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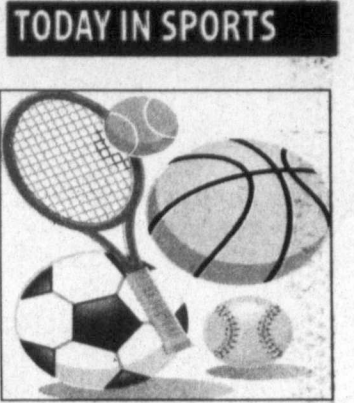
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Christmas Day snow keeps street department busy

BY TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE
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The cold and snow was a double whammy that kept most Pampa residents indoors on Christmas Day. That is unless you were among the seven city streets department employees who were out bright and early to plow snow and spread sand on the main intersections.

"They went out at 7 a.m. and worked until little after 3 p.m.," said Pampa Public Works Director Donnie Hooper. "We had seven personnel working on Christmas Day."

Hooper said the city has more than

100 miles of streets, so only the busier ones like Duncan are plowed. He said the Texas Department of Transportation takes care of most of the busier thoroughfares like Hobart and Alcock streets, because they are considered highways.

The highway department also is responsible for U.S. Highway 60 and State Highway 70, Hooper said. He said the city had a large truck with a snow plow, along with two smaller trucks with plows and two other trucks to spread sand in intersections.

"Our main objective is to make sure the streets are passable for

emergency personnel and make it to where the intersections are passable," he said.

He said Wednesday morning all of the snow plowing is done, but there would be crews out putting fresh sand in some of the intersections.

"We are back to a regular work schedule," he said.

Hooper praised the streets department for being so dedicated to their jobs while most people were home with their families.

"For those guys to go out and work on Christmas Day is a good example of the crew we have," he said. "We appreciate them very much."

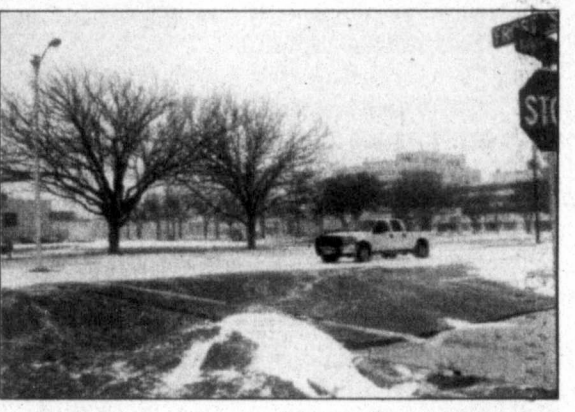


Photo by Timothy P. Howsare
 This pickup truck was one of very few vehicles out on city streets Christmas Day.

NATURE'S LIGHT SHOW



Photo by Rick Blain
 Light pillars, like the ones in this photo, occur when light reflects off snow or ice crystals in the air. This picture was taken on South Nelson Street at about 9:30 p.m. Tuesday night. Kristin Scotten with the National Weather Service in Amarillo said the pillars do not form at any particular temperature, but the colder it is, the better the light show can be. These light phenomenon also occur at sunset on cold days and are called "sun dogs," Scotten said. For another photo of light pillars by Rick Blain, see page 10A.

Panhandle gets white holiday

BY ZACHARY GREEN
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There was a white Christmas for most everyone in the Texas Panhandle, as well as Oklahoma, Arkansas and parts of North Texas.

According to Amarillo TV stations, Pampa received about 1.5 inches of snow on Tuesday. Because of high winds Tuesday, the snow was blowing and driving conditions were dangerous. In Oklahoma, blizzard warnings were issued during the snowstorm.

While we were able to enjoy the white stuff, others were not as lucky with their Christmas Day weather. There was a severe weather outbreak Christmas Day that spanned across southeast Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and the Florida Panhandle.

The National Weather Service's Storm Prediction Center website reported 34 tornadoes Tuesday. That number can and will change after the NWS does its official damage assessments.

"It looks like right now, we are looking at somewhere between 19 to 25 tornadoes that occurred Tuesday in the Deep South," said Kristin Scotten, warnings coordinator with the NWS in Amarillo. "We'll know for a fact how many there were after all the damage survey assessments are completed in the next couple of days."

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3 dead in Christmas Day twisters

MOBILE, Ala. (AP) — An enormous storm system that dumped snow and sleet on the nation's midsection and unleashed damaging tornadoes around the Deep South began punching its way toward the Northeast on Wednesday, slowing holiday travel.

Post-Christmas travelers braced for flight delays and a raft of weather warnings for drivers, a day after rare winter twisters damaged buildings in Louisiana and Alabama.

Snow and ice covered roads in southern Illinois and southern Indiana early Wednesday. Officials urged residents to stay home if they can. State police reported numerous slide-off accidents in the Evansville, Ind., area

and white-out conditions on Interstate 64 in Indiana with wind gusts around 30 mph.

The storm system headed from the Gulf Coast to New England has been blamed for three deaths and several injuries, though no one was killed outright in the tornadoes. In snowy Arkansas, the storm left more than 189,000 customers without electricity Wednesday, utility Entergy Arkansas said.

Severe thunderstorms were forecast for the Carolinas while a line of blizzard and winter storm warnings stretched from Arkansas up the Ohio River to New York and on to Maine.

Thirty-four tornadoes were reported in Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama during the storm.

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'Anytime Angels' get special surprise



Photo by Timothy P. Howsare
 Monica Velasquez and Monte DeMaroney from Anytime Fitness in Pampa.

BY TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE
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Monica Velasquez and Monte DeMaroney at Anytime Fitness in Pampa knew they wanted to do something to help needy kids at Christmas.

"We decided we were going to do the Angel Tree," said Velasquez, the club's manager.

Velasquez was referring to the community-wide Angel Tree program, organized by the Salvation Army, where Christmas trees with numbers hanging as ornaments are put up at the larger stores like Walmart and United Supermarket. Interested gift-givers pick a tree.

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Thursday night: Mostly clear with a low of 15. Chance of rain 10 percent. Winds north northwest at 12 mph. Sunset at 5:39 p.m.

Friday: Partly cloudy with a high of 33. No chance of rain. Winds north northwest at 15 mph. Sunrise at 7:53 a.m.

Friday night: Clear with a low of 18. No chance of rain. Winds west northwest at 7 mph. Sunset at 5:39 p.m.

Saturday: Mostly sunny with a high of 45. No chance of rain. Winds southwest at 8 mph. Sunrise at 7:53 a.m.

Saturday night: Partly cloudy with a low of 25. No chance of rain. Winds south southwest at 12 mph. Sunset at 5:40 p.m.

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Obituaries

Norman Lee Sublett

Norman Lee Sublett, 86, died Dec. 20, 2012 in Amarillo.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 28, 2012, at Fairview Cemetery, with the Rev. Norman Rushing, pastor of Central Baptist Church, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Sublett was born Oct. 16, 1926 in Foard County, and had been a resident of Pampa since 1927. He married Martha Snyder on Sept. 5, 1947 at the Coltexo Community Center. He was a veteran of the U. S. Army, serving during World War II in the Pacific Theatre, and worked during the war crimes trials of Japanese leaders. Norman was a product inspector and machinist for Cabot/Ingersol Rand/IRI, retiring after 35 years of service. He was a member of Central Baptist Church. He was a member of the Pampa Country Club and the Men's Golf Association.

