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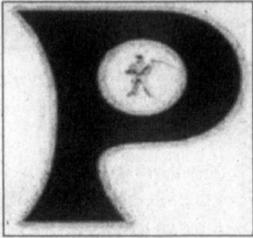
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## Shooting victim identified

By **TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE**  
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**David Scott**

The Texas Department of Public Safety has released the name of the victim of Wednesday's shooting at Plaza 21 on North Hobart Street.

The victim is 45-year-old Pampa resident David Malon Scott. Several posts on The Pampa News Facebook page indicate Scott worked at a nearby prison.

Scott was pronounced dead at the scene by Judge Joe Martinez of the Gray

County Justice of the Peace Court.

Trooper Daniel Hawthorne, a public information officer for DPS, confirmed it was an officer-involved shooting.

Hawthorne said the Pampa Police Department received a 911 call for a domestic disturbance.

"They arrived at the scene and Mr. Scott point-



ed a handgun at them," he said. "Officers fired and Mr. Scott was killed." Hawthorne could not say how many officers

were involved. Authorities from PPD, Gray County Sheriff's Office and DPS responded to the incident, and dozens of spectators watched from nearby parking lots as the officers processed evidence at the scene.

Hawthorne said the Texas Rangers are collecting evidence and talking to witnesses. The Rangers are part of DPS and often handle investigations of officer-involved shootings or vehicle accidents that involve police in small towns like Pampa, he said.

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Photos by Timothy P. Howsare

**INVESTIGATION CONTINUES.** Top photo: Judge Joe Martinez, second from right, works with investigators Wednesday. Left photo: The shooting occurred at the Plaza 21 strip mall, located in a busy retail area of Pampa.

## Biden calls for middle class tax cuts

By **MATTHEW DALY**  
 Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Vice President Joe Biden went on a Costco shopping spree Thursday and called for Congress to extend middle-class tax cuts as part of a deal to avoid the looming "fiscal cliff."



**Joe Biden**

Biden, who flashed a store membership card as he entered the city's first Costco on its opening day, said consumer confidence is growing — as demonstrated by the huge crowd at the gleaming new store in Northeast Washington.

"The last thing we need to do is dash that" confidence by imposing a tax increase of about \$2,200 for a typical middle-class family, Biden said. Bush-era tax cuts are scheduled to expire Jan. 1, the same time as across-the-board spending cuts are scheduled to take effect. The combination of tax hikes and spending cuts could spike unemployment and bring on a new recession.

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## Mo. Powerball winner verified; Ariz.'s still a mystery

DEARBORN, Mo. (AP) — Missouri Lottery officials on Thursday verified one of two tickets that matched all six numbers to split a record \$588 million Powerball jackpot, but that ticket holder — and another in Arizona — remained a mystery, even as neighbors and co-workers lamented their losses and gossiped about who may have won.

The tickets were sold at a convenience store in suburban Phoenix and a gas station in Dearborn, Mo., just off Interstate 29, the highway linking Kansas City to the Canadian border. Missouri lottery officials said they verified a ticket that was presented to them Thursday and set a news conference for 11 a.m. CST Friday.

## PHOTOGENIC FELINE



Photo by Cleo Meaker

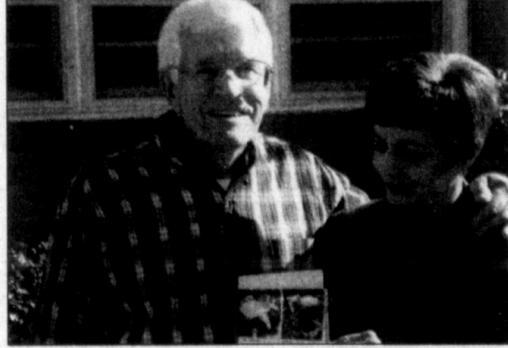


Photo by Zachary Green

Elizabeth, an 8-year-old Himalayan and Siamese mix, is featured in a desk calendar for 2013. She is being held by one of her owners, Audrey Meaker. Left photo, Cleo and Audrey Meaker are like proud parents as they hold up the picture of Elizabeth on July 20, 2013.

## Local cat Elizabeth featured in kitty calendar

By **ZACHARY GREEN**  
 zgreen@thepampanews.com

A cat owned by Audrey and Cleo Meaker is featured in the 2013 "365 Cats" calendar on Saturday, July 20, 2103.

The calendar is sold worldwide and has an entry form for pet owners to send in photos of cats each year. The Meakers had filled out the form at least three or four years ago for three of their cats.

It was a nice surprise for the

Meakers when the box arrived in the mail with a calendar, because they said they had forgotten about.

Their featured cat, Elizabeth, is a mix between Himalayan and Siamese. Her mother was a ferret cat, which means her ancestors were in the wild. Her ferret bloodline means Elizabeth is very timid around strangers. Elizabeth was born on April 11, 2004, which happened to be Easter Sunday.

Elizabeth was in a litter of four. One of her siblings did not live past

the first day. The Meakers still have Elizabeth's brother Felix, but they gave away her sister to a loving family.

The Meakers have been taking in strays for years and after they retired from their appliance shop in downtown they started volunteering with the Pampa Animal Welfare Society, or PAWS group.

All of the cats the Meakers take in are strays.

"Every animal is special and has **CAT** cont. on page 3

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## PAMPA FORECAST

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**Today:** Sunny with a high of 70. No chance of rain. Winds west southwest at 9 mph. Sunrise at 7:35 a.m.

**Tonight:** Mostly clear with a low of 41. No chance of rain. Winds south southwest at 14 mph. Sunset at 5:31 p.m.

**Saturday:** Partly cloudy with a high of 73. No chance of rain. Winds west northwest at 14 mph. Sunrise at 7:36 a.m.

**Saturday night:** Mostly clear with a low of 37. No chance of rain. Winds southwest at 5 mph. Sunset at 5:31 p.m.

**Sunday:** Partly cloudy with a high of 75. No chance of rain. Winds southwest at 15 mph. Sunrise at 7:36 a.m.

**Sunday night:** Clear with a low of 45. No chance of rain. Winds southwest at 16 mph. Sunset at 5:31 p.m.

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## Obituaries

### Jaxon Davis

Jaxon Davis, age 5, died on Nov. 25, 2012 in San Antonio, Texas.

He is survived by Cory and Lenzie Davis of San Antonio, and younger sister Hallee, by grandparents Gordon and Cathy Davis of Pampa, by grandparents Roy and Suzanne Oliver of Fair Oaks Ranch, Texas, by Jose and Kelly Gutierrez of Amarillo, Aaron Davis of Amarillo, by Aunt Jamie and Uncle Jon Oliver of Austin, Texas.

