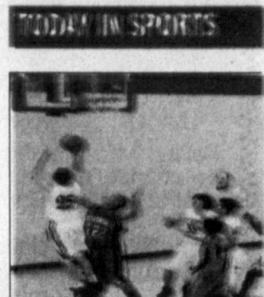


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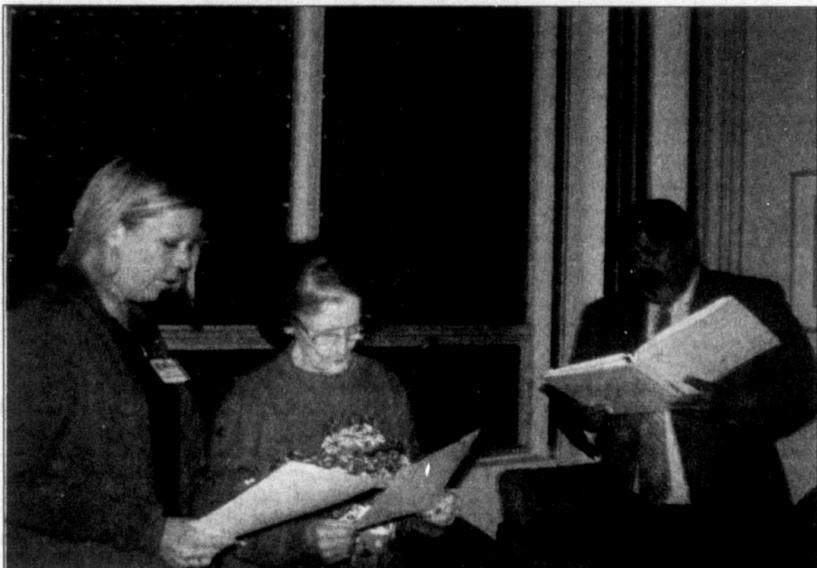
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Top photo from left, Lori Crutchfield, RN, BSA Hospice Care; Sherry Begert, hospice patient; and Joe Martinez, vocalist; lead the singing during the hospice's annual tree lighting. Bottom photo from left, Laura Sailor Reyher, Ginger Ferris, Wanda Armstrong and Elice Sailor stand by the Tree of Life.



Hospice's tree lighting service honors loved ones who are gone

BY TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE
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There was a collective sigh Monday night as the room went dark and strings of red lights in the shape of a Christmas tree were turned on outdoors to be seen through the tall glass windows.

BSA Hospice Care in Pampa held its annual tree lighting service in honor of those who have died during the year. Turning on the lights this year was hospice patient Sherry Begert.

"We do this in memory of our patients," said Laura Sailor Reyher, a registered

nurse who is director of BSA's home care and hospice.

Reyher grew up in Pampa and now works at BSA's facility in Amarillo.

One of last night's attendees was Dr. Raymond Laycock, who operated a medical practice in the building on Sumner **HOSPICE** cont. on page 2

Pampa's own strongman — and patrol cop



Submitted photo

BARNABAS "BARNEY" RADKE in his patrol car about to head out to a call. Radke has been with the Pampa Police Department for about four years.

■ Arizona transplant has deep roots in several sports, powerlifting.

BY ZACHARY GREEN
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Barnabas "Barney" Radke is a Pampa Police officer that has been involved in many different sports and still is today.

Before coming to Pampa four years ago, Radke lived in Globe-Miamwi, Ariz., about 90 miles east of Phoenix, where he retired from law enforcement. In Pampa, he was going to be in the welding business for the oil fields, but about six months after he started that the oil field hit one of its down periods.

Radke is a single-parent of three children and needed to get back into a job with a steady paycheck, so he got back into law enforcement.

Radke has wrestled, played football and done strongman competitions. He also helps the Pampa Wrestling **RADKE** cont. on page 2

Arafat grave dug up for probe of poison suspicion

BY KARIN LAUB AND MOHAMMED DARAGHMEH
 Associated Press

RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP) — Eight years after Yasser Arafat's mysterious death, his political heirs opened his grave Tuesday and let forensics experts take samples from his remains, defying strong cultural taboos in search of evidence that the icon of Palestinian nationalism was poisoned.

Palestinians have claimed for years that Israel poisoned Arafat, who died in a French hospital. Israel has denied the charges.

The exhumation marked the end of months of procedural wrangling but only the beginning of the testing. Palestinian officials said it would take at least three months to get results, and even then, they might not be conclusive.

Workers opened Arafat's tomb before daybreak Tuesday, laying bare the remains some four meters (13 feet) below ground level, the Palestinian health minister said. A Palestinian forensics examiner took some 20 samples and handed them to Swiss, French and Russian experts, officials said.

Huge sheets of blue tarpaulin draped over Arafat's **ARAFAT** cont. on page 3

Stocks slide; no help from consumer confidence

BY STEVE ROTHWELL
 AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Investors are taking little comfort from the latest deal to deliver financial aid to Greece and increases in U.S. consumer confidence and orders for machinery and equipment.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 68 points to 12,899 as of 2:30 p.m. Tuesday. The Standard & Poor's 500 fell five points to 1,401. The Nasdaq composite index lost three points to 2,973. Stocks were moving between small gains and declines for most of the day.

ConAgra advanced \$1.29 to \$29.58 after it agreed to buy Ralcorp for \$5 billion in a deal that will make it the nation's biggest maker of private-label foods. Ralcorp surged \$18.61 to \$88.84. Corning Inc., a specialty glass maker, rose 83 cents to \$12.18 after it said that North American television sales are stronger

than expected in the fourth quarter, boosting demand for its products.

While stocks have gained this year as the Federal Reserve has maintained its bond-buying stimulus program, concern about global growth and the "fiscal cliff" in the U.S. may limit further advances, said Uri Landesman, President of Platinum Partners, a New York-based hedge fund. The S&P is up 11 percent this year, the Dow 6 percent.

"The glass is half-empty right now," Landesman said. "With the S&P over 1,400 you're going to need to see really good data for the market to rise, and the data wasn't good enough to really pick us up here."

Two reports that suggested that the outlook for the U.S. economy may be improving failed to encourage investors to push stocks higher.

Consumer confidence rose this month to the highest level in almost five years, pushed up by steady **STOCKS** cont. on page 2

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Tonight: Partly cloudy with a low of 41. Ten percent chance of rain. Winds south southwest at 12 mph. Sunset 5:32 p.m.

Thursday: Partly cloudy with a high of 72. No chance of rain. Winds west at 13 mph. Sunrise 7:34 a.m.

Thursday night: Mostly clear with a low of 35. No chance of rain. Winds west southwest at 3 mph. Sunset 5:31 p.m.

Friday: Mostly sunny with a high of 66. No chance of rain. Winds northwest at 6 mph. Sunrise 7:35 a.m.

Friday night: Mostly clear with a low of 38. No chance of rain. Winds south southwest at 8 mph. Sunset 5:31 p.m.

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Obituary

Mary Kay Lunsford LaFrance

Mary Kay Lunsford LaFrance, 74, of Amarillo, died Saturday, Nov. 24, 2012.

Services will be at 10 a.m., Thursday, Nov. 29, 2012, in Boxwell Brothers Ivy Chapel with Dr. Gil Lain, pastor of Paramount Baptist Church and Norman Rushing, pastor of Central Baptist Church in Pampa officiating. Burial will be at 1:00 p.m. in Fairview Cemetery in Pampa. Arrangements are by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors, 2800 Paramount Blvd.

Mary Kay was born Dec. 25, 1937, in Pampa to Dewey and Ruby Lunsford. She grew up in Pampa and graduated

from Pampa High School in 1956. Mary Kay married Ernest Dee LaFrance in 1958.

She was employed with Southwestern Bell (later AT&T) for more than 30 years until her retirement in November 1996. Mary Kay was a member of Paramount Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Richard Lunsford; and an older sister, Patricia Brazeal.

Survivors include a son, Gary Dee LaFrance and wife Jennifer of Arlington; and a brother, Donald Lunsford of Pampa.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 7 p.m., Today, Nov. 28, 2012, at the funeral home.

Sign the online guestbook at www.boxwellbrothers.com.

Hospice

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Avenue that is now BSA's Pampa office.

Laycock donated the building to BSA when he retired in 1995.

Another guest was Joe Martinez, a vocalist from St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, who led the group in the singing of several Christmas hymns.

