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Parker named new PISD athletic director

Softball coach Gill will become assistant AD
 By ZACHARY GREEN
 zgreen@thepampanews.com

The Pampa Independent School District will have a new athletic director, football Head Coach Heath Parker, starting Dec. 21. Parker will remain as football coach while assuming the athletic director position.

The change has come about due to Sam Haynes retiring from the position of transportation director. Haynes has spent 26 years with PISD. "It's sad to see him go," said PISD Superintendent David Young. "He has done a great job in many positions for Pampa." The current athletic director, Stuart Smith, requested to be placed in the position of transportation director. "It was his choice to



Heath Parker

move to that position," Young said. "He has done a great job for six years as



Bobbi Gill

our athletic director. This was by no means a demotion."

Young also said Smith took the job to allow him to spend more time with his family. "The athletic director position is a very taxing one, and Smith has done a great job for us these past six years. He was more than welcome to continue as the athletic director." Along with Parker taking on the AD role, softball Coach Bobbi Gill will assume the role of assistant athletic director. "In the past we have had

an athletic director and a girls and boys coordinator. Now instead of that we will have the athletic director and the assistant athletic director," Young said. All of the changes will take place Dec. 21. In addition to the changes above, Parker will no longer teach classes after this semester is over, fully devoting himself to the athletic director position. "Coach Parker and **NEW AD** cont. on page 5

Tea Party group chief quits, cites internal split

By JACK GILLUM AND STEPHEN BRAUN
 Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Eased out with an \$8 million payout provided by an influential GOP fundraiser, former Republican House Majority Leader Dick Arme says he has left a conservative Tea Party group, FreedomWorks, because of an internal split over the group's future direction. A confidential contract obtained by The Associated Press shows that Arme agreed in September to resign from his role as chairman of Washington-based FreedomWorks in exchange for \$8 million in consulting fees paid in annual \$400,000 installments. Dated Sept. 24, the contract specifies that Arme would resign his position at both FreedomWorks and its sister organization, the FreedomWorks Foundation, by the end of November. According to the contract, Arme's consulting fees will be paid by Richard J. Stephenson, a prominent fundraiser and founder and chairman of the Cancer Treatment Centers of America, a national cancer treatment network. Stephenson is on the board of directors of FreedomWorks. Arme's departure comes as a new sign of acrimony in conservative and Republican ranks as the party's bruised leadership struggles with its November electoral losses and uncertainty over how to recast its **SPLIT** cont. on page 3

VICTORIAN ROSE RELOCATES



SOMETHING OLD AND SOMETHING NEW. On Saturday, Victorian Rose opened at its new location on 119 W. Kingsmill Ave., two doors down from its previous location. The store has more than tripled its size from 1,100 to 3,500 square feet, but still maintains its homely, nostalgic atmosphere. Owner Debbie Heiser, left, said she got very little sleep in the days preceding the move. She describes the store as eclectic, selling everything from dining ware, to gift cards to jewelry. With Heiser is store employee Michele Crowell, right, and customer JoAnne Willoughby. Willoughby said she had shopped at the previous location, and said, "Everything is so pretty in the new store." For another photo, see page 3.

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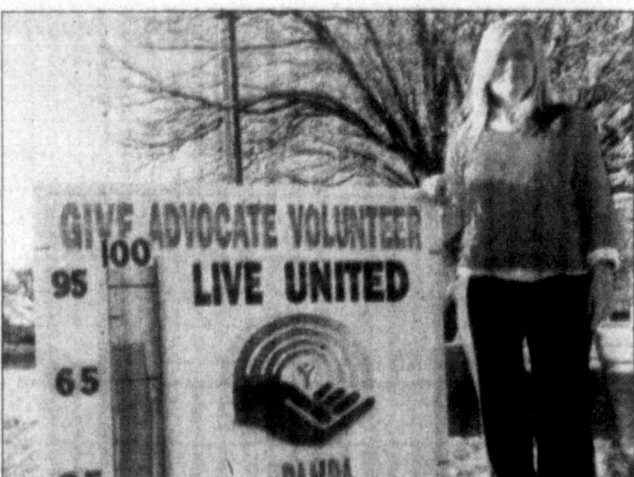
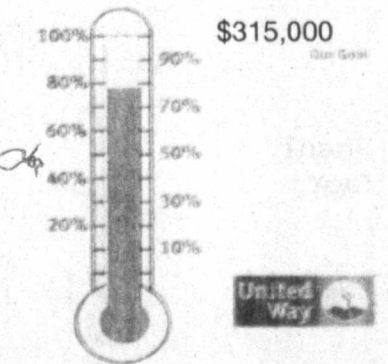


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 Pampa United Way Executive Jana Gregory reported the organization's campaign fundraising goal is at \$248,000, which is \$67,000 short of the \$315,000 goal.

United Way 2012 collections may fall short

By SASHA HELLER
 As the holiday season draws near, the Pampa United Way is closing in on reaching its goal of raising \$315,000 through the organization's fund raising 2012 campaign. Executive Director Jana Gregory on Tuesday reported the campaign has netted approximately \$248,000, or 78.5 percent, of its announced goal. Presently, the campaign is short of its 2012 goal by \$67,000. Gregory cited a recessed economy and delays in receiving pledged donations as factoring into what she

called "a slow process." "It's been kind of slow," Gregory said. "We're still trying to get in some donations that have been pledged." Donations that are given from residents within Pampa are not funneled into the United Way's national organization. Instead, that funding stays in Pampa and supports area organizations whose programs help to improve the quality of life for many of Pampa's less fortunate community members. Fund raising campaign contributions support various agencies and **CAMPAIGN** cont. on page 3



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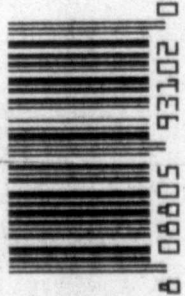
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Today	Thursday	Friday
		
High 65 Low 40	High 69 Low 33	High 60 Low 34

Today: Mostly sunny with a high of 65. No chance of rain. Winds south at 18 mph. Sunrise at 7:39 a.m.

Tonight: Mostly clear with a low of 40. No chance of rain. Winds south at 17 mph. Sunset at 5:31 p.m.

Thursday: Mostly sunny with a high of 69. Ten percent chance of rain. Winds west at 14 mph. Sunrise at 7:40 a.m.

Thursday night: Partly cloudy with a low of 33. Ten percent chance of rain. Winds north northwest at 7 mph. Sunset at 5:31 p.m.

Friday: Sunny with a high of 60. Ten percent chance of rain. Winds northwest at 8 mph. Sunrise at 7:41 a.m.

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For the record

Canyon man arrested on outstanding warrant; no ID, vehicle insurance

■ 24-year-old Tommie Montray Thornton, Canyon, was arrested Tuesday by the Pampa Police Department on an outstanding warrant for an assault that caused bodily injury charge out of Potter County. Thornton was also charged with no drivers license and no insurance. ■ 29-year-old Kimberlie Dawn Mouser, Pampa, was arrested Monday by the Gray County Sheriff's Office on an outstanding arrest warrant for capias pro fine for no drivers license and a warrant capias pro fine for failure to appear. Capias pro fine means failing to pay previous court fines as agreed upon. ■ 19-year-old Austin Hardy Brooks, Pampa, was arrested Monday by the PPD on an outstanding warrant capias pro fine for speeding in a school zone, going 35 mph in a 20 mph zone and a warrant capias pro fine for not paying court costs and fines.

Driver killed in head-on crash with semi in Lipscomb County

STAFF REPORT

Tuesday morning a driver fell asleep at the wheel and was killed after being struck by a tractor-trailer on U.S. 60, according to the Texas Department of Public Safety. The accident occurred six miles west of Higgins.

James Lee Frederick Higgins, 44, was driving a 1993 Buick Roadster. Frederick fell asleep at the wheel while driving eastbound on U.S. 60. He drifted into the westbound lane and crashed head-on with the truck.

The driver of the 2012 KW Tractor Trailer was Tristan Lee Collier, Woodward, Okla.

The passenger in the truck was 30-year-old Jared Wayne Mueller, Woodward, Okla.

Mueller was wearing a seatbelt and was not injured in the accident.

Frederick was pronounced dead shortly after 10 a.m. Tuesday at Northwest Hospital in Amarillo. Frederick was wearing his seat belt.