Services were held at Community Bible Church of San Antonio, Texas, on Thursday Nov. 29. The church is located at 2477 N. Loop 1604, San Antonio, Texas.

## NYPD officer's kindness sparks online sensation

ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK (AP) — A tourist's snapshot of a New York City police officer giving new boots to a barefoot homeless man in Times Square has created an online sensation.

Jennifer Foster, of Florence, Ariz., was visiting New York with her boyfriend on Nov. 14, when she came across the homeless man asking for change in Times Square.

As she was about to approach him, she said the officer — identified as Larry DePrimo — came up to the man with a pair of all-weather boots and thermal socks on the frigid night. She recorded his generosity on her cellphone.

It was posted Tuesday night to the NYPD's official Facebook page and became an instant hit. More than 360,000 users "liked" it as of Thursday afternoon, and over 100,000 shared it.

Thousands of people commented, including one person who praised him as "An officer AND a Gentleman."

The photo shows the officer kneeling beside the

man with the boots at his feet. A shoe store is seen in the background.

The NYPD Facebook page on Thursday posted a comment from DePrimo saying, "I didn't think anything of it," and updated it with a photo of DePrimo taken in 2011.

"I have these size 12 boots for you, they are all-weather. Let's put them on and take care of you," Foster quoted DePrimo as saying to the homeless man.

She wrote: "The officer squatted down on the ground and proceeded to put socks and the new boots on this man. The officer expected NOTHING in return and did not know I was watching."

Foster, who is a dispatch manager at the Pinal County Sheriff's Office, said she's worked in law enforcement for 17 years and has never been more impressed.

"His presentation of human kindness has not been lost on myself or any of the Arizona law enforcement officials with whom this story has been shared," Foster wrote on Facebook. She said she never got the officer's name.

DePrimo is assigned to the Sixth Precinct, encompassing Greenwich Village and the West Village, and lives on Long Island. He told Newsday that the homeless man "smiled from ear to ear" after getting the boots.

"It was like you gave him a million dollars," he added.

He told The New York Times that he keeps the receipt for the boots in his vest to remind him "that sometimes people have it worse."

## Texas millionaire charged with 11 felony counts of child molestation

By BETSY BLANEY  
Associated Press

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Stanley Marsh 3, the eccentric millionaire artist best known for his "Cadillac Ranch" art display along an interstate in the Texas Panhandle, was charged Wednesday with 11 felony counts of molesting children.

The 74-year-old turned himself in at a county jail after an arrest warrant was issued, accusing him of molesting two teenagers in 2010. His arrest follows the filing of several lawsuits against him for allegedly paying 10 teens for sex acts.

The charges could go before a grand jury in the next few weeks or soon after the first of the year, special prosecutor Matt Powell said.

"This is the beginning of the process," Powell said. "This is what we felt like we needed to do."

According to criminal complaints filed in Potter County, Marsh had the teens engage in sexual acts, including masturbation and oral sex, on three days in 2010. He was charged with six counts of child sexual assault and five counts of sexual performance by a child.

Marsh's criminal attorneys, Paul Nugent and Heather Peterson of Houston, denied the charges, saying in a statement that the teens in the civil cases waited until Marsh suffered a massive stroke last year to move forward with a plan "to become multimillionaires" by signing with a Houston personal injury attorney.

"The investigation into the group's claims is far from complete," the attorneys wrote in their statement. "There should be no premature rush to judgment. Stanley Marsh 3 is not guilty of the group's allegations, and will fight as vigorously as his declining health permits."

The six lawsuits claim Marsh paid the boys, ages 15 and 16, for sexual acts. One claimed that Marsh provided him drugs and alcohol, bought him two cars, and paid him at several points during a year in sums of as much as \$10,000.

Marsh's civil attorney, Kelly Utsinger, has denied those allegations. He did not immediately return a call seeking comment on Wednesday's criminal complaints.

The teens' Houston-based civil attorney, Anthony Buzbee, said two of the teens went to police in late summer before the lawsuits were filed, but two others didn't speak with investigators until early November — about the time Marsh's offices were searched. One teen's mother sought out a civil attorney when she didn't hear back from police, according to the lawsuits.

Marsh is probably best known for planting 10 brightly painted Cadillacs nose down along Interstate 40 in the Panhandle in the 1970s. The cars, ranging from a 1948 club coupe to a 1963 sedan and gathered from junkyards, private collectors and used car lots, have since become a pop art landmark.

Visitors through the years have splattered them with graffiti and in 2005 they were coated in pink to honor breast cancer victims, survivors and their families. Marsh also has painted them black and yellow to honor the passing of longtime friends.

An Amarillo native and philanthropist, Marsh and his wife have donated to local art and education causes. After he suffered the massive stroke and a series of smaller ones, his wife was appointed his guardian.

Marsh was indicted on charges of indecency with a child in 1996, but the charges were eventually dismissed. That same year Marsh acknowledged no wrongdoing in a settlement with a youth who claimed Marsh sexually abused him.

In 2001, parties in four lawsuits that alleged imprisonment, sexual misconduct and harassment of teens were settled. Marsh apologized but no other details were made public.

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### Community Calendar

#### Meredith House presents live music

Meredith House, 812 W. 25th Ave., has a band performing at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday and Saturday night. Join them for Western music, gospel and the classics.

#### Local artist displaying works

The White Deer Land Museum will have the Pampa Fine Arts Association Artist of the Year Exhibit open until Dec. 1. Artist Omajean Lewis will be displaying oils, water colors and photography. The museum is located at 116 S. Cuyler St. and the phone number is 669-8041.

#### Christmas concert at Nazarene

The Archer family will perform at 11 a.m., Sunday, Dec. 2, at the Church of the Nazarene, 500 N. West St. Father and leader Darrell Archer has written, arranged, or performed more than 1,100

pieces of music. A love offering will be received and recorded music available for purchase. For more information, call 806-662-6785.

#### Booster club holding enchilada dinner

The Pampa Soccer Booster is holding an enchilada dinner from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 9, at the Pampa High Commons. The cost is \$8 a ticket and children under 3 are free. The meal includes two enchiladas, beans, rice, salad, a drink and dessert. Carryout will be available. For more information, call 688-7081.

