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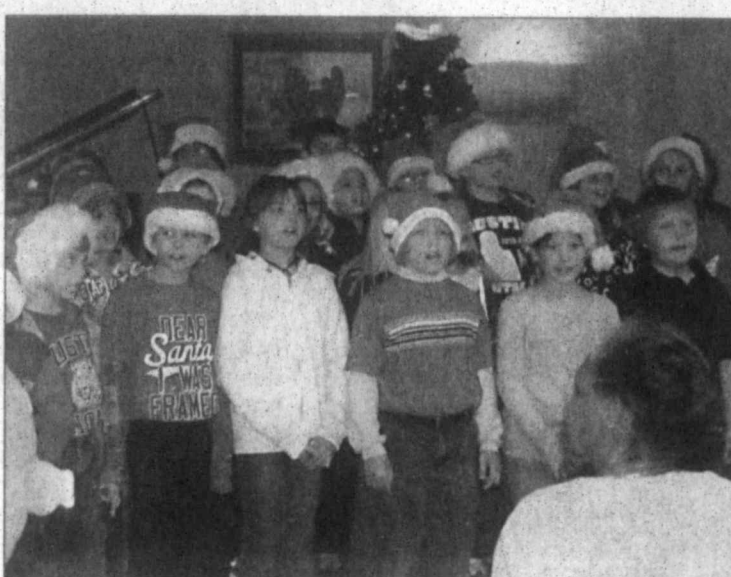


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Fourth graders from Austin Elementary sing Christmas carols to a crowd at Coronado Healthcare last Friday.



staff photo by David Bowser

Jennifer Martinez sings at Wal-Mart today as Lamar second and third graders serenaded customers.



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CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: Lamar third grader Cameron Hair carols at First Bank Southwest; Nathan Ohsfeldt and Adeline Little share a story at the CCS Christmas program; Jacob Frost, Caitlin Sieck, Kaysha Spence perform at the PHS Choir Christmas Concert.

Appraisal District to open doors

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 Wednesday will give Gray County citizens a chance to appraise the appraisal district. The Gray County Appraisal District is planning an open house for the holidays. It will be from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., Wednesday, at the appraisal district offices, 815 North Sumner. Bridgette Parks with the appraisal district said today that there will be punch and cookies. "There will be quite a bit of food," she said. "It is finger food and that type of thing."

Red Cross invites all to gathering

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 The Eastern Texas Panhandle Chapter of the American Red Cross will be giving thanks for a good year during its annual Christmas open house, set this year from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Thursday at the Red Cross office at 108 N. Russell. The event is a chance for the organization to show its gratitude to the community for all of the time, money and effort it has contributed over the course of the last year, said chapter CEO Jana Gregory. "It is just an appreciation of all of our donors, our supporters, our volunteers, anyone who had something to do with the Red Cross," Gregory said. "This CROSS cont. on page 5"



Numbers in: Shopping tour helps record 415 people

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 The Pampa Optimist Youth Club served a record 415 family members, including the 102 children who went on the tour, according to Doug Cates, the chairman of the organization. Children between 5 and 10-years of age bought Christmas presents for family members, not themselves, he said. "The purpose of the project is to teach the children that the real reason for the season is about giving, not getting," said Cates of the Downtown Kiwanis Club. Most of the children had never experienced giving at Christmas before, according to Cates. They were very excited to share the Christmas spirit with their families. "We only had two no-shows out of 104 children invited to attend," Cates said. Altogether, about 40 different organizations contributed to the project, Cates said. Walmart played a big part in this year's tour, said John Warner, Kiwanis Club member and treasurer of the Optimists project. The store set up five lines just for the children, said John Warner with the Optimists Club, and gave them a 10 percent discount and did not charge sales tax. The children bought 1,375 presents total, all of which were then brought to the Optimist gym

"Because each person took responsibility and did his or her part of the project well, the tour was a success."
 — 2010 Children's Shopping Tour Chair Doug Cates

where volunteers led by Whitney Davis and the Opti-Mrs. Club helped the children wrap the gifts. "Three football players trying to wrap one Christmas package was a sight to see," Warner said. The project did end up running a bit behind schedule because of the large number of kids participating. "We (had) 50 percent more kids and family members to serve this year than we did last and wound up running between 30 and 40 minutes late," Cates said. Twenty-three children from all four elementary schools in Pampa made duct tape wallets and sold them for a dollar, then donated the \$250 they made to the shopping tour. Elementary students from the TOUR cont. on page 5

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400 cemetery urns stolen

HOUSTON (AP) - Sheriff's deputies in Houston say they are looking for seven alleged grave robbers accused of stealing about 400 brass urns from a Harris County cemetery and cashing them in as scrap metal.

Harris County officials said at a news conference Monday that the urns went missing over a weekend in early November.

A Houston ordinance requires scrap metal dealers to collect a name and address from each customer's government-issued ID, allowing detectives to issue charges against seven people who sold the urns.

Each of the seven will face a charge of second-degree felony theft, which can be punished by up to 20 years in prison.

Authorities say the urns are valued at a total of about \$120,000, but that the thieves likely received less than \$4,000 from the scrapyards.

8 Texas death sentences in 2010

HOUSTON (AP) - Texas juries sentenced eight convicted killers to death in 2010, the fewest since 1976 in the nation's most active death penalty state.

The figures were released Monday by the Austin-based Texas Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty and were characterized as an "astonishing development" by the group's executive director, Kristin Houle.

Executions also were down in 2010. Seventeen people were put to death, the lowest total since 2001.

Houle told the Houston Chronicle that the figures indicate "Texas and the rest of the country are moving away from the death penalty."

Harris County, which typically leads the nation in death sentences, condemned two people in 2010.

Supporters of the death penalty say fewer death sentences may reflect fewer killers and fewer killers who are eligible for execution.

OKC moving to year-round

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) - The Oklahoma City Public Schools are moving to year-round classes.

The school board voted unanimously Monday to move away from the traditional school calendar to what it calls a "continuous learning calendar." Starting with the 2011-12 school year, 69 district school sites will join seven sites already using the new calendar.

The plan calls for the traditional summer break to be reduced by a month. The time will be used to create a two-week fall break and extend the winter and spring breaks by a week apiece. Students still will attend school for the same number of days.

District Superintendent Karl Springer says the new calendar will have a positive effect on student growth and achievement because less time will be spent re-teaching concepts students have forgotten during the summer.

Shell appeal rejected in OK

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) - The U.S. Supreme Court is refusing to hear an appeal by Shell Oil Co. of a nearly \$54 million dollar jury award in an Oklahoma lawsuit.

The court on Monday declined without comment to hear Shell's appeal that the award for punitive damages to oil and gas leaseholders in Stephens County violated the company's constitutional rights.

The leaseholders lawsuit accused Shell of failing to pay them profits they were due from the oil and gas taken from the land. A Stephens County jury in 2008 awarded the leaseholders \$13.2 million in actual damages and interest and \$53.6 million in punitive damages.

Shell's appeal claimed the punitive award is unconstitutionally excessive.

A Shell spokesman told The Oklahoman that the company is disappointed and will "honor the judgment" against it.

ExxonMobil sued over air laws

HOUSTON (AP) - The largest U.S. oil refinery released 8 million pounds of illegal pollution in the last five years, violating federal air pollution laws thousands of times, according to a lawsuit filed Tuesday by environmental groups.

The lawsuit against ExxonMobil is the latest by Sierra Club and Environment Texas as part of their campaign to rein in what they call "illegal emissions" by dozens of refineries and chemical plants that operate in the Texas Gulf Coast. In recent months, the groups have reached multimillion-dollar, out-of-court settlements with Shell and Chevron Phillips after filing similar suits. The groups say this is the largest of the lawsuits based on the size of the plant.

ExxonMobil denied the allegations and said it would fight the lawsuit. The company said it had invested \$1 billion in recent years to improve emissions.