Coast Guardsman fired gun to avoid fatal crash

By ELLIOT SPAGAT
Associated Press

SAN DIEGO (AP) — A Coast Guardsman fired several gunshots from an inflatable boat before it was slammed by another vessel in a crash that caused the first law enforcement fatality since the smuggling of drugs and immigrants by boat began spiking along the California coast several years ago.

A criminal complaint filed Monday against two Mexican nationals aboard the suspect vessel disclosed the gunshots and other measures taken by the crew to avoid getting hit early Sunday near the Channel Islands, about 180 miles northwest of the U.S.-Mexico border.

Chief Petty Officer Terrell Horne III, 34, died from head trauma after being struck by a propeller. The complaint doesn't say which boat hit him.

Horne was assigned to the Halibut, an 87-foot patrol cutter based in Marina del Rey that was dispatched after a Coast Guard C-130 plane spotted the 30-foot "panga" vessel without lights near Santa Cruz Island, the largest of the eight Channel Islands west of Los Angeles. The panga was suspected of involvement in a drug smuggling operation.

The cutter carries a 21-foot-long, rigid-hull inflatable boat that the Coast Guard routinely uses on missions that require more speed and agility than the cutter can deliver.

Using the inflatable boat, Horne and his team came within about 20 yards of the suspect vessel at 1:20 a.m. The Coast Guard boat flashed its blue lights and the crew ordered the suspects to stop in English and Spanish before the panga gunned its engine, knocking Horne and colleague Brandon Langdon into the water, the complaint states.

Jonathan D'Arcy, one of four officers on the inflatable boat, fired several shots at the panga to avoid a collision, the complaint said. Crew member Michael Walker attempted to steer out of the way, but the panga struck the front and left side of the Coast Guard boat.

Langdon was treated for a knee injury. D'Arcy and Walker were unharmed.

Coast Guard crews followed the suspects by air and sea for nearly four hours until the vessel's engine died 20 miles north of the Mexican border.

An officer used pepper spray on suspects Jose Meija Leyva and Manuel Beltran Higuera, who were charged

with killing a federal officer while the officer was on duty.

Meija Leyva identified himself as the captain and told authorities he was taking gasoline to lost friends, according to the complaint. Beltran Higuera told authorities he was offered \$3,000 to deliver gasoline to another boat that was waiting for them, but they never found it.

The complaint makes no mention of drugs being found on the boat. Coast Guard investigator Joel Widell said in an affidavit that drug or immigrant smugglers may have been using the boat to supply fuel.

Attorneys for the men did not respond to phone messages seeking comment. A judge scheduled a preliminary hearing for Dec. 17.

Horne is the first law enforcement official to die off the California coast since a spike in illegal activity began several years ago. At least six people aboard suspected smuggling vessels have been killed since the 2010 fiscal year.

In growing numbers, smugglers are turning to the California coast to bring people and drugs to the United States from Mexico. The number of Border Patrol agents on land has doubled in the past eight years, and hundreds of miles of fences and other barriers have been erected, driving smugglers to the Pacific Ocean.

U.S. authorities spotted 210 suspected smuggling vessels along California shores during the fiscal year that ended Sept. 30, up 15 percent from 183 incidents the previous year and more than quadruple the 45 incidents in 2008.

More than half the sightings were in San Diego County, which borders Mexico, but boats are turning up as far north as San Luis Obispo County on the Central Coast.

Migrants pay thousands of dollars to launch from beaches and small fishing villages south of Tijuana, Mexico. They typically use the old, single-engine wooden fishing skiffs known as pangas.

In October, a Mexican woman told authorities she agreed to pay \$12,000 to be smuggled by boat into the U.S. A criminal complaint says she was among 16 people — all but one a suspected illegal immigrant from Mexico — found in a 31-foot vessel that appeared to be taking in water in the Newport Beach harbor.

—In September, authorities seized 3,475 pounds of marijuana from a boat that landed near Hearst Castle on the central coast.

Nearby robbery, bear prompt Pennsylvania school lockdown

ASSOCIATED PRESS

GLENSHAW, Pa. (AP) — Robbers and police cars and a bear, oh my!

Officials say a Pittsburgh-area school was briefly locked down and students later missed outdoor recess after police received separate reports of a home invasion robbery and a bear on the loose Monday morning.

Shaler Township police notified administrators at Marzolf Primary School, to lock its doors about 9:30

a.m. after two men armed with a pistol stole \$800 in a home invasion and ran away. Later that morning, students had to be kept in at recess after a woman reported a bear on the loose. Police called in the Pennsylvania Game Commission.

Students in the school, which includes kindergarten through fourth grade, didn't even know about the home invasion lockdown but principal Marty Martynuska says, "It was a pretty eventful Monday morning."

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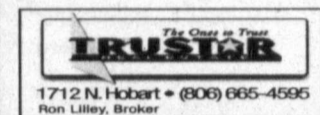
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services that are associated with the United Way, including: CASA of the High Plains; Girl Scouts of Texas Oklahoma Plains; Boy Scouts - Golden Spread Council; Pampa Meals on Wheels; Pampa Optimist Youth Club; Gray County Child Protective Services; The Salvation Army; the Eastern Texas Panhandle Chapter of the American Red Cross; and other humanitarian efforts.

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principles and issues to compete with an ascendant Democratic party. Arney confirmed his departure Tuesday, telling the AP that "my differences with FreedomWorks are a matter of principle." Arney said he made the decision to quit FreedomWorks in August, but Stephenson and other board members urged him not to leave until after the Nov. 6 election. Stephenson did not immediately respond to calls from AP for comment.

Arney would not describe his specific concerns, but the former House majority leader told the Mother Jones website that the Tea Party group was moving in an unproductive direction. He also indicated dissatisfaction with the

November election results, in which several GOP candidates supported by FreedomWorks Super PAC donations were beaten by Democratic party rivals.

In an internal Nov. 30 resignation memo published by Mother Jones, Arney told FreedomWorks CEO Matt Kibbe to remove his "name, image and signature" from all of the group's materials and web operations. Kibbe and other FreedomWorks officials were not immediately available for comment.

Arney, who had been with the Tea Party group since its 2004 founding, is a veteran Texas GOP political figure who was intimately involved in the GOP's conservative "Contract with America" congressional movement in the 1990s. While Arney, 72, was the group's eminence and at first, its public face, the younger Kibbe has been its most active official, appearing at FreedomWorks

public gatherings.

FreedomWorks flourished after a wave of Tea Party House candidates swept into office in 2010, but despite spending hundreds of thousands of dollars to back favored GOP candidates in November, the group's influence appeared to wane at the polls. Among the GOP losers supported by FreedomWorks in November were Senate candidates Josh Mandel in Ohio, Connie Mack in Florida and Richard Mourdock in Indiana.

Overall, Tea Party-influenced House legislators fared better in the recent elections, though their ranks thinned. At least 83 of 87 Republican House members who were allied with Tea Party anti-government spending causes ran for re-election in November, and all but eleven were returned to office.

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Choke the life out of Obamacare

Now that Obama has been re-elected and Democrats still control the Senate, Republicans no longer have the chance to repeal Obamacare.



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But all is not lost. There's still an opportunity for America to stop this disaster by choking the life out of the federal monstrosity. Obama's signature legislative achievement is likely headed back to the Supreme Court.

Just last week, the high court ordered a lower federal court to take up a lawsuit by the patriots at Liberty University, who claim Congress violated the college's religious freedoms by forcing it to provide federally mandated insurance and requiring payment for abortion-related services.

Liberty University also argues that the individual mandate is unconstitutional because it infringes on the free exercise of religion by forcing citizens to fund abortion.

"God created human life. Its sanctity and dignity are protected by God," said Mathew Staver, chairman of Liberty Counsel, who represents Liberty University in the case. "We have no right to take innocent human lives, and certainly we cannot be forced to fund the taking of innocent life — basically forced to fund murder. We can't do that. That's a line that we simply cannot cross."

Staver is absolutely right: There's no middle ground in this fight. Citizens and employers shouldn't be forced to choose between obeying the law and honoring the Sixth Commandment.