*Editor's note: Email submissions to [thowsare@thepampanews.com](mailto:thowsare@thepampanews.com). Submissions should be 100 words or less and written in the third person. Please include the title of the event, the date and time, physical address, the admission cost or whether it is a free event and a contact number and/or email address for the public.*

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# Lone Star Christmas Parade is weekend highlight

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Line up for the Lone Star Christmas Parade begins Saturday at 1 p.m. on Atchison Avenue facing Cuyler Street in front of the BNSF Train Depot.

The parade begins at 2 p.m. and will go west to Cuyler, north on Cuyler to Francis Avenue, west on Francis to Somerville Street and finally south on Somerville.

The parade will disband at Somerville and Atchison.

Parade participants will be able to use Atchison to return to the train depot if needed.

Jane Steele, Pampa Chamber of Commerce executive director, said she is excited about the parade.

"We at the chamber are excited about all the activities that are planned to celebrate Christmas," she said. "I know all the girls and boys are ready for Santa's grand entrance to Pampa as he rides in on an antique fire truck."

Steele said the good weather that is predicted should increase community involvement in all the events presented at Christmas on Main.

"So many wonderful people and organizations have joined together to create a fun-filled experience for the community," she said. "We are looking forward to seeing everyone out viewing, playing and shopping on Saturday."



Photo by Della Moyer

A lively crowd is entertained at last year's Lone Star Christmas Parade.

"Small towns in the Panhandle like Pampa don't have laboratory facilities available to process crime scenes at the level the Rangers can," he said. "Most police departments are going to call the Rangers in to investigate." Lt. Colby Brown with the PPD said all information about the case is coming out of the DPS office in Amarillo.

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## Biden

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recession.

Biden and President Barack Obama have pressed Congress to extend middle-class tax cuts while raising taxes on the wealthiest Americans, while congressional Republicans have pushed to extend cuts for all taxpayers.

Biden said Congress should act on the middle-class tax cuts before Christmas to spur consumer confidence and then fight later over tax cuts for families earning more than \$250,000 a year.

"We have a lot we have to settle, but there's one thing we should all agree on and that's the middle-class tax cut should be made permanent.

I think it's important Congress acts now, I mean right now," Biden said at an impromptu news conference at the store, where he was surrounded by shoppers and employees eager to shake hands, take photos and even hug the vice president.

"I'm looking for pies," Biden announced as he began shopping, helped by Costco employee Ivey Stewart, who was steering his shopping cart around the store.

Biden bought an apple pie, along with a stack of children's books, a 32-inch Panasonic TV, fire logs and other items. He said the books were intended for a Delaware charity supported by his wife, Jill.

Biden said he was optimistic about reaching a deal to avoid the fiscal crisis and said, "all these folks in this store, man, it's going to make a difference. Take \$2,200 out of

their pockets next year, you have a big problem."

Biden was joined at the store by Costco CEO Craig Jelinek and co-founder Jim Sinegal, who were at the grand opening ceremony earlier in the day.

Sinegal said he also was optimistic a deal would be reached with Congress.

"I think they're going to solve it," said Sinegal, an Obama supporter who spoke at the Democratic National Convention in September. "It appears everybody is motivated to do it and I hope they do."

Costco said Wednesday it will spend \$3 billion to pay a special dividend of \$7 per share next month ahead of higher tax rates that may kick in come January, if Congress and the president can't reach a compromise to avoid the fiscal cliff.

## Cat

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a love for us," said Audrey. "We are making a difference with PAWS and finding homes for stray animals," Audrey added.

As far as the picture that is shown in the calendar, "This picture shows us that every animal has a special place in their owners heart," Audrey said.

Locally, the calendar is sold at Hastings on North Hobart Street, the Meakers said.

For more information or to order online, visit [www.pageaday.com](http://www.pageaday.com).

## Calendar for Christmas events, Dec. 1-2

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**Saturday, Dec. 1**

**8:30-9:30 a.m.** Breakfast with Santa - Pampa Chamber of Commerce - 200 N. Ballard. Sponsored by Pregnancy Support Center

**8:30-9:30 a.m.** Madeline Graves Christmas Dancers - Pampa Chamber of Commerce - 200 N. Ballard.

**9:45 a.m.** Registration for Cutest Christmas Kid Contest - Pampa Senior Citizens - 500 W. Francis. Sponsored by Girl Scout Troop No. 5511.

**10 a.m.** - End of Nutcracker Festival of Trees Christmas Tree Viewing - M K Brown 1000 N. Sumner. Sponsored by Pampa Fine Arts For More Information please call 662-6777.

**10 a.m.-5 p.m.** HOLIDAY BAZAAR - Harvest Bible Church - 300 W. Browning and Pampa Senior Citizens - 500 W. Francis. Sponsored by Shepherd's Helping Hands Please Contact Teresa Henson at 665-0356 For Booth Rental.

**10 a.m.** Cutest Christmas Kid Contest - Pampa Senior Citizens - 500 W. Francis. Sponsored by Girl Scout Troop No. 5511.

**11 a.m.-1 p.m.** Walking Taco's - M&S Specialty Foods - 120 N. Gray.

**11:00-1:30 p.m.** Soup with Mrs. Claus - Knights of Columbus - 318 N. Cuyler. Sponsored by Altrusa Cost is \$5.

**11:30 a.m.** Pet Contest - Harvest Bible Church 300 W. Browning. Sponsored

by LeeAnn's Grooming.

**2 p.m.** Lone Star Christmas Parade. Sponsored by Pampa Chamber of Commerce.

**FOLLOWING PARADE TO 4 P.M.** Santa Claus at White Deer Land Museum Annex - 116 S. Cuyler.

**3 p.m.** Story and Craft Time Lovett Memorial Library - 111 Houston

**3:30-5:30 p.m.** Pictures with Santa Shutterbug Photography - 207 N. Cuyler.

**6 p.m.** Lighting of the Tree Gray County Court House - 205 N. Russell. Sponsored by Downtown Business Association; Lights and set up donated by Ammons Landscape; Tree donated by Davis Tree Farm.

**7:30 p.m.** Nutcracker Ballet - M K Brown Auditorium - 1000 N. Sumner Tickets \$10. Tickets can be purchased at the Door, Dance Academy, or from any of the Dancers.

**Sunday, Dec. 2**

**1-3 p.m.** Festival of Trees M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium - 1000 N. Sumner. Sponsored by Pampa Fine Arts. Tree viewing, money prize for best gingerbread. Prize awarded for judges favorite tree. For more information, call 662-6777

**All Day Events: Dec. 1**

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## Amnesty won't elect Republicans

The Republican strategists who confidently predicted that their candidate, Mitt Romney, would win the 2012 election are already pontificating about what Republicans must do to win in 2016. After their disastrous defeat, strategy and policy mistakes and expensive super PAC advertising that failed to win votes, why should anybody take their advice



**PHYLLIS SCHLAFLY**

again?

