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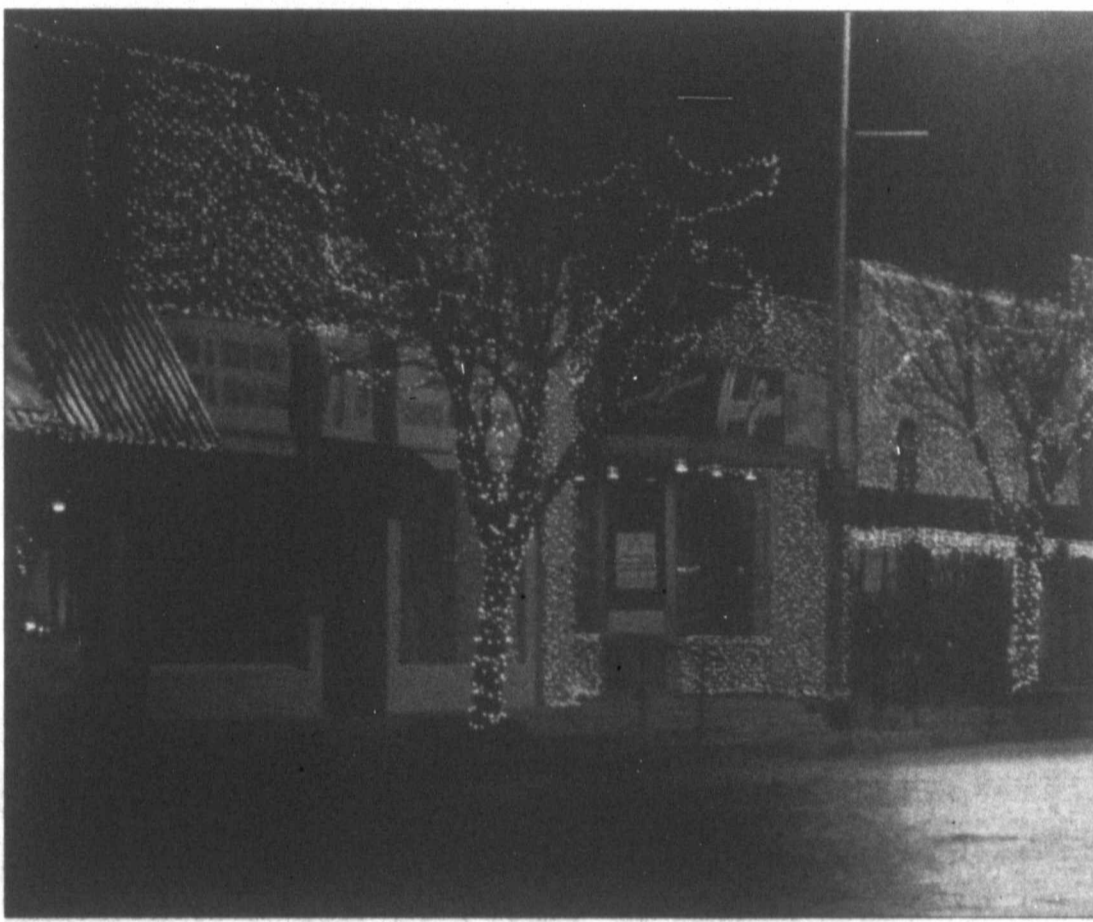


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Downtown Pampa has been blanketed by Christmas lights, with 17 storefronts being covered in multicolored bulbs.

Downtown shines with 175,000 bulbs

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 It started with a jewelry book. "I was flipping through one of them that I had," said Ken Rheams, owner and operator of Rheams Diamond Shop. "The place was in Rochester, New York. They had their downtown all lit up with lights for Christmas, and I thought, 'Man, that would be pretty cool.'" Inspired, Rheams pitched the idea to the Downtown Business Association and the other merchants of the storefronts up and down Cuyler street in



Rheams
 Christmas lights, in vibrant reds, greens and ambers. And 21 poinsettias hanging from the poles to boot.
 "It's a cool deal, isn't it?" said a smiling Rheams.

downtown Pampa. The end result? Seventeen storefronts lit. Thirty-one downtown trees, too. Over 175,000 lights were made possible by two donations, one for

It's a big step towards revitalizing downtown Pampa during the holiday season, Rheams said.
 "What we want to do is do as many as we can downtown within a two-block area," said Rheams. "We've even got Coney Island and T-Shirts and More involved on the side streets this year. We're trying to get it so that everybody can do something to make it look like Pampa is alive, that there are things going on."
 The lights were made possible by two donations, one for

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City gives final OK to well ban

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The City Commission gave final approval to an ordinance that will bar the drilling of water wells within the city limits.
 The city faced the decision while seeking permits to drill two new wells. Obtaining a permit from the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District required the city to have water rights throughout the city limits.
 The city hopes to have the wells completed and operational by next summer, when water needs reach their highest. The wells will supplement water needs previously addressed by Lake Meredith during the summer season. Currently, Pampa and other member cities of the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority can no longer draw from the nearly depleted lake.
 The City Commission gave also an initial approval to changing service credits to the Texas Municipal Retirement System. A second favorable vote would cement the decision.
 "Basically what this is doing, is it would increase the rate that we take out of employee's checks from 5 percent to 7 percent to go into the retirement system, and it would also increase the (amount) that we would match," said Robin Bailey.
 Bailey estimates that the rate increase would cost between \$185,000 and \$190,000.
 The City Commission also authorized the City Manager to enter into an amended Interlocal Governmental Agreement with the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission regarding a grant that went towards the city's new recycling building and cardboard baler.
 "We were promised some additional funds once the year ended, and some funds were left over from the other projects," said Richard

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12 kids of Christmas

Peyton Demetriades
 Parents: Keith and Christie Demetriades
 What I want most for Christmas is: "The new 'Barbie' movie."
 What should Santa bring my parents? "Something they really want."
 Why is Christmas great? "I get to spend time with my family and have fun opening presents and do Christmas plays."

Pampa on Coffee Memorial Blood Center's 2011 nice list

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 With 2012 less than three weeks away, Suzanne Talley, community relations director at Amarillo's Coffee Memorial Blood Center, looked back on a successful 2010 in Pampa.
 "Pampa has been an amazing community for Coffee Memorial," said Talley.
 Coffee held five community blood drives in Pampa, all at Clarendon College Pampa Center. Those five drives yielded 439 units of blood — a good number in itself, Talley said, though Gray County's contribution goes a bit further.
 "If you add Halliburton, which goes three times a year, the Meals on Wheels blood drive, the Jordan Unit and Walmart, that brings us up to 593 (units)."
 "It doesn't stop there," Talley continued. "We have the high school, and we did a drive at Pampa Christian School, so if you add those on, we're up to 651 units at the end of the year, which is amazing. That's a lot of units."
 In all, Talley estimated between 15 and 20 drives held by Coffee in the Pampa and Gray County area this year.
 "And if you think about it, one unit can save up to three lives," she added. "That's a lot of lives saved, thanks to Pampa."
 That's easily good news for Coffee, especially during a winter season during which national blood supplies typically dwindle. In December, Coffee generally runs about 400 units of blood below its monthly average of 2,400. With blood immediately unavailable after it's given (donations must undergo a mandatory

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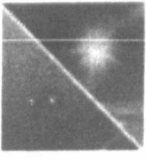


Merry Christmas!
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PAMPA FORECAST

Today	Thursday	Friday
		
High 56 Low 27	High 46 Low 26	High 46 Low 28

Today: Areas of fog before 10 a.m. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 56. Windy, with a west southwest wind 10 to 15 mph increasing to between 25 and 30 mph. Winds could gust as high as 40 mph.

Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 27. Wind chill values between 19 and 24. North northwest wind around 10 mph.

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 46. North northeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 26. North northeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming southeast.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 46. Southeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming west.

Friday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 28. East southeast wind around 5 mph becoming northwest.

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Funerals pending for kids shot in Laredo

HELENA, Mont. (AP) — Arrangements were being made Tuesday to transport the remains of two children for burial in their father's hometown in Montana after their mother shot them in a standoff over food stamps in a Texas welfare office.

The father, Dale Grimmer, donated the organs of 12-year-old Ramie and 10-year-old Timothy before moving to return their cremated remains to the southwestern Montana town of Anaconda, where funeral plans were pending, said Mary Lee Shepherd, Dale Grimmer's mother.

Dale Grimmer planned to invite the mother of Rachele Grimmer to the funeral service in hopes the gesture will help both families move past the tragedy, Shepherd said.

"It's over and it's too late now," Shepherd said. "I know she was failed by the system."

Authorities say Rachele Grimmer, 38, shot the children and killed herself with a .38-caliber handgun on Dec. 5 at the Laredo office of the Texas Department of Health and Human Services. The shooting came after a seven-hour standoff

that began when she asked to speak to a caseworker about why her food stamps application had been rejected. The children died in a San Antonio hospital last Wednesday and Thursday.

The mother and children had moved to Texas from Ohio and had been living in a trailer park at the time of the shootings. Rachel Grimmer was jobless and had been seeking food stamps since July. Texas officials rejected her application because she never submitted proof of income, such as child support documentation.

Public Meeting Agendas

Pampa Independent School District Board of Education

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Pampa Independent School District will be held December 15, 2011, beginning at 6 p.m. in the Carver Center Administration Office, 321 W. Albert, Pampa, TX 79065.

The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are as listed below:

Items do not have to be taken in the order shown on this meeting notice. Unless removed from the consent agenda, items identified within the consent agenda will be acted on at one time.