The lawsuit accuses Exxon of violating emission limits on sulfur dioxide, a component of acid rain; hydrogen sulfide, a toxic, flammable gas characterized by a rotten egg smell; such cancer-causing agents as benzene and butadiene; carbon monoxide; and the smog-causing agent nitrogen oxide.

The legal maneuvers are part of the broader accusations by the environmental groups and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency that state regulators are not properly monitoring and enforcing federal emissions standards.

Texas rig count at 726

AUSTIN — The Texas average rig count as of Nov. 12, 2010, was 726, representing about 44 percent of all active land rigs in the United States. In the last 12 months, total Texas reported production was 351 million barrels of oil and 7.3 trillion cubic feet of natural gas.

Texas natural gas production represents approximately 29 percent of total U.S. natural gas demand.

The Commission's estimated final production for September 2010 is 29,738,198 barrels of crude oil and 529,429,553 Mcf (thousand cubic feet) of gas well gas.

Texas natural gas storage reported to the Commission for October 2010 was 455,184,728 Mcf compared to 458,359,717 Mcf in October 2009. The November 2010 gas storage estimate is 463,200,224 Mcf.

CORRECTION

Jildardo Arias' name was spelled incorrectly under a front page photo in yesterday's edition of *The Pampa News*. The newspaper apologizes for the error.

It's a season of sharing with those in need

TERRY SAVAGE
Creator's Syndicate

Demand is up; supply is down. Not talking about the markets here, or the hottest Christmas toy. This is the problem afflicting the nation's charities.

The recession continues to take its toll, with more people in need. They include individuals and families who had always been able to take care of themselves, but are now unemployed for two years or more.

That same recession has taken a toll on charitable giving. Last year, 51 percent of charities reported a decline in giving — which forced them to cut budgets and staff. Now, the Nonprofit Research Collaborative's latest survey finds that giving is edging up — but still nowhere near what it was a few years ago, and nowhere near keeping up with rising demand for services.

That's where you and I come in. As you do your holiday shopping, consider what an extra toy or winter jacket could mean to a local family in need. If you don't have a specific charity in mind, just contact the Chicago Sun-Times to receive a letter from a child in need or donate money that would be used for gifts. You've seen those heartbreaking stories, but many never have the time or energy to make it happen. Imagine the difference if each of our readers picked a child to help, or sent a small check.

To request a child's letter, go to suntimes.com/santa and fill out a request, or you may e-mail elves@suntimes.com or call (773) 890-7373.

To donate money, go to suntimes.com/santa or send a check or money order made out to Chicago Sun-Times Charity Trust to: Sun-Times Season of Sharing, P.O. Box 3596, Chicago, IL 60654.

Now, because this is a personal finance column, let me remind you



of the rules for making charitable contributions tax-deductible.

— Always get a receipt from the charity. Keep these paper receipts in a file for use next April when you file and to substantiate your deductions in case of a future IRS audit. And you should copy your canceled checks, or keep bank or credit card records, or payroll receipts, as well.

— Some appraisals needed. If the clothing or household goods you donate is worth more than \$500, the charity must note the "fair value" on the receipt. If the contribution is valued at more than \$5,000, a qualified appraisal of the property is required. Special rules apply to donated vehicles.

— Timing is everything. If you make a contribution by check, it is considered delivered on the date mailed and must be deducted in the year of mailing. Credit card charges are deductible in the year the charge is made. Pledges are not deductible until payment is made.

— File for a deduction. If you want to deduct your contribution, you must file form 1040 and itemize deductions on Schedule A.

— Reporting required for gifts over \$500. If you made a gift, or gifts, of non-cash property worth more than \$500, you must file IRS Form 8283.

— Thanks, but your services aren't deductible. If you donate services, only your out-of-pocket expenses are deductible.

— Get valuation for fundraising events. If you bought a ticket to a fundraiser (not political), the organization will give you written confirmation of the value of your contribution. Likely only 80 percent

of the ticket payment is deductible.

This is not only the season of giving, it's the season of scamming. Sad but true. So check out any organization claiming to be a charity. You can easily do that at CharityNavigator.org, which tracks and rates the performance 501(c) charities, based on the forms they must file with the government. This allows you to make sure your money is going to a worthy cause that will spend your donation on good works, and not on administrative expenses.

Here's a last thought on the subject of charity: It's not all about the tax deduction.

There are many people around you who need help — but they're not registered charities, so you can't get a deduction for writing a check to your elderly aunt to pay her heating bill for the winter or to your adult child to help pay down student loans. You don't get a deduction for dropping coins in the Salvation Army bucket or giving the taxi driver an extra tip this holiday season.

You don't have to be "rich" to be charitable. As novelist Jack London once wrote: "A bone to the dog is not charity. Charity is the bone shared with the dog, when you are just as hungry as the dog."

So use these coming weeks to re-think your definition of "charity" — and to open your eyes to the need around you. If there's anything we've learned, it's that government does not do a good job of "sharing" our money. This is something we can do for ourselves — with far less "administrative costs" and a far greater sense of personal satisfaction. That's the Savage Truth.

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Ag Appreciation Day scheduled Dec. 16

DALHART - Texas AgriLife Extension Service and the Dalhart Area Chamber of Commerce Ag Appreciation Day will be held Dec. 16 at the Rita Blanca Coliseum, 219 Farm-to-Market 281 in Dalhart.

The program will run from 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. and a free lunch will be provided, said Mike Bragg, AgriLife Extension agriculture and natural resources agent for Dallam and Hartley counties.

The following program has been planned and will offer six continu-

ing education units for producers with private applicator license, Bragg said. Four hours will be provided in the general category, one in laws and regulations and one in drift minimization.

- Drift management, Joe Barnes, Winfield Solutions, Plainview.
- Irrigation efficiency, Nich Kenny, AgriLife Extension irrigation specialist in Amarillo.
- Market outlook, Dr. Steve Amosson, AgriLife Extension economist in Amarillo.

• Laws and regulations (record-keeping), Paul Weiser, Texas Department of Agriculture, Pampa.

• Cotton production, Daniel Olivier, Bayer, Lubbock.

The committee also will host sponsor and informational booths as well as a legislative update from state and federal representatives, Bragg said. Contact the AgriLife Extension office for Dallam and Hartley counties at 806-244-4434 or the chamber at 806-244-5646 or <http://www.dalhart.org/> for more information.

Share favorite Christmas memories with readers

Do you have a favorite Christmas memory? Maybe it's something special you bought, or a special present, or a memory of a relative, or a special church service. Maybe it was a special trip, or maybe it was not so special — just a holiday spent with the people you love.

Whatever your special memory, we invite you to share it with our readers.

Email your special Christmas memory to rpibble@thepampanews.com by Friday, Dec. 17 and it might be included in a special story prior to the holidays.

If you prefer, mail the memory to "Christmas Memories," The Pampa News, 403 West Atchison, Pampa, TX 79065 or drop it by our office. Just make sure we receive it by Dec. 17.

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Level: Beginner

Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Tuesday, Dec. 14, the 348th day of 2010. There are 17 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 14, 1799, the first president of the United States, George Washington, died at his Mount Vernon, Va. home at age 67.

On this date:

In 1819, Alabama joined the Union as the 22nd state.

In 1910, the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace was created in Washington, D.C. as industrialist Andrew Carnegie presented a gift of \$10 million for its founding.

In 1911, Norwegian explorer Roald Amundsen and his group became the first men to reach the South Pole, beating out an expedition led by Robert F. Scott.

In 1939, the Soviet Union was expelled from the League of Nations for invading Finland.

In 1946, the United Nations General Assembly voted to establish U.N. headquarters in New York.

In 1962, the U.S. space probe Mariner 2 approached Venus, transmitting information about the planet.

In 1975, six South Moluccan extremists surrendered after holding 23 hostages for 12 days on a train near the Dutch town of Beilen.

