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L.A. port strike could be prelude for dockworker talks

By **MICHAEL R. BLOOD**
 Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The end of one labor crisis at the nation's busiest port complex could be a prelude to another.

The resolution of an eight-day walk-off by clerical workers at the Los Angeles and Long Beach harbors that stalled billions of dollars of cargo and left container ships stranded off the California coast points to

the stakes for upcoming contract talks with dockworkers at western U.S. shipping terminals.

The clerical workers represent a sliver of the membership of the International Longshore and Warehouse Union, whose 24,000 dockworkers handle everything from car parts to computers at ports in Washington, Oregon, California and Hawaii. The strikers numbered only about 450, but thousands of dockworkers refused to cross the picket lines

and halted work at the sister ports that handle 44 percent of all container traffic that arrives in the U.S. by sea.

"There is a linkage between the two," said Gary Chaison, professor of labor relations at Clark University in Worcester, Mass. The walkout in Southern California "increased the possibility, the probability, of a strike" when the dockworker contract is negotiated in 2014.

Clerical workers walked out

Nov. 27 after working without a contract for 30 months.

The strike at the Los Angeles area ports came at a time of widespread labor strife around the nation, with public- and private-sector workers facing pressure on wages, benefits and job security as employers look to curb costs. Earlier this year in Oregon, a federal judge ordered longshoremen to end an illegal slowdown that disrupted shipping at the Port of Portland, and

dockworkers on the East Coast have fought this year overtime rules and royalty payments to longshoremen.

But take-home pay was not a central issue with the well-paid clerical workers; the union was worried about jobs literally vanishing — outsourced to China, Arizona or elsewhere.

"It's not so much about the money, it's not so much about the hours, it's about watching

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THE MIRTH OF MEREDITH



Photo by Timothy P. Howsare

FROM US TO YOU. The residents and staff at the Meredith House assisted living facility want to wish Happy Holidays to everyone in the community. The senior living residence is holding a Christmas carol gathering from 6 to 7 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 21, and the community is invited. At 6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Saturdays, a small gospel and old time music band performs and the public is always welcome. "The band is very popular with our residents," said Resident Director Nancy Mears, standing at far right. Meredith House is the only assisted living facility in Pampa and currently has 31 residents. Seated at left is Frances Cornelson and seated at right is Minelle Turner. Standing from left is Activities Director Jessica White, residents Jame Girdley, Ruby Sloss, Ernestine Cade and Richard Wilson. Meredith House is located at 812 W. 25th St.

County eyes new election administrator position

By **SASHA HELLER**
 sheller@thepampanews.com

Gray County is now accepting applications for a newly-created election administrator position to help manage local elections.

"It was created just to handle county elections," Gray County Tax Assessor Gay Whitehead said, adding that entities like the City of Pampa and Pampa Independent School District (PISD) could contract with the administrator to run their elections.

"This would be one that the county creates," District Court Judge Richard Peet said of the position.

Peet hopes the newly created position could serve to streamline the local voting process, one that Peet said was marked by inefficiency in recent elections.

Peet said Gray County had previously utilized an Election Commission, which included a representative from the city, county and each of the local school districts.

However, Peet said the commission did not operate smoothly.

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Gay Washington state couples get marriage licenses

By **MANUEL VALDES**
 AND **RACHEL LA CORTE**
 Associated Press

SEATTLE (AP) — Two by two, dozens of same-sex couples obtained their marriage licenses in Washington state early Thursday, just hours after Gov. Chris Gregoire signed a voter-approved law legalizing gay marriage.

King County, the state's biggest county, opened the doors to its auditor's office in Seattle just after midnight PST to start distributing marriage licenses. But hundreds of people had lined up hours earlier, snaking around the downtown Seattle building on a chilly December night. By noon, nearly 400 licenses had been issued in Seattle.

"We knew it was going to happen, but it's still surreal," said Amanda Dollente, who along with her partner, Kelly Middleton, began standing in line at 4 p.m. Wednesday.

Washington state now joins several other states that allow gay and lesbian couples to wed. Gregoire and Secretary of State Sam Reed certified the elec-

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Energy company Enbridge moves to Las Pampas Square

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Enbridge held an open house last month to dedicate and show the community its new office space in the Las Pampas Square in Pampa.

The space had been vacant for nearly 20 years, and, with the help of the Pampa Economic Development Corp., Enbridge moved their offices to this larger location that now houses 235 employees from Pampa and the surrounding communities.

Not only is Enbridge excited to be involved with the economic growth of the Panhandle region, the company helps support some of the local organizations that make a difference in the Pampa community.

Because working in a safe environment is important to Enbridge, the company made donations of



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Bill Terry, Enbridge senior manager of East Texas, cuts the ribbon at the Enbridge Open House with members of the Pampa Economic Development Corp. and Enbridge employees.

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PAMPA FORECAST

Today	Saturday	Sunday
High 59 Low 31	High 59 Low 30	High 34 Low 15
Today: Partly cloudy with a high of 59. No chance of rain. Winds north northwest at 5 mph. Sunrise at 7:41 a.m.	Saturday: Sunny with a high of 59. No chance of rain. Winds south southeast at 13 mph. Sunset at 7:41 p.m.	Sunday: Snow showers with a high of 34. Forty percent chance of snow. Winds north at 22 mph. Sunrise at 7:42 a.m.
Tonight: Clear with a low of 31. No chance of rain. Winds east southeast at 6 mph. Sunset at 5:31 p.m.	Saturday night: Partly cloudy with a low of 30. No chance of rain. Winds west southwest at 11 mph. Sunset at 5:31 p.m.	Sunday night: Mostly cloudy with a low of 15. Twenty percent chance of snow. Winds north northwest at 15 mph. Sunset at 5:31 p.m.

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Obituaries

Rosetta Martin

Rosetta Martin, 88, passed from this earth to her heavenly home on the evening of Dec. 4, 2012 in Pampa. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, 2012, at the Stinnett Cemetery in Stinnett, with Denny Sneed, minister of Church of Christ at Borger, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.



Rosetta Martin

Mrs. Martin was born March 17, 1924 in Powell. At the age of 10 in early 1935, she came to the Texas Panhandle from East Texas with her parents and three sisters. They first settled in White Deer, then Skellytown and then Spring Creek. She graduated from Borger High School in 1942. During World War II, she worked as a secretary for Henry J. Kaiser Shipping Company in Oakland, Calif. She met her husband, James Martin, through his sister, who was a friend of Rosetta's mother. They were married in 1943 while James was stationed briefly in San Francisco before starting his military duty in the Pacific. After the war, they settled in Pampa where James worked for Cabot Corporation. She was a member of First Christian Church where she taught Sunday school. Rosetta was preceded in death by her parents: Birdie and Felix Marshall of Stinnett; and her husband James on July 29, 2009.

