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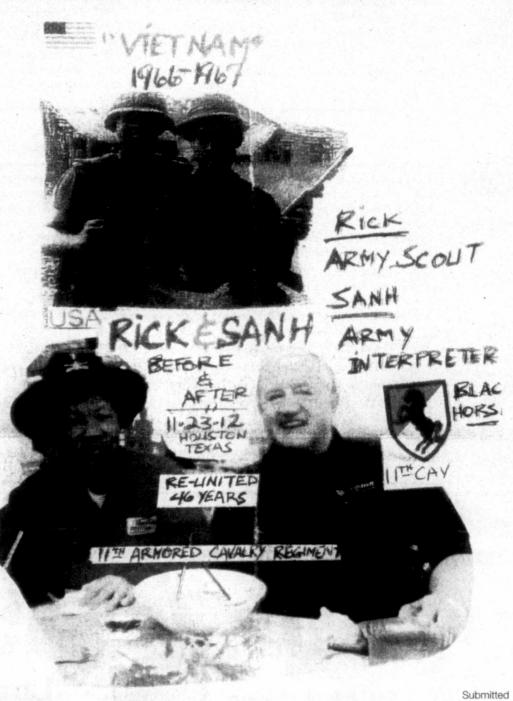
# REUNITED Searching for Sgt. Sanh

**BY SASHA HELLER** sheller@thepampanews.com

The last person in the world Army Specialist Four E-4 Rick Organ expected to run into over Thanksgiving was a Vietnamese man he nearly killed 46 years ago. But that's exactly what happened to the veteran after a chance encounter with a lawyer from Chicago, Ill. who taped a conversation he had with Organ and later posted the video on YouTube.

Organ was only 21 years old on the fateful day when he nearly killed Sgt. Sanh Van Nguyen, who was servingas an interpreter alongside Organ's squadron. Organ reported that Sanh would regularly interrogate Vietcong that Organ's squad had captured.

Organ and Sanh had developed a solid rapport while ghting next to each other the thick Vietnamese jungle. However, Organ had been given a directive to search and destroy as he entered a small Vietnamese village. "I was on high alert," he said. Organ stormed onto the scene and spotted a Vietnamese man out of the corner of. his eye but did not recognize the man as Sanh, his squad's friendly interpreter. So he fired multiple shots in Sanh's direction, narrowly missing him.



# Thornberry's thoughts on the 'fiscal cliff'

Supports spending cuts over raising taxes.

#### **BY SASHA HELLER** sheller@thepampanews.com

U.S. Rep. William "Mac" Thornberry recently shared his thoughts on the nation's economy as the country prepares itself to sail over the much-ballyhooed fiscal cliff. "The details are changing rapidly," Thornberry said in a phone interview Tuesday.



Thornberry, Republican who serves Texas' 13th Congressional District, stressed that he is not in favor of the federal government raising taxes to help balance the budget. "I think the most

Congress does not act, Thornberry

taxes are going to go up on everybody," he said. "Trying to prevent a big tax on everybody is what I'm trying to do."

Thornberry continued about how raising taxes could affect all residents.

"If all these taxes do go up, it will affect everybody," he said. "But, at the same time, we can reduce the debt that we are

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FRIENDS NOW AND THEN. In the above photo, taken in 1966, Army Specialist Four E-4 Rick Organ, left, and interpreter Sgt. Sanh Van Nguyen, stand in front of a Vietnamese village. Bottom image: Sanh and Organ, reunited after 46 years, enjoy a meal together as they rehash old times.

# Babe Ruth car takes trek to Scottish Rite

Owner Lonnie Shelton said he has several plans to use famous car to raise money for sick children.

#### BY TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE thowsare@thepampanews.com

After debuting it to the public in October at Amarillo National Bank Sox Stadium, Lonnie Shelton has shown off his prize possession, a blue 1948 Lincoln Continental owned by baseball legend Babe Ruth, here in Pampa recently during the Christmas parade.

Because it is so valuable and in mint condition, the car was not driven in the parade; it was towed in a glass-enclosed trailer to keep it protected from the elements while spectators admired it.

But for Shelton, who has an extensive collection of '60s and '70s muscle cars, the purpose behind using the special Lincoln to draw the public's attention has.

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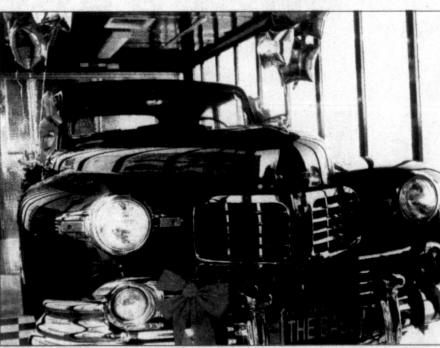


Photo by Della Mover

THE BABE WOULD BE PROUD. Lonnie Shelton's 1948 Lincoln before its trip to Dallas on Sunday. The car was donated by the Ford Motor Company to baseball legend Babe Ruth shortly before his death.

racking up for our children.

Instead of raising taxes, Thornberry said he would support spending cuts.

"The importance of acting is very high for me," he said. "But I would prefer not to have any taxes. I would like to cut spending to certain programs."

Thornberry singled out Medicaid as an entitlement program he'd like to see cut.

"We have to begin to reform entitlements or they will consume the entire budget," he said, referring to social welfare programs like Medicaid and Medicare.

"The plan right now is to have a vote in the House (of Representatives)," he said, adding that he expects the House to pass legislation Republicans would favor but that the Senate would do no such thing.

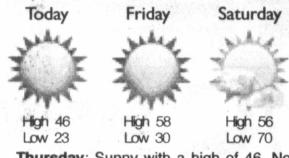
"I just think they're going to have to stay tuned to see what happens," he said.