In 1981, Israel annexed the Golan Heights, which it had seized from Syria in 1967.

In 1985, Wilma Mankiller became the first woman to lead a major American Indian tribe as she took office as principal chief of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma. Former New York Yankees outfielder Roger Maris, who'd hit 61 home runs during the 1961 season, died in Houston at age 51.

In 1995, Presidents Alija Izetbegovic of Bosnia, Slobodan Milosevic of Serbia and Franjo Tudjman of Croatia signed the Bosnian peace treaty in Paris.

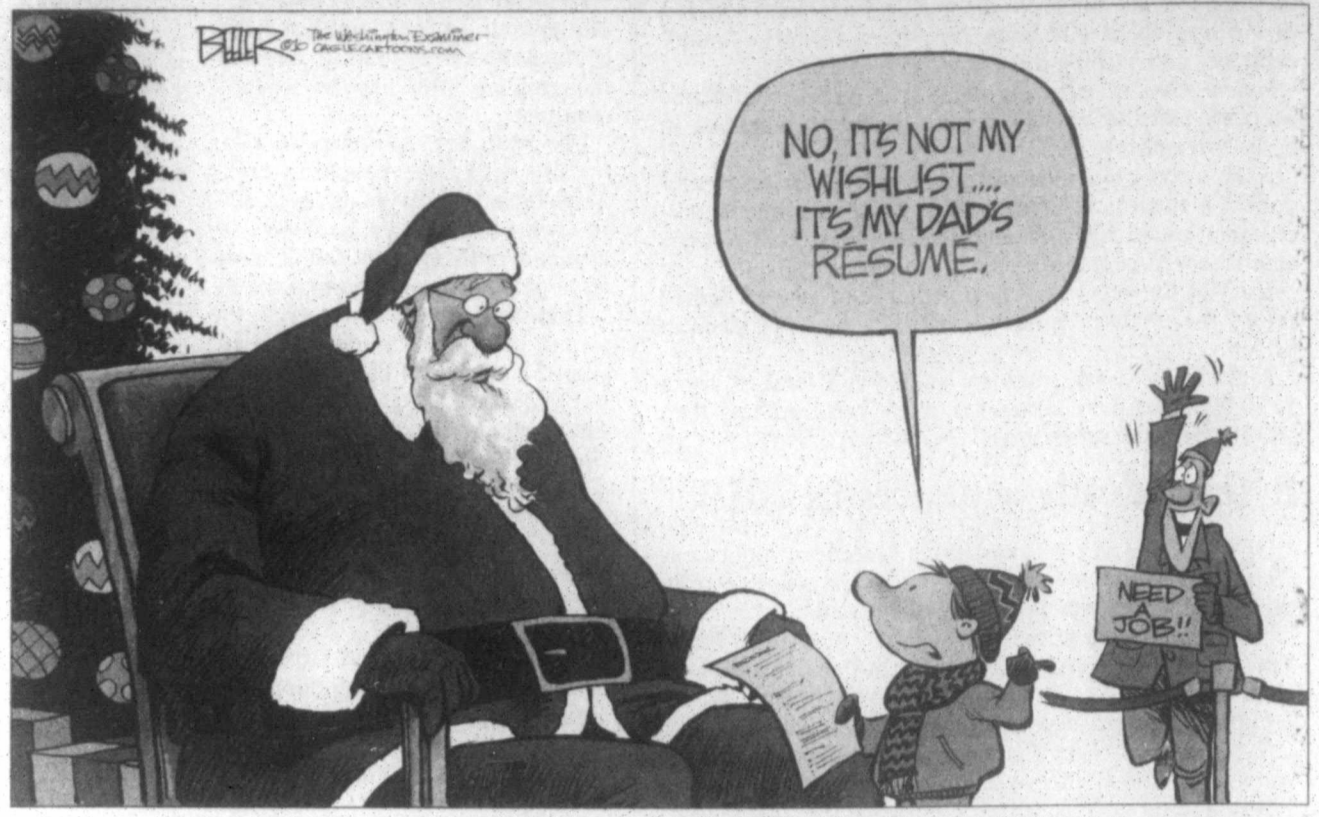
Ten years ago: U.S. businessman Edward Pope was pardoned and released by Russia after being convicted of espionage.

Five years ago: President George W. Bush defended his decision to wage the Iraq war, even as he acknowledged that "much of the intelligence turned out to be wrong." The House voted 251-174 to renew the USA Patriot Act.

One year ago: President Barack Obama implored top bankers to help keep the fragile recovery from faltering by boosting lending to small businesses and getting behind an overhaul of financial regulation. Dubai got a \$10 billion lifeline from oil-rich Abu Dhabi, securing a last-minute cash infusion aimed at preventing a default that risked sparking broader fears about the city-state's shaky finances.

Today's Birthdays: Jazz musician Clark Terry is 90. Singer-actress Abbe Lane is 79. Actor Hal Williams is 72. Actress-singer Jane Birkin is 64. Actress Patty Duke is 64. Pop singer Joyce Vincent-Wilson (Tony Orlando and Dawn) is 64. Entertainment executive Michael Ovitz is 64. Actress Dee Wallace is 62. Rhythm-and-blues singer Ronnie McNeir (The Four Tops) is 61. Rock musician Cliff Williams (AC/DC) is 61. Actor-comedian T.K. Carter is 54. Actress Cynthia Gibb is 47. Actress Natascha McElhone is 41. Actress-comedian Michaela Watkins is 39. Rhythm-and-blues singer Brian Dalmirple (Soul For Real) is 35. Actress KaDee Strickland is 35. Actress Tammy Blanchard is 34. Actress Sophie Monk is 31. Actress Vanessa Hudgens is 22.

Thought for Today: "How the 'I' pervades all things!" - William Ellery Channing, American clergyman (1780-1842)



Sometimes, compassion can cause disaster

'Tis the season to be jolly, but you can forget about that in political circles. The current angst about the economy and taxes is so intense that even Santa's reindeers are spooked. Speaking the other day on a cable news program, liberal Congressman Jim McDermott put it this way: "This is Christmastime. We talk about Good Samaritans, the poor, the little baby Jesus in the cradle and all this stuff. And then we say to the unemployed we won't give you a check to feed your family. That's simply wrong."

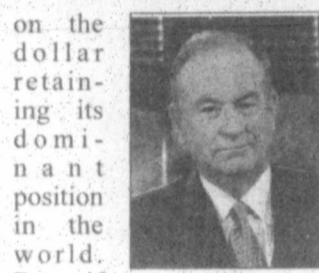
As I wrote in this space a couple of weeks ago, the liberal agenda in America is expanding and now includes demands for guaranteed jobs at good wages for all who want to work. Unemployment benefits were extended again this year, and if the Obama tax compromise is passed, \$150 billion more will be

added to the deficit. Adding it all up, the total debt of the United States will soon exceed \$14 trillion.

By invoking the baby Jesus, McDermott puts an important question in play: What does a moral society owe to the have-nots? How much public money should we go to those in financial trouble?

Many liberals believe there should not be any limits. Just this week, California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger declared a state of emergency because his state is bankrupt. The liberal legislature in Sacramento has spent so much money on entitlements for the poor and state union workers that it owes an astounding \$158 billion.

If the wild spending continues on the federal level, the entire country will be adversely affected. Right now, the financial future of most Americans hinges



BILL O'REILLY

on the dollar retaining its dominant position in the world. But if our currency collapses under unpaid debts, so will personal assets.

There comes a time when compassion can cause disaster. If you open your home to scores of homeless folks, you will not have a home for long. There is a capacity problem for every noble intent.

America remains the land of opportunity, but you have to work for it. The unemployment rate for college graduates is 5 percent. For high-school dropouts, it is 16 percent. Personal responsibility is

usually the driving force behind success. But there are millions of Americans who are not responsible, and the cold truth is that the rest of us cannot afford to support them.