Survivors include: his wife, Martha Sublett; a daughter, Deborah Howard and husband Robert of Amarillo; seven grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and a daughter-in-law, Jane Sublett of Dallas. Norman was preceded in death by: a sister, Bobbie Jean Sublett in 1932; his mother, Theodas Ward Sublett in 1963; his father, Clarice Lee Sublett in 1974; his sons, Norman Larry Sublett in 1982 and W. Darrel Sublett in 2007; and his grandson, Wesley Denton Sublett in 1989.

Memorials may be made to Olivia's Angels, c/o BSA Hospice, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, Texas 79105-9975.

Sign the on-line register at Carmichael-whatley.com.

Johnny Ray Day

Johnny Ray Day, 74, died Dec. 21, 2012 in Amarillo. Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 28, 2012 at the McLean Church of Christ with Gene Gee, Church of Christ minister, officiating. Inurnment will be at Hillcrest Cemetery in McLean. Arrangements are under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors of McLean.

Johnny Ray Day was born Aug. 29, 1938 in McLean to Elmer and Mildred Carlisle Day. He married Anita Back Aug. 12, 1960 in McLean. He worked as an Oil Field Contractor for a number of years, but he greatly enjoyed working with his winch truck. He was a member of the McLean Church of Christ.

Survivors include: his wife, Anita Day, of McLean; his children, Johnny Day, Jr of Margate, Fla., David Day and wife LiHuei, of Abilene, Robbin Corley, of Crowell, and Jimmy Skinner, of Pampa; his sister, Gail Stotts and husband Tommy, of Amarillo; two grandchildren, Darrah-Boothe and J.C. Skinner; and a great grandchild, Braxten Boothe.

Day was preceded in death by: his parents; and his brother, Lonnie Day.

The family requests that memorials be sent to one of the following: McLean-Alanreed Museum or to one's favorite charity.

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Juanita Sanders

Juanita Sanders, 84, died Dec. 22, 2012 in Amarillo. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. today at Memory Gardens Cemetery with Dale Meadows, Church of Christ elder, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Sanders was born Feb. 10, 1928 in Montague County. She married Gerald L. "Sandy" Sanders on June 28, 1948 in Weatherford. He preceded her in death on June 2, 2007. Juanita enjoyed accompanying her husband around the world in his art career.

Survivors include: two daughters: Scena Snider and husband Victor of Amarillo and Starla Tracy and husband, Harry of Pampa; a son: Sonny Sanders of Amarillo; four grandchildren: Jeff Snider of Dallas, Julie Carreon of San Marcos, Jeremy Tracy of Amarillo and Amanda Griffith of Albuquerque, N.M., and four great-grandchildren.

Juanita was preceded in death by a brother.

The family requests memorials be made to your favorite charity.

The family received friends from 6 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday at the funeral home.

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Paul Carter

Paul Carter, 81, died Dec. 25, 2012 in Pampa. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 28, 2012, at Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Home.

For the record

Pampa man arrested on two charges

■ 53-year-old David Dwane Steele, Pampa, was arrested Wednesday by the Pampa Police Department on unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, resisting arrest, search or transportation.

■ 43-year-old Jody Don Leffew, Pampa, was arrested Tuesday by the Gray County Sheriff's Office on an arrest warrant from Lefors for non payment of court costs and fines from a charge of disregarding a stop sign.

■ 30-year-old Francisco Javier Solis, Pampa,

was arrested Monday by PPD on an assault that caused bodily injury.

■ 45-year-old Kyaw Maung, Amarillo, was arrested Monday by the Texas Department of Public Safety on an open container for the driver charge and for cutting in after passing.

■ 28-year-old Ignacia Jennifer Rojas, Amarillo, was arrested Monday by GCSO on two warrants. One was for a DWI 2nd offense and the other was a capias pro fine charge for no valid driver's license.

G.W. Dingus

G. W. Dingus died Christmas Eve of heart failure after a full and happy life of 94 years. He was a well-respected engineer, a loving husband and father, and a 62-year resident of Pampa.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 29, 2012, at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, with the Rev. Linda Kelly, rector, officiating. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Bill was born in 1918 in Van Dyke, Texas—a hamlet long gone—and grew up in the comparatively sprawling burghs of Comanche and Munday. His parents, George Washington Dingus and Nancy Gressett Dingus—both born in 1877—had six children, of whom Bill was the fifth and the first son. He was a farm boy with an aptitude for carpentry, reading and problem-solving. Times were hard then, but later Bill always seemed mildly surprised at the suggestion that he'd had a hard-scrabble upbringing. He first started contributing to the family coffers at age 12, when he was hired to mow the courthouse lawn for a dollar.

He graduated from Texas Tech in 1941 with a degree in mechanical engineering and, having been in ROTC, was already in the Army's 98th Engineers when war broke out later that year. By the end of December, Bill and his regiment had shipped out. They went first to England, then to North Africa, building roads, airstrips and prisoner-of-war camps. He always said that his best memory of the war was the day he told his all-black company that they were moving to a new site. One soldier asked, "Are you coming with us, Lieutenant Dingus?" When he said yes, the men all cheered. In 1944 he was transferred to the War Room in Naples, where he tallied casualties from the fronts and tracked the enemy's movements. On leave once, he and a couple of friends took a jeep and drove off to view Mount Vesuvius, which was then erupting. As Bill liked to tell it, "Suddenly a boulder the size of our jeep flew over our heads. Next thing I knew we were under the vehicle, staring wild-eyed at each other."

Bill came home safe (he was then a major). In 1947, he was living on the coast and working as an engineer for Freeport Sulfur. That night he dropped in at a USO canteen and spotted a pretty blonde opening Cokes. He crossed the room and, when she bent down to grab another bottle from the ice tub, he bent down too and impulsively kissed her. They were engaged three weeks later. Her name was Pat Robbins, and they married May 17, 1947. They never fell out of love.

They moved to Pampa in 1950. Bill worked for almost 30 years at Cabot Corp.'s carbon-black plant just outside town. A born inventor, he patented several gizmos and devices, notably the PRD pelletizer, which made messy carbon black easier to measure and handle. He used to say that Cabot believed the "PRD" was for "Pampa Research and Development," but he'd actually used the initials of his wife. He enjoyed his work at Cabot and regularly visited the company's plants in Canada, Italy and Spain. When he was transferred to Ashtabula, Ohio, in 1963, the family found the city so different from Pampa that they enjoyed a year-long adventure. All of Bill and Pat's children attended Rice University, a fact they were always happy to bring up even to complete strangers. After retirement, Bill became a consultant and he and Pat lived briefly in Salt Lake City, San Antonio, and St. Louis. When he quit working for good, they still loved to hit the road, especially to visit their grandkids.

