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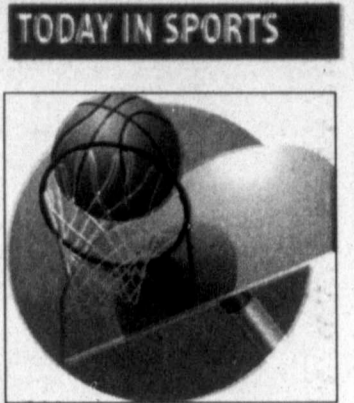
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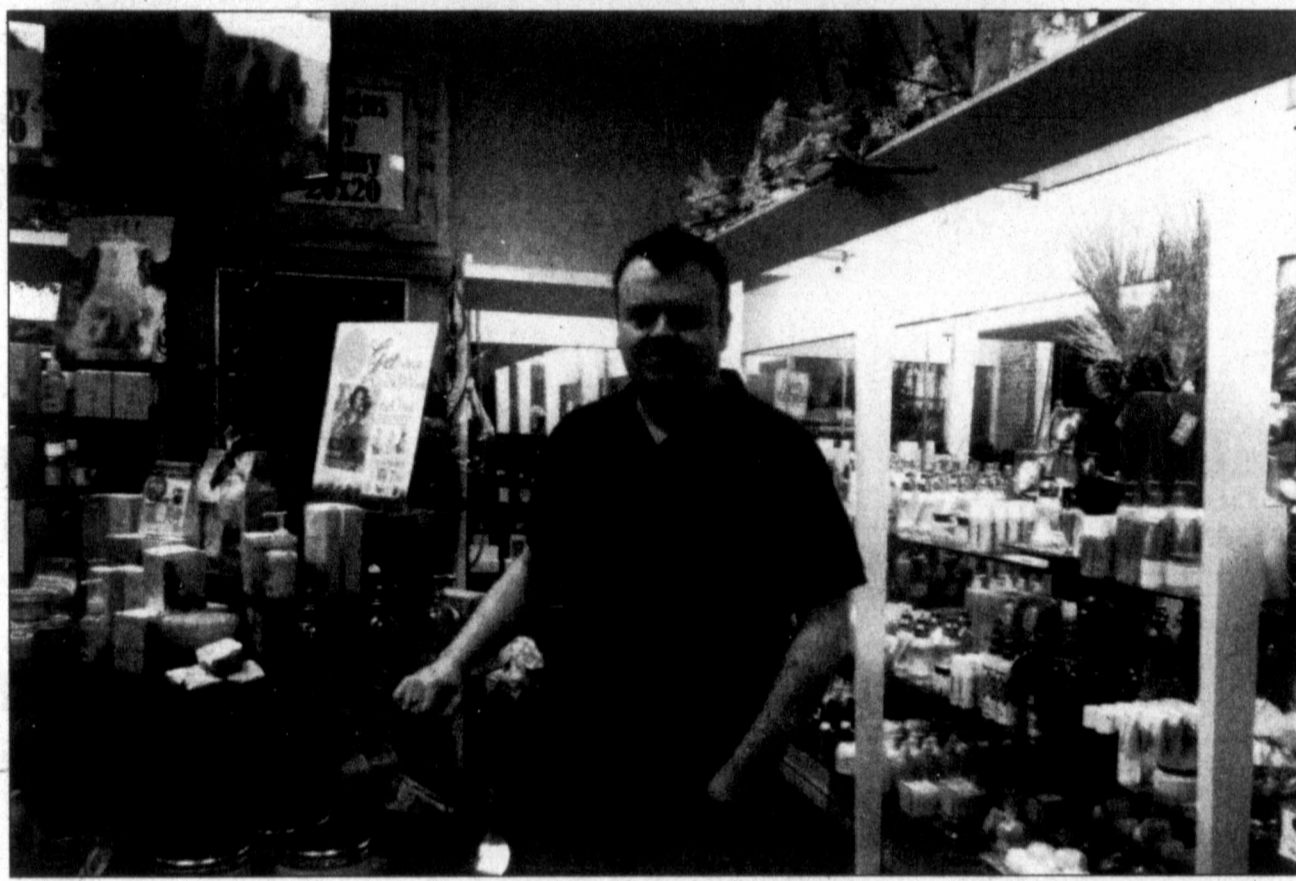


Photo by Timothy P. Howsare

Brandon Richards, owner of Brandon's Flowers on North Cuyler Street, became a member of the Pampa Chamber of Commerce when he opened his business almost 10 years ago. Brandon's Flowers is the chamber Business of the Year for 2011. Nominations are currently being sought for Business and Citizen of the Year for 2012.

Nominations for chamber's Citizen, Business of the Year sought

STAFF REPORT

The Pampa Chamber of Commerce is now seeking nominations for the Pampa Citizen of the Year and Business of the Year for 2012.

Forms may be picked up at the chamber office, 200 N. Ballard St., or by sending an email to admin@pampachamber.com.

Nominations must be in to the chamber office by 5 p.m. on Jan. 31.

The winners will be announced at the chamber's annual awards banquet at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 26, at the M.K. Brown Memorial

Auditorium Heritage Room. The cost is \$25 per person and tickets can be purchased at the chamber.

The current Chamber Citizen of the Year is Faustina Curry, a Pampa Animal Welfare Society (PAWS) board member, and the current Business of the Year is Brandon's Flowers.

