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## Don't pass up the red kettle

■ Salvation Army fundraising falling behind as Christmas approaches.

**STAFF REPORT**  
 The Salvation Army is appealing to the community for support to make Christmas brighter for families in Pampa. With less than a week until Christmas, The Salvation Army is currently behind in its holiday fundraising goal by \$6,000 when compared to this time last year.  
 This year's annual Red Kettle Campaign is shorter by a vital five days due to the lateness of the Thanksgiving holiday on the calendar. This, as well as the unexpected spell of winter weather in Texas, has significantly impacted the Army's fundraising in Pampa. Donations coming in between now and the end of the year are critically important to The Salvation Army's ability to meet needs right here in our community.  
 "We have seen an increase in requests for assistance this Christmas and when you consider that we actually have fewer days available to ring

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Photo by Timothy P. Howsare  
 Melanie Bradford, a Salvation Army employee, rings the bell in front of Walmart last Thursday. The Salvation Army is currently behind in its fundraising for this holiday season.

## Pampa ISD to 'virtualize' servers

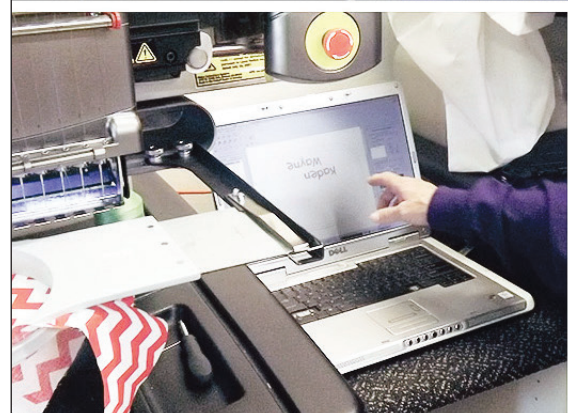
■ One large server will replace several aging units.

**BY TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE**  
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At its regular meeting Monday, the Pampa Independent School District Board of Trustees approved a proposal to virtualize several of the district's computer servers.  
 The district has 16 or more servers that were recently moved into new administration building in the former Albertson's supermarket.  
 However, about five or six of those servers are at the end of their lives, and Dell, their manufacturer, will no longer allow the district to buy support for them.  
 Rather than buying a separate server to replace each old server, the district will instead buy one huge server that will be partitioned

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## So you think sewing is just for little old ladies?



Photos by John Lee  
 Top, the embroidering machine used to put designs on the fabric. Above left, the computer in which the design is put into and translated to the machine. Above right, one of the many quilts that Sew What Embroidery has made. Sew What Embroidery is located on Highway 60 near Hobart.

■ Party down on New Year's Eve with the quilters at Sew What.

**BY JOHN LEE**  
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With all the advances in technology and popular shows on TV, many may think that picking up a sewing kit as a hobby may be an archaic hobby. The ladies at Sew What in Pampa show there is hope that sewing as a craft and a hobby not only is still in style, but thriving.

Nona Melanson, owner of Sew What, used to have an embroidery shop behind Sands Fabrics for more than 20 years. When Sands Fabrics closed, Melanson started Sew What, joined her embroidery with quilting and has been there every since. Melanson, with her

quilters, Bonnie Bailey, Vaughn Ranson and Donna Keel, and her embroider, Stephanie Siirtola, all run Sew What and can do anything a person can imagine with their crafts.  
 "When it (Sands) went out of business, it devastated all those who love fabrics," Melanson said.

**Many pieces of the quilt**  
 Sew What offers everything fabric-crafting enthusiasts can think of. They do embroidery on caps, jackets, shirts or any other piece of clothing. They offer classes, scissor sharpening and quilt-making. They even put the sparkling stones on shirts.

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## CUTS & MORE TO REOPEN MID-JANUARY



Submitted photo  
 Cuts & More, a hair styling business at 318 S. Starkweather St., was completely destroyed by fire Dec. 9. The owners, Aron and Crystal Silva, said they are rebuilding the business at the same location and expect to open in mid January. Their insurance on the business had lapsed, so they are paying out-of-pocket to build a new shop. They said some of their friends have set up an account at Happy State Bank to assist them with expenses. Donations can be made at the bank in care of Cuts & More. For more information, call 806-662-3197.

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# Sew

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Even though the closest chain-fabric store is in Amarillo, Melanson said the way she keeps consumers from making the trip is by taking advantage of being personable.

"Just be very personable, very friendly and help them in any way that we can," Melanson said. "We find that works very good."

Sew What does a lot more than what meets the eye of someone driving on U.S. Highway 60 coming in from Amarillo. They have classes, which was inspired when Melanson's daughter wanted to learn how to sew and craft, which are on Sundays from 3-5 p.m. and Wednesdays from 6-8 p.m. They also make many quilts for the Quilts of Valor, which is the program that builds quilts for veterans.

"This year 50 of our quilts went to our veterans here in Pampa at the VFW," Melanson said. "I think we

had 72 in the quilt show."

On Dec. 31 they will have a New Year's Eve quilting party that is open to the public. The party will have a group of quilters contributing to make one whole quilt.

Another event they have is what they call "Scrappy Girls."

"You just come and bring your projects that you have done and we have a lady who comes and has a meeting," Melanson said. "We have refreshments and sometimes supper, a show-and-tell with the projects and door prizes."

## Not rough around the edges

The store itself is a showcase of what a person can do with a little imagination. Like a gardener with a green thumb, the ladies at Sew What have a fabric thumb. Inside their embroidery room, what you would expect to look like a mid-20th century sweatshop instead, has two computers that may remind on-lookers of a 3D printer.

The user enters the command into the embroiderer

and it sews the design onto the fabric that is prepared by the user. When asked if this prevents the user from pricking themselves with a needle, Melanson laughed it off and said it still happens.

Inside their quilting room there is a giant quilt made with quilting fabric and souvenir T-shirts.

Throughout the rest of the store is many different fabrics and threads a quilter needs. If there is something a user needs that isn't in the store, Melanson will special order it for them.

"We try to oblige everybody," Melanson said.

Quilting may seem like a hobby reserved for grandmothers and rocking chair placeholders, but it is a hobby that anybody can get into with a little creativity.

"It's better than drinking and keeps us out of bars," Melanson and Bailey said jokingly.

Sew What is located at 915 W. Wilks Ave. (U.S. Highway 60) and is open Monday through Friday 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. For more information call 665-5993.

