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Higdon: Salvation Army closing year with budget shortfall

■ Money needed to make up for loss of two major donors.

By TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE
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Fortunately, Pampa doesn't have that many homeless people when compared to Temple, where Cpt. Martha Higdon of the Pampa Salvation Army used

to work. "We were running a soup kitchen and feeding 150 homeless people a day," said Higdon, who relocated to Pampa in June with her husband and family to operate Pampa's Salvation Army.

Her husband, Frankco, also is a Salvation Army captain and pastor.

But just because Pampa isn't feeding 150 people a day in a soup kitchen doesn't mean there



Martha Higdon

emergency travel expenses if there are deaths in the family.

aren't people in need.

In Pampa, Higdon said, the Salvation Army tries to keep people from becoming homeless by helping them with rent, utilities, prescriptions and

"We call it homeless prevention," she said.

But as 2012 is coming to a close, Higdon said the agency is experiencing a \$10,000 shortfall in its budget.

"We lost two of our major donors this year," she said. "That makes a big difference. What donations we receive makes a difference on how many people we are able to help."

The Salvation Army is a United Way agency, but that

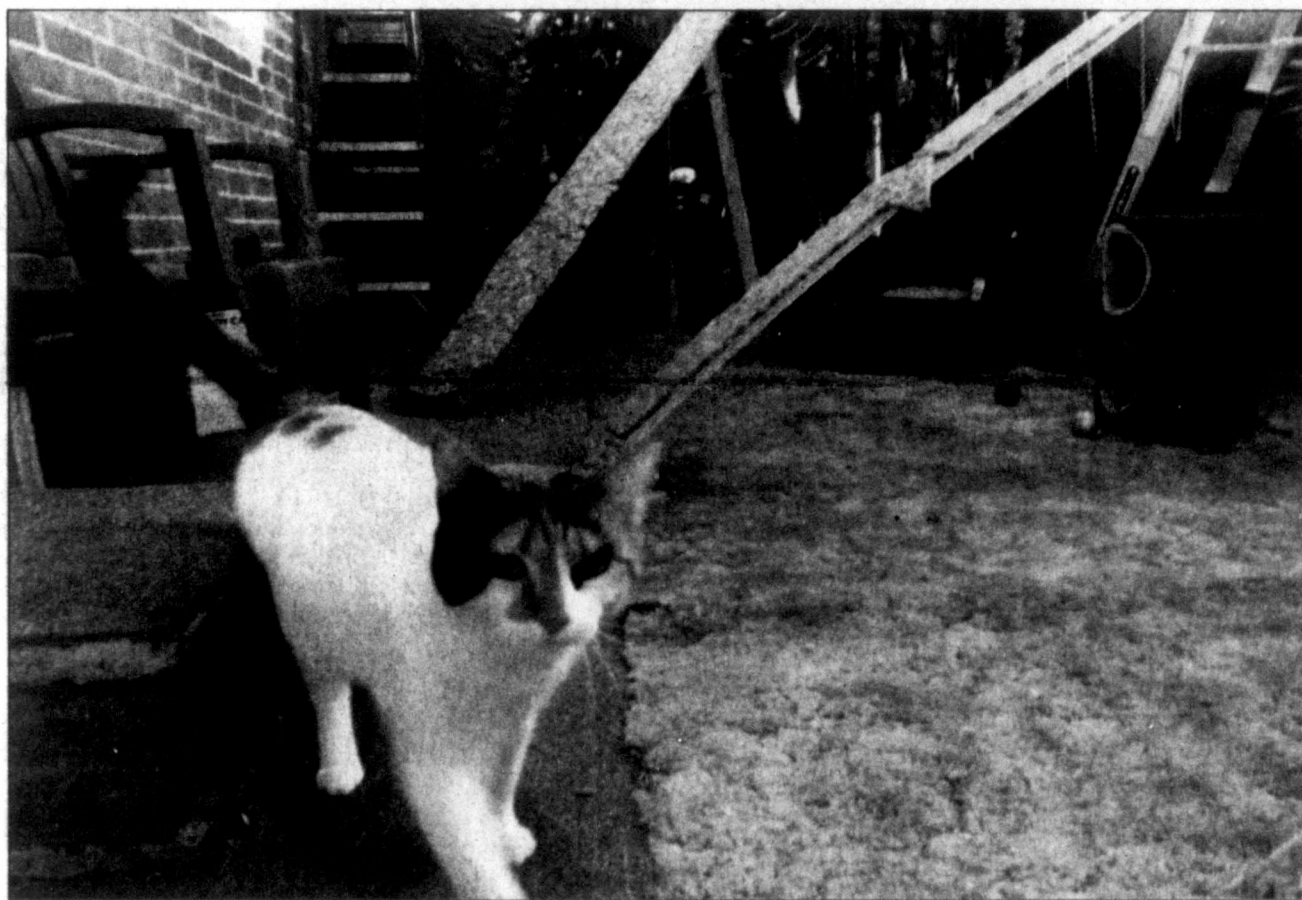
money is divided up among 18 different agencies in Pampa.

Since Higdon is still fairly new to her job, she is not familiar with all of the agency's expenses, but estimates it costs at least \$150,000 a year to operate the charity's facility at 701 S. Cuyler St.

Some of those expenses, like utilities, are shared with the Boys and Girls Club of Pampa, which is housed in the same

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CAT PALACE



Photos by Sasha Heller

FELINE FUN: Above: April, one of four kittens that Doloris Morris and Kenneth Roney rescued, poses for the camera while enjoying some exercise in her deluxe, Christmas-themed playpen. Below: Roney clutches Shadow, one of his and Doloris Morris' four adopted cats. Roney and Morris converted an unused room in their home into a bedroom-sized playpen for their new four-legged family members. Bottom: Morris and Roney have hung Christmas stockings to share presents with their newest relatives.

Inside the kitty house

By SASHA HELLER
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It's never easy to turn away an adorable kitten, especially when it shows up on your doorstep, with its sad eyes glimmering and clutching at your heartstrings. And it's only that much harder to say "no" when four adorable kittens show up at the front door seeking shelter, warmth and compassion.

So when Doloris Morris opened her door five months ago to find four precious kittens in dire straits, there was only one thing to do — take the kittens in and provide a loving home for them.

But Morris and friend Kenneth Roney didn't stop there. No, to ensure the kittens have a safe, happy and healthy upbringing, they converted a play room in their home into a playpen for the cats, complete with exercise equipment like padded boards to run across and carpet-

covered tires for the cats to play in.

"Five months ago, strangers left kittens on the doorstep," Morris said. "I was going to give them away."

Morris ran an advertisement in The Pampa News for three days but received no response.

"So we decided just to keep them."

It's not hard to see how much enjoyment the cats bring Morris and Roney. The warmth this pair shares with their new family members spreads throughout their home.

And so as not to be left out during this holiday season, Morris and Roney hung a stocking for each of their four new family members.

Morris said her main reason for publicizing her and Roney's pet project is to stress the importance of caring for stray animals.

"My main reason was to let people see not to be cruel to animals," she said. "That's my main purposes. It's to show people how sweet animals can be."



Military families worried by U.S. fiscal cliff cuts

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — Emerging from more than a decade at war, military families are confronting a new worry at home: the prospect that a deal between Congress and the White House over federal spending cuts could chip away at military health insurance, pensions and other services long considered untouchable.

"It's a fear of the unknown, and it's worse when members of your family might be deployed," says military spouse Jeremy Hilton, of Burke, Va., who cares for a disabled child while his wife serves as an active duty Air Force officer.

If Congress and President Barack Obama don't agree on spending cuts by Jan. 1, a package of across-the-board cuts would take effect that would hit the military heavily. If they do agree on steps to ward off those cuts and stop automatic tax increases, it's likely the military will still see reduced spending, but more targeted. The talks about the

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DPS increases holiday DWI enforcement

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AUSTIN — The Texas Department of Public Safety will increase DWI patrols from Dec. 21 to Jan. 1, which includes both the Christmas and New Year holidays.

DPS troopers will focus DWI patrols in high-risk locations at times when alcohol-related crashes are most frequent. The enhanced patrols that target intoxicated drivers are funded through a grant from the Texas Department of Transportation.

"Drinking and driving are always a concern during holidays, and there is no doubt that increased enforcement by DPS and other law enforcement will help save lives," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "But the public must also do their part to help make sure all travelers on our roads have a safe and happy holiday season. Plan ahead. Designate a nondrinking driver or find alternative transportation if you plan to drink."

During the Christmas/New Year holiday enforcement effort last

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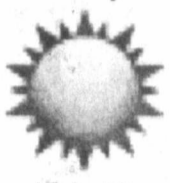


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Today	Sunday	Monday
		
High 58 Low 31	High 51 Low 29	High 55 Low 31

Today; Sunny with a high of 58. No chance of rain. Winds west southwest at 21 mph. Sunrise at 7:46 a.m.

Tonight: Clear skies with a low of 31. No chance of rain. Winds west at 19 mph. Sunset at 5:33 p.m.

Sunday: Partly cloudy with a high of 51. No chance of rain. Winds west at 11 mph. Sunrise at 7:47 a.m.

Sunday night: Clouds roll in with a low of 29. No chance of rain. Winds west southwest at 8 mph. Sunset at 5:33 p.m.

Monday: Mostly sunny with a high of 55. Ten percent chance of rain. Winds west northwest at 11 mph. Sunrise at 7:48 a.m.

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Obituaries

Arlene Mathews

Arlene Mathews, 86, died Dec. 12, 2012 in Amarillo. Services will be at 2 p.m. Today, at First Baptist Church in Skellytown, with Rev. David Johnson, associate pastor of First Baptist Church of Midland, and Rev. Jim Fox, her son-in-law, and chaplain of IntegraCare Hospice of Amarillo, officiating.

Burial will follow in Memory Gardens Cemetery in Pampa, under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Mathews was born February 9, 1926 in Cardin, Okla. She graduated from Wyandotte High School in Wyandotte, Okla., and attended business college in St. Louis, Missouri. Arlene married Paul Wayne Mathews on June 8, 1946 in Columbus, Kan. He preceded her in death on Feb. 4, 2008. She had been a resident of Skellytown from 1947 until 2006 when she moved to Amarillo.

Arlene worked at Pampa Chamber of Commerce for several years and then worked as an administrative secretary for Cabot Corporation in Pampa for 23 1/2 years.

She was a member of First Baptist Church of Skellytown and attended Paramount Baptist Church in Amarillo.

Survivors include: three daughters, Karen Horner and husband Jimmie, Nancy Fox and husband Jim, and Denise Smyth and husband Blaine, all of Amarillo; six grandchildren, Todd Horner and Shelli James, both of Amarillo, Matt Pruett of Woodward, Okla., William Chris Fox of Denver City, Dawn Marie McLean of Santa Fe, N.M., and Nicole Hallums of Beaumont; three step-grandchildren, Mickey Smyth of Plainville, Kan., Brock Smyth and Kamie Smyth, both of Lubbock; and 24 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Art and Essie Mae Burnett; a brother, Bobby Burnett; and a grandson, Keith Horner.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 176, Skellytown, Texas 79080, or BSA Hospice, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, Texas 79105.