Flower shop owner Brandon Richards said he joined the chamber when his business opened almost 10 years ago.

"Being a chamber member has worked out well for me," Richards said.

Only businesses that are chamber members can be nominated. However, individuals do not need to be members to be nominated Citizen of the Year.

The winners in both categories will be chosen by the chamber's selection committee.

To nominate a business, submit a written statement about that business describing positive attributes such as its community service efforts, impact on the community, employee satisfaction and customer satisfaction.

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United Way falling short for 2012

STAFF REPORT

Unless several big donations come in by Monday, the Pampa United Way will be nearly \$55,000 short of its 2012 fundraising goal of \$315,000.

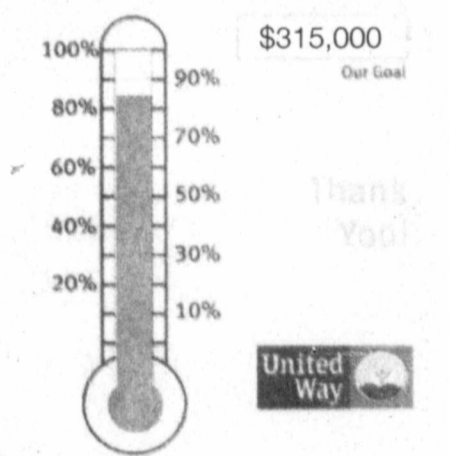
Executive Director Jana Gregory said Thursday the organization has raised, \$260,500, or 83 percent, of its goal.

"We are going to really be pushing it," she said. "We have some big accounts that haven't come in yet, but I don't think we are going to meet our goal."

If the goal is not met, Gregory said, then the local agencies it supports will not get their full funding from the United Way.

They include CASA of the High Plains; Girl Scouts of Texas Oklahoma Plains; Boy Scouts — Golden Spread Council; Pampa Meals on Wheels; Pampa Optimist Youth Club; Gray County Child Protective Services; the Salvation Army; the Eastern Texas Panhandle Chapter of the American Red Cross; and other humanitarian efforts.

The Pampa United Way did meet its goal in 2011, Gregory said.



Elder ex-president Bush in intensive care

By RAMIT PLOSHNICK-MASTI
 Associated Press

HOUSTON (AP) — Former President George H.W. Bush is being treated in the intensive care unit at a Houston hospital after suffering "a series of setbacks," including a stubborn fever, his spokesman said.

In a brief email Wednesday, Jim McGrath, Bush's spokesman in Houston, said the 88-year-old former leader had been admitted Sunday to the ICU at Methodist Hospital. McGrath said Bush, the oldest living former U.S. president, was alert and

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Free 'Tipsy Tow' service for New Year's Eve

SUBMITTED BY AAA TEXAS

AAA Texas is offering its free "Tipsy Tow" service during the New Year's Eve holiday from 6 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 31, to 6 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 1, to help remove drinking drivers from the road.

Motorists, bartenders, restaurant managers, party hosts or passengers of a drinking driver may call 1-800-AAA-HELP or 1-800-222-4357 for a free tow home of up to 10 miles. Callers simply tell AAA Texas operators, "I need a Tipsy Tow," to receive the free tow and ride home. A regular AAA Texas-contracted roadside service truck will be dispatched. This free service is unique in that it transports both the driver and their vehicle.

Drinking drivers frequently don't plan for other ways to get home because

they are concerned about retrieving their vehicle the next day. They cite taxi costs and inconvenience as reasons they don't use alternate transportation, according to AAA Texas.

Callers need to keep in mind that the service excludes rides for passengers, is restricted to a one-way, one-time ride for the driver and the destination is limited to the driver's residence. Reservations are not accepted. For rides farther than 10 miles, drivers can expect to pay the rate charged by the tow truck contractor.

"AAA Texas is pleased to offer Tipsy Tow to Texas motorists on New Year's Eve. Law enforcement, individual motorists, party hosts and others are taking responsibility to make sure intoxicated drivers don't get behind the wheel. AAA's Emergency Roadside Service

team will be a critical part of this important effort to save lives and get motorists home safely," said Linda K. von Quintus, AAA Vice President of Government and Community Affairs.

■ AAA Texas advises that motorists can keep themselves and others safe and can avoid DUI arrests by keeping these safety tips in mind:

■ At social events, designate nondrinking drivers who can get everyone home safely.

■ Never serve alcohol to those under age 21.

■ Call a friend or family member for a ride home if you have been drinking.

Keep a cab company telephone number in your wallet so you can call for a ride home.

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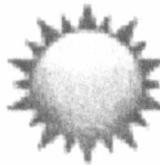
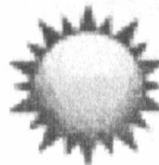

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Today	Saturday	Sunday
		
High 32 Low 17	High 43 Low 24	High 45 Low 27

Friday: Sunny with a high of 32. Ten percent chance of rain. Winds north northwest at 12 mph. Sunrise at 7:53 a.m.

Friday night: Clear skies with a low of 17. No chance of rain. Winds west at 9 mph. Sunset at 5:39 p.m.

Saturday: Sunny with a high of 43. No chance of rain. Winds west southwest at 7 mph. Sunrise at 7:53 a.m.