- I. Declaration of a quorum / Call meeting to order
- II. Public Hearing: Sam Houston School Site / Super Playground (6 p.m.)
- III. Public Hearing : Academic Excellence Indicator System (AEIS) Report (6:30 p.m.)
- IV. Public Comments (7 p.m.)
- V. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Consideration and action to approve board minutes for November 10, 2011 and November 15, 2011
- B. Consideration and possible action to approve monthly financial reports
- C. Consideration and action to approve the sale of delinquent tax property
- D. Consideration and action to approve revisions to policy FB(LOCAL): Equal Educational Opportunity

E. Consideration and action to approve revisions to policy DIA(LOCAL): Employee Welfare: Freedom From Discrimination, Harassment, and Retaliation

F. Consideration and action to approve a resolution nominating individuals to the 2012 TASB Media Honor Roll

G. Consideration and action to approve Budget Amendment #2

VI. ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

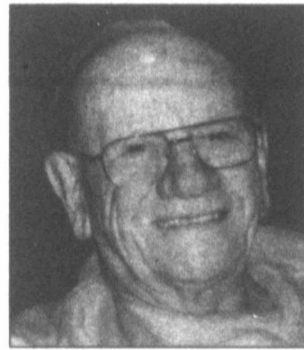
- A. Consideration and possible action to approve monthly cash disbursements
 - B. Consideration and possible action to approve a contract with Dekker, Perich, and Sabatini for architectural services for the new Pampa ISD administration office
 - C. Consideration and possible action to approve an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Pampa regarding the Sam Houston school site and a portable building
 - D. Consideration and possible action to authorize payment for negotiation and preparation of oil and gas lease wherein Gray County is prospective lessor of Gaines County school lands
 - E. Consideration and possible action to issue invitation to bid on portion or portions, or all, of the former Pampa Junior High School property
 - F. Consideration and possible action to approve fundraising for athletic beautification and renovation project
 - G. Discuss the Pampa ISD 2012-2013 school calendar
 - H. Discuss and possible action to adopt a resolution to join one of the school funding lawsuits
 - I. Consideration and action to approve TASB Policy Update 91 affecting local policies: second reading
 - J. First Reading of TASB Policy Update 92 affecting local policies
 - K. Discussion and possible action regarding the methodology of the Superintendent search
- VII. REPORTS**
- A. Pampa ISD Board of Trustee continuing education credit hours
 - B. PHS Dual Credit Report
- VIII. PERSONNEL**
- A. Employment of professional employee(s)
 - B. Discussion concerning Superintendent search

Obituaries

William Coy "Bill" Sheehan, 85

William Coy "Bill" Sheehan, 85, died on December 13, 2011, in Amarillo.

Services are currently pending with Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.



Sheehan

For the record

Police Department

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 24 hour period ending Tuesday, December 13 at 7 a.m.

Pampa PD reported 17 traffic related incidents.

Animal Control agents reported 10 animal related incidents.

Pampa EMS and the Pampa Fire Department responded to four medical calls.

Monday, December 12
 A suspicious person was reported at the 100 block of

North Dwight.

A violation of city ordinance occurred at the 1400 block of Worrell.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 600 block of North Hobart.

A suspicious vehicle was reported at the 200 block of South Nelson.

An assault was reported. A theft occurred at the 900 block of East Malone.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 1300 block of North Garland.

A structure fire occurred at the 600 block of North Faulkner.

A suspicious person was reported at the 100 block of South Starkweather.

Suspicious persons were reported at the 500 block of North Sloan and the 100 block of North Starkweather.

Burglaries occurred at the 700 block of Murphy and the 100 block of North Nelson.

An assault was reported. A suspicious person was reported at the 2200 block of North Hobart.

Tuesday, December 13
 An accident occurred at the 1800 block of North

Hobart.

A hit and run occurred at the 1000 block of North Wells.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrest for the 24 hour period ending Tuesday, December 13 at 7 a.m.

Tuesday, December 13
 Benjamin Lara Ramirez, 33, was arrested by deputies on a warrant of possession of marijuana greater than 50 pounds and less than 2,000 pounds.

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Texas 38th, up from last, in homeless kids

Judges to discuss redistricting

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A panel of three federal judges plans to discuss what happens next in the deeply complicated legal wrangling over political districts in Texas.

The U.S. Supreme Court placed a hold on the redistricting map drafted by the San Antonio-based court last week.

That move created an enormous amount of confusion over what electoral map will be used in 2012, when candidates will be allowed to file and when elections will take place.

The judges have asked all of the parties in the suit to meet on Tuesday to discuss those matters. Experts say the most likely outcome will be two different primary elections. The first will be as scheduled on March 6, but will include only candidates for statewide or national office. Another primary will take place later.

Guilty plea in judge scandal

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — A former South Texas district attorney's investigator faces up to 20 years in prison in an extortion probe involving a disgraced ex-judge.

Prosecutors in Brownsville say Jaime Munivez of San Benito pleaded guilty Tuesday to two counts of interference with commerce under color of official right. A federal judge will sentence Munivez on March 19.

Munivez formerly was a bailiff for state District Judge Abel C. Limas, who failed in his 2008 re-election bid. Limas in March pleaded guilty to racketeering.

Investigators say Munivez provided fake legal documents to a Limas associate, Jose Manuel Longoria. Longoria last month pleaded guilty to extortion, wire fraud and conspiracy to possess and distribute cocaine. Limas and Longoria will be sentenced Feb. 27.

Eight people have pleaded guilty in the Limas investigation.

Alleged liquid meth confiscated

LAREDO (AP) — Investigators say alleged liquid methamphetamine has been discovered in a dozen beer bottles confiscated from two people in a taxi at a South Texas checkpoint.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection on Monday announced the Dec. 7 seizure at the Laredo Port of Entry.

Authorities say a man and a woman from Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, were in a cab that was stopped for a secondary examination. Both have been turned over to federal agents.

No street value was immediately provided on the alleged liquid methamphetamine.

Life sentence for drug kingpin

LAREDO (AP) — A federal judge in South Texas has fined a drug kingpin \$13 million and sentenced him to life in prison for trafficking marijuana and cocaine.

Prosecutors in Laredo say Leandro Salas-Galaviz, also known as Daniel Obregon, was sentenced Monday. Investigators say Salas-Galaviz had ties to the Los Zetas gang in Mexico.

He was convicted of conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute cocaine, six counts of possession with intent to distribute cocaine or marijuana, money laundering and conspiracy to launder drug money.

Salas-Galaviz, during his July trial, was identified as an illegal immigrant who lived in Dallas and Laredo since 2002.

His wife, Mayra Lopez, and his mother, Josefina Galaviz, were convicted of money laundering and conspiracy to launder drug money. Each must serve more than 11 years in prison.

DALLAS (AP) - After Angelic Davis was laid off from her job as a collections agent last year and could no longer afford a small Dallas apartment, her 3-year-old daughter Kourtney often became confused about what it meant to be homeless.

"Mom, are we going to (grandma's) house, are we going to auntie's house or are we going to our house?" Davis, 23, recalled the girl asking almost nightly.

A study released Tuesday by the National Center on Family Homelessness shows the number of homeless children continues to rise in Texas, though the group no longer ranks Texas dead last in how it deals with the problem, as it did two years ago.

Texas improved from 50th to 38th in part because the economic downturn created "a manmade disaster" that Dr. Ellen L. Bassuk, president and founder of the national center, says pushed more than 1.6 million children - one in 45 nationally - into homelessness. All but five states have seen a steady climb, she said.

"We now have more homeless kids (nationally) than we did in the year of hurricanes. That's alarming," Bassuk said.

The rankings were based on four areas: the percentage of homeless children; their overall well-being; risk factors for homelessness, such as poverty and foreclosure rates; and what the state is doing to address the problems.

The report defined as homeless any child age 18 or younger living with at least one parent or caregiver in such places as emergency shelters, motels, cars, or campgrounds due to economic hardships or losing their own homes. It did not include runaways or homeless youth.

Texas has 131,198 homeless children, according to the study. That's a dramatic drop from the more than 337,000 homeless children the last report cited, based on 2006 federal and state statistics, but that number was largely inflated by families who lost their homes during hurricanes Rita and Katrina and in 2005 moved to Texas from Louisiana.

Bassuk said the impact of natural disasters led to a mass migration, and Texas took in a large number of families. Once those displaced families either

returned to Louisiana or settled into their new home states in 2007, Texas had about 60,000 homeless children, she said.

"Texas, in various ways, has done a number of things that I think have helped homeless kids. That's good news," said Bassuk, an associate professor of psychiatry at Harvard Medical School. "They need to because the numbers are outrageous."

Texas' national ranking has improved partly due to its strategic plan to prevent and end homelessness. It has started to show results, though the child poverty level in Texas is at 24 percent, compared to 18.2 percent nationwide.

Alabama has since become the worst place for child homelessness while Vermont is considered the best, according to the report.

Although state officials and advocacy groups differ on the number of homeless children in Texas - estimates start at about 55,000

and go up - no one seems to doubt the numbers are rising.

All it takes is one crisis, a sick child or a layoff, to put a family on the street, said Ken Martin, executive director of the Texas Homeless Network.

"There is just a multiplicity of reasons that people can become homeless," Martin said. "We're just seeing a lot of them converge right now, which is why we're seeing a rise in family homelessness."

Families with children are doubling, tripling and quadrupling up in households, not because they want to, but because they have to, experts say. That was the case for the Davis family.

From November 2010 until they were accepted into the transitional housing program at Family Gateway in Dallas last month, Angelic Davis, her daughter

Kourtney Marie and newborn son, Richard, bounced from place to place - having sold or given away most of their possessions.

Davis, who dropped out of college when she got pregnant during her sophomore year, said she was "disappointed, angry and upset" when she lost her job. As she packed up her desk, along with three pictures of her daughter, she said she wondered: "How are we going to get through this? What's next Lord?"

At Gateway, Davis gets job training, parenting classes, meals and a spacious room for 15 weeks. She said she is determined to finish college to provide a better life for her kids.

She said she feels "blessed" and that Kourtney is "happy to be in her own house," even if it's a temporary one.

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Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Wednesday, Dec. 14, the 348th day of 2011. There are 17 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 14, 1911, Norwegian explorer Roald Amundsen and his team became the first men to reach the South Pole, beating out a British expedition led by Robert F. Scott.

On this date:

In 1799, the first president of the United States, George Washington, died at his Mount Vernon, Va., home at age 67.

In 1819, Alabama joined the Union as the 22nd state.

In 1861, Prince Albert, husband of Queen Victoria, died at Windsor Castle at age 42.

In 1936, the comedy "You Can't Take It With You" by George S. Kaufman and Moss Hart opened on Broadway.

In 1946, the United Nations General Assembly voted to establish U.N. headquarters in New York.

In 1961, a school bus was hit by a passenger train at a crossing near Greeley, Colo., killing 20 students.

In 1975, six South Moluccan extremists surrendered after holding 23 hostages for 12 days on a train near the Dutch town of Beilen.

In 1981, Israel annexed the Golan Heights, which it had seized from Syria in 1967.

In 1985, Wilma Mankiller became the first woman to lead a major American Indian tribe as she took office as principal chief of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma.

In 1986, the experimental aircraft Voyager, piloted by Dick Rutan and Jeana Yeager, took off from Edwards Air Force Base in California on the first non-stop, non-refueled flight around the world.

Ten years ago: Hundreds of U.S. Marines occupied the Kandahar airport, carefully picking through unexploded weaponry and debris left by the Taliban as the U.S. military relocated its main base in southern Afghanistan.