Davlyn Duesterhaus,

hospice chaplain, gave the opening prayer.

A "special tribute was made to Norma Stephenson, a BSA hospice patient who died in March 2011.

When Stephenson died, her estate was auctioned and, at Stephenson's request, a substantial gift was made to BSA.

Her name is now engraved on a bronze leaf on the hospice's Tree of Life.

Reyher read a tribute to Stephenson: "In the Book

of Hebrews Chapter 13 verses 1-2, it says 'Keep on loving each other. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing so, some people have entertained angels with knowing it.' Norma Stephenson may well have been one of those who 'entertained angels without knowing it.'"

Reyher said Stephenson had designated her contribution for the Pampa area.

"All of us with BSA Hospice in Pampa are so

grateful for the generosity of Mrs. Stephenson. Her thoughtfulness and desire to support compassionate and comforting end-of-life care to her fellow citizens will be remembered for years to come."

Some of those who were close to Stephenson attended last night's service, including Ginger Ferris, who was Stephenson's caregiver, Ferris' mother Wanda Armstrong, and Elice Sailor, who was a friend of Stephenson's.

Radke

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team unofficially because of UIL rules that require all coaches to be certified teachers. In Arizona, the only requirement was to be a substitute teacher so he was head wrestling coach for 15 years and an assistant football coach for the high school in Globe-Miami.

All three of Radke's children wrestle. The eldest, 18-year-old Robert, wrestles for Pratt Community College in Pratt, Kan. His daughter, 17-year-old Dinah, is a senior on the Pampa wrestling team. And his youngest, 15-year-old Joesph, is a freshman on the Pampa wrestling team.

Radke played college football at Oregon State as

well as minor league football for the Arizona Sting of the Arizona Football League. Radke and one of his buddies created the minor league team and their coach, Bobby Powell, was elected into the minor league hall of fame. The team won back-to-back national championships in the late 1990s and early 2000s, including one undefeated season. A bunch of the players from the team when it began, most of which are in their 40s, want to come back and be on the team for just one game as it reaches the 100-win plateau.

Radke got involved in power lifting because one day when he going to the gym as part of his daily routine he ran into a man named John Alvino. Alvino was in his 40s and lifting more than 700 pounds, Radke saw this

and thought he wanted to do it.

After his workout that day, Radke went over and talked to Alvino, who introduced him to different workouts and things to do to get into powerlifting shape.

During his first meet, Radke lifted 1,610 pounds total. The total weight is calculated by adding the bench, squat and dead lift weights together. Radke was able to become so successful that there was a time he was ranked in the Top 10 in the nation for his weight class, 242 pounds.

From then on Radke would compete in two or three meets for powerlifting each year until he tore his pectoral. Due to the major injury that it was his competitive meets were scaled back a lot. Once he recovered from the pecto-

ral injury, he started training again and getting into strongman competitions in Arizona. These competitions are like what one would see on the "World's Strongest Man" TV show on ESPN, but on a more local and regional scale.

Radke was training for one in the Houston area in December but fractured his wrist during a workout and was forced to have surgery on it. He just now got back into working out again after the surgery about six weeks ago.

"Barring any injuries my plan is to do a couple of the strongman competitions next year," Radke said.

Radke has a full gym at his house where he trains. He has everything from the tractor tires, to the Atlas stones and a log press, both of which he built on his own.

Stocks

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improvement in hiring. The Conference Board's consumer confidence index rose to 73.7 in November from 73.1 in October. Both are the best readings since February 2008.

The government reported separately that U.S. companies increased their orders of machinery and equipment last month, a sign that business investment is rising. Orders rose 1.7 percent in October, the best showing since a 2.3 percent rise in May.

Stocks have pared some of the losses that followed the U.S. elections Nov. 6. That decline came as investors fretted over a

looming budget crisis in Washington, commonly referred to as the fiscal cliff.

Negotiations are continuing. President Barack Obama plans to make a public case this week for his strategy for dealing with the issue as he pressures Republicans to allow tax increases on the wealthy while extending tax cuts for families earning \$250,000 or less.

"We're in a bit of no-man's land, we're waiting to hear what comes out of Washington," said Ben Schwarz, chief market strategist at Lightspeed Financial. "Both sides are looking to compromise and that's positive."

The S&P declined as much as 5 percent in the weeks after voters returned a divided gov-

ernment to power, with President Barack Obama returning to the White House and Republicans retaining control of the House. The two parties must agree on measures to trim the U.S. budget deficit before the end of the year to avoid a series of sharp tax increases and spending cuts that will come into force Jan. 1. Economists have warned that the measures could push the economy back into a recession.

The S&P rose as high as 1,465 in September, the highest in almost five years, after the Federal Reserve said it would extend its so-called quantitative easing program and buy more bonds. The program is intended to lower borrowing costs and stimulate hiring.

Stocks initially advanced in Europe after Greece's partners in the euro currency and the International Monetary Fund agreed to release funds the country needs to avoid bankruptcy. They also agreed to introduce a series of measures designed to reduce the country's debts to a more manageable level within a decade.

The yield on the 10-year Treasury note edged down to 1.65 percent.

Among other stocks making big move were Las Vegas Sands Corp., which rose \$2.62 to \$46.67 after the casino operator said it would pay a special dividend of \$2.75 per share, distributing about \$2.26 billion to shareholders before the end of the year.

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Arafat

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mausoleum hid the scene from view, part of an attempt by Palestinian officials to minimize any potential backlash against digging up the grave of Arafat, still widely revered in the Palestinian territories.

By midmorning, the grave was revealed, and Palestinian officials laid wreaths of flowers to signal Arafat's reburial.

The three teams will separately analyze the samples for possible poison, including polonium-210, a lethal radioactive substance first detected in elevated amounts on some of Arafat's clothing this summer.

Polonium disintegrates rapidly, and experts have cautioned that too much time may have passed since Arafat's death to reach a conclusive result.

Polonium was used in the 2006 killing of Alexander Litvinenko, a former KGB officer turned Russian government critic. Litvinenko blamed the Kremlin for

poisoning him. Israel has denied killing Arafat, but many Palestinians believe Israel's then-prime minister, Arafat nemesis Ariel Sharon, had means, motive and opportunity.

Former Sharon spokesman Raanan Gissin said Tuesday that such allegations are baseless and that Israel "had no reason" to kill Arafat, who in his final years lived under Israeli military siege in his walled West Bank compound.

Palestinians launched an investigation immediately after Arafat's death at a French military hospital but made no progress. The dormant probe got a jolt this summer when a Swiss lab found the polonium on Arafat belongings provided by his widow, Suha.

The initial discovery, part of an investigation by the Arab satellite TV station Al-Jazeera, was followed by wrangling between Mrs. Arafat, other relatives and Arafat's successor, Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas. Mrs. Arafat wanted a quick exhumation, Abbas initially hesitated and Arafat nephew Nasser al-Kidwa said he opposed

digging up the remains. In the end, Abbas could not be seen as blocking a thorough investigation and, armed with blessings from Muslim religious leaders, authorized the exhumation.

Abbas was en route to the United Nations on Tuesday, giving him some distance from the proceedings right outside his office window.

Three different teams were present when the grave was opened Tuesday: one from the Swiss lab, one from France, where an official death inquiry was launched at the request of the widow, and one from Russia, responding to a call for help by Abbas.

Palestinian Health Minister Hani Abdeen told a news conference Tuesday that the remains were four meters (13 feet) below the ground.

Mrs. Arafat, estranged from most of the Palestinian leadership, followed the exhumation from her home in Malta, according to a local newspaper. Mrs. Arafat, who did not consent to an autopsy immediately after her husband's death, told The Times of Malta that

her husband's death was the "most important mystery in the Middle East."

Arafat died a month after falling ill at his West Bank compound. The immediate cause of death was a stroke, but the underlying reasons remain unclear, leading to widespread belief in the Arab world that Israel poisoned him.

Medical files released by Palestinian investigators earlier this year portrayed Arafat as a robust 75-year-old whose sudden health crisis was initially blamed on viral gastroenteritis.

Arafat's downward spiral began Oct. 11, 2004, when he vomited after a late supper. His condition deteriorated and two weeks later he was flown to France where he died Nov. 11, 2004.

Dr. Bashir Abdullah, a physician on the Palestinian team of investigators, said Tuesday that Arafat's death "cannot be explained in the framework of disease, and therefore our explanation is that there must have been poisonous material."