Sign the on-line register at www.carmichael-whatley.com

Helen Ruth Thompson Mackie

Helen Ruth Thompson Mackie, 94, died Dec. 14, 2012 in Pampa. Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 17, 2012, at First United Methodist Church with Rev. Blossom Matthews, pastor, and Rev. Todd Dyess, interim pastor of United Methodist Church in Groom, officiating.

Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Helen Ruth was born June 1, 1918 in Fort Worth. She received her Bachelors and Masters degrees from West Texas State University in Canyon. She married Dock Mackie on Jan. 7, 1940 in Sayre, Oklahoma. He preceded her in death on Oct. 1, 1960. Helen Ruth taught second grade at Baker Elementary School in Pampa for over 30 years. She was a member of First United Methodist Church and the Crusaders Sunday school class. She was a member of 20th Century Study Club, Kappa Kappa Iota Sorority, Texas Retired Teachers Association and Pampa Chapter No. 65 Order of the Eastern Star.

Survivors include: three sons, Gary Mackie and wife Diane of Kingwood, Dwight Mackie and wife Sherry of Richmond, and Richard Mackie and wife Carey of Pampa; eight grandchildren, Sean Mackie of Austin, Danielle Fogarty and husband Matt of Allen, Bret Mackie of Richmond, Julie Mackie and Brandy Bordelon, both of Houston, Aly Watkins and husband Jordan of Denton, Jack Mackie of Euless, and Dock Mackie of Dallas; a great-grandchild, Autumn Fogarty of Allen; two nieces, Dorothy Bird and husband Walker of Pampa, and Suzanne Leggett and husband Freddy of Oklahoma City, and several other nieces, nephews and cousins.

Helen Ruth was preceded in death by her parents, Walter and Minnie Thompson; a brother, Larry Thompson; and a sister, Maidee Thompson.

The family would like to express appreciation to Helen Ruth's caregivers: Suzanne Oliver and Martha Vallejo.

Memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church Building Fund, P.O. Box 1981, Pampa, Texas 79066-1981.

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For the record Pampa man booked for family violence

48-year-old Terry Kay Munguia, of Pampa, was arrested Tuesday by the Pampa Police Department for assault to cause bodily injury — family violence.

27-year-old Carissa Ann Seger, of Stinnett, was arrested Tuesday by the PPD for criminal mischief.

Amarillo orthodontist pleads guilty to fraud

AMARILLO, Texas (AP) — A West Texas orthodontist has pleaded guilty to improperly billing the state Medicaid program for millions of dollars. The Amarillo Globe-News reports that Michael David Goodwin pleaded guilty Thursday to one count of health care fraud. The 63-year-old Goodwin faces up to 10 years.


An investigation by authorities showed that Goodwin was billing Medicaid for work done by dental assistants

and booking patients at 10-minute increments, pushing them to rush treatments.

He also billed for work he supposedly did at his Amarillo office on days that flight records showed he was in Indiana. Goodwin admitted filing \$2.6 million in billings, some of which were not medically necessary, for at least four years starting in 2008. Prosecutors have moved to dismiss related charges against Goodwin's wife and office manager.

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Military

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so-called fiscal cliff are ongoing and details of what could be cut have not emerged.

U.S. Defense Secretary Leon Panetta and Joint Chiefs Chairman Gen. Martin Dempsey have warned it would be devastating to the all-volunteer force if the Pentagon were forced to make billion-dollar cuts in a short-order fashion.

"It makes all us peons crazy," said Hilton. "If our military leadership says it would be a problem, we are all worried about what would happen. We rely on our military community, on our military infrastructure, for support."

Hilton, 40, graduated from the Air Force Academy and switched to the Navy to serve eight years as a submariner. He decided to leave the uniformed military and stay home to care for the couple's two children, and work on a master's degree.

Because President Obama has said the pay-

checks and housing benefits of the uniformed military would not be affected if the fiscal cliff talks fail and automatic cuts start, defense experts say the cuts will fall most heavily on civilian Pentagon employees and contractors. Reducing their numbers would directly affect active duty military and their families because those civilians provide much of the day-to-day staff for base services including hospitals, day care facilities, commissaries and even the guards who man many of the gates.

JD Brunson, 47, whose spouse retired as a master sergeant after 24 years in the Air Force, says she and her 56-year-old husband contribute to their military health insurance by paying \$41 monthly.

Brunson said the military insurance covered everything for her husband's cancer surgery, which she said cost them only \$100 even though it tallied a \$99,000 bill. The Columbia resident says she is a certified nursing assistant and her husband does maintenance work for a local church and they still

rely on the military health insurance, since their work doesn't provide such beneficial insurance.

"It's vital to us," she says. "It's owed us."

The automatic spending cuts and tax increases that would go into effect in January fall heavily on the Department of Defense, slashing some \$500 billion from future defense spending. So far, the lame-duck Congress and the White House have been unable to come up with an agreement that works around the \$1.2 trillion in automatic cuts. These cuts would come on top of some \$487 billion in spending reductions set to take effect over the coming 10 years.

One of the potential targets to budget cutters is the military's health care system known as Tricare. It provides health coverage to some 10 million active duty men and women, retirees, reservists and their families. Costs for the program have skyrocketed from \$19 billion to \$53 billion in the Pentagon's latest budget request, making it a possible target.

The uniformed military enjoys nearly cost-free

care. In his most recent budget, President Obama has proposed increasing fees for those in the military who retired after 20 years of service and are still of working age. One proposal suggests changing a fee structure that has been unchanged for 11 years by asking \$230 for an individual and \$460 for a family. That is far less than what civilian federal workers pay for their health care, about \$5,000 a year.

Air Force Reserve retiree Howard Rowell, 83, of Columbia, has survived a bout with prostate cancer, and his 77-year-old wife Tita has survived major surgery for colon cancer.

Rowell says their care is completely covered, with about 80 percent paid by Medicare and Tricare picking up the remainder. "It's a really good deal for us, because it doesn't cost us anything," says Rowell, who said he joined the Marines at 17. He entered the University of South Carolina and its ROTC program after three years in the Marines and went on to serve 25 years in the Air Force Reserve.

"We have no co-pays at all," Rowell said of his health insurance. Such costs could add up to about \$2,000 out of pocket for him if the system were changed, he said.

Rowell said he has been fortunate financially as a private businessman and that he might be able to afford an increase in taking on some of the medical costs now covered by Tricare, should Washington decide to pare the program. But he uses his savings to help his five children, seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren, some of whom have no insurance.

"I sure hope they don't change it," he said of his health insurance benefits. "It's a big worry."

Rowell says he's disconcerted about the lack of information coming from Washington on details of the fiscal cliff talks.

"I'm in the dark," he said.

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year, DPS troopers made more than 1,100 DWI arrests, and approximately 350 were the direct result of the increased patrols. DPS enforcement also resulted in more than 15,000 speeding citations, 2,000 seat belt/child safety seat citations and 18,000 other citations.

In addition, troopers made 1,020 fugitive arrests and 623 felony arrests during routine patrol operations.

DPS offers the following additional tips for safe travel during the holidays:

- Slow down — especially in bad weather, construction areas, heavy traffic and unfamiliar areas.
- Eliminate distractions, and don't text while driving.
- Buckle up everyone in the vehicle — it's the law.
- Don't drive fatigued and allow plenty of time to reach your destination.
- Drive defensively, as holiday travel may present additional challenges.
- Make sure your vehicle is properly maintained before your trip begins.
- Slow down or move over for tow trucks and police, fire and EMS vehicles stopped on the side of the road with emergency lights activated — it's the law.

Circus claims vodka saves elephants

MOSCOW (AP)—Circus trainers claim two of their elephants were saved from the Siberian cold by vodka.

Emergency ministry spokesman Alexander Davydov said Friday that the elephants were in a trailer that caught fire Thursday outside the city of Novosibirsk, forcing trainers to take them out into the bitter cold before another truck arrived to deliver them to a warm gym at a local community college.

The Komsomolskaya Pravda daily reported that trainer Leonid Labo had the animals, aged 45 and 48, drink 10 liters (2.6 gallons) of vodka diluted in warm water — and a veterinarian said later that only the tips of their ears were frostbitten.

Although scientists say that alcohol can make humans feel warmer but actually lowers their core body temperature, Novosibirsk zoo director Rostislav Shilo told the daily that the vodka saved the animals from frostbite and pneumonia, without harming or even intoxicating them.

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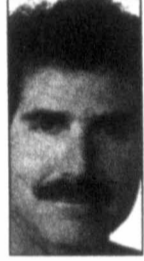
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Globe attention can give contenders a boost for Hollywood's top honors, the Academy Awards, whose nominations come out Jan. 10, three days before the Globe ceremony.

The directing lineup came entirely from dramatic films, with Affleck, Bigelow, Lee, Spielberg and Tarantino all in the running.

Filmmakers behind best musical or comedy nominees were shut out for director, including Tom Hooper for "Les Miserables" and David O. Russell for "Silver Linings Playbook."

Along with Day-Lewis as Abraham Lincoln in Spielberg's epic, best dramatic actor contenders are Richard Gere as a deceitful Wall Streeter in "Arbitrage"; John Hawkes as a polio victim trying to lose his virginity in "The Sessions"; Joaquin Phoenix as a Navy veteran under the sway of a cult leader in "The Master"; and Denzel Washington as a boozy airline pilot in "Flight."

Dramatic-actress nominees are Jessica Chastain as a CIA analyst hunting Osama bin Laden in "Zero Dark Thirty"; Marion Cotillard as a whale biologist beset by tragedy in "Rust and Bone"; Helen Mirren as Alfred Hitchcock's strong-minded wife in "Hitchcock"; Naomi Watts as a woman caught up in a devastating tsunami in "The Impossible"; and Rachel Weisz as a woman ruined by an affair in "The Deep Blue Sea."

For musical or comedy actress, the lineup is Emily Blunt as a consultant for a Mideast sheik in "Salmon Fishing in the Yemen"; Judi Dench as a widow who retires overseas in "The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel"; Jennifer Lawrence as a young widow in a new romance in "Silver Linings Playbook"; Maggie Smith as an aging singer in a retirement home in "Quartet"; and Meryl Streep as a wife trying to save her marriage in "Hope Springs."

Nominees for musical or comedy actor are Jack Black as a solicitous mortician in "Bernie"; Bradley Cooper as a troubled man fresh out of a mental hospital in "Silver Linings Playbook"; Hugh Jackman as Hugo's long-suffering hero Jean Valjean in "Les Miserables"; Ewan McGregor as a British fisheries expert in "Salmon Fishing in the Yemen"; and Bill Murray as Franklin Roosevelt in "Hyde Park on Hudson."