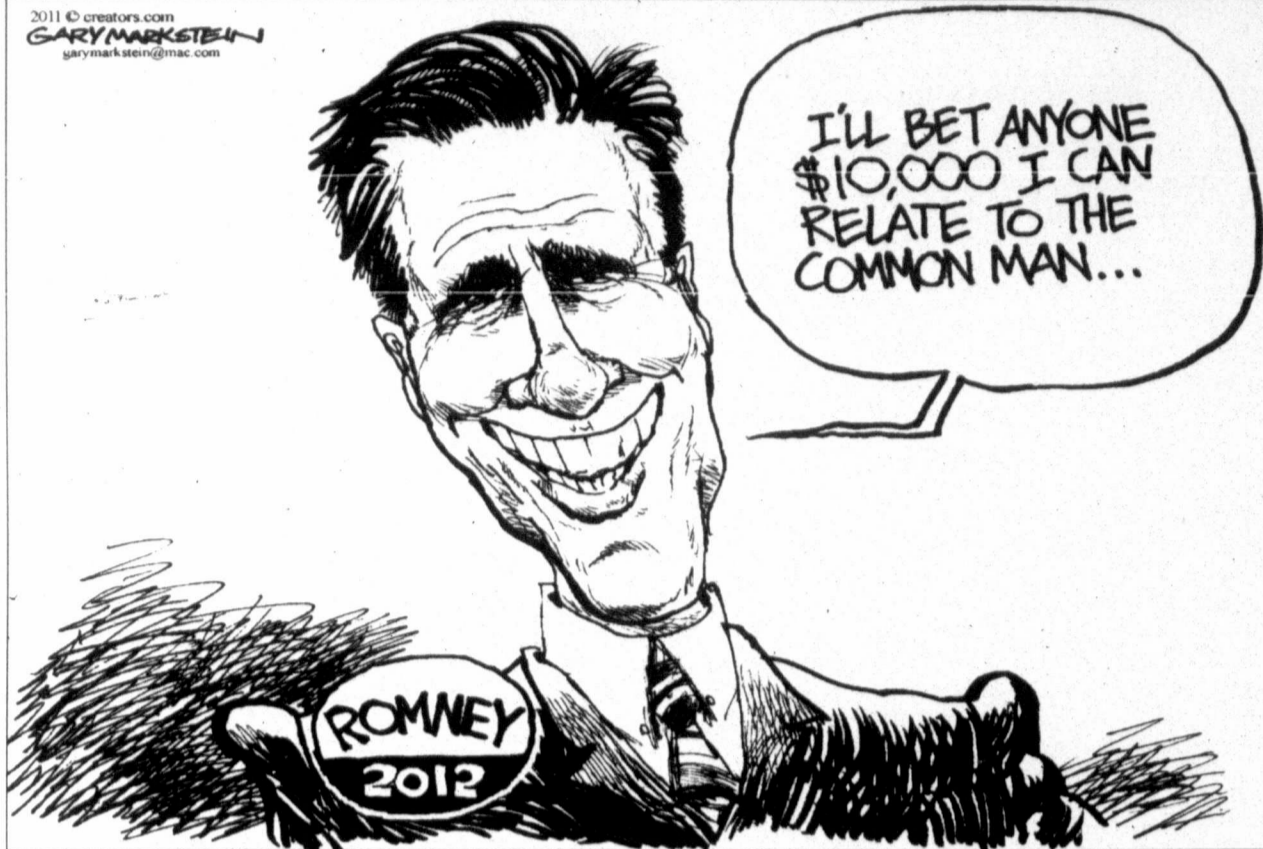
Five years ago: South Korea's Ban Ki-moon was sworn in as the eighth secretary-general of the United Nations. A British police inquiry concluded that the deaths of Princess Diana and her boyfriend, Dodi Fayed, in a 1997 Paris car crash were a "tragic accident," and that allegations of a murder conspiracy were unfounded.

One year ago: The White House insisted the implementation of President Barack Obama's landmark health care law would not be affected by a negative federal court ruling, and the Justice Department said it would appeal.

Today's Birthdays: Singer-actress Abbe Lane is 80. Actor Hal Williams is 73. Actress-singer Jane Birkin is 65. Actress Patty Duke is 65. Pop singer Joyce Vincent-Wilson (Tony Orlando and Dawn) is 65. Actress Dee Wallace is 63. Rhythm-and-blues singer Ronnie McNeir (The Four Tops) is 62. Rock musician Cliff Williams (AC/DC) is 62. Actor-comedian T.K. Carter is 55. Rock singer-musician Mike Scott (The Waterboys) is 53. Singer-musician Peter "Spider" Stacy (The Pogues) is 53. Actress Cynthia Gibb is 48. Actress Natascha McElhone is 42. Actress-comedian Michaela Watkins is 40. Rhythm-and-blues singer Brian Dyalruple (Soul For Real) is 36. Actress Tammy Blanchard is 35. Actress Sophie Monk is 32. Actress Vanessa Hudgens is 23.

Thought for Today: "The trouble with our times is that the future is not what it used to be." - Paul Valery, French philosopher (1871-1945).

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Deficit reduction requires political skill, risk

The failure of the congressional Supercommittee to reach an agreement on reducing the deficit was not just bad fiscal news. It was a significant failure of political leadership.

Not only did the committee move us one step closer to a genuine fiscal crisis, but also it put the dysfunction of Congress on full display. At a time of great economic stress, its members lost sight of what failure would cost the country in lost economic growth and foregone job creation. They did not fully appreciate that inaction ensures grave economic risks. Even worse, they sent a signal to the American people — who overwhelmingly wanted to believe that common ground is still possible in a divided age — that partisan politics is stronger than the national interest. Failure robbed Americans of hope at a time when they desperately needed some.

Where do we go from here? We did learn some important lessons from the Supercommittee's many weeks of work.

An obvious one is how difficult it will be getting our fiscal house in order. The Supercommittee proved that deficit reduction is hard on the substance and even harder on the politics. The fact that its members could not salvage a formal agreement from their discussions, unlike special committees in the past, makes clear that it will take a supreme effort of political will to move the nation past this point. Though even in failure, the committee could have done much more to educate the American public on the hard choices necessary to get our fiscal house in order.

A second, related lesson is that fixing the deficit will require politicians who can set aside the politics of the moment. The members of

the special committee were unable and unwilling to do that. Some gave me the feeling that they wanted to defeat an agreement, not achieve one, and none seemed willing to go against their party priorities. Though they laudably tried early on to keep partisan messaging from derailing their efforts, by the end, each side was trying to make the other look bad. They worked hard to present their own party as flexible and open to solutions on tax increases or spending cuts, and the other as entrenched and unyielding.

Why were the politicians unable to reach a solution when the American people clearly wanted one? The White House and President Obama were mostly silent. Congressional leaders of both parties supported their negotiators' positions, neither demanding an agreement nor pressuring negotiators to reach one. To their credit, rank and file members of both parties did go on record urging the Supercommittee to set aside partisanship and arrive at a resolution. But their voices could not drown out the ideological activists dead-set against raising taxes on the wealthy or finding meaningful cuts in entitlements.

The members of the Supercommittee had neither the influence on Capitol Hill nor the willingness to forge a solution that would lead the country forward. They did not strive for an agreement large enough to allow room for the necessary trade-offs to solve the problem, and in the end, they, and congressional leaders seem to calculate that they would pay a greater political price for reaching an agreement than for failing. Those

who favored a compromise bear some responsibility here: ideological activists were able to exert more pressure than the majority who wanted to see an agreement. In the future, the voices of moderation will have to be louder.

Meaningful progress on our fiscal problems will require skilled politicians at the highest level to roll up their sleeves and take a risk with their own political bases. It has been done before, when politicians like former Republican Sen. Bob Dole and former Democratic Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan stepped up and made hard decisions. They were able, when the occasion demanded, to use their public stature and their political gifts to command attention and sway public opinion.

For the final lesson from the Supercommittee's failure is that it's not about the numbers, it's about political leadership. Our fiscal crisis is still with us. The issues that broke the committee's back have not gone away. Congress has no choice but to press on. Surely the President and members of Congress must now grasp the magnitude of our fiscal problem and the necessity of shared sacrifice to resolve it.

Sometimes in politics, you have to fail before you can succeed. Even in failure, the Supercommittee provided some valuable lessons. Our hope must be that our political leaders can discern them, and that this failure will pave the way for progress.

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Keystone XL: Privately funded, environmentally sound

(Editor's Note: This opinion piece has appeared in the Houston Chronicle.)

At the end of a three-year comprehensive government review process, the president has an opportunity to allow construction to begin immediately on a crucial energy infrastructure project, the Keystone XL Pipeline. Instead, he has decided to fumble away this huge economic development opportunity by postponing his decision until at least 2013. Our country can't afford the president's indecision; it's time for Congress to scoop up the ball and help ensure that this project is carried across the goal line.

The Keystone XL Pipeline is a \$7 billion private-funded pipeline that will carry more than 800,000 barrels of crude oil daily from western Canada to American refineries in Texas and elsewhere. The pipeline will create 20,000 construction jobs and approximately 118,000 related jobs, resulting in more than \$20 billion in additional private sector spending and as much as \$5 billion in new local, state and federal tax revenues.

In Texas, the pipeline would boost our state economy by an estimated \$1.9 billion. For Texas' 26 oil refineries - which account for one-fourth of total U.S. oil refining capacity - the pipeline would result in 700,000 additional barrels of oil refined per day.

The Keystone XL Pipeline is literally shovel-ready. It has been reviewed thoroughly by a host of state and federal agencies, including the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Once completed, it would lock in access to a stable, secure source of energy from Canada, our friendly neighbor to the north. If the project continues to be blocked by the White House, Canada will simply export crude to China and elsewhere, and the U.S. will remain dependent on - and vulnerable to - unfriendly and/or unstable countries.

The president seems to be hesitating because, in spite of detailed state and federal reviews, some environmental groups are unalterably opposed. In fact, the Keystone XL project is nothing new. Currently more than 50,000 miles of oil pipelines crisscross America. Its final design incorporates dozens of small and large changes to protect the environment and potentially affected people and communities. Furthermore, if the pipeline is not built, Canada will export its crude across the Pacific on oil-consuming tankers, probably to nations with looser environmental rules than ours.

Blocking the Keystone XL Pipeline will not keep the oil in the ground, nor will it decrease America's con-

sumption of fossil fuels. What it will do is guarantee continuing unemployment for tens of thousands of American construction, manufacturing, transportation and refinery workers. It will also keep America vulnerable to oil supply interruption and high prices from unstable, foreign oil-producing nations.

Since the president can't make the decision to go ahead with this project, I and 39 other senators have introduced the North American Energy Security Act. Our legislation requires the secretary of state to finalize a decision on the permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline project within 60 days of passage.

It's late in the fourth quarter for millions of unemployed American workers and their families. The Keystone XL Pipeline - privately funded and environmentally sound - is on the one-yard line. With a national unemployment rate that continues to hover near 9 percent, we simply can't afford to fumble away so many well-paying new jobs.

Hutchison, a Republican, is the senior U.S. senator from Texas, and Ranking Member of the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee.