The elitists now tell us that amnesty for illegal aliens, aka "immigration reform," is the key to future Republican nirvana. That's wrong-headed advice.

Barack Obama sealed his victory in the battleground states: Ohio, Wisconsin, Virginia and New Hampshire, but those states have very few Hispanics, and illegal immigration was not a significant issue. Obama won narrowly in Florida, another battleground state, but the Hispanic vote there is Cuban and Puerto Rican, and they don't care about immigration laws.

Most polls show that Romney's pro-enforcement policies were more popular than Obama's pro-amnesty views. Let's look at some numbers.

In regard to the entry of illegal aliens, a CBS poll in August found that 63 percent of voters believed that Arizona's immigration enforcement laws are either "about right" or "didn't go far enough." This was confirmed by a Breitbart News election-night poll reporting that 61 percent of voters favored Arizona-style immigration laws, including 63 percent of independents, 53 percent of blacks and even 40 percent of Democrats.

The notion that the main reason Hispanics vote Democratic is their support of amnesty for illegal aliens and their resentment against Republicans who oppose it is a big political lie. The reason Hispanics vote Democratic is that two-thirds of Mexican immigrant families, although they are hard workers, are in or near poverty, and

57 percent use at least one welfare program, which is twice the rate of native-born non-Hispanic households.

That's not a constituency for whom promises of amnesty for more poor immigrants would persuade them to vote for the party that is branded as supporting tax cuts for the rich, limited government and spending reductions. Nor does it mean that Hispanics are a voting bloc eager to vote for a white Cuban, Marco Rubio, instead of the party that is offering them cash, health care and other benefits.

The elitists are trying to wrap their fallacious argument in Ronald Reagan, but that won't wash. Reagan was persuaded to sign a major amnesty bill for the then-illegal aliens, but it's well known that the resultant amnesty was rife with fraud and did not produce Republican votes.

In Reagan's 1980 victory, he received 35 percent of the Latino vote, and in his landslide of 1984, he received 37 percent. After Reagan's generous 1986 amnesty, George H.W. Bush's 1988 victory produced only 30 percent of the Latino vote.

Another myth about Hispanic voters is the notion that social issues will get them to vote Republican because they are Christian and pro-family. The Hispanic illegitimacy birth rate is 53 percent, about twice that of whites, and a Pew Research Center poll now reports that the majority of Hispanics support gay marriage.

An American National Election Study asked a question about free market versus government solutions. Only 17.9 percent of Hispanics responded "the less government the better," and 83.3 percent said a strong government involvement is required to handle economic problems.

The pro-amnesty crowd waged an expensive campaign this year to defeat the famous Arizona Sheriff Joe Arpaio, but he nevertheless won his reelection. He said he wants to talk "man to man" with Obama and explain that granting amnesty to illegal aliens is unfair to legal immigrants.

Policy makers should read the studies by Cuban exile scholar Jose Azel

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## Beyond Addiction

### A tall glass of water

Of late, I've been called "a tall glass of water" and a "Zen grasshopper." At first, I was taken aback; both terms are new to my ears, even though I've heard plenty over the years.



**WILLIAM MOYERS**

mornings when I was a kid?

And Zen or not, one enlightened grasshopper is still an insect. Too many make a plague.

The glass of water analogy came from a woman who smiled when she said so after I'd delivered a talk

I know what a tall glass of water looks like and how it tastes — satisfying when I am thirsty. But is it not better to be a short glass of Perrier with a twist of lime, or a frosty mug of fresh-squeezed orange juice like my mother always prepared on Christmas

to a large group of her friends in her hometown. The comparison to a grasshopper was an online comment from a reader who gave my new book multiple stars. For most people, that would be enough to draw a fair conclusion that I was being paid a compliment, even if I had not heard it put that way before.

But that's not how I took it, because I wanted to know exactly what they meant, why and in what context. I had a case of "contempt prior to investigation," as it is often known among addicts and alcoholics who have a propensity not to believe that the sky is blue if we want it to be another color, or that the substances our loved ones insist are destroying us really won't, if only we can get control of how we use them.

Even clean and sober we're still prone to the harshness of our own suspicions. I'm convinced it has something to do with ego. An ego

either that's certain we know it all or sure there is more to know about what's bugging us. Either way, we are adept at carrying our issues around like 10-pound barbells. While we're trying to figure them out, eventually we're worn down to a crawl.

I finally managed to drop my barbells because of what my therapist told me about something else I've been grappling with: the future of a relationship. I'd been around and around the issue, probing it or making assumptions or laying back in fear that what I didn't know and can't dictate means I'll misstep somewhere down the road.

"Instead of living in the 'what if,' just live in the 'what is,'" the therapist told me. In the split-second since that moment, the pieces have fallen into place. Not perfectly. Not even the way I imagined. But in a

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## Pushing conservatives off the 'fiscal cliff'

The conventional wisdom has emerged that in order to avoid the so-called "fiscal cliff," politicians in Washington must agree to some method of tax increases ("revenue") — which will be real, even if low taxes are not the cause of our ills — alongside some kind of promise of spending restraint on entitlement programs, which is our problem, and which no one believes Washington will restrain.



**BRENT BOZELL**

The American left and our "objective" journalists — same thing, I know — are not helping the nation balance its budget. As usual, these partisan hacks are obsessed with tearing the Republican coalition apart, limb from limb. By empowering the GOP moderates, they drive the conservatives into exile. These liberals are dishonest but not dumb. They have no intention of honoring a pledge to curtail wasteful spending. What they want is GOP civil war.

On Nov. 27, the front page of The Washington Post exemplified the media's peculiar method of portraying the two sides. "Republicans begin to challenge the reign of an anti-tax enforcer," they triumphantly proclaimed for the GOP moderates. The Democrats drew this headline: "White House builds case for middle-

class tax cuts." So where does this leave conservatives? The brass-knuckled enemy of the middle class. This isn't fairness or balance. It's just another shameless day in the funhouse of liberal media distortion.

Post reporter Aaron Blake wrote the story on the revolt against Grover Norquist. The Post made their emphasis even more obvious in their free commuter tabloid called Express, which splashed this headline over Blake's story: "IS THE GOP OVER GROVER?"

Unsurprisingly, Blake admits mid-story that the shift away from a no-new-taxes pledge "has been encouraged by Democrats, who have worked to make Norquist the face of GOP obstruction." This could be the media's motto: "All the News That's Encouraged by Democrats."