Competing for supporting actor are Alan Arkin as a Hollywood producer helping a CIA operation in "Argo"; Leonardo DiCaprio as a cruel slave

owner in "Django Unchained"; Philip Seymour Hoffman as a mesmerizing cult leader in "The Master"; Tommy Lee Jones as firebrand abolitionist Thaddeus Stevens in "Lincoln"; and Christoph Waltz as a genteel bounty hunter in "Django Unchained."

The supporting-actress picks are Amy Adams as a cult leader's devoted wife in "The Master"; Sally Field as Mary Todd Lincoln in "Lincoln"; Anne Hathaway as a mother fallen into prostitution in "Les Miserables"; Helen Hunt as a sexual surrogate in "The Sessions"; and Nicole Kidman as a trashy mistress of a Death Row inmate in "The Paperboy."

Snubbed completely was the low-budget critical darling "Beasts of the Southern Wild," which won top honors at last January's Sundance Film Festival. Also shut out was the stripper hit "Magic Mike," which had good buzz for supporting player Matthew McConaughey, who also earned acclaim for roles in "Bernie" and "Killer Joe." Another film to not notch a single nomination was "The Hobbit," a prelude to the "The Lord of the Rings" films, which all got Globe nods.

With three nominations, "Salmon Fishing in the Yemen" was a surprise inclusion Thursday, since the film had virtually no awards buzz behind it.

There will be some friendly rivalry among the hosts at the Globe ceremony, Tina Fey and Amy Poehler. Both were nominated for best actress in a TV comedy, Fey for "30 Rock" and Poehler for "Parks and Recreation."

Fey and Poehler follow Ricky Gervais, who was host the last three years and rubbed some Hollywood egos the wrong way with sharp wisecracks about A-list stars and the foreign press association

itself. The Sarah Palin drama "Game Change" leads TV contenders with five nominations: including best movie or miniseries and acting honors for Julianne Moore, Woody Harrelson, Ed Harris and Sarah Paulson.

Best TV comedy series nominees are "The Big Bang Theory," "Episodes," "Girls," "Modern Family" and "Smash." TV drama picks are "Breaking Bad," "Boardwalk Empire," "Downton Abbey: Season 2," "Homeland" and "The Newsroom."

Hayden Panettiere was in Nashville, Tenn., when she got word that she'd been nominated as best supporting actress in a TV series for "Nashville."

"I had my phone on my chest sleeping because they told me to be around just in case, but I never expected to get this call," she said. "It took me a second

and then it hit me and I just started weeping. I got pretty emotional."

Globe acting winners often go on to receive the same prizes at the Oscars. All four Oscar winners last season — lead performers Meryl Streep of "The Iron Lady" and Jean Dujardin of "The Artist," and supporting players Octavia Spencer of "The Help" and Christopher Plummer of "Beginners" — won Globes first.

With stars sharing drinks and dinner, the Globes have a reputation as one of Hollywood's loose and unpredictable awards gatherings. Winners occasionally have been off in the restroom when their names were announced, and there have been moments of on-stage spontaneity such as Jack Nicholson mooning the crowd or Ving Rhames handing over his trophy to fellow nominee Jack Lemmon.

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Nominated for best musical or comedy were: the British retiree adventure "The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel"; the Victor Hugo musical "Les Miserables"; the first-love tale "Moonrise Kingdom"; the fishing romance "Salmon Fishing in the Yemen"; and the lost-soul romance "Silver Linings Playbook."

Globe attention can give contenders a boost for Hollywood's top honors, the Academy Awards, whose nominations come out Jan. 10, three days before the Globe ceremony.

The directing lineup came entirely from dramatic films, with Affleck, Bigelow, Lee, Spielberg and Tarantino all in the running.

Filmmakers behind best musical or comedy nominees were shut out for director, including Tom Hooper for "Les Miserables" and David O. Russell for "Silver Linings Playbook."

Along with Day-Lewis as Abraham Lincoln in Spielberg's epic, best dramatic actor contenders are Richard Gere as a deceitful Wall Streeter in "Arbitrage"; John Hawkes as a polio victim trying to lose his virginity in "The Sessions"; Joaquin Phoenix as a Navy veteran under the sway of a cult leader in "The Master"; and Denzel Washington as a boozy airline pilot in "Flight."

Dramatic-actress nominees are Jessica Chastain as a CIA analyst hunting Osama bin Laden in "Zero Dark Thirty"; Marion Cotillard as a whale biologist beset by tragedy in "Rust and Bone"; Helen Mirren as Alfred Hitchcock's strong-minded wife in "Hitchcock"; Naomi Watts as a woman caught up in a devastating tsunami in "The Impossible"; and Rachel Weisz as a woman ruined by an affair in "The Deep Blue Sea."

For musical or comedy actress, the lineup is Emily Blunt as a consultant for a Mideast sheik in "Salmon Fishing in the Yemen"; Judi Dench as a widow who retires overseas in "The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel"; Jennifer Lawrence as a young widow in a new romance in "Silver Linings Playbook"; Maggie Smith as an aging singer in a retirement home in "Quartet"; and Meryl Streep as a wife trying to save her marriage in "Hope Springs."

Nominees for musical or comedy actor are Jack Black as a solicitous mortician in "Bernie"; Bradley Cooper as a troubled man fresh out of a mental hospital in "Silver Linings Playbook"; Hugh Jackman as Hugo's long-suffering hero Jean Valjean in "Les Miserables"; Ewan McGregor as a British fisheries expert in "Salmon Fishing in the Yemen"; and Bill Murray as Franklin Roosevelt in "Hyde Park on Hudson."

Competing for supporting actor are Alan Arkin as a Hollywood producer helping a CIA operation in "Argo"; Leonardo DiCaprio as a cruel slave

owner in "Django Unchained"; Philip Seymour Hoffman as a mesmerizing cult leader in "The Master"; Tommy Lee Jones as firebrand abolitionist Thaddeus Stevens in "Lincoln"; and Christoph Waltz as a genteel bounty hunter in "Django Unchained."

The supporting-actress picks are Amy Adams as a cult leader's devoted wife in "The Master"; Sally Field as Mary Todd Lincoln in "Lincoln"; Anne Hathaway as a mother fallen into prostitution in "Les Miserables"; Helen Hunt as a sexual surrogate in "The Sessions"; and Nicole Kidman as a trashy mistress of a Death Row inmate in "The Paperboy."

Snubbed completely was the low-budget critical darling "Beasts of the Southern Wild," which won top honors at last January's Sundance Film Festival. Also shut out was the stripper hit "Magic Mike," which had good buzz for supporting player Matthew McConaughey, who also earned acclaim for roles in "Bernie" and "Killer Joe." Another film to not notch a single nomination was "The Hobbit," a prelude to the "The Lord of the Rings" films, which all got Globe nods.

With three nominations, "Salmon Fishing in the Yemen" was a surprise inclusion Thursday, since the film had virtually no awards buzz behind it.

There will be some friendly rivalry among the hosts at the Globe ceremony, Tina Fey and Amy Poehler. Both were nominated for best actress in a TV comedy, Fey for "30 Rock" and Poehler for "Parks and Recreation."

Fey and Poehler follow Ricky Gervais, who was host the last three years and rubbed some Hollywood egos the wrong way with sharp wisecracks about A-list stars and the foreign press association

itself.

The Sarah Palin drama "Game Change" leads TV contenders with five nominations: including best movie or miniseries and acting honors for Julianne Moore, Woody Harrelson, Ed Harris and Sarah Paulson.

Best TV comedy series nominees are "The Big Bang Theory," "Episodes," "Girls," "Modern Family" and "Smash." TV drama picks are "Breaking Bad," "Boardwalk Empire," "Downton Abbey: Season 2," "Homeland" and "The Newsroom."

Hayden Panettiere was in Nashville, Tenn., when she got word that she'd been nominated as best supporting actress in a TV series for "Nashville."

"I had my phone on my chest sleeping because they told me to be around just in case, but I never expected to get this call," she said. "It took me a second

and then it hit me and I just started welling up. I got pretty emotional."

Globe acting winners often go on to receive the same prizes at the Oscars. All four Oscar winners last season — lead performers Meryl Streep of "The Iron Lady" and Jean Dujardin of "The Artist," and supporting players Octavia Spencer of "The Help" and Christopher Plummer of "Beginners" — won Globes first.

With stars sharing drinks and dinner, the Globes have a reputation as one of Hollywood's loose and unpredictable awards gatherings. Winners occasionally have been off in the restroom when their names were announced, and there have been moments of on-stage spontaneity such as Jack Nicholson mooning the crowd or Ving Rhames handing over his trophy to fellow nominee Jack Lemmon.

GRADUATIONS

Marine PVT Ryan L. Damron



Marine PVT Ryan L. Damron, a 2012 graduate of Pampa High School, has graduated from Basic Training at San Diego, CA. Damron is now at Camp Pendleton, CA for School of Infantry Marine Combat Battalion Training, Golf Co. 1st Platoon. After the Christmas Holiday, he will be stationed in Georgia. He is the son of Alice Damron of Pampa, TX and Dewayne and Tammy Damron also of Pampa, TX.

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them, "Please, take the time to educate me on the issues and concerns resonating among black folks and how our agenda can appeal to them."

Then you sit back, shut up and take notes. The same happens with other constituencies that the Democratic Party has dominated. This is the only effective way the GOP will come to grips with the enormous problems they have in these communities. You first must know why there is so much resistance and then methodically address the is-

sues. And that means having an extraordinary outreach program that will need to be funded and staffed. The fact is a massive outreach effort that is needed may not pay off for the GOP in 2016. But laying the groundwork today could mean seeing the fruits of that labor then and beyond.

I can guarantee the GOP one

thing: if they ignore minority constituents and dismiss them, they will get destroyed at the ballot box. The only way for fruits to prosper is if the seed is planted, cultivated and tended to. The GOP has been unwilling to get its hands dirty and do the hard work when it comes to minority voters. Keep it up and you'll starve to death. I guaran-

tee it.

Roland S. Martin is an award-winning CNN analyst and author of the book "The First: President Barack Obama's Road to the White House as Originally Reported by Roland S. Martin."

You can visit his website at RolandSMartin.com.

The PAMPA NEWS

Community Calendar

Meredith House presents live music

Meredith House, an assisted-living facility at 812 W. 25th Ave., has a band performing at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday and Saturday night. Join them for Western music, gospel and the classics. For more information, call 806-665-5668.

Jam sessions every Friday night

The Woody Guthrie Folk Music Center has a jam sessions every Friday night starting at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to play or listen. The center is located at 320 S. Cuyler St. For more information, call 806-664-0824.

'Blue Christmas' at First Christian Church

Pampa's First Christian Church at 1633 N. Nelson St. will be sharing in "A Blue Christmas Service of Worship" at 6:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 15.