# Kettle

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the bells at the kettles this is a real challenge. Our fundraising efforts are off to a slow start," said Capt. Martha Higdon. "The Salvation Army is committed to providing food to families who have come to us for help, and gifts to the children this Christmas. I am appealing to the people of Gray County not to pass the red kettle without putting in a donation."

Indeed, November and December are the biggest Salvation Army fundraising efforts of the year, not only supporting important Christmas assistance, but also providing essential funds that sustain year round programs that help individuals and families with utilities, rent, food boxes, clothing, furniture and much more.

The Salvation Army is encouraging the public to donate generously to the red kettles found on street corners, in malls, and at local retailers, or online at [www.salvationarmytexas.org](http://www.salvationarmytexas.org). Donations can also be mailed to The Salvation Army, P.O. Box 1458 Pampa, TX 79066, or given by phone at 1-800-SAL-ARMY.

# PISD

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into five or six smaller "virtual servers."

The new server will be located in the same climate-controlled room as the old ones and cost around \$49,500.

"One physical server will host five or six servers but one server will not know the other is there," said Melody Baker, IT manager for the district.

She said the district's various servers have different functions. While one might be used by students and teachers for educational programs, another might be used by the IT department to monitor the networks and filter web content.

The challenge, Baker said, is porting the data from the old servers to the new one in a way that has the least impact on the district's operations.

"I really hope that will be able to start before summer," she said. "We have to have the right timing when we switch over servers used for educational servers."

Baker said having one big server that handles everything instead of several smaller ones, each with its own power supply and place on a rack, will be more cost-effective.

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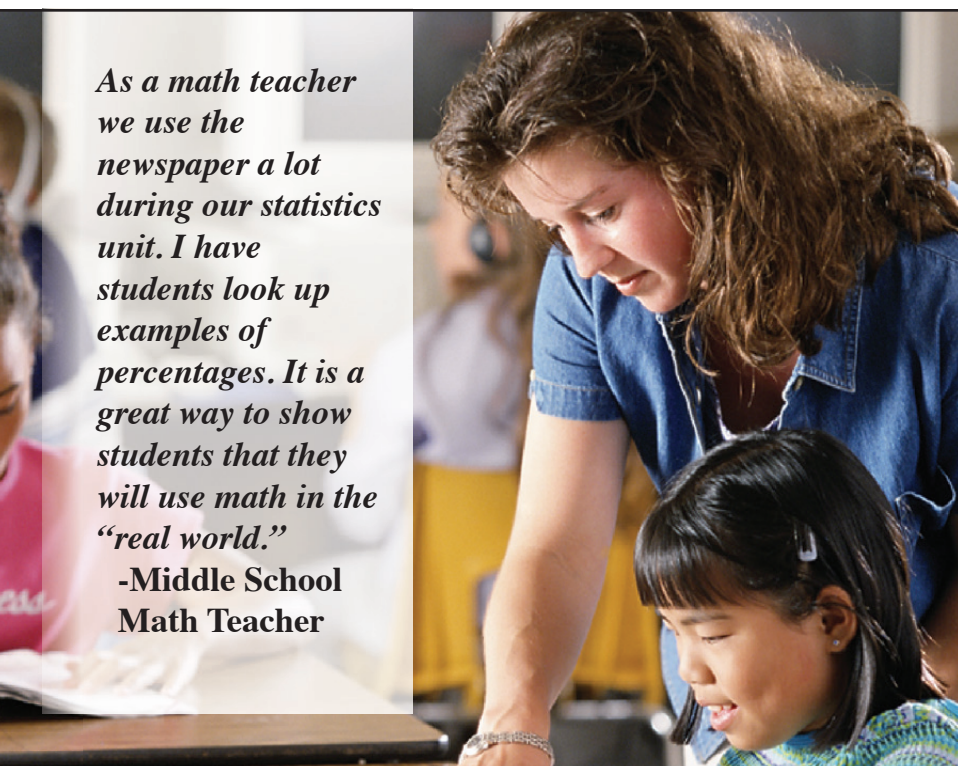
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# Obituaries

## Dr. Raymond Wayne Laycock

Dr. Raymond Wayne Laycock died peacefully at his home on Dec. 6, 2013, eight days after celebrating his 95th birthday. At his request, Dr. Laycock donated his body to the Willed-Body Program at Texas A&M Health Science Center in College Station. Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21, 2013, at First Baptist Church, with the Rev. Doug DuBose, Baptist minister, and the Rev. Byron Williamson, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.



**Dr. Raymond Laycock**

Dr. Laycock was born in the Abra community, Collingsworth County, Texas on Nov. 28, 1918 to Wayne and Lillie Laycock. He graduated from Shamrock High School in 1934 and from the Texas A&M University Corps of Cadets Infantry Regiment in 1940. He then entered the regular army as a Second Lieutenant.

Dr. Laycock commanded a company of the 23rd Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division at Normandy Beach on June 6, 1944, and throughout five European campaigns. He received five battle stars, the Silver Star, the Combat Infantryman's Badge, Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster, Purple Heart, the French and Belgian Croix de Guerre, the Distinguished Unit Citation and other decorations.

Dr. Laycock left active duty as a Major shortly after V-J Day in 1945 and entered the University of Tennessee College of Medicine at Memphis. After graduation, he did postgraduate work at Hotel Dieu and Charity Hospital in New Orleans. In 1952, he retired from the U.S. Army Reserves as a lieutenant colonel. Dr. Laycock practiced

family medicine in Pampa from 1950 until his retirement in 1995. He served as Chief of Staff at Highland General Hospital in 1952 and 1962, and Coronado Hospital in 1982. He was a member of the Board of Trustees of Coronado Hospital from 1978 until shortly before his retirement in April 1995. He was a member of the American Medical Association, Texas Medical Association, and Top O' Texas Medical Society.

Dr. Laycock was a member of the First Baptist Church, Everyman's Bible Class and Downtown Kiwanis Club. He was one of the "ol' Aggies" who saluted when appropriate and played the ball as he found it.

He is survived by his daughter, Chris Laycock Lemons and husband Don of New Braunfels; a granddaughter, Erin Rae Osenbaugh of Philadelphia; a grandson, Jeff Lemons of New Braunfels; brothers Dr. Kenneth Laycock and Dr. Royce Laycock, both of Dallas; stepson, Charles P. Butler, Jr. of Greenville, S.C.; and stepdaughters, Betty Butler Heath of Hickory, N.C. and Julia Butler Eakes of Washington, D.C. He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers Huelyn, Guyron and Robert; sister Mary; wife Mildred Butler Laycock and former wife Roby Kraus Laycock.