Bill was fun to know. He was a crackerjack whistler and card player. He had a dry sense of humor and an amusing assortment of facial expressions. He was a staunch conservative and a strong, if quiet, Christian. He rarely got up later than six, and the rest of the family always awoke to the smell of bacon frying. He could make a batch of biscuits or two cherry pies in 20 minutes. His favorite all-time meal was pinto beans and cornbread. During family trips, he led the rest of the car in antiphonal singing. ["On top of Old Smoky!" "On top of Old SmOOOOO-kEEEy . . ."] He collected safety razors and once owned almost 400 of them. He was a lifelong devotee of Civil War history and all kinds of poetry, especially light verse, which he would quote at the drop of a hint.

Bill is survived by: his wife of 65 years, Pat Dingus, and his four children: Jane Dingus (and husband, John Hildebrandt), of Mount Pleasant, S.C.; Anne Dingus of Austin; Nancy Dingus Crites of Hannover, Germany; and Bill Dingus (and wife, Mary Anne), of Midland. His grandchildren and great-grandkids include Kate Hildebrandt of Houston; Phil Redman of Austin; Dayton Crites (and wife, Kristen Munson) of Logan, Utah; Caroline Crites of Hannover, Germany; Margaret Crites Barrett (and husband, Nathaniel Barrett) of Dallas; Lizby, Paul, and Mariah Dingus, all of Midland; and Sean, Joy, Elizabeth, and Julia Hildebrandt of Portland, Ore. He also relished the company of his far-flung nieces and nephews and his many fine friends. He was predeceased by his five siblings and his grandson Parker Redman. In his final three years, Bill was tended to by a wonderful crew of caregivers headed up by Dora Jimenez. We thank them for treating "Mr. Dingus" with patience and tenderness as he slowly slipped away.

If you're kind enough to consider a donation in Bill's memory, please send it to his long-time church, St. Matthew's Episcopal, 727 W. Browning St., Pampa, Texas, 79065.

We love you, Daddy, and we hope we told you that enough times. Enjoy the reunion up there. We'll think of you every day and take care of mother till she joins you again. Thank you for everything. Goodbye.

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Fatal shooting at Amarillo motel

AMARILLO, Texas (AP) — Police were summoned to a motel along Interstate 40 after receiving a call about shots fired and someone screaming. Officers found a man dead outside a room and then summoned a SWAT team to deal with other people still inside the room.

Lt. Erick Bohannon, coordinator of the special crimes unit for Potter and Randall counties, tells the Amarillo Globe-News the people came out of the room without further incident.

They were detained by authorities but no one was immediately arrested.

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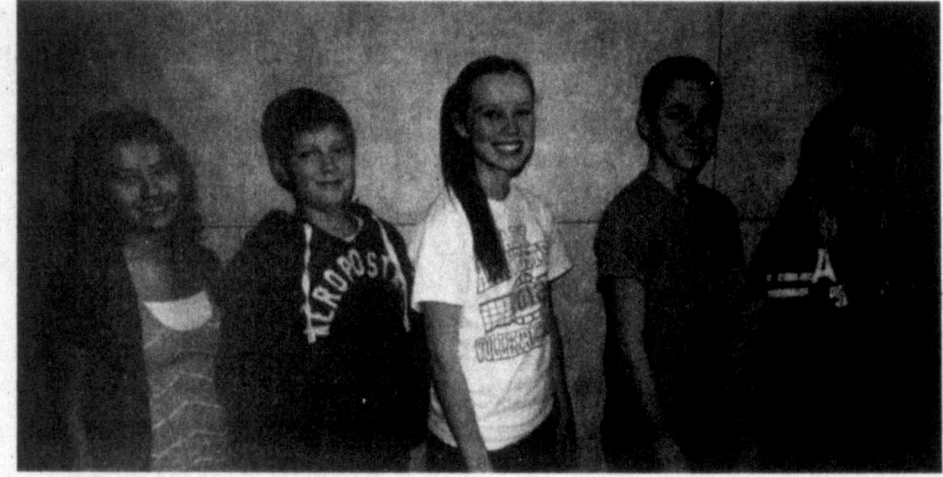


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PJHS canned food drive is a big success
 3,000 cans of food donated to Salvation Army

PJHS choir and band participate in auditions
 Students qualify for All-Region Band and All-Region Choir

Pampa Jr. High students excelling in many areas



Our 8th grade students entered essays in the Patriot Pen Essay Writing Contest through our local VFW Post 57. The top 5 essays were written by PJHS students and were recognized last week at the VFW and received \$100 each. 8th Grade students place in patriot pen essay—above, Elaine Nava - 5th, Braden Kidd - 2nd, Harper Kelly- 3rd, Bryce Parker- 1st, Ariel Cambem- 4th.

Seventh grade Pre-AP students in Mr. Wilson's and Mrs. Petty's classes learned about the Mission Systems in Texas during the 1700s. The students designed and built mission models as their culminating projects. Students used various mediums for the project, such as popsicle sticks, cardboard, marshmallows, clay, and paper mache. They did an awesome job and showed a lot of creativity on the projects. Winners of the 7th grade mission projects, below - Monica Apodaca, Collin Mertz, and Justin Beller.



Students contribute 3,000 cans of food

PJHS Students Contribute 3,000 cans of food to donate to the Salvation Army. The top two classrooms in each grade level won popcorn and a movie. A total of 140 Students went to the movie. Left - Ellie McCracken, Jacey Barton, Fernando Anguiano, Brett West, Jett Richards (standing), Nicholas Thomas (kneeling), and Brooke Ramming.



Above - 7th Graders, Zane McCoy and Tyler Orand

Basketball in full swing

The young women and men are working hard. We expect great success on the court!



Above - 8th Graders, Bryce Parker (shooting), Nick Stevens, and Jonha Munsell.



Above - 7th Grader, Aspen Sullivan (with ball)

Junior High football season posts + in wins column
 The boys ended the season with a huge win against Dalhart, and between the two 7th grade teams and two 8th grade teams, we won more than half of the games played all season.



The 7th & 8th Grade Choir students participated in All-Region Choir auditions. The students pictured placed in the top chairs of their voice section. Front Left to right - Anai Mendoza, Alli Whitson, Tara Goldsmith, Molly Manhart, Montaiasha Brown, Rylee Novian, Taylor Lindley; Back left to right - Carly Crockett, Sarah Gordzelik, Kyra Moyer, Molly Nelson, Madison Floyd, Jesse Downs, Adeline Little - (on ground) Xander Karson, Trey Hon, Seth Langley, and Jordan Moore (on back of 2 guys)



Band Students auditioned for the Panhandle All-Region Band. Thirteen Band students qualified and will represent us in the All-State Competition. Front left to right: Ashton Alexander, Brittney Blakemore, Jared Minyard, Jonathan Valles, Mariah Alvarado - Back left to right: Sean Anstey, Isaac Chavez, Kierstyn Colpetzer, Shavonna Fields, Brianna Jimenez

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Benghazi questions

When terrorists attack Americans, Washington should always follow this simple rule: Blame the terrorists first.