Rosetta was a devoted mother, a woman of deep faith, a good friend, a generous person, and she had a wonderful sense of humor that she inherited from both her mother and her father. She lived most of her life in Pampa, a town she said she loved every inch of. Her love was a blessing and she will be so very much missed.

Survivors include two daughters: Pamela and Karla Jean; two grandchildren: Ali and Sarah; son-in-law: Nabeel; two sisters: Birnell Sipple of Electra and Eileen Wilborn of Austin; two nieces and three nephews.

Memorials may be made to the Pampa Sheltered Workshop, P.O. Box 2808, Pampa, Texas 79066-2808 or the Gray County Retarded Citizens Association, P.O. Box 880, Pampa, Texas 79066-0880.

Sign the on-line register at www.carmichael-whatley.com

Ora Loranzo Horton

Ora Loranzo Horton, 92, of Sherwood, died Monday, Dec. 3, 2012 in North Little Rock, Arkansas.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, 2012, at Memory Gardens Cemetery in Pampa, Texas, with Sam Giddeon and Robert Newman of the Cowboy Church in Amarillo, officiating.



Ora Horton

Military honors are courtesy of U. S. Army, Fort Hood, Texas, and arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Horton was born Sept. 1, 1920 in Blooming Rose, Mo. to Junia Walker Horton and Lee Thomas Horton. He was a decorated World War II veteran of the U. S. Army, serving in the Battle of Normandy in 1944, and was a CWO in the second infantry division.

He was also in the special infantry division at the U. S. Military Academy at West Point, NY. He worked for the U. S. Postal Service and was a member of the Sylvan Hills First Baptist Church. During his lifetime, he had many residences, but always called Pampa home. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Faye Leadean Horton.

We thank you for being a wonderful man, father, brother and friend, and for your service to our country.

Survivors include his wife: Lola Faye Downs Horton; his son: Travis Horton and wife Cathy of Cedar City, Utah; a stepson: Fred Nalley and wife Lynn of Cabot, Ark.; two stepdaughters: Alice Rhoden and Lydia Blaty and husband T. J., all of North Little Rock, Ark.; a brother: Robert "Red" Horton and wife Virginia of Amarillo; two sisters: Alma Wade of Oklahoma and Evelyn Henry of Lefors; three grandsons: Todd Horton and wife Shari, Chad Horton and wife Shawn, and Christopher Shultz; three granddaughters: Sasha Horton, Marina Horton and Bridgett Shultz Greenleaf; six step-grandchildren; nine step-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to the Veterans Memorial, North Little Rock, Arkansas, at Fort Roots Hospital.

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Margie Pontious

Margie Pontious, 66, died Dec. 6, 2012 in Pampa. Memorial services are pending. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.



Margie Pontious

Mrs. Pontious was born Jan. 12, 1946 in Winterset, Iowa.

She attended schools in Iowa, graduating from Centerville High School in 1964.

Margie married John Pontious on Feb. 12, 1966 in Centerville. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1981.

She worked for First Presbyterian Church and Austin Elementary School Latchkey program, retiring in 2008. Margie was a member of First Christian Church.

In her spare time, she enjoyed painting, cross stitching, reading and her Bible studies. She will be remembered as a loving wife, mother and grandmother.

Survivors include her husband: John Pontious of the home; 2 daughters: Becky Brooks of Plano, and Missy Masters and husband Blake of Los Angeles, Calif.; a sister: Jackie Kirkpatrick of Kansas City, Kan.; 4 granddaughters: Danyelle Brooks and Abbie Brooks, both of Plano, and Katie Masters and Olivia Masters, both of Los Angeles, Calif.; and a grandson: Joshua Brooks of Plano. Margie was preceded in death by her parents.

Memorials may be made to First Christian Church Youth Fellowship, 1633 N. Nelson, Pampa, Texas 79065.

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John Henry Ward

John Henry Ward, age 64, passed away on Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2012, after a brave battle with GIST, a rare form of cancer.

John will be remembered by some as an All-American athlete and first round draft pick in the National Football League, but to those who knew him best, he will be remembered for his spirited, kind heart, intellectual mind and calm and gentle manner.

John was a much-loved man who treasured his wife, family, friends and dogs. He was also an extraordinary athlete and avid hunter and fisherman, with a gift for working with his hands. John was born in Enid, Okla. on May 27, 1948.

His family later relocated to Tulsa where he became involved in the Boys Scouts, earning the rank of Eagle Scout, and athletics.

John graduated from Will Rogers High School in Tulsa, where he wrestled and played football, basketball, and baseball. In 1966, John was named as an All-State in football and was an undefeated heavyweight State Champion in wrestling.

John attended Oklahoma State University on a football scholarship, where he continued to wrestle. In 1969, he was named a College Football All-American (consensus selections) and an All-American in wrestling after finishing third in the NCAA tournament.

In 1970, John was selected by the Minnesota Vikings in the first round of the NFL draft as a lineman. He played for the Vikings from 1970 to 1976, during which time he played in two Super Bowls.

He subsequently played for the Chicago Bears and Tampa Bay Buccaneers. Following John's professional football career, he graduated from Northeastern State University with a Bachelor's degree and spent most of his career dedicated to public service.

For 13 years, John served as the Executive Director of the Association of County Commissioners of Oklahoma (ACCO), during which time he was duly named "Mr. County Government". In this role, John spent countless hours working with dedicated elected officials to pass laws and enhance association programs available to such officials.

For the past decade until the time of his death, John served as Executive Vice President of the Poultry Federation of Arkansas, Missouri and Oklahoma, managing the Oklahoma office.

John often said he was a fortunate man to have lived such a blessed life.

There are no words to describe how terribly much John will be missed.

He is survived by the love of his life, his wife Gayle, his children of the home, Kyler Dawson and Kassi Dawson, his sons John Henry Ward II (Grove, Okla.) and Tom Ward (Edmond, Okla.), daughter Allie Wood (Oklahoma City), daughter-in-law Miranda Ward (Grove, Okla.), son-in-law Randy Wood (Oklahoma City), step-son Joey Dawson and his wife Shan-

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non (Hobart, Okla.), step-daughter Kristie Ganaway and her husband Mark (Hobart, Okla.), mother-in-law Granny Marie Winsett (Hobart, Okla.), sister-in-law Shirley Fueglein and her husband Steve (Pampa), brothers-in-law Dennis Winsett (Oklahoma City), Jimmy Winsett (Pampa) and David Martin (Tulsa, Okla.), grandchildren Gweneth and Locklyn Ward (Grove, Okla.) and Laramie Ward, Kacie and Lane Wood (Oklahoma City), and his many nieces, nephews and friends. He is preceded in death by his mother Velma, father Leon, brother Tom and sister Margaret.