The family wishes to thank Maria Vasquez for her loving, compassionate care of Dr. Laycock the past four years, especially during his final days. Appreciation is owed to her family, who supported her work, as well as her niece, Cecilia Kennedy, who also cared for him in his home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to Don & Sybil Harrington Cancer Foundation to assist patients at BSA Hospice, 1600 Wallace Blvd., Amarillo, Texas 79106, scholarship programs at Texas A&M University, First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 621, Pampa, TX 79066-0621 or a favorite charity.

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## New data: Child abuse down slightly, fatalities up

NEW YORK (AP) — The number of U.S. children victimized by abuse and neglect has dropped for the sixth

straight year, but child fatalities linked to maltreatment increased by nearly 4 percent, according to the latest federal data.

According to the annual report released Tuesday by the Department of Health and Human Services, the estimated number of victimized children in the 2012 fiscal year was 686,000. That's down from 688,000 in 2011 and from 723,000 in 2007.

But the report found that fatalities attributable to child abuse and neglect increased from 1,580 in 2011 to 1,640 in 2012.

HHS said further research would be needed to determine whether this represented a real increase in child fatalities or reflected improvements in how states investigate and report these cases to determine which can be attributed to abuse.

Two years ago, a Government Accountability Office report asserted that states used flawed methods to tally and analyze the deaths of children who have been maltreated.

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**Tonight:** Partly cloudy with a low of 17. Chance of rain: 10 percent. Winds north-northwest at 17 mph. Sunset at 5:34 p.m.

**Friday:** Partly cloudy with a high of 42. Winds north at 14 mph. Sunrise at 7:49 a.m.

**Friday night:** Cloudy with a low of 31. Chance of rain: 10 percent. Winds south at 13 mph. Sunset at 5:35 p.m.

**Saturday:** Showers with a high of 48. Chance of rain: 60 percent. Winds south-southeast at 12 mph. Sunrise at 7:50 a.m.

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## Tales from the Final Frontier



**JOHN LEE**

### Assassin's Creed arguably the best game franchise in current generation.

As I am going through video game franchises, there are so many that are truly great. Mario is the staple for Nintendo. Halo and Call of Duty continue to change the landscape of the first-person shooter. Final Fantasy continues to morph and change, either infuriating fans or creating new followers. But there is one series that stands out to me as a beneficiary of the latest generation of consoles, as in Xbox 360, PS3 and even the newer Xbox One and PS4.

Because it benefits from the latest consoles, I believe it is the best of the new franchises. The first one, Assassin's Creed, was released in 2007 by Ubisoft and presented a fascinating concept. Many gamers call the series a sandbox game, because it is basically open-world and you have free reign to pursue either side-quests or the main story-line. The franchise

is a frame story, where the gamer is a character who, through DNA research, is discovered to have assassins in the blood line. Through a device called the Animus, players can play as the character that each installment of the franchise is centered around.

Gamers find themselves engaged in this war between these two factions, the Assassins and the Templars. To make it even more interesting, each game has the main character interacting with historical figures from the time period they are playing in. For example, Assassin's Creed II through Revelations, takes place during the Renaissance, so their character, Ezio Auditore, interacts with Leonardo da Vinci, Machiavelli and other Renaissance figures.

Visually Assassin's Creed is probably one of the most aesthetically pleasing games in modern gaming. When trying to uncover where the multitude of secrets are in an area, the character has to get to one of the high points, which are called "viewpoints." Upon synchronizing these into the animus, the camera pans around the area, which is basically Ubisoft flexing its visual muscle.

My personal favorite of the series would have to be Assassin's Creed: Brotherhood. It is the second of three Auditore games, and the

third in the franchise. This is where the series really took off. You start the series after Ezio Auditore got revenge for his family. But now he is forming a small assassin's tribe and is going to Rome to re-establish his brotherhood. All at the same time rebuilding the city-state.

Ezio once again needs to get revenge on an Italian general who is attacking his city-state, and has the mysterious Apple of Eden (an on-going powerful object in each game of the franchise). Not trying to give too much away, but the game is full of surprises and dramatic sequences.

The most modern Assassin's Creed, Assassin's Creed IV: Black Flag, takes the franchise for a crazy left turn. Rather than being an assassin field with honor, you are a pirate-turned-assassin. I am through a third of the game, and Edward Kenway, this game's assassin, is still more about treasure and pirate ways than honor. He is starting to show signs of taking on the traditional assassin model, but the twist is something I like about the game.

There is more naval combat in Black Flag as well, which makes the game even more interesting and gives Ubisoft more aesthetic muscle.

The game also flirts with different conspiracy theories (they are after all, historical) which you will have to see for yourself by playing the game.

If you have played the game, or have a franchise you think I should check out, shoot me an e-mail. I would like to hear your thoughts.

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## Obituaries

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### Ferline Calvert

Our beloved mother, Ferline Calvert, 92, longtime resident of Pampa, went home to be with her Lord on Monday, Dec. 16, 2013 at the Hico Care Center. She had been residing in Hico for the past three years with her daughter and son-in-law.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa. Mrs. Calvert was born April 13, 1921 in Ohio County, Kentucky to B. F. and Victoria Evans. She was one of seven children. She graduated in 1940 from Center Town High School in Kentucky. Ferline married A. W. Calvert on Oct. 19, 1940 in Hartford, Kentucky. A. W.

was transferred from Illinois to Pampa with Phillips Petroleum Company in 1955 where they raised their three girls. He preceded her in death on Jan. 25, 2008. Ferline was employed by Ideal Foods store for many years. She was an active member of Highland Baptist Church for 54 years where she was a leader for GA's, a Sunday school teacher and a member of the WMU. She was a founding member of the 1900 block of Banks Street Highland Hobby Club. Her favorite hobby was quilting, and she enjoyed cooking and camping.

Ferline was preceded in death by her parents; six siblings; a great-granddaughter, Shandra Snapp; and a great-grandson, Jarred Winegeart. Survivors include her three daughters, Vicki Spencer and husband Paul of Hico, Jan Snapp and husband Allen of Pampa, and Martha Campbell and husband Jimmy of Montgomery; six grandchildren, Steven Guenther, Rebekkah Gunn, Shane Campbell, Alana Winegeart, Shelli Minton, and Chad Snapp; 16 great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter.

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Mr. Ramey was born Nov. 2, 1960 in Pampa. He had been a resident of Pampa most of his life, moving to Borger six years ago. He was a CNC machinist for DISCO, Inc. for 21 years. Tommy enjoyed flying airplanes, riding his Harley, playing the guitar and making things with his hands. He was preceded in death by his father, Thomas Ramey; and his grandmother, Florence Gilreath.