The service is offered in the hope of blessing anyone who has experienced major trauma this year. If you have experienced the trauma of illness, loss of loved one, job change/

search, or anything else personally or in your family that might keep you from truly celebrating the joys of Christmas, you are invited to share in this special service.

Pampa Chamber of Commerce luncheon

Pampa Chamber of Commerce will host its monthly luncheon from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m., Dec. 18, at 200 N. Ballard St. Cost is \$10 per person.

The chamber luncheon is open to the public; non-chamber members must call the chamber to register for the luncheon. Contact Lori Byrne at 806-669-3241 for more information.

Christmas carols at the Meredith House

There will be Christmas caroling at the Meredith House from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., Dec. 21, at 812 W. 25th Ave., Pampa. For more information, call 806-665-5668.

Calvary Baptist Church Advent and Candlelight service

Calvary Baptist Church's annual Advent and Candlelight Service is at 6:30

p.m., Wednesday night, Dec. 19. The one hour service will include lots of Christmas music, drama and will conclude with a candle lighting ceremony by everyone in attendance. Solos and Christmas carol singing will also be included.

Candles and candle lighting have always been popular during the Christmas season because God, the Father, sent His son, Jesus as a light to the world.

Just as light will spread through the Calvary Baptist Church sanctuary as the candles are lit, the light of Jesus Christ is spread by Christians into the world.

Calvary Baptist Church is located at 900 E. 23rd Street. There will be a nursery for children through age 3.

Editor's note: Email submissions to thowshare@thepampanews.com. Submissions should be 100 words or less and written in the third person. Please include the title of the event, the date and time, physical address, the admission cost or whether it is a free event and a contact number and/or email address for the public.

Higdon

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building as the Salvation Army.

Higdon said in some communities the Salvation Army and Boys and Girls Club are completely separate organizations.

But in Pampa, the Salvation Army is in charge of the Boys and Girls Club.

"There is only four of us here through the day but then we have 30 kids in the afternoon," she said.

Higdon said the Boys and Girls Club offers school-age children activities such as homework assistance, music lessons and character building.

On Friday, she said, the kids went around to local nursing homes handing out gifts.

"We want to keep the heat on," she

said. "It is a safe haven for boys and girls at the club."

Any child can join the Boys and Girls Club and the most a child pays is \$30 per month.

For children whose families can't afford the fees, there are scholarships, she said.

But even if every child paid \$30 a month to be a member, that still wouldn't be nearly enough the cover all the costs, which include arts and crafts and meals, Higdon said.

Anyone wishing to donate to the Pampa Salvation Army can mail a check to 701 S. Cuyler St. Pampa, Texas 79065.

The Salvation Army also is looking for volunteer bell ringers to work at Walmart and United Supermarket from now until Christmas.

To volunteer or for more information, call 665-7233.

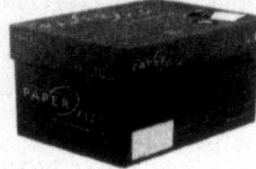
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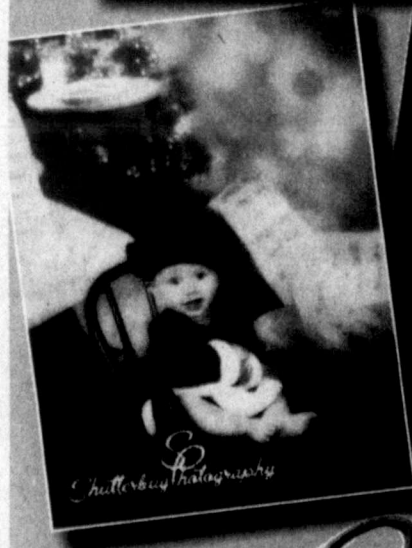
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Please fill out the following data on your 2012 Business of the Year candidate and return to the Chamber NO LATER THAN January 31, 2013. Please print or type.

Name of organization or individual making nomination: _____

Please list who we should contact if more information is needed? (include contact phone number)

Nominee's Name: _____

Nominee's Address: _____

Nominee contact information

Contact name: _____

Contact phone number(s): _____

Please attach a written statement about the nominee stating reasons you feel the business should be selected. These may include, but are not limited to: community service efforts, impact on the community, employee satisfaction (if applicable), customer satisfaction (if applicable). You may also include letters of recommendation from others in the Pampa area. The Selection Committee will choose a winner from the material presented. Written documentation should not exceed two (2) pages.

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DEADLINE FOR ALL APPLICATIONS: January 31, 2013

2012 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR GREATER PAMPA AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: Nominees must have been a resident of the Pampa trade area for at least five years. The nominee should be an individual who has made an outstanding community contribution through his/her job, volunteer efforts, or other activities during the past 3 years.

Please fill out the following biographical data on your 2012 Citizen of the Year candidate and return to the Chamber NO LATER THAN January 31, 2013. Please print or type.

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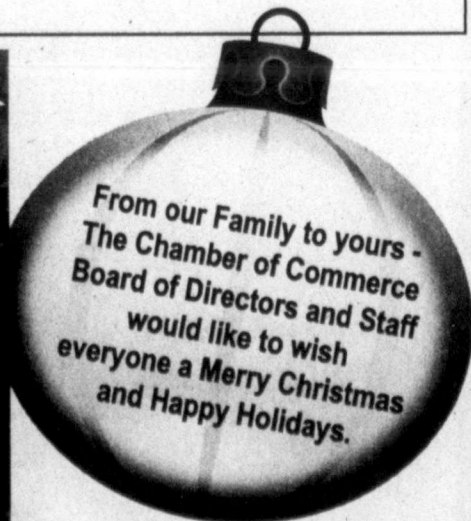
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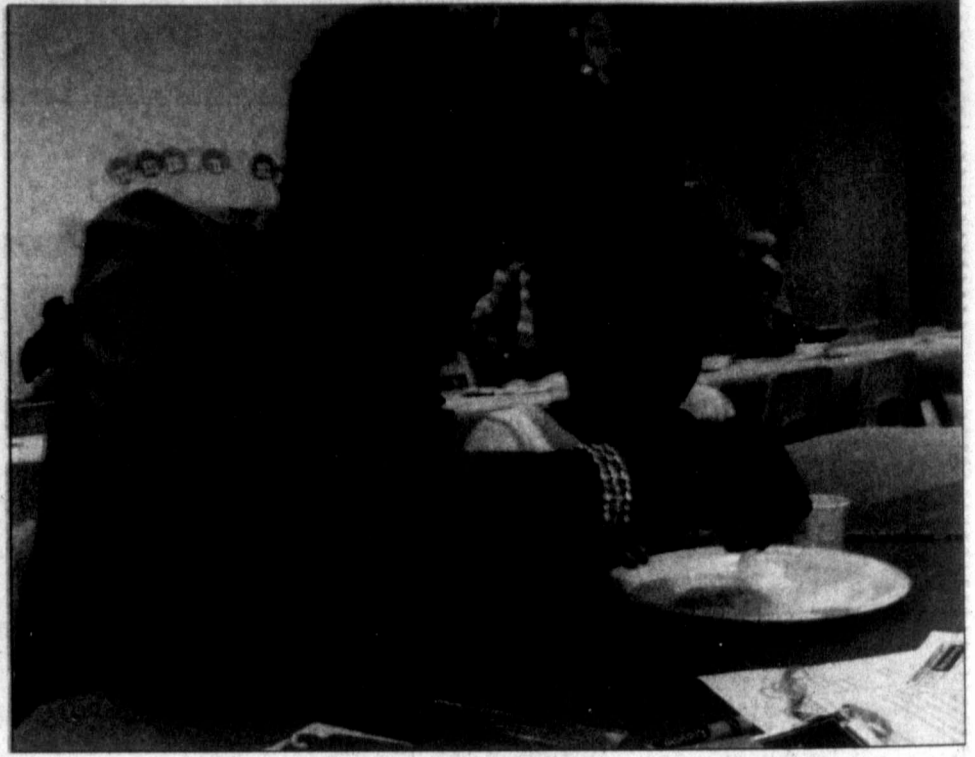
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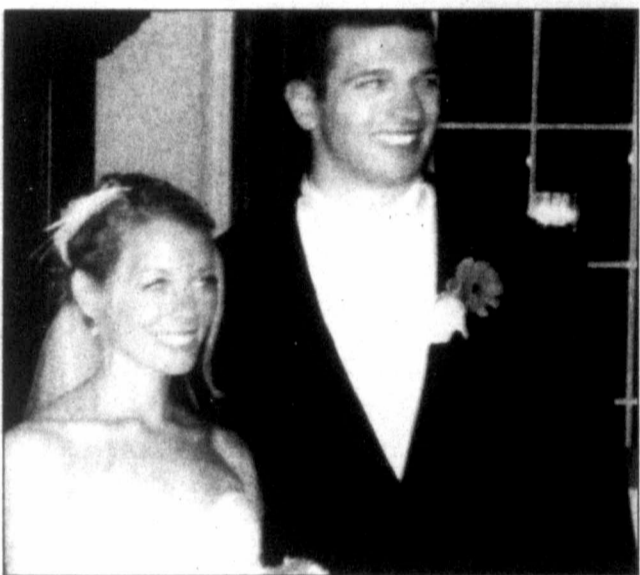


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Above left, Marcus, right, and Jamal Johnson, 9, color Christmas-inspired activity sheets at Sweet Times at Lamar Elementary. Above right, Pampa city clerk Karen Price and granddaughter, Dabria Smith, 8, decorate Christmas cookies.

WEDDING BELLS

Kristin Keough and Brian McNeaney



Kristin Keough of Albany, NY, and Brian McNeaney of North Brookfield, MA, were married September 28, 2012, at the Glen Sanders Mansion in Scotia, NY. The ceremony was performed by the bride's brother, Michael Keough, and a special reading by the bride's sister-in-law, Emily Keough, of Clarendon, TX. Cocktail hour followed the ceremony with a reception in the ballroom.

The bride is the daughter of Tammie Keough, Albany, NY and Jimmy and Robin Keough of Pampa. The granddaughter of Vivian and PeeWee Romines, Lyndel (Corky) and Vivian Godfrey, the late Jim Keough and Linda Godfrey and the great-granddaughter of Thelma Freeman all of Pampa, TX.

The groom is the son of David and Lee McNeaney of West Dennis, MA. The grandson of Ruth McNeaney and late Richard McNeaney and Richard and Barbara Bogart of North Brookfield, MA.

The parents of the bride escorted her down the aisle to the song, "Will You Marry Me" by John Berry. She wore an ivory strapless sweetheart hand draped silk organza bodice and tulle Tara Keely bridal ball gown with a chapel train and carried a bouquet of orange Gerber daisies, roses and white gardenias.