The same angle screamed from the television. On ABC's "World News," anchor Diane Sawyer proclaimed, "We did see a sign the paralysis may be ending, a Republican mutiny against a man who had convinced them to take a pledge." The graphic on screen read "Tax Revolt." George Orwell Time: only in liberal newsrooms is there such a thing as a "tax revolt" to raise taxes. On "CBS This Morning," co-host Charlie Rose pushed Sen. Bob Corker to say he would "forgo the pledge because it is outdated, and the country's problems are too big."

Since when is a pledge outdated? Can one date a promise?

Now ask this question: who is the Left's version of Grover Norquist? Who is the lobbyist-slash-"obstacle" who has threatened Democratic candidates not to bend on any limitation on Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid?

Only one paragraph buried inside the Nov. 27 Post mentioned any pressure from leftist hardliners. "A coalition of union groups aired ads" during NBC's Thanksgiving broadcast of the Macy's parade in key states, "urging Congress to resist cutting entitlement programs." The National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare has collected 65,000 signatures urging Congress to reject "any proposal that cuts or fundamentally changes earned benefits from our social insurance safety net."

These "hands off the safety net" socialists at NCPSSM don't even acknowledge mathematics. On its Facebook page, it touts a quote from Rep. Xavier Becerra: "Social Security isn't about numbers. It's about people." The Left is pretending that Obama's reelection is somehow a mandate for their agenda. But the president's constant campaign mantra promised a "balanced approach" of tax hikes and spending cuts.

"You can't reduce the deficit unless you take a balanced approach that says, 'We've gotta make government leaner and more efficient,'" the president told CBS anchor Scott Pelley in September,

and the rich need "to do a little bit more."

Conservatives laugh — and everyone else *should* laugh — when Obama says he's for "leaner and more efficient" government. But that is what he pledged to the electorate. If he has a "mandate," it's not for the leftist hard line.

Or is this pledge also "outdated"?

The unions and "progressive" groups like NCPSSM met with Obama at the White House on Nov. 13 and came away proclaiming they were encouraged by his resolve to force higher taxes on the rich and preserve entitlements. The TV networks barely noticed it happened.

ABC skipped it. NBC's Kristen Welker suggested before the meeting that Obama would start "a renewed push to lawmakers and labor officials today to avoid the looming fiscal cliff." On the next morning, CBS's Bill Plante briefly mentioned "the signal he sent yesterday at a meeting with labor leaders that nothing is off the table, including programs like Medicare."

So if the dealmakers can't come to an agreement, and the country goes over a "fiscal cliff," journalists are determined to blame conservatives. Ironically, once taxes are raised, then conservatives are the ones who won't have any skin in the game.

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crazy-quilt pattern that feels good because it fits between two people who care for each other.

A similar approach answers a lot of the other issues that weigh us down. How to stop drinking and

drugging.

What to do to stay clean and sober. How to rebuild trust, restore faith and live imperfectly. How to accept criticism or compliment.

The "what if" begs a question that we cannot answer. It can drive us crazy.

But the "what is" answers what we face in the

moment because it speaks to the facts, no matter how hard or uplifting the truth. It fits our situation, and usually that makes it OK, too.

So today I'll be a "tall glass of water" and a "Zen grasshopper." It feels all right because I'm not sure I've ever been called anything better. But I sure as heck know I've been

called a lot worse. At least for today, my glass isn't half-empty and I'm not simply a grasshopper.

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## Schlaflly

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that probe into Hispanic attitudes and history. He concludes that the sociopolitical heritage from Spain and the post-colonial experience of Latin America have led Latinos to view government very differently from the principles of limited government enunciated

and adopted by our Founding Fathers.

There isn't any real evidence of Mexican assimilation to parallel the Irish and Italian assimilation in the early 20th century. The assimilation of the Irish and Italians absolutely depended on stopping the entry of more new foreigners, which the United States did in the 1920s.

The voting bloc that Mitt Romney ignored, but which Republicans

must recapture if they ever want to win again, is the blue-collar men without a college degree who had well-paid manufacturing jobs until the free traders shipped those jobs overseas.

They used to be called Reagan Democrats, and they were an essential part of the big victories won by Ronald Reagan and George H.W. Bush.

Republicans need a new strategy to recapture those

good middle class jobs. We don't need them merely for Republican votes; we need them also to restore our manufacturing capacity and jobs for economic, national security, and family-support reasons.

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As a math teacher we use the newspaper a lot during our statistics unit. I have students look up examples of percentages. It is a great way to show students that they will use math in the "real world."

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**Kid Scoop Together:**  
A Message from Justin Bieber

# Philanthropy

Philanthropy (*fill-ann-throw-pea*) is the sharing of your time, talent or treasure.

## Party Fights Hunger

For her ninth birthday, Katherine Tichy didn't ask for dolls, books, video games or toys. Instead, she asked the 18 friends she'd invited to her party to make a donation to her favorite charity.

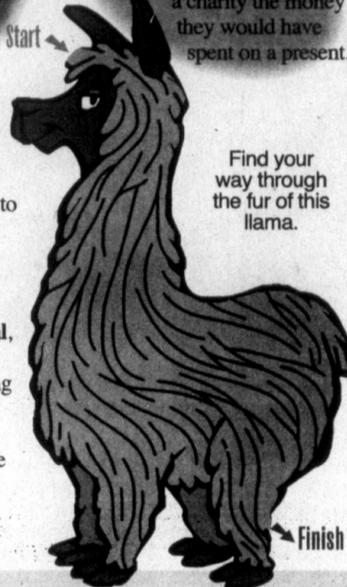
“My birthday is near Christmas, so I thought it was a good idea for my friends to donate instead of buying me presents,” Katherine said.

The result was a collection of \$425. She donated the funds to **Heifer International**, an organization that works to end hunger and poverty around the world by providing farm animals to people in need.

“I felt really good that some else would be getting something,” said Katherine.

Visit [www.heifer.org](http://www.heifer.org)

Some children are choosing a new kind of birthday party. They have parties without birthday presents. Instead, they ask kids to donate to a charity the money they would have spent on a present.



Find your way through the fur of this llama.

## BIRTHDAYS CAN CHANGE THE WORLD

Last year for my birthday, you gave me the best birthday present I could ever ask for— you donated \$47,148 to bring clean water to over 2,357 people! I'm so thankful for what we were able to accomplish together. This year, I want to do it again!



But this time, I'm inviting everyone to join me and start your own fundraising campaigns. Give up your birthday, start a lemonade stand, run a race ... you can do anything to raise money for clean water. Best of all, 100% will directly help people in need.