Palestinian officials acknowledged Tuesday that they had a long road

ahead and that the investigation could hit a dead end.

Tawfik Tirawi, the head of the Palestinian team, said the Palestinians would ask the International Criminal Court to investigate further if there is evidence of poisoning.

Later this week, Abbas is seeking U.N. recognition of "Palestine" as a non-member observer state, an upgrade that could give Palestinians access to the ICC.

Tirawi said previous calls by some high-ranking Israeli officials to get rid of Arafat were an indication that Israel was involved, adding, "we are looking for the evidence."

Former Sharon aides have argued that Israel had no reason to kill Arafat since it had already pushed him aside by confining him to his compound.

For decades, Arafat was the symbol of the Palestinians' struggle for an independent state.

After returning from exile to the Palestinian territories in 1994, as part of interim peace deals with Israel, he zigzagged between leading negotiations with Israel and con-

doning violence. Arafat, along with two Israeli leaders, received the Nobel Peace Prize for his commitment to work toward peace with Israel.

He later presided over a violent Palestinian uprising against Israel's occupation of the West Bank, Gaza and east Jerusalem, the territories they seek for a state. As the uprising escalated, Israel confined him to his Ramallah compound.

Arafat also faced criticism at home, where some accused his political circle of corruption and the pocketing of large amounts of aid. But he remains a widely revered figure, and his portrait frequently appears in government offices and street posters.

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Medigap, Medicare Drug Coverage Plans: What You Need to Know

TERRY SAVAGE
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Dec. 7 is the deadline for America's seniors to make some difficult and important decisions about one of the most complex, confusing, and costly aspects of their life. This is the once-a-year opportunity for seniors who have Medicare Advantage and Part D prescription drug coverage to switch to a plan that may offer better coverage -- at less cost. For seniors with a Medicare Supplement Plan, also known as a MediGap Plan, they can change their plan anytime during the year, but it may require underwriting, which could increase the price or disqualify you from being covered under that plan.

Unfortunately, Medicare decisions are not a one-time kind of thing. In fact, you need to review your Medigap and Part D (prescription drug) programs or Medicare Advantage program every year -- even if your health situation did not change. You might find that the plans, coverage and prices have changed since last year. Some popular drugs have gone generic in the past year, affecting prescription drug costs. So it really is worth going through the process again.

And since the most efficient way to do this is on your computer, I am appealing to the younger generation to sit down with Mom and Dad or Grandma and Grandpa before you turn on the football games this holiday weekend. They may really need your help to get through this process.

The key programs you want to compare are your Medicare Advantage plan and your Part D Prescription Drug plan to see if those are giving you the best coverage in your area -- since most of those Advantage Plans "bundle" all of Medicare parts into one monthly payment, with a "cap" on your out-of-pocket expenses.

The place to start this process is a terrific website that is designed to easily help you do the comparisons. At PlanPrescriber.com, more than 6 million people will use the calculators to compare thousands of offerings from various companies for Medigap supplements, Part D and Medicare Advantage programs. A recent survey of their users' found average savings on Part D of \$654 per year over their current

plans. Even better, if you get confused, you can call their toll-free number -- 888-312-5447 -- and they will help you over the phone. This is an unbiased comparison on research from experts who will actually help you choose a plan, get signed up, set up an automatic monthly payment from your checking account and hold your hand through the process. Or you can do it all online, from research to sign-up. There is no additional cost to the consumer for either personalized help over the phone or applying online through the PlanPrescriber.com website.

(Medicare.gov has a similar tool, but it's not as user-friendly, nor does it offer personal guidance in making a choice.) Start by lining up all your prescription drug bottles so you'll be able to enter the exact prescription and dosage. Then go to PlanPrescriber.com and click on "Part D -- Drug Plans." You'll be asked if you have a current drug plan so you can do the comparisons. Then input the names of all your drugs and the dosage. With a few clicks you'll be able to compare plans based on monthly premium, deductible, gap coverage and other factors.

Since last year, popular drugs like Lexapro, Plavix



and Lipitor became available in a generic version. In 2013, Singulair, Cymbalta and Niaspan go generic -- all affecting your plan decision.

And while you're choosing plans, remember to consider mail order of a 90 day supply for maintenance drugs, as well as the convenience of your local pharmacy. That decision could go a long way to lowering your overall costs.

To get started on the comparison of Medigap plans at PlanPrescriber.com, all you need is your ZIP code! But that's the only simple thing about choosing a supplement, since there are literally hundreds of different offerings, standardized, with plans ranging from "A" to "N" -- all explained in a simple chart. The greater the supplemental coverage, the higher the cost. The trick is in finding the correct and maximum coverage, while minimizing the monthly premium. That's where the combination of computer research and personal hand-holding can be the most help.

When you see how the costs of Part D and your supplement add up each month, you may want to use the PlanPrescriber.com

search feature for Medicare Advantage, which bundles all aspects of Medicare into one monthly premium. Nationally, nearly one-third (31 percent) of Medicare Advantage plans in 2013 will be available for \$0 above what a person already pays for Medicare Part B, but some plans do have additional monthly premiums.

Medicare Advantage plans must -- by law -- cap your maximum out-of-pocket (MOOP) costs at \$6,700 or less. The 2013 average will be \$4,516 annually (plans have already been filed). Those costs include co-payments on drugs, so you'll need to make sure your drugs are covered and find the co-pay amount before choosing a Medicare Advantage plan.

Some Advantage plans may offer much lower maximum costs -- but may increase your cost-sharing requirements for certain services such as staying in a skilled nursing facility. That's why you'll want help in comparing the plans, based on cost and coverage. But most important, you'll want to be sure that your current physicians and hospitals are in the network of the plan you choose.

You've seen the television commercials aimed at seniors and likely received many mailings from Medigap and Part D drug plans. But you have no real way of knowing what's best for you without doing

comparisons. Don't panic. Help is available. Take full advantage of this opportunity. It is certainly worth the effort. And that's The Savage Truth!

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Half-full glasses

Like many people, I have a tendency to spend more time thinking about what's wrong than what's right, what's missing rather than what is there, what I don't have instead of what I do.

My mother was a world-class worrier and a hopeless pessimist. If



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you asked her why, she would tell you that it was because she lost her mother at the age of 18, a loss she never recovered from. This was something I didn't fully understand until 50 years afterward, driving along a highway in Florida, she finally told me that her relationship with her mother was not quite what she portrayed for so many years — her mother was not quite the saint she invoked every time we had a fight. Or maybe it wasn't really that but just genetics, the Nana genes that I am not the only one to have inherited.

So I start out as a half-empty sort of person, even when the glass is far fuller than that.

I have friends who were born with the happy gene, who are by their nature sunny, who resolutely believe there is a pony in every pile of you-know-what. If you're one of those people, you can stop reading now, and go enjoy the turkey, which I know you will.

But if you're like me, holiday times start out bittersweet, full of memories of lost family and friends, of dreams that will never be fulfilled, of time passing faster every year. It's easy to succumb and hard to resist. It's easy to look at friends my age, whose parents still grace the table, whose marriages have grown stronger over the years, whose children all live close by. It's easy to look at young parents who are in those golden years, even if they think of themselves as sleep deprived and overwhelmed. It's easy to covet what you don't have.

And it's tempting to try to fight those instincts

by focusing on all the people who are worse off, the friends who don't have jobs or families (even far away); those who are fighting illness and not just worrying about the possibility; those dealing with children who are in trouble, bills they can't pay, homes they could lose. But it doesn't really work — there are starving children in India, but I don't think knowing that has ever really brought comfort to an unhappy child right here.

So this is what I try to remember. Choose life. Choose to forgive. Choose to accept, to neither covet nor compare. Choose to see how much is in the glass, not how much isn't.

I write to myself sometimes. This is one of those times. I write to challenge myself. This is one of those times. I know how hard it is to break the habits of our youth, how difficult it is to fight genetics and upbringing and experience, how challenging it is to change. But I also know that the alternative can be far worse. I have spent too many sad Thanksgivings feeling angry and bitter, not blessed and grateful.

If you're still reading, if this is your challenge as well as mine, then know that you are not alone. Know that there are others who look lucky to you but who, in truth, are fighting their own demons, just as you are. I am truly blessed. I know that in my head or at least in the rational half of it.

I also know that I have a fight on my hands. But I am determined to win it, and I believe that I — we, all of us who fight these battles — have it in us to win.