You won't want to miss Friday's edition of The Pampa News, which includes two special sections - the Christmas Coloring Book and Letters to Santa. Read about what kids in Pampa want under the tree and in their stockings while the kids draw their best art in the coloring book.



### **PAMPA FORECAST**



Thursday: Sunny with a high of 46. No chance of rain. Winds west northwest at 20 mph. Sunrise at 7:49 a.m.

Thursday night: Clear skies with a low of 23. No chance of rain. Winds southwest at 12 mph. Sunset at 5:35 a.m.

Friday: Sunny with a high of 58. No chance of rain. Winds southwest at 16 mph. Sunrise at 7:50 a.m.

Friday night: Mostly clear with a low of 30. No chance of rain. Winds southwest at 11 mph. Sunset at 5:35 p.m.

Saturday: Partly cloudy with a high of 56. No chance of rain. Winds west at 12 mph. Sunrise at 7:50 a.m.

Saturday night: Partly cloudy with a low of 26. No chance of rain. Winds nortwest at 5 mph. Sunset at 5:36 p.m.

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# Obituaries

### **Maxine Parsley**

Maxine Parsley, 84, died Monday, Dec. 17, 2012 in Pampa. Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 21, 2012, at White Deer United Methodist Church with the Rev. Dr.

> Jerry R. Lane, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery in Pampa under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Parsley was born Aug. 27, 1928 in Pampa and was a graduate of Pampa High School. She married R. L. Parsley on Aug. 19, 1947 in Pampa.

Maxine had been a resident of White Deer since 1969. She was a longtime member of First Christian Church in Pampa and later became a member of

White Deer United Methodist Church. Maxine was a member of the Pampa Optimist Club as well as the Pampa VFW Post No. 1657 Auxiliary. She com.

was a wonderful artist and seamstress and was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother.

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Survivors include: her husband, R. L. Parsley of the home; a son, Kerry Parsley and wife Gail of Pampa; a daughter, Jody McClendon of Clarendon; three granddaughters: Darla Gaines and husband Heath and Rhonda Ceaser and husband Michael, all of Amarillo; and Tracy Mills and husband Thomas of Blanchard, Okla.; two grandsons, Jerry Parsley and wife Melissa of Garden Grove, Calif., and Dave Parsley and wife Lucy of Escondido, Calif.; 12 great grandchildren.

Maxine was preceded in death by: her parents, Lester and Corinne Bell, a son, Richard David Parsley, and a son-in-law, Steve McClendon.

Memorials may be made to White Deer United Methodist Church, 800 S. Jordan, White Deer, TX 79097 or White Deer Senior Citizens Center, 315 S. Main, White Deer, TX 79097.

Sign the online register book at carmichael-whatley.

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### Pampa woman arrested for assault causing bodily injury

Tuesday by the Gray County Sheriff's Office for assault causing bodily injury.

Tuesday by the Pampa Police Department for a capias pro fine — no seat belt.

33-year-old Marissa Ramirez, Pampa, was arrested arrested Tuesday by the Department of Public Safety for driving while license invalid.

22-year-old Henry Nathaniel Withers, Lefors, was ■ 51-year-old Jerry Glenn Kane, Pampa, was arrested arrested Wednesday by the DPS for theft of service -Haskell County.

21-year-old Michael Ryan Cook, Pampa, was arrested Wednesday by the DPS for driving while intoxicated and no seat belt --- driver.

26-year-old Nancy Elizabeth Eblin, Pampa, was

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a higher purpose - raising money to help sick children.

Shelton said there's natural connection between the Lincoln's place in American history and its newly ordained purpose as a money raiser to help kids.

Babe Ruth drove across the country in cars donated by the Ford Motor Company, including Shelton's blue Lincoln, to tirelessly promote Little League and baseball in general.

On Monday, Shelton had the Lincoln in Dallas at the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children. About a dozen Dallas Cowboys football players and a half dozen cheerleaders were there to visit with the patients.

The trip to Dallas may have been a bit of a homecoming for the Lincoln, because Shelton bought it from a man who had it on display at a car museum in the city.

Shelton said his wife, Marilyn, two daughters and five grandchildren accompanied him on the trip.

"It was a rare opportunity to take it to the Scottish Rite hospital," he said. "While there we spent time with the Dallas Cowboys and cheerleaders and met with the hospital administration. It was a fun, constructive day."

Shelton said he wants to develop marketing plans with both Scottish Rite in Dallas and St. Jude Children's Hospital in Memphis to feature the car in some of their fundraising events.

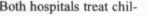


Photo by Della Moyer Lonnie Shelton at bat during a press event in October at Amarillo National Bank Sox Stadium.

dren with life-threatening diseases at no cost to the patients.

On the six-hour drive to Dallas, Shelton said the car turned so many heads at gas stations and rest. stops that he was able to collect \$225 for charity just by telling people the reason why he was towing it to Scottish Rite.

Mark Bateman, Scottish Rite's senior vice president for public relations, said he brainstormed with Shelton on Monday on how the car could be used to help get the word out about Scottish Rite's mission.

He added Monday's event with the Cowboys' organization was great exposure for the car because so many people were there taking pictures. "Lonnie and I started

visiting about what the possibilities might be," Bateman said. "He had some ideas and we talked about some others. The car provides an opportunity for us to tell the hospital's story.'

Bateman said the hos-Both hospitals treat chil- pital holds fundraising events all over the state, like an upcoming tractor pull in Sulfur Springs.

Shelton could take Babe's car to that event and events in other communities to "tell a little bit of American history and raise some funds," he said. Bateman said he is impressed with Shelton.

"Lonnie's a special guy," he said. "We have lots of friends who care deeply about helping kids and Lonnie's as genuine and as real as can be. He's a creative person and he's is a results person. He's a winner and a leader and his character is high quality."

Unlike the city of Dallas, Memphis is a long way from Pampa, so cyberspace is part of his marketing plan with St. Jude, Shelton said.