— Justin

To join Justin and donate for Justin's birthday or pledge your birthday money, just go to [charitywater.org/justinbieber](http://charitywater.org/justinbieber)

### What to buy?

Read the list of animals that people buy to give to people in need. If you had \$425, what would you buy?

Sheep	\$120
Goat	\$120
Flock of ducks	\$20
Flock of chicks	\$20
Trio of rabbits	\$60
Llama	\$150
Pig	\$100
Honeybees	\$30

Standards Link: Math: Solve real-world problems involving number operations.

Find the two identical goats.



## Making a Difference

When Nathaniel Drexler was 8 years old, his social studies teacher talked to the class about the shortage of clean, safe water in developing communities. He was struck by how many children spend hours a day walking to the nearest water source, missing opportunities for schooling, only to come home with dirty, contaminated water.

Nathaniel found a charity organization that builds clean-water wells in African villages and other impoverished communities. This organization, **Charity:Water**, spends 100% of contributions in the field, building wells.

Nathaniel went door-to-door in his neighborhood, selling popsicles to raise money for Charity:Water. Then, for his next two birthdays, he asked friends and family to donate instead of giving him gifts. He raised \$3,000!



Standards Link: Social Studies: Students recognize ways that can contribute as citizens in a democracy.

Work your way through this puzzle to find a connected path of treats that add up to a total of 33. Move one space at a time starting on the left. You can move up or down, side to side or diagonally. (There's more than one path.)

7	5	7	2	5
9	4	9	4	2
3	6	2	6	8
10	4	1	8	3

**Extra! Extra!**  
**WANTS and NEEDS**  
Look through the newspaper for things that you **NEED** to survive and things that you **WANT**. Cut out examples of both and glue them onto a chart.

Standards Link: Economics: Differentiate between wants and needs.

### What a Character!

#### Caring is ...



... helping others in time of need.

### Kid Scoop Puzzler

Mario and Maya are selling their toys at a yard sale to raise money for their local fire department. Oops! Someone dripped lemonade on the sales slips. Can you fill in the missing numbers?

Blocks \$1.30	Golf Ball	Bat \$
Puppet .5	Postcard .05	Paints \$
Book .30	Puzzle .70	Clay \$2.00
Total: \$2.41	Total: .85	Total: \$9.00

TOTAL RAISED: \_\_\_\_\_

Standards Link: Number Sense: Students compute sums and differences with money. Algebra: Solve number sentences that express relationships involving addition and subtraction.

### Double Double Word Search

DONATION  
SHORTAGE  
TREASURE  
SHARING  
CHARITY  
HUNGER  
HEIFER  
FAMILY  
HEROES  
SOURCE  
FUNDS  
CHICKS  
SAFE  
NEED  
TIME

Find the words in the puzzle. Then look for each word in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

K S D I F A M I L Y  
E H S O U R C E D D  
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A A R R R E F I E H  
E G E A H E R O O E  
R E H H U N G E R N  
T C S S K C I H C H

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

### Kid Scoop-Down™

Complete the grid by using all the letters in the word **DONATE** in each vertical and horizontal row. Each letter should only be used once in each row. Some spaces have been filled in for you.

D	N	A	T	E	O
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### FROM THE LESSON LIBRARY

**Philanthropy News**  
Newspapers often report on people giving to others. Look for an article about philanthropy in action. Describe the time, talent or treasure that each philanthropist donated.

Standards Link: Health: Recognize how to promote positive practices within school and community.



Where do you go to learn how to make ice cream?

### Write On!

#### Receive or Give?

Some say it is better to give than receive. Do you agree? Why or why not?

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# PampaSports

## Seven PHS players make All-District

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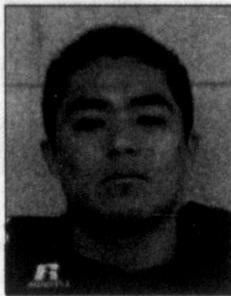
Seven Pampa football players made the all-offensive or all-defensive district teams.

Senior linebacker, Chris Rivera won the Defensive Player of the Year Award.

Junior defensive lineman, Andrew Jimenez and junior linebacker, Larry Ragan made it on the defensive all-district second team.

Pampa's senior quarterback, Ryan Smith made the offensive all-district first team. Senior wide receiver, Tyler Powell, senior punter, Miguel Blanco, junior guard, Andrew Jimenez, and senior tackle, Kyler Allen all made the offensive all-district second team.

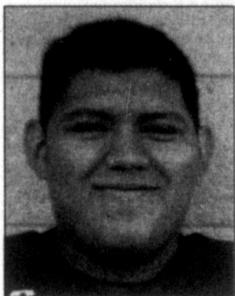
*Editors note: We are running this story again due to an error in Thursday's paper and for the addition of photos. Thursday's paper incorrectly stated eight players made All-District instead of seven. It also left out Andrew Jimenez on the defensive team list.*



**CHRIS RIVERA - SR - LB**  
Defensive player of the year



**LARRY RAGAN - JR - LB**  
Defensive second team



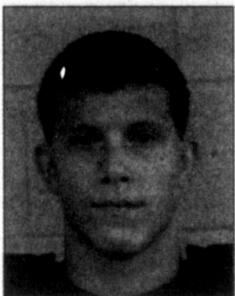
**ANDREW JIMENEZ - JR - DL, G**  
Defensive and Offensive 2nd team



**MIGUEL BLANCO - SR - P**  
Offensive second team



**RYAN SMITH - SR - QB**  
Offensive first team



**TYLER POWELL - SR - WR**  
Offensive second team



**KYLER ALLEN - SR - T**  
Offensive second team

## Texas travels to No. 7 Kansas State

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### WHAT'S AT STAKE

Kansas State can claim its second Big 12 title and earn the league's automatic BCS bowl berth by beating the Longhorns, something they've done four straight times. In fact, the Wildcats could have both wrapped up by kickoff if Oklahoma loses to TCU earlier in the day. Texas, meanwhile, is playing for pride — and a better bowl destination — after losing to the Horned Frogs last week.

### KEY MATCHUP

Kansas State QB Collin Klein against the Texas defense. Klein should have plenty of Heisman Trophy voters watching one of the final games of the regular season. He'll be out to prove that a disastrous performance in a loss to Baylor two weeks ago, which knocked Kansas State from the BCS title game, was merely an aberration during a remarkable senior season.

### PLAYERS TO WATCH

Texas: QB Case McCoy, who started five times last season, is getting his first start of the year in place of David Ash, who is listed as questionable with a rib injury. McCoy has come on in relief of Ash twice this season, including last week in a 20-13 loss to the Horned Frogs.