Every fair-minded person should support government safety nets for people who need assistance through no fault of their own. But guys like McDermott don't make distinctions like that. For them, the baby Jesus wants us to "provide" no matter what the circumstance. But being a Christian, I know that while Jesus promoted charity at the highest level, he was not self-destructive.

The Lord helps those who help themselves. Does he not?

Veteran TV news anchor Bill O'Reilly is host of the Fox News show "The O'Reilly Factor" and author of the book "Who's Looking Out For You?"

Letter to the Editor

Protests to rehab center destructive

To the Editor:

One of the more prominent complaints was, "What if someone under treatment escapes from the facility and winds up in our neighborhood?" A viable question if the facility in question was a state mandated lock down center and the escapee a convicted drug felon. In response to that nonsensical hysteria, all one has to do is google The Betty Ford Clinic and inquire about any escapes from their facility, for the now passe alcohol and drug treatment center the Smith family intended here in Pampa would have mimicked Betty Ford in that - one would have to have mucho dinero on top of excellent healthcare insurance to be accepted for treatment. If the person did not like his/her treatment, any escape would be a more likely call for someone - to come get me, I'm in the proverbial middle of nowhere... The only possible scenario I can see by a patient

desirous to leave the Smith's facility would be their exit hampered by local citizens getting in his/her way and requesting an autograph before their ride shows up...

Am I the only citizen amazed with the \$51,000 sale price for such a sizeable tract of Pampa real estate? When one considers commercial frontage along Perryton Parkway from 22nd to 25th - that would have to be worth much more to PISD? The Smith's were looking the proverbial gift horse in the mouth when all of a sudden, some rather harsh and unforeseen legalese in re sale negotiations with PISD got in their dream's way. Accept all claims against PISD past, present, future involving Pampa Jr. High, and for such a paltry sum, everything is yours! From a turnip truck David Smith and family did not fall and hence, Pampa loses out on a great opportunity for new citizens with advanced degrees/professional incomes, new and preowned home purchases, increased sales tax revenue, etc. and gains another sizeable eyesore...

There's no rocket science involved with foretelling Pampa's future, particularly when a majority of our citizens have shown their desire to hamper any new growth with their inane protestations over the Smith's plan. In the scope of Pampa's overall eyeshot condition, which for the matter, begins at City Hall and is followed ad nauseum by ostrich head in hole voters, one must wonder - What will Pampa lose out on? Included in this sad debacle presented by Pampa's citizenry and PISD's attorneys, I have to include in my wonder this thought. If the asbestos problem within the walls of the old junior high building is such a health risk and expensive problem, why wasn't a new junior high constructed years ago when the dire consequences of asbestos became known? Is PISD expecting some sizeable liability issues with the old junior high, particularly when one considers the generations of students and employees' health that percentage, may have been put to risk?

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Long legal battle on horizon for health care overhaul

WASHINGTON (AP) — The scorecard on the legal fight over President Barack Obama's health care overhaul is two judges in favor and one against.

But these are the early rounds in preliminary bouts. The one that really counts — a showdown at the Supreme Court — is at least a year away.

The health care law suffered its first major legal setback Monday when a federal judge declared that the heart of the sweeping legislation is unconstitutional. The decision handed Republican foes ammunition for their repeal effort next year.

The ruling by U.S. District Judge Henry E. Hudson, a Republican appointee in Richmond, Va., marked the first successful court challenge to any portion of the new law, following two earlier rulings in its favor by Democratic-appointed judges. A number of other lawsuits were dismissed early on, without rulings on the substance of the law.

The law's central requirement for nearly all Americans to carry insurance is unconstitutional, well beyond Congress' power to mandate, Hudson ruled. That put him in the same camp as Virginia Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli — the Republican who filed the suit — and

many of the GOP lawmakers who will take control of the U.S. House in January.

But Hudson denied Virginia's request to strike down the law in its entirety or block it from being implemented while his ruling is appealed by the Obama administration.

"An individual's personal decision to purchase — or decline to purchase — health insurance from a private provider is beyond the historical reach of the Commerce Clause," said Hudson, a 2002 appointee of President George W. Bush.

Another judge in Florida, a GOP appointee, has not ruled in another lawsuit — brought by 20 states against the legislation — though he has signaled trouble for the administration. Arguments in that lawsuit, which also challenges whether the federal government can require states to expand their Medicaid programs, get under way Thursday in Florida.

Nevertheless, the White House predicted it would prevail in the Supreme Court.

"Keep in mind this is one ruling by one federal district court. We've already had two federal district courts that have ruled that this is definitely constitutional," President Barack Obama said Monday in an interview with television station WFLA in Tampa, Fla.

"You've got one judge who disagreed. That's the nature of these things."

Federal appeals courts based in Atlanta, Cincinnati and Richmond make up the next set of judges who will have their say on the law, though their rulings are at least months away.

Once appellate judges have weighed in, the next appeal is to the Supreme Court.

In April, Justice Stephen Breyer predicted an eventual high court hearing for the health care overhaul. That

might not happen until after the 2012 elections, though.

In the short term, the latest court ruling hands potent ammunition to GOP opponents as they prepare to assert control in the new Congress with promises to repeal the law. Obama in turn has vowed to veto any repeal legislation and appears likely to prevail since Democrats retain control of the Senate. Republicans also have discussed trying to starve the law of funding.

Whatever the eventual outcome, Monday's ruling could create uncertainty around the administration's efforts to gradually put into effect the landmark legislation extending health coverage to more than 30 million uninsured Americans. And it can only increase the public's skepticism, which has not significantly receded in the months since the law's enactment, defying Obama's prediction that it would become more popular as Americans got to know it.

Obama aides said implementation would not be affected, noting that the individual insurance requirement and other major portions of the legislation don't take effect until 2014. Some provisions of the law took effect in September, six months after its passage, including free preventive care, an elimination of lifetime limits on coverage and requirements for insurers cover children with pre-existing health conditions and allow adult children to stay on their parents' health plans until age 26.

Hudson limited his ruling to striking down the so-called individual mandate, leaving intact other portions of the law. But administration officials and outside analysts agree that important provisions of the legislation could not go forward without the requirement for everyone to be insured. That's because insurers need to have large pools of healthy people, who are cheap to insure, or it is not financially tenable for them to extend coverage to those with pre-existing medical problems.

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is to celebrate everything, all the good they have done. We invite (the public) to come out, see the building and enjoy Christmas with us."

Gregory said that 2010 was a good year for the local Red Cross.

"We've had a lot of support and good fundraisers this year," Gregory said. "The community has really been behind us. Even in this economy, people have been generous. It was a good year."

"It helped that we haven't had any major disasters this year," Gregory added. "We had a few single family fires in our everyday work, but we've been fortunate not to have the big grass fires that we sometimes have. We've had a pretty blessed year, I'd say."

With 2010 almost in the books, Gregory and the Red Cross are already looking to 2011. The group is preparing for a Jan. 8 disaster assessment class, and it will also be attending a statewide disaster exercise in February.

Of course, though, the Red Cross won't let 2010 go by without a celebration, said Gregory.

"Everyone's invited," she said. "It'll be fun."

Tour

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First United Methodist Church took up collections during the children's sermons at the church and donated the \$57.11 in their proceeds to the project.

Cates said he wanted to thank all the 188 volunteers who participated in the 48th annual Children's Shopping Tour on Saturday, all of whom also gave each child a gift upon taking them home.

"They didn't know they were going to get a gift until that moment," Warner said.