Family and friends are invited to Life Church, 4600 East 2nd Street, Edmond, Oklahoma (I-35 and HW 66) on today at 1:30 p.m. for a memorial service. A reception will follow at the Association of County Commissioners of Oklahoma, 429 N.E. 50th Street, Oklahoma City, Okla.

In lieu of flowers, John's family requests that donations be made in his memory to the GIST Cancer Research Fund online at <http://www.gistinfo.org/> donate or by mail to: GIST Cancer Research Fund 55 Saw Mill Road New City, NY 10956.

David Mahlon Scott

David Mahlon Scott, resident of Miami, Texas, passed away Wednesday Nov. 28, 2012.



David Scott

There will be a memorial service for David Monday Dec. 10, 2012 at the First Baptist Church located at 201 S. Mobettie St. in Miami, Texas.

Service will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

PPS program saving lives, protecting children

COURTESY OF DPS
AUSTIN — The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) today highlighted the success of the Interdiction for the Protection of Children (IPC) program, which helps officers identify and recover missing or exploited children. In 2009, DPS launched the IPC program to teach troopers and officers how to identify, recognize, intervene and remove endangered

children without obvious signs of abuse being present.

"DPS identified and filled a law enforcement void with an invaluable program that trains officers to identify children in danger during traffic stops, including human trafficking," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "This program will continue to yield results and



Steven McCraw

our officers will continue to protect innocent children, save lives and stop predatory criminals from committing the most heinous crimes."

IPC is a valuable program that provides sophisticated training to help law enforcement officers identify and recover missing or exploited children and arrest suspects for sexual assault of children, including possession of

child pornography.

As a result of this training, DPS has made 20 criminal arrests and recovered 62 missing or exploited children since 2010. Since the program's inception, DPS has provided the IPC training to its own officers as well as other law enforcement, including more than 2,600 officers in Texas and approximately 1,900 officers nationally and internationally outside of Texas. A variety of other groups

interested in the protection of children have also attended the training.

Numerous organizations interested in the IPC program have requested and received presentations and classes from DPS about the training, including the Georgia Bureau of Investigations; Canadian Center for Child Protection Conference; University of Arkansas — Criminal Justice Institute; and Child Advocacy Center of Texas Conference.

For the record

Pampa man arrested Wednesday for theft of a firearm

■ 31-year-old Johnathon Paul Munn, Pampa, was arrested Wednesday by the Gray County Sheriff's Office on charges of theft of a firearm, unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon and possession of a controlled substance.

■ 19-year-old Koby Ray Starnes, Canadian, was arrested Wednesday by GCSO on a vio-

lation of probation charge for a DWI.

■ 36-year-old Valentine Carol Bryant, Elk City, Okla., was arrested Wednesday by GCSO on a charge of possession of marijuana.

■ 24-year-old Andrea Collin Shelley, Amarillo, was arrested Wednesday by GCSO on a theft of property by check charge.

■ 21-year-old Gage Dane

Zeek, Lefors, was arrested Wednesday by GCSO on a prohibited weapon charge.

■ 48-year-old Patrick Lee Herr, Lefors, was arrested Wednesday by GCSO on a possession of a controlled substance charge.

■ 34-year-old Patricia Vargas Perez Ramirez, Shamrock, was arrested Wednesday by the Pampa Police Department on contempt

of court charge. Ramirez was also arrested on two bond surrender charges. One bond surrender was for failure to identify and one was for possession of marijuana. Bond surrender is when the bail bondsman surrenders the bond over to the court after nonpayment.

■ 20-year-old Kamron Leigh Hassler, Skellytown, was arrested Thursday by PPD on a charge of failing to identify.

Strike

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out for efforts by employers to undermine the future viability of the union," said international trade economist Jock O'Connell.

"For the unions, this was an existential crisis. For the employers, it was business," O'Connell said.

Similar issues are likely to color the dockworkers' talks, as workers see their jobs potentially threatened by automation and competition for shippers after the Panama Canal expansion is completed.

"The union knows this: The industry is ready to go to Mexico or Canada," said Port of Long Beach spokesman Art Wong. In 2014, "hopefully they won't repeat what we've

seen here" with the clerical workers.

After the eight-day strike — which stranded \$760 million worth of cargo a day and sent some 20 ships to other ports in California and Mexico — "both sides will see how much damage there can be if one side walked out or one side locks out," Wong said.

California has a long history involving dock labor — a strike in the 1930s led to the unionization of ports across the West. The western dockworkers reached their last deal with shipping companies and terminal operators in 2008, when both sides were worried that a strike or lockout could further damage the U.S. economy. A 10-day lockout in 2002 caused an estimated \$15 billion in economic losses.

With anxiety over a

dwindling middle class, and with unions emboldened by the re-election of President Barack Obama, "there is an increasing amount of pushback now," O'Connell said.

The clerks returned to work Wednesday, jubilant that the strike that shut down 10 of the 14 terminals at the ports earned them guarantees, at least for now, that their jobs won't be shipped somewhere else where labor costs are cheaper. They extracted promises from management that, as workers retire or leave the ports during the next four years, no more than 14 jobs will be outsourced, union officials said.

"The key issue in this whole strike was the outsourcing of good jobs, and they won protections against outsourcing abuses," said union spokesman Craig Merrilees.

Couples

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tion on Wednesday afternoon, as they were joined by couples who plan to wed and community activists who worked on the campaign supporting gay marriage.

Because the state has a three-day waiting period, the earliest that weddings can take place is Sunday. Same-sex couples who previously were married in another state that allows gay marriage, like Massachusetts, will not have to get remarried in Washington state. Their marriages will be valid here as soon as the law takes effect.

"This is a very important and historic day in the great state of Washington," Gregoire said before sign-

ing the measure that officially certified the election results.

Last month, Washington, Maine and Maryland became the first states to pass same-sex marriage by popular vote. They joined six other states — New York, Connecticut, Iowa, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont — and the District of Columbia that had already enacted laws or issued court rulings permitting same-sex marriage.

Election

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"We had trouble getting quorums," he said. Without a quorum, the commission would be unable to vote on any action items.