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Retired Adm. Mike Mullen stuck to that rule when he rolled out an independent review, led by former Ambassador Thomas Pickering, on the Sept. 11 attack on the U.S. special mission in Benghazi, Libya, that led to the murder of four Americans — Ambassador J. Christopher Stevens, Sean Smith, Tyrone Woods and Glen Doherty. “The attacks in Benghazi were security related,” Mullen said, “and responsibility for the loss of life, the injuries and damage to U.S. facilities, rests completely and solely with the terrorists who conducted the attacks.”

Rep. Bill Johnson, R-Ohio, did not follow that rule Thursday during a House Foreign Affairs Committee hearing on the report. Johnson hectoring Deputy Secretary of State William Burns, as he demanded, “Who made these decisions that got four Americans killed?” The answer is: the terrorists.

What happened that night? The review told the story of uncommon heroism in a lawless outpost, where attacks on U.S., British and medical personnel had become routine. The Libyan delegation asked for more trained U.S. security for Tripoli and Benghazi, but Department of State officials declined; Benghazi “was not a priority for Washington.”

Thus, the Benghazi mission had to rely on local militia members who were armed but also engaging in work stoppages to protest their pay and work hours. A group of unarmed locals guarded the main gate, but they weren’t reliable and previously had left the gate unattended.

Stevens was aware of the risk, but he went to Benghazi on Sept. 10 anyway. He went to a public dinner that night but stayed on mission grounds on Sept. 11 because it was the 9/11 anniversary. After Stevens

and Smith retired for the night around 9 p.m., dozens of men armed with machine guns, rocket-propelled grenades and other firepower attacked the compound with no warning. In short order, they entered the compound and set a fire that killed Stevens and Smith as the unarmed security team vanished.

Having tried to save Stevens and Smith, the five remaining diplomatic security agents reached an annex just before midnight. Around 5 a.m., a team from the embassy arrived. Fifteen minutes later, mortar rounds killed Woods and Doherty.

The Pickering-Mullen review sidestepped the political questions: What role did President Obama or Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton play?

Not my job, Pickering told reporters; his group deliberately fixed responsibility for any lapses at the assistant-secretary level. Four State Department managers reportedly have been disciplined.

What about the administration’s ridiculous claims about an anti-Islamic video inciting the Benghazi attack? Even five full days after the carnage, U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Susan Rice told ABC that a video protest was “hijacked, let us say, by some individual clusters of extremists who came with heavier weapons.”

If she believed that, she’s incompetent. If she didn’t believe that, she’s involved in an election-year cover-up. The report simply stated, “There was no protest prior to the attacks, which were unanticipated in their scale and intensity.”

Due to illness, Clinton didn’t show up at congressional hearings. Thus far, she has avoided answering GOP Congress members’ questions about Benghazi. (She also missed the Democrats chiding Republicans for being too partisan — as if they’re not partisan.)

Burns had the honor of answering GOP queries about the administration’s zeal to finger an American-made video rather than al Qaeda-inspired brutality. “I honestly do not believe that there was an intent to mislead or misrepresent,” quoth Burns.

Letter to the Editor

Memories of the old Pampa downtown

Small town memories, we all have them, some good and some bad. But for me one keeps popping up, remembering downtown.

When we were in the old Pampa Junior High running down the alley to get a seat at Coney Island, M.E. Moses or Woolworth. Going to The Hobby Shop, The La Vista, Heard-Jones, Gattis Shoe Store and those Buster Brown shoes, I never had any but I can still see them.

Some of the businesses are still here. My grandkids love for me to take them to Heard-Jones for a corn dog, curly fries and a root beer. But the one that keeps popping up for me is long gone, see if you can figure it out.

I always felt welcome in this place of business, be it at lunch break from school, or any time I could find time to go there. It

was a place where dreams were made and some dreams even came true.

Do you know where I am? The owners always seemed glad to see us come in and look around at the merchandise. Parents came in with their children and their child’s dreams, and some parents did not know how they were going to afford to make the dreams come true. But with the help of the owners of this store, they left with a dream in hand. Are you there yet?

Oh, but I still to this day miss the business where one could not only dream, but touch and hold items that you knew you couldn’t afford to buy, and so did the owners, but they still welcomed us. They knew that in time we would make that purchase.

I bet you are there now picking up an Epiphone, Gibson,

maybe even a Martin. Whatever your dream in the way of music they had it and they shared it with all of us. Be it a guitar, drum, piano, violin or horn they had them all, to look at, to play and to dream.

I bet you are there now walking through the door. Every time I see my old Epiphone, I see that old store and the Tarpley’s, what great memories that place left for me.

Do you think someday someone else might open a new music store? A place where our grandchildren might dream and maybe their dreams will come true.

But you can bet it will not be quite the same.

I want to thank Buzz and Bill Tarpley and the entire Tarpley family for the memories.

**Sam Morgan
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North Korea’s rocket test a wakeup call

It should have been a loud wakeup call in December when North Korea successfully launched a three-stage rocket delivering a payload in orbit around the globe. This event was North Korea’s boast that it now has



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basic intercontinental ballistic missile technology.

North Korea’s test was a surprise to Americans, to the Obama administration and to Congress because its last couple of tests had been failures. More alarming was the fact that the launch was a surprise to our intelligence community, which didn’t know the North Koreans had perfected this technology, and didn’t anticipate a launch.

There should have been an immediate demand that the Obama administration fulfill its constitutional duty to “provide for the common defense.” What could be a more important duty, and a more pressing need for spending our tax dollars, than to save Americans from being incinerated by nuclear bombs?

Ballistic missiles combined with nuclear or chemical weapons are the way an evil enemy country without an air force or military can project power outside of its borders and threaten the United States. Rockets and missiles are

the weapons of choice for terrorists and rogue groups to project power and threaten us.

An unprecedented number of countries have now acquired or are trying to acquire ballistic missiles armed with warheads of mass destruction. North Korea has more than two nuclear weapons and over a thousand ballistic missiles, and Iran has over a thousand ballistic missiles and is working as fast as it can to get nuclear weapons.

Homeland defense should not mean merely tidying up after a hurricane or tornado, housing a few thousand people in makeshift tents and setting up food kitchens.

North Korea’s successful missile launch dramatizes the fact that homeland defense demands that our government do something we cannot do for ourselves: have a functioning system that will shoot down enemy missiles before they kill Americans.

An operational U.S. anti-missile defense system is not only vital to save lives, but it’s the best deterrent to war and attack. We now know that Ronald Reagan won the Cold War at Reykjavik without firing a shot (as Margaret Thatcher famously said) when Reagan refused to abandon or trade away his plans for anti-missile defense.

The Nixon-Ford-Kissinger strategy for holding the giant Soviet missile threat at bay was MAD (Mutual Assured Destruc-

tion), i.e., our threat to retaliate and wipe Russia off the map. But MAD would be no deterrent to the terrorists because they are all too eager to commit suicide.

When President Reagan announced his plan to build an anti-missile defense, the Left went on the attack, calling it Star Wars and denying that it was possible to knock out an incoming missile in space, a feat often described as hitting bullet with bullet. Nobody any longer argues that an anti-missile defense doesn’t work, and the United States has had over 50 successes in its missile defense testing.