The bride's twin sister, Kira Keough, was her maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Elizabeth Silva, Amelia Lochner, Alisha Polsinelli, all of Albany, NY, Sara Pelkey and Megan Wyand of Boston, MA. The girls wore navy blue, strapless sweetheart ball gowns and carried a bouquet of orange Gerber daisies and roses.

The groom's best man was Jonathan Viner of North Brookfield, MA. Groomsmen were Richard Steverson of Albany, NY, Andrew Ahearn and Jay Belanger of North Brookfield, MA, and Bradley Carlson of Scarborough, ME. The guys wore back tuxedos with silver ties and vests.

The bride is a Bachelor of Biochemistry graduate from the University of New England in Biddeford, ME. The groom is a Doctorate of Physical Therapy graduate from the University of New England in Portland, ME. He is employed at Bay State PT in Kingston, MA.

After their honeymoon trip to Aruba, the couple will reside in Pembroke, MA

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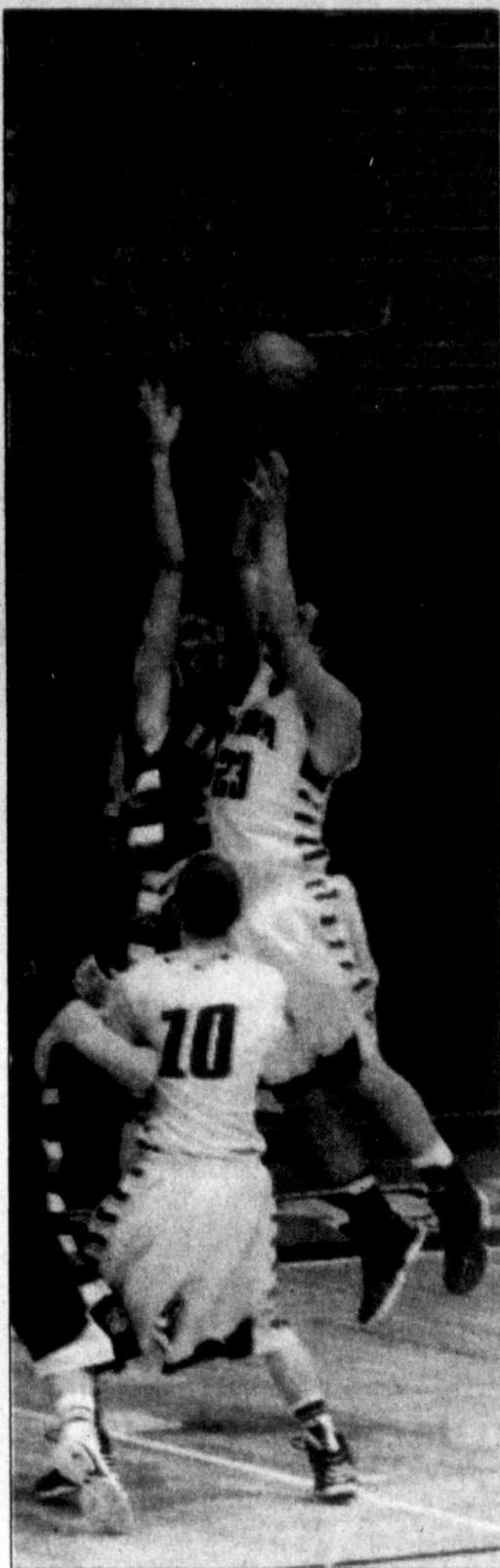
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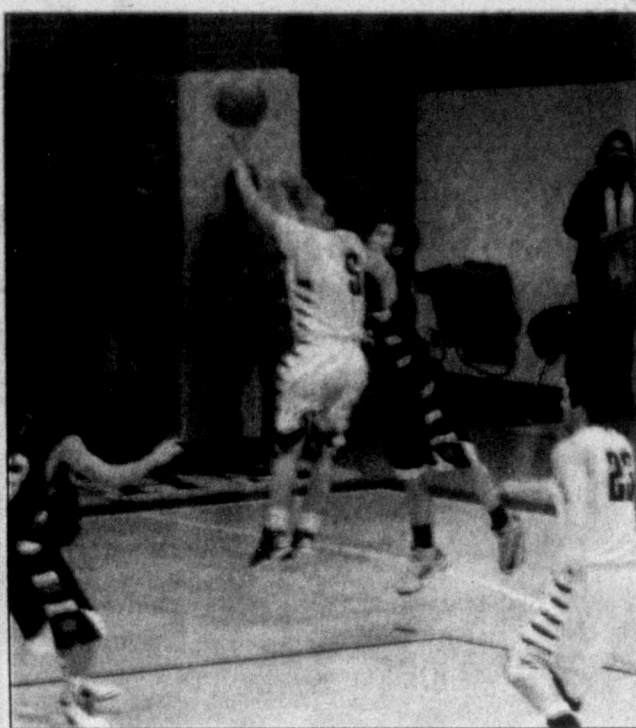
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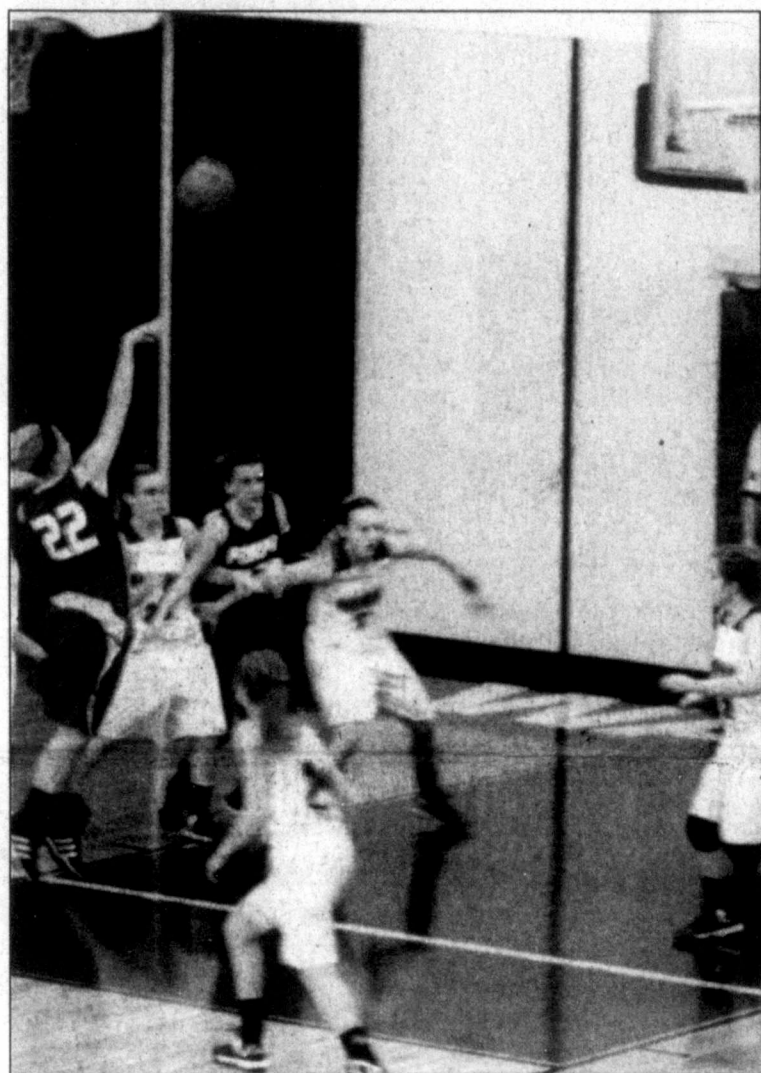
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MUSCLE UP. Hayley Burnett tries to get a layup attempt off. Burnett scored six points against Miami on Tuesday.



LEAPING. Gabe Garcia attempts to leap over a Randall defender for a jump shot. Jake Green prepares to block out a defender in hopes to get a rebound. Garcia scored seven points Tuesday night.



AIRBORNE. Cade Engle pulls up for a jumper against Randall. Engle scored 11 points Tuesday.



SHOT UP. Allison Ceyanes shoots a free-throw line jumper against Miami on Tuesday night. Ceyanes scored four points in the game.