"We want good cooperation, good communication," Peet said. "If there's a problem, we need to get it out in the open and not let it fester."

Whitehead said elections have become expensive to run with increased attention given to improved technology and digital voting systems.

"Elections are getting so costly because of the electronic voting machines that have to be used by law," she said.

Peet said those interested in the position can pick up an application at his

office. Applications must be returned by Dec. 14.

Interviews will commence once the application deadline has passed, Peet said.

Peet did stress a sense of urgency in filling the position with the new year quickly approaching.

However, Whitehead disagreed and said the process may take time to progress.

"This is going to be a slow process but we're going to be hands-on," she said.

She added that the tax assessor's office will stay in close contact with the election administrator.

"The tax office is going to be a part of that process," she said. "Anything within our power, we're going to do what we can to keep errors from happening."

Whitehead said she's

excited about the new position and how it can help make the voting process more efficient.

"We just know it's in the best interests of the county and we will support it," she said.

Partial funding for the election process comes through the Help America Vote Act, which was passed in 2002 and then amended in 2006.

"HAVA provides funds through the state," Peet said, adding that the funds

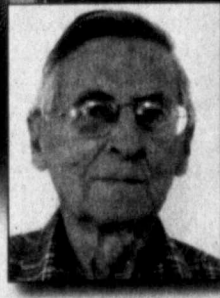
would cover the costs of equipment and training for part-time election workers.

The act required all states and counties, on Jan. 1, 2006, to begin operating a single, unified statewide voter registration list. Texas' system is known as the Texas Election Management System (TEAM). The TEAM system replaced the Texas Voter Registration System, which was considered noncompliant with the

act's new, more stringent guidelines regarding voter registration.

Part of the election administrator's duties would be to help manage the Gray County TEAM system.

The legislation also mandated that an Election Standards Board be created to oversee the federal Election Assistance Commission. The Board is comprised of 55 state election officials and 55 local election officials.



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Rich lefties and their taxes

Ah, the hypocrisy of tax-hikers who do everything they can to avoid the taxes they wish to impose on others.

Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass.: He tried to avoid \$500K in his home state's sales and excise taxes by docking his newly purchased \$7 million 76-foot yacht in Rhode Island.

Massachusetts lowered its state income tax in 2001. Given the presumably large number of rich people who pine to pay more taxes, the state allowed tax filers to check a box and voluntarily pay the old, higher rate. In a liberal state of over 3 million tax filers, how many volunteered to pay the higher rate in 2004? A tiny fraction of 1 percent — 930 taxpayers.

Among those who refused to pay the higher rate? Sen. Kerry and Rep. Barney Frank. In Frank's case, he refused to pay the higher rate because, he says, "I don't trust the legislative leadership and Gov. (Mitt) Romney to make the right decisions." Instead, Frank said, "I'll donate the money myself."

John Edwards, former senator and Democratic presidential candidate: His wife, Elizabeth, once called him a person of "character" because Edwards voted against his own economic "interests" by voting for higher taxes. Well, OK, but like billionaire investor Warren Buffett, who urges higher taxes, Edwards is less than keen on paying them. As a lawyer winning major jury awards, John set up a subchapter S corporation to pay himself through dividends — and thus avoid \$600K in Medicare payroll taxes.

Kennedy patriarch Joe Kennedy: The late Ted Kennedy and his family shield their money through a series of complicated family trusts first begun by father Joe Kennedy. The trusts transfer wealth from generation to generation while avoiding estate taxes.

The late Ohio Democratic Sen. Howard Metzenbaum: A liberal's liberal, Metzenbaum

enjoyed a lifetime rating from Americans for Democratic Action of 95 (100 being perfect) and a zero from the American Conservative Union. He never met a tax hike he did not like. He moved to Florida when he retired from the Senate. Why Florida? No state estate or personal income taxes.

"Civil rights" leader and MSNBC-Hee Haw host Al Sharpton: Though he supports increasing taxes on the rich, Sharpton, it seems, fails to do his part as a member of the 1 percent. As of last year, according to the New York Post, Sharpton owed \$3.5 million in state and federal income taxes. His nonprofit, the National Action Network, as of 2011 owes nearly \$900K in unpaid federal payroll taxes.

What do these individual instances of hypocrisy say about whether taxes should be increased on the so-called rich?

First, contrary to Buffett's assertion, people absolutely make decisions and change behavior in response to taxes. Compare the economies of Texas and California, two border states with similar immigrant populations. Texas is a no-income-tax, right-to-work, business-friendly state with substantially less regulation than the Obama-like high-tax (especially on the "the rich" and on business), forced unionism, heavily regulated state of California. Texas also has one of the lowest per-capita spending rates, while California has one of the highest.

The result? According to Investor's Business Daily, state gross domestic product growth in Texas was 3.3 percent in 2011 and 5.2 percent in 2010, while California was 2 percent in 2011 and 1.7 percent in 2010. Texas has created more than twice as many new jobs as California and has a below-the-national-average jobless rate of 6.8 percent. California's unemployment rate is 10.2 percent.

From 2008 to 2011, Texas' median hourly wages rose 8 percent, while Californians' rose 5.7 percent. And per-capita personal income during those years rose 1.3 percent in Texas,

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Kids talk about God

BY CAREY KINSOLVING

"I think love is being kind, helpful and caring for others," says Patrick, 7. "I once showed love for my mom when I agreed to go to her favorite restaurant after I tasted their food."

That's really love. I think I've eaten at the same restaurant.

"My mom shows love to me by packing my lunch every day and packing my snack," says Grayson, 7.

All those delicious lunches and snacks. The least we can do is to take Mom to her favorite restaurant, even if the place could use a new chef.

While dining with Mom, don't forget Dad, says Tyler, 5: "Love is my dad tucking me into bed."

Remember to give love when Dad tucks you in, says Ephraim, 9: "Love is to me always sleeping with your favorite stuffed animal." But it's also "hugging your dad when he gets back from a long day at work," he adds.

Let's not overlook the obvious, says Meredith, 6: "Love is when my mom and dad go to work so I can have a place to live."

What would happen if all the children who read this column thanked their parents for going to work today? Better yet, try showing

your love by doing something helpful yourself, says Barbara, 6: "Love is helping my mom and dad in the garden."

"Sometimes they are mean, but it is for your safety or you not showing respect," says Rachel, 7. "There are five kinds of love: love for your parents, pets, toys, sisters and brothers, and the greatest one of all is God's love."

I've never thought of toys as one of the top five categories of love, but I suppose it depends on how you define "toys." Adults have toys, too. They may cost more, but they're still toys. And we may indeed love them more than God, family or friends.