Other groups participating in the tour included the Salvation Army, Altrusa International, Pampa Lions Club, American Red Cross, Tralee Crisis Center, Texas Health and Human Services Commission, Aldersgate Sunday School Class of the First United Methodist Church, Pampa High School Cheerleaders, Pampa Junior High School Cheerleaders, PHS National Honor Society, Pampa Police Officers' Association, Robert County Sheriff's Office, Miami Area Youth Organization, PHS ASTRA Club, First Baptist Church, First Presbyterian Church, Calvary Baptist Church, Calvary Baptist Church Women, Trinity Fellowship Church, Gideon Society, Moose Lodge, Las Pampas Koi and Water, First United Methodist Church Children's Division, PHS Key Club, PHS Track Team, PHS Band, PHS Student Council, PHS Leos, PHS Spanish Club, and the PHS basketball, baseball and softball teams.



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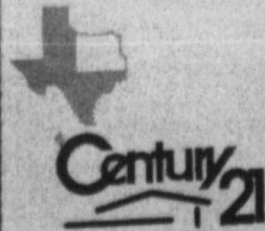
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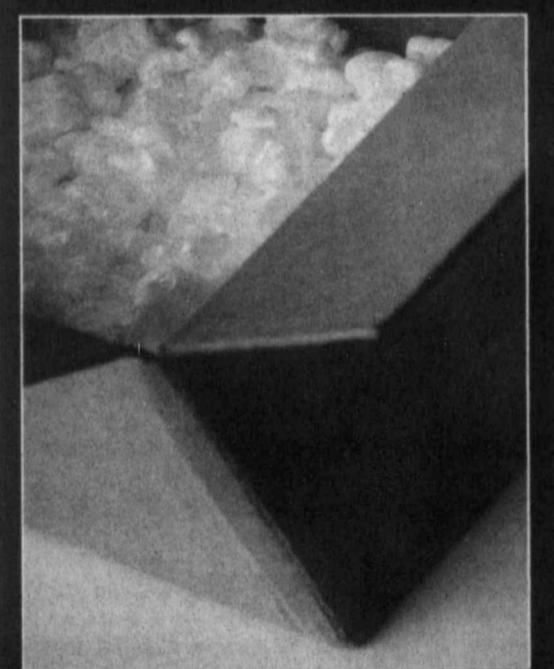


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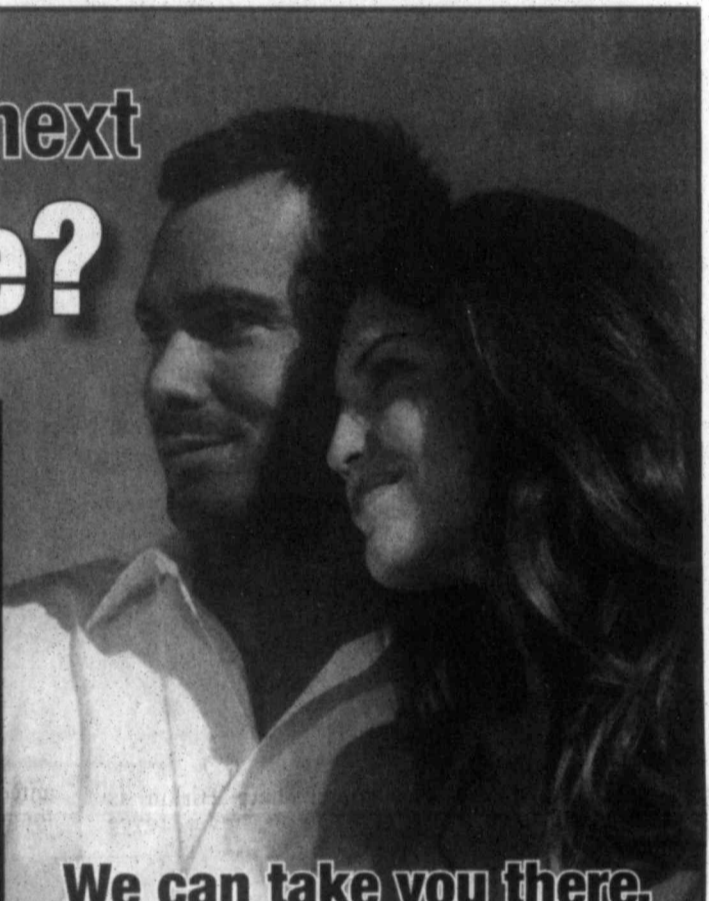
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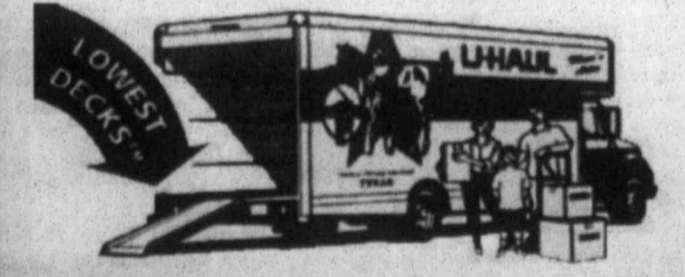
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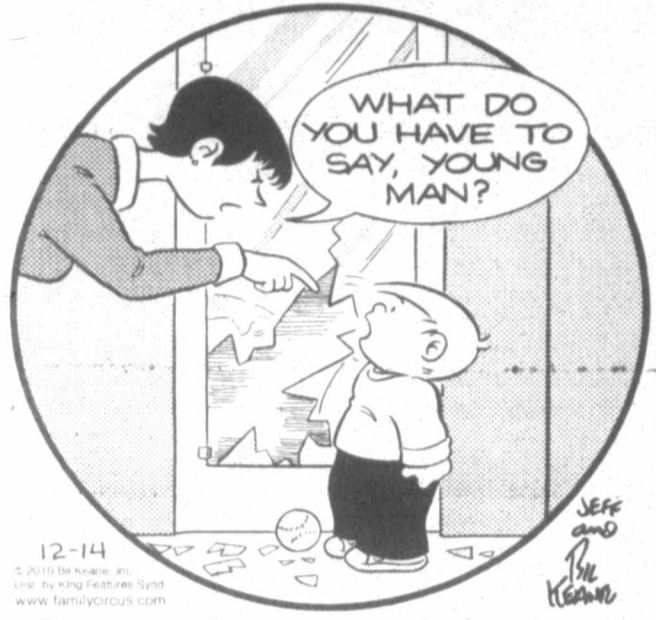


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Nest Heads



daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Dec. 15, 2010:

This year, letting go may be the key to your success. Don't stand on ceremony any longer, and give up any vindictiveness, if possible. Greater creativity and energy will result. If you are single, a major love affair could define your next year. Look to meeting this person probably in the first half of 2011. If you are attached, the two of you could be welcoming a new addition to your family. Of course, this might be a new pet, so don't fret! Romance seems to be in the air spring 2011. Artists and creative sorts bloom this year, possibly creating their life's masterpiece. ARIES can be provocative and fun at the same time.

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)
 ***** Don't let a sense of negativity or redundancy over an issue or situation aggravate you. Take a deep breath, with the knowledge that there is something better ahead. Creativity often stems from frustration like this. Tonight: Detach from your daily life.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 ** The less said the better, considering the mood you are in. In fact, if you can take a personal day or decide to exit from one day of your life, the time is now. Consider yourself on sabbatical. Tonight: Greet a loved one with a big smile.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 ***** You attempt to home in on the basics yet are continuously distracted by an idea or a loved one. Make this diversion OK, and you will find that you have an easier time concentrating. Watch a key loved one or associate take that extra step. Tonight: Getting into some Santa chores.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 ***** Take a stand, understanding that something better lies ahead. Your ability to deal with a domestic matter and work matter (or community matter) at the same time might not be up to par. Leave one before going to the other. Prioritize in order to get results. Tonight: Understand that all the nurturing in the world cannot change some issues.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
 ***** Keep reaching out for others, and don't stand on ceremony. Everyone is a bit uptight right now. Why would you be any different? If you can get past tension, you could be instrumental in eliminating it for you and for others. Tonight: Detach