This month, federal courts have blocked the Obama administration from imposing its contraceptive mandate on Tyndale, a Bible publisher, and O'Brien Industrial Holdings, a Missouri mining company. The Christian-owned craft

chain, Hobby Lobby, is fighting a similar legal battle against the mandate. The company says fines could reach as much as \$1 million a day if it doesn't cover abortion-inducing drugs for its employees. About three-dozen Christian companies and colleges are fighting the mandate in court.

In June, President Obama said, "(Insurance companies) are required to provide free preventive care like checkups and mammograms..." The law also subsidizes care for people who pay more than 8 percent of their income for health insurance.

But Obamacare isn't "free." The money must come from somewhere. Even if patients don't pay for their health care directly, Americans face higher taxes to fund the facilities, doctors and services.

When consumers perceive health care to be "free," they use more medical services and create an overwhelming demand for them — which will eventually exceed supply. Then, government will be faced with a limited number of options: 1) ration health services, 2) increase the cost of your health care or 3) ignore the issue, as patients' access to health care is severely restricted.

We see these issues arise in other countries with national health care. Patients in Britain and Canada often face long wait times — even in emergency rooms — to receive basic care that's so accessible here in the U.S. In fact, Europeans and Canadians are known to travel to the U.S. rather than wait for their own health services.

My wife, Gena, and I have been to other countries that have socialized medicine, and it doesn't work out well for people. When we visited Russia some 15 years ago, a young lady in her 20s suffered from a toothache. When asked

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Letter to the Editor

Reader happy about Victorian Rose relocation

HELLO...My name is Jean Stewart...In February 1961 Bea Ritchhart and I formed a partnership and opened The Gift Box on Foster Street in what used to be the Brunow's garage.

We were located there for about a year when the larger store to the east of us became vacant and we decided to move there. About a year later, the Duncans talked to us about a store on Kingsmill Street that they would redo to our specifications.

We made that move and operated at that address for the length of time The Gift Box existed. Bea retired in 1981 and moved to Arkansas to be near what family she had left.

I continued to operate the store for another 11 years. My husband's health had been on a long decline for years...and it finally became necessary for me to be at home with him. My employees approached me about buying the store, and since they had been working for me I did not need to stay and train them.

The Clark family operated the store for seven years...then health issues led them to look for a buyer. The Sutherlands bought the business at its peak and maintained that level for several years and I think we all remember what the economy was like in 2008. They sadly had to

make the decision to shut down the store. That made 45 years that The Gift Box enjoyed having the "best and most honest clientele" a business could ask for.

My reason for making this public announcement is because so many of our loyal customers, spanning three generations, have greeted me so warmly (ones that live in Pampa and many who live all over the Panhandle) wherever I run into them, always expressing interest in what I am doing now.

After living in Pampa from 1930-2011, I wanted to let you know where I am living now. After Ocie died in March 2005, I continued to live in our home on Lowry Street. In 2008, Shawn Deaver and his crew worked on my house for nearly a year. Including tearing out my kitchen to the outside walls and going back with an updated kitchen.

I still had the health to do all of the upkeep of the house inside and outside. However, in March 2010 I took a "flying flip" and broke a hip. That served to make me more aware that things could change in a few seconds. I had a speedy and complete recovery (was back to mowing my lawn in a short time).

I was the only one of my family still living in Pampa, plus I knew

that if I got to have any part of Grandson Chase before he went off to college, I would need to live in Amarillo.

In June 2011, I decided to see about putting my name on a list for an apartment. The last of June they called from Park Towers to let me know that 10 of their residents were going to open their apartments so we could see the different floor plans.

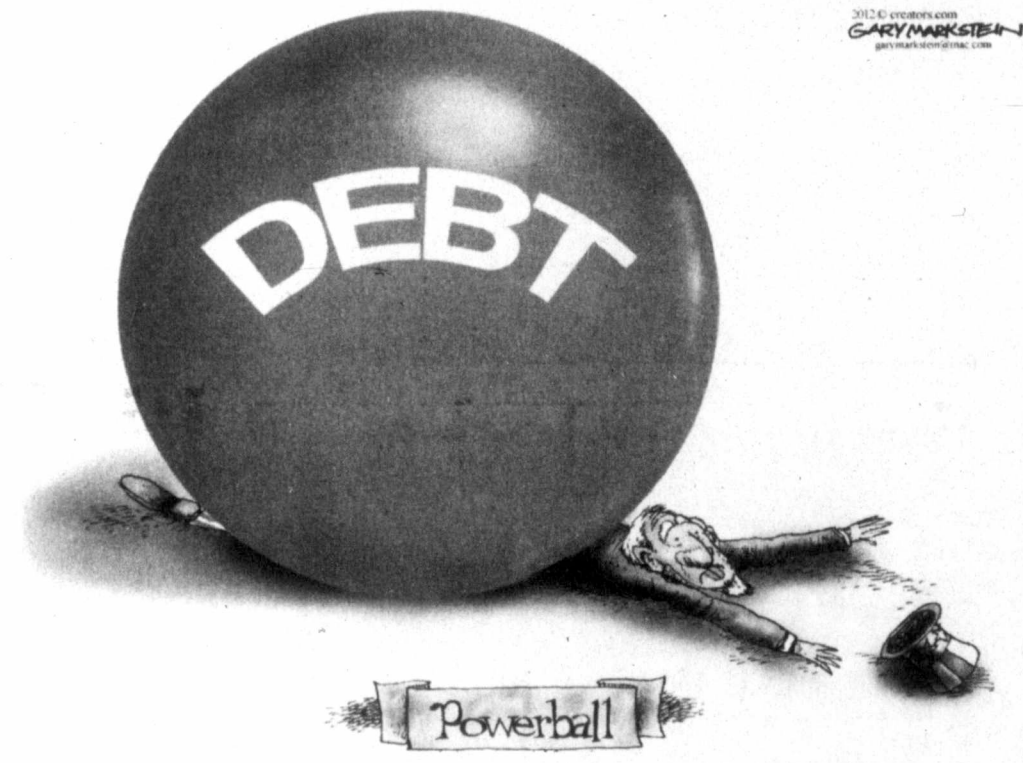
I had known of people who had waited a year or more before they were able to move into one. The last Sunday in June I went over and selected the floor plan I would like to have. I went home thinking, "some year they will call me." Two days later, they called me, "Jean, we have an apartment for you!"

After I got my breath back, I asked, "If I say yes, when does the rent start?"

"July the 15th," was her answer. I finally told her, "I don't know how I am going to do it but I guess I'll take it."

I finally decided to just get the furniture where they can get it moved, you can do the rest later. Well, it has been nearly a year and half since I started. I have made

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The decline and triumph of Grover Norquist

Grover Norquist, the engineer and enforcer of one of the most expansive acts of political coercion in American history, is

ending his reign as an invincible force. In 1986, Norquist launched the "Taxpayer Protection Pledge," which obligates

political candidates who sign it to oppose efforts to generate any new revenue for the government that comes from increasing tax rates or closing tax loopholes.

According to the website of Grover's organization, Americans for Tax Reform, the pledge "is considered binding as long as the individual holds the office for which he or she signed the pledge."

(Note the cute use of the passive construction "is considered binding." They can't say that Grover considers it binding, since he insists the pledge is not to him. They can't say the voters consider it binding, because Grover doesn't speak for the voters.)

In the current Congress, 238 representatives and 41 senators have signed the pledge. Grover keeps the original copies of all the signed pledges in a safe.

He boasts that no Republican has voted for new taxes in 22 years in Washington. But he's now losing his grip.

Speaker John Boehner, whose signed pledge is in Grover's safe, has said: "We're willing to put new revenue on the table."

Sen. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina, whose signed pledge is in Grover's vault, has said, "When you're 16 trillion in debt, the only pledge we should be making to each other is to avoid becoming Greece." Sen. Bob Corker of Tennessee, whose signed pledge is in Grover's fireproof box, went on CBS's "This Morning" and said he was "not obligated by the pledge."

House Majority Leader Eric Cantor of Virginia, whose signed pledge is in Grover's electrified lockbox, has said: "We have done our part. We have put revenues on the table."

Sen. Saxby Chambliss of Georgia, whose signed pledge is in Grover's nuclear bomb-proof bunker, just said, "I care more about my country than I do about a 20-year-old pledge."

So far, by noon on Nov. 30, 36 congressional Republicans had walked away from the pledge.