Happy Thanksgiving. Let us be grateful for our blessings and kind and loving, not only to those we love, but also to ourselves. Let us see the glass as half full, at least. For us, that might be harder, but it is still a choice. Choose well.

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Keep it local

No reason to leave town or shop online this weekend

Now that Black Friday, Cyber Monday — and whatever other special shopping days corporate marketing gurus have come up with to separate us from our money — are over, it's time to focus on what's going on right here in Pampa.

The city, chamber, Shepard's Crook, the Downtown Business Association and a host of local businesses and citizens have a full weekend of Christmas activities planned for us.

There will be everything from a parade, to breakfast and pictures with Santa, to soup with Mrs. Claus to a perfor-

Our View

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mance of the Nutcracker by the Civic Ballet.

Other events include stories at the Lovett Memorial Library and a downtown Christmas tree lighting.

Plus, downtown businesses will be open on Sunday giving out tickets for a drawing to be held on Dec. 13.

For an up-to-date schedule of this weekend's events, visit at www.shepards-nursing.com.

With so much going on this

weekend, there's really no reason to go to Amarillo or someplace else to shop or to be looking for deals on the Internet.

Many of our fellow citizens have put in countless hours of their time to make these Christmas events a reality.

Let's support our downtown businesses and organizations by showing up in full force on Saturday and Sunday.

The weather forecasters are predicting a beautiful weekend with sunshine with highs in 70s.

Hope to see all of you downtown.



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Is Middle East peace a mirage?

With the truce in the week-long Gaza war, Barack Obama is being prompted by right and left to re-engage and renew U.S. efforts to solve the

core question of Middle East peace.

Before he gets reinvolved in peace-making, our once-burned president

should ask himself some hard questions.

Is real peace between Palestinians and Israelis even possible?

Is there any treaty that could be agreed to, or imposed, that would be acceptable to Israel and the Palestinian Authority on the West Bank, let alone to Hamas, which has emerged from its defiance of one of the most intensive bombardments of modern time with new prestige?

What are the obvious impediments to such a treaty?

First, Bibi Netanyahu, who has presided over the expansion of Israel settlements and joined Avigdor Lieberman, a supporter of ethnic cleansing of Israeli Arabs, in a coalition of the Israeli hard right.

Would Bibi agree to a treaty that required removal of scores of thousands of Israeli settlers from Judea and Samaria, when he opposed Ariel Sharon's withdrawal of a few thousand settlers from Gaza?

Would Bibi agree to Jerusalem becoming the

capital of Palestine as well as Israel, a non-negotiable demand of Arab nations?

Could a Palestinian Authority that gives up all rights to Jerusalem survive?

A second roadblock is the correlation of forces in Washington.

Should Obama begin to pressure Israel to remove settlers from the West Bank and accept a Palestinian capital in Jerusalem, he would ignite a firestorm among evangelical Christians, the Israeli Lobby, the neocons and a Congress that, not long ago, gave Bibi 29 standing ovations after he dressed-down Barack Obama right in the Oval Office.

Obama has acquired much political capital with his election victory, but not that much.

In a Bibi-Barack face-off over settlements and Jerusalem, with whom would ex-Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and other Democrats looking to 2016 stand? As for the Republicans, we already know. Their policy on Israel: "No daylight between us," and, "We've got your back."

A third impediment is the altered environment between Israel and a newly radicalized Middle East.

Israel now looks north to a Lebanon where Hezbollah possesses more and better rockets than the metal-shop jobs Hamas fired off. Beyond lies a powerful Turkey whose prime minister just declared Israel a "terrorist" state.

To the northeast lies Syria, where the 40-year truce on the Golan

is unlikely to last after Bashar al-Assad falls and is replaced by a Sunni regime rooted in the Muslim Brotherhood, or becomes a failed state saturated with jihadists and loose chemical weapons.

To the east lies Jordan, wracked by riots, a monarchy that looks to be a candidate for an Arab Spring uprising.

To the south and west are Hamas, a Sinai that is a no man's land, and an Egypt dominated by the Brotherhood, millions of whose people would like to see the Israeli peace treaty trashed.

Israel is as isolated as she has been in a region that is more hostile to her presence than perhaps at any time since the war of '48.

The time of Yitzhak Rabin, when Israel had treaties with Egypt and Jordan and had entered into the Oslo Accords with Yasser Arafat's PLO, seems ancient history. Looking back, with the Rabin assassination and Netanyahu accession, the window that appeared to be open may have closed for good.

Israelis appear now to have entrusted their future to a U.S.-guaranteed military superiority — F-16s, smart bombs and an Iron Dome missile defense — rather than peace talks and parchment.

Which is their call. But what of us? What do we have to show for decades of involvement in the Middle East?

Despite our "liberation" of Kuwait, Afghanistan, Iraq and Libya at a cost of thousands of lives and trillions of dollars, despite

plunging hundreds of billions into foreign aid, America's influence has never been lower.

Hillary Clinton, who cut off her Asian tour to fly to Israel and Egypt, was a bystander in brokering the truce. She is not even allowed to talk to Hamas. For we have designated Hamas a terrorist organization.

Astonishing. What was Joe Stalin when Harry Truman talked with him at Potsdam? What was Nikita Khrushchev when Ike invited the "Butcher of Budapest" to Camp David? What was Chairman Mao when Richard Nixon toasted him in Beijing in 1972?

We tie our own hands and wonder why we cannot succeed.

Today, as Obama is being pushed toward another futile round of peace-making in the Mideast, prodded to intervene in the ethnic-civil-sectarian war in Syria and goaded to draw a "red line" for war on Iran, he should ask himself:

How would America's vital interests be imperiled by staying out of this particular quarrel, conflict or war? Why are all of these crises somehow ours to resolve? What are the odds that we can resolve them?

We are out of Iraq, and leaving Afghanistan by 2014. Should we go back in, or as Obama pledged, do our "nation-building" here at home?

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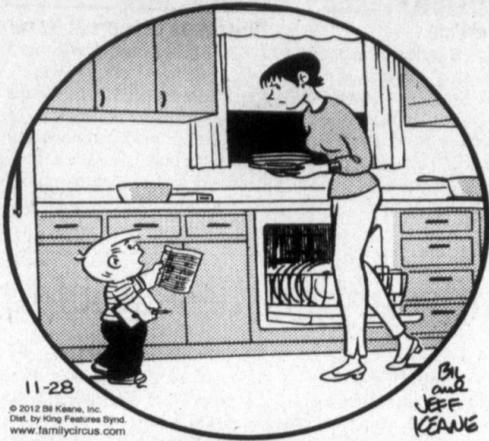
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"Can you check and make sure Daddy did my homework right?"

Non Sequitur



Nest Heads



daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Nov. 29, 2012:

This year you often feel challenged by others. As a result, you are unusually verbal and frequently get into heated discussions. Use any criticism you receive to strengthen your ideas. If you are single, you could meet your next sweetie, so be sure to check out people with care. Make plenty of time for social activities as well. If you are attached, the two of you will experience an easier year than in the recent past. You will revitalize your bond through sharing more. GEMINI is even more verbal than you are!

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)
★★★★ You know exactly how to get someone's attention, and you put your energy where it counts. You could be surprised at how a little provocation goes a long way with a higher-up. Be sure to use diplomacy. Tonight: How about dinner for two?