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Captured Zeta head had 169-gun arsenal

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexican authorities said Tuesday that an alleged founder of the Zetas drug cartel had an arsenal of 169 weapons when he was captured Monday, and may have been linked to the abduction of nine Mexican marines.

Navy spokesman Jose Luis Vergara said suspect Raul Lucio Hernandez Lechuga oversaw Zetas operations around the Gulf coast state of Veracruz, where nine marines disappeared earlier this year.

Vergara said a suspect was killed and a marine wounded in a firefight that erupted during Hernandez Lechuga's capture Monday in the Veracruz state city of Cordoba. The bust was the result of a yearlong intelligence operation, Vergara said.

Marines found 133 rifles, five grenade launchers, 29 grenades and 36 pistols at the scene of the raid near a highway. Marines also found bulletproof vests with the letter "Z", the zetas symbol, on the front.

Vergara said Hernandez Lechuga was one of Mexico's 37 most wanted drug traffickers, and that with his arrest, 22 of those 37 have either been killed or detained.

The Zetas have been linked to some of the apparent abductions of Mexican marines, but Vergara didn't say what specific evidence authorities had of Hernandez Lechuga's involvement in the cases.

The apparent abductions of Mexican navy personnel have been shrouded in mystery, with the navy previously acknowledging that three marines and a navy cadet were abducted by suspected drug cartel gunmen in August in Veracruz, the state's largest city.

Later that month, the navy said it had found four bodies in a pit on the outskirts of Veracruz city, and that the remains might be those of the missing marines, but it never publicly confirmed that was the case.

At a Tuesday news conference where Hernandez Lechuga and four alleged associates were paraded before the media, Vergara said a total of nine marines had disappeared, but didn't say whether any of them had been found.

Mexican drug cartels have kidnapped and killed military personnel before, but such incidents remain relatively rare.

Colorado approves fracking reforms

DENVER (AP) - Colorado will require energy companies to disclose the concentrations of all chemicals in hydraulic fracturing and also ask drillers to make public some information about ingredients considered trade secrets.

Colorado regulators unanimously approved the new rules Tuesday that take effect in April.

The guidelines are similar to those required by a first-in-the-nation law passed in Texas this year but go further by requiring the concentrations of chemicals to be disclosed.

"That's the big advance here. We're getting a full picture of what's in that fracking fluid," said Michael Freeman, an attorney for Earthjustice who worked with industry to write the rules.

Also, if Colorado drillers claim a trade secret, they would still have to disclose the ingredient's chemical family. In emergencies, companies would have to tell health care workers what those secret ingredients were.

"It yielded a good rule for the state and a workable rule for the industry," said Jep Seman, an attorney for the Colorado Petroleum Association.

Companies have been fracking for decades, but as drilling expands to more populated areas, residents near wells are concerned about the effects on their health and drinking water. Texas, in passing its law this summer, noted that fracking has been done safely in that state for 60 years.

Arkansas, Montana, Texas, and Wyoming all require

companies to disclose the chemicals in fracking fluid but not their concentrations, said Matt Watson, senior energy policy manager for the Environmental Defense Fund. Louisiana and New Mexico only require disclosure of some chemicals deemed workplace hazards by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration. Other states, including

Michigan and Pennsylvania, have proposed similar regulations.

Gov. John Hickenlooper called for Colorado to draft a disclosure rule. The commission proposed having companies list nonproprietary ingredients and concentrations on FracFocus.org, a national website created by two intergovernmental agencies.

Texas to require listing of fracking chemicals

HOUSTON (AP) - Texas regulators have adopted rules requiring oil and gas drillers to disclose on a website the chemicals they use in hydraulic fracturing operations.


The Texas Railroad Commission adopted rules Tuesday to enforce a law passed by the Legislature earlier this year.

Texas has been a pioneer in efforts nationwide to force drillers to be more open about chemical-laced water pumped into the ground to crack dense rock formations to withdraw oil and gas. The process is known as fracking and some environmental groups fear the chemicals could taint water and pollute the air.

Texas will require companies to disclose chemicals but not concentrations. Other states, such as Colorado, require disclosure of concentrations.


Beginning Feb. 1, the companies in Texas must list the chemicals on a national registry, www.fracfocus.org.

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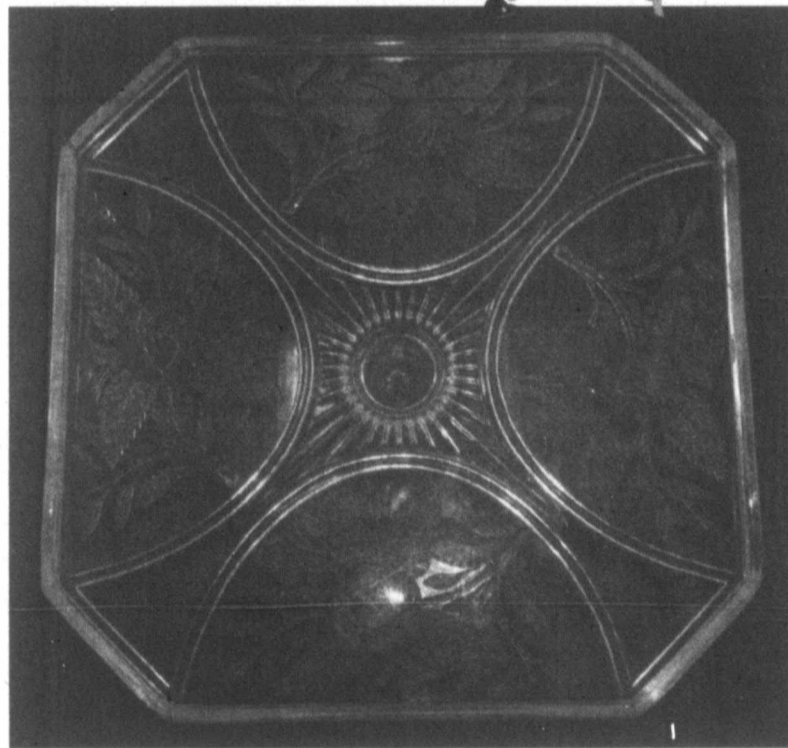
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Rose sprig blossoms on cake stand

Q: Enclosed is a photo of the top of a yellow glass, cake stand that has been in my family for generations. It stands 9 inches tall, is in mint condition and is not marked. Any information on the maker, age and value would be appreciated.

A: Your cake stand is an example of early American, pattern glass. Campbell, Jones and Co. made your canary yellow, cake stand. They were founded in Pittsburgh, Pa., in 1886. The pattern is "Rose Sprig" and was produced in canary yellow, clear, blue and amber. A plethora of table pieces were made that included cake stands, spooners, pitchers, bowls, punch bowls, tumblers, creamers, sugar bowls and celery holders. In the 1960s, goblets and salt dips were reproduced and can be recognized by the inferior quality of color, detail and workmanship.

Your circa 1886 cake stand would fetch \$75 to \$125 in an antiques shop.



Campbell, Jones and Co. was founded in 1886.

A: Karl Ens Porcelain made your figurine around 1900. His factory produced porcelain in Rudolstadt, Volkstedt and Thuringia, Germany, from 1898 to 1972.

Similar figurines can be seen selling in the range of \$150 to \$200.

Q: I have a silver charm bracelet that was given to me in 1944. My mother gave me the first charm, and I have a total of 7. All of the charms are engraved with the names of family and friends. Marked on the backside of each charm are the words "Coro Sterling Silver."

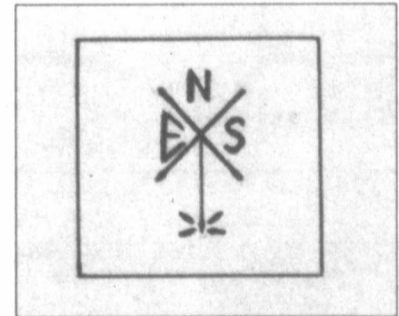
Does my bracelet have any value?

A: The Cohen Xerger Co.,

founded in 1900, in New York City, made your bracelet. They also had a factory in Providence, R.I. In 1943, the company changed its name to Coro. They used the first two letters of Cohn and Rosenberger. Coro Craft Sterling was produced from 1943 to 1944, and it was one of their most expensive lines. The company was sold to Richton Intl. in 1970 and it eventually went bankrupt.

Coro costume jewelry is very collectible. Your bracelet would probably be worth \$75 to \$125.

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.




Karl Ens Porcelain Factory was located in Germany, from 1898 to 1972.

Q: About 75 years ago, I was given a porcelain figurine. It is a female dancer, at 15 inches tall, and it is wearing a mauve gown with gold trim. I have enclosed the mark that is on the figurine.

I hope you can tell me who made my figurine, how old it is and what it is worth.

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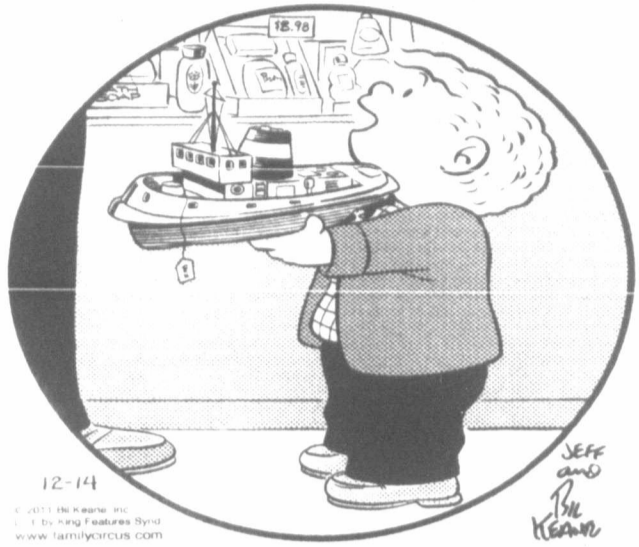
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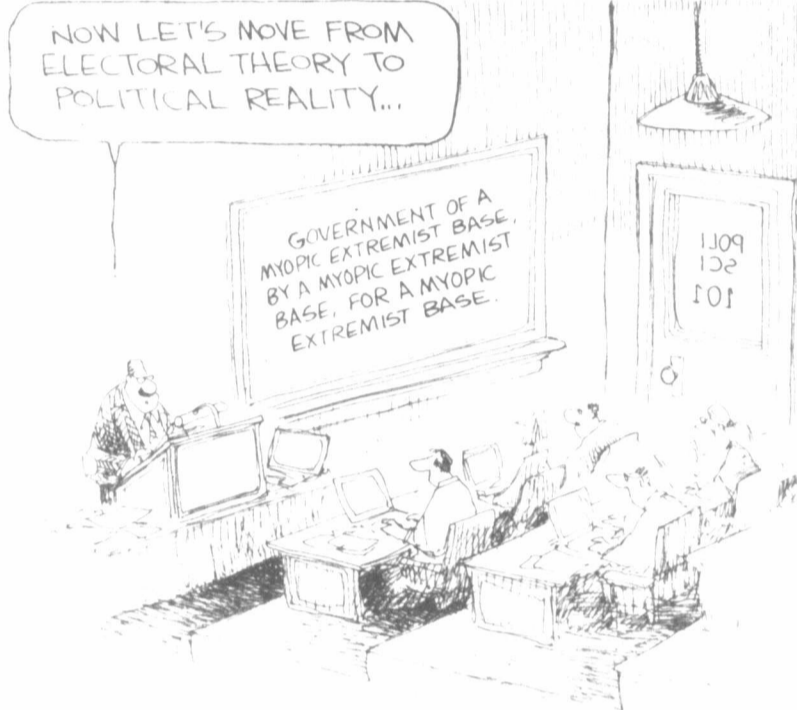
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daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2011:

Some years are easier than others. This year, you seem to flow more easily. You could have upsets, but the way you handle situations changes radically. You manifest a great deal of passion about living, look at new ways of re-framing and flow past self-imposed boundaries. Restrictions easily could tumble away. If you are single, someone quite dashing, exciting and different whirls into your life. What you do with this person is your choice. If you are attached, you enter a very dynamic year together. Opt for a special, long-talked-about vacation. LEO brings out your enthusiasm.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
***** Let spontaneity be your guide. The extra enthusiasm that stems from accepting impulsiveness makes you smile. Encounters with positive and open-minded people add to your potential and enthusiasm. Listen to your inner voice. Tonight: Center of your universe.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
*** If you really would like to have a home-based business, start the process now. A partner or a potential co-worker expresses interest in joining you. You also could make your office feel a little more homey. Add a plant or table fountain. Tonight: Where the action is.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
***** Read Aries, and you will allow more of your impulsive spirit to emerge. Many people delight in your resilient and changing personality. As they say, "you are interesting." Know that you really can be yourself. Others seek you out. Tonight: Enjoy the popularity.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
***** You delight in the holiday season, if you can give as you would like to. Drop the need to give so much on a material level. Think about what would be a good gift for the person you have in mind. Tonight: Share a favorite dessert.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
***** The Force is with you once more. Your creativity soars. Even if you're doing the same old thing, your mind makes this venture quite exciting. Pick up the phone and invite a friend to lunch. Whether you find a shortcut or are unusually quick, you cruise through the day. Tonight: What ever makes the Lion purr.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

*** Listen to what is being suggested by various people. You probably need some time before making a decision. You know what works, but there could be a change here -- you sense that. Find someone you consider an authority. Talk. Tonight: Not to be found.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

***** You like people. You like being with your friends. You think anything is possible when you are in your upbeat mood. Relax and remain sure of yourself. Return calls and make calls you have put off for way too long. Tonight: Join friends at a favorite spot.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

***** Open up to being more experimental than in the past. Understand your limits and what you feel you can no longer do. Be willing to say no or find an alternative. Don't let finances be the only issue; use good sense. Tonight: Revise your holiday list.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

***** Your mind seems to be anywhere but on the topic at hand. Reining in your imagination could be close to impossible. Your sense of direction emerges only when you relax and go with the flow. Know that you are not always this way. Worry less. Tonight: The world is your oyster.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

*** Make time to pull back and handle a personal matter. Your ability to move in a new direction depends on your ability to recharge your batteries. You might need a break from the busy pace. Schedule a massage or decide on another stress-buster. Tonight: Vanish while you can.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

***** Friends and associates seek you out. Don't cancel a meeting just to give yourself some space. Right now each meeting could be more significant than you realize. Know what you want from a key situation, then zero in on the goal. Tonight: Where your friends are.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

*** You might be left holding the bag on a very important project. Don't forget to take care of yourself. You find out that as much work as you have could cause problems with your energy. Do you really want to do this to your life? Tonight: Put your feet up. You deserve a break.

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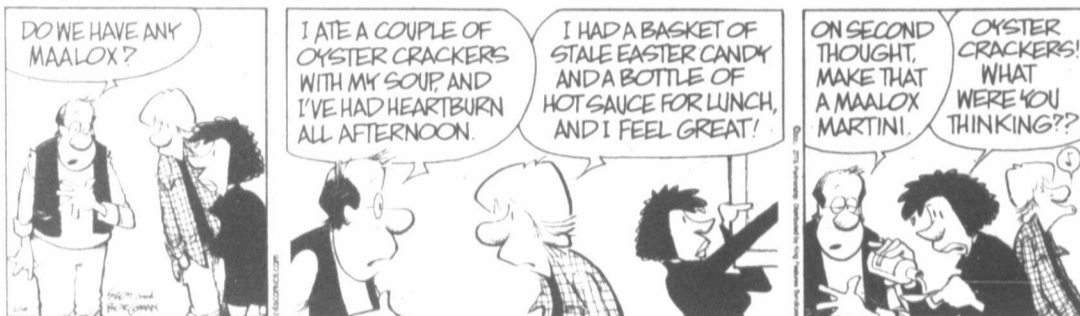
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Worship

A tale of two nativity decorations

Some of my favorite Christmas decorations are crèches (small nativity scenes). I love seeing the different representations of the Christmas scene. We typically set up two crèches at our house. We have a very nice set made by Willow Tree and a more kid-friendly version made by Fisher Price. The first scene is carved from wood and hand painted – the pieces are beautiful, but fragile. Therefore, it is set apart on a spare table, where it can overlook our living room, safely out of the reach of our children. The second set is often on the floor for the children to play with. The brightly colored pieces are plastic and sturdy (able to withstand little hands and lots of slobber). The first scene has Mary holding the baby in her arms, as if she is protecting God himself from the cold winter wind. The second scene has the baby lying in a manger, with arms outstretched – as if he is embracing the world or asking the world to embrace him. While the pieces to the first scene are arranged so that all the pieces face the child, the pieces to the second scene are often scattered across the room. These two sets are very different from one another, but each of them can tell us something about the Christmas story.

If we were to take the fragile set off the shelf and put it at the kid's level, then it would remind us that God came down from heaven to be with us. Jesus is not made of nearly indestructible plastic like the Fisher Price set. He is made of the same breakable stuff that you and I are made of. God came to us in the form of a baby – a defenseless, dependent baby. He came to be with us. God understands us inside and



KENNY RIGOULOT

the good word

out because he is made of the same stuff that we are? On Christmas, the eternal and infinite God became an infant.

The pieces of the second scene are on the kid's level so they have a tendency to disappear. When our daughter was a toddler, she loved to take Baby Jesus. She would put him in her stroller. She would put him in her mouth. She would even bring him to you if you asked her to. Isn't this a beautiful picture of what Christmas is all about? Shouldn't Christians carry Jesus with us wherever we go? Shouldn't the name of Jesus be in our mouths? Shouldn't we bring Jesus to those who ask for him? Tonight let us celebrate that God who knows us through and through and loves us all the same.

So whether your crèche is beautiful and fragile or bright and kid-friendly, remember that God loved you so much that he came down off the safety of the shelf to be with you. The next time a child walks away with baby Jesus, remember that we too should carry take him with us wherever we go. The next time you look at a crèche, remember, "God loves you."

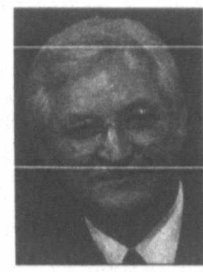
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GOD'S GOOD NEWS

Wisdom in crisis: Thinking right

When a crisis comes to our lives, things can go off center. Life can get a bit crazy. What do we do? James 1:5 says, "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God..." Here is what I ask God to give me:

First, is to think right. Alan Bean, a former Apollo astronaut shared about right thinking in his book CRISIS. "Test pilots have a litmus test for evaluating problems. When something goes wrong they ask, 'Is this thing still flying?' If the answer is yes, then there is no immediate danger, no need to over-react. When Apollo 12 took off, the spacecraft was hit by lightning. The entire console began to glow with orange and red trouble



DAVID BOULER

lights. There was a temptation to "do something!" But the pilots asked themselves, "Is this thing still flying in the right direction?" The answer was yes – it was headed for the moon. They let the lights glow as they addressed the individual problems, and watched the orange and red lights turn off one by one. That's something to think about in any pressure situation. If your thing is still flying, "think first, and then act."

In your thinking, ask God for understanding, direction, and His timing.

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CHURCH SPOTLIGHT

Hancock new City Commission chaplain

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The City Commission will have a new chaplain. Briarwood Full Gospel Church pastor Lynn Hancock gave the invocation at Tuesday's meeting. "I'm honored," Hancock said.

"I see it as a responsibility. I'm honored to serve the commission and the community."

Hancock's primary duty is to give the prayer before the meeting, but will help in any way needed.

"I'm available for counseling or anything they need,"

Hancock said. Hancock said he is looking forward to working with Mayor Brad Pingel and the commission. "I'm delighted and excited about it," Hancock said. "It's a privilege."

Hancock will still perform his duties as pastor at Briarwood.

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Edinburg school may build safety wall after Monday shooting

EDINBURG (AP) — Dozens of law enforcement officers trudged through soggy brush near a South Texas middle school Tuesday looking for casings and other evidence to help explain how two boys were shot while they were trying out for the school basketball team.

Investigators have questioned three men who were found on adjacent ranchland after the shooting Monday evening. Two were practicing target shooting about a half mile from the school. A third was an illegal immigrant with an assault rifle who was trespassing on the property. The target shooters were released, but are still under investigation. The other man remained in custody. Investigators didn't know if any of them fired the shots.

School officials met with parents Tuesday morning, and both said they were surprised to learn there was hunting on private property just beyond the school's perimeter. Superintendent Rene Gutierrez said one property owner had informed officials about hunting on his land, but they hadn't known there was any in the area where the shots came from.

"We were not aware that there was hunting on the west side of the school or that there were (hunting) leases on the west side until last night," Gutierrez said.

With no Texas law prohibiting hunting on private land near a school and high-powered rifles that can fire more than a mile, school officials said the most immediate way to protect students might be building a cinder-block wall around two sides of Harwell Middle School to protect it from flying bullets.

The school opened just this year on rural property northeast of Edinburg, which is about 50 miles northwest of Brownsville. Homes line the road approaching the school, but ranchlands covered with thickets of short trees and undergrowth stretch out to the west and the north.

A chain link fence separates the back of the campus from about 200 yards of open field, and there a tree line starts an expanse of thick scrub to the west.

The boys, ages 13 and 14, were in a parking lot that had been converted into a temporary basketball court behind the school when they were shot about 4:45 p.m. Monday. About 50 children were trying out for the team. One boy going for a layup was shot just under the right arm, and the other was shot in the back while awaiting his turn.