Saturday night: Partly cloudy with a low of 24. No chance of rain. Winds south at 10 mph. Sunset at 5:40 p.m.

Sunday: Cloudy with a high of 45. No chance of rain. Winds south southwest at 21 mph. Sunrise at 7:53 a.m.

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Obituaries

Paul Carter

Paul Carter, 81, died Dec. 25, 2012 in Pampa. Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 29, 2012, Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel, with the Rev. Norman Rushing, pastor of Central Baptist Church, officiating.

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

Mr. Carter was born Aug. 21, 1931 in Gray County and had been a resident of Pampa most of his life. He was a veteran of the U. S. Army, serving in the Army Reserve for many years. Paul was a member of Central Baptist Church and volunteered at the Pampa Senior Citizens Center.

Survivors include: two sisters, his twin, Pauline Skidmore and husband Fred of Panhandle, and Fannie Lee Carter of Pampa; sister-in-law, Wanda Carter of Pampa; four nephews, Randy Carter and wife Pamela, Bill Carter and wife Deana, and Ronald David Carter, all of Pampa, and Mickey Skidmore and wife Donna of Panhandle; two nieces, Christine Pax and husband Virgil of Salem, Mo., and Sherry Mitchell of Panhandle; and numerous great nieces and nephews. Paul was preceded in death by: three brothers: W. A. Carter, Euel Otto Carter, and Charles Laniel Carter.

Memorials may be made to Central Baptist Church, 513 E. Francis, Pampa, Texas 79065.

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

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

Gary Earl Cady

Gary Earl Cady, 76, died Dec. 25, 2012 in Amarillo. Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 29, 2012, at Mary Ellen & Harvester Church of Christ in Pampa, with Gene Gee, Lefors Church of Christ minister, officiating.

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

Mr. Cady was born July 1, 1936 in Pampa. He married Jerrie Nell Cox on Sept. 19, 1953 in Pampa. He worked in the oilfield since the age of 14. Gary was a member of the Pampa and Lefors Optimist clubs where he coached Little League baseball.

He was a loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather.

Survivors include: his wife, Jerrie Nell Cady of the home; three daughters, Lucille Marie Carter of Lefors, Gay Nell Ellis and husband Curtis of Ft. Gibson, Okla., and Melody Ann Stevens of Paoli, Pa.; two sons, Carl Lee Cady of Amarillo and Clyde Randall Cady of Lefors; a brother: Paul Douglas Cady of Houston; seven grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Gary was preceded in death by: his parents; a sister, Mary Lou Rankin; a granddaughter, Jennifer Lee Culver; and a grandson, Curt Allen Stevens.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, c/o Gerry Caylor, 2130 Charles, Pampa, Texas 79065, or the American Heart Association, National Center, 2727 Greenville Ave., Dallas, Texas 75231.

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

For the record

Pampa man arrested for altering script

■ 20-year-old Zachary Ryan Murray, Pampa, was arrested Wednesday by the Pampa Police Department for forging/altering a prescription.

■ 47-year-old Shannon Kirk Johnson, Lefors,

was arrested Wednesday by Lefors Marshal for theft of property over \$1,500 and under \$20,000, evading arrest and Lefors capias pro fine.

■ 44-year-old Kevin

Wayne Jacoby, Pampa, was arrested Wednesday by the Gray County Sheriff's Office. Jacoby's charges were for driving while intoxicated — second charge.

■ 37-year-old Bobby

Lynne Cole-Stone, Pampa, was arrested Thursday by the PPD. Stone's charges were failure to maintain financial responsibility, displaying expired registration and failure to appear.

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The Victorian Rose on Saturday hosted a book signing for local author Dolly Cowan's new spiritual publication, "Yeehaw, The Chosen Donkey." The text is sung to the tune of "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer." "It's the story of Christ seen through the eyes of the donkey that carried Mary into Bethlehem." Cowan's son, Ren Malone, drew the book's illustrations. Those interested in purchasing a book can order at Amazon.com or Barnesandnoble.com or by contacting Cowan at 806-537-3645.

Bush

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He said doctors are cautiously optimistic about Bush's treatment and that the former president "remains in guarded condition." He said Bush was surrounded by family. Early Thursday, McGrath told The Associated Press he had no new information on Bush's condition and that he would release another statement "when events warrant it."

Bush has been hospitalized since Nov. 23, when he was admitted for a lingering cough related to bronchitis after having been in and out of the hospital for complications related to the illness. A fever that kept Bush in the hospital over Christmas had gotten worse and doctors had put him on a liquids-only diet Wednesday following "a series of setbacks." "It's an elevated fever, so it's actually gone up in the last day or two," McGrath said. "It's a stubborn fever that won't go away." But he said the cough

that initially brought Bush to the hospital had improved. Bush was visited on Christmas by his wife, Barbara, his son, Neil, and Neil's wife, Maria, and a grandson, McGrath said. Bush's daughter, Dorothy, arrived Wednesday in Houston from Bethesda, Md. The 41st president has also been visited by his sons, George W. Bush, the 43rd president, and Jeb Bush, the former governor of Florida. He has also been visited by former Secretary of State James A. Baker

III, a longtime confidant. Bush and his wife live in Houston during the winter and spend their summers at a home in Kennebunkport, Maine. The former president was a naval aviator in World War II — at one point the youngest in the Navy — and was shot down over the Pacific. He's skydived on at least three of his birthdays since leaving the White House in 1992. He suffers from a form of Parkinson's disease and in recent years has used a wheelchair to get around.