"We have talked about setting up a Facebook page called 'The Babe where people can make a donation without ever seeing the car," he said.

Shelton said other plans for the car include taking it to Phoenix in the spring

### 'Raiders of the Lost Ark' package mystery solved

CHICAGO (AP) -First, there was "Raiders of the Lost Ark." Now, there's "Mailers of the bit of research on the Inter-

Walton Jones Jr. on the faculty. It took a student doing a

ing," said spokesman Garrett Brinker.

The school found out the journal was the work of a Guam man whom Garrett described as a "prop replicator."

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where many of the major league teams do their spring training.

Shelton said the trip to Scottish Rite was a great experience for his five grandchildren - Brock, Mason, Avery, Paige and Brady - because the kids got autographs from the football players and cheerleaders.

"They were all (the Cowboys) in a good mood because they were at the top of their game on Sunday," Shelton said.

Along with the thrill of hanging out with pro football players, his grandkids had the more sobering experience of meeting children at the hospital much less fortunate than themselves.

"A lot of the kids there have had limbs amputated," he said.

And it's the challenges these children go through that motivates Shelton to not let the car sit sheltered in a museum, he said.

"We want to inform people that the car itself is unique piece of history," he said. "It is back in the line up helping kids again and making home runs."

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An article in Tuesday's newspaper about Geraldine "Gerry" Shultz should have stated that Geraldine, and not her husband Bunny, worked at an area school for 15 years and as Gray County welfare director for 15 years. The Pampa News apologizes for the error.



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Days after the University of Chicago announced it had received a replica of the journal from the film "Raiders of the Lost Ark," the school says it has solved an international mystery with its roots in Guam.

A few weeks ago, a journal addressed to one Henry Walton Jones, Jr. - the given name of Hollywood's Indiana Jones - was placed inside another package and mailed from Guam to Italy, where someone had bought it on eBay.

But the smaller package fell out and was spotted by a U.S. postal worker, who saw it was addressed to Jones at the University of Chicago. The worker added the Chicago zip code and sent it on its way.

· Upon its arrival at the school's admissions office, officials didn't know what to make of the package. There is no Henry

### First day on job surprise for assistant

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. (AP) - Cake, applause, a red carpet - not a typical first day at work. Well, it turns out that Ashley Wharton isn't your typical physician's assistant.

A Grand Rapids hospital celebrated her arrival Monday because she's the 1,000th employee.

The Grand Rapids Press says Wharton was a bit overwhelmed by all the fuss.

She will work in the admissions department, evaluating new patients and helping others leave the hospital.

net to discover that Jones was real — on big screen. Indiana Jones' character is said to be based loosely on two U of C professors. Abner Ravenwood was an Egyptologist and archeologist at the school about a century ago. In the movie, he is a mentor of Indiana Jones, and the journal is his.

Though the craftsmanship of the journal, chock full of maps and old photographs, was impressive, a spokesman for the school's admissions office said, there were clues that indicated Ravenwood was not the author.

"The photos were of Harrison Ford during film-

"Apparently, it takes him two weeks to make one of these replicas and then he sells them to people all over the world," Brinker said. "He says they usually go for about \$200 (but) I believe this one went for \$177.

Brinker said that the Oriental Institute, the university's famed museum and organization devoted to the ancient Near East, likes the journal and asked to display it in its main lobby.

"They asked for it and now it is in their possession," he said.

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# While feds dawdle, states tackle fiscal problems

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Democrats in Washington declare that they will absolutely, positively allow no changes whatever in the nation's unsustainable entitlement programs



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gaze from impending fiscal crises. They are working to change policies that put state governments on an unsustainable trajectory.

The most obvious example was the passage of a right-to-work law last week in Michigan, the

Republican measures, opposed by all local Democrats. Republicans have leverage elsewhere, as well.

They hold the governorships and legislative majorities in 24 states with 52 percent of the nation's population (25 states with 53 percent if you count Nebraska with its nonpartisan single-chamber legislature).

They also hold governorships but not legislative majorities in five more states with 6 percent of the nation's population. In contrast, only 13 states with 30 percent of the nation's people have Democratic governors and legislatures. But even where Democrats are dominant there are stirrings of reform.

Consider Rhode Island, where Democratic state

# Letter to the Editor

# Trading Bible principles for financial gain

Am I my brother's keeper? That question was asked by a murderer in the book of Genesis. The question is still a valid question for Christians today.

Not only does the New Testament agree with the answer that yes we are, but it goes a step further and Jesus says we are to love our neighbors as He loved us.

Not only does Jesus fulfill the Law in the Old Testament but He also raises the bar.

In the Old Testament it is a commandment to love others as you love yourself (Levitcus 19:18). In the New Testament Christ commands us to love each other as He loves us (John 13:34).

If you would not drink a drink yourself why would you advocate someone else drinking it? Doesn't really make sense does it? As a Christian if I love my neighbor as Christ loves me I will do everything in my power to prevent them from doing something that is harmful to them.

As a Christian I believe that if I love my neighbor I will do things that will protect them from evil, if it is within my power to do so. That applies to the unsaved as well as the Christians.

people are my neighbor. He also says we are to be the light and the salt. We are to be moral influencers in the society. Some will say that you cannot legislate morality. That is not true.

We have laws that do just that and without them there would be chaos and anarchy.

And the source of the laws we have in America are coming from the Bible.

The question today is whether mixed drinks should be legal in Pampa. The only argument for the sale of mixed drinks it seems, is monetary gain.

If the only reason we are allowed to pursue personal gain is monetary we could have strip joints, openly sell drugs, legal prostitution. We the church, God's people are the brother's keeper.

The only question for the Christian is if this is something that God would approve of and is it wholesome for my neighbor and community. Clearly to serve mixed drinks is not either of these things.

The church has to start acting like the church. We have grown up in a society that teaches that we should be tolerant.

It is a Satan's way of reducing the Certainly Jesus teaches that all influence of the God's people in this

society.