At age 7, Emily knows what brings moms and dads together: "Love is kissing. Love is hugging. Love is a heart. Love is a marriage. Love is spending all your time with someone. Love is great. Love is one of the best things in life. That is love."

The earth would be a desolate place if dads and moms didn't love each other and make sacrifices for their children.

"God gave us love so that we can show it to other people," says Beth, 10. "The Bible says, 'God is love.' So, to know God is to know love."

Beth knows a lot about God and

his love. Beth, you're so eloquent, the remainder of this column is yours.

"Love is kind. Love is patient. Love is in you and me. Your teacher is love when she helps you with your homework."

"God is love for he put us on this Earth. He gave us friends and family. Your brothers and sisters are love. Even if you get in a fight, you still love each other."

"I think God shows us love by providing pets that love us. I know my dog loves me, and I love him."

"Love is what's on the inside. Don't judge people by what they are wearing or how they look. That is love. Judge people by what's on the inside."

"Love was in Jesus' heart when he came to earth to die for us. Even if you were the only one on Earth, he still would have died for you. That is love. Jesus is love. Show love to other people so you can be like Him."

Listen to a talking book, download the "Kids Color Me Bible" for free, watch Kid TV Interviews and travel around the world by viewing the "Mission Explorers Streaming Video" at www.KidsTalkAboutGod.org. Bible quotations are from the New King James Version.



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The true disciple of Saul Alinsky

Treasury Secretary Tim Geithner's opening bid to Speaker John Boehner, a demand for \$1.6 trillion in new taxes, was not meant as a serious offer.

It was an ultimatum couched in an insult. Translation: "We won the election. We have the whip hand. Not only are you going to sign on to higher tax rates and higher tax revenues, we are going to rub your Tea Party noses in your coming capitulation."

That Boehner did not throw the offer back in Geithner's face and tell him, "Give me a call, Tim, when you're serious," suggests that the speaker feels he is holding a losing hand.

He wants a deal where the GOP agrees to higher revenues and the White House agrees to cuts in future entitlement outlays. But the Obamaites are looking to dictate terms. They want a triumph. If that means casting Boehner as the Neville Chamberlain of the GOP, so be it.

What explains their hubris? Two years ago, Obama had to eat crow and extend the Bush tax cuts. Now it's payback time. And behind their arrogance lies a belief that the

GOP cannot say no. For if the Bush tax cuts and the payroll tax cuts expire on Jan. 1, Americans will face the highest tax hike in history.

Every family earning up to \$100,000 would see 2 percent of its income lopped off, as the employee half of the Social Security tax rises from 4.2 to 6.2 percent. The discretionary income of Middle Americans would be ravaged.

The federal tax rate on capital gains will rise from 15 percent to a maximum 24.7 percent, a jump of 60 percent.

The federal tax rate on interest and dividends will triple from 15 percent to a maximum 44.7 percent.

Where \$5 million of an estate can now be passed on to one's heirs non-taxed, that will be cut to \$1 million. And the death tax rate would shoot from 35 percent to a neo-Marxist 55 percent.

Even Senate Democrats fear this would force a selloff or breakup of family farms and family businesses at death. Yet somewhere, the radical socialist Saul Alinsky, who inspired the young community organizer, is smiling.

Why does Obama see himself in the catbird seat, though his demands are intolerable to the GOP and, absent a deal, he risks taking the country over the cliff Jan. 1?

Obama believes that if we go into the abyss, he

can paint the Republican Party as having imperiled the economy and imposed tax increases on the middle class, just to spare America's top 2 percent from a modest increase in its contribution to debt reduction.

And Obama has a hole card.

If those tax hikes hit Jan. 1, he will be able to posture as the rescuer of the 98 percent by proposing to the new Congress an Obama tax cut that restores the Bush rates for all couples earning less than \$250,000.

He will also be able to dictate to Boehner & Co. the tax rate on estates, dividends and capital gains that he will accept or not accept. The Bush tax cuts would be replaced by the Obama tax cuts, as the GOP is cursed from coast to coast for taking us over the cliff.

Obama believes he will then be seen as pulling the nation out of the pit into which the GOP had plunged it, simply to spare its fat cats a needed haircut.

In "Rules for Radicals," the Alinsky rulebook and Obama playbook, the first rule is, "Power is not only what you have, but what an opponent thinks you have."

Clearly, many Republicans think that if they do not yield, Obama will let the country go over the cliff, blame them and portray himself credibly as the man who saved the nation from Republican

intransigence over a small tax hike for the rich that most Americans support.

Yet Obama is not without risk here. As America heads toward the cliff, there could be panic selling of stocks, bonds and assets to avoid higher taxes on interest, dividends and capital gains in 2013. The economy could tank. Obama could become the Democrats' Herbert Hoover.

As for John Boehner, he must know that if he yields too much, his caucus will rebel and his speakership will be at an end.

What to do? Forget the deal. Walk away from the talks with Geithner. Pass an extension of the payroll tax cut, and send it to Harry Reid. Pass the Bush tax cuts, and send them to Harry Reid and say:

"Harry, you are going to have to pass this extension of the tax cuts, or kill them, or send us a counteroffer. Do nothing, and you, not we, will take America over the cliff."

When Sen. Edmund Ross rose to cast the decisive vote in the impeachment trial of President Andrew Johnson, he said, "I looked down into my own political grave."

Reveled by the radicals of his era, Ross yet made it into JFK's "Profiles in Courage." We are at such a moment.

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Steward, Cayson Steward, Alondra Trejo, Savannah Valentine, Jade Ward, Kaylee Wilhite.

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while falling almost 1 percent in California. California's poverty rate is 23.5 percent, to Texas' 16.5 percent, and Texas spends less on education, while its students outperform their California counterparts.

Second, because people change behavior in response to taxes, raising them can result in getting less revenue. John Kennedy said, "It is a paradoxical truth that tax rates are too high today and tax revenues are too low — and the soundest way to raise revenues in the long run is to cut rates now."

The Congressional Budget Office just issued

a report on what would happen to the economy if Congress fails to retain the Bush-era tax rates. Keeping the Bush-era rates for all but the rich, the CBO says, adds 1.25 percentage points to GDP. Retaining tax rates for all, including the rich, however, adds 1.5 percent to the economy. In other words, raising taxes on the rich lowers economic output. Does a quarter of a percentage matter? The CBO says it will "only" reduce job growth by about 200,000 jobs — although other reputable studies put the number at 700,000 jobs.