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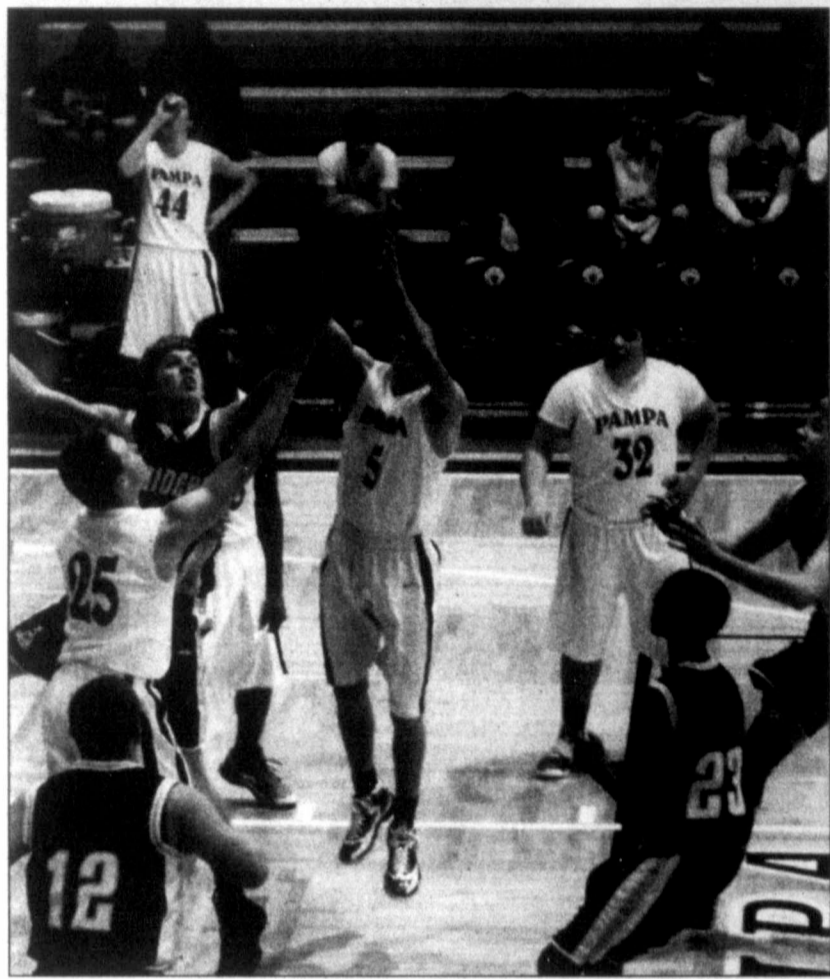
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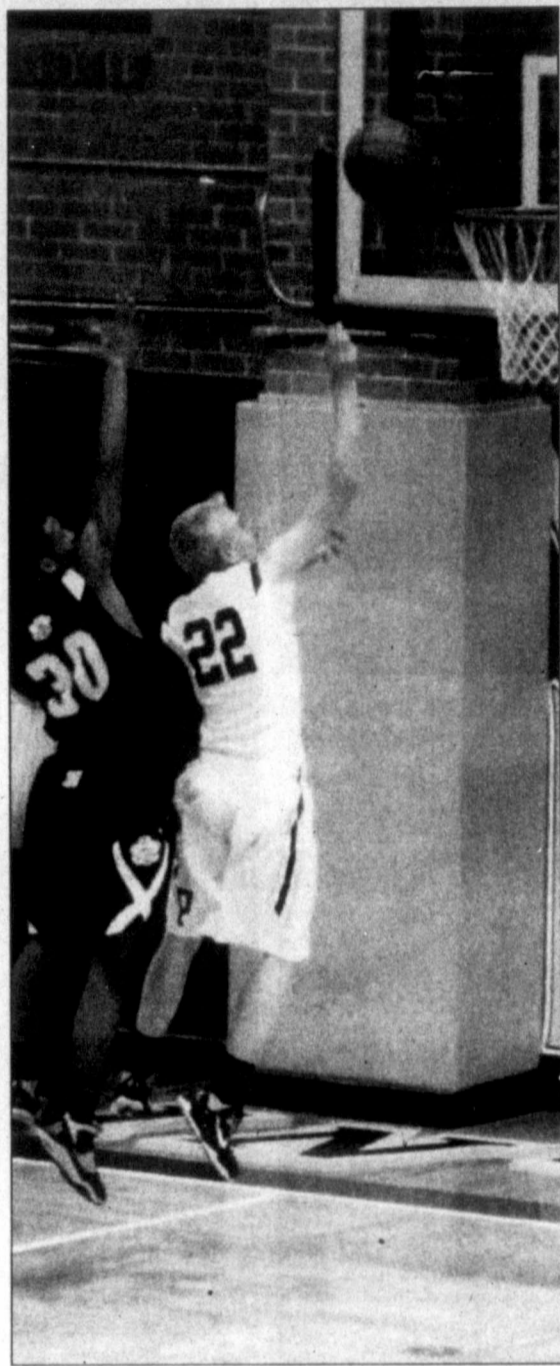
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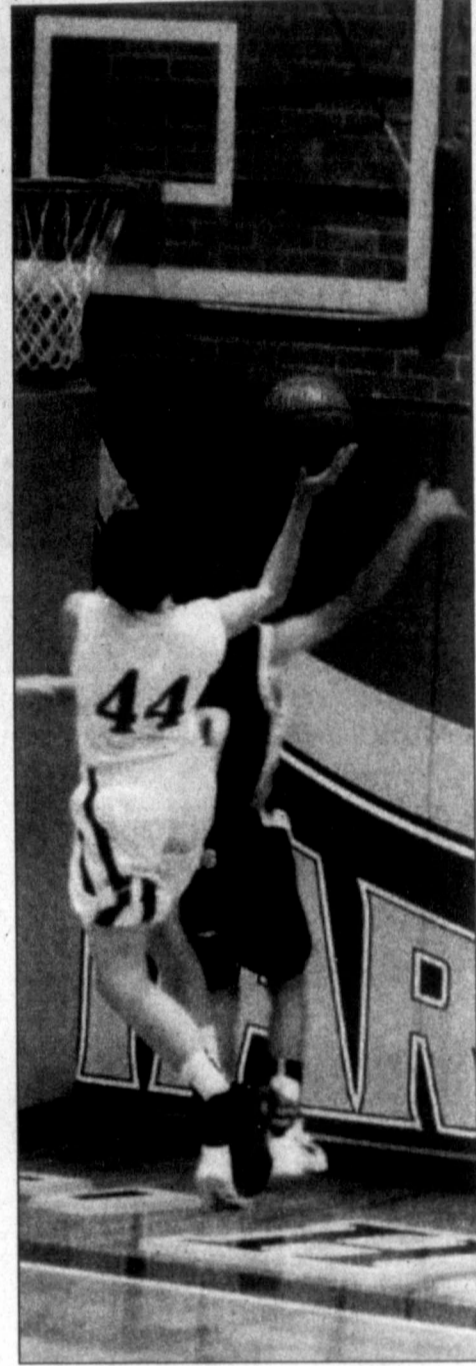


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GOING IN? Colton Thompson and Alec McClendon going for a loose ball in a game against Randall. Despite a good effort from the Pampa freshman, they lost the game Tuesday.



GOING IN? Blayne Troxell attempts a layup for Pampa's JV team against Randall after beating the defenders down the court. Troxell finished with 10 points in the game.



LEAPING OVER. Bryson Burrell attempts to shoot a leaning jumper over a Randall defender. Burrell finished the game with three points.

Pampa 4x4 volleyball winter league signups

STAFF REPORT

Sign ups for the Pampa 4x4 volleyball leagues are ongoing through Jan. 4, 2013 at 5 p.m. All rosters must be sent in and all fees must be paid by the deadline or the team will not be scheduled.

There is a \$100 entry fee, which is usually the sponsor's fee. The players fee is \$15 per person and there must be at least six players on a team.

There are women's, men's and mixed 4x4 divisions.

Schedules will be available on Jan. 11, 2013 in the Recreation Office at M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium. Office hours are Monday

through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Play will begin the week of Jan. 14, 2013. There will be 12 matches that are rally scoring as well as a post-season tournament.

There are first, second and third place awards for each division. Those will be sponsor plaques. There will also be first and second place individual awards in each division.

The minimum age to sign up is 14 years old. All players must turn in a waiver form to be eligible to play.

For more information, contact Autumn Schaub at 806-669-1044 or by email at pamparecreation@gmail.com.

Golf thought of the week

In the past weeks there has been a lot written about the new Putter regulations that may or may not (but will probably) come into force in 2016.

Let's get our mind off the debate about the rules and move it, for 2013, into how you can be a top class Putter.

As a minimum, set a measurable goal for an improvement in your Putting, no matter how good you are.

I suspect that just adding focus and extra concentration will see many improve.

For others, some additional time on the practice green will help with confidence.

For some, finding a Putter that they feel comfortable with will deliver great improvement.

(I sometimes think that golfers saying they want a Putter they just

feel comfortable with, is a bit like saying I can fit myself perfectly by accident!)

Then there are those of you who want to take this seriously. You want to have your technique and your equipment assessed.

You want to develop a sensible action plan, which may involve some technique improvements, could involve something as simple as a 'grip' change, and will certainly include some structured practice.

But close your eyes, and recall that sound of a Putt dropping. It's a great sound, isn't it?

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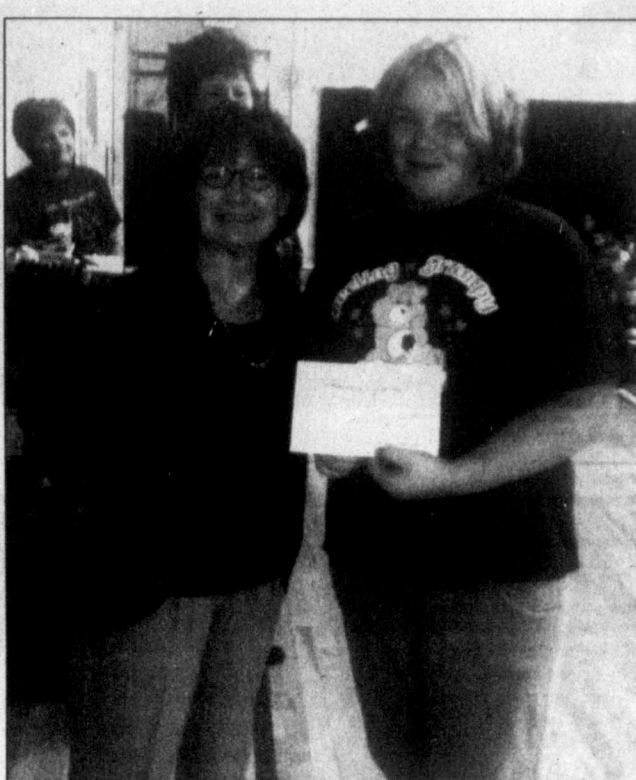
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Google Maps return to iPhone with new mobile app

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Google Maps has found its way back to the iPhone.

The world's most popular online mapping system returned late Wednesday with the release of the Google Maps iPhone app. The release comes nearly three months after Apple Inc. replaced Google Maps as the device's built-in navigation system and inserted its own map software into the latest version of its mobile operating system.

Apple's maps application proved to be far inferior to Google's. The product's shoddiness prompted Apple CEO Tim Cook to issue a rare public apology and recommend that iPhone owners consider using Google maps through a mobile Web browser or seek other alternatives until his company could fix the problems.

Among other things, Apple's maps misplaced landmarks, overlooked towns and sometimes got people horribly lost. In one example brought to light this week, Australian police derided Apple's maps as "life-threatening" because the system steered people looking for the city of Mildura into a sweltering, remote desert 44 miles from their desired destination.

Google Inc., in contrast, is hailing its new iPhone app as a major improvement from the one evicted by Apple.

The additional tools in the free iPhone app include turn-by-turn directions. Google's previous refusal to include that popular feature on the iPhone app — while making it available for smartphones running on its own Android software — is believed to be one of the reasons Apple decided to develop its own technology. The increasing friction between Google and Apple as they jostle for leadership in the

smartphone market also played a role in the mapping switch.

Google's new iPhone mapping app also offers street-level photography of local neighborhoods for the first time on Apple's mobile operating system, as well as three-dimensional views, public transit directions and listings for more than 80 million businesses around the world. The app still lacks some of the mapping features available on Android-powered phones, such as directions inside malls and other buildings.

There still isn't a Google mapping app for Apple's top-selling tablet computer, the iPad, but the company plans to make one eventually. Google, which is based in Mountain View, Calif., declined to say when it hopes to release an iPad mapping app. For now, iPad owners can use the maps in an iPhone mode. That won't be the best experience, but it still may be better than Apple's offering on the iPad.

Google's free mapping app is likely to become one of the hottest commodities in Apple's app store, if for no other reason than pent-up demand among iPhone owners who are fed up with Apple's alternative. Some iPhone owners even refused to upgrade to Apple's newest software, iOS 6, because they didn't want to lose access to the old Google mapping application built into iOS 5 and earlier versions.

Apple didn't respond to a request for comment about Google's new apps late Wednesday, but it approved the technology before its release.

Graf said Google isn't hoping to make Apple look bad with its new mapping app. "On maps, we have a friendly relationship," he said.