Survivors include two daughters, Allie Ramey of Boise, Idaho and Kendle Ramey of Pampa; his mother, Susan Ramey of Ponca City, Okla.; and his brother, Mark Ramey of Ponca City, Okla.

The family will be at 1230 S. Finley in Pampa. Sign the online guest register at [www.carmichael-whitley.com](http://www.carmichael-whitley.com).

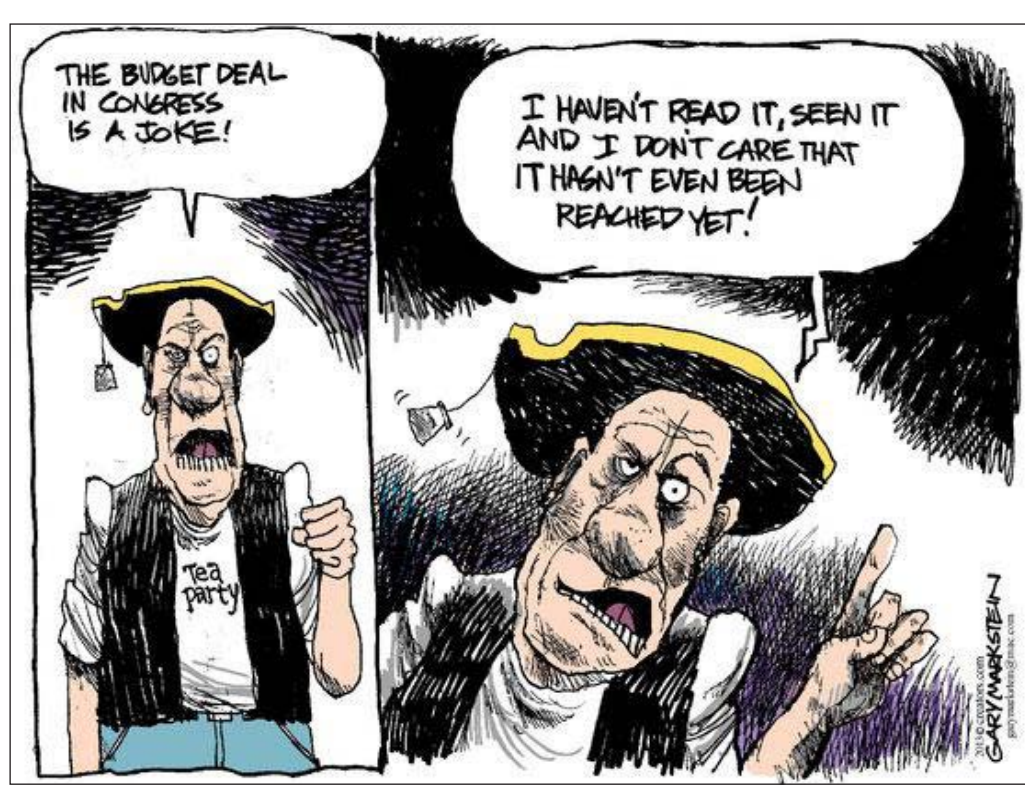
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## We are all children of the corn subsidies

Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., and Tom Coburn, R-Okla., are about as opposite politically as two people can be. Nonetheless, last week they joined forces to introduce a bill to repeal the federal requirement to blend corn ethanol into gasoline.



**DEBRA SAUNDERS**

There's something in the ethanol mandate for almost everyone — but corn farmers — not to like. Supporters of the mandate meant well, but the law of unintended consequences has created an odd assortment of anti-ethanol bedfellows.

Environmentalists have turned on corn ethanol. It doesn't reduce greenhouse gases, they now say, and increased corn production has pumped more fertilizer into the water supply. Environmental Working Group

Vice President Scott Faber told Congress that the corn ethanol Renewable Fuel Standard "is polluting America's air and water, contributing to climate change, hurting consumers and hindering the development of cleaner biofuels."

Big Oil doesn't like the ethanol standard. Federal automobile fuel-efficiency regulations have put a dent in the demand for gasoline. Oil companies already buy enough ethanol to blend 10 percent of it into gasoline; they are up against a "blend wall" — they have to buy more ethanol than they can use.

Big Food doesn't like the ethanol mandate; diverting roughly 44 percent of the corn supply to gas tanks has driven up the cost of livestock feed and people food.

Price-Waterhouse-Coopers predicts the current renewable fuel standards will increase costs to chain restaurants by up to \$3.1 billion per year.

Anti-poverty activists oppose the ethanol stan-

dard because of its effect on food prices and food supply. Oxfam America charges that the 2007 regulation has resulted in a 15 percent reduction in global corn supplies.

The Competitive Enterprise Institute and Taxpayers for Common Sense support the Feinstein-Coburn Corn Ethanol Mandate Elimination Act of 2013.

According to conventional political wisdom, the Iowa presidential caucus has given ethanol an outsized advantage inside Washington. But the Environmental Working Group's Faber believes that theory doesn't hold water anymore. Former GOP nominees John McCain and Mitt Romney both opposed the scheme.

While voters in the Hawkeye State may support the Renewable Fuel Standard, Faber added, "corn ethanol is unbelievably unpopular" in three key primary states. In New Hampshire, voters blame it for engine damage. In South Carolina, it drives up the cost of

raising chickens. There's "not a lot of corn grown in Nevada," but there is livestock.

In response to the growing resentment of the program, the EPA has proposed reducing the Renewable Fuel Standard's biofuels requirement in 2014.

That's too little, too late. Feinstein predicts that under the proposed EPA regulations, gasoline prices still would rise, and California dairy farms still would struggle to stay in business.

Maybe there was a time when Washington's ethanol policies seemed smart and green. Now they carry the stench of failed ranches, high food prices and unnecessary environmental damage. So Congress should clean up after its mistake — and quickly.