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You might be quite tied to a situation that could involve some travel. Whether the person who attracts your interest is a loved one, a friend or a professional associate, it makes no difference. You will put forth your best efforts when dealing with him or her. Tonight: Time for treats.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Listen to the drumbats. You need to be more responsive to someone who could be a bit touchy at times. If you have a problem doing this, you might want to consider changing the nature of the relationship. Clear out your to-do list quickly. Tonight: Visit with some friends.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Make an effort to contact someone who is alone often. This person appreciates your compassion more than you realize. Listen to what he or she has to share. Your creativity is stimulated by interacting with others. Tonight: Vanish while you can.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Throw yourself 100 percent into whatever you need to do. Your energy is high, and your mind is keen. With this combination, you can accomplish nearly anything. Know that a loved one is coming from a caring position in a discussion, even if you do not like what you

hear. Tonight: Join your friends.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Choose your words carefully when dealing with a child or a loved one. No matter what age you are, you will want to relate to the opposite sex on a friendly basis. Be aware that someone is observing you. Take care of your responsibilities. Tonight: A must appearance.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Keep reaching out for more information. You tend to see much more than others because you are detached and can weigh the pros and cons. Read between the lines with a loved one who might be putting him- or herself at a distance. Tonight: Act out a daydream.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Relate on a one-on-one level with others, and you could be amazed by what occurs. People will open up more, and you'll be able to resolve problems far more quickly. If you are attached, you might want to make a caring gesture toward your significant other. Tonight: Keep it light.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Others come forward and express a need to share more. Use care if their ideas involve you spending a lot of money. It could be far more costly than what is being presented. Someone you meet today could be problematic in some way. Tonight: Get errands out of the way.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You get a lot done quickly. A friendship comes through in a meeting. You always knew that this person supported your ideas, and now you are aware that there is more than just friendship between you. Approach this situation with care. Tonight: Play it relaxed.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Your mischievous side emerges, perhaps because you sense some fun on the horizon. Your creativity opens up a situation with a boss or an older friend. Relax. Worry less about time management and getting everything done. Tonight: You cannot help but be naughty!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Focus on a matter involving real estate and your long-term goals. For some of you, this might involve a domestic situation; for others, a professional issue. Express only the goals that are relative to the present situation. Others will support them. Tonight: Head home first.

Tundra



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Mother Goose and Grim



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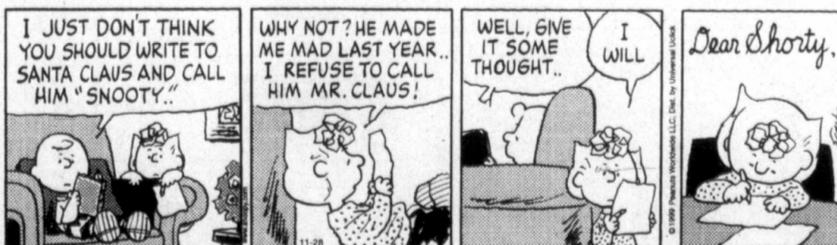
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Hagar The Horrible



Peanuts



Blondie



Pampa Faith

The meaning of the 3 gifts

We are now in the Advent season and it is impossible to live in the USA and not think about Jesus. Every time someone comes face to face with that tiny manger, they come face to face with God incarnate. And no matter how hard some try to force the majority of Americans to hide those nativity scenes in some dark corner or dusty warehouse, the holy family still emerges victorious and rule the season.

Even the commercialization of this time of the year, even Santa Claus, even the reindeers, even the trees and lights cannot force the tiny baby, his mother and father, the holy star, the shepherds, the wise men and the stable into playing "second chair". This is the SEASON OF JESUS CHRIST! And praise God that it is.

One of the central concepts of this season is that of "gift giving". The reason that gift giving is such a vital part of the season is because it is all just an imitation of the greatest of all gifts; God giving His only begotten son for the sins of all of the human race. Did you know that the New Testament talks about 3 different kinds of gifts being given?

Our gifts to God are mentioned 13 times, our gifts to others 18 times, but God's gifts to us are referred to 50 times. Do you notice what kind of giving is missing from the list? That's right. Giving gifts to SELF isn't mentioned once.

What gift have you purchased for that special someone in your life? Remember that no matter what you give him/her, it will just be a tiny imitation of the Father's Christmas gift to you - JESUS.

What gift have you picked out for the heavenly Father? Now you may think that that is a crazy question, but it isn't. Remember the New Testament talks about our gift giving to God 13 times.

So what have you picked out for Him? Why not follow the example of the famous gift givers from the East. They gave gold, frankincense and myrrh. How do those 3 gifts show us what we should give to God? I'm glad you asked.

Gold of course was the appropriate gift for royalty. They gave from their wealth to the infant king in the manger. Joseph would then use that gold to supply the needs of Mary and Jesus

while in Egypt. Take a few moments to evaluate your wealth, the abundance of your possessions and who blessed you with it all. Then give to the Lord from that abundance.

The second gift was the frankincense. It was made from the sap of the frankincense tree. The most important aromatic gum of the East, it was regarded as a holy and precious perfume. It burned continually on the altar of incense in the holy place, filling the sanctuary with its invigorating fragrance, as the priests ministered inside. (Ex 30:34-37; Lev 24:7). It speaks to us of worship, telling us that our lives can be lifted to a place of strength and sweetness as we, like the Wise Men, pour out our worship to Christ. Give the gift of worship to God.

The third gift they gave the Christ child was myrrh. This was the strangest and most shocking of all the gifts. Of course like gold and frankincense, myrrh was a valuable commodity. But it was used mainly for anointing the dead. When the first gifts were presented to the child Messiah, I am sure Mary and Joseph nodded in approval and understanding. But when the last gift was presented they probably looked puzzled.

Who would give embalming fluid to a King, much less a child king. But the gift was prophetic just like the others. Jesus received myrrh 3 times in his life: for the infant, for the sacrificial lamb hanging on the cross and for the body of the one who died for our sins. (Mt 2:11; Jn 19:39; Mk 15:23)

He had come to demonstrate/display, for all humans of every era to see, just how precious each soul was to God. The price tag on every human soul was the death of Jesus.

Whatever that death was worth is what every human is worth to God. Whatever that sacrifice was worth is the price tag God has placed on you. So how do we duplicate this gift? Give your life God.

Learn from the wise men: 1-give God your wealth, 2-your worship and 3-your life. He deserves more because He gave more. But He will take those three gifts from us and bless us and use us in ways we could never imagine. Have a blessed Christmas. God bless. Mike

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MIKE SUBLETT

CHURCH SPOTLIGHT

Consecration Service

The Consecration Service for the newly completed building project of First United Methodist Service will be held on Sunday, Dec. 2 at 10:30 a.m. Special music, guest speaker Rev. Paul Baermeind and a tour of the new facility will be offered to celebrate God's faithfulness throughout this project. All are welcome.

Christmas concert at Nazarene

The Archer family will perform at 11 a.m., Sunday, Dec. 2, at the Church of the Nazarene, 500 N. West St. Father and leader Darrell Archer has written, arranged, or performed more than 1,100 pieces of music. A love offering will be received and recorded music available for purchase. For more information, call 806-662-6785.

Give God your very best at all times

I watched the movie "Facing the Giants" — again — recently. It was on TV. It has to be one of the greatest movies of all times. The movie is about a high school football team striving to make it to the state finals. But it's not really about football. It's a challenge to give God our very best at everything we do.

God knows exactly where we are. He put us there. And He's put us there for a reason. You see, God has a plan for each of our lives. He knows what's best for us.

Jeremiah 29:11 says, "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Whatever we do, we are to do it as unto the Lord and to give God our all. It's easy to look at our circumstances and get discouraged sometimes. But our hope is in the Lord. The Bible says, "God will never leave you nor forsake you." God has great things in store for you. So put your trust in Him.

Even if you think you don't have any-

thing to offer the Lord, He can use even the small things in our lives to accomplish His purposes. I think about how Jesus fed the 5,000 with only two fish and some bread. When Jesus told his disciples to give the people something to eat, they looked at their own resources and saw no way to feed the crowd. But with Jesus, there is always a way, and He is it.

He wanted his disciples to look to Him as the solution, but instead all they could see was the problem. The disciples found a boy willing to share his lunch of five small barley loaves and two fishes. The boy didn't have much to give, but he willingly gave his very best — all he had — to the Lord. And that made all the difference.

Jesus took that small gift and thanked God for supplying food for the crowd. After 5,000 people ate and were satisfied, they still had 12 baskets left over.

God can take the smallest seed and return an overflowing harvest. If you believe, there is nothing that God can't supply or do. Stop looking at circumstances. Read the Bible and know that all things are possible if you believe in Jesus and give Him your very best.