Never has a society become morally bankrupt over-night. It takes time for the influences of evil to overturn good.

I remember when there was no beer or wine in our grocery store, or in the convenience stores or in any restaurant.

That has not been that many years ago. My question to you would be is our society better today for having allowed these things to happen.

By any moral standard our society is worse now than it was then. The sale of alcohol in our society is not the only reason for the decline of morals but it is a factor.

I believe the monetary gain reason is like so many other things that have been introduced in the last few years, the lottery was supposed to fund the schools.

Any time one will trade monetary gain for Biblical principles the results will always be disappointing.

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I would ask you to join me in not signing the petition to allow mixed drinks in Pampa. It is not good for the city and not good for the people who would consume the drinks either

**Pastor Mike Watson Hobart Baptist Church** 





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birthplace of the United Auto Workers union.

This was retaliation for a failed power grab by both the UAW and public sector unions - Proposition 2, which would have enshrined collective bargaining in the state constitution.

Michigan voters defeated Prop 2 last month by a 58 to 42 percent margin. It won in the two counties that include the effectively bankrupt cities of Detroit and Flint. It lost in the other 81 counties.

Right-to-work means that no one can be forced to join a union. The law also stops the automatic deduction of union dues from public employees' paychecks - which is to say, taxpayer funding of the public employee unions that have driven costs and pensions on an unsustainable path.

Gov. Rick Snyder was initially reluctant to push right-to-work. But he saw that neighboring Indiana was attracting new jobs after it passed right-towork last winter, while Michigan was losing jobs.

Michigan's law is similar to Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker's law limiting public employee unions' bargaining powers and stopping the automatic flow of taxpayer money to union treasuries. Unions there protested, but Walker prevailed in a June 2012 recall election.

The Michigan and Wisconsin laws were partisan

Treasurer Gina Raimondo has worked to limit the state's unsustainable pension obligations. The state pension fund is currently paying out more to retirees than it's taking in from current employees, and instead of getting an 8.25 percent return on investments, it has been getting 2.5 percent.

Rhode Island has hired Democrat super-lawyer David Boies to bring a lawsuit to reduce the state's pension obligations. "There's no contract," Boies said. "Even if there was a contract, the state, pursuing the public interest, has the right to modify contracts.

Or consider New Jersey, where Republican Gov. Chris Christie has famously opposed the public employee unions. He has formed a coalition with Democratic legislators with roots in privatesector unions.

Those Democrats, like Christie, argue that public employees should not get far more generous benefits and pensions than the taxpayers who are paying for them.

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# 'Tis the season to pay child support

Twinkle lights, delicious food, family gatherings and holiday cheer the holidays are upon us! Memories of the holiday season should be joyful and magical ones for children rather than full of need and

hardship. By paying your child support and being there for children, vou GREG help ensure the ABBOTT days are a

memorable and joyful time of year.

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Child support enables parents to put a roof over their children's heads, clothes on their backs and food on the table. During the holidays, these challenges are compounded as parents also try to provide gifts, a special meal or a trip to grandma and grandpa's house.

That is why we are giving parents this special reminder to pay their child support.

The Attorney General's Child Support Division extends a heartfelt thank you to those parents who regularly pay their child support in full and on time. In the fiscal year that ended August 31, parents paid more than \$3.48 billion in child support, and since Attorney General Greg

Abbott took office in December 2002, more than \$24 billion in child support has been collected.

Sometimes circumstances arise, such as losing a job, that make it difficult to meet one's child support obligation. For parents who are in a situation like this, contact the Child Support Division so we can work together to determine a course of action. In partnership with the Texas Workforce Com-mission, the Child Support Division began the NCP Choices project that allows local judges to order unemployed and underemployed parents who are behind on their payments to receive employment services in order to help avoid jail time.

The project operates in 18 locations across the state. Since 2005, NCP Choices has collected more than \$70 million from parents who were neither working nor paying child support when ordered into the program.

The Attorney General's Office strives to be accessible to all of its customers, who often need upto-date information about their child support case. The Child Support Division provides 24-hour access to parents who are seeking information about their child support case. The agency's toll-free automated phone line is 800-

252-8014. Child Support Interactive, accessed from the main Attorney General website at www.texasattorneygeneral.gov, gives visitors another avenue for obtaining general information about the child support program and applying for services.

Ultimately, what children need most is to know their parents care about them. The Office of the Attorney General helps parents who are having trouble getting access to their children. We awarded a grant to Legal Aid of Northwest Texas, which operates a statewide Access and Visitation Hotline. The hotline is staffed by attorneys who provide legal information and assistance about child custody, along with information about visitation, paternity and child support matters. The hotline's toll-free number, 866- 292-4636, is available Monday through Friday from 1 to 7 p.m.

Please help create joyful memories for your children this holiday season by being there for them and paying your child support. Your faithfulness will reap great rewards as you help your children remember the holidays as a time of provision rather than hardship.

The Office of the Attorney General wishes you and your family a safe and happy holiday season!

### Points to Remember about child support and the holidays.

Parents should make a special effort to pay their child support during the holidays

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# Altrusa International's December meeting and new Altrusa member



Submitted photo

Tamra Giese, right, was recently initiated into the Pampa chapter of Altrusa International. She is pictured with Pat Johnson, Altrusa president.

Many donations given by Altrusa club members.

### SUBMITTED

Altrusa International, Inc. of Pampa met at noon, Dec. 11, in Lively Hall at the First United Methodist Church, with Pat Johnson presiding.

Following the call to order, members recited the Altrusa Grace and the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

There were no illness reports, and one guest was present, Margaret Mumma, the mother of Judy Warner.

The minutes and the treasurer' report were approved.

Mrs. Johnson reported on correspondence received from Altrusa International.

Correspondence sent were invitations of membership to Janna Bentley and Nadine Dunaway.