Kansas State: LB Arthur Brown will be among the seniors playing his final home game. The native of Wichita started his career at Miami before transferring to Kansas State, and has become one of the nation's best inside linebackers.

### FACTS & FIGURES

Kansas State has won six of the last eight meetings with Texas, and is 3-1 against the Longhorns in Manhattan. The Wildcats are the only Big 12 opponent with an overall winning record against Texas. The Wildcats have only won two previous conference championships: the 2003 Big 12 title and the 1934 Big Six title.

## Hidden Hills 4-man seniors scramble results from Nov. 28

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Hidden Hills seniors 4-man scramble results from Nov. 28 First place with a score of 60, the team of Jim Brashears, Jerry Stephens, Mike Wesbrooks and Melvin Ball.

Second place with a score of 62, the team of Eldon Maxwell, Gerrell Owens, Bob Henderson and Bill Harwood.

Third place with a score of 62, the team of Roy Don Stephens, John McCall, Darrell Hinkle and Billy Mac Millican.

Fourth place with a score of 64, the team of DD. Loftin, Tom Grantham, Steve Randall and S. Johnson.

The closest to the hole winner for hole number six was Mike Wesbrooks.

The closest to the hole winner for hole number fifteen was Bob Henderson.

## The PAMPA NEWS Sports Briefs

### TODAY NOV. 30

■ Pampa Varsity girls @ Miami Tournament. Tournament runs through Saturday.

■ Pampa JV girls @ Borger Tournament. Tournament runs through Saturday.

■ Pampa 9th girls @ Borger Tournament. Tournament runs through Saturday.

■ Pampa Varsity boys @ River Road Tournament. Tournament runs through Saturday.

■ Pampa JV boys @ Miami JV Tournament. Tournament runs through Saturday.

■ Lefors Varsity boys @ Miami Tournament. Tournament runs through Saturday.

■ Lefors Varsity girls @ Miami Tournament. Tournament runs through Saturday.

■ Pampa Wrestling @ Raider Duals. Duals run through Saturday.

### SATURDAY DEC. 1

■ Pampa Swimming 100x100 Christmas Party.

### MONDAY DEC. 3

■ Pampa 9th girls v. Hereford 6 p.m.

■ Pamap 7th/8th boys @ Borger 5 p.m. and 6:15 p.m.

■ Pampa 7th/8th girls v. Borger 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

### TUESDAY DEC. 4

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■ Pamap JV girls v. Claude 5 p.m.

■ Pampa JV boys v. Tascosa 6 p.m.

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## Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I'm engaged to someone I love very much. I am 36 and he is 44. We get along great, but he's in a rush to get married. It will be my first and his second. We got engaged three months ago, and he wants the wedding to be in February. The date he picked is his father's birthday.

My other problem is, he is always pawing at me. He always needs to be touching me or calling me his "beautiful angel." It's good to hear that once in a while, but not five times a day.

I love being with him, but sometimes I need my own space. If I say no, he gets defensive and worried that I'm going to leave him. We spend practically every waking (and non-waking) moment together. I am almost at a breaking point. Help! — OVERWHELMED IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR OVERWHELMED: I hope you realize that the behavior you are describing is not an indication of love, but of extreme insecurity. His need to constantly touch you, his defensiveness if you say you need some space, and his fear that you will leave him WON'T CHANGE if you marry him. I am also concerned about the way your wedding date was chosen, because the decision wasn't arrived at mutually.

Ask yourself this: If he makes what should be joint decisions, and you have no space for yourself because of his insecurity, is this the way you want to spend a LIFETIME? These could be symptoms of an abuser.

DEAR ABBY: I'm 25, have an associate's degree in health management, completed a CRMA (Certified Residential Medication Aide) course, and I'm now on my way to obtaining my bachelor of science in health management. It sounds like I'm heading toward a great future, right?

My problem is I have zero confidence in myself. I'm scared of death of making mistakes as a CRMA, and equally scared of being successful. Everybody says how "proud" they are of me and that I'm headed toward great things, but I'm not sure I can do this. I am struggling to find self-confidence because if I don't believe in myself, I won't achieve anything. What can I do to put myself out there and take the steps I need to accomplish my goals? — NEEDS A BOOST IN MAINE

DEAR NEEDS A BOOST: Self-doubt can be an asset if it causes you to strive harder to master the skills you will need in your profession. However, because you are afraid of both failure AND success, the surest way to conquer your fears would be to talk about them with a counselor at your school or to a psychologist. What you are dealing with is not as unusual as you may think.

DEAR ABBY: My husband insists that wearing a white T-shirt when out and about is the same as wearing a colored one with a design on it. I think he's wearing underwear as outerwear and is being too casual.

We do not live in a rural community. We are in a suburb of San Diego. Life is relaxed here, but not THAT relaxed. Do you have an opinion? — DRESSING UP, NOT DOWN

DEAR DRESSING UP: I do have a thought or two on the subject. If your husband is comfortable this way, leave him alone. Because you are the one concerned with appearances, continue dressing up to create the impression you want and let him dress down and suffer the consequences — if there are any, which I doubt.

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One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

**11-30 CRYPTOQUOTE**

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P J B N V L L C N P F R L J M H N N J W Q N.

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Yesterday's Cryptquote: A GOOD OPENING AND A GOOD ENDING MAKE FOR A GOOD FILM PROVIDED THEY COME CLOSE TOGETHER. — FEDERICO FELLINI

### CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

**ACROSS**

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1 Ballroom dance  
6 Bar garnishes  
11 Sing like Bing  
12 Poker declaration  
13 Quiver item  
14 "Otello" composer  
15 Outfit  
16 Helped in a heist  
18 Juan's wife  
19 Sought a seat  
20 Hot blood  
21 Body-shop challenge  
23 Shore fliers  
25 Monk's address  
27 Dict. info  
28 Spitfire fliers  
30 Test type  
33 Shade  
34 Singer Phair  
36 Shoebox letters  
37 Repeat  
39 Hurler's stat  
40 Breaks, perhaps  
41 Eastern monks  
43 Silly

**DOWN**

1 Cowering  
2 Show up  
3 "Invictus" star  
4 Greet the villain  
5 Egypt's Sadat  
6 Pepped up  
7 "Cold As Ever" rapper  
8 "The Hobbit" star  
9 Town leaders  
10 Trombone part  
17 Cave dweller  
22 Numerical prefix  
24 Old auto  
26 World books  
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11-30

# Advent Devotionals from Pastor Mike Sublett

Advent is a special season celebrated by many Christians which focuses on the birth of Jesus Christ. The celebration begins on December 1 and runs through Christmas Day, Dec. 25. For the next 4 Wednesdays, I will be sharing Advent devotionals for the following week. Just save this page and use one devotional each day of Advent, beginning Dec. 1. My prayer is that God will somehow show you even more of His greatness during this Advent season.