Israel proved the effectiveness and efficiency of anti-missile defense with its Iron Dome system, which by November 2012 had intercepted more than 400 rockets aimed at Israel’s population. Israel’s system is designed to intercept and destroy short-range rockets and artillery shells fired from distances up to 70 kilometers, and it accomplished its assigned task.

The United States has some missile defense interceptors in place, but almost none to protect the eastern seaboard of our country. The United States needs to be equally protected and defended, from Alaska and Hawaii to our East Coast.

The United States spends about \$700 billion annually on national defense, of which only 1 percent is spent on missile defense development and

acquisition. We should strive for 2 percent of our defense budget in order to give anti-missile defense the priority and resources we so urgently need and to start a realistic modernization program.

The American people must be educated about the fact that a single nuclear weapon exploded 100 miles above the United States could create electromagnetic pulse effects, thereby bringing our entire economy to a standstill. We could lose for many months all our electric power, our communications, transportation, banking and other critical infrastructure systems.

That would be like a return to the 18th century. But we no longer have the agrarian society that supported Americans in those olden days because we now import the majority of our food.

Because of the growing missile threat from hostile states and terrorists, the first duty of our government is to make deployment of a multi-layered missile defense system to protect the entire United States our urgent national priority.


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Angels

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number off the tree and buy a gift for that child, but never know the names of the children they are giving to because they are kept anonymous.

Then a club member told her and DeMaroney, regional director, about three siblings in Pampa

who wouldn't have much to look forward to at Christmas.

"One of the members was telling us about a family who was going to go without Christmas and we decided to help them," she said. "They have three kids, an 11-year-old boy, and two girls, 6 and 2."

So Velasquez and DeMaroney decided to do an angel tree of their own. They put up a tree inside the club with a poster next

to it with the ages, genders and clothing sizes of three children, but not their names. They also suggested toys each child would like.

Velasquez said she and DeMaroney liked the idea of doing their own angel tree because they would get to meet the family they were helping.

On Christmas Eve — after they got down working at Anytime Fitness — Velasquez and DeMaroney

delivered the presents to the family along with a dinner they had prepared.

Velasquez said it was a complete surprise to the children and the aunt who was taking care of them.

"When Monte, a club member and I got there the aunt just cried and cried," Velasquez said.

Since it was about 8:30 p.m. when they arrived, they left the meal, com-

plete with everything from Christmas ham to pies, for the family to eat the next day.

Velasquez said the boy wasn't home but the two girls were there.

"The little 2-year-old was so happy," she said.

Each child got about 10 gifts donated by club members along with stockings stuffed with small gifts. The food was donated by

Anytime Fitness.

Velasquez said she and DeMaroney were so pleased with how things turned out they plan to do it again next year — and every year after that.

"We decided to do it every year from now on and call it Anytime Angels," she said. "We will find a family or two in the community we can help."

NO to reconsider ban throwing objects at floats

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Since 1999, it has been illegal for spectators at Mardi Gras parades in New Orleans to throw objects — even beads — at floats or their riders or other parade participants.

In the interest of recycling, though, the City Council could soon enact an exception to the prohibition.

Councilwoman Susan Guidry has introduced an ordinance that would make an exception for parades that include a float at the

end of the procession to collect beads for recycling. The Times-Picayune reports.

As written, the exception would cover only plastic beads — presumably beads the spectators had caught from riders on earlier floats.

The council could vote on the ordinance before the 2013 Carnival season, which begins Jan. 19. Mardi Gras is Feb. 12.

Even if it passes, it would still be illegal to throw inherently danger-

ous objects, such as rocks or bricks, at floats.

The ban was approved in 1999 as a safety measure to keep mask-wearing riders from being hit by flying objects.

It has not entirely stopped people from tossing beads or other trinkets back at floats or band members, but apparently has helped control the practice.

The proposed ordinance would require the sponsor of any recycling float to notify city authorities in advance.

Ring in the new year with your pet

Dog Talk



It's the time of year when people make resolutions to be a better and healthier version of themselves. So why not make resolutions that will mutually benefit you and your pet? Here are some ideas to help you and yours have the best year yet.

- Eat more fresh food. This may seem like an easy resolution. However, it takes time and preparation. For humans, this means incorporating more fruits and veggies into your diet while for pets this means ensuring that their pet food uses ingredients such as fresh turkey, salmon and duck, fresh omega 3 and 6 oils (from

coconuts and canola), wholesome berries and fruits and vegetables like peas, spinach and carrots. Now Fresh premium petfood by Petcurean is a great example. You can learn more about choosing a pet food with the freshest, healthiest ingredients at petcurean.com.

- Get more exercise. Did you know pets can decrease our blood pressure and cholesterol levels and increase our opportunities for exercise, outdoor activities and socialization? Exercising together will not only help optimize your health but also allow you to spend more time together.

- Use that agenda. This doesn't seem like a resolution, but sometimes making a plan is the only way resolutions will come to life. Most of us schedule time for other appointments and meetings, so why not set aside some priority time for pets too?

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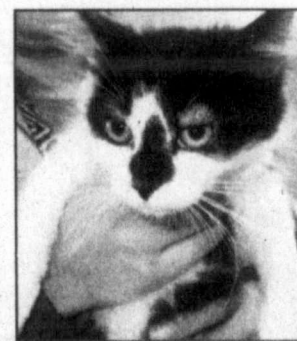
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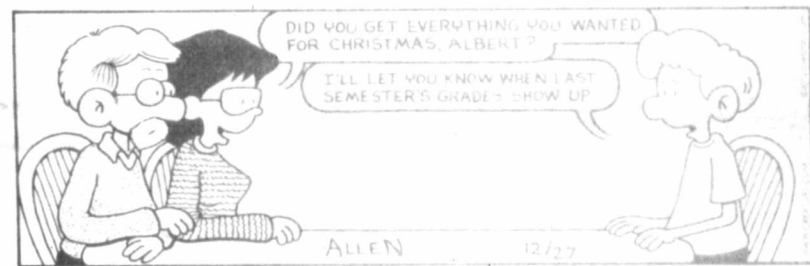
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Nest Heads



daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, Dec. 28, 2012:

This year you often think one way about an issue but act on it in a different way. You'll feel one thing, but think you should do something else. This internal conflict helps you discover which voice to respond to. Many times, the people around you don't know how to respond to these mixed signals. If you continue to flip flop in this way, both professional and personal relationships could suffer. If you are single, you will meet someone who knocks your socks off. You know what you want and what to do. If you are attached, openly discuss your mental process in order to avoid any negative responses. **CANCER** has the same issues as 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)
 ★★ You could find yourself on both the giving and receiving end of a surprise. On some level, you might feel as if you must answer to someone; on the other hand, you also recognize your own needs. A partner might be difficult when it comes to financial matters. **Tonight:** Flex.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 ★★★★★ Keep conversations moving, especially if you think there is an underlying problem. Yes, you eventually will have to deal with this issue, but the timing is off right now. Realize that many people are off-kilter. **Tonight:** Hang out with a loved one.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 ★★★ Know what is going on behind the scenes. You might find that you're not ready to deal with all of the consequences involved with a partnership and/or a money matter. Your lack of energy very well could have colored your thinking. **Tonight:** Do what feels right.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 ★★★★★ The Full Moon points to you. As a result, you might be reactive and cause yourself a problem. You'll try to take command of your life, but there are so many unpredictable elements that it might not work out. Know that you can adjust to the situation. **Tonight:** Do your thing.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
 ★★★ Much is going on behind the scenes. Acting on what you think could be difficult at best. Gather information, but avoid making a judgment for about a week, if possible. Today's events will have a different appearance at that point.