rather than react.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 ***** Relate on a one-on-one level, opening up ~~down~~ if possible. What you think is creative or a great project could get shut down. Relax. This, too, will pass. Use care with spending. A mistake or risk could be a problem. Tonight: Snuggle in, even if it is with the cat!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
 **** Do you realize the kibosh you are putting on others' ideas and plans? Let go of negativity and try to loosen up. Then communication will become more fulfilling and worthwhile. Establish limits. Tonight: Go with a suggestion.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
 **** You might be tired or a little depressed. Not realizing this drain, you could go out and wonder why others react so strangely. Know when to leave an uncomfortable situation. Focus on your to do list only. Tonight: Put your feet up. Chill.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
 ***** You generally can count on your ingenuity, but perhaps not at the moment. You could be overthinking a situation, trying to figure out the best way. Friends, associates and others in general don't seem to be helpful. Tonight: Let off steam.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 **** Realize your limitations and why issues involving boundaries are happening. A parent, elder or boss could be in a bad mood. Don't you think it has gone on a little too long? Perhaps you could be as much at fault here. Tonight: Do some serious soul searching.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
 ***** Keep conversations moving. If you aren't able to get enough information or detach sufficiently in order to see the big picture, relax. A friend could be instrumental in helping you. For some, a meeting allows negativity to clear up. Tonight: Favorite spot, favorite people.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
 **** Understand that a partner feels frightened and uptight. All your efforts lead to nowhere. Know when and how to let go. You also might decide to take the lead with spending or a risk. You appear to be more flexible. Tonight: Treat yourself too!

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Sports

Harvesters' 14 threes not enough, lose third in a row

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The Pampa Harvesters had their best shooting performance of the season but the Randall Raiders shot a little better defeating Pampa 84-81 Monday at Randall.

The Harvesters made 14 three-pointers including 10 in the first half. Head coach Dustin Miller said they couldn't have shot better.

"Between Garrett (Ericson), Latigo (Collins) and Cole (Engle) everyone was stepping up," Miller said. "Reid (Miller) hit a couple. That's a really good team we played tonight. We're not happy with losing but you can't ask for much more."

Junior guard Latigo Collins said Randall had good shooters.

"They are really good shooters," Collins said. "They are a good team. They have a big man down low and shooters on the outside."

The game started close as both teams exchanged leads. With Randall leading 7-5, the Harvesters went on a 12-0 run and held a 17-7 advantage. Senior forward Garrett Ericson led the Harvesters' offensive attack, making three of four three-pointers and scored 13 in the first. Randall's Ridrell Holman matched Ericson, also making three of four three-pointers and scored 11. The Harvesters led 25-17 after one.

In the second quarter, both teams continued where they left off offensively combining for 53 points. Ericson made three more threes and scored 24 points in the first half. Randall's 6'8" post, Jonathan Scott led the Raiders' offense with 12 points in the second.

Ericson said he was just having one of those games.

"I thank God for giving me the talent to play basketball," Ericson said. "Every once in a while I have a decent shooting night. I always been able to go in the gym and shoot all day."

Pampa (6-5) maintained their advantage until midway through the second. The Harvesters were called for a foul after a made basket by Randall's Joseph Scott. Junior Cole Engle argued the call, though

the foul wasn't called on him and received a technical. Scott made both technical free throws and missed the one after his basket. The Raiders scored again on the ensuing possession, cutting Pampa's 10-point lead to four in just two possessions. Pampa led 48-47 at halftime.

The second half was back-and-forth the whole way. The Raiders held a couple of three-point leads and several one-point leads in the third quarter. The Harvesters led by as many as five in the third. Engle made his third three-pointer at the end of the third and put Pampa ahead 66-64 after three.

The Harvesters only held their lead for a few minutes in the fourth. Holman made his fifth three-pointer and put the Raiders ahead for good at 70-67. Pampa cut the lead to one several times but didn't get closer. The Raiders led by as many as five including 80-75 in the last two minutes of the game. Ericson made his seventh three pointer and cut the lead to two. The Raiders made it a four-point game and junior center Reid Miller hit a three and cut the lead to one. Randall's Zach Carlisle made only one of two free throws but Pampa wasn't able to connect on the offensive end. Again, Carlisle only made one of two free throws but Miller's 2/3 court shot hit of the top of the backboard.

Scott led the Raiders in scoring with 27. Holman followed with 23 and Carlisle followed with nine, scoring seven from the free throw line. Ericson led the Harvesters in scoring with 31. Collins followed with 20, Miller scored 14 and Engle scored 11.

The junior varsity lost 59-22. Coach Matt Embry said they didn't have good effort in the fourth.

"When the game was out of reach and we knew we weren't going to win, they just gave up," Embry said.

The freshman lost 75-22.

The Harvesters play at Panhandle 6:30 p.m. Monday. Ericson said though Panhandle is 1A, they still have their best game.

"They are going to want to knock us off," Ericson said. "If we're not careful and don't play one of our best games, they are capable of it."

