrassed President George H.W. Bush in 1992, when he won but was held to 53 percent of the vote against Pat Buchanan, running as an insurgent in difficult economic times. Buchanan, who never held public office, won the primary four years later over Sen. Bob Dole of Kansas, who was the nominee in the fall.

In 2000, national front-runner George W. Bush rolled into the state after a convincing first-place finish in Iowa but wound up a distant

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Level: Intermediate



Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I have been dating "Kyle" for more than six months, but I have loved him for more than two years. I always thought we had a wonderful relationship and that Kyle was a sweet, innocent guy. Well, he just confided to me that he has an Internet porn addiction! I'm very hurt by this and don't want to lose him. What should I do? (By the way, we're both 14.) — INNOCENT TEEN IN MICHIGAN

DEAR INNOCENT TEEN: You should urge Kyle to get help for his addiction. Addiction, by definition, is behavior that is compulsive and out of control.

The problem with teenage boys getting involved with Internet porn is it gives them an unrealistic expectation of how regular, normal women look and act. Although you don't want to lose him, becoming more involved could lead to his wanting to try out his sexual fantasies with you — and if you go along with it, it will land you in a world of trouble. The smart thing to do is end this relationship NOW.

DEAR ABBY: My daughter "Denise's" fiancé is 12 years older than she is and still lives with his parents. "Leo" is turning Denise into his mother.

I first noticed it when she cut her beautiful long hair short and in the same style as his mother. Now her lipstick

shade is the same as Leo's mother's as well as her glasses and clothing.

At a recent gathering I remarked to Leo, "Wow, Denise looks more like YOUR mother than she does me." After that, our relationship soured. Apparently, he didn't like my observation. Was I wrong? — CREEPED OUT IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR CREEPED OUT: No. But you may have said it to the wrong person. You should have said it to your daughter, who may be doing it because she thinks Leo's mother has great taste. Denise could also be consciously or unconsciously doing this to please him.

There's an old song, "I Want a Girl Just Like the Girl That Married Dear Old Dad." Many men idealize their mothers, and it may be a reason why Leo still lives with his parents.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I are empty nesters. We both work and live far from our kids and grandkids. I have wanted to move closer to them, but I also understand we need to meet our goals for a secure retirement.

The problem is, I'm lonely and I think my husband is, too. We work long hours and spend our weekends doing chores. My solution to help myself feel better is to get a dog. My husband, however, doesn't want one. He wants to wait until "later" — whenever that is. I think a pet would

make me leave work earlier and force both of us to get out of the house. I know there are expenses involved, but I'm willing to make sacrifices.

Am I being unreasonable or silly? I want my husband to be a part of raising a pet and, perhaps, participate in some obedience training. I'm trying my best to persuade him without being a nag, but I'm beginning to feel like a little kid who's begging "Daddy" for a puppy. I'd appreciate some advice. — PINING FOR A PUPPY IN TEXAS

DEAR PINING: Before embarking on a "pet" project, don't you think you should first find out what may be causing your husband's behavior? While a dog could work wonders and help you both be more active, between his job and the weekend chores, taking a puppy to obedience training may be too much for him. If he's not up to it, would YOU be willing to shoulder that task — and the walking, feeding, grooming and cleaning up?

An energetic puppy can be a lot to handle. Would you consider adopting an older dog, or fostering one that needs a temporary home? I don't recommend bringing a dog into your lives unless your husband agrees. And if he doesn't, please consider volunteering a few days a month at an animal shelter or pet rescue kennel.

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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Harmon

community and helping, and music therapy is just so rewarding and fresh every day. I don't have to go and play dead people's music in a symphony orchestra. I get to create new music every day with these clients, and I get to uplift and hopefully better their life every time we meet. It's not only a very powerful tool to uplift and nourish people's lives, but it's an opportunity for me every day to realize how lucky I am."

Music therapy can include a wide range of

activities, from singing, dancing, listening to or making music.

"Music therapy is the clinical application of music to address needs or wants by the client or individual," said Harmon. "We use music based activities, as well as writing songs and rhythm exploration. Just today we went to a middle school for emotionally disturbed children. What we did there is we took a couple of selected prerecorded songs, stuff you'll hear on the radio, like 'All Shook Up' by Elvis or a Lady Gaga song, and we gave them these pieces of paper with faces and moods. We're trying to have them recognize different moods in a song, and relate it to their life."

He said that after playing a song, he would ask questions like whether it was happy or sad. For instance,

"Blue Suede Shoes" by Elvis would be a happy song.

"That's what we're looking for, to try to get them to identify what we would consider norms," he said.