Tonight: Not to be found.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 ★★★★★ Keep your eye on the prize. Do not get distracted by all the hoopla, unexpected events, and emotional statements from others. This, too, will pass, given a little time and caring. If a conversation feels stilted, you can be sure that you're not getting all the facts. **Tonight:** Join friends.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
 ★★★★★ Pressure builds. On some level, you could feel out of sync as you look at the panorama of your life. You will become the ringmaster if you just relax and allow others to help out. Do not make any commitments of your time or money for a while. **Tonight:** TGH.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
 ★★★★★ You might want to deal with a situation differently. How you handle a personal matter could change once some of the intensity of the moment dies down. You could be overserious or too demanding. Detach for a better perspective. **Tonight:** Where there is music.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
 ★★★★★ A creative endeavor takes an unusual turn. A partner could be reactive, especially with finances. You could be making matters worse. Address a low-level depression, and understand that you can handle this problem. **Tonight:** Answer any questions that are posed.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 ★★★★★ The Full Moon affects you socially and emotionally. You might wonder what is going on with an important person in your life. If you are having difficulty explaining this person's behavior, don't get uptight. He or she might not be able to, either. **Tonight:** Go along with the program.

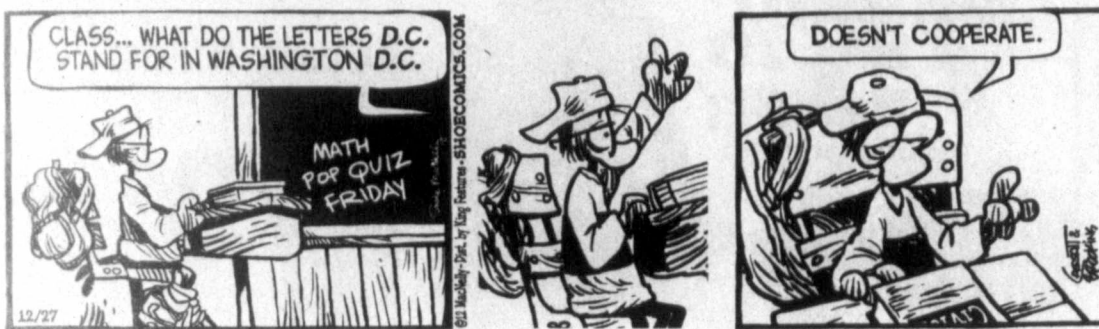
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
 ★★★★★ You could be past the point of no return when dealing with an associate. You also might give this person an unexpected jolt. Though at first you might feel guilty about it, try to view your words as a wake-up call. **Tonight:** Get some much-needed R and R.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
 ★★★★★ You might feel pushed beyond your limit. Rather than express your exasperation, hold back and do something for yourself. Friends also could be unusually demanding. Your finances will take a strange twist if you are not careful. Double-check your change. **Tonight:** Only what you want.

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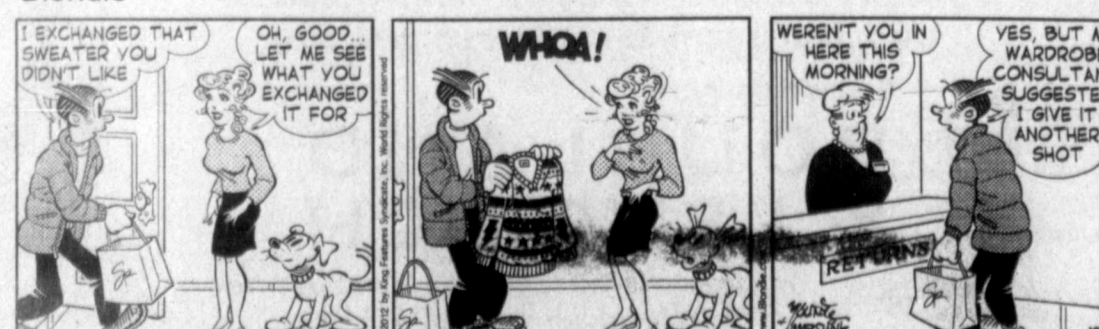
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Hustlin' Harvesters travel to Caprock Classic

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The Pampa Hustlin' Harvesters varsity boys team will travel to Lubbock for the Caprock Tournament this weekend. Their first game is today at 1:30 p.m. against Vega.

Should they beat Vega, Pampa would play at 9 a.m. Friday against the winner of Lamesa and Bovina.

Head Coach Matt Embry said that Vega is an excellent team. "They are athletic, quick and shoot the ball well. We are bigger than them but they are faster than us. Our size will



Matt Embry

have to combat their speed."

Should they lose to Vega, Pampa will play at 1:30 p.m. Friday against the loser of Lamesa and Bovina.

"Overall I expect us to do well in this tournament. If we win against Vega, we will probably have a chance to play Lamesa, the team that beat us out of last year's playoffs," added Embry. "This is a very competitive tournament with teams from class

1A through class 3A. In fact, Wall, a class 2A school won the tournament last season."

Pampa is guaranteed three games even if they were to lose all three. It is too far out to tell if there will be a game on Saturday for the Harvesters.

The Pampa News will keep you up to date with results from the tournament action in Saturday's paper for sure and possibly Friday if the results are received before press time.

The varsity boys record currently stands at 5-8 with two more games including this tournament before district play starts.

Former Braves player arrested

DULUTH, Ga. (AP) — Former Atlanta Braves star center fielder Andruw Jones was free on bond after being arrested in suburban Atlanta early Tuesday on a battery charge, according to jail records.

Around 1:30 a.m. Tuesday, police responded to a call for a domestic dispute between Jones and his wife in Duluth.

Gwinnett County Detention Center records say Jones was booked into the jail around 3:45 a.m. and was released on \$2,400 bond by 11 a.m.

Once one of the premier players in the big leagues, Jones broke into the majors with the Atlanta Braves in 1996 and won 10 consecutive Gold Gloves from 1998-07 as their center fielder.

Pagano back to coach Colts after cancer treatment

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Chuck Pagano stepped to the podium Monday, hugged his team owner, thanked his family for its support and wiped a tear from his eye.

He might, finally, turn out the lights in his office, too.

Nearly three months to the day after being diagnosed with leukemia, the Colts' first-year coach returned to a team eager to reunite with a boss healthy enough to go back to work.

For Pagano and the Colts, Monday morning was as precious as anyone could have imagined when Pagano took an indefinite leave to face the biggest opponent of his life, cancer.

In his absence, all the Colts was win nine of 12 games, make a historic turnaround and clinch a playoff spot all before Sunday's regular-season finale against Houston, which they pegged as the day they hoped to have Pagano back. If all goes well at practice this week, Pagano will be on the sideline for the first time since a Week 3 loss to Jacksonville.