Norquist is denying that he's losing. In this, he's a little reminiscent of Saddam's information min-

ister, Mohammed Saeed al-Sahhaf. Two days before the fall of Iraq, al-Sahhaf declared that there were no American troops in Baghdad — as two American Army M1 Abrams tanks rolled down the road behind him.

You get the sense that some people aren't going to be too heartbroken to see Grover diminished. Nobody likes a guy who writes a document, sticks it in front of you, tells you, "Sign this, or else," then takes your pledge, stuffs it in a safe and tells you it binds you forever. (It evokes Cheech and Chong's "Sign ze papers, old man!")

Last year, when Boehner was asked about Norquist, he said, "It's not often I'm asked about some random person in America."

Sen. John McCain of Arizona has said, "Fewer and fewer people are signing this, quote, pledge."

President George H.W. Bush said, "Who the hell is Grover Norquist, anyway?"

Yet, even if Grover's power is fading, his mastery of image and leverage has been ingenious — and his impact perhaps irreversible.

His movement's encouragement of tax cuts and its pledge against tax hikes has had the effect of an anaconda that wraps itself around its victim waiting for it to breathe

out, then tightens its coil to make it impossible to breathe in.

Now the country faces a deficit so massive that it can be remedied only by politically impossible tax hikes or spending cuts so large that they begin to return government to pre-Roosevelt America, with no Medicare, Medicaid or Social Security — a result that Americans never would have voted for directly, but did so indirectly by supporting one tax cut after another over the last 30 years.

This outcome shouldn't surprise anyone. Grover hasn't run a covert operation. In 2001, he famously told National Public Radio: "I don't want to abolish government. I simply want to reduce it to the size where I can drag it into the bathroom and drown it in the bathtub."

Instead, he's drowning it in debt. Close enough. He did his job.

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Coach Gill are very excited for their new roles. They have already started working together to see how they can make Pampa athletics better," Young said, adding that Smith has been working with Haynes to make the transition a smooth one.

Parker and Gill both reiterated the thoughts from Young.

"We both really appreciate Coach Smith and what he has done for the community and the program," Parker said. "It is sad to see him leave the position."

He added: "We love Pampa, the kids and the community. We want nothing

but the best for Pampa. We will work together to achieve this."

Coach Gill gave some of the same sentiments: "We want the kids to have a sense of belonging to something they would be proud of. We are both committed to being here long term."

Gill and Parker added they both want to be looked upon as school staff members students can go to, regardless of their gender or sport. Previously there was a boy's and girl's coordinator, but now there will just be the athletic director and the assistant athletic director.

"This gives us a better chance to be unified as a team and bring the best things for Pampa athletics and this community," Parker said. "We both bring different skill sets that will enable us to work together well."

Norris

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why she didn't see a dentist, the woman said the care is too expensive and even seeing a doctor could mean waiting eight months to a year.

To make matters worse, Obamacare calls for establishment of an Independent Payment Advisory Board, made up of 15 unelected, unaccountable bureaucrats who make a wide range of health care decisions — including the ability to approve or deny medical treatments recommended by your doctors.

It's no wonder so many states are outright refusing to cooperate with Washington on this massive federal power grab.

Obama's takeover calls for states to expand Medicaid, creating serious fiscal liabilities for the states if federal taxpayers don't pick up the bill every year. Obamacare also requires states to develop governmental programs that will create online health "exchanges," itemizing available health plans.

For Florida alone, "startup costs 'are projected at \$92.3 million' through next year, and annual operating costs to the state — based on experience in Illinois — could range from \$57.4 million to \$88.6 million by 2016."

States shudder at the thought of being saddled with the cost of running those exchanges, especially when they have

so little local control under this federal program. They have until Dec. 14 to tell the Obama administration whether they will set up exchanges or default to a federal version.

In 2010, John Graham, director of health care studies at the Pacific Research Institute, urged states to boycott the exchanges.

"States establishing Obamacare exchanges are making a one-way, lose-lose bet," he wrote. "If Obamacare persists, exchanges will become bloated administrative nightmares."

Obama's federal takeover of the nation's health insurance is unconstitutional on its face. It exceeds Congress' power to regulate commerce among the states. It expands the federal government's authority beyond the enumerated powers listed in the Constitution. It threatens religious liberty, and it imposes an unconstitutional tax on Americans.

If we can't repeal Obamacare in its entirety, let's support each of these efforts to peel away every one of its unconstitutional layers to preserve our liberty, the quality of American health care and the fiscal stability of our nation.

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close to 100 round trips to and from Pampa to Amarillo and I am still not finished. Park Place Towers is a great place to live. They have good food and more things to keep you busy than you can possibly do. I have never had a housekeeper in my life. Now, I have a housekeeper and do I love it.

One of the things I was asked over and over was, "Please, Jean, would you consider putting The Gift Box back in business?"

My answer was, "It's too late in the ball game." Well, you may know, but in case you do not, Debbie Heiser, owner of The Victorian Rose, located at 113 W. Kingsmill, who offers

customers exclusive and unique gifts for all occasions, has purchased the building where The Gift Box and Hub's previously were located.

Her husband, Howard, and his crew have been busy remaking the building, which will give her a whole lot more more room to display her wares. She has a flair for decorating and presenting her gift items in unique ways.

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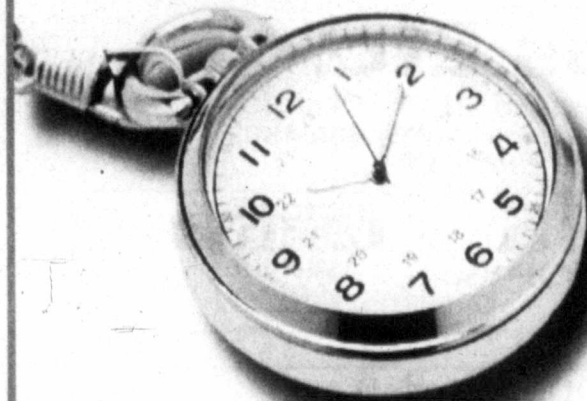
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Minister's Musing: Kids are the best Christmas givers

It was Christmas 1988 if I remember correctly. I challenged the kids at our church to learn a little more clearly what it was like to "give your best" like God did when He gave His only begotten Son, Jesus. I told them that we had the names of 3 very needy families with children who wouldn't have any presents if we didn't provide them. Part of the challenge however, was that they couldn't go buy something new; they had to give something that was dear to their heart. The more they wanted to learn about God's love, the dearer the item had to be to them. And that if they absolutely wanted to learn the most from this Christmas giving opportunity, the item had to be the dearest thing that they owned. Oh, one final detail. Whatever was given couldn't be replaced and if someone did replace it, the child couldn't accept it. That was the challenge. Why? Because it wouldn't really be giving.

To be honest I thought the kids would probably participate in a half-way manner. Well, I couldn't have been more off base. The kids took the challenge seriously. Want to know who had the problem with the situation? That's right, the parents and the grandparents. But that's another subject for another day.

On the appointed day the kids brought their gifts to the church building and we headed out in a borrowed van. When we stopped at the first house (more like a shack) the kids were blown away. It was winter and very, very cold. There was a blanket where the front door should have been. Several old mattresses covered most of the floor. It was unlike anything the church kids had ever seen. About that time one of the kids said, "Mike, where's their Christmas tree? 'Cause if they don't have one, we have to go get them one." Now how do you say NO to that? So the plan changed. We

ran around to several of the kid's homes and gathered some ornaments and lights and a small tree. The kids decorated it and felt like \$10,000,000 when we left.

The next house was just as small, but very clean and no mattresses on the floor. It had a tiny tree with a few inexpensive bulbs on it. One of the younger girls had brought a fabulous doll house to give. I thought that when it came time to leave the gift she might have a problem, but what a smile; she was aglow.

The last stop was a rent house about the size of the house where I grew up on Hamilton Street here in Pampa. Rounding up the decorations had us running late and I was afraid that the mother and her little girl would have already returned. However, the house was still empty. We parked in the alley and ran to the back door which the mom had left open. It was now time for my daughter, Christina, to leave her gift. Her most prized possession was her one-and-only Cabbage Patch doll. She left it with a smile. I was proud and teary-eyed. We ran back to the van as we heard their old car drive up. We stopped at the stop sign beside the house and through a window got to see the little girl run to get the doll. What an AWESOME Christmas that was!