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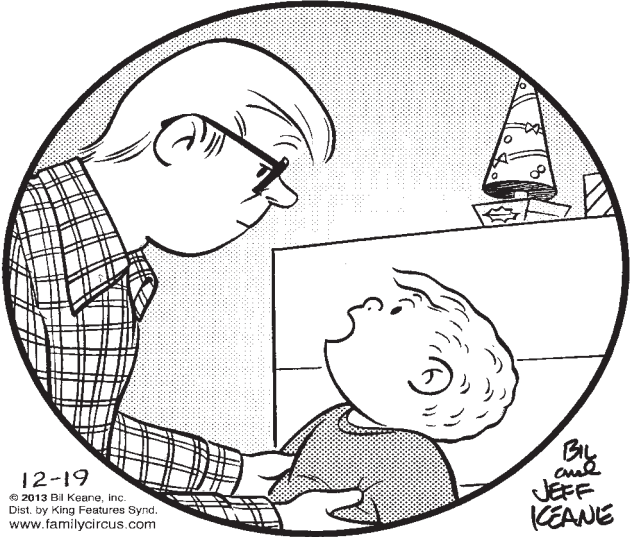
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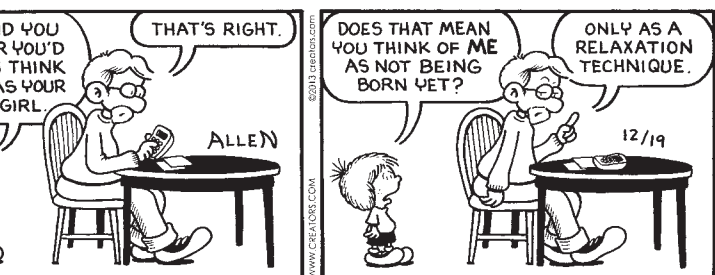
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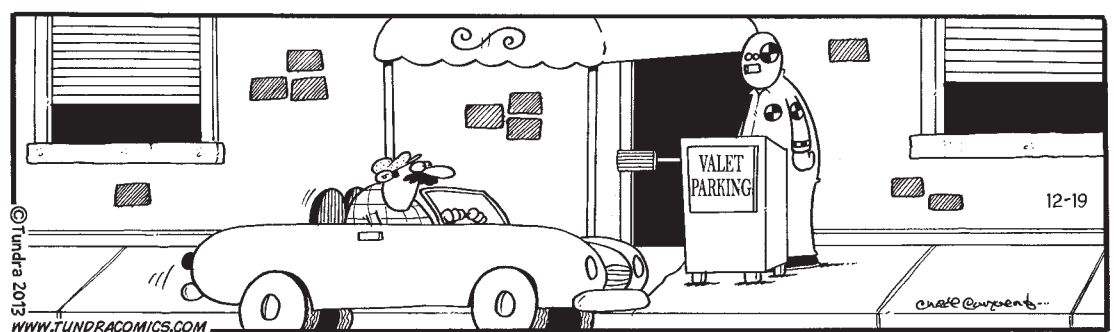
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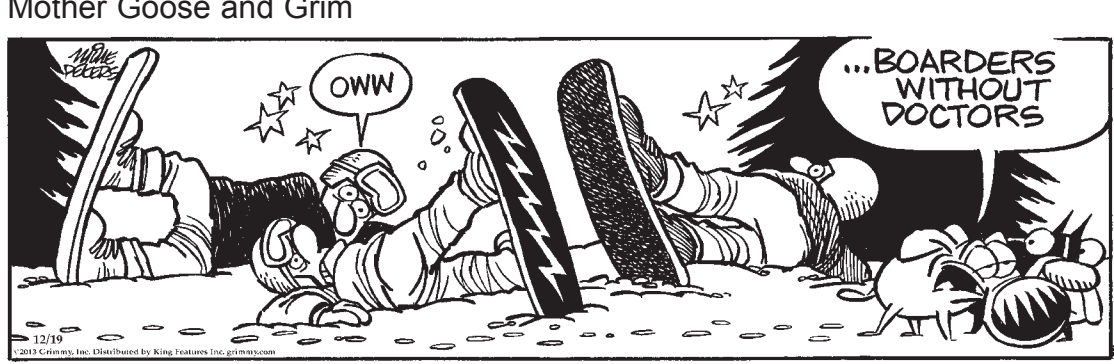
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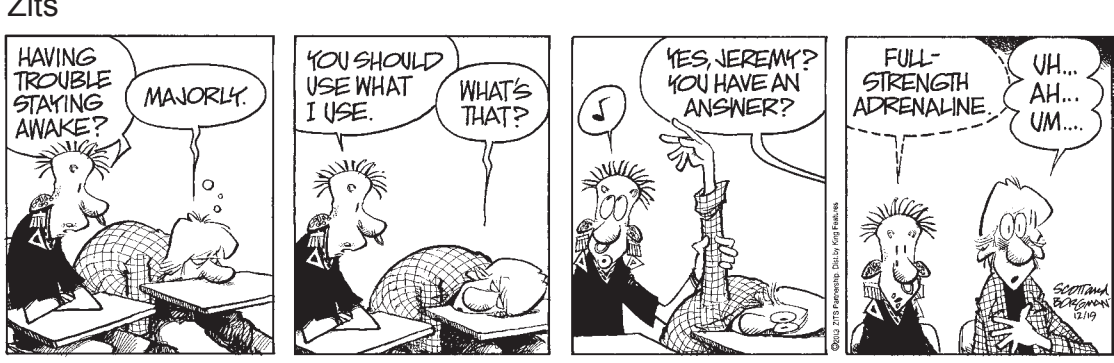
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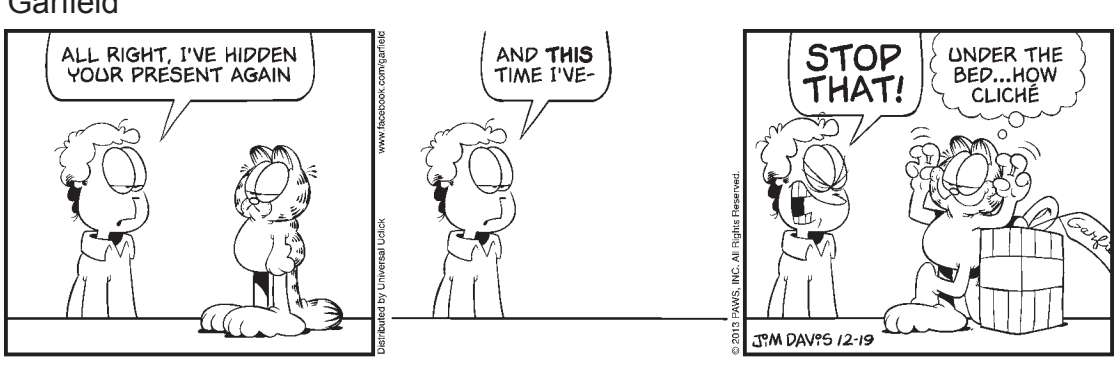
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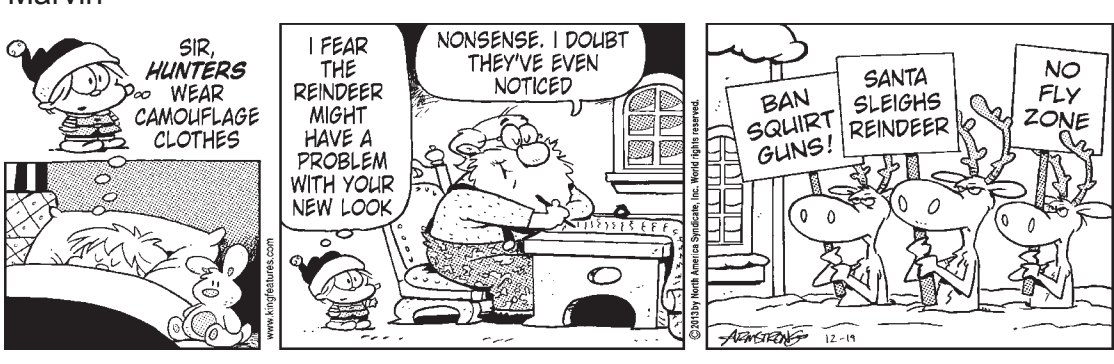
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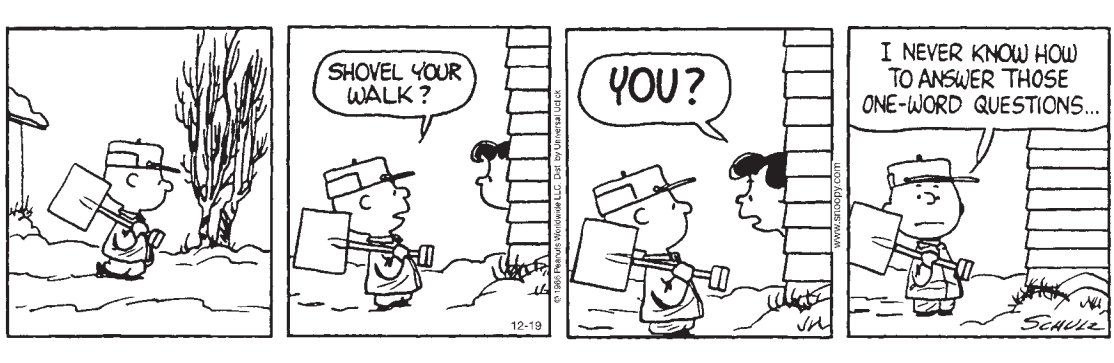
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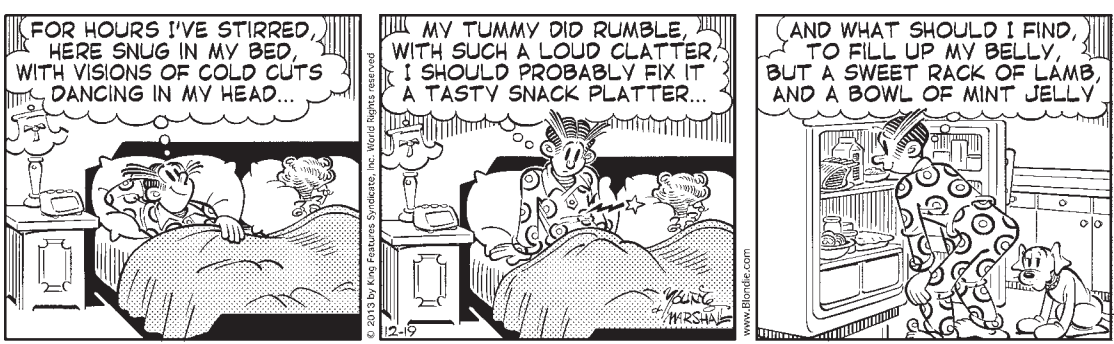
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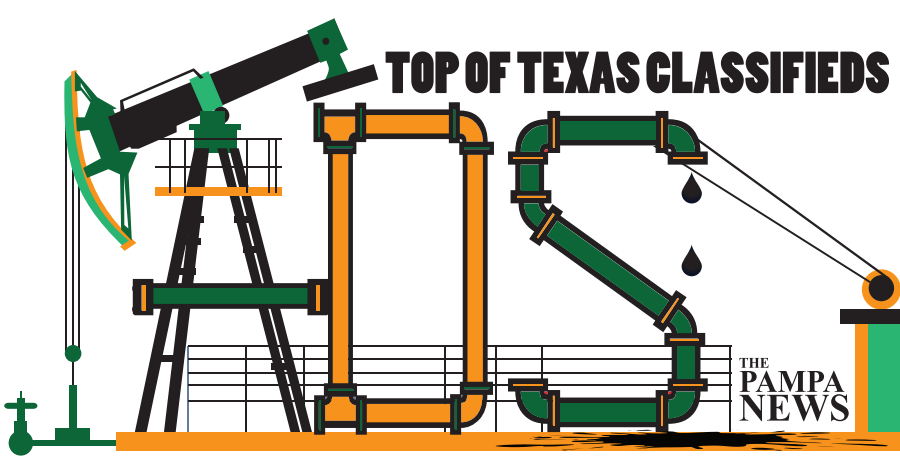