"Music therapy is a humanistic kind of therapy where we try to help our clients reach a better level for their activities of daily living, so life can be more easy," he added.

Harmon said that music therapy is beneficial both for the music therapist and the client, and he is enjoying his first week at Create-a-Beat.

"I get the opportunity to work with so many people, like at the hospital working with the geriatric psych unit, as well as the middle school here and the high school," he said. "I'm just excited to work with anybody and everybody."

Romney

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second behind McCain. Bush later won the GOP nomination and then the presidency.

Twelve Republican National Convention delegates were at stake on Tuesday, out of 1,144 needed to win the nomination.

Obama was unopposed in the Democratic primary.

In his first presidential run in 2008, Romney finished second in the state to McCain. This time, he campaigned with the Arizona senator's endorsement, as well as backing from Sen. Kelly Ayotte and numerous other members of the state's Republican establishment.

Romney committed a pair of unforced errors in the campaign's final 48 hours, and the other contenders sought to capitalize.

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On Sunday, after a pair of weekend debates only 12 hours apart, the millionaire former businessman said he understood the fear of being laid off. "There were a couple of times when I was worried I was going to get pink-slipped," he said, although neither he nor his aides offered specifics.

And on Monday, in an appearance before the Nashua Chamber of Commerce, Romney was discussing health insurance coverage when he said, "I like being able to fire people who provide services to me. If someone doesn't give me the good service I need, I'm going to go get somebody else to provide that service to me."

Huntsman, a former Utah governor, saw an opening. "Gov. Romney enjoys firing people. I enjoy creating jobs," he said.

Xcel

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Xcel being caught by surprise by the inclusion of Texas in the CSAPR, the company was left with six months to reduce sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxides emissions by as much as 50 percent. To do so, Xcel's most viable short-term solution would have been to reduce the output of its coal plants and increase its reliance on its natural gas plants.

With natural gas more expensive than coal, Xcel's fuel costs would have risen, at least until it had the chance to outfit its coal plants with emission-reducing technology, Reeves said.

"Natural gas is roughly about three times more expensive than coal as a generation source," he explained. "Our fuel costs would have gone sky high. Fuel costs are pass-through costs. On your bill, you have an energy charge and then you have a fuel charge. ... Our estimates were they were going to increase bills on average about seven percent. There would basically have been an overall bill increase that would account for the higher fuel cost."

However, with the U.S. Court of Appeals delaying the implementation of CSAPR until several lawsuits against it — including one by Xcel Energy itself — have been assessed, Reeves said that Xcel will continue operating as usual, relying first on its coal plants before the cleaner but more expensive gas facilities.

That, Reeves said, means that the extra fuel cost will not be passed on to Xcel's Texas customers.

"That's the bottom line," Reeves said. "Bills would have already started going up, and they're not going to. ... In Texas, we were going to have that in place in January, and we were ready to do that, but we're not going to do it now."

Reeves did say that Xcel plans to reassess and possibly recalculate its fuel cost formula later in January, a process that the company undertakes a couple of times a year. Whether or not it will affect residential bills is not yet known.

"We will have to update the fuel formula later in the month just because of other reasons," Reeves added, "but it's still unclear whether it will impact the bills or not. There are several things that are happening. We're using more natural gas anyway, because our load is growing and we're filling in the new load with natural gas generation, but the price of natural gas is lower than it was a year ago. Once we get those numbers in, we'll see if it's going to change the bills any."

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Lady Harvesters' strong start too much for Borger

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After losing at home to the Borger Lady Bulldogs last season, the Pampa Lady Harvesters wanted to show Borger that they are a different team.



Sieck

Early in the first quarter, Pampa made its point as Borger called a timeout behind by double dig-its in a 73-25 Lady Harvester victory, Tuesday at McNeely Fieldhouse.

"We just started off really strong," senior Caitlin Sieck said. "It just kept going into the fourth quarter. We finally played a complete game."

Head coach Gene Valentine said he wanted his team to get off to a fast start.



Valentine

"We saw them on film and they were pretty scrappy," Valentine said. "Caitlin hit some (shots) early. We got several in transition. It kind of snow-balled."

Senior guard Kirsten Kuhn helped make that happen, hitting two threes and recording two assists. Sieck scored 13 points in the first, being the beneficiary of transition layups.

"It was a lot of teamwork," Sieck said.

"A lot of steals and trapping in the corner opened up a lot of fast breaks."

The Lady Harvesters' (11-10, 1-0) half court trap gave Borger trouble as it turned the ball over 10 times in the first quarter. Valentine said his team hasn't run a trap defense in a while.

"I told them in practice that if we do that, we really need to push the ball in transition," Valentine said. "See if we can get some easy layups and we did."