Chamber

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Business nominations can include letters of recommendation from other people, but the entire nomination should not exceed two pages.

To be considered for Citizen of the Year, the individual must be a resident of the Pampa trade area for at least five years. The nominee should be someone who has made an outstanding contribution to his or her job, volunteer efforts or other activities during the past three years.

"We usually get a variety of people nominated," said chamber administrative assistant Lori Gyurnek Byrne.

The chamber also is seeking table sponsors, which is a great way to advertise your business, according to an email from the chamber.

The three levels of table sponsorship are: Gold for \$500, which includes a gold sponsor's banner, top listing in the banquet program and eight admission tickets; Silver for \$300, which includes a silver sponsor's banner, listing in the banquet program and four admission tickets; Bronze for \$100, which includes listing in the banquet program.

AAA

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As a party host, offer a variety of nonalcoholic drink alternatives and provide a gift to guests who volunteer to be designated drivers.

Take the car keys away from friends and relatives who have had too much to drink.

People convicted of driving under the influence could lose many of the important things in their lives, such as family, job, dignity and money. A Driving While Intoxicated (DWI) or Driving Under the Influence (DUI) conviction can be a financial wrecking ball.

The Texas Department of Transportation and other law enforcement agencies say it can cost a

person between \$13,000 to \$24,000 in fines, legal fees, higher insurance rates, lost wages, substance-abuse programs or court-required alcohol treatment.

For more information about AAA Texas, visit www.AAA.com. For more information about the penalties of drunken driving, visit www.dui-justicelink.aaa.com.

Soda shop rebuked for stocking candy smokes

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — Owners of an old-school soda shop in St. Paul, Minn., are being warned to kick the habit and stop stocking novelty candy cigarettes.

City inspectors threatened a misdemeanor citation and \$500 fine if Lynden's soda fountain is caught selling the fake smokes again. The Star Tribune reported Wednesday (<http://bit.ly/RiCHiP>) that the offering violated an ordinance barring the sale of candy smokes and cartoon character lighters.

A city spokesman says the warning came after inspectors received and looked into a complaint about the presence of the tobacco-themed products. The ordinance was enacted

to discourage youngsters from picking up a real smoking habit.

Shop owner Tobi Lynden says the white candy sticks with the red tips were her best-selling candy item but she pulled them to avoid running afoul of the ordinance.

Survey: Increase in e-reading, drop in paper

NEW YORK (AP) — The tastes of the reading public are turning digital.

A Pew Internet Research Center survey released Thursday found that the percentage of Americans aged 16 and older who read an e-book grew from 16 percent in 2011 to 23 percent this year. Readers of traditional books dropped

from 72 percent to 67 percent. Overall, those reading books of any kind dropped from 78 percent to 75 percent, a shift Pew called statistically insignificant.

Those owning an e-book device or tablet jumped from 18 percent to 33 percent, with much of that increase coming from last year's holiday season, when millions

received Kindles, Nooks and other e-readers as gifts.

Awareness that libraries offer digital texts grew from 24 percent to 31 percent.

The telephone survey of 2,252 people aged 16 and older was conducted from Oct. 15 to Nov. 10. It has a sampling error margin of plus or minus 2.3 percentage points.

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To hell with charity

Imagine it's Christmas Eve in your local church and the offering plate is passed to help a local orphanage build an addition because there's "no room



CHUCK NORRIS

in the inn." But just when you're about to give generously to the cause, you recall that politicians in Washington recently voted to reduce tax deductions for charitable giving.

Would you give as much under reduced charitable deductions?

Despite the fact that charitable deductions are the 10th-most popular tax break (nearly 40 million Americans claim them annually), those in Washington are willing to gamble that you're going to give as generously in the future without it. But is their roll of the dice with your wages a good one?

Here are four reasons that reducing charitable tax deductions in any form would be bad business for America:

Reducing charitable deductions would be the wrong solution at the wrong time (bad economy) to fix our country's budgetary problems.

■ Reducing, capping or eliminating charitable deductions would yield a minuscule amount of revenue compared with the massive increases in the debt, deficits and future expenditures brought on by the Obama administration — with Obamacare, for example. Even according to the White House, reducing charitable deductions would add only \$239 billion between 2013 and 2017 to the federal income.

As Seth Giertz, the University of Nebraska economics professor who co-wrote the Congressional Budget Office's May 2011 analysis of options for the charitable giving deduction, told ABC News, "given the fiscal problems we're looking at, you can't just scale back the charitable deduction. Problems are just too

big for that."

■ Reducing charitable deductions would trickle down, tying the hands of the wealthy, crippling charities and hurting the middle class and the poor, who often are managing nonprofits or the benefactors of them.

As Stephen L. Carter, professor of law at Yale University and the author of "The Violence of Peace: America's Wars in the Age of Obama," wrote, "maybe in a perfect world nobody would worry about whether gifts to a particular organization were tax-deductible. In the imperfect world in which we live, however, charities fight to preserve their 501(c)(3) status, and with good reason: The deductibility of contributions affects people's willingness to give."