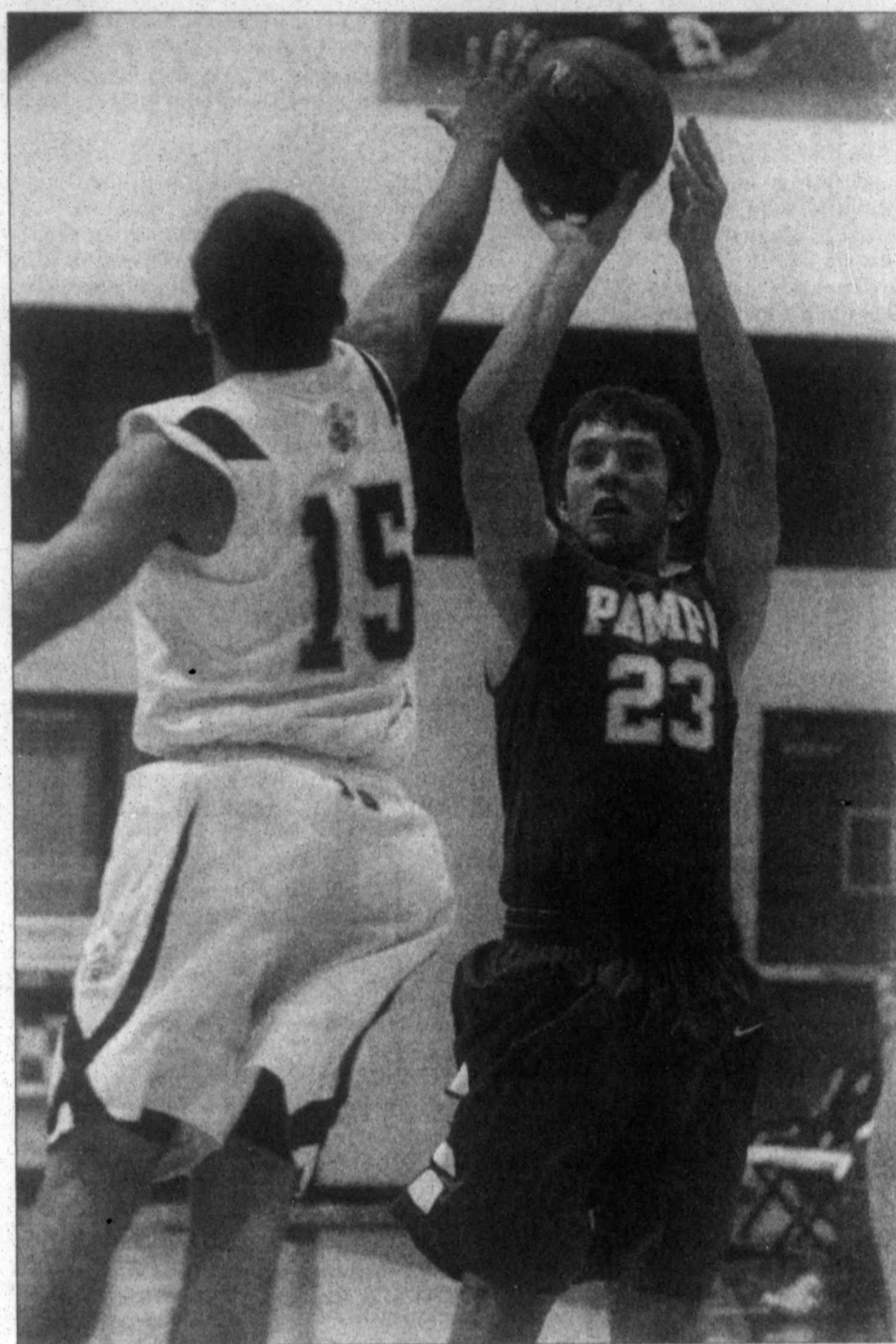
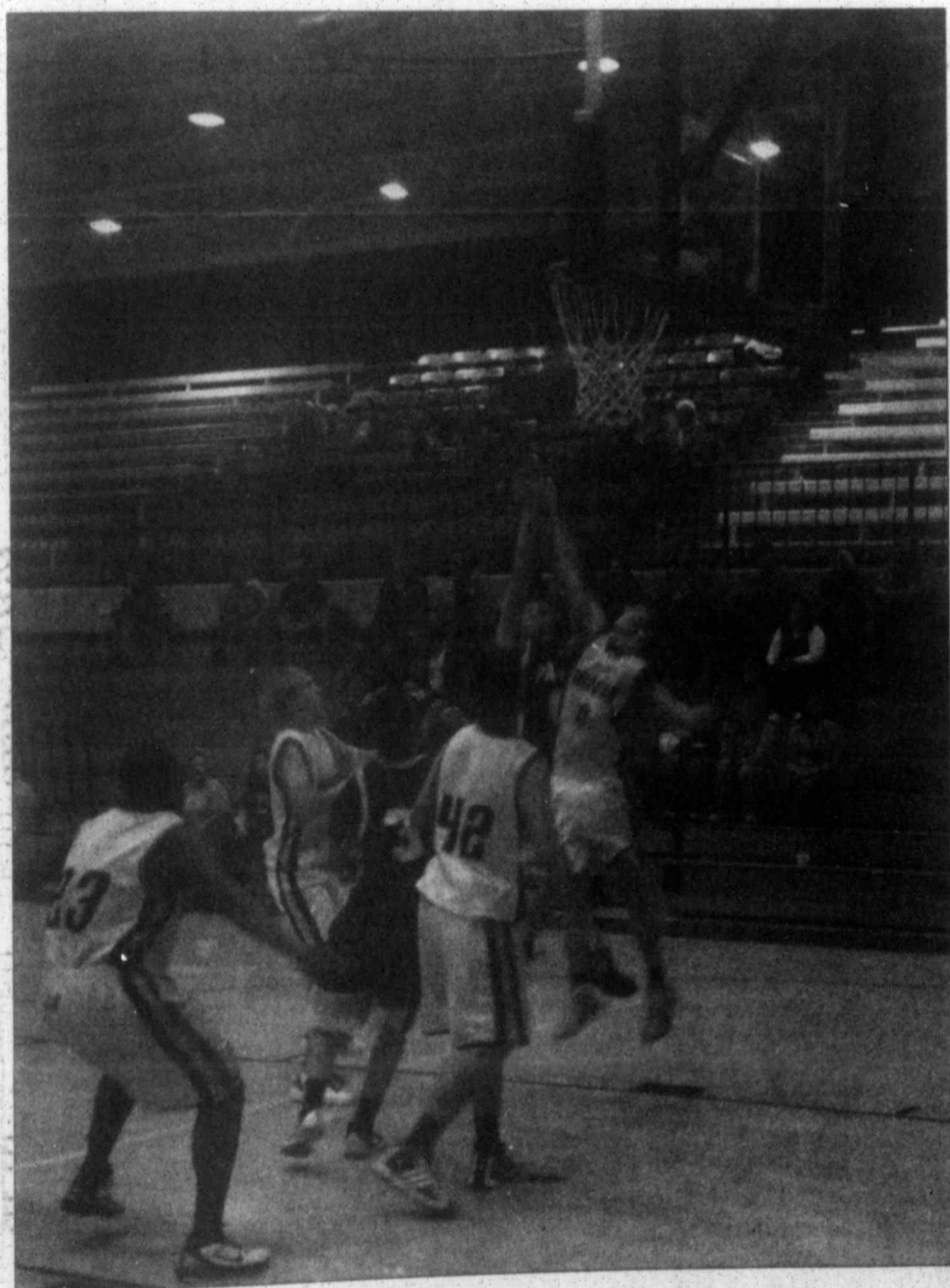


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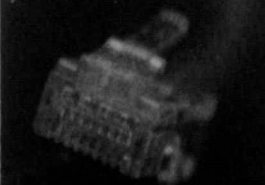
Garrett Ericson shoots one of his eight three-pointers Monday at Randall. Ericson made seven threes and scored 31 points but Pampa lost 84-81.



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Tyler Powell attempts a contested jumper Monday at Randall. Powell scored two points and the Harvesters JV lost 59-22. The junior varsity is 2-5 and play at Panhandle 5 p.m. Monday.

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Sports

Lady Sandies rout Pampa

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The Pampa Lady Harvesters met the Amarillo Lady Sandies once this season and lost at home. The two teams met again Monday in Amarillo, but the result wasn't different as the Lady Harvesters lost 55-24.

The Lady Sandies took the lead early and didn't let go, jumping out to a 22-7 first quarter lead. Amarillo High outscored Pampa 16-5 in the second and led 38-12 at halftime.

Both teams played evenly in the third scoring six each. The Lady Sandies outscored Pampa 11-6 in the final quarter.

Junior Caitlin Sieck led the Lady Harvesters in scoring with nine. Juniors Delaney Clendening and Kailyn Troxell each scored six.

The junior varsity (5-11) lost 41-23. Coach Braydon Barker said they played really well but turnovers cost them.

"We had 38 turnovers, so that really hurts us," Barker said. "We are still struggling to score but hopefully that will come around."

The Lady Harvesters (1-13) visit Lubbock Estacado Friday for their last game before Christmas break.

Head coach Gene Valentine's comments were unavailable as of press time.

More on Pampa vs. Randall

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Quick Summary

Randall Raiders 84, Pampa Harvesters 81

Records: Randall (7-4), Pampa (6-5)

It was over when: Reid Miller's last-second shot went off the top of the backboard. **Game ball goes to:** Ridrell Holman Randall, Holman sank five three-pointers and scored 23 points.

Pampa Game ball goes to: Garrett Ericson Sr. Ericson had an amazing offensive game, draining seven three-pointers and scoring 31 points.

Stat of the game: 42/81. 42 of the Harvesters' 81 points were scored from the three point line.

Teams	1	2	3	4	Final
Pampa	25	23	18	15	81
Randall	17	30	17	20	84

Stat Leaders

Scoring: RHS-Jonathan Scott 27, Ridrell Holman 23, Zach Carlisle 9, Bo Dunavin 8, Trey Ingram 8 PHS- Garrett Ericson 31, Latigo Collins 20, Reid Miller 14, Cole Engle 11



Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I am a 60-year-old man with three children. I'm in excellent health and have been happily married for 39 years.

I have a woman friend at work who is 28. We talk a lot, and I buy her chocolate once a week. I have never tried to see her outside of work and don't intend to, but I like her very much.

Is there something wrong with me that I like her so much? I think about her constantly. She says it's no problem. I am so fond of her it drives me crazy. I have no bad intentions toward her, and I'm not looking for an affair. She is just such a sweet young lady.

Is it normal to feel like this? Do you think I should try to forget about her? — BLUSHING IN SCHAMBURG, ILL.