Members also signed a birthday card to send to Past International president Stella Nyham on her 100th birthday.

Under Foundation business were a thank-you from Lovett Library for helping the Fall Festival, donations from various businesses for the Soup With Mrs. Claus, and a request for a donation to League House in Amarillo.

Members approved the board recommendation for a donation to League House, a facility for out-of-town families with adult patients in medical treatment in Amarillo.

Committee reports: ASTRA -Allison Watson reported that the students had their Christmas Party on Dec. 9, helped with Bell -Ringing for the Salvation Army

on Dec. 7 and will help again on Dec. 14. She requested Altrusans to help as sponsors on Dec. 14 and thanked those who helped on the Dec. 7. ASTRA students also donated blankets and toys to

the Salvation Army. Carol Fields announced that reading at Travis School will be Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2013 since the regular reading day would

be on Jan. 1, during vacation. Kathryn Green said Lunch with Dignitaries will be Thursday, Jan. 10 and the fourth graders selected at each school will visit Bryan Gordzelik's Veterinary Clinic.

Myrna Orr reported that the club fundraiser, Soup with Mrs. Claus, was successful and thanked the members for their hard work.

More than a hundred and thirty books were distributed to children attending.

Judy Warner passed a sign up sheet for Altrusans to help with the Children's Shopping Tour on Dec. 15.

President Johnson recognized December birthdays with short biographies of Kadda Schale, Judy Warner, and Mattie Norton. Johnson also thanked Mattie Norton and Roxanne Funderburk for greeting.

Mrs. Johnson was honored by club at the annual President's Reception on Dec. 16 at the home of Brenda Tucker.

Due to the holidays, the January Board of Directors meeting will be Wednesday, Jan 3, 2013 at First Bank Southwest.

The next business meeting will be Tuesday, Jan. 8 at the First United Methodist Church.

The brag basket was passed and the meeting closed with members reciting the Altrusa Benediction.

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### Dallas pair sue DPS over roadside body cavity search

#### **ASSOCIATED PRESS**

DALLAS (AP) — Two women have sued the Texas Department of Public Safety over a body cavity search by a female trooper captured by patrol car video along a Dallas-area highway.

The lawsuit says the July 13 search of 38-year-old Angel Dobbs and her 24-yearold niece, Ashley Dobbs, was unlawful. The Irving women complained to DPS.

DPS spokeswoman Katherine Cesinger on Tuesday

declined comment on the lawsuit.

Cesinger says results of a Texas Rangers inquiry were sent to the Dallas County district attorney's office. The dispute is expected to reach a grand jury next month.

The women say a male trooper told them he saw them throwing cigarette butts out a car window, questioned them about drugs and summoned a female trooper for a search.

The two women say no drugs were found.

## 'Secret Santa' at Pa. mall

### **Associated Press**

INDIANA, Pa. (AP) — A "secret Santa" has surprised two shoppers with \$100 each in swiftly delivered Christmas cards at a western Pennsylvania mall.

The Indiana Gazette reports Wednesday that both incidents happened at the Indiana Mall, about 45 miles northeast of Pittsburgh.

Brenda Shirley says she and her husband Tim were at the mall about 9:45 p.m. Friday when a woman handed them a card with the words "open me" written on it. Inside was \$100.

Dave Brozick, of Blairsville, says he had a similar experience, also on Friday, when a woman dropped another "open me" card in his lap. It also contained \$100.

Brenda Shirley says the lady "came out of nowhere ... we looked up and she was gone."



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### Reunited

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Fast forward nearly 50 years

In 2009, the Chicago lawyer, Paul Haddad, was en route to Los Angeles, Calif., headed down Route 66, when he met Organ near Amarillo. Organ and Haddad struck up a conversation about serving in the military during the Vietnam War as well as the history of Route 66.

Haddad asked Organ if he could tape the conversation and post the video online in the chance that Sgt. Sanh would see the clip.

go, what's a You-**"**I Tube?" Organ joked, as he was not familiar with the popular video website.

Sure enough, Sgt. Sanh saw the video online and sought out the person who uploaded it.

Haddad informed Sanh of his encounter with Organ and relayed Organ's contact info to him.

Once a world apart, Sanh and Organ had been living just a few hours away



#### Submitted photo

Sgt. Sanh Van Nguyen, left, and Army Specialist Four E-4 Rick Organ, reunited after 46 years without communication. Sanh served alongside Organ's squadron in Vietnam as an interpreter. A lawyer from Chicago taped a conversation he had earlier this year with Organ and posted the video on YouTube. Sanh saw the video online and sought out his old war buddy.

from each other as Sanh had moved to Houston in 1977

The pair reunited to rehash the past and catch up with each other.

Organ, at first, was a bit skeptical. But after spending time with Sanh, he was sure it was the same man he nearly killed half a cen-

tury earlier.

"For a while, I thought ... is this really him?" Organ said. "But no doubt, this was the guy.'

After all these years, the two friends now stay in regular contact.

There's no way Organ would let another 46 years pass before he spoke with Sanh again.

### ABC News vet Donaldson charged with DUI

LEWES, Del. (AP) - Former ABC News veteran Sam Donaldson is facing a drunken driving charge in Delaware.

Police in the southern coastal town of Lewes say the 78-year-old Donaldson was stopped on Dec. 1 for a traffic violation. Police say the officer determined Donaldson had been drinking and gave him field sobriety tests. Donaldson was arrested for driving under the influence and later released.

A phone call to his home in McLean, Va., was not immediately returned. McLean is about 110 miles west of Lewes.

Donaldson was twice chief White House correspondent for ABC News, covering Presidents Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan and Bill Clinton. He also co-hosted "PrimeTime Live" with Diane Sawyer and the ABC News Sunday morning broadcast "This Week with Sam Donaldson and Cokie Roberts."