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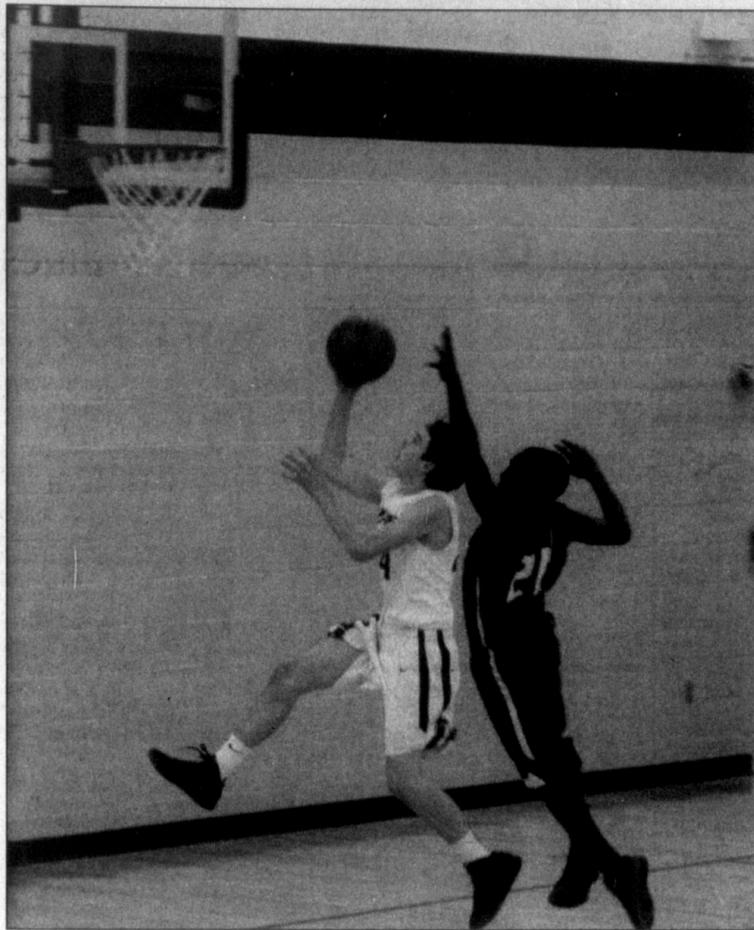
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Pampa 9th boys roll over Borger



BRYSON BURRELL goes up for a layup against Borger Monday night. Burrell finished with 6 points.

Photo by Charla Shufts

By **ZACHARY GREEN**
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The Pampa freshman boys hosted the Borger Bulldogs Monday night. The game was sluggish for both teams starting out as the first points of the game didn't come until a Pampa layup after almost two minutes had gone by. Borger would not score their first points until right at the buzzer for the end of the first quarter. The score after one quarter was Pampa 6, Borger 2.

Pampa would create a bigger lead in the second quarter outscoring Borger 11-3 in the second quarter. That made the score 17-5 in Pampa's favor going into halftime.

Borger did not reach the double digit mark in points until 2:30 left in the third quarter. Pampa's lead at the end of the third increased to 38-13.

At the start of the fourth Borger tried to go on a mini run of 6-0 before Pampa called a timeout with 7:09 remaining. From that point on Pampa would increase its lead further, ending the game on a 16-4 run. The final score was Pampa 54 Borger 23.

The leading scorer for Pampa was Kambrin Scott with 14 points. Kolton Jefferis added 10 points. Colton Thompson scored 8 points for Pampa. Bryson Burrell scored 6 points for Pampa. Andres Losoya and Rhett Harden added 4 points for Pampa. Alec McClendon, Nathan Furgason, Adam Zuniga and Sergio Santos all added 2 points for Pampa.

The Pampa freshman boys will be back in action when they travel to Borger on Dec. 6-8 for the Borger Freshman Tournament. The next home game for the Pampa freshman boys is Dec. 11 against Randall.

Huge rally by 9th girls to beat Palo Duro

By **ZACHARY GREEN**
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The Pampa freshman girls played at Palo Duro Monday night. The game was close after the first quarter with Pampa trailing by only two at 14-12. In the second quarter Pampa got behind by 12 points, with the score 25-13 going into the locker room.

Pampa got behind even further trailing 37-23 at the end of the third quarter. But Pampa would not be done yet as they went on a huge fourth quarter run, outscoring Palo Duro 15-1 to tie the game at 38 and send it to overtime.

In overtime Pampa rode on their momentum and outscored Palo Duro 9-0 in the overtime period to win the game 47-38.

"We struggled on offense during the second quarter and really got behind. At the same time PD pretty much made every-

thing they threw up for three quarters," said Pampa Coach Alan Segura. "We were down 14 going into the fourth quarter. We started making some baskets and playing really good defense in the fourth. These girls never gave up and fought back to one of the best comebacks I've ever been a part of. I couldn't be any more proud of them than I am," Segura added.

Kathlyn Cummins was the leading scorer for Pampa with 22 points. Mackenzie Dull scored 7 points. Megan Brock scored 5 points. Kristen Duree, Cameron Schaub and Kassie Jerome all added 4 points. Sarah Dennis scored a point for Pampa as well.

The Pampa freshman girls are now 3-1 on the season. Their next game will be in the Borger Tournament starting on Thursday Nov. 29 and running through Saturday Dec. 1. The next home Pampa freshman girls game is on Dec. 3 against Hereford.

Junior High boys in action Monday night

SUBMITTED

The JH boys basketball teams hosted River Road Monday night. The 7th boys A team won 38-29. Brandon Steward had 18 points and Moses Avila had 8 points.

The 7th boys B team won 50-12. Zane McCoy had 24 points, and Caleb Phillips had 8, Angel Gonzalez and Kyler Ray had 6 points each.

The 8th boys B team won 55-16. Ryan Roden and Jared Lake led the team with 10 points each. Juan Perez followed with 8 points.

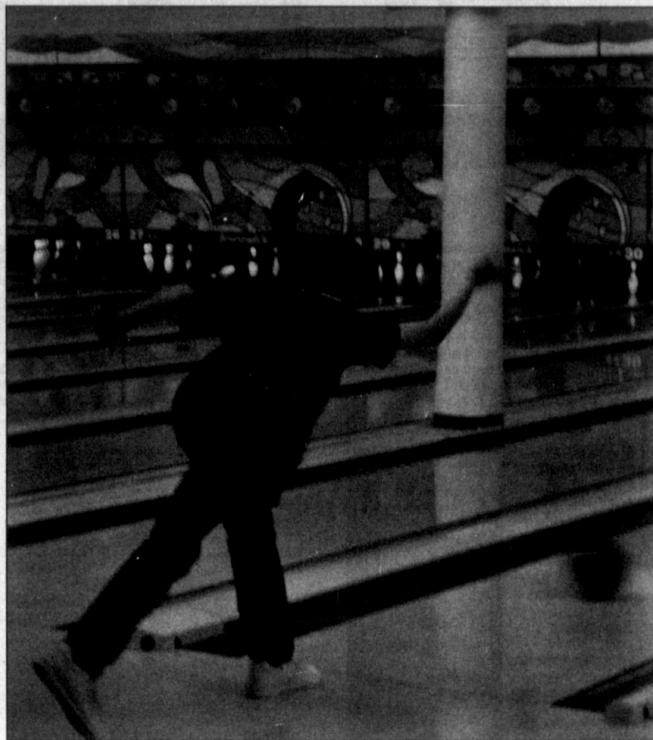
The 8th boys A team won 59-22. Brendan Woelfle led the team with 12 points. Nick Stevens followed with 10, and Jonah Munsell and Enrique Villanueva each had 8.

Both B teams are now 2-0. Both A teams are now 1-1

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PATRICK TWORK, 9th grader at Pampa High School



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ARIES VILLARREAL, 8th grader at Pampa Junior High.

SUBMITTED

Pampa Special Olympics traveled to Amarillo on Saturday Nov. 17 to participate in the area 16 bowling tournament. The tournament was held at Western Bowl. Twenty-nine athletes from Pampa participated. Here are the results for Pampa:

Gold medals won by Cole Nall, Liberty Bloxom, Debbie Ellis, Jennifer Roden, Chris Bradley, Wauneta Reece, Michelle Blodgett, Chris Gowan, Tollie Jinks, Taisey Phillips and Mandy Rossiter.

Silver Medals won by Jeret Moore, Mark McMinn, Mindy Hervey, Ameer Street, Josh Stringfield and Patrick Twork.

Bronze Medals won by Justin Strickland, Ashley Abbe, Virginia Winegeart and Cordell Schneider.

Fourth place won by Eric Knott, Joann Morehart, Randy Swires, David Winegeart and Elijah Palma.

Fifth place won by Cody Dyer, Tina Hinson and Aries Villarreal.

The coaches for Pampa are Shannon Loter, Janet Abbe, John Hervey, Mary Green, David Swires and Jim Bob Nall.