DEAR BLUSHING: It has been my experience that the more a person tries NOT to think about something, the more he or she does. Please understand that you are in the throes of an old-fashioned crush. Accept it for what it is; enjoy it while it lasts. The intensity will lessen eventually.

P.S. If you stop buying

her chocolate and quit feeling so guilty, you will hasten the process.

DEAR ABBY: I am a young mother in my early 20s with two young children and another on the way. I have been married to my high school sweetheart for three years. We have been together since we were young teenagers. Both of us come from single-parent families, and our marriage has been less than perfect.

I work a full-time swing shift. My husband works only a part-time swing shift job. I have asked him to take on another part-time job so we can be more comfortable financially, but he refuses. He says if I want more money in the household, I will have to get a second job.

If it wasn't for our families' free baby-sitting, I don't know how we could afford child care. We have no money in the bank, and we are deep in debt. I feel overwhelmed with too much responsibility and don't know what to do about it. — ANONYMOUS MOTHER IN NORTH CAROLINA

DEAR ANONYMOUS: Start by telling

your husband that with a third child on the way, you are in no position to take on another job — but he IS. If he refuses — and he very well may — then you will need to think seriously about your and your children's future, and to what degree it includes him. And please, until you are financially stable, hold off on having more children.

DEAR ABBY: My girlfriend is Jewish; I am not. Her mother recently found out that I am not circumcised. She has been putting pressure on me to get "snipped." Circumcision at my age would hurt a lot. I am not sure what I should do. What do you suggest? — DOESN'T LIKE PAIN

DEAR DOESN'T LIKE PAIN: If you are seriously considering converting to Judaism, then you should discuss your concerns with a rabbi. If not, it's time to inform your girlfriend's mother that there are certain subjects you feel are none of her beeswax — and that part of your anatomy is first on your list.

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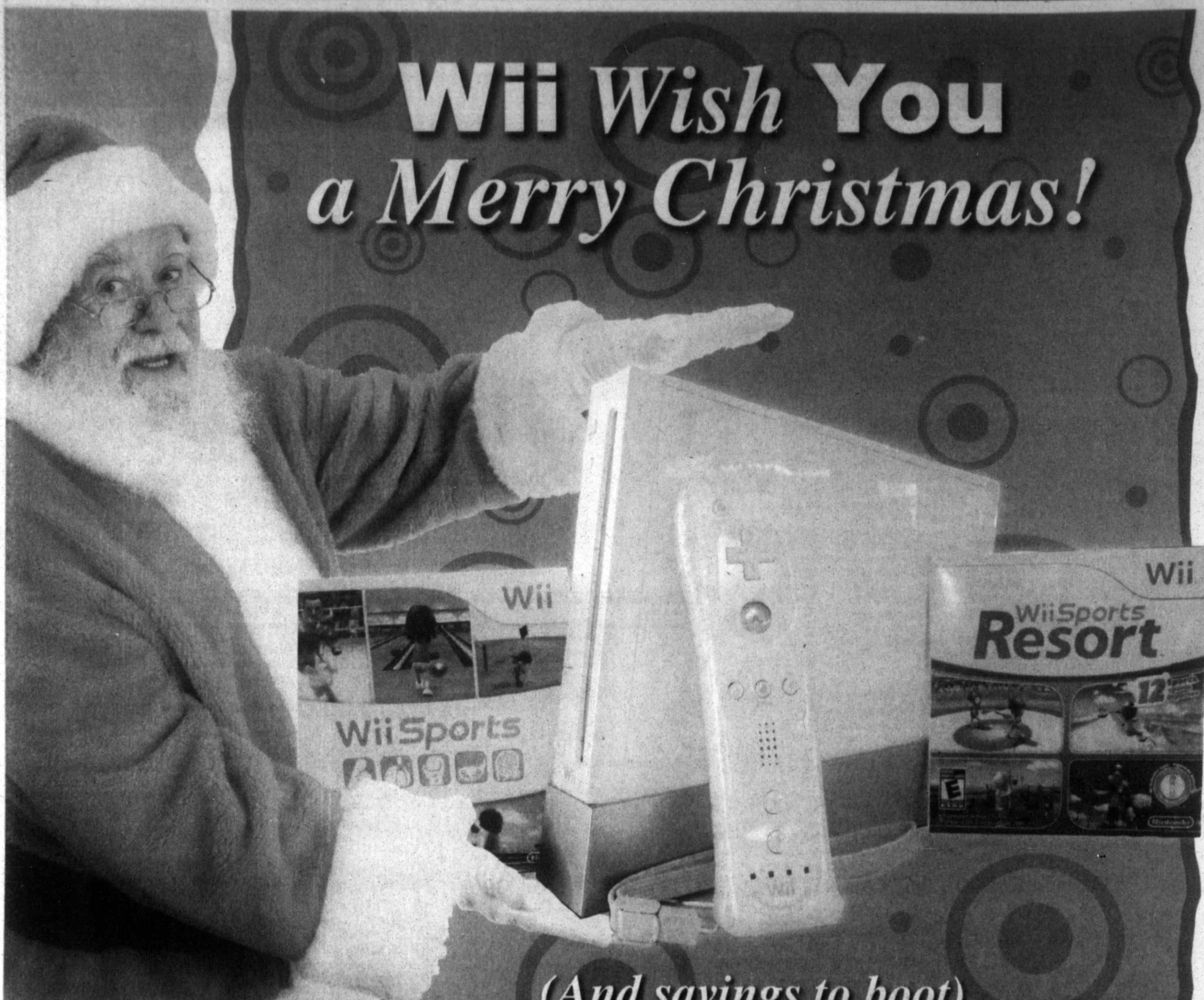
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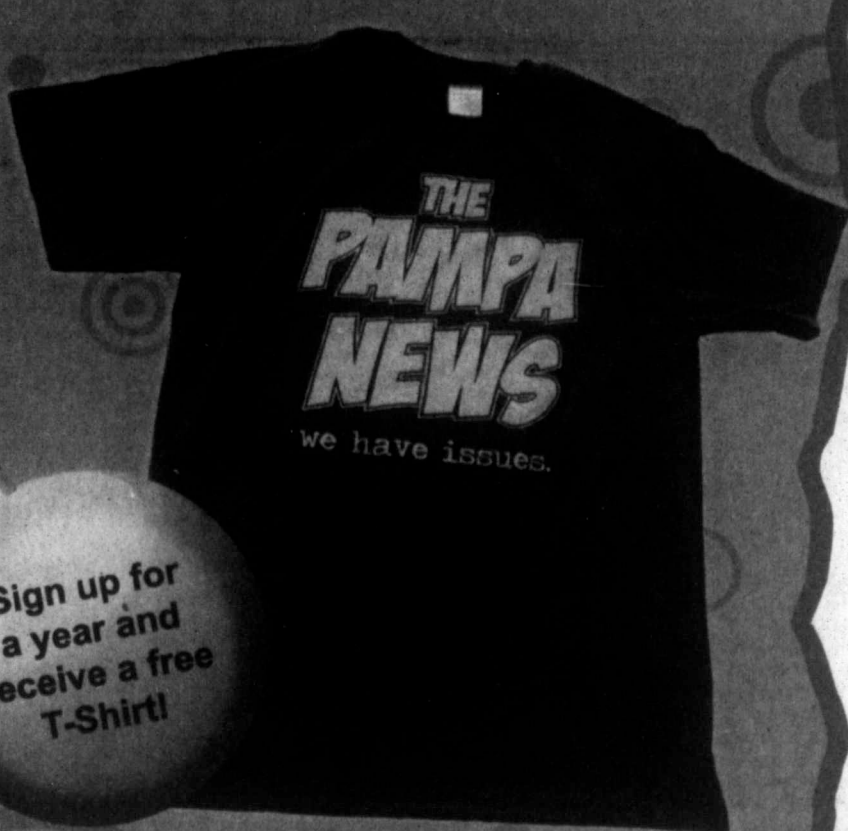
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