Four coaches immediately rushed children inside the building while other staff tended to the wounded students, Gutierrez said. Both boys underwent surgery and were

listed in stable condition, he said.

Investigators were able to retrieve a bullet from one of the boys. Hidalgo County Sheriff Lupe Trevino said they will check for a ballistics match with rifles taken from three men who were questioned. The target shooters told investigators they were practicing on property west of the school, and Trevino said they appeared to have been in the right line of fire to hit the students.

"We felt very certain that the shots came from afar," Trevino said. "They probably came from one of the surrounding ranches. We knew for sure that it did not occur from within the compound of the school."

Investigators were still trying to figure out where the third man was when the boys were shot. He had an AR-15 assault rifle, and Trevino said he could face trespassing and weapons charges in addition to his immigration violation.

Classes were held as scheduled Tuesday, but students were confined to campus buildings and extra security patrolled the campus.

Mike Cox, a spokesman for Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, said he was not aware of a specific law or regulation that prohibits hunting close to public buildings,

such as schools or hospitals. He said it is against the law to discharge firearms within city limits or along any public road.

Trevino also said he didn't believe there was any law preventing hunting near a school.

"You're in the state of Texas and the state of Texas, like any other state in the union, has rural schools all over the country," Trevino said. "And a lot of the schools are surrounded by hunting ... Even during dove season, we get literally hundreds of calls of residents having barbecues having pellets rain upon their roof. I mean that happens every year. You've got to remember you're in rural Hidalgo County, Texas, and it is a hunting state."

However, he added, "you would seem to think also that there's some sort of personal responsibility that one has to take as a hunter or as a responsible adult."

A man who owns property northeast of the school had told school officials that he leased his property out to two deer hunters and that this would be the last year, Gutierrez said. That property owner advised the hunters of the school's location and told them to only shoot north, away from the campus, he said.

City

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Morris, city manager.

He anticipates an additional \$33,000 will go towards the funding of the recycling facility project.

"We've already finished the project, but this would refund us for some monies that we spent," said Morris.

In other business, the commission:

- accepted the PEDC's report, and reappointed Gary Sutherland, Bill Roy, Cay Warner and Bill Bridges to the PEDC board;

- appointed Lynn Hancock, Pastor of Briarwood Church, as City Commission Chaplain;

- approved an ordinance to amend revenues and appropriations for the support of the City of Pampa;

- cancelled its December 27 meeting;

- approved the minutes of its two previous meetings;

- and excused the absences of two commissioners from previous meetings.

Blood

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48-hour hold for testing), it makes existing supplies and winter blood drives especially important, said Talley.

"You can never have too much blood available," she said. "We have to draw 125 units a day to meet the needs of the High Plains region. We cover a 30-county, 32-medical facility region. That's who we supply blood for, and when you think about 125 units a day, if we can go to one place and draw that — which we can use the blood center and Pampa — then that's our whole day. Some days, we may have to go five or six places to get our 125 a day. It's just amazing to know that when we have Pampa coming up in a day or so, we can count on a hundred units from there."

Pampa's most recent community blood drive, held on Nov. 30 and dedicated to ailing Pampa resident Johnnie Marx, netted 62 units of blood for Coffee's supply.

The blood center will follow that up

with a concerted campaign in Pampa in early 2012, with a drive at Pampa High School on Jan. 11 and another at Clarendon College Pampa Center on Feb. 8.

During those upcoming drives, Talley said, Coffee will make use of its new TRIMA automated donation machines to give donors the opportunity to donate double the red blood cells if their blood type matches those of the highest need.

"We always need O negative because it's the universal donor that we can give to anyone in a crisis," said Talley. "We always need O positive because it's the most common. With automated technology on the mobile units, we can collect two units of red cells from those specific types. ... We would encourage anyone that is a type O to consider doing two units on our automated machine on those days."

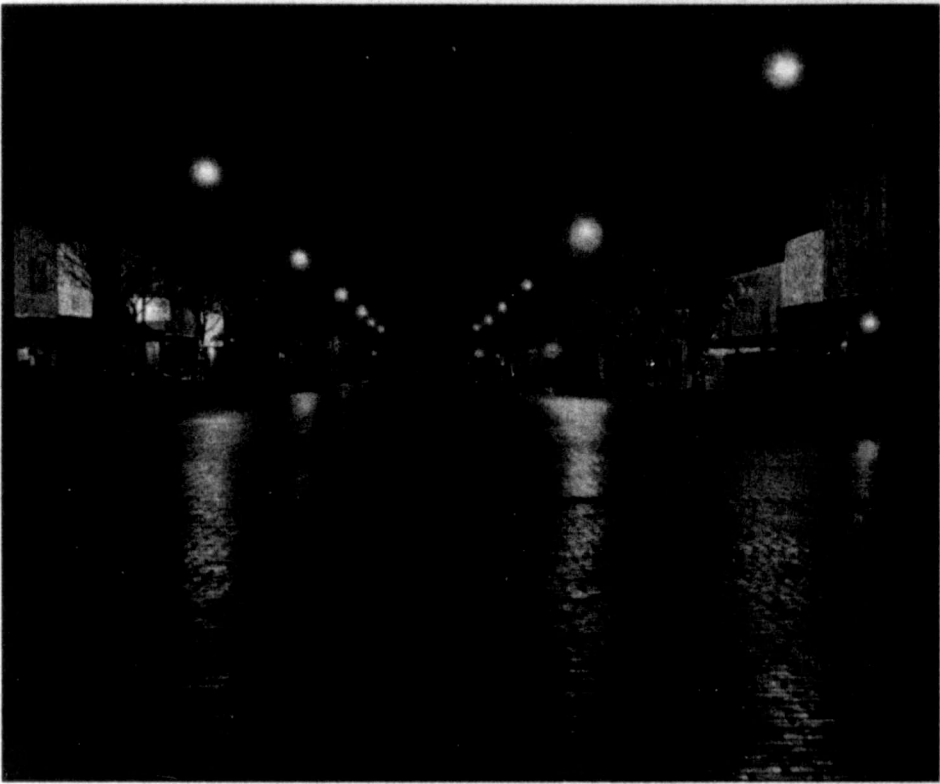


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The bright greens and reds of an illuminated Curyler Street reflect in the rain-soaked brick streets downtown.

Lights

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\$3,000 from Pampa's Tourism Committee, the other for \$5,000 from an anonymous donor. With the entire endeavor costing about \$9,500, the downtown merchants footed the rest of the bill.

It's been money well spent, said Rheams, who added that downtown

shoppers have been commenting nonstop about the lights since they were turned on.

"We get it every day," Rheams said. "The people in Pampa, you know, they get right downtown and they say, 'Wow.' It's amazing, because I can go anywhere and they say, 'Ken,

it's beautiful.' It makes the whole town look good."

Rheams said that he hopes it's the beginning of a beautiful Christmas tradition.

"It would be nice to keep it going," he said. "I'm hoping next year we can do more."

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After a few seasons of sack cloth and ashes, where practicality trumped indulgence, jewelry, the quintessential gift of luxury, love and passion, has come roaring back as the season's best gift.

Gold may be hovering at stratospheric levels and the economy is still seesawing, but that's not stopping well-heeled shoppers from indulging their jewelry habits. Retailers and designers say they've noticed an uptick in interest and sales for baubles, which bodes well for the holiday season.

"There's a demand for statement pieces, whether it's an oversized cocktail ring or a dramatic cuff bracelet," says Los Angeles jewelry designer, C.C. Skye, whose showy accessories have curried favor with boldfaced names like Halle Berry, Gwen Stefani and Kristin Cavallari. "They feel that we've been through the recession. We've lived it. We don't want to live that lifestyle anymore. There's still room for more celebration."

Customers may also justify the expense since jewelry can be reworked with a variety of wardrobe pieces, say retailers.

"People may not be in the mood to buy shoes or clothes, but they know a fun piece of jewelry can make an outfit pop and can be worn again and again," says Melissa Akkaway, owner of Beckley Boutique, which has locations in Los Angeles and Las Vegas.

When it comes to fashion jewelry, which usually tops out at \$1,000, clean and spare necklaces sporting initials and quirky pendants are a key trend for the holidays. Alex Woo's dainty charms, such as initials and zodiac signs, can sell for \$148 in sterling silver, \$548 in 14 karat gold and \$798 with pavé diamonds. A new holiday addition to Beckley is Maya Brenner's pendants in the shape of states (seen on the likes of Katy Perry, Eva Longoria and Jessica Simpson) in gold and silver, with easy-on-the-wallet prices of \$130 to \$300. Those rimmed with diamonds will

fetch \$1,040.