# daily horoscope

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Friday, Dec. 20, 2013:  
This year you open doors and let go of the status quo. Your life takes on a new vibrance that you love, and others notice. If you are single, you attract potential suitors with ease; however, it forces you to sort through your feelings. You will have to decide what you want from a relationship as well. If you are attached, the two of you enjoy traveling together. Schedule at least one trip or adventure together this year. LEO is a source of endless laughter and fun.  
The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult  
**ARIES** (March 21-April 19)  
★★★★ Others will note that they ran into an unstoppable force when they get a glimpse of you and your attitude today. Remain confident, but don't hesitate to walk away from complications that are of no interest to you. Tonight: Be spontaneous.  
**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)  
★★★★ Listen to your instincts, and acknowledge them as well. How you handle a situation could change unexpectedly. Plans involving a holiday happening might be tossed out at the last minute, which will throw several people off. Tonight: Do what you must first.  
**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)  
★★★★ Use your high energy to complete what must be done before the holidays. The whirlwind of festivities will start this coming weekend. Try to free up one area of your life. Tonight: Get together with friends; perhaps you will decide to start swapping gifts.  
**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)  
★★★★ Your creativity will emerge. Rethink the rest of your purchases, and make adjustments while you can. Get into the spirit of Christmas, and let go of your gift-giving concerns. Focus on your values; use them to gain a new perspective. Tonight: Treat a friend to drinks and munchies.  
**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)  
★★★★ You attract people who have a similar energy. A friend might shake up the status quo. Enjoy the excitement, but avoid being controlling -- it won't help. Make adjustments for this person. Tonight: The world is your oyster. Finish up your errands.  
**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)  
★★★★ Much information comes in