Carter added: "But the argument once more misunderstands the purpose and function of the deduction. Its principal beneficiaries are not those who give, but those who receive. If I donate money directly to a local soup kitchen rather than requiring it to wade through the layers of paperwork and volumes of regulation required for obtaining even the mere chance of a direct government subsidy, everyone is better off — especially those who eat there."

■ Charitable tax deductions were granted to motivate Americans to contribute and build up the public good — something needed now probably more than at any point in America's history.

The charitable tax deduction was first enacted during the War Revenue Act of 1917 — four years after the income tax was legislated and taxes increased to cover World War I costs — for the very reason that legislators worried that wealthier Americans would not give to charity after paying their taxes, according to the Tax Policy Center and ABC News.

Follow Chuck Norris through his official social media sites, on Twitter @chucknorris and Facebook's "Official Chuck Norris Page."

PRMC residency program

Family doctors can start — and stay — in Pampa

One of the most popular TV shows during the early 1990s was "Northern Exposure," a quirky comedy centered around the fate of Dr. Joel Fleishman. Fresh out of medical school, Fleishman discovers he must move to the hinterlands of Alaska and practice for four years as a "country doctor" to fulfill the obligations of scholarship. That's what happens when you don't read the fine print.

Once in the town of Cicely, population 300, he is welcomed by the locals who are keen on him staying for good. They need a doctor.

Fleishman, however, insists his stay is only temporary, and that he would eventually shrivel up and die in a town without a theater district or bagel shops. But despite his pontifications of how great life is in the big city, one gets the impression he enjoys the small-town life much more than he admits.

Though Pampa is not nearly as small as Cicely and has a hospital, Pampa Regional

Our View

This editorial reflects the views of The Pampa News' editorial board. Other opinions on this page may not reflect this view.

Medical Center, with many specialties found in larger, urban hospitals, it still faces the challenge of keeping young doctors fresh out of medical school who eventually want to move on to the bright lights of the big city.

"We want doctors to stay here," said Dick Stowers, who heads the board of the Pampa Industrial Foundation. "We want to find residents who want to work in a rural hospital and have them live in Pampa. That is the purpose."

Stowers discussed with the other board members and PRMC administration on how they could come up with a way to welcome to Pampa medical graduates who want to do their residencies in family medicine.

Those discussions turned into results. PRMC is now the clinical site for Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center's Family Medicine Residency

Program in Amarillo.

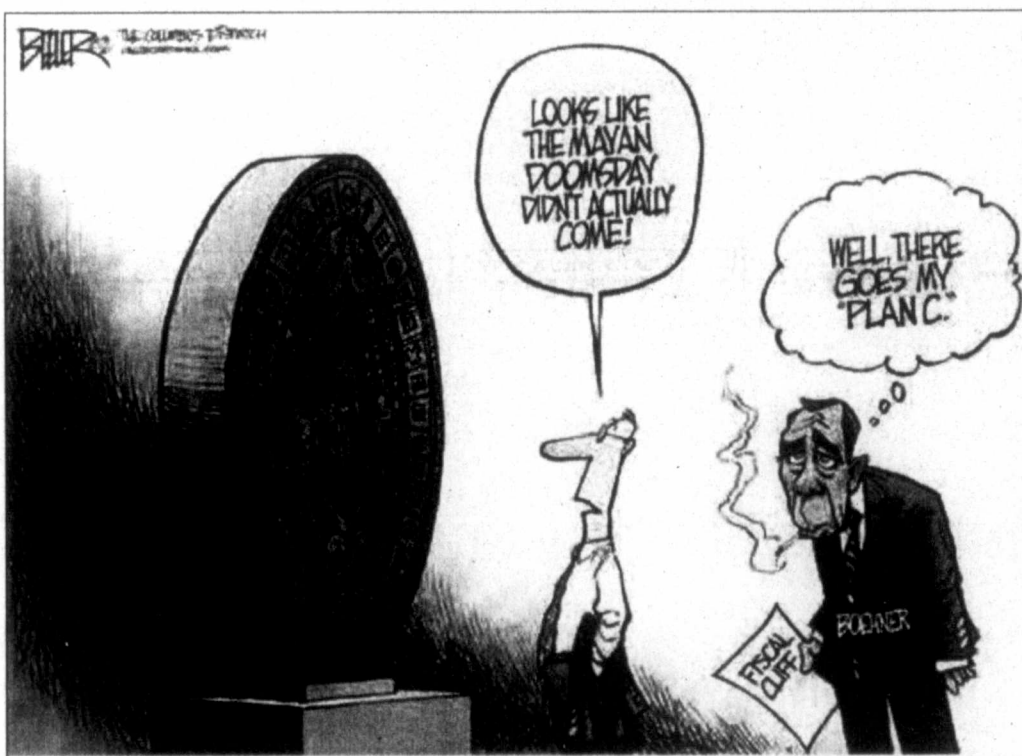
The Pampa Industrial Foundation generously donated \$60,000 to help fund the first year of the program and local philanthropist Don Fletcher has agreed to pitch in his support.

Hospital CEO Brad Morse said the residency program will begin early next year.

Some will live in Pampa, with their housing provided, while others will commute from Amarillo.

When these residents come to Pampa we should welcome them with open arms. Pampa is a great place to live, and though it doesn't have a theater district or bagel shops, it has friendly people who look after each other.