Taxes matter.

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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 806-886-1535.

Penny Pfitzner benefit

A lunch to benefit muscular dystrophy patient Penny Pfitzner is scheduled from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9, at First United Methodist Church at the corner of Foster and Ballard. A silent auction will be held and donations will be accepted for Pfitzner. For more information, call Kay Harvey at 665-1210.

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daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, Dec. 8, 2012:
This year your priorities are your friends and expanding your immediate world. From summer on, you will be favored in the area of love, whether you're single or attached. You have a fiery temper, and you often diffuse your anger through spending or by indulging in some other type of activity. If you are single, you have an opportunity to change your status. A potential sweetie is right around the corner. If you are attached, you could be unusually romantic. Many of you might choose to take a second honeymoon. You will see your significant other become more upbeat. LIBRA can tell you off, but you rarely realize it until hours later!
The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You will do everything you can to get together with a friend you might not have seen for a while. Frustration could translate to anger, if you are not careful. Be patient, and you will achieve your desired goal. Tonight: Out with a favorite group of friends.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Listen to others. You might have decided to complete a certain amount of chores or must-do holiday errands. You will be spending a lot of money, but you also choose gifts that have an emotional investment. Tonight: Choose a local spot for dinner.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Tension could be high. Someone you care about might be demanding in a way that is important to him or her but irrelevant to you. Still, put yourself in this person's shoes, and try to understand where he or she is coming from. Tonight: Enjoy every moment.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ You might opt for a lazy Saturday at home, but be aware that a partner or dear friend simply wants to spend time with you. This person's idea of "doing something" could be very different from yours. Just keep an open mind. Tonight: You value this person; act like you do!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Zero in on what is important to you. You have a tendency to minimize your needs in order to satisfy others. Once in a while, you will need to indulge yourself. Do not hesitate to ask for what you want over a hot cider. Tonight: Out, but

not too far from home.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Be reasonable. Get your shopping done on a reasonable schedule in order to enjoy yourself more. A child or new friend could be very difficult. Do not let someone who is unhappy trigger a reaction from you. Detach yourself from the situation. Tonight: Your treat.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Your smile attracts many people. Clearly, you are irresistible. A family member could be on the warpath; step back and just let this person be. Understand what is happening with him or her, but focus on enjoying yourself. Make the most out of the moment. Tonight: Happy at home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ If you need to get away from all the stress someone brings into your life, do just that. Those in your immediate circle will appreciate you taking time for yourself. Don't internalize your frustration; instead, consider other ways to express it. Tonight: Let others wonder.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Put your best foot forward. When you do this, you'll discover how supportive a key person is of you. Do not minimize this person's role in your life. Enjoy the easy exchange, but know that a serious conversation might be necessary to clear the air. Tonight: You don't have to go far.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Follow through on a commitment involving a co-worker or a family member. This person appreciates your efforts, and you'll feel much better afterward, too. Curb a tendency to be grumpy and difficult. You do want to get along with others, don't you? Tonight: Out and about.

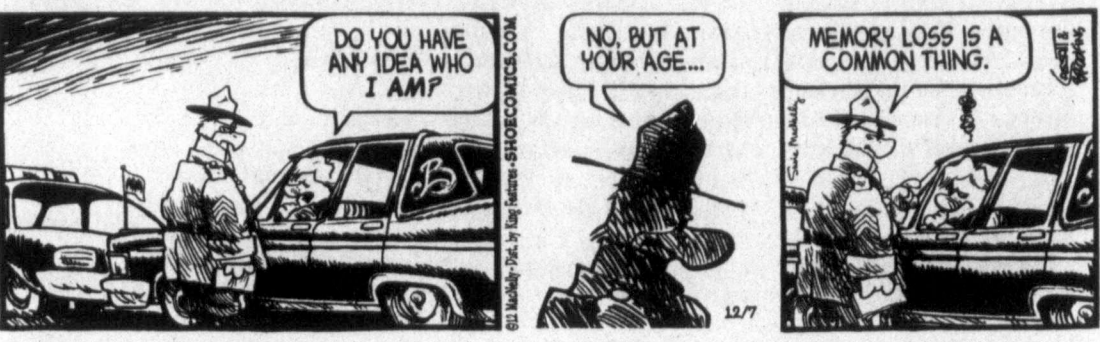
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Consider those at a distance. You can't always stay on top of everything, but certain people really do count on you. Listen to a child or a fun loved one. Together, you can create a lot of fun. Do not let a former grievance dominate your day. Tonight: Be spontaneous.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Try to be more sensitive to others. A special person needs your time and attention. A friend chimes in with a similar request. You have to make a judgment call. You know who is more important, as this person might need you more right now. Tonight: Add some romance.