### 43-foot beached whale found dead on Texas beach

MATAGORDA, Texas (AP) - Animal rescuers say a 43-foot whale has been found dead on a Texas beach. The Victoria Advocate reports the baleen whale was discovered Tuesday on Matagorda Beach. Heidi Whitehead with the Texas Marine Mammal Stranding Network in Galveston says it's definitely rare for a large whale to come ashore on the Texas coast. Whitehead says a necropsy was planned Wednesday.

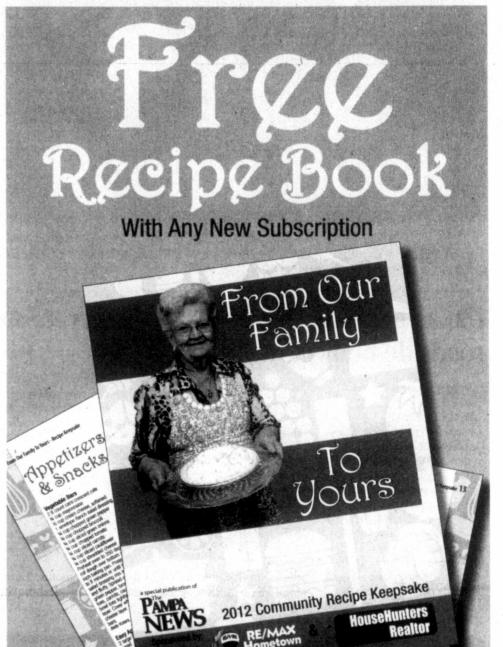
Further details on the animal weren't immediately available. Matagorda is about 90 miles southwest of Houston.

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*O*, *why*, *oh*, *why* not a springtime pup? Gonna buy a house? Location is everything.

Gonna get a dog? Timing is everything. And Christmastime is arguably the worst time to get a dog.

Why?

-Christmas dogs tend to be impulse buys. But unlike chewing gum, fashion side day and night for the dog to do his business feel like a hardship, not a pleasure. And walking the dog in uch conditions? It's good to know in advance who will be stepping up for that important job.

-Christmas is also a time of financial difficulty for some. The sudden bump in gift-giving, foodmaking and party-going takes a toll on budgets, and the addition of

a new dog requires an initial monetary investment beyond the purchase of the dog, as well as an ongoing investment of time and money

-For all its feelings of peace and good will, Christmas can be chaos. Overnight guests, constant cooking, parties at home, parties out, gift wrapping, music making, deliveries at the door, fires crackling, candles burning, lights flickering, kids hollering... It can be a crazy world to bring a new dog into, but more importantly, it's not the real world you're bringing the dog into. Whenever possible, bring a new dog home to life as he will most often know it and maintain that for a while before introducing something as chaotic as Christmas. If your child is begging you for a dog for Christmas, wrap a few books on dogs breed books, training books, fun books on raising a puppy — and read them together after the holidays. Take the time to determine whether the wish is real or a whim, and be prepared to be the dog's primary caregiver regardless. Raising a dog is a responsibility that most children - no matter how heartfelt their love for the dog — aren't ready for. Woof!

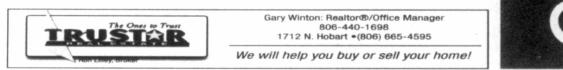
magazines and Pez, a dog isn't a whim to satisfy a momentary urge. Dogs have feelings and needs that must be met over the course of 10 to 20 years.

-Those on the receiving end of puppy presents aren't necessarily prepared for the responsibility. A child who decides they have to have a puppy typically had to have something else only last week. Ditto for some adults.

-The person who will be responsible for the dog, who will be the dog's primary caregiver, should be the person who selects the dog they will be caring for. This helps ensure a strong bond between dog and human.

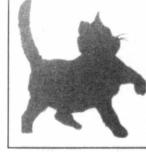
-Christmastime means wintertime. Consider the climate in which the dog and his new person or family lives. Unforgiving winter weather will make multiple trips out-

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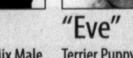
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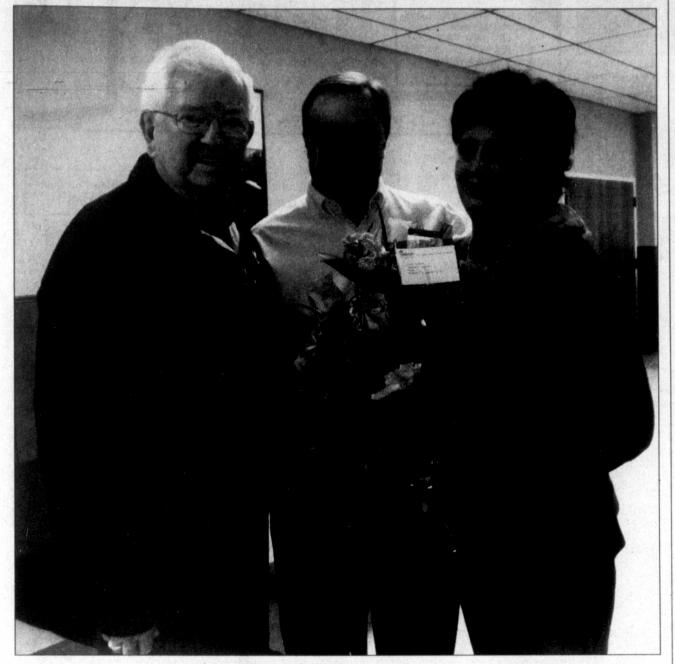


Photo by Timothy P. Howsare

Christy Robinson, president of the Pampa Chamber of Commerce, was presented a bouquet of flowers Tuesday at the chamber's monthly luncheon. Robinson is leaving her role as board president, but said she will still be active with the chamber. With Robinson is past chamber board member Dick Stowers, left, and Brad Morse, a new board member and CEO of Pampa Regional Medical Center. A new president will be elected in early 2013.