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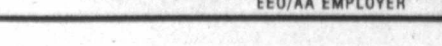
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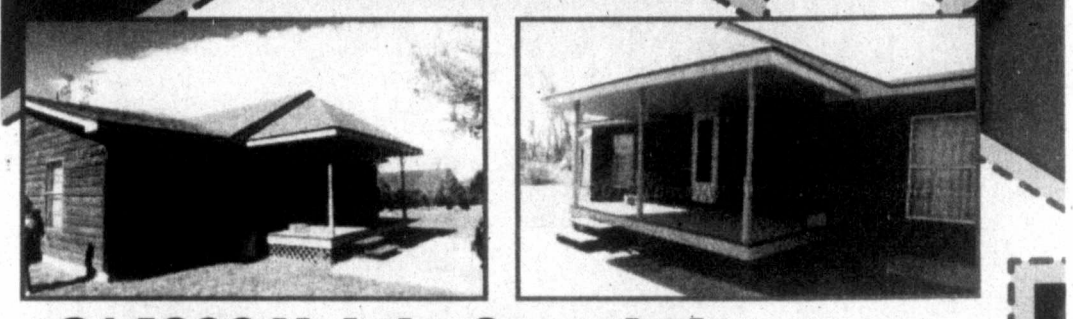
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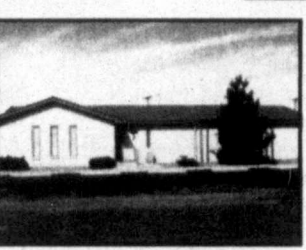
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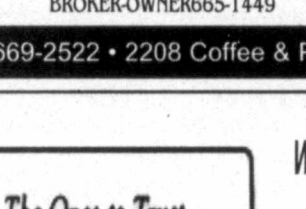
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DEAR ABBY: I'm a senior in high school and will be off to college next year. Like my older brother, I will be attending a school 30 minutes from home.

A problem he has, and that I'm worried about, is setting boundaries with my father. Dad works near the college and insists on stopping by to visit my brother at least once a week. If my brother refuses to meet with him, Dad guilt-trips him and gets angry.

I want to experience independence in college. How can I avoid this problem and set visitation boundaries with my father? — COLLEGE BOUND IN GEORGIA

DEAR COLLEGE BOUND: So many people your age who write to me have no father involved in their lives at all, and you appear to have a little too much. I agree that by the time a student reaches college, it is time for more independence than your father seems willing to give your brother.

If your mother is in the picture, perhaps she could reason with your dad. However, if that's not possible, your brother — and you — may have to transfer to other schools to put some

distance between you.

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend and his 4-year-old daughter live with me and my two children. We keep our finances separate. I am self-employed and work mostly from home. I also take care of the household chores.

My problem is that he thinks because I work from home I should take care of his daughter during the day, versus her going to day care. My schedule is very full, and I enjoy being able to work from home without the interruptions of having to play nanny while my children are in school. However, I feel guilty about not helping him out on this.

Am I selfish for not helping him, or am I justified in my feelings? — DON'T WANT TO BE THE NANNY

DEAR DON'T WANT TO BE THE NANNY: If you need the income from your business, that's where you should be directing your energy. Your job, coupled with the housework, is enough to handle.

Your boyfriend is employed, and he can place the 4-year-old in day care during the hours your children are in school. Depending upon your schedule, including his

daughter in whatever activities your children are involved in should not take up too large a chunk of your time.

DEAR ABBY: Charlie and I have been married 14 years. Between 1970 and 1980, he traveled with a big circus. He says those were the best years of his life.

We have taken several cruises together and other nice trips, but he never mentions them. It's always his circus days that he talks about.

I have asked him several times not to bring the subject up so much. He will go a day or two before mentioning the circus again. Is there anything I can say to make him stop? It's driving me crazy. — BORED UNDER THE BIG TOP

DEAR BORED: I'm sure your husband doesn't mean to belittle the good times you have had together. But his circus adventure ended 30 years ago. What I suspect Charlie is reminiscing about is less the circus than it is his youth.

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PAMPA HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT



Photos by Kelli Turley

The Pampa High School choirs performed their Christmas concert at First Christian Church on Thursday night.

First photo, Greg Smith is playing the clarinet for the Treble Choir. Top row: from left, Genesis Delatore, Nia Leatherwood, Yvette Villanueva and Macie Loggins. Bottom row: Tianni Costley, Stacy Ramirez and Sydney Taylor.

Second photo, The Pampa High School Show Choir. Top row: from left, Nick Nelson, Shattner Reeve, Sheldon Reeve, Logan Turley, Will Hieronymous and Drew Facio. Bottom row: Karli Harden, Brooke Woelfle, Brittany Darnell, Macy Cochran, Taylor Smith, Holly Lane and Madison Fatheree. The show choir is directed by Fred Mays and accompanied by Brianna Montgomery.

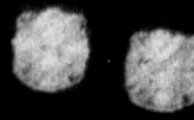
Third photo, the Pampa High School Mixed Choir directed by Fred Mays and accompanied by Brianna Montgomery.

Fourth photo, the Pampa High School Women's Choir directed by Brianna Montgomery and accompanied by Fred Mays.

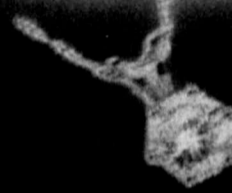
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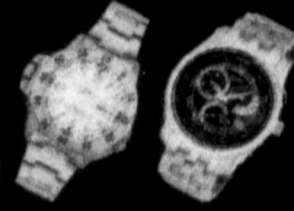
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DOWNTOWN BUCKS WINNERS



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Stephane Rheams, center, hands out two \$250 stacks of Downtown Bucks to Kayla Preston, left, of Pampa, and Cathy Phillips, of Borger. The women won the vouchers Thursday night in a drawing held in front of Rheams Diamond Shop. Shoppers got the raffle tickets by making purchases at Rheams Diamond Shop, Heard Jones and the Sparrow's Nest. The Downtown Bucks can only be spent at those three stores. Both Preston and Phillips said they had a "bunch" of tickets and that they were pleased and grateful to be winners.

N.M. woman parlays one dollar investment into \$5,500 payout

SANTA FE, N.M. (AP) — A Santa Fe woman has parlayed her sister's \$1 investment in an old ammunition box into a \$5,500 payout.

Marlene Arsola received the check this week from the U.S. Department of the Treasury.

She tells the Albuquerque Journal that her sister bought a couple of metal ammunition boxes for \$1 each at an auction about eight years ago.

One box was empty but the other had shredded currency.

Arsola's sister took the bills that were partially intact to the bank and received \$400 to \$500 for it. She turned over the smaller shreds to Arsola, who enjoys doing puzzles.

Arsola didn't put the pieces together but eventually contacted the Treasury Department about the mutilated money.

She discovered the check in her mail Thursday.

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New-found tale could be Hans Christian Andersen's

COPENHAGEN, Denmark (AP) — For years, the somber fairy tale about a lonely candle that wanted to be lit dwelt in oblivion at the bottom of a box in Denmark's National Archives. Its recent discovery has sent ripples through the literary world because it is believed to be one of the first tales ever written by Hans Christian Andersen. The famed Dane wrote nearly 160 fairy

tales in his life, including classics such as "The Ugly Duckling" and "The Little Mermaid." The tale of the candle may have been written when he was still a teen, experts say. Retired historian Esben Brage said Thursday that he found the six-page text on Oct. 4 while searching through archive boxes that had belonged to wealthy families from Andersen's hometown of Odense in central

Denmark.

The handwritten copy of the tale, titled "Tallow Candle," and dedicated to a vicar's widow named Bunkeflod who had lived across from Andersen's home, had been left seemingly untouched at the bottom of one of the boxes.

"I was ecstatic," Brage said. "I had never imagined this."

The short story tells the tale of how a tallow candle

seeks help from a tinder box to be able to ignite itself. A senior curator at the Hans Christian Andersen Museum in Odense said the work is likely one of the author's earliest, written at the age of 18 — seven years before his official debut in 1830.

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Nest Heads



daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, Dec. 17, 2012:

This year you hear and learn so much that you might experience an information overload. You do not always understand why people do what they do. Be aware of the fact that sometimes they don't either. Your drive to learn more marks your year. Some of you will go back to school, while others will find that learning about different lifestyles is helpful. If you are single, you could discover that you have too many potential suitors. Enjoy the process of choosing the right person. If you are attached, your home life remains pivotal. You even might decide to buy a home or change where you live. PISCES is often a source of stress for you.

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)
 ★★★★★ Schedule meetings quickly, even if you feel pushed to do so. Others can't seem to handle business matters right now. You could be overwhelmed by the many hats you need to wear. Messages could get mixed, and others might be into control games. Tonight: Vanish quickly!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 ★★★★★ You step up to the plate and take the lead at work, school and/or within your immediate circle. You could feel stretched to the limit. A loved one will make an effort to help, but he or she will succeed only in irritating you. Walk away from someone's power play. Tonight: Where you want to be.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 ★★★★★ Reach out to someone who can be a lightning rod of enlightenment. You appreciate this person's different perspective. When you work with a situation and use more expansive thinking, you will incorporate what you've learned. Tonight: Catch up with an older relative.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 ★★★★★ You get bored by the same old conversations. Toss in a new idea or two, and observe the responses you get. You will know right away whether you can open up this interaction. At least you will be able to get a feel for the possibilities. Tonight: Put on a piece of Christmas music.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
 ★★★★★ Others seek you out for a plethora of reasons. You might be so overwhelmed by everything you hear that you might want to hide. Consider taking a walk

or signing up for a yoga class. Someone in your daily environment decides to be very controlling. Tonight: Dinner for two.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 ★★★★★ You are able to make other things laugh. Your ability to dive into a problem and find the solution also emerges. Your creativity tends to bubble up in problem-solving situations, and you'll feel more confident than you have in a while. Tonight: Go with a suggestion.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
 ★★★★★ Your quirky, fun personality might emerge at a most inappropriate moment. Make calls to a key person at a distance. This person's perspective adds dimension to a situation. Touch base with a family member when you have a few moments. Tonight: Slow down. Relax.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
 ★★★★★ Make it OK to vanish for a while. Home might be the perfect place to hang out. Return a call to a neighbor or family member. This person knows how to manipulate people, and he or she often likes to practice on you. Be careful! Tonight: Choose what you most love to do.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
 ★★★★★ Stay tuned in to a family member's needs. Certain feelings will emerge, and you could become more verbal than in the recent past. Others will respond. Do not get involved in a petty struggle happening around you. Go out and do errands instead. Tonight: Head on home.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 ★★★★★ Stay open to someone who can — and probably will — be difficult. You'll move through this situation with ease if you consider how strong you have been in the past. Refuse to make this situation more provocative. Tonight: Run holiday errands before meeting a friend.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
 ★★★★★ Curb a need to overspend on loved ones. Know that you can make great choices within your budget. Be careful if you suddenly feel resentful of someone. You have been suppressing your feelings for a while. You also have been giving too much. Tonight: Treat yourself, too.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
 ★★★★★ Act on a friend's suggestion. When discussing it with others, you'll discover that they also like this idea. Stress could be an issue with so much to do. Give yourself permission not to get every detail done. Take some much-needed personal time. Tonight: You can do no wrong.