The Pampa Industrial Foundation, PRMC and Texas Tech have laid the ground work to make this program a success. For it to have a long-lasting effect, we will all need to do our part to show these residents what a great thing we have going here in Pampa.



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State-run broadcasting pushes for taxes

A "serious" proposal is one that has a reasonable expectation of resolving a conflict. Anyone studying Speaker Boehner's Plan B proposal knows it wasn't serious. Why are so many defending it and bemoaning its defeat?

It tells you an awful lot about the dishonest nature of politics in America today.

Republicans — fiscally conservative Republicans — have argued since forever that tax increases diminish economic growth. For the past two years, they have argued that increasing taxes on the "wealthy" would wreak havoc on our fragile (at best) economy. In fact, three studies have confirmed that this "millionaires tax," now endorsed by Plan B Boehner, would cost America 700,000 jobs, an unmitigated disaster.

The problem, as has endlessly been trumpeted by this camp, is spending, not taxes, with entitlement reform as the solution. Plan B does nothing of substance here.

A "meaningless" pro-

posal is one that has no reasonable expectation of resolving a conflict. Plan B is that in spades.

So how do Republicans, so desperate to be a party to the resolution of our fiscal crisis, square the hole? They declare that a tax is not a tax, and a lack of spending restraint is spending restraint.

Boehner and Co. have been as politically incoherent as Team Obama has been skillful. The Democrats have co-opted one hallmark GOP issue after another. The final one was taxes. Incredibly, it's the party of McGovern, Carter, Kerry and Kennedy that is now the champion of fiscal responsibility: tax cuts for everyone except the greedy rich who need to pay their fair share.

The Left smells political blood. Boehner has given them the opening to tear the GOP in two. On the one side, there are the reasonable Boehner moderates who recognize the need to increase revenue; on the other are the troglodytes who refuse to leave failed Reaganomics behind.

Take the "PBS NewsHour" on Friday night. Liberal pundit Mark Shields was typically ranting away against anti-tax Reagan Republi-

cans. "It's really become a problem for Republicans," he said. He said the post-1990 Republicans have never voted for a tax increase.

Shields was angry they wouldn't "give up their virginity," even to offer a head-fake to Obama. "They were going to give up their virginity, their political virginity, and risk a primary challenge — that is how they saw it — by doing this. What they failed to address is the reality that, when you are the — part of the governing party in any institution, the House, the Senate, anyplace else, you have a responsibility to make sure that you can govern."

Liberals always equate "reality" and "governing" and "responsibility" with tax-hiking. Shields didn't offer a sentence on how it's "governing" for the Senate Democrats to fail to offer a budget, year after year.

Instead, Shields insisted conservatives were destroying the GOP brand: "They robbed the Republicans of that — that sense of leadership, of governability, and robbed them, I think, and reduced the brand of the Republican Party even more."

Then PBS turned for agreement to its regular

"conservative," David Brooks. But he was on vacation. So they turned to "conservative" Michael Gerson, the former Bush speechwriter. He also saw the vote against a Boehner as a crisis caused by Reaganite troglodytes. "Fair and balanced" PBS really knows what to do with its Republican tax dollars.

"We now have a president and a speaker who both wanted a deal; OK? By every account, they wanted a deal. They tried it twice. And they couldn't make it happen," Gerson argued. "It's a serious kind of governing challenge right now. If you look, we have got a short-term political crisis. We have a long-term fiscal crisis. And we're providing no confidence whatsoever that we can approach those things as a government in a mature way."

This is ridiculous. Both sides wanted a deal? Obama stated repeatedly and unequivocally that he'd veto it, and Reid said the Senate would never consider it. Obama wanted, and still wants a deal that surrenders even more turf to the Democrats.