Senior guard Lindsey Brown said they wanted to slow Borger down.

"We took away their reversals," Brown said. "We just worked together as a team."

Pampa led 27-7 after the first quarter and kept building its lead. In the second half, the Lady Harvesters went on a 26-0 run that was ended with 4:16 left in the fourth. Sieck said it felt good to get the win after what happened last year.

"It feels good to start district like that," Sieck said.

Sieck led the Lady Harvesters in scoring with 25. Kuhn followed with 18 and sophomore Hayley Burnett scored 10 off the bench. Emma Woods led Borger in scoring with nine with five coming from the free throw line.

The Lady Harvesters visit defending district champion Perryton 7:30 p.m. Friday. Valentine said the girls are starting to believe in themselves.

"We have our work cut out for us," Valentine said. "They are athletic and big. It isn't anything we can't handle. We've as good of teams all year long. It's just our mindset going into the game."



staff photo by Joe Murray

Senior Lindsey Brown dribbles between Borger's Vanessa Jones (25) and Breezy Brown (33). Brown was a key part in Pampa's trap defense.

Harvesters down Steers, end non-district with four straight

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Head coach Dustin Miller wanted one thing for his birthday: A victory over the Farwell Steers. With a balanced scoring attack, his players delivered in a 60-29 victory Tuesday at Farwell.



Miller

"Latigo (Collins) had 25," Miller said.

"Nobody else in double figures but got lots of help from others. Cole (Engle) had nine, Derrek (Pollard) had eight, Taylor

(Kennedy) had seven, Ty (Hutto) had six, Jesus (Cabrales) scored four and Tyler (Powell) scored two."

Miller said his team played solid defense.

"We seem to be finding a rhythm finally," Miller said. "Derrek and Reid (Miller) dominated the boards."

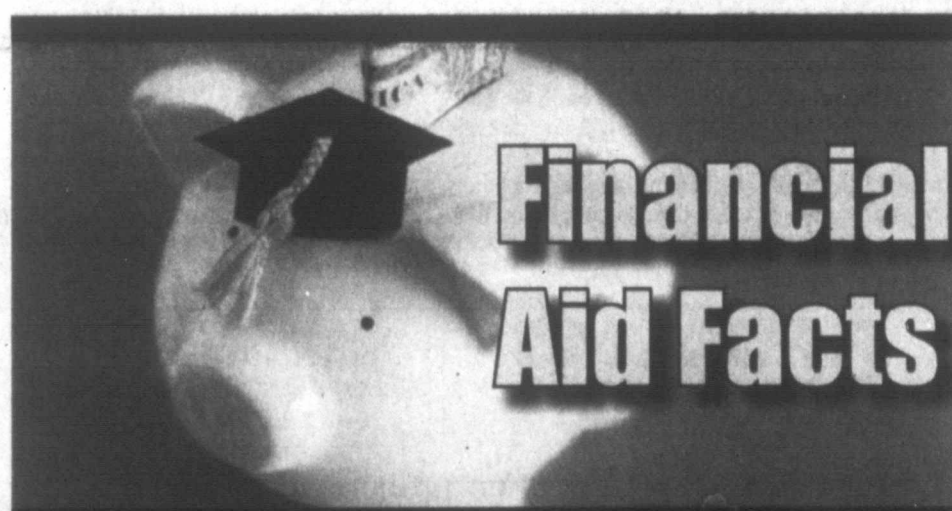
The victory avenges last season's loss in Pampa and gives the Harvesters four straight.

"This is much better than a four-game losing streak," the head coach said. "What I do like is we seem to be finding a rhythm and might be figuring it out a little bit."

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Christian, I'm so glad you didn't hear "No." If you had, I'm sure you would have heard something from your mama. You can be fairly certain that God will not override your mom's orders to clean your room (Ephesians 6:1).

"Imagine Jesus sitting next to you and there will be a huge difference in what you do," says Tori, 11. "If that doesn't work, imagine Jesus and your parents sitting next to you."

And if that doesn't work, imagine your mama sitting on you and your daddy waiting to tackle you if you try to run away.

"When my sister, Lori, gets me really mad, I just want to kick her really hard," says Lisa, 10. "God guided me through it, and I brought it (my anger) out on my big stuffed animal."

Now I know why girls buy big, stuffed animals. Watch out for girls with large collections, especially if some of the stuffed critters look a little ragged. Missing body parts on a cuddly teddy bear always signal danger!

"God already has everything under control," says Laci, 11. "We don't know what's going to happen, but God does."