Let me leave you with this. Most children are filled with generosity and are GREAT givers. I think this is one of the things about children that caused Jesus to say, "Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it."

Now to all the kids in that van from the Ontario Church of Christ back in 1988 and especially to my daughter, "Thanks for the lesson on generosity. It was burned into my heart and soul that day and it still regularly challenges me to be more generous. God bless each of you wherever you are." God bless. Mike

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MIKE SUBLETT

Looking for the hand of God

The hand of God is a guiding force in our lives. In times of uncertainty, we can know that God is directing our path.

Life is more than a sequence of chance happenings. The Bible teaches that the life of a good man is directed, ordered and arranged by the Lord. For the righteous man, his course of life is under divine guidance and control. Psalm 37:23 says, "The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord, and He delights in his way."

Author Squire Rushnell calls this kind of divine guidance "godwinks." In his book, he says a godwink is what some people would call an answered prayer or simply a coincidence. For followers of Christ, life — and what happens to us — is much more than coincidence or happenstance. God has laid out a path for our lives, and we must walk by faith.

When we walk by faith, God will "divinely align" us by unfolding godwinks along our path, Rushnell says. God lets us use our free will to aim for our own destiny, but He gives us signs, or godwinks, to look for on our journey. These signs — like signs on a highway — guide us and reassure us that we're on the right path.

I've experienced godwinks in my own life. Time after time, I've clearly felt God's hand guiding me. He has always put the right people in my path at the right time to propel me to the next stage of life.

I remember the high school teacher who encouraged me to start writing. That led me to study journalism in college. I remember when I went off to college and how God opened all the right doors for me. I remember then trying to find a job. I applied for several internships while in college, but no one would give me a chance. Because of my physical disability, editors were hesitant to send me out as a beat reporter. The chances of me landing a job when I graduated looked very bleak.

Even then, I know God was at work behind the scenes. In the summer before my senior year, a new professor was hired to head the journalism department. As I worked closely with him that year, he began to show some of my work to his wife, who happened to be the executive editor of a newspaper in our area. She followed my progress that year and later called and offered me a job after I graduated. That was the beginning of a 17-year career as a copy editor. It never would have happened if God hadn't been directing my path.

It's during the uncertain times in life that we especially need to walk by faith. Rushnell compares life to a jigsaw puzzle. At first, it seems overwhelming with all the jumbled pieces in the box. If you keep at it, the puzzle eventually becomes a beautiful picture with all of the pieces fitted together. In the same way, when the picture of your life is seen from above — all put together — it will also make sense.

As Rushnell put it, "the closer we get to that perspective — by getting closer to God — the more our faith will grow in the promise that there is a grand plan for each of our lives and that every piece fits perfectly together."

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Fort Hood shooting judge removed for showing bias

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FORT HOOD, Texas (AP) — The court martial against the Army psychiatrist charged in the Fort Hood shooting rampage will move forward with a replacement to the military judge who insisted that the suspect be forcibly shaved — the biggest hurdle to a long-delayed trial.

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces ruled Monday that Col. Gregory Gross should no longer preside over the military trial of Maj. Nidal Hasan due in part to what it called a "duel of wills" between judge and defendant. Hasan is charged with 13 counts of murder in the November 2009 shooting rampage.

While in custody, Hasan has grown a beard that he says is an expression of his Islamic faith. Gross had sided with prosecutors who say the beard violates Army grooming standards and could confuse witnesses.

The court of appeals declined to rule on whether Hasan could keep the beard, but it also indicated that the next judge may not be the right authority to decide that issue, suggesting that the case will move forward.

Fort Hood officials said late Monday that proceedings in the case will resume after a new judge is appointed by the Army's highest legal branch. This indicates Army prosecutors will not appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Gross had repeatedly said Hasan's beard was a disruption to the court proceedings, but the military appeals court ruled there was insufficient evidence to show that was true.

"Should the next military judge find it necessary to address (Hasan's) beard, such issues should be addressed and litigated anew," judges wrote in the ruling. But they suggested that the next judge maybe should not rule on the beard matter at all.

"As an initial matter, the command, and not the military judge, has the primary responsibility for the enforcement of grooming standards," the court said.

An August trial date was put on hold over the beard. Gross had said that Hasan would be forcibly shaved before trial if he didn't remove the beard himself. Hasan appealed, and the appeals court stayed all court proceedings.

Gross found Hasan in contempt of court at six pre-trial hearings due to his beard and sent him to a trailer to watch the proceedings on a closed-circuit television. The appeals court's ruling also vacated the contempt of court convictions.

"The maintenance of discipline, unit cohesion and unit morale are command responsibilities and functions," it said. "A military judge's contempt authority is directed toward control of the courtroom."

The court said it was not ruling on whether the judge's order violated Hasan's religious rights.

Lead defense attorney Lt. Col. Kris Poppe said the judge showed a bias against Hasan when he asked defense attorneys to clean up a court restroom after Gross found a medical waste bag, adult diaper and what appeared to be feces on the floor after a June hearing. Hasan, who is paralyzed from the waist down after being shot by police on the day of the shootings, has to wear adult diapers — but the mess

in the restroom that day was mud from a guard's boots, Poppe said.

"In light of these rulings, and the military judge's accusations regarding the latrine, it could reasonably appear to an objective observer that the military judge had allowed the proceedings to become a duel of wills between himself and (Hasan) rather than an adjudication of the serious offenses with which (Hasan) is charged," judges wrote in the ruling.

Hasan faces the death penalty if convicted in the shootings on the Texas Army post that killed 13 people and wounded more than two dozen others.

Online Shopping's Best Benefit is Price Comparisons

TERRY SAVAGE
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Q: I keep hearing all about the holiday bargains available on the Internet. What's your advice on how to find those bargains?

A: Here's the thing about holiday shopping online. What you don't get is the sensory and enticing experience of walking through a store and being "struck" by the "perfect gift." What you do get is a disciplined way to shop for the best price on something you already have decided should be the perfect gift.

And since you're likely to not pay local sales taxes when you order online (unless the merchant has a retail presence in your location), there is a huge incentive to avoid the crowds and order online. Online holiday shopping is expected to increase 17 percent from \$46.63 billion in 2011 to \$54.47 billion in 2012.

But the real benefit of online shopping is instant price comparison. Many websites scurry around the Internet finding all the best bargains on the products you are most likely to want. When you click through from their website, you get the low price guarantee and they get a small fee per click-through from the store.

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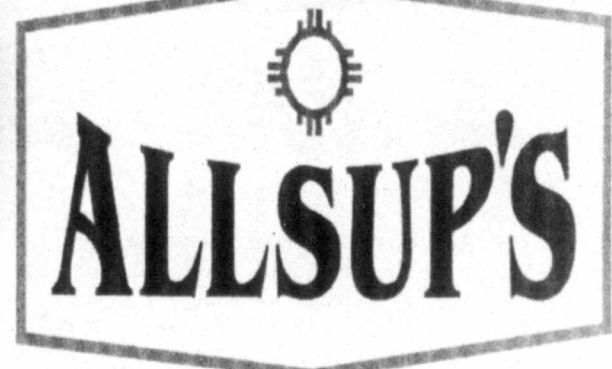
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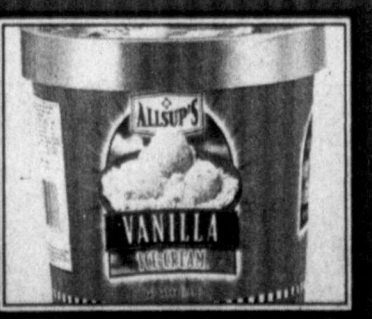
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Fort Hood shooting judge removed for showing bias

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FORT HOOD, Texas (AP)—The court martial against the Army psychiatrist charged in the Fort Hood shooting rampage will move forward with a replacement to the military judge who insisted that the suspect be forcibly shaved — the biggest hurdle to a long-delayed trial.

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces ruled Monday that Col. Gregory Gross should no longer preside over the military trial of Maj. Nidal Hasan due in part to what it called a “duel of wills” between judge and defendant. Hasan is charged with 13 counts of murder in the November 2009 shooting rampage.

While in custody, Hasan has grown a beard that he says is an expression of his Islamic faith. Gross had sided with prosecutors who say the beard violates Army grooming standards and could confuse witnesses.