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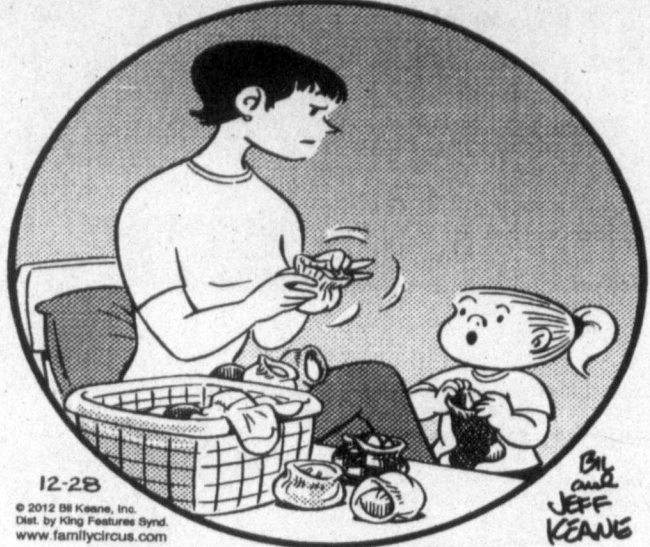
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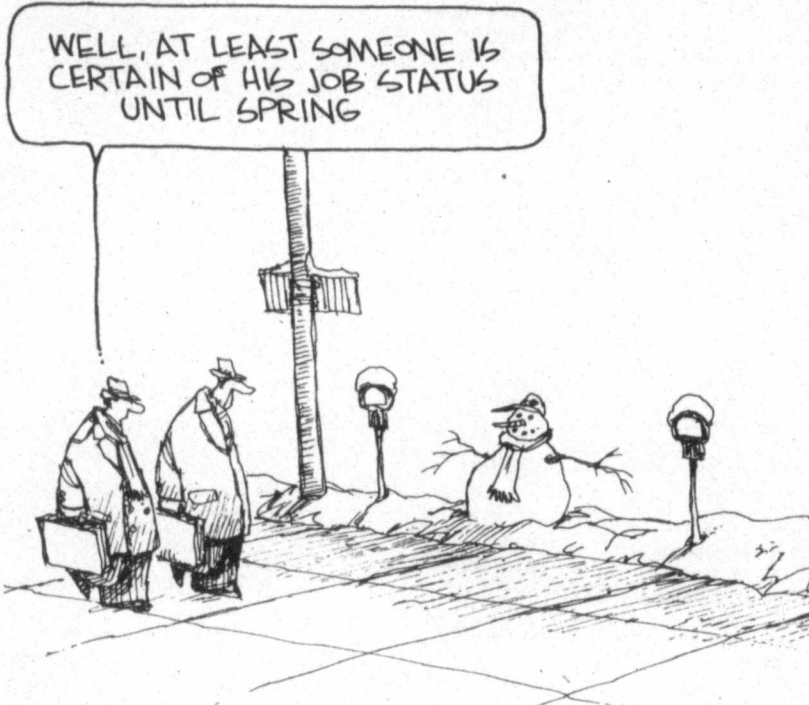
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"Mommy, when I get older can you teach me how to make sock balls, too?"

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daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, Dec. 29, 2012:

This year you will make decisions about many different issues, but when it comes to following through on them, it could be a problem. If you are not 100 percent dedicated to a decision, don't do it. You also might feel the need to redo conversations in both your personal and professional lives. If you are single, go with the flow, especially as the summer months approach. Summertime could produce a very interesting friend, if not something more. If you are attached, avoid petty arguments. Express your caring and your commitment to each other. **CANCER** has the same issue as you, but expresses it differently.

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)

★★★★ Tension builds. Choose to take a much-needed, unscheduled day off. You enjoy spontaneity. You also might have some observations to think about. A day away from the daily grind could be more than a mood-changer. Tonight: Take care of yourself first.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Keep plans light and easy. Write a few thank-you notes, work on your New Year's wishes and make or confirm plans to greet 2013. Take care of some errands, but above all else, make sure that you get to relax before the next round. Tonight: Join friends for dinner.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ You might be juggling your finances or find yourself having to rob Peter to pay Paul. Stop and take a hard look at the situation. Is there any way you could avoid this scenario? Even if the path is rocky, it could be well worth it. Tonight: Fun does not have to cost you anything.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Enjoy others' attention, but don't forget about someone who could be far more in need of it, and who could use some emotional support as well. You have put in a lot of effort into the recent holiday. You need time for yourself, too. Tonight: Wherever you go, people are all smiles.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ Step away from the daily grind for a bit. Spend the day alone or with one other person. Everyone needs time to recharge his or her battery, and you'll need this even more as you interact with others.

Screen calls, and play it low-key. Tonight: Suddenly, you feel revived.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Get together with friends. The activity is not important, as long as you do not assume the lead. Plans could change quite suddenly if you are single. You could meet that special someone very soon. This person might not be like anyone else you know. Tonight: Don't make it late.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Deal with an older friend or relative directly. You have been avoiding this situation. You could continue this same avoidance game, or start the new year on the right path. A domestic change might be unavoidable. Don't stress out — just accept it. Tonight: To the wee hours.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Detach from your immediate surroundings, as you could be overruled and withdrawn. Honor a need to revitalize yourself. Hop in the car, and go for a drive. Stop at a favorite flea market. Getting away might be more important than you realize. Tonight: Follow the music.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ When was the last time you spent some quiet one-on-one time with a certain loved one? Make plans to get together with this person, even if you need to cancel other plans. Relationships need nurturing. This one is not any different. Tonight: Partake in a meal together.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Defer to a friend or loved one. You might discover that letting go could be difficult, but worthwhile. You'll find that you won't have to plan out every hour or have to stay mentally ahead of what is happening. Now you can remain present in the moment. Tonight: Do not be alone.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Make a push to get errands done, and don't forget to send out your Christmas thank-yous. Plans to join a friend later could be fun. Brainstorm your New Year's resolutions. Also, catch up on this person's news. You'll gain a new perspective as a result. Tonight: Out late.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Express your concern and caring to a loved one. Whatever you are seeing, know that this person might not even be aware of it. Resist harping on the same point, unless you want to create more tension. Get into a favorite pastime together. Tonight: Let the good times roll.

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Harvesters fall to Vega, 59-54, in Lubbock

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The Pampa Harvesters opened the Caprock Tournament in Lubbock against the Vega Longhorns.

The game was close after the first quarter with Pampa only trailing by a score of 11-9. The 11 Vega points came off three three-pointers and two free throws. One three-pointer was by Colton Luster and two three-pointers were by Trenton Galbraith.