This might not sound so comforting when you're trying to figure out whom to marry, what job to take or which bill to pay. Sure God has everything under control, but I don't. He's my rock of salvation when my world seems to spin



CARY KINSOLVING

KIDS talk about GOD

off its axis.

I love this next answer from Taylor, 8: "I pray and God helps me. I ask someone to help me decide. I ride my bike and think of God. I just sit back and think for a while. I lay in my bed and think

about God."

Taylor may not even know the word "meditate," but it doesn't matter. He's meditating. The first Psalm promises a productive, stable life for all who meditate on God. The Psalm says blessed people don't walk in the counsel of the ungodly, stand in the path of sinners or sit with scoffers. Instead, they meditate on God's Word day and night.

Think about this: Blessed people know here to look for answers to make tough decisions. Memorize this truth: II Timothy 3:16, quoted above.

Ask this question: Where are you looking?

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CHURCH SPOTLIGHT

Calvary Baptist seeing growth

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Calvary Baptist Church is seeing larger numbers in recent weeks.

"We've had a crazy explosion of people," pastor Dallas Stringer said. "I think it's because we are being really faithful in the word of God." A lot of people are seeking with questions of the world."

The church has spent the past six months studying the Book of Romans in a series titled "Doctrine

and Doorway."

"We are looking at the different Roman doctrines," Stringer said. "Faith and Salvation. It's doing really good and we've had amazing responses."

The youth group is doing a series called "Haters." Stringer said the series looks at people that steal joy from Christians.

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GOD'S GOOD WORD

Your church: How fast is it moving?

An article by Charles Lowry entitled, "He Ain't Here Anymore," tells of a geologist studying the strata of rock under St. Paul's Cathedral in London. He reported that the church building is moving down Fleet street at a rate of one inch every one thousand years. Someone commented that the church should move faster than that. He then asked, "How fast is your church moving?"

This led into the story about two New York city-slickers who had tired of life in the city and bought a ranch down in Texas. They decided to go and live like their ancestors. These New Yorkers asked their neighboring rancher if he had a mule for sale. He didn't, but they started talking with the rancher and noticed some honeydew melons piled up against the barn. They asked the rancher what they were and this rancher, deciding to have some fun, told them they were mule eggs. The city-slickers decided to buy one and when it hatched they would



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have a mule. The going price was \$50 and they were happy with such a deal.

During the bumpy ride back to their new ranch, the mule egg bounced right out of their pickup truck. A Texas jackrabbit saw this melon in the road and happily began to eat away. Racing back to the egg, they saw the jackrabbit sitting in the middle of the melon. They were amazed that their mule egg had hatched. When they stopped, the jackrabbit took off and they chased it through a pasture. After chasing the swift jackrabbit for nearly a mile, the two city-slickers fell down from exhaustion. One lamented that they had lost their mule, but the other responded that he didn't care because he didn't think he could plow that fast anyway.

Charles then stated, "I'm in a lot of churches that move at the speed of rock strata rather than as fast as a mule egg."

Let me encourage you to help your church be her best for Jesus Christ this year. Time is rapidly moving and so many people need the gospel and the church.

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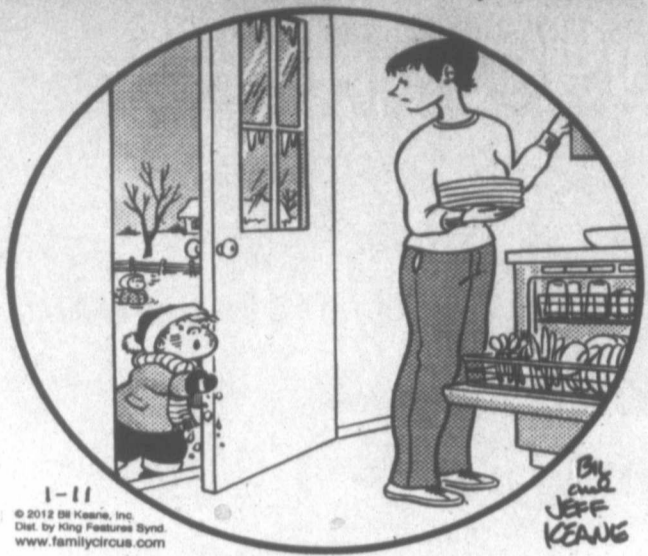
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daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Jan. 12, 2012:

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Where others have the facts, you have ingenuity. Team up together, and a project or idea can only become stronger. Someone you feel might be deceiving you probably isn't. He or she seems secretive. This person might be as confused as you are. Tonight: Let the fun begin. Think "weekend."