that you need to consider. In order to free up some time, you will want to rearrange your schedule. A loved one could be difficult when he or she discovers that plans might need to be adjusted. Tonight: Head home. Be with family. Make peace.  
**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)  
★★★★ Your friends, associates and family might become childlike at the thought of Christmas. You will want to visit with many people before the actual holiday. Start now. You might be quite pleased at the amount of holiday cheer around you. Tonight: Get together with friends.  
**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)  
★★★★ Pressure comes in once more from a boss or someone else you need to answer to. You might want to avoid an issue, but any attempt to ward off a discussion could be seen as manipulation. Face the inevitable, and get past this problem. Tonight: Burn the midnight oil.  
**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)  
★★★★ Make plans to see a Christmas pageant during the weekend. Break out of your routine and enjoy some music or dancing. If you can, take off for a day and get involved in some kind of winter sport. Tonight: Make sure you've mailed all your packages before you meet a friend.  
**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)  
★★★★ A loved one or special friend might approach you and offer much more of what you want and desire. The two of you often disengage from stress when you're together. Catch up on each other's news. Tonight: Continue the theme of deferring. Let someone else choose.  
**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)  
★★★★ Schedule some time with friends and loved ones. Someone might go out on a limb for you. Be gracious, and avoid taking him or her for granted. This individual not only loves you, but he or she will do whatever it takes to make your life easier. Tonight: Make mercy.  
**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)  
★★★★ People seem to show up and want to have a quality conversation with you. You are aware of how much is on your plate, so make it a point to honor your limitations and say "no" if need be. A meeting provides a lot of food for thought. Tonight: Head home early.





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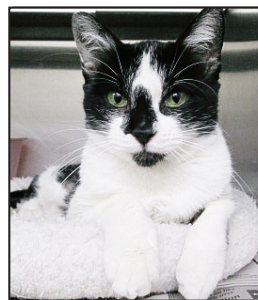
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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: THIS IS THE FIRST TEST OF A GENTLEMAN: HIS RESPECT FOR THOSE WHO CAN BE OF NO POSSIBLE VALUE TO HIM. — WILLIAM LYON PHELPS

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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Level: Intermediate

## Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I married "Larry" five years ago, and he is good to me. I have two beautiful grandchildren who are my daughter's. If I don't see them once a week I miss them. (They are 2 1/2 and 16 months old.) Larry doesn't miss the babies or want to see them once a week. Sometimes when they come to the house, he doesn't speak to them or play with them. He says he wants his peace and quiet at the house.

Larry's great with the babies in public. He is also good about playing with our friends' kids. But he doesn't want the grandchildren to spend the night here because he doesn't want his sleep disturbed. (He can get up at 4 a.m. to go fishing, though.)

He has two sons and doesn't mind if he hears from them only twice a year. He's the type of person who says what he thinks without caring if it's rude or hurtful. If you don't like him, he can live without being friends with you. No one comes to visit us at our home.

I miss my family, my daughter and the babies. Do I leave? — UNHAPPY IN THE SUNSHINE STATE

DEAR UNHAPPY: If you are the one making all the concessions, make a list of Larry's good qualities, and then make one that includes how he refuses to compromise, makes you feel lonely and isolated, and says things without regard to whether they are hurtful to others. Place them side by side, and you will have your answer.

recently meeting my older brother's male roommate, a few things occurred that make me wonder if my brother is gay. Whether he is or not doesn't matter to me, and I don't feel it's my business to find out unless he chooses to share it with me.

Although I am a strong supporter of the gay and lesbian community, my concern is that because we were raised in an extremely conservative home, my brother may think I still hold those beliefs and may be reluctant to confide in me. I don't want to make a wrong assumption about his sexuality, nor do I want to force him out of the closet before he's ready. How can I let him know I support him, no matter what, without crossing the line? — LIBERAL GIRL IN TEXAS

DEAR LIBERAL GIRL: There are ways to communicate your feelings to your brother without being direct. If

you are still in school, consider joining a gay/straight alliance. If you see something in the news about a gay issue, call it to his attention and say something positive. Or, if you think that might make him uncomfortable, how about giving him a hug and telling him how lucky you feel to have him as a brother and that you will love him forever? (Come to think of it, a straight sibling might also appreciate hearing it.)

DEAR ABBY: Does being invited to an engagement party "guarantee" you will also be invited to the wedding? — LOOKING AHEAD IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

DEAR LOOKING AHEAD: Yes, it does. And for that not to happen is a HUGE breach of etiquette on the part of whoever is hosting the wedding, whether it's the bride's parents or the couple themselves.

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Each set of letters below is arranged alphabetically, and the ? is in the correct alphabetical position. Figure out what letter the ? represents and rearrange the letters to spell a six-letter word. For example, in HH?RTY the ? could be an H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q or R. Here it represents an M, which can be combined with the other letters to spell RHYTHM. The last letter has been placed to get you started.

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Yesterday's Answer: Common: M; MORGUE, RESUME, MORASS, SALMON

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

### ACROSS

- 1 Pert talk
- 5 Moulin Rouge dance
- 11 Canyon sound
- 12 Meadowlark's cousin
- 13 Harrow rival
- 14 Knock over
- 15 God of wine
- 17 Kickoff aid
- 18 Malia's sister
- 22 Novel ideas
- 24 Patriot Allen
- 25 Seine water
- 26 Many a time
- 27 Door sign
- 30 Fry lightly
- 32 Ranch rope
- 33 Halloween mo.
- 34 Potential pipes
- 38 Bagel choice
- 41 Franc replacer
- 42 Wed in secret
- 43 Wild guess
- 44 Ornamental shrubs
- 45 Swift jets

### DOWN

- 1 Canary snack
- 2 Play start
- 3 Soccer game tie-breakers
- 4 Shakespeare creation
- 5 Barracks beds
- 6 Kindle
- 7 Attacks, puppy-style
- 8 Beat walker
- 9 Completely
- 10 Once called
- 16 Agreeable answer
- 19 Public mentions
- 20 Knife handle
- 21 Poker payment
- 22 Zest source
- 23 Turner of film
- 28 Houdini feat
- 29 Tenant
- 30 Heir, often

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### Yesterday's answer

- 19 Public mentions
- 20 Knife handle
- 21 Poker payment
- 22 Zest source
- 23 Turner of film
- 28 Houdini feat
- 29 Tenant
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- 35 Some wines
- 36 Baby sitter's bane
- 37 Shows sorrow
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# PampaSports

## Lady Harvesters stun Panhandle Pantherettes with last-minute score

By JOHN LEE  
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The game that started as a low-scorer, with an 8-6 first quarter score, turned into a shoot-out with momentum shifting from side-to-side like a rowboat in a hurricane.