The court of appeals declined to rule on whether Hasan could keep the beard, but it also indicated that the next judge may not be the right authority to decide that issue, suggesting that the case will move forward.

Fort Hood officials said late Monday that proceedings in the case will resume after a new judge is appointed by the Army’s highest legal branch. This indicates Army prosecutors will not appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Gross had repeatedly said Hasan’s beard was a disruption to the court proceedings, but the military appeals court ruled there was insufficient evidence to show that was true.

“Should the next military judge find it necessary to address (Hasan’s) beard, such issues should be addressed and litigated anew,” judges wrote in the ruling. But they suggested that the next judge maybe should not rule on the beard matter at all.

“As an initial matter, the command, and not the military judge, has the primary responsibility for the enforcement of grooming standards,” the court said.

An August trial date was put on hold over the beard. Gross had said that Hasan would be forcibly shaved before trial if he didn’t remove the beard himself. Hasan appealed, and the appeals court stayed all court proceedings.

Gross found Hasan in contempt of court at six pre-trial hearings due to his beard and sent him to a trailer to watch the proceedings on a closed-circuit television. The appeals court’s ruling also vacated the contempt of court convictions.

“The maintenance of discipline, unit cohesion and unit morale are command responsibilities and functions,” it said. “A military judge’s contempt authority is directed toward control of the courtroom.”

The court said it was not ruling on whether the judge’s order violated Hasan’s religious rights.

Lead defense attorney Lt. Col. Kris Poppe said the judge showed a bias against Hasan when he asked defense attorneys to clean up a court restroom after Gross found a medical waste bag, adult diaper and what appeared to be feces on the floor after a June hearing. Hasan, who is paralyzed from the waist down after being shot by police on the day of the shootings, has to wear adult diapers — but the mess

in the restroom that day was mud from a guard’s boots, Poppe said.

“In light of these rulings, and the military judge’s accusations regarding the latrine, it could reasonably appear to an objective observer that the military judge had allowed the proceedings to become a duel of wills between himself and (Hasan) rather than an adjudication of the serious offenses with which (Hasan) is charged,” judges wrote in the ruling.

Hasan faces the death penalty if convicted in the shootings on the Texas Army post that killed 13 people and wounded more than two dozen others.

Online Shopping’s Best Benefit is Price Comparisons

TERRY SAVAGE
Creator’s Syndicate

Q: I keep hearing all about the holiday bargains available on the Internet. What’s your advice on how to find those bargains?

A: Here’s the thing about holiday shopping online. What you don’t get is the sensory and enticing experience of walking through a store and being “struck” by the “perfect/gift.” What you do get is a disciplined way to shop for the best price on something you already have decided should be the perfect gift.

And since you’re likely to not pay local sales taxes when you order online (unless the merchant has a retail presence in your location), there is a huge incentive to avoid the crowds and order online. Online holiday shopping is expected to increase 17 percent from \$46.63 billion in 2011 to \$54.47 billion in 2012.

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Terry Savage is a registered investment adviser and is on the board of the Chicago Mercantile Exchange. She appears weekly on WMAQ-Channel 5’s 4:30 p.m. newscast, and can be reached at www.terrysavage.com. She is the author of the new book, “The New Savage Number: How Much Money Do You Really Need to Retire?”

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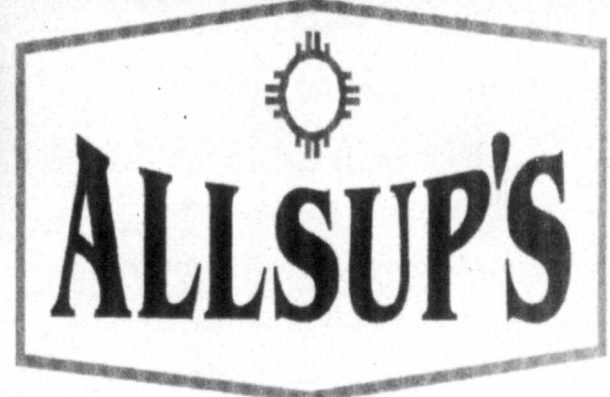
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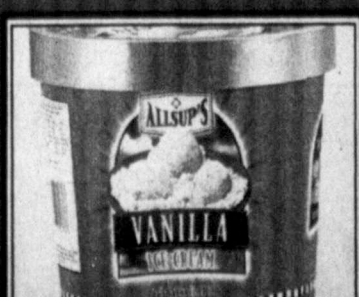
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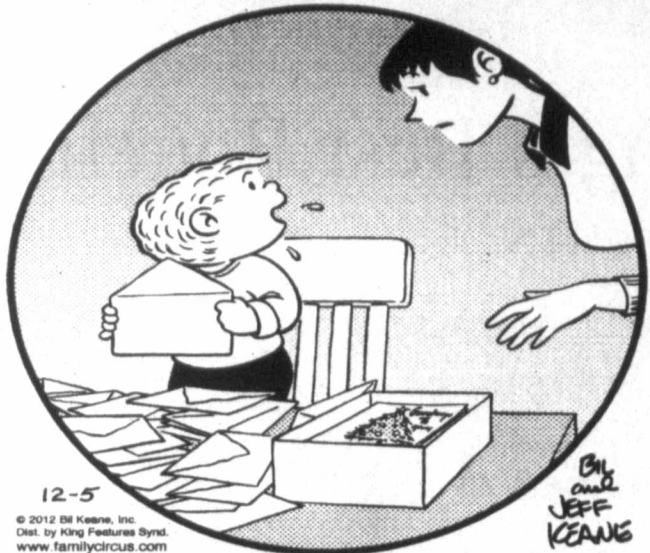


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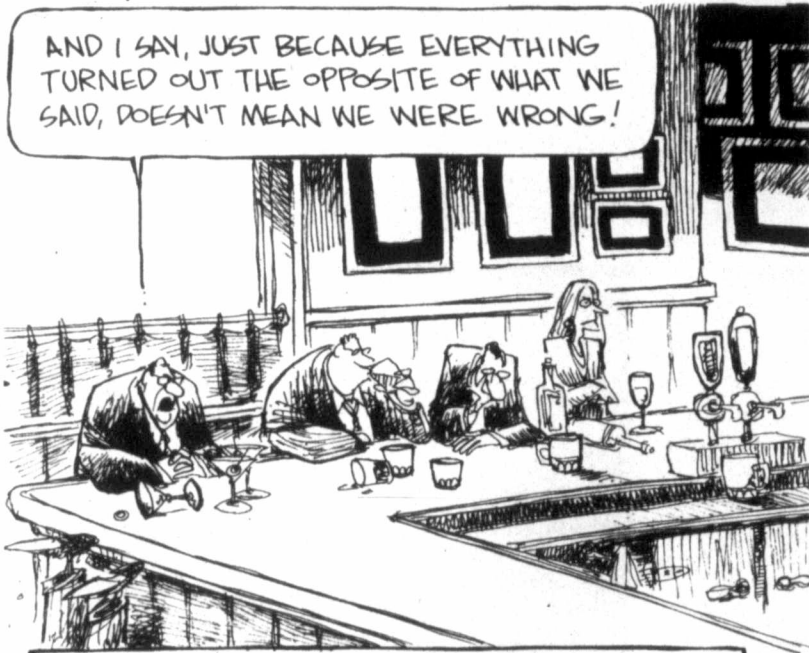
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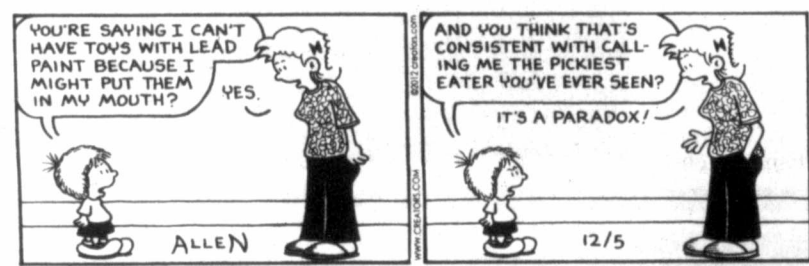
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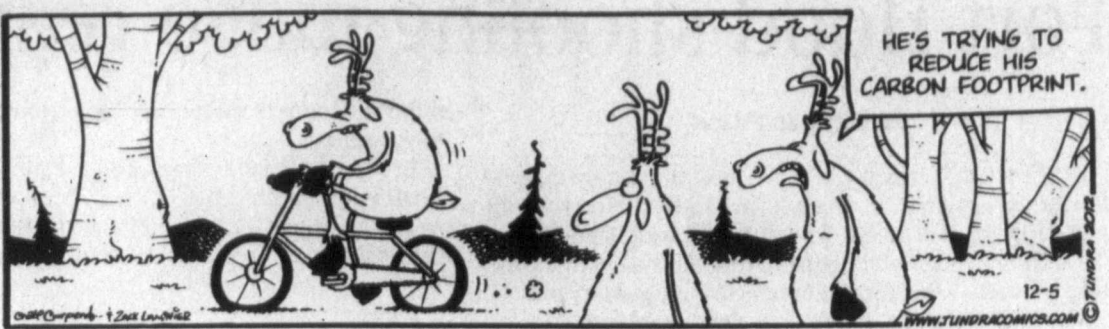


daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Dec. 6, 2012:
This year you could find that your high energy often turns into anger or frustration. The issue might be your high expectations of others, which could be unrealistic ... or perhaps others simply are not responsive. If you are single, be open and try not to project what you want onto someone else. Let this person reveal his or her authentic self. If you are attached, though you might have a quarrel or two, a newfound gentleness evolves between you. Respect each other's feelings. VIRGO can be bossy or demanding.
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)
★★★★ Pace yourself, and direct your high energy into a project or a discussion with someone you work with. Your energy could hit a home run. Use it well. Others naturally will follow your lead. A friend or loved one expresses his or her affection. Tonight: A must-show.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Your creativity surges, and your imagination wanders. You probably want to take off ASAP, so plan a vacation in the near future. Stay authentic when dealing with a snobby person; it just might rub off on him or her. A friend wants to do something special for you. Tonight: Feed your mind.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Stay centered. You might want to stay close to home. An associate might need some extra time and attention. You are extremely optimistic, which helps you visualize more of what you want. Know what you want. Tonight: Say "yes" to an offer. Go for a lazy night.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You might be pursuing the course you want to follow. Fortunately, it coincides with a partner's or a friend's idea. Otherwise, you would have experienced a lot of trouble with this person. Ask what you can do in order to relax more. Remain centered. Tonight: Hang out.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Curb a tendency to overspend, even if you have quite a bit of shopping to do. You might want to adjust your budget some more. A roommate or a family member demonstrates his or her caring through action. Tension builds around a loved one. Tonight: Treat your-

self, too.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Beam in more of what you want. You might feel as if no one can stop you. A boss notices your stamina when you are determined. You will need to use your creativity to handle everything on your plate. Do not respond to someone's tantrum. Tonight: Make yourself happy.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Be a cynic, and listen to news carefully. You might want to understand what is happening with a family member or a roommate who is withdrawing. You know this person well. Think about what would be the most effective way to open him or her up. Tonight: Not to be found.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You are likely to verbalize what you're thinking. Someone might have a strong reaction to your words. You know when enough is enough. Consider distancing yourself from an awkward situation. An associate or a loved one joins you at a key meeting. Tonight: Out and about.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You will decide to take a stand. Others listen and follow your lead. You put your energy — and money, if need be — behind your words. Someone you meet today could seem special, but ultimately could be a problem. Take off your rose-colored shades. Tonight: A must appearance.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Your detachment could cause quite a reaction. You might look at a situation differently, as a result. A brainstorming session might be the way you associate or loved one tries to draw you back in. Take this action as a compliment. Tonight: Whatever allows your mind to calm down.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ A key person in your life enjoys relating directly to you. You both activate each other's imagination. Opportunities arise from your conversations. You know what you want, and you focus on those goals when trying to find the right path. Tonight: Dinner for two.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Listen to someone's suggestion. You might hear some news that surprises you. A friend is certain about what he or she wants, and will push and push to achieve those results. You might as well say "yes" if you can. Tonight: Surround yourself with friends.

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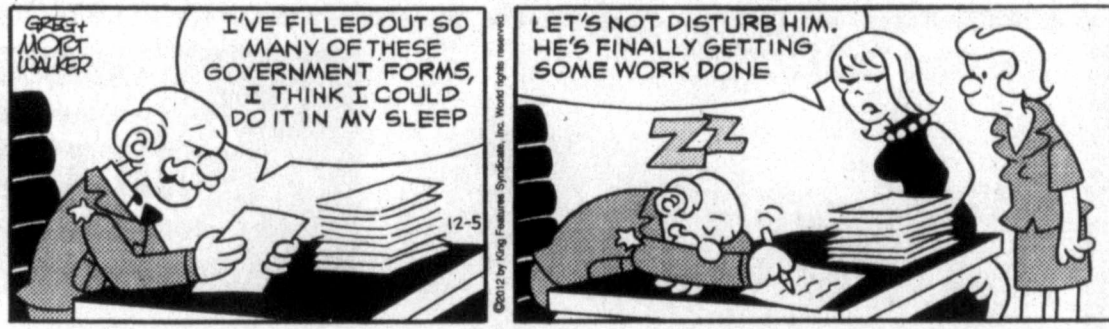
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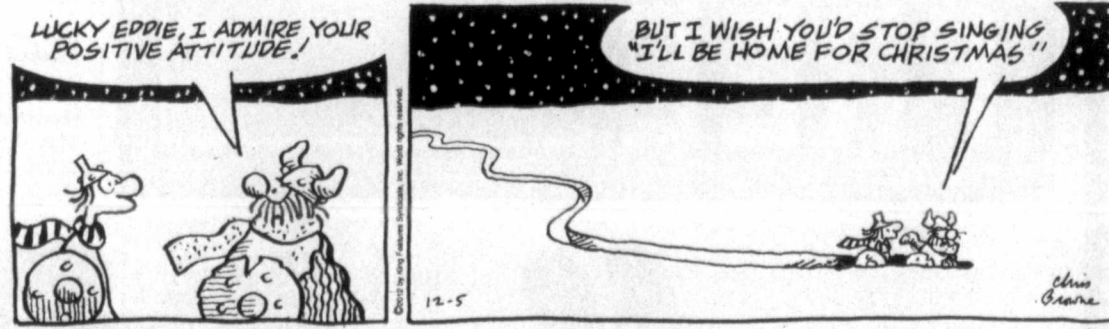
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Pampa 9th girls lose to Hereford Whitefaces

By ZACHARY GREEN
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Pampa's freshman girls team hosted the Hereford Lady Whitefaces on Monday night in the Dennis Cavalier Activity Center.

The game didn't get off on the right foot for Pampa but the Lady Harvesters only trailed by four after the first quarter, 12-8. The Lady Whitefaces increased the lead to 31-20 at halftime.

Unfortunately Pampa did not come out of the locker room very strong falling behind after the third quarter, 41-22.

Hereford ended up winning the game 57-29.

"The first half was the best we have played in the past six games. Offensively we were doing what we wanted, the shots just weren't falling," Pampa Coach Alan Segura said.

"The hustle and effort was good. I am proud of these girls' hustle tonight. They hustled all game."

Brock scored 13 points. Brumfield scored 4 points. Cabrales scored 3 points. Jerome, Schaub, Cummins and Dull all added 2 points each.

The loss brings Pampa's freshman girls team record to 5-5 on the season. They will be back in action Saturday at 10 a.m. against Panhandle in the Dennis Cavalier Activity Center.

Pampa Junior High boys in Borger

SUBMITTED

The Pampa JH boys basketball teams traveled to Borger Monday night.

The 7th grade B team lost 26-16. Zane McCoy led the team with 8 points. "Brendan Grant and Tyler Orand made some good hustle plays," said Coach Brittin East. They are now 2-1 for the year.

The 7th grade A team lost 30-26. Brandon Steward led the team in points with 10. Keshawn Stewart chipped in 5. Brady Porter led the team in rebounds. They are now 1-2 on the season.

The 8th grade B team won 33-22. Chaseton Brown was solid underneath and finished the game with 10. "Brett West and Ethan Brock's defense gave Borger fits all game," said East. They are now 3-0.