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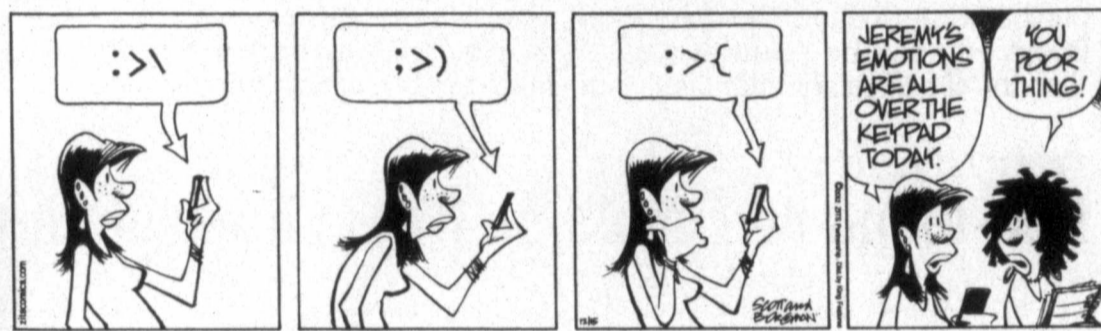
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sunday horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, Dec. 16, 2012:

This year you seem much more willing to slow down and just chat with friends. You recognize that there is more to life than work -- it is the people in your life that make a difference. Your popularity soars. If you are single, you will find that you have too many choices, if that's even possible. By next year at this time, someone quite spectacular could enter your life. If you are attached, you will want to socialize more often. Your sweetie might have to adjust to this change. **AQUARIUS** has some unusual yet fun ideas.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ An innate sense of tension that causes you to distance yourself from others marks the beginning of the day. Try not to read into others' behavior. Discussions might help lighten up the moment. Don't worry so much. Tonight: Where people are.

This Week: You simply are not up to snuff until Thursday. Don't push yourself.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ You might want to take charge of a situation. Most likely, you will do just that. Your sense of humor helps you avoid being taken aback by some-

one's cranky mood. Just assume that this person is having a Scrooge moment. Tonight: Follow a friend's lead.

This Week: Push yourself in the beginning of the week. Vanish Thursday.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ You want to get past a problem. The best way is to detach and understand what is happening with the other party. Avoid holding a grudge, if possible. The more attention you give a situation, the worse the issue could get. Be smart, and just let it go. Tonight: Work on Christmas details.

This Week: Zero in on priorities early on. You will achieve what you want.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ A partner is demanding, but you like how he or she is extremely attentive. Be willing to give back. You might feel as if your creativity is falling flat. Just avoid doing any decorating today; instead, send out cards and wrap gifts. Tonight: Follow a loved one's lead.

This Week: Let your mind experiment with different ideas.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Others do not intend to be controlling; they simply are working through their issues. You cannot change their direction. Just be receptive to their conversations. A family member could be dragging you down. Tonight: Go with someone

else's wishes.

This Week: Detach if a situation gets too hot.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ You enjoy yourself a lot more than in the recent past. When you hang out with your friends or family, the togetherness puts a spring in your step. Evaluate what you need to get done. The holiday excitement is all around you. Tonight: Make a favorite meal.

This Week: Others dominate. Enjoy the possibility of free time.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ You might be a bit too sentimental for others, as you happily hang sprigs of mistletoe here and there. Ultimately, you could feel a little deprived by a perceived lack of attention. Create a scenario that they can't resist. Tonight: Don't worry about Monday.

This Week: By Thursday, you've done enough work. Relax.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★ Your playfulness seems to have gone out the back door. You don't feel up to snuff or in the holiday spirit. Your imagination delights a loved one, if you choose to share more of your thoughts. Tonight: Choose a stress-buster.

This Week: Your imagi-

nation continues to dominate.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Returning calls, making plans and completing necessary chores could take you the whole day. Squeeze in some fun if you can. Why not? Eliminate any excuses you might have. Remember, this is your Sunday, too. Tonight: Consider buying yourself a gift.

This Week: Get as much done as possible. By Thursday, you'll be in the holiday spirit.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ You could be a little too excessive with your spending right now. Come tomorrow, you could be shaking your head thinking about today. A friend seems very serious and not particularly willing to open up. Do not make this situation any heavier than it already is. Tonight: Order in.

This Week: Speak your mind.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Your openness charms many people. As a result, your social calendar could become very full. Someone you look up to might express some disapproval. For now, let this person's comments wash over you. Tonight: Whatever tickles your fancy.

This Week: Handle holiday errands. By Thursday, emails and calls need to be returned.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

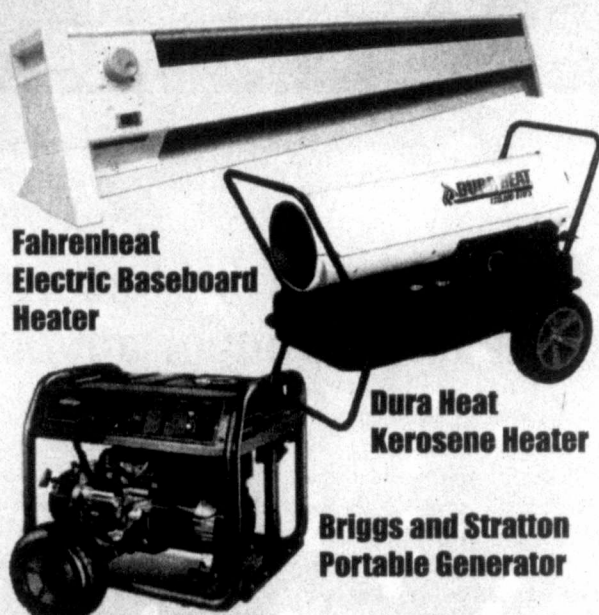
★★★ Someone convinces you, without any difficulty, that you need a break. Take off or vanish. You will want some personal time to recharge your battery. You can't always be doing for others. Calls to someone at

a distance might not be returned quickly. Tonight: Dote on yourself.

This Week: You hit your power days Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

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MONDAY, December 17

Chicken fried steak or chicken nuggets, whipped potatoes, carrot, mixed fruit, fresh fruit, hot roll

Breakfast- French toast sticks

TUESDAY, December 18

Pizza dippers or macaroni & cheese, green beans, broccoli florets, fresh fruit, juice

Breakfast- Biscuit, gravy

WEDNESDAY, December 19

Barbeque on a bun or steak fingers, french fries, baked beans, applesauce, fresh fruit, chocolate cake

Breakfast- Cinnamon tasteries

THURSDAY, December 20

Philly steak sandwich or pizza, English peas, tossed salad, fresh fruit, juice, pasta salad

Breakfast- Pancake N sausage on a stick, syrup

FRIDAY, December 21

Burrito or hot dog, corn, vegetarian beans, mandarin oranges, fresh fruit, Spanish rice

Breakfast- Cereal, toast

Pampa Senior Citizens Center

MONDAY, December 17

Chicken fried steak or chili rellenos/cheese sauce, mashed potatoes, hominy casserole, spinach, pintos, slaw, tossed salad, Jell-O, German chocolate cake, strawberry cream pie, fruit cup, hot roll, cornbread

TUESDAY, December 18

Meatloaf or chicken spaghetti, sour cream potatoes, corn, beets, northern beans, slaw, tossed salad, Jell-O, spice cake, butterscotch pie, fruit cup, hot roll, cornbread

WEDNESDAY, December 19

Roast beef brisket/brown, gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, peas, carrots, butter beans, slaw, tossed salad, Jell-O, applesauce cake, chocolate pie, fruit cup, hot roll, cornbread

THURSDAY, December 20

Chicken strips or bar-b-que beef/onion rings, mashed potatoes, California blend, fried okra, beans, slaw, tossed salad, Jell-O, brownies, vanilla pudding cup, fruit cup, hot roll, cornbread

FRIDAY, December 21 - CHRISTMAS DINNER

Baked turkey/dressing/giblet gravy, mashed potatoes, Italian green beans, yams, tossed salad, Jello,cranberry sauce, deviled eggs, stuffed celery, olive/cheese/pickle skewers, pumpkin pie, cherry cobbler, diet cherry cobbler, hot rolls.

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MONDAY, December 17

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TUESDAY, December 18

Mexican casserole, Spanish rice, pinto beans, salad, peaches

WEDNESDAY, December 19

Meatloaf, peas/carrots, potato casserole, pudding

THURSDAY, December 20

Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, green beans, sugarless cake

FRIDAY, December 21

Ham/dressing, corn/green beans, sweet potatoes, pumpkin pie

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Conservation important during dry times

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During times of dry weather and severe drought, conservation is critical and farmers and ranchers need to manage their resources very carefully in these conditions.

This can be accomplished by implementing practices and techniques such as rotational grazing, improving irrigation efficiency, reducing tillage operations, installing terraces and waterways, improving residue management, or by keeping their land in grass rather than breaking it out for crop production.

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) offers technical assistance as well as cost share programs to help achieve those goals.

The cost share programs available for 2013 are the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and the Agricultural Water Enhancement Program (AWEP). Each program offers assistance for eligible participants to install or implement structural and management practices on eligible agricultural

land. Persons who are engaged in livestock or agricultural production are eligible to participate in these programs.

Common EQIP practices include livestock water development (wells, pipelines, pumps, tubs), fencing, and brush management. In 2012, the NRCS payment schedule on a well was \$11/foot., pipelines (depending on size) ranged from \$0.74 to \$1.11/foot, and fences were \$0.82/foot. EQIP also offers an incentive (in 2012, \$4.09/ac) for implementing a prescribed grazing schedule.

For cropland, EQIP offers financial assistance for installing terraces, diversions, and waterways. On eligible cropland acres, a "No-till/Strip-till" program can be implemented. No-till/Strip-till offers an incentive of \$23.44/ac (in 2012) to reduce tillage operations and increase crop residue. Another option available is planting cropland to grass (native or introduced). AWEP practices in Gray County include converting existing pivots to a more efficient use of water, replacing pivots at

least 20 years old, and irrigation pipelines. AWEP also offers an incentive for Irrigation Water Management (IWM).

This practice involves installing a moisture monitoring system that charts how much moisture is in the soil. These systems help conserve irrigation water by helping the farmer know when to water to avoid plant stress and whether to speed up or slow down the pivot.

EQIP and AWEP are continuous sign-up programs and NRCS accepts applications year round. The first funding window deadline for 2013 EQIP is Feb. 15. Applications not ready for funding by that time will be eligible for the second funding window ending on April 19.

Total fund allocations for 2013 EQIP are not currently known, but will be less than in previous years. Interested participants can visit the NRCS office located in the USDA Service Center at 12125 E Frederic (County Annex on Highway 60), Pampa for more information or call 806-665-6561 Ext. 3.

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