Pagano endured three rounds of chemotherapy to put his cancer in remission.

That Pagano's return came less than 24 hours after Indy (10-5) locked up the No. 5 seed in the AFC and the day before Christmas seemed fitting, too.

"I know Chuck is ready for this challenge. In speaking to his doctor multiple times, I know that the time is right for him to grab the reins, get the head coaching cap on and begin the journey," owner Jim Irsay said. "It's been a miraculous story. It really is a book. It's a fairytale. It's a Hollywood script. It's all those things but it's real."

The reality is that he's returning to a vastly different team than the one he turned over to Arians, his long-time friend and first assistant coaching hire.

Back then, the Colts were 1-2 and most of the so-called experts had written them off as one of the league's worst teams. Now, they're ready to show the football world that they can be just as successful under Pagano as they were under Arians, who tied the NFL record for wins after a midseason coaching change.

Pagano also has changed.

The neatly-trimmed salt-and-pepper hair and trademark goatee that were missing in November have slowly returned, and the

thinner man who appeared to be catching his breath during a postgame speech in early November, looked and sounded as good as ever Monday.

He repeatedly thanked fans for their prayers and letters, the organization and his family for their unwavering help and promised to provide comfort and support to other people who are facing similar fights. During one poignant moment that nearly brought out tears again, Pagano even recounted a letter sent to him by a 9-year-old child who suggested he suck on ice chips and strawberry Popsicles in the hospital and advised him to be nice to the nurses regardless of how he felt — and he never even paused.

In the minds of Colts players and coaches, Pagano never really left.

He continually watched practice tape and game film on his computer, used phone calls and text messages to regularly communicate with players and occasionally delivered a pregame or postgame speech to his team.

"He texted me and called me so much, it was like he was standing there in my face every day," said receiver Reggie Wayne, who has been friends with Pagano since the two were working together at the University of Miami.

But the Colts found plenty of other ways to keep Pagano's battle in the forefront.

They began a fundraising campaign for leukemia research, calling it Chuckstrong. Players had stickers with the initials CP on their locker room nameplates, and Arians wore an orange ribbon on his baseball cap during games. Orange is the symbolic color for leukemia. At one point, nearly three dozen players shaved their heads to show their ailing coach they were with him.

That's not all.

Arians and first-year general manager Ryan Grigson decided to leave the lights on in Pagano's office until he returned. Pagano noted the team even installed plastic clips to make sure those lights were not mistakenly turned off while he was gone. Those clips were

removed when Pagano arrived Monday morning.

So after getting medical clearance from his oncologist, Dr. Larry Cripe, to return with no restrictions, Pagano couldn't wait to get to the office Monday morning.

Arians arrived at 7 a.m., three hours early for the scheduled team meeting. By then, Pagano had already driven past the inflatable Colts player with the words "Welcome Back Chuck" printed on its chest and was back in his office preparing for the Texans.

Players showed up a couple of hours later, and when the torch was passed from Arians back to Pagano, players gave their returning coach a standing ovation that Wayne said was well-deserved.

All Pagano wants to do now is emulate the success Arians and his players have had this season.

Former Texas Rangers owner Brad Corbett dies at 75

HOUSTON (AP) — Brad Corbett, who owned the Texas Rangers from 1974 to 1980 and wasn't afraid to regularly switch out managers, died on Christmas Eve. He was 75.

Corbett's daughter, Pamela Corbett Murrin, told The Associated Press that her father died peacefully in his sleep on Monday. She said he had not been sick recently.

"The Texas Rangers are saddened to hear of the death of Brad Corbett," the team said in a statement. "His tenure as owner was marked by a passion and drive to bring a winning team to the fans of North Texas."

At Corbett's helm, the team had six managers in six years — four in the 1977 season alone. An article on the Rangers' website also said the team had its first four winning seasons under Corbett and finished second in the AL West three times. The 94 victories in 1977 remained the most in team history until 1999, it said.

"The spirit in which Mr. Corbett served as owner of the Rangers will be remembered always," the team statement said.

Corbett was directly involved in decision-

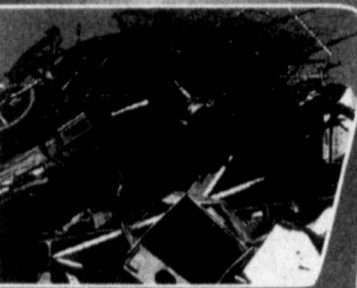
making, including player transactions. Corbett traded away three future Hall of Fame pitchers — Ferguson Jenkins, Gaylord Perry and Bert Blyleven — during his tenure.

Corbett made his money in the plastics business, turning a \$300,000 loan from the Small Business Administration into a multimillion dollar company that sold plastic pipes for industrial use.

Just three seasons after the Rangers had moved from Washington, D.C., Corbett bought the team from Bob Short.

He sold the team to Fort Worth oil man Eddie Chiles in 1980, when both the Rangers and Corbett's other ventures were struggling financially.

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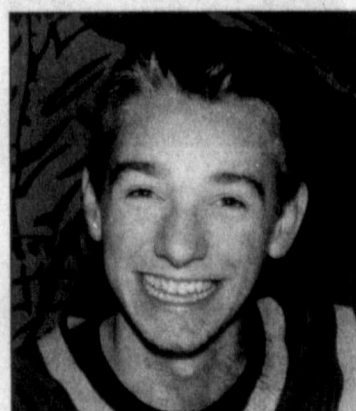
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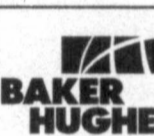
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DEAR ABBY: How can I set healthy boundaries with my best friend without feeling guilty? I have always been supportive and available because I sympathized with her difficult family dynamics during childhood and adulthood. She often talks to me about her problems with family and ever-changing relationships with men, but rarely allows me or others to share their points of view or personal concerns. Saying "no" to her is challenging under any circumstance, and she demands that all focus be on her in social situations.

I love and accept my friend as she is, and I try to give her all the grace I have. I now realize that setting healthy boundaries is the only way I can sustain our friendship. I know this dynamic may put a strain on our relationship, so why do I feel so guilty? — TESTED IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

DEAR TESTED: That's a good question, and one that I can't definitively answer for you. It's possible that like many women, you were raised to believe that if you assert yourself you won't be considered "nice." That's a mistake because as long as you allow this friend to take advantage of you — and that is what she's doing — the more your resentment will build until the relationship becomes one of diminishing returns. So tell this self-centered person as nicely as possible that you are not a therapist, and because her problems persist, she should talk to one.

DEAR ABBY: I was shocked the other day when a friend of mine said that many women remain in terrible marriages because of finances. She said those types of marriages are accepted worldwide, so why not in America? She also said she thinks that shame is attached if a woman admits the only reason she is staying with her husband is a monetary one.

The women she was talking about are baby boomers and older. After thinking about it, I remember my mother and mother-in-law saying that money was why they remained in their marriages. Is this as prevalent as my friend stated? I find it sad that this could be true. It reminds me of the Tina Turner song — what's love got to do with it? Could you comment, please? — IN IT FOR LOVE

DEAR IN IT: If you're asking if I have statistics on the number of women who stay married only for economic reasons, the answer is no. Most of the people who write to me are unhappy, which would skew the numbers in a negative direction.