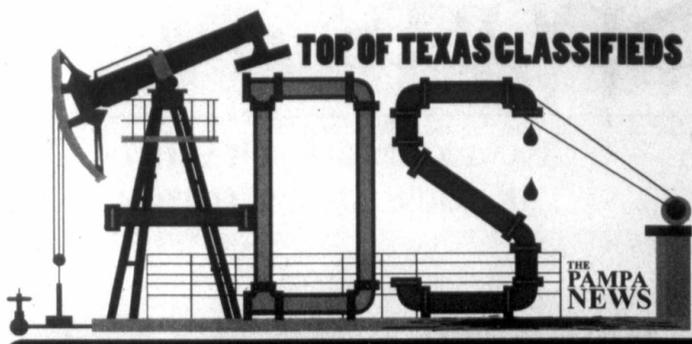


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CHRIS GOWAN, above, 6th grade student at Pampa Junior High releasing his bowl, this was his first tournament. **ELIJAH PALMA**, below, 7th grader at Pampa Junior High.



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NOTICE OF
APPLICATION AND
PRELIMINARY
DECISION FOR AN
AIR QUALITY
PERMIT

PROPOSED PERMIT
NUMBER: 105050

APPLICATION AND
PRELIMINARY
DECISION. Pampa Fuels
LLC, 600 Travis Street
Suite 3680, Houston,
Texas 77002-2995, has
applied to the Texas
Commission on Envi-
ronmental Quality
(TCEQ) for issuance of
Proposed Air Quality
Permit Number 105050,
which would authorize
construction of a Meth-
anol Production Facility
located at 8201 FM
2300, Pampa, Gray
County, Texas 79065.
This application was
submitted to the TCEQ
on August 7, 2012. The
proposed facility will
emit the following con-
taminants: nitrogen ox-
ides, carbon monoxide,
sulfur dioxide, particu-
late matter including
particulate matter with
diameters of 10 microns
or less and 2.5 microns
or less, and organic
compounds and hazard-
ous air pollutants in-
cluding but not limited
to methanol.

The executive director
has completed the tech-
nical review of the ap-
plication and prepared a
draft permit which, if
approved, would estab-
lish the conditions un-
der which the facility
must operate. The ex-
ecutive director has made
a preliminary decision
to issue the permit be-
cause it meets all rules
and regulations. The
permit application, ex-
ecutive director's preli-
minary decision, and draft
permit will be available
for viewing and copy-
ing at the TCEQ central
office, the TCEQ Ama-
rillo regional office, and
at Lovett Memorial Li-
brary, 111 North Hous-
ton Street, Pampa, Gray
County, Texas, begin-
ning the first day of
publication of this no-
tice. The facility's com-
pliance file, if any ex-
ists, is available for
public review at the
TCEQ Amarillo Re-
gional Office, 3918
Canyon Dr, Amarillo,
Texas.

PUBLIC COMMENT/
PUBLIC MEETING.
You may submit public

Public Notice

comments or request a
public meeting about
this application. The
purpose of a public
meeting is to provide
the opportunity to sub-
mit comment or to ask
questions about the ap-
plication. The TCEQ
will hold a public meet-
ing if the executive di-
rector determines that
there is a significant de-
gree of public interest
in the application or if
requested by a local
legislator. A public
meeting is not a con-
tested case hearing.
You may submit addi-
tional written public
comments within 30
days of the date of
newspaper publication
of this notice in the
manner set forth in
the AGENCY CON-
TACTS AND INFOR-
MATION paragraph
below.

RESPONSE TO
COMMENTS AND
EXECUTIVE DI-
RECTOR ACTION.
After the deadline for
public comments, the
executive director will
consider the comments
and prepare a response
to all relevant and ma-
terial or significant public
comments. Because no
timely hearing requests
have been received, af-
ter preparing the re-
sponse to comments,
the executive director
may then issue final
approval of the applica-
tion. The response to
comments, along with
the executive direc-
tor's decision on the
application will be
mailed to everyone
who submitted public
comments or is on a
mailing list for this ap-
plication, and will be
posted electronically
to the Commissioners'
Integrated Database
(CID).

INFORMATION
AVAILABLE ON-
LINE. When they be-
come available, the ex-
ecutive director's re-
sponse to comments
and the final decision
on this application will
be accessible through
the Commission's Web
site at
www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/cid.
Once you have ac-
cess to the CID using
the above link, enter the
permit number for this
application which pro-
vided at the top of this
notice. This link to an
electronic map of the
site or facility's general
location is provided as a
public courtesy and not
part of the application
or notice. For exact lo-
cation, refer to applica-
tion.
<http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb6101/index.html?lat=32.4823&lng=-101.0477&zoom=13&vpx=1>

MAILING LIST. You
may ask to be placed on
a mailing list to obtain
additional information
on this application by
sending a request to the
Office of the Chief
Clerk at the address be-
low.

AGENCY CON-
TACTS AND INFOR-
MATION. Public com-
ments and requests
must be submitted ei-
ther electronically at
www.tceq.texas.gov/about/comments.html, or
in writing to the Texas
Commission on Envi-
ronmental Quality, Of-
fice of the Chief Clerk,
MC-105, P.O. Box
13087, Austin, Texas
78711-3087. If you
communicate with the
TCEQ electronically,
please be aware that
your email address, like
your physical mailing
address, will become
part of the agency's
public record. For more
information about this
permit application or
the permitting process,
please call the Public
Education Program toll
free at 1-800-687-4040.
Si desea información en
Español, puede llamar
al 1-800-687-4040.

Further information
may also be obtained
from Pampa Fuels LLC
at the address stated
above or by calling Mr.
Matthew Whitaker,
Project Manager at
(713) 943-2200.

Notice Issuance Date:
November 20, 2012
D-31 November 28, 2012



Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

D E A R
ABBY: My wife and I
have been married for
five years. I recently dis-
covered that she made
between 10 and 20 porn
videos when she was 19.
We got married when she
was 27. We have four
kids from two previous
marriages.

I am devastated. When
I confronted her about it,
she cried harder than I
had ever seen. She said
she was lost, and it's the
biggest regret of her entire
life.

I understand how hard
it can be to tell someone
you have done something
like this. I haven't led a
perfect life either, and I
have my own skeletons
and things that I would
never mention. But still,
I can't get over this. I have
never felt pain like this in
my entire life and don't
know what to do. I love
my wife and don't want a
divorce, but it haunts my
every thought. We have
had a great life and I trust
her completely. What
should I do to get over
this? — **DEVASTATED**
IN THE U.S.A.

D E A R
DEVASTATED: A giant
step in the right direc-
tion would be to accept
that you BOTH had a
history before you mar-
ried each other, and you
both have done things
you aren't proud of.

Then make a list of all
the GOOD things you
have together, and for-
give your wife for mak-
ing some painful mis-
takes in the past that she
was too ashamed to tell
you. It certainly beats
divorcing a woman you
love over something
she can't change. If
that doesn't work, then
you'd be wise to seek
marriage counseling.

DEAR ABBY: My
wife verbally abuses me
constantly. We have
an 11-month-old child,
which is the only reason
I tolerate it. While I try
hard not to curse back,
once in a while I end up
doing so.

I have sought profes-
sional help to cope with
her behavior, but the sug-
gestions haven't helped
much. The situation is
becoming unbearable, and
I don't see it changing any
time soon. What should I
do? — **UNBEARABLE**
IN VIRGINIA

D E A R
UNBEARABLE: The
suggestions haven't
helped because you
weren't the person who
needed the professional
help; your wife does.
In a moment when she
is calm, tell her that as
much as you care about
her and your child, you
do not intend to spend
the rest of your life

being her verbal whip-
ping boy, and if she
doesn't get help for her
anger issues, you will
leave. If she refuses, you
should follow through
and make sure you get
equal custody, if not
more, because her vola-
tility could be harmful
to your child.

DEAR ABBY: We are a
pair of senior citizens who
are very much in love. We
have a lot in common and
enjoy our companionship.
Marriage is not an option
because of pensions, bank
accounts and predeter-
mined heirs — you know

the story.
We would like the
whole world to know we
are committed and devo-
ted to each other. Would
it be unusual, at this late
stage, to become engaged
with no intention of set-
ting a wedding date? —
BLISSFUL IN FLORIDA
DEAR BLISSFUL:
Rather than become
engaged with no inten-
tion of formalizing your
union, why not have a
commitment ceremony
and invite friends and
family to celebrate your
love for each other with
you? Ask a member of
the clergy to bless your
union. I'm sure one
would oblige because it
has been done before.