**God bless. Mike Sublett**

## DECEMBER 1 - NAZARETH

The greatest story ever told begins in a completely unexpected place, a tiny village west of the Sea of Galilee called Nazareth. With a population of less than 500, little was expected of its residents, certainly not greatness. That is why so many fellow Jews made fun of all who lived there by asking, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?"

Nazareth had no famous citizens in all its history, no famous buildings or temples, it wasn't on any major road, it had no vital export; it basically just took up space. That is until the day came which is described in Luke 1:26-38. Everything for Nazareth changed that day.

Have you ever felt like you are just taking up space? Do you consider yourself insignificant, of no special value? If so, then ADVENT is most definitely for you. ADVENT is the story of the coming of Jesus Christ into this world to bring salvation to all who would surrender to Him. Just as Nazareth began a transformation that day, you can begin a transformation today.

Prayer: Father God, I want to become much more than I ever have been before; I want to be transformed like Nazareth was after Jesus came to live there. I want Jesus to come and live in me. I know He will want to make a lot of changes and I want you to know that I look forward to the renovating He will do. Amen.

## DECEMBER 2 - THE BETROTHAL

Even though life in Nazareth wasn't significant to anyone throughout the rest of Galilee, life did still go on for the citizens of the little town, even a few special moments. One of those extraordinary times flowed into the lives of a young woman named Mary and a man named Joseph; they were "betrothed".

Many try to translate this term into English with the word "engaged". But Jewish betrothal of the first century was not like our modern engagement at all.

Sadly in our times, most couples have had a long standing sexual relationship before they are even engaged. Then engagement only means "I think I want to marry you one day". Modern engagement can be dissolved at any time with no legal repercussions. Not so with "betrothal" in the times of Jesus.

Betrothal was legally and morally just like being married, except for one thing. The man and woman didn't live together for a whole year, but were married. And yes, that meant no sexual contact for that year. Then the "home-taking" took place.

After a year as husband and wife, the husband came and took his wife into his house and together they made it a home. Can you imagine that kind of commitment and faithfulness to another person?

Jesus came to make that exact degree of commitment to anyone/everyone who would choose Him as their Lord. He guarantees to be completely faithful to His followers and even calls them His bride. However, Jesus will not kick open the door of anyone's heart. Each person must personally open the door to their heart so that He can enter. Have you opened your heart to Jesus and invited Him to enter and revamp you in any way He pleases? Think about it.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, I want to be totally committed to You; not with half my heart, but

with my whole heart. Please enter the door of my heart that I have opened for You. I am Yours, do with me as You please. And Lord, thank You so very much for caring enough about me to enter this fallen world and offer Yourself as the necessary sacrifice. May You be praised every day. Amen.

## DECEMBER 3 - THE ANNOUNCEMENT

Today if someone wants to make a special announcement it will most likely show up on Facebook or Twitter or arrive via some electronic device (i.e. cell phone).

When I was younger, announcements came through what is now called snail-mail or face-to-face conversation or a personal phone call.

The very first earthly announcement of the ADVENT of Jesus burst on the scene through something much more spectacular than any of our modern technology. It came directly from the mouth of Gabriel, one of Jehovah's archangels.

Think about that: one of God's generals brought the announcement in person. And his presence was so brilliant and impressive that he had to tell Mary not to be afraid. Just the sight of him made humans tremble with fear.

Notice in Luke 1:30 that Mary's fears were put to rest when she was told, "You have found favor with God." Before she actually received the message of the announcement, Gabriel calmed her fear with a dose of God's approval.

God wants to do the same with you too. He wants to calm your fears by letting you know that you too have found His favor. That is the whole reason behind this greatest of all announcements - THE RESCUE OF FALLEN HUMANS! YOUR RESCUE!

Prayer: Holy Father God, the majesty of this announcement of Jesus' ADVENT takes my breath away. You sent Your #1 messenger to proclaim His coming so that I wouldn't miss its life-critical importance. I praise Your name that He came and that You loved me enough to make sure that I didn't miss it or Him. Amen.

## DECEMBER 4 - THE MESSAGE

Have you ever gotten a message that was almost unbelievable? Something that just seemed too good to be true? Ever received a message that was the last thing you ever thought you would hear?

One message that every first century Jew wanted to receive from God was that the long promised Messiah was coming soon. Mary got that very message from the lips of Gabriel. Here is the message he proclaimed.

"You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end." Luke 1:31-33

Hallelujah! Mary was the first to hear what every Jew since the days of Moses had yearned to hear. However, since Mary was confused about how a virgin could have a baby, she asked a question. Then she got a few more of the details of the message.

"The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. For no word from God will ever fail." Luke 1:35-37

The ADVENT was at hand and Mary was about to be impregnated through the Holy Spirit and then become the earthly mother of God's Son. AMAZING!

Pay careful attention to how the message of the ADVENT ended. "For no word from God will ever fail."

You need to remember that too. That was true of Gabriel's words to Mary and it is just as true to all of the amazing promises God has made to you in His Word. Nothing could be better news for you than that.

Prayer: Loving Father, I can't thank You enough for Your faithfulness and love. Your message to Mary concerning the ADVENT reassures me once again of the magnitude of Your grace and the security of my salvation. May Your holy name be praised throughout the earth. Amen.

## Guilty N.M. prankster returns stolen toilet paper

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PORTALES, N.M. (AP) — A New Mexico college graduate, apparently feeling guilty over a student prank years ago, has sent a box of toilet paper to repay a university for loot taken from a dormitory, according to school officials.

Eastern New Mexico University said it received the yuletide gift box this week along with a Christmas card and written apology.

The box contained five packages of 16 rolls of two-ply, septic-safe tissue for a total of 80 rolls.

The anonymous writer apologized for stealing bathroom tissue years ago and said a new dedication to Christian faith led to the deed.

"Years ago, when I was a young immature college student I took toilet paper from your dormitory as a prank," the handwritten note said. "I apologize for that and offer this case. Jesus Christ has made such a difference in my life and has prompted me to repay for any sins I've done even from so long ago. God Bless and Merry Christmas."

The note wasn't signed, according to university officials.

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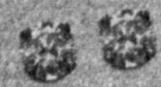
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