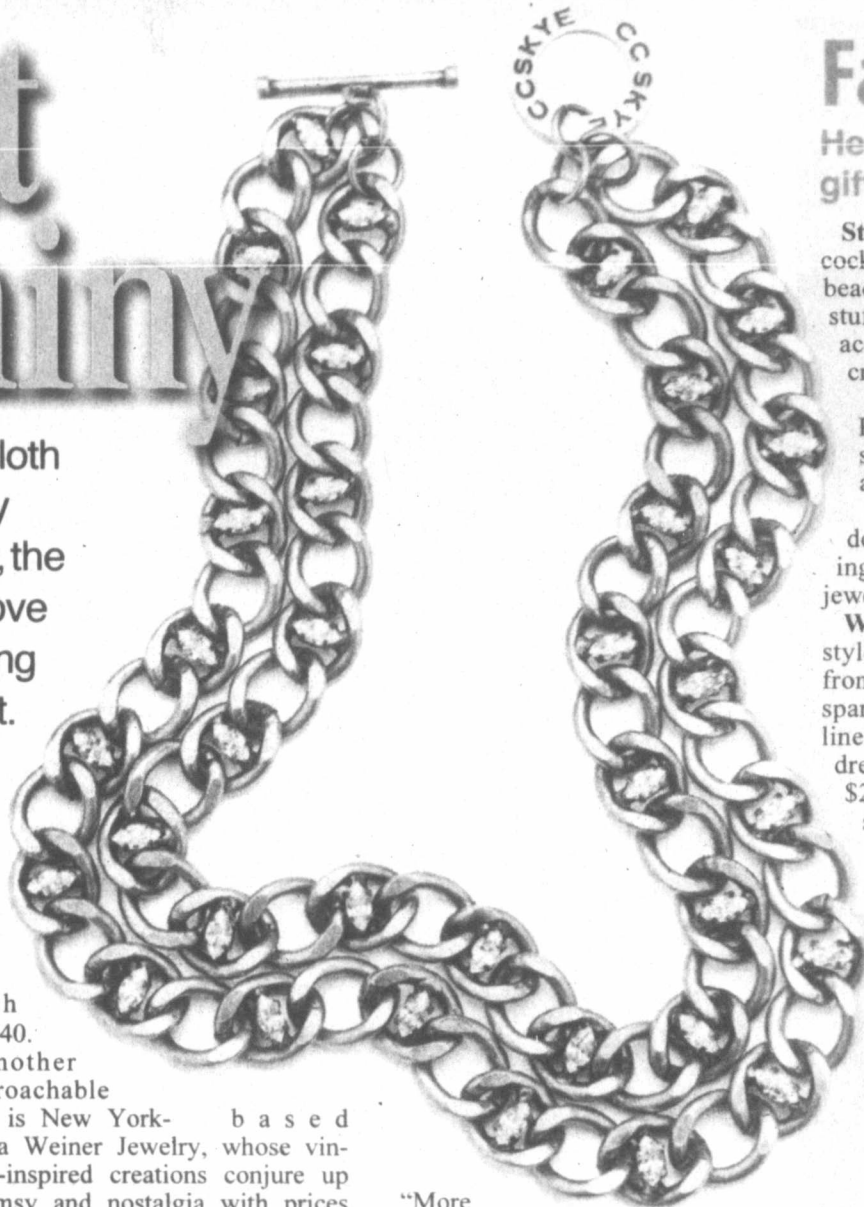
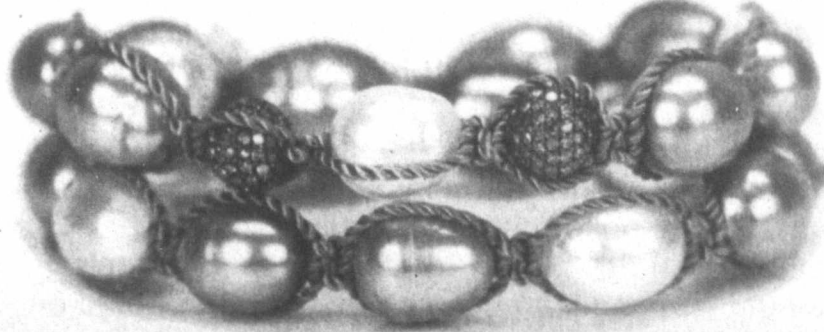
Another approachable line is New York-based Erica Weiner Jewelry, whose vintage-inspired creations conjure up whimsy and nostalgia with prices averaging under \$300. At the company's store in New York City, manager Emily Ruane steers clients away from solitaire diamonds unless the present is supposed to be the real deal — a proposal or anniversary gift.

"It's just not appropriate to give big diamonds unless you're engaged or married," Ruane says.

Instead, for the holidays, she suggests the double letterpress necklace, which actually incorporates old moveable type as the pendants and is personalized with initials, or the Civil War-era tintage necklaces, which feature photographs printed on iron sheets hanging from brass chains. Men may appreciate the pen-knife necklace on a brass chain or a cast fossil nautilus necklace, items that aren't highly embellished or too overwrought.

Los Angeles-based Lord Griffon, known for its chunky oxidized silver jewelry and a fan base that includes Randy Jackson from "American Idol," has also noticed a shift in male tastes to less in-your-face skull ware. What's more in demand these days are sleeker looks, such as ID bracelets and fleur-de-lis necklaces, says Suzie Lederer, founder and creative director of Lord Griffon.

Stackable pearl wrap bracelets by Jordan Alexander



"More than something really hard-edged, they want something they can wear not when they're just going to the club or riding motorcycles on weekends," Lederer says.

C.C. Skye also projects a heavy metal holiday of sorts, glittering with multiple diamonds, such as the Wish List Necklace, comprising of heavy bronze chains woven with white stones. Her retailers are also beginning to stock the pavé punk princess bracelet in gun metal for the holidays. Skye says it caters to that "luxe, funk princess" trend.

"It's got an edge with elegance," she says. "There's irony and balance. Women of all ages are wearing pavé, not just younger girls."

Fine jewelry is also in demand for those aspirational buyers, according to Janet Goldman, founder and chief executive officer of Fragments showroom in New York, which represents about 35 fashion and fine jewelry collections. Her suggestions for holiday gifts include layered looks, such as necklaces that are "feminine, soft and drapery," and bracelets that combine textures such as wooden beads paired with a diamond bangle. Long, dramatic earrings are in for those seeking gifts infused with glam and sparkle. The Miguel Ases line features dangling earrings studded with tiny beads that are easy to wear with tank tops or little black dresses and fit the under-\$500 budget.

Customers who want to splurge may opt for the designs by Phillips Frankel, including the round pendants covered in pavé diamonds at \$1,500 or Moritz Glik's oxidized silver and white gold chains with little box pendants enclosed with rubies, diamonds and sapphires priced around \$10,000.

Fashion pointers

Here's a look at what may please gift recipients this holiday season

Statement pieces — Look for attention-getting cocktail rings, dramatic cuff bracelets or long beaded earrings to help your loved one strut her stuff. "It's all about wanting that great, luxurious accessory," says Janet Goldman, founder and creative director of Fragments.

Metallics — Metals will shine this holiday season. Rose gold's popularity continues along with edgier styles crafted in gunmetal, oxidized silver, bronze and mixed metallics.

Pavé diamonds — These little gems that dot pendants, bracelets and more are catering to the luxe trend and elevating fashion jewelry to a new level.

Whimsical pendants — Fun never goes out of style, and there's lots to choose from this season, from initials, to vintage charms or to costume sparklers. The startling whimsy of the French line N2, with characters from fairy tales and children's stories, are youthful and distinctive (from \$25, jewelry and gift stores). There's no need to settle on size or fit, making them perfect, no-fuss gifts. "Men feel good buying things that don't pose issues," Goldman says.

Ohh-lah-lah: Whimsical patisserie necklace from Paris-based N2



"[Jewelry] purchases over \$5,000 are what's trending," Goldman says. "It's about finding something that will make us buy, something that 'I can't live without.'"



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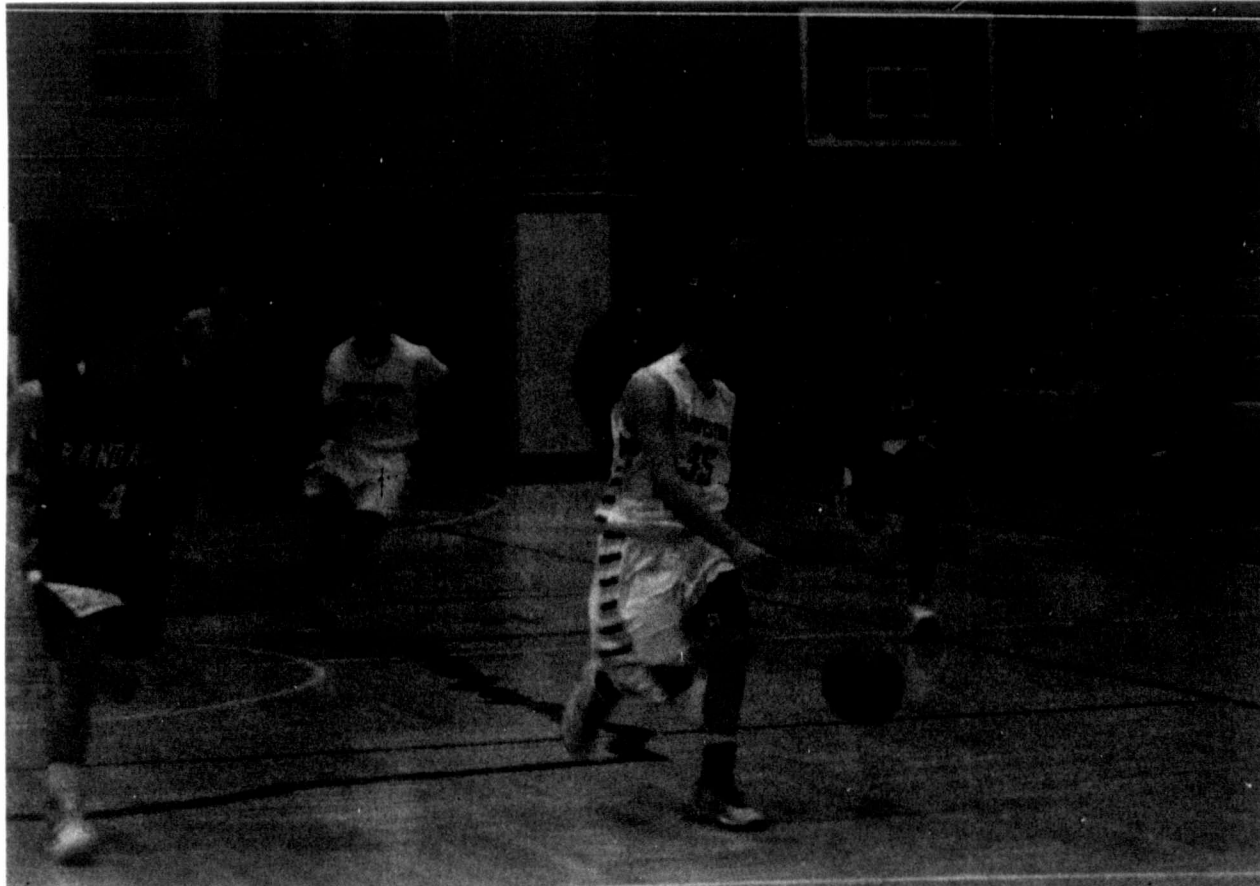
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Sports

Harvesters start slow again, rally too late, fall to Raiders at home



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Junior Tyler Powell drives for a second half basket with a host of Randall Raiders trailing. The Harvesters started slow for the third consecutive game and lost to the Raiders 76-61 at McNeely Fieldhouse.

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After suffering two tough losses on their Dallas road trip, the No. 21 Pampa Harvesters were hoping to turn things around at home against the Randall Raiders.

Instead, Randall jumped out to a double digit lead and didn't look back in a 76-61 victory Tuesday at McNeely Fieldhouse.

With 4:34 left in the first, head coach Dustin Miller and the rest of the Harvesters were looking for answers.

"I have no idea what's wrong," Miller said. "This is becoming a habit. We need to fix it before it gets to district."

This was the third consecutive game that Pampa fell behind by double digits. Junior Derrek Pollard said the team needs to start faster.

"We need to find something to do," Pollard said.

"We keep getting down early and get down 10. We have to fight back later in the game. We can't keep doing that."

The Harvesters (7-4) struggled to get the ball inside and took several shots from the perimeter that they didn't hit. Randall took advantage of those and a pair of turnovers to build an 11-0 lead. Miller said Randall played tough inside defense and challenged his players before the game to get inside looks.

"We shot like 10 or 12 threes it felt like in the first quarter," Miller said. "We were always shooting threes. Our huge focus was getting inside of them. At the same time they have been playing defense for a long time and aren't going to let you inside."