The Pampa Lady Harvesters defeated the Panhandle Pantherettes after junior Risa Rodriguez deflected a screen-pass and took it to the house for the go-ahead layup making the score 45-43 with less than five seconds remaining. The win advances the Lady Harvesters to 7-8 heading into a nine-day break before a Caprock tournament in Lubbock on Dec. 26.

The game-winning steal-and-score came as the Pantherettes took possession of the ball with 11 seconds left and a tied ball game, a score would have ended the game for the Lady Harvesters.

"I put Carrigan on the ball and said, since she's a volleyball player, to jump," head coach Gene Valentine said.

"Told her to cause any sort of distraction, obviously they needed to watch out for No. 44 (Tori Chavez,

who had 18 points in the loss). They were probably going to set up some screens, do some switching and I told them that every screen that we needed to watch people.

"We just happened to get one coming forward and Risa (Rodriguez) happened to deflect one and she took off. But basically we were picking up man, switching up screens and see what happens. It was tight and we didn't have anything to lose."

Winning 8-6 after the first quarter, the Lady Harvesters looked to carry momentum into the second quarter. They did just that as senior Hayley Burnett got fouled twice in opening moments of the quarter on 2-point buckets. Burnett converted the free throws on each attempt. Junior Ty'Randa Johnson also hit a 2-pointer, giving the Lady Harvesters the 16-6 lead. The Pantherettes battled back, however, out-scoring the Lady Harvesters 7-4 to draw closer at 20-13 at the half.

Burnett opened the third quarter stealing the ball from the Pantherettes and sending it to her partner

in crime, junior Madison Brown. Brown turned the steal into points hitting a 2-pointer from inside the paint. After Kami Watt hit a 3-pointer for the Pantherettes, sophomore Meagan Brock helped Burnett steal the ball and the senior turned it into points, making it 24-17. Panhandle went on a 12-5 run, led by Chavez hitting a pair of 3-pointers and ending the quarter at 29-27 Panhandle.

Hitting a 2-pointer to extend their lead, 31-27, Panhandle continued to fight off the Lady Harvesters. It turned into a foul battle, with each team benefiting from free throws. The Lady Harvesters didn't get the lead back until Brown hit a 2-pointer making the score 36-35. The Lady Harvesters and the Pantherettes battled back and forth, with Burnett hitting a 3-pointer and a 2-pointer making the score 43-37, with the Lady Harvesters hoping to put the game away. The Lady Harvesters' Burnett was fouled out, and that threw a kink in their game plan.

"[After Hayley Burnett got fouled out] We put

Reata (Collins) in there cause she has been coming and relieving my guards, and just told Risa to handle the ball a little bit more and was trying to get her and Ty'Randa to know we didn't have to shoot it or rush anything," Valentine said.

"We just had to go down and run the clock a little bit. We weren't trying to rush anything because at the time we still had a three to four point lead. After it was over I told them that we have been on the edge a little bit playing these close games. We just have to finish one tonight we finished one and got on the good side of it."

The Pantherettes' Chavez hit four free throws on two separate fouls, pulling her team within two. MaCalle Melton hit a 2-pointer for the Pantherettes, tying the game at 43. After a couple of missed free throws by Brown, the Pantherettes had the ball, a tied ball game and 11 seconds to go. That is when Rodriguez stole the ball and took it across mid-court for the go-ahead lay-up to make the score 45-43. "Tonight was really



Photo by John Lee  
Risa Rodriguez (20) drives the ball down the court. Rodriguez had the game-winning steal-and-score Tuesday night at Panhandle.



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Left, Hayley Burnett (with the ball) runs past defenders on her way to a lay-up. Right, Madison Brown (12) hits a lay-up during the first quarter.

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# PampaSports

## Harvesters fall in a shoot-out against the Panhandle Panthers

By JOHN LEE  
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The Pampa Harvesters have not played a game at home since Nov. 22. The wear and tear was certainly taking its toll on the team Tuesday night as the Harvesters fell to the Panthers 68-60. The loss drops the Harvesters to 5-6 on the season.

"Really we would have liked to go into the (Christmas) break with a win, but sometimes the ball doesn't bounce your way and tonight it didn't," head coach Matt Embry said.

"The problem we're having is not effort, we are out there trying, we are just out of position a lot defensively. When you are letting the ball get into the high post against teams like Panhandle, you're setting yourself up for trouble."

After starting the game trailing 22-16 in the first quarter, the Harvesters battled back and forth with the Panthers, with points coming from senior Trey Miller, senior Cory Ponce and sophomore Kambrin Scott. The Harvesters had an effective steal from senior Blayne Troxell who sent the ball to fellow senior Ryan Powell who took it to the net for two points. The Harvesters went 6-4 to close out the half at 36-33. The Harvesters started

out the third quarter re-taking the lead off of a 3-pointer from Scott, making the score 38-37. The Harvesters continued to try to keep the lead, with junior Jonathan Stevens hitting a 2-pointer inside the paint and Ponce a 2-pointer plus a free throw. But Panhandle muscled the lead back from the Harvesters with four unanswered points at the end of the quarter.

"I felt like in the second half the defense got a little bit better," Embry said. "But you've got to turn those turnovers into points once you get them and we weren't able to do that."

Trailing 50-44 in the fourth quarter, the Harvesters were not able to re-establish the lead as Panhandle had an answer for almost every score Pampa would put up.

"Missing (Cade) Engle tonight was troublesome," Embry said.

"You saw how tired Brandon (Stokes) was, he pretty much played the whole game and Ryan (Powell) as well. Being able to cycle another guard in there helps because it keeps them fresh. It's hard to play that style of play with eight or nine guys. We kind of ran out of gas."

The Harvesters return to the court next Thursday, Dec. 26, in Lubbock at a tournament.



Photo by John Lee

Top, Brandon Stokes (22) prepares to make a play during the first quarter. Above, Gabe Garcia (23) makes a free throw attempt. Below, the Harvesters prepare to defend their side of the court against the Panthers.



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