I hope you realize that the women you have described — an older demographic — were probably not economically independent when they married. It was common in their generation to go straight from their parents' houses to their husbands'. For many years I — and my mother before me — have urged women to make sure they are self-supporting before they marry, "just in case" they may have to be afterward.

Staying in a marriage without love is like serving a life sentence with an incompatible cell-mate. Your mother and mother-in-law have my sympathy, and so do their husbands.

DEAR ABBY: Do you ever get tired of giving advice to people who ask commonsense questions, or those who probably know the answer to their problems if they just thought it out? — JIM IN WEST VIRGINIA

DEAR JIM: The answer to your question is no. I love what I do and consider it an honor to be trusted. While the reply to a question may be obvious to you, it isn't to the person who asks me. Common sense tends to go out the window when there are strong emotions involved.

DEAR ABBY: My husband wears a hairpiece. Unfortunately, it doesn't look very real. Nearly every time we are in a public place, I notice somebody staring or laughing at it. I have talked to him about it only a couple of times, but each time he tells me how attached he is to it and how good it feels on his head. I want him to be happy, but I do not want him to be publicly ridiculed. Should I throw it away? — WIFE OF A MAN WITH A "SECRET"

DEAR WIFE: Absolutely not. If you want to help your husband, start talking with some hairstylists. There may be a product on the market that is more convincing than what your husband is wearing. (Depending upon how much hair he has on the back of his head, a transplant of some follicles may also be possible.) This isn't just about him having something on his head that "feels good." If it was only that, he'd be wearing a hat.

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Sudoku

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Rearrange the tiles below to spell a six-letter word that fits in the first row. Then remove one letter and rearrange the remaining tiles to spell a five-letter word in the next row. Continue to remove one letter until you complete all five words. One tile has been placed in each row.

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Yesterday's Answer: THIEF, EIGHT, LEGIT, GLIDE, LODGE, GODLY

Snow

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She added, "As it looks now, it appears that Tuesday will be a record for the most tornadoes ever on a Christmas Day."

After the snowfall ended, we weren't out of

the woods weather wise in Pampa.

Temperatures dropped to near zero.

The low recorded at the Perry Lefors Airport just north of Pampa was a bone-chilling one degree. Wind chill readings were as low as -10 degrees on Tuesday night and early Wednesday morning.

Weather

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ing the outbreak Tuesday, the National Weather Service said.

Rick Cauley's family was hosting relatives for Christmas when tornado sirens went off in Mobile. Not taking any chances, he and his wife, Ashley, hustled everyone down the block to take shelter at the athletic field house at Mobile's Murphy High School in Mobile.

It turns out, that wasn't the place to head.

"As luck would have it, that's where the tornado hit," Cauley said. "The pressure dropped and the ears started popping and it got crazy for a second." They were all fine, though the school was damaged, as were a church and several homes, but officials say no one was seriously injured.

Camera footage captured the approach of the large funnel cloud.

Mobile was the biggest city hit by numerous twisters. Along with brutal, straight-line winds, the storms knocked down countless trees, blew the roofs off homes and left many Christmas celebrations in the dark. Torrential rains drenched the region and several places saw flash flooding.

More than 325 flights around the U.S. were canceled as of Wednesday morning, according to the flight tracker FlightAware.com. The cancellations were mostly spread around airports that had been or soon would be in the path of the storm.

Holiday travelers in the nation's much colder mid-section battled treacherous driving conditions from freezing rain and blizzard conditions from the same fast-moving storms. In Arkansas, highway department officials said the state was fortunate the snowstorm hit on Christmas Day when many travelers were already at their destinations.

Texas, meanwhile, dealt with high winds and slickened highways.

On Tuesday, winds toppled a tree onto a pickup truck in the Houston area, killing the driver, and a 53-year-old north Louisiana man was killed when a tree fell on his house.

Icy roads already were blamed for a 21-vehicle pileup in Oklahoma, and the Highway Patrol there says a 28-year-old woman was killed in a crash on a snowy U.S. Highway near Fairview.

Trees fell on homes and across roadways in several communities in southern Mississippi and Louisiana. Mississippi Gov. Phil Bryant declared a state of emergency, saying eight counties reported damages and some injuries.

It included McNeill, where a likely tornado damaged a dozen homes and sent eight people to the hospital, none with life-threatening injuries, said

Pearl River County emergency management agency director Danny Manley.

The snowstorm that caused numerous accidents pushed out of Oklahoma late Tuesday, carrying with it blizzard warnings for parts of northeast Arkansas, where 10 inches of snow was forecast. Freezing rain clung to trees and utility lines in Arkansas and winds gusts up to 30 mph whipped them around, causing about 71,000 customers to lose electricity for a time.

Christmas lights also were knocked out with more than 100,000 customers without power for at least a time in Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Mississippi, Louisiana and Alabama.

Blizzard conditions were possible for parts of Illinois, Indiana and Kentucky up to Cleveland with predictions of several inches to a foot of snow. By the end of the week, that snow was expected to move into the Northeast with again up to a foot predicted.

Jason Gerth said the Mobile tornado passed by in a few moments and from his porch, he saw about a half-dozen green flashes in the distance as transformers blew. His home was spared.

"It missed us by 100 feet and we have no damage," Gerth said.

In Louisiana, quarter-sized hail was reported early Tuesday in the western part of the state and a WDSU viewer sent a photo to the TV station of what appeared to be a waterspout around the Lake Pontchartrain Causeway in New Orleans. There were no reports of crashes or damage.

Some mountainous areas of Arkansas' Ozark Mountains could get up to 10 inches of snow, which would make travel "very hazardous or impossible" in the northern tier of the state from near whiteout conditions, the weather service said.

The holiday may conjure visions of snow and ice, but twisters this time of year are not unheard of. Ten storm systems in the last 50 years have spawned at least one Christmastime tornado with winds of 113 mph or more in the South, said Chris Vaccaro, a National Weather Service spokesman in Washington, via email.

The most lethal were the storms of Dec. 24-26, 1982, when 29 tornadoes in Oklahoma, Missouri, Arkansas, Tennessee and Mississippi killed three people and injured 32.

In Mobile, a large section of the roof on the Trinity Episcopal Church is missing and the front wall of the parish wall is gone, said Scott Rye, a senior warden at the church in the Midtown section of the city.

On Christmas Eve, the church with about 500 members was crowded for services.

"Thank God this didn't happen last night," Rye said.

LIGHTS OVER PAMPA



Photo by Rick Blain

This picture was taken on a county road south of Pampa at about 10:15 p.m. Tuesday night.

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Sweden: Foreigner mad over gray Santa outfit

STOCKHOLM (AP) —Police in Sweden had to intervene after a foreign visitor to a spa and conference center grew angry because a visiting Santa Claus was wearing a gray instead of red costume.

No one was arrested during the incident in Vallsta, some 300 kilometers (180 miles) north of Stockholm, early Tuesday.

But police said in a brief statement that the foreign guest grew agitated over the Santa outfit and argued with the center's staff. They did not say where the foreigner was from.