BANANAGRAMS!

Each set of letters is arranged alphabetically.
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 A?ENTV the ? could be an A,
B, C, D or E. Here it represents a D, which can
be combined with the other letters to spell ADVENT.
The last letter has been placed to get you started.

A	E	E	?	L	U	C	E	F	?	U	W
					E						W
A	H	I	?	T	W	A	F	F	?	U	W
					H						W

Yesterday's Answer: BATBOY,
BEDPAN, ANALOG, BREATH

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

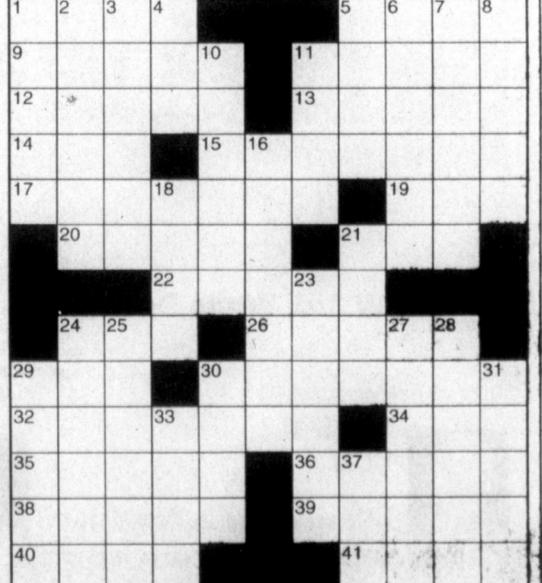
- ACROSS**
- 1 Terrible Square
 - 5 Go on a spree name
 - 9 Sports venue
 - 11 Cabaret fixture
 - 12 Runway worker
 - 13 Bring together
 - 14 First numero
 - 15 Sentence using all 26 letters
 - 17 Cham-pionship emblem
 - 19 Two-out actions: Abbr.
 - 20 Change, chemically
 - 21 Fawn's mom
 - 22 New Zealand native
 - 24 Diner dessert
 - 26 Ap-proaches
 - 29 Heir, at times
 - 30 Boat aboard a ship
 - 32 Like radishes
 - 34 Cleveland player, for short
 - 35 "— of Two Cities"
 - 36 Acrobatic
 - 38 Hamper
- DOWN**
- 1 Block worker
 - 2 Laundry worker
 - 3 Made over
 - 4 Hydro-carbon suffix
 - 5 Warble
 - 6 Salon creation
 - 7 Like some books
 - 8 Burns works
 - 10 Llama's cousin
 - 11 Fourth-down play
 - 16 With 28-Down, a Supreme Court justice
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 - 21 Gorilla studier
 - 23 Tourist's car
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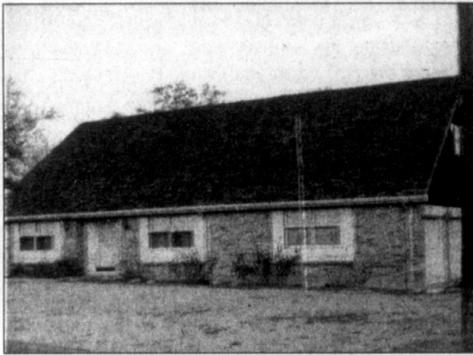
1101 Christine St

Beautiful Saltillo tile & hardwood flooring 4 bdrm 3 ba home. Finished basement, office, outdoor kitchen with fireplace, Jacuzzi hot tub on corner lot. Relax and entertain. 4278 SFGCAD



\$415,000

Andrea Walling - 664-6227



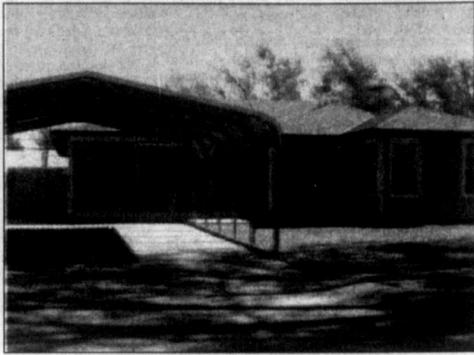
2200 Dogwood Ln

Wonderful 2 story, 4 bdrm 2 ba home on corner lot. Huge kitchen with all appliances, covered back patio great for family gatherings. Storm shelter, workshop has H/AC. 2629 SFGCAD



\$162,500

Linda Lapacka - 662-9611



2222 Williston St

Spacious rooms, redone hardwood floors, large back yard with wood fence, new electric ac. 1936 SFGCAD



\$119,500

Donna Courter - 595-0779



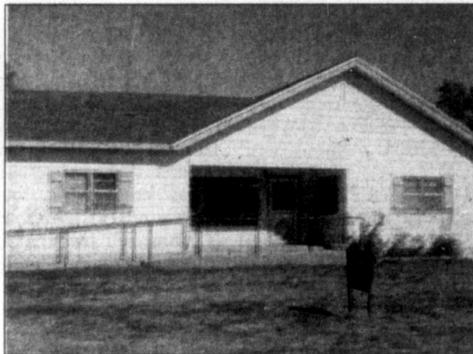
1510 Wells St

3 bdrm 1.75 ba brick home sports a modern concrete floor. Wood burning fireplace in living room, covered patio in back yard, extra wide drive for RV. 1544 SFGCAD



\$118,000

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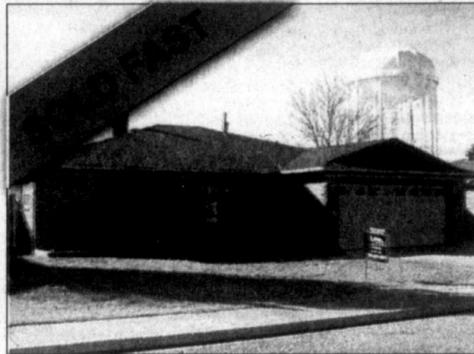
300 W 5th St, Mobeetie

Handicap ramps at front & back doors, covered patio for easy access to storm shelter. New wiring & fresh paint, unfinished basement, kitchen as great work island & unique back splash. 4 bdrm 1.75 ba on .61 acre lot. 1926 SFWCAD



\$99,950

Andrea Walling - 664-6227



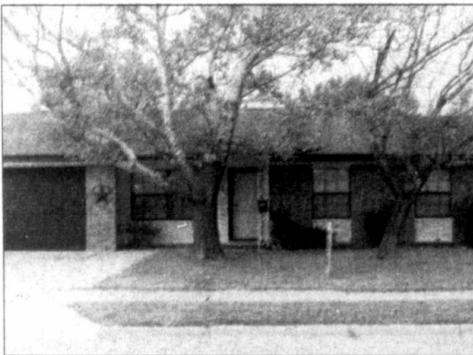
1011 Sierra Dr

Terrific move-in-ready 3 bdrm 1.75 ba brick home. Total kitchen remodel, replaced roof, water heater, baths modernized. 1903 SFGCAD



\$93,500

Linda Lapacka - 662-9611



2705 Navajo Rd

Cozy 3 bdrm 1.75 ba brick home. Kitchen completely remodeled, texture & paint throughout. Back yard has RV park pad, patio & wood privacy fence. 1125 SFGCAD



\$89,900

Linda Lapacka - 662-9611



2133 Mary Ellen St

Great view of park from this 2 bdrm 1 ba brick home on corner lot. Newer heating system, kitchen remodeled, newer bath & shower. 1516 SFGCAD



\$89,000

Linda Lapacka - 662-9611



310 West St

2 story Old English construction 4 bdrm 1.75 ba home located on large lot near downtown area. Unfinished basement & dining room ceiling has pressed metal tiles. Large back yard with gazebo. 1917 SFGCAD



\$81,000

Linda Lapacka - 662-9611



600 W 3rd, White Deer

Great home in White Deer. 3 bdrm 1 ba home with storm shelter & large 2 car detached garage. Steel siding on exterior. 1104 SFCCAD



\$67,500

Katrina Bigham - 898-8510



1510 Williston

Low maintenance vinyl siding 4 bdrm, 1.5 ba. Nice size back yard with wood fence. Newer driveway. 1404 SFGCAD



\$65,000

Donna Courter - 595-0779



2137 Hamilton

2 bdrm 1 ba home on corner lot. 1 car attached garage. Fannie Mae owned. 998 SFGCAD



\$46,000

Linda Lapacka - 662-9611

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