Pollard said he struggled to score inside against Randall's big men.

"I didn't go down low as much," Pollard said.

"When I did, it wasn't working out."

Pampa trailed by double digits practically the whole game. The Raiders led 20-7 after the first and 36-21 at halftime. The Harvesters only had four players score, with seniors Latigo Collins and Cole Engle converting 16 of Pampa's 21. The Raiders had eight players score. Pampa struggled stopping Logan Brittain and Ridrell Holman, who each hit three three-pointers.

In the second half, tempers flared on both teams. Pollard was called for a technical with 4:34 left in the third for arguing a foul, which quickly gave him his third and fourth fouls. After Reid Miller stole an inbounds pass and made a layup, Randall's Zach Carlisle received a technical for punching the ball back to the referee two minutes into the fourth quarter. With five seconds left, senior Reid

Miller earned a technical for responding to a taunt by the Raiders. The coach said he challenged his players to play competitively on their court in the second half.

"I don't want that to PAMPA cont. on page 4B

BANANAGRAMS!

There is one letter that when added to all of the five-letter words below can be used to form new six-letter words. Find the letter that works for all four words, add it to each word, and then rearrange each set of letters to form a new word.

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Level: Intermediate



Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I am an educated woman in my late 20s. I have been married for several years to a wonderful man, and we were recently blessed with our first child.

Since our wedding, my relationship with my mother-in-law has been an evolving one. Since the inception of "Desperate Housewives" on TV, she seems to believe she's a character on the show. She trots around in revealing clothing looking like a street-walker. She spends most of her time gossiping with her newfound buddies who are half her age, and who seem to delight in dressing her up to make her the talk of the town.

As a little girl, when I dreamed of how my life would be as a married woman, it was never like this. My dreams never included a MIL who enjoys seeing people look at her in disbelief as she struts across the room. I don't want this to be an example for my daughter. Confronting her doesn't work — she responds with guilt and mockery. In other words, she always wins. I'm at a loss and have given up trying to figure her out. Please help. — DESPERATE HOUSEWIFE

DEAR DESPERATE:

As an educated woman, it's time for you to smarten up and accept your mother-in-law for the "character" she is — warts and all. You were wrong to expect her to fulfill the fantasy role you created for her. She's not ready to do it — and she may never be.

The way she dresses will not influence your daughter; you will do that. Your mother-in-law's attire is a reflection only on her, not you. Remember that. If she is so youthful in spirit that she has been accepted by a younger group of women, stop judging her and perhaps even learn from it. She's not over the hill yet. So stop trying to push her there, and you'll both be happier.

DEAR ABBY: My husband, "Joe," and I have been married for 12 years. I have a daughter from a previous marriage and he has a son from a previous relationship. My daughter is married and lives in another state.

My 22-year-old stepson, "Junior," lives with us. I have a history of drug and alcohol abuse and has stolen from us. I recently discovered that another item of mine was

missing. I told Joe it has to stop — that I can't live like a prisoner in my own home. Joe will not kick Junior out of the house. Joe said HE would leave, but that he won't put Junior out on the street like a dog.

Our marriage was solid until Junior's problems started a year ago. I'd never ask my husband to make a choice. Junior is his son. I, on the other hand, feel like a stranger in my own home. We barely speak now and have been sleeping in separate rooms. I am at a loss. Abby, have you any advice? — STRANGER IN MY OWN HOME

DEAR STRANGER: Yes. You and your husband should consult a therapist who specializes in treating addictions. Your husband loves his son, but he is enabling him to continue using by turning a blind eye to his stealing and not enforcing consequences. Sometimes love has to be tough. Because your marriage has deteriorated to the point that you no longer speak or share a bedroom, recognize that you must look out for your own welfare because your husband seems unwilling or unable to.

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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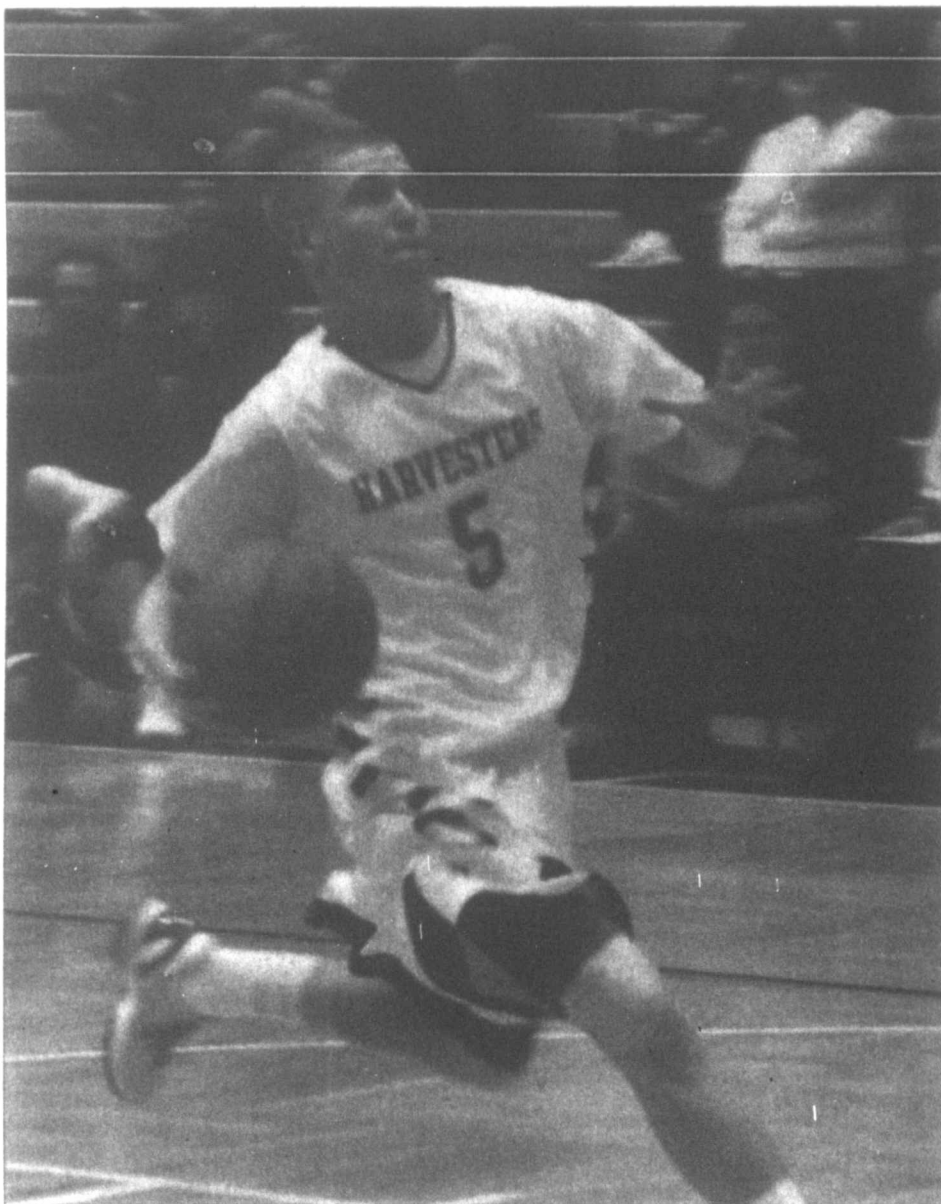
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translate into not being classy and doing the right thing," Miller said. "We got two technicals. I don't know if they were warranted. I think the officials were just getting testy with me and our fans."

Pollard said the team usually comes out with a spark in the second half.

"I have no clue why," Pollard said. "We need to come sparked up at the beginning of the game."

Pampa finally got going on offense in the fourth quarter. Collins made 10 of 12 free throw attempts after he missed five of his first six. Engle and Pollard combined for three three-pointers. The Harvesters entered the fourth trailing 60-33 but were able to cut the lead to 12 at one point.

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Joe Murray

Senior Latigo Collins puts up a layup against Randall in the first half Tuesday. Collins led the Harvesters in scoring with 19 points. The Harvesters lost 76-61 for their third straight loss overall and second straight at home.

Dustin said he was pleased with his team's effort, but doesn't want his team dependent on a late rally.

"Our district is going to roll around," Dustin said. "All those teams are better than they were last year. We got to better. We got to fix that really quick."

Collins led the Harvesters in scoring with 19. Engle followed with 18, scoring 15 from three-

point territory. Reid scored 10. Pollard led the team in rebounds with nine. Holman led the Raiders with 29 points. Brittain followed with 13. Holman and Brittain led Randall in rebounding with seven.

The loss was Pampa's third straight and second straight at home. The Harvesters have lost the last four games with Randall and host Panhandle 6:30 p.m. Monday.

NBA SEASON BEGINNING

Christmas start has NBA in disarray

The lockout ended, and the NBA's woes were just beginning.

Dwight Howard asked to be traded. Chris Paul was dealt to the Lakers, it seemed, until the league decided he wasn't. So the Lakers made another trade, which Kobe Bryant hated.

"Nobody's happy," Spurs forward Tim Duncan said.

He was referring to feelings about terms of the new collective bargaining agreement, which in some ways are so similar to the old ones that it's fair to wonder exactly what was the point of the five-month lockout.

But he might as well have been talking about the superstars who want new homes, the critics blistering Commissioner David Stern for forcing one to stay put, or team officials charged with having clubs ready to play by Christmas under bizarre circumstances.

"It's just too bad, it really is. It's not reflective right now of the great product we had, you know?" former coach and ABC/ESPN analyst Jeff Van Gundy said. "It's one thing to have a summer and fall of strife due to labor negotiations. It's another to be seen as an organization that's in disarray once you settle that."

Van Gundy blames money, the natural place to start. Owners will save plenty by getting players to agree to a 12 percent reduction in salary costs in the new deal. But in doing so in time to salvage a substantial season, they conceded on many issues that were necessary to create the competitive balance they said they craved.

So Paul and Howard are trying to force their way from small markets to big, just as Carmelo Anthony did last year, and there's no guaranteed mechanism to stop them.

But at least everyone was home for Halloween.

"Just like the regular fan out there, just like you guys, you do wonder why stuff happened. You look at it and say, 'Why did the lockout happen?'" Miami

guard Dwyane Wade said. "I don't see it helping right now. Maybe in a few years we'll all look back and see why this lockout happened. But right now it's not showing its face at all. ... The competitive balance thing was a pie-in-the-sky. We knew that was impossible, in a sense, especially when you've got players willing to take less money to be happy."

That's what Wade, LeBron James and

Chris Bosh did so they could team up last summer. Owners could have attempted to block future superteam building with a hard salary cap or franchise tag designations that exist in the NFL, but the players fought those changes in an effort to keep a system that looked like the old one, giving teams the ability to exceed the cap by quite a bit if they were willing to pay a luxury tax.



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