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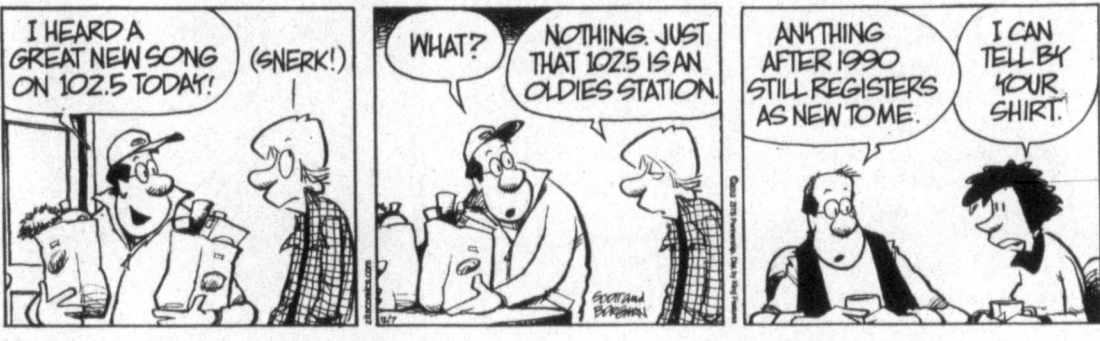
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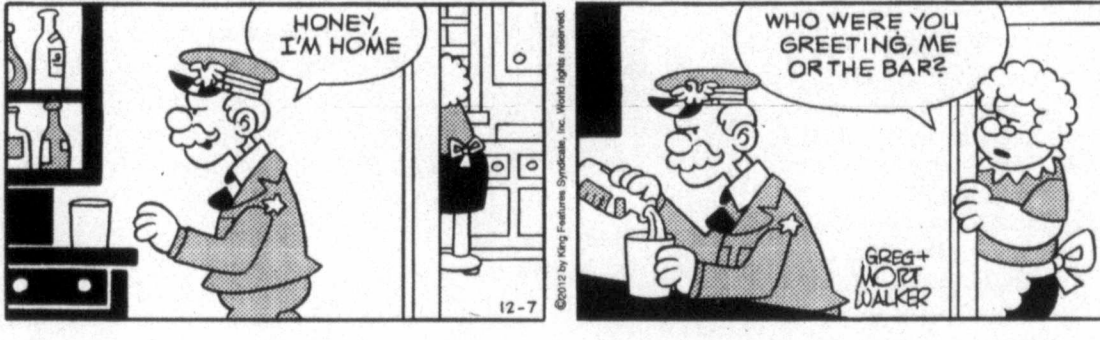
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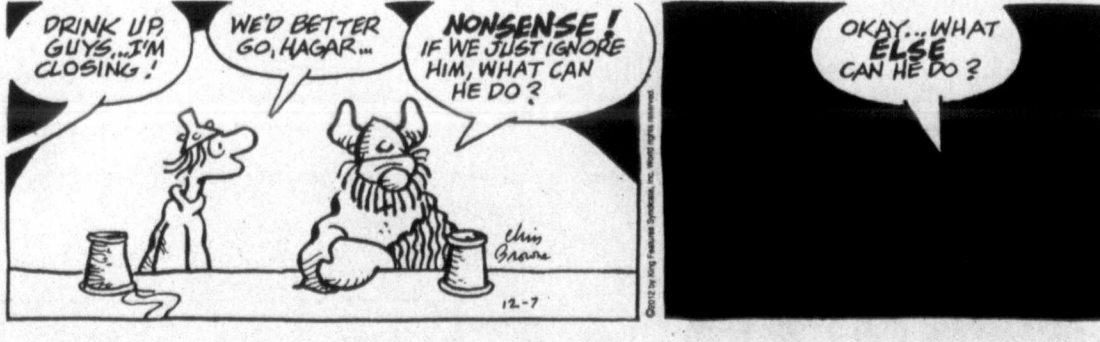
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Pearl Harbor Raid, 7 December 1941

The 7 December 1941 Japanese raid on Pearl Harbor was one of the great defining moments in history. A single carefully-planned and well-executed stroke removed the United States Navy's battleship force as a possible threat to the Japanese Empire's southward expansion. America, unprepared and now considerably weakened, was abruptly brought into the Second World War as a full combatant.

Eighteen months earlier, President Franklin D. Roosevelt had transferred the United States Fleet to Pearl Harbor as a presumed deterrent to Japanese aggression. The Japanese military, deeply engaged in the seemingly endless war it had started against China in mid-1937, badly needed oil and other raw materials. Commercial access to these was gradually curtailed as the conquests continued. In July 1941 the Western powers effectively halted trade with Japan. From then on, as the desperate Japanese schemed to seize the oil and mineral-rich East Indies and Southeast Asia, a Pacific war was virtually inevitable.

By late November 1941, with peace negotiations clearly approaching an end, informed U.S. officials (and they were well-informed, they believed, through an ability to read Japan's diplomatic codes) fully expected a Japanese attack into the Indies, Malaya and probably the Philippines. Completely unanticipated was the prospect that Japan would attack east, as well.

The U.S. Fleet's Pearl Harbor base was reachable by an aircraft carrier force, and the Japanese Navy secretly sent one across the Pacific with greater aerial striking power than had ever been seen on the World's oceans. Its planes hit just before 8 am on 7 December. Within a short time five of eight battleships at Pearl Harbor were sunk or sinking, with the rest damaged. Several other ships and most Hawaii-based combat planes were also knocked out and over 2400 Americans were dead. Soon after, Japanese planes eliminated much of the American air force in the Philippines, and a Japanese Army was ashore in Malaya.

These great Japanese successes, achieved without prior diplomatic formalities, shocked and enraged the previously divided American people into a level of purposeful unity hardly seen before or since. For the next five months, until the Battle of the Coral Sea in early May, Japan's far-reaching offensives proceeded untroubled by fruitful opposition. American and Allied morale suffered accordingly. Under normal political circumstances, an accommodation might have been considered.

However, the memory of the "sneak attack" on Pearl Harbor fueled a determination to fight on. Once the Battle of Midway in early June 1942 had eliminated much of Japan's striking power, that same memory stoked a relentless war to reverse her conquests and remove her, and her German and Italian allies, as future threats to World peace.



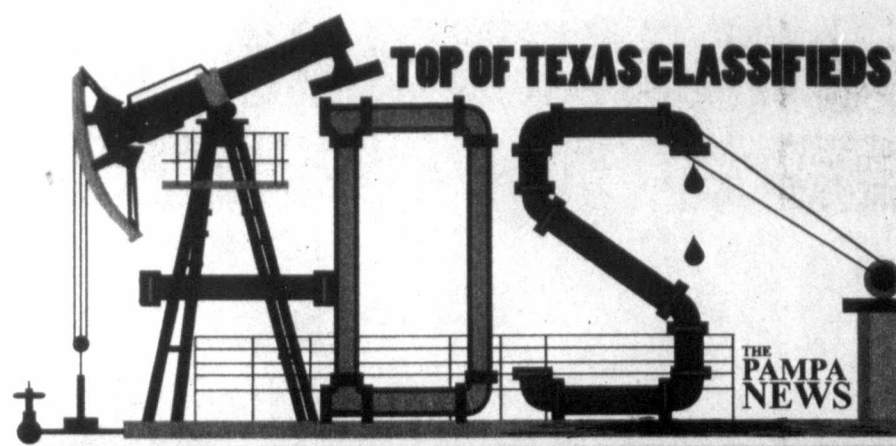
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21 Help Wanted

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SAFETY Trainer: Safety background w/training experience and computer skills helpful. Bi-lingual a plus, some travel. Send resume to: P.O. Box 1172, Pampa, Tx.

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69 Misc.

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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.
12-7 CRYPTOQUOTE
GOZ HBJQG GOBUV BQ GT
ITEZ XTAJ QDTJG. UZEZJ CT
BG GT DIZLQZ QTNZTUZ ZIQZ.
BG OLQ GT MZ XTAJQ.
— DZVVX HIZNBVV
Yesterday's Cryptoquote: THE PENALTY FOR LAUGHING IN A COURTROOM IS SIX MONTHS IN JAIL; IF IT WERE NOT FOR THIS PENALTY, THE JURY WOULD NEVER HEAR THE EVIDENCE. — H. L. MENCKEN

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106 Con

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114 Rec

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I never had a desire to have kids. I married a man, "Harry," who had four, and did my duty being with them on holidays, birthdays and vacations. I never enjoyed it, and I have always been honest regarding my feelings about baby-sitting.