### \$500 million in checks left at Wailing Wall in Jerusalem

#### **ASSOCIATED PRESS**

JERUSALEM (AP) -Worshippers usually leave notes to the Almighty 'at one of Judaism's holiest sites. But half a billion dollars? Rabbi Shmuel

sees Jerusalem's Western Wall, said a worshipper found an envelope at the site Wednesday with 507 checks in the amount of about \$1 million each. They were not addressed to anyone, and it's doubt-

Rabinovitch, who over- ful they can be cashed. Rabinovitch said most are Nigerian. Israeli police spokesman Micky Rosenfeld said some were from the United States, Europe Asia. Rabinovitch and says he has found similar checks in Western Wall Creator of the universe."

charity boxes before, but they all bounced.

He says most of them were written by people

from Africa. The rabbi says he thinks the check writers "wanted to give all they had to the

### **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.

#### **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.

### **Gift wrapping** fundraiser at PRMC

Pampa High School's AP English students will host a gift-wrapping fundraiser from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Dec. 22, at the Pampa Regional Medical Center. Funds raised at the event will go toward the students' planned trip to London, England. Residents who wish to have their presents wrapped in a specific type of wrapping paper are asked to bring that kind of paper.

#### Mass schedule for St. Vincent

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, 810 W. 23rd St., has scheduled Masses for Christmas and the Solemnity

of Mary Mother of God, both holiday days of obligation.

Christmas Masses are Vigil Mass, 5:30 p.m., Dec. 24; Midnight Mass, Dec. 24; Christmas day English Mass, 10 a.m., Dec. 25; and Christmas day Spanish Mass, noon, Dec. 25.

Vigil Masss for Solemnity of Mary is 5:30 p.m., Dec. 31, followed by adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass until midnight. Masses on Jan. 1 are at 10 a.m. (English) and noon (Spanish).

For more information, call 806-665-8933.

### Pampa News holiday hours

The Pampa News will close at noon, Monday, Dec. 24. The office will be closed on Christmas Day. There will be no paper on Christmas Day. The Pampa News will close on at noon, Monday, Dec. 31. The office will be closed on New Year's Day. There will be no paper on New Year's Day.

### Pampa City Hall holiday hours

Pampa City Hall will be closed on Monday Dec. 24 and closed Christmas Day. City Hall will be open on Dec. 31 and closed New Year's Day.

Editor's note Email submissions to thowsare@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.

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### **STOKES DRIVES PAMPA'S** JV TO VICTORY OVER PANHANDLE

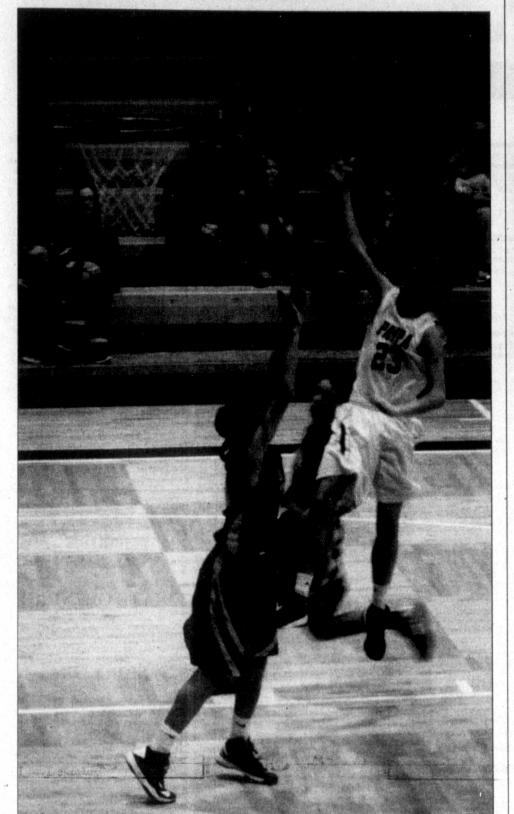


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### **GARCIA SCORES 12 POINTS IN LOSS**

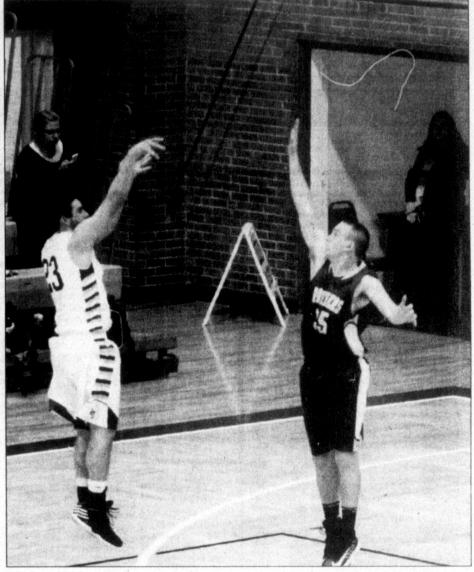


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THREE POINTER. Gabe Garcia shoots a three-pointer in the game against Panhandle on Tuesday night. Garcia finished with 12 points to lead all Harvester scorers.

### Short-handed Pampa Harvesters fall to Panhandle Panthers, 50-36

### Garcia, Pollard in double digits.

BY ZACHARY GREEN zgreen@thepampanews. com

The Hustlin' Harvesters faced Panhandle on Tuesday night. Pampa had only eight players in the game due to injuries or other reasons. That meant one thing, Pampa had to stay out of foul trouble to have a chance to win the game. Panhandle shot out of. the gates fast taking an 8-2 lead early in the first. Pampa would stage a little comeback to only trail after the first quarter 15-10. Going into the locker room, Derrek Pollard made a tip-in shot at the buzzer. Pampa trailed at the half, 26-19. Early in the third quarter Pampa trailed 34-27 before making a run fueled by a Gabe Garcia three-pointer. With one minute left in the third Pampa took its first lead of the game at 36-35. Pampa would go into the final quarter down three at 39-36. With 4:49 left in the game Cory Ponce fouled out. "It was the wrong people to get into foul trouble. Garcia and Ponce are the foundation and backbone to our defense," said Pampa Coach Matt Embry. A three-pointer by

John Henry Smith for Panhandle with 1:25 left sealed the Panther victory. Pampa would lose the game 54-42.