Derrek Pollard

Pampa headed into the locker room with the deficit still at two points, 32-30. Romel Lee hit two three-pointers for Pampa in the second quarter. Cory Ponce, Cade Engle and Derrek Pollard all added four points in the quarter as well.

Ryan McKarns hit three third quarter three-pointers to boost Vega to a 49-41 lead heading into the final quarter.

Pampa outscored Vega in the fourth quarter 14-10 thanks to seven points from Pollard. Unfortunately it wasn't enough as Pampa would lose the game 59-55.

Pollard finished with 17 points to lead Pampa. Ty Hutto scored 10 points. Lee and Engle each added eight points. Oliver Cabrales scored five points. Ponce scored four points. Jake Green added two points and Ryan Powell scored one point.

Pampa shot 7-13, or 54 percent, from the free-throw line. Lee had two three-pointers and Cabrales and Hutto both hit a three as well.

McKarns led the way for Vega with 25 points. McKarns' points came off of 10-11, or 91 percent, from the free-throw line and four three-pointers. Kyle Drinnon and Colton Luster both added 10 points for Vega. The Longhorns hit seven three-pointers during the game and shot 29-35, or 83 percent, from the free-throw line during the game.

"They shot 35 free-throws and we shot 13. We bailed them out in free-throws by fouling too much. Free-throws were the clear difference in the game today. Fouling is a recipe for disaster," said Pampa Head Coach Matt Embry.

"Cade Engle got into foul trouble and had to sit on the bench half of the game. That really hurt us because he was playing well when he had to come to the bench. There were a couple of questionable calls but I never want to blame the officials for the result of the game."

With the loss, Pampa today at 1:30 p.m., will face the loser of Thursday's Lamesa-Bovina game. When the paper had to be sent to the press, Lamesa was up on Bovina 32-18 at halftime.

"I expect a wake-up call tomorrow. Only two of the guys here today have played together at the varsity level before this season. We are inexperienced. But at some point we have to stop using that as a cop out and just come together and play," added Embry.

The Hustlin' Harvesters record now stands at 5-9 on the season. Hopefully, they will bounce back and make a strong run at the Consolation Championship for the Caprock Tournament.



Matt Embry

NFL playoff scenarios going into the final week

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AFC CLINCHED:

Houston, AFC South; Denver, AFC West; New England, AFC East; Baltimore, AFC North; Indianapolis, No. 5 playoff spot; Cincinnati, No. 6 playoff spot.

HOUSTON (at Indianapolis)

Clinches first-round bye with:
— Win or tie, or
— New England loss or tie, or
— Denver loss
Clinches home-field advantage throughout AFC playoffs with:
— Win, or
— Tie and Denver loss or tie, or
— New England loss or tie and Denver loss.

DENVER (vs. Kansas City)

Clinches first-round bye with:
— Win or tie, or
— New England loss or tie
Clinches home-field advantage throughout AFC playoffs with:
— Win and Houston

loss or tie, or
— Tie and Houston loss.

NEW ENGLAND (vs. Miami)

Clinches first-round bye with:
— Win and Denver or Houston loss
Clinches home-field advantage throughout AFC playoffs with:
— Win and Denver and Houston loss.

NFC CLINCHED:

Atlanta, NFC South and home-field advantage; Green Bay, NFC North; San Francisco, playoff spot; Seattle, playoff spot.

GREEN BAY (at Minnesota)

Clinches first-round bye with:
— Win, or
— Tie and San Francisco loss or tie, or
— San Francisco loss and Seattle loss or tie.

SAN FRANCISCO (vs. Arizona)

Clinches NFC West with:
— Win or tie, or
— Seattle loss or tie
Clinches first-round bye with:

— Win and Green Bay loss or tie, or
— Tie and Green Bay loss.

SEATTLE (vs. St. Louis)

Clinches NFC West with:
— Win and San Francisco loss
Clinches first-round bye with:
— Win and San Francisco loss and Green Bay loss.

WASHINGTON (vs. Dallas)

Clinches NFC East with:
— Win or tie
Clinches playoff spot with:
— Chicago loss and Minnesota loss.

DALLAS (at Washington)

Clinches NFC East with:
— Win.

NEW YORK GIANTS (vs. Philadelphia)

Clinches playoff spot with:
— Win and Dallas loss or tie and Chicago loss and Minnesota loss.

MINNESOTA (vs. Green Bay)

Clinches playoff spot with:

— Win, or
— Tie and Chicago loss or tie, or
— Dallas loss or tie and N.Y. Giants loss or tie and Chicago loss

CHICAGO (at Detroit)

Clinches playoff spot with:
— Win and Minnesota loss or tie, or
— Tie and Minnesota loss.

Cowboys' Brent indicted in crash killing teammate

DALLAS (AP) — A grand jury in Texas has formally indicted Dallas Cowboys nose tackle Josh Brent on one count of intoxication manslaughter. Brent is charged in connection with a Dec. 8 crash that killed his friend and Cowboys practice squad member Jerry Brown. He is out of jail on \$100,000 bond.

Dallas County District Attorney's Office spokes-

woman Debbie Denmon says the indictment was returned Wednesday. Police in the Dallas suburb of Irving say Brent was speeding when his vehicle struck a curb and flipped. Brown was pronounced

dead at an area hospital. Intoxication manslaughter carries a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison. Brent could be eligible for probation. Denmon says no court dates have been scheduled.

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