Now that Harry's children are grown and have children of their own, they think my husband and I should give up our weekends and holidays to baby-sit their children. Harry and I have had several serious arguments about this.

I have told his kids I do not want to watch their children. Harry will tell me at the last minute that one of them is being dropped off because the father and his girlfriend are going out. When the grandchild arrives, Harry disappears because he

doesn't want to be bothered. I served my time when my stepchildren were small and have looked forward to the day I'd no longer have to share my down time with kids.

Three months ago I was "surprised" with the 7-year-old so her dad and his honey could go to Atlantic City for a great time. I told them I had a political function to attend at 1:30 the next day; they didn't return until 3:30 in the afternoon. My husband thought it was fine to go without me! I would never have done that.

I love Harry, but this is causing me major grief. Please tell me what you think about this. Oh — and did I mention they think because I was an elementary school teacher I should WANT to sit and play with their kids? It's compar-

ing apples to oranges. — **NEARING WITS'**

END IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR NEARING WITS' END: What I think is that you are being taken advantage of, and it will continue as long as you allow it, however unwillingly. The next time Harry informs you at the last minute that a grandchild is being dropped off, grab your coat and purse and tell him you are going shopping, visiting a friend, seeing a movie or anything else that will get you out of the house. If you do, perhaps the next time his kids need a baby sitter he will suggest that they hire one.

Oh, and did I mention that when you were a teacher, you were **COMPENSATED** for your labor? You are being used, and I hope you draw the

line before you really arrive at wits' end.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 70-year-old man. Many people tell me I look much younger because I have my hair colored professionally.

I started dyeing my hair about 16 years ago because my children are much younger than those of most people my age. They wanted me to color my hair so that I didn't look like their friends' grandparents.

Now friends and new acquaintances make comments about me not having any gray hair at my age. So, what do I say? Should I tell them that I have my hair colored? Should I just laugh? Please advise. —

TO DYE OR NOT TO DYE

D E A R T.D.O.N.T.D.:

Many men have their hair professionally colored these days and others do it themselves at home. It is nothing to be ashamed of. You neither have to laugh nor to divulge the secret of your eternal youth. However, since you are beginning to feel self-conscious because you feel the color of your hair isn't age-appropriate, discuss it with your colorist. It may be time to let a little bit of gray come through at the temples.

BANANAGRAMS!

There is one letter that when added to all of the six-letter words below can be used to form new seven-letter words. Find the letter that works for all four words, add it to each word, and then rearrange each set of letters to form a new word.

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COMMON LETTER

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Yesterday's Answer: METHOD, HOMED, MODE, DOE, DO

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

Level: Advanced

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- 1 Caesar and others
- 5 Snowman prop
- 9 Corn-husker city
- 11 Make — in (show progress)
- 13 In the raw
- 14 Rolls' partner
- 15 In the past
- 16 Convenient, as a store
- 18 Stops working
- 20 Mine find
- 21 Was frugal
- 22 Patella's place
- 23 Mania
- 24 Whale group
- 25 Checkout act
- 27 Software test versions
- 29 Great weight
- 30 Edison's collection
- 32 New York hockey team
- 34 Once called
- 35 Send away
- 36 Blazing

DOWN

- 1 Ping producer
- 2 Mirror sights
- 3 "Twilight Saga" co-star
- 4 Yonder yacht
- 5 Reduces exchange
- 6 Altar
- 7 2005 Pro Bowl MVP
- 8 Audience cry
- 10 Dotted on
- 12 Conical home
- 17 Homer's neighbor
- 19 Notorious czar
- 22 Writer Chopin
- 24 Alludes to
- 25 Throat ailment
- 26 Sweet-talks
- 27 Gold unit
- 28 Platter player
- 30 Slightest sounds
- 31 Canary chow
- 33 Over-supply
- 37 Rival

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Yesterday's answer

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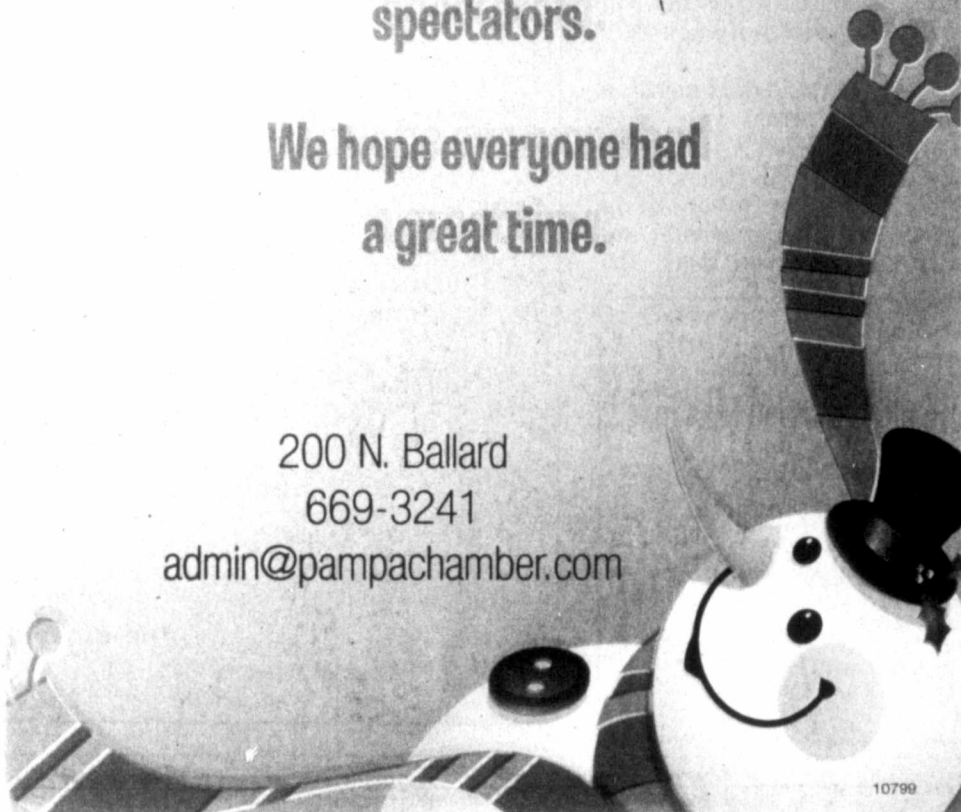
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