"We have to have more production from our guards.'

ted 26 turnovers. No team will win many games with the other teams getting so many more opportunities to shoot the ball," said Embry.

"We need to buckle down on our turnovers "We are young an inex- and I am confident we perienced," added Embry. will. I am proud of the effort at the end. The game was already over but they still made the effort to try and get a steal. It shows they are learning, listening and willing to work hard.'

HUGE NIGHT. Brandon Stokes goes up for a layup. Stokes scored 29 points to lead the Harvesters over Panhandle.

# Stokes' 29 fuels JV Harvesters

### Stevens added 14 points.

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### BY ZACHARY GREEN

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Brandon Stokes' 29 points carried the Pampa JV over the Panhandle JV on Tuesday night. Not to be outdone was Jonathan Stevens putting up 14 points for the Harvesters.

The game remained close throughout the first quarter with Pampa taking a 15-12 lead into the second quarter.

Pampa did not commit a foul until 1:36 remaining in the half.

Going into the locker room the Harvesters took a little bit bigger of a lead there with the score 25-18. At the half, Stokes had 16 points and Stevens had 8 points.

The lead for Pampa increased to 14 after three quarters at 36-22.

Early in the fourth quarter Pampa built a 17 point lead. At that point Stokes took a breather on the bench. While on the bench, Panhandle cut the lead to 11. Stokes came back in and helped Pampa boost the lead back up to 17 with 2 minutes remaining.

Pampa won the game 50-36. Stokes finished with 29 points to lead all scorers. Stevens added 14 points for the Harvesters. Trey Miller scored 3 points. Alex Marrufo and Joe Meurer each added 2 points.

The Pampa JV team improved their record to 6-7 on the season. They will be back in action Jan. 3-5 when they travel to Perryton for a tournament.

### JV girls comeback to beat Caprock

Win streak extended to 9 games.

#### **BY ZACHARY GREEN** zgreen@thepampanews.com

The Pampa JV girls team traveled to Amarillo to face Caprock on Monday night. The JV girls were looking to increase their winning streak to 9 games. After the first quarter the hopes of extending the winning streak seemed small with the score Cap-

rock 13, Pampa 4. Pampa would respond with a good second quarter, but Caprock matched Pampa's second quarter scoring. The score at the half was 24-16 in Caprock's favor.

The Lady Harvesters would storm but of the locker room and outscore Caprock in the second half 24-4 to fuel the win.

After the third quarter the score was 29-26 in

Pampa's favor. The final score was Pampa 40, Caprock 28.

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Keshia Daniels led Pampa with 13 points. Raven Neal scored 10 points. Caragan Niccum and McKinli Thomas added 7 points. Gracie Brown scored 2 points. Tyranda

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Johnson added 1 point. With the win, Pampa's JV Lady Harvesters boosted their winning streak to nine games and improved

their record to 12-5 on the

season. They will be back in action Jan. 4 when district starts against Perryton.

"Each game we are gaining experience and that is the goal for when district rolls around.'

Garcia led Pampa with 12 points.

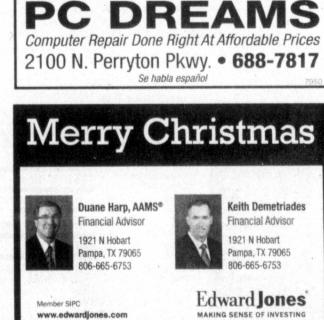
Pollard added 11 points. Patterson Alvey scored 6 points. Ponce added 5 points.

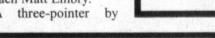
Jake Green and Ryan Powell each scored 2 points.

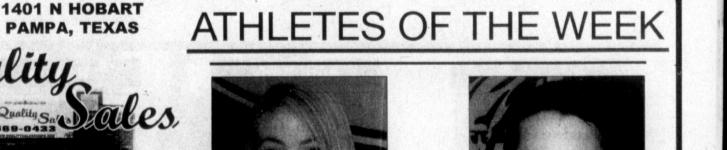
"The real stat of the night was that we commit-

With the loss Pampa's record falls to 5-8 on the season.

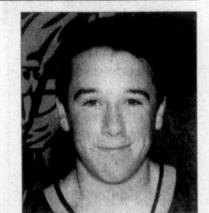
The Hustlin' Harvesters will be back in action on Dec. 27-29 in the Caprock Tournament in Lubbock. District starts Jan. 4.





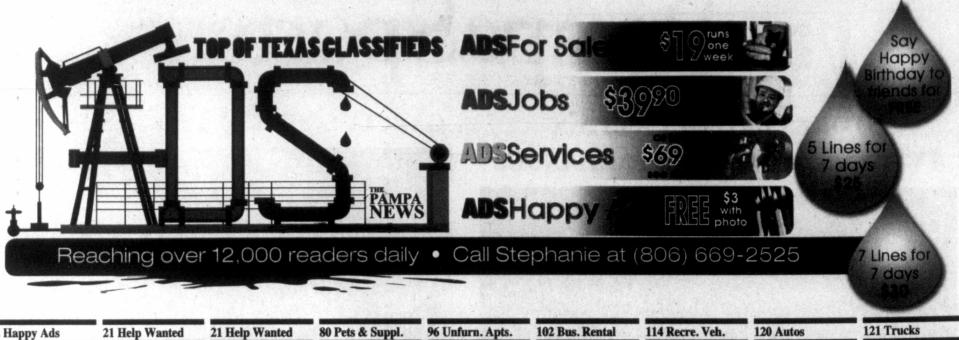


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