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ You might feel strangely about an option that appears. As a result, it might be appropriate to rethink a decision that involves your security. You could feel out of sorts. Think before you leap into action. Touch base with your long-term desires. Tonight: Taking some much-needed downtime.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ You can drive a hard bargain. Others will come back with an equally strong position. The negotiation could be interesting, but in the long run, is it worth it all? A new light is shed on your interactions and those you deal with. Tonight: Hang out.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Any decisions involving your assets or funds could be problematic. You could go overboard, which is simply a reflection of your generous nature. Brainstorm-all you want, but reserve decisions for some other day. Tonight: Balance your

checkbook before making any plans.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Your ability to melt barriers and get past an immediate issue helps clear out a problem. You don't need to agree with those in your social or professional circle. You discover the power of creativity mixed with endurance. Tonight: As you like it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Know when to kick back and say that you have had enough. Your ability to center and regroup helps you orient your thinking. It becomes apparent that you want to handle a situation in a different way. Tonight: Vanishing time.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ A meeting proves to be more important than you thought. You have a lot to think about. Someone makes a new path slightly too tempting for your taste. Don't lose focus on what you want and where you are going, even if integrating others' ideas. Tonight: Start the weekend early.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Many demands are made on you, forcing you to reorganize. Recognize that you are setting the tone for the next few days. Others will follow your lead, understanding what happens next. Pressure builds to an unprecedented level. Tonight: Listen to feedback with care.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Reach out for people who seem slightly more knowledgeable and centered than you. You are seeking some clarity and would like more feedback from respected associates. What you gain through this exploration allows greater success. Some of you might consider going back to school. Tonight: Follow the music.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ A partnership is far more important than you realize. This person knows how to interject new information and perspectives into your thinking. Caring proves to be deeper than you thought. Don't respond to another person's aggressive attitude. Tonight: With a favorite person.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Sometimes a partner can be difficult and assertive. You wonder why you are at this juncture. Recognize that this crossroad comes from your thinking. You might want to pull back in order to gain an even greater perspective. Don't react to a display of frustration or anger. Tonight: Sort through your invitations.

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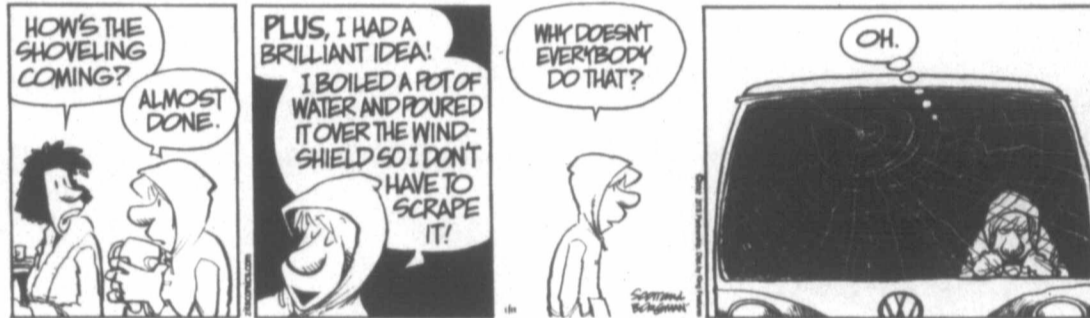
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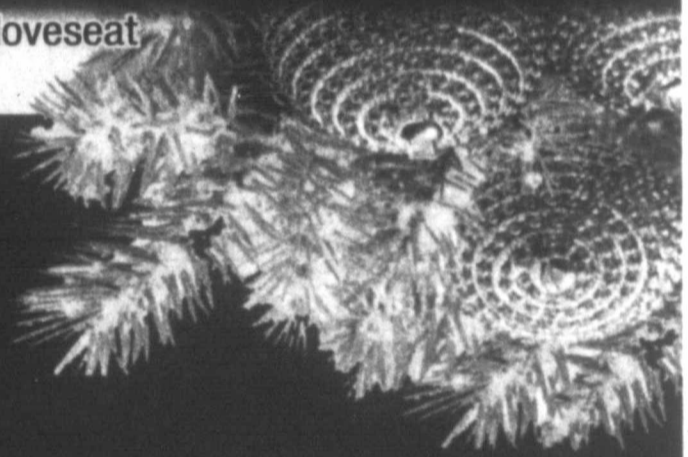


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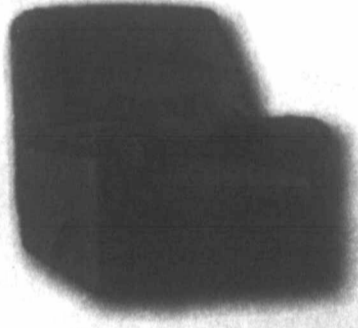
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