The 8th grade A team won 53-52. Brendan Woelfle led the team in scoring with 15 points, followed by Brandon Sieck with 11. Sieck hit a huge 2 pointer with 13 seconds left to tie the game up at 52, and Derek Norris knocked down a free throw with 0.6 seconds left to give Pampa the lead. The boys are now 2-1 for the year.

Academic progress is high for college football's bowl-bound teams

By KYLE HIGHTOWER
Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — A study of the 70 schools selected for college football bowl games this season showed football teams maintained high recent academic progress, but the gap between African-American and white players persists.

The annual report released Monday by the Institute for Diversity and Ethics in Sport showed overall Graduation Success Rate improvement from 68 to 69 percent for football players at the bowl-bound schools.

Also, 97 percent of schools received a score higher than the target 925 (equal to an expected graduation rate of 50 percent) on the NCAA's Academic Progress Rate. Teams with a four-year APR of 925 or below face penalties including loss of scholarships. A new APR standard of 930 started to take effect for the 2012-13 academic year, though it won't be fully in place until 2014-15.

school to be more successful at their universities."

This year's numbers show a 20 percentage point gap between the graduation rate of white and African-American athletes, 82 percent to 62 percent. The numbers were 81 and 61 percent last year. But Lapchick notes it's encouraging that the rate for African-American athletes has risen consistently recently.

As recently as 2009, those rates were 58 percent for African-American and 77 percent for white athletes.

"There are a few perspectives on that gap," Lapchick said. "Graduation rates have significantly gone up annually a few points each year, and that's the good news. ... It's still a staggering difference, but it's also staggering that for African-American males, the graduation rates for those that are not athletes at those schools are far behind the ones that are."

A total of 66 out of 70 schools, or 94 percent, had at least a 50 percent GSR for their football teams. That's down from 97 per-

cent in 2011, though Lapchick praised the high figure.

The GSR measures graduation rates of Division I schools after four years and includes students transferring into the institutions. The GSR also allows schools to subtract athletes who leave prior to graduation, as long as they would have been academically eligible to compete if they remained.

While the racial gap is a complex issue, Lapchick said, small things can make a difference.

"I think you continue to apply as many resources as you can, but (universities) also have to engage the public school systems where they are," he said. "Now you see student-athletes volunteering in their communities, which is something that hasn't always been the case."

"If those resources were directed at middle schools and elementary schools, then their leadership could help young people at those schools and inspire them to plot an academic course for their future so that they will have more opportunities."

Junior High girls host Borger Lady Bulldogs

SUBMITTED

The 8th grade girls teams hosted Borger Monday night.

8th grade B team won 32 to 23. They are now 3-0.

The top scorers were Shavonna Fields with 13 points and Shandasia Captain with 8 points.

8th grade A team lost 28-20. Their record is now 1-2.

The top scorers were Alazay Maples with 5 points, Elise Kennedy and Cynthia Ramirez both scored 4 points.

The 7th grade A team played hard, but fell short, 25-14. The top scorer was Calista Bolin. Other scorers were Jodi Pingel, Lyanna Clarida, Megan Dickinson and Gracee Gill.

The 7th grade B team won big, 41-23. The top scorer was Yolanda Blanco with 23 points, behind her was Alexa Davenport with 10 points.

Three elected to baseball Hall of Fame

ASSOCIATED PRESS

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Former New York Yankees owner Jacob Ruppert, longtime umpire Hank O'Day and bare-handed catcher Deacon White were elected to the Hall of Fame for their excellence through the first half of the 20th century.

The trio gave the shrine exactly 300 members.

The announcement was made at baseball's winter meetings. Induction ceremonies will be held July 28 in Cooperstown, N.Y. They will be honored along with anyone chosen in January in voting by the Baseball Writers' Association of America.

Ruppert bought the Yankees in 1915 and soon transformed them into baseball's most dominant team. He acquired Babe Ruth from the Boston Red Sox, built Yankee Stadium and presided over the club's first six World Series championships.

"A lot of us thought he was already in for all he'd done," said panel member Phil Niekro, the Hall of Fame pitcher. "We were surprised he wasn't."

O'Day umpired in 10 World Series, including the first one in 1903. He worked 35 years and made one of the most famous calls in the game's history, ruling Fred Merkle out in a 1908 play that long lived in baseball lore. He was the 10th umpire to go into the Hall.

White played from

1871-1890, starting out as a catcher without a glove and later moving to third base. He was a three-time RBIs leader, once topping the league with 49 RBIs when baseball hardly resembled the game it is today.

Niekro credited two historians on the 16-person panel, Peter Morris and Tom Simon, with helping to illuminate the accomplishments of those who are long gone.

"It's tough to go back into the 1800s and bring that to life," Niekro said. "It was so different then — five strikes, eight balls, batters can tell the pitcher

where they want it. Can you imagine? I couldn't have done that if I tried, not with my knuckleball."

Hall of Famers Bert Blyleven, Don Sutton, Pat Gillick and Niekro were among the voters who considered 10 candidates. Former NL MVPs Marty Marion and Bucky Walters also were on the ballot.

It took 12 votes for election. Ruppert and O'Day each got 15 votes and White drew 12. Bill Dahlen got 10 and Marion, Walters, Sam Breadon, Wes Ferrell, Tony Mullane and Alfred Reach each got three votes or less.



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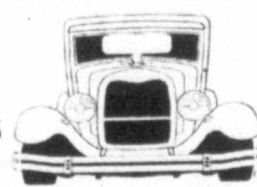
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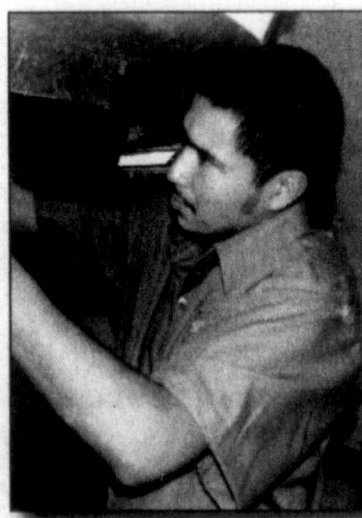
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Carl Williamson

Gray County Genealogical Society November meeting

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The Gray County Genealogical Society held its monthly meeting at the Lovett Memorial Library Nov. 26. President Lynn Lively called the meeting to order with fourteen members attending.

Secretary Dalton Lewis read the minutes from the October meeting, which were approved. The treasurer's report was read by Lucille Rhoden and approved.

Officers were voted on for the year 2013. They are: President Dalton Lewis, Vice President Joe Weaver, Secretary and Photographer Omajeane Lewis, Treasurer Lucille Roden and Historian Mildred Knight.

Genealogist of The Year for 2012 was voted on by secret ballot. The results will be known at the next meeting.

Member Carl Williamson was the speaker for the evening. He spoke about the War of 1812. The war was called, "The Forgotten Conflict."

The state militias did most of the fighting. In some cases when they fought to the state line, they would cease fight-

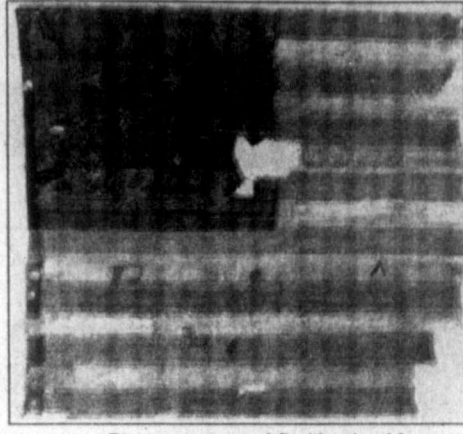


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The original "Star-Spangled Banner" from the War of 1812 that inspired Francis Scott Key to write the lyrics to the National Anthem.

ing. It's hard to win battles when there are lines drawn that the militias would not cross, Williamson said.

The English fought in lines of men; the generals were riding a horse with a fine uniform. They were easy to see and that was usually the first person to be shot by the militia.

The English would be without a leader and didn't know where to turn.

The lyrics to the "Star Spangled Banner" was written during the war of 1812, by Francis Scott Key. It was adopted as the National Anthem by the United States in 1931.

The Gray County Genealogical Society meets the fourth Monday of each month, except for December. The public is invited to all

meetings.

For more information, contact Omajeane Lewis, 2238 Evergreen St. Pampa, Texas 79065, 806-665-8516 or omadal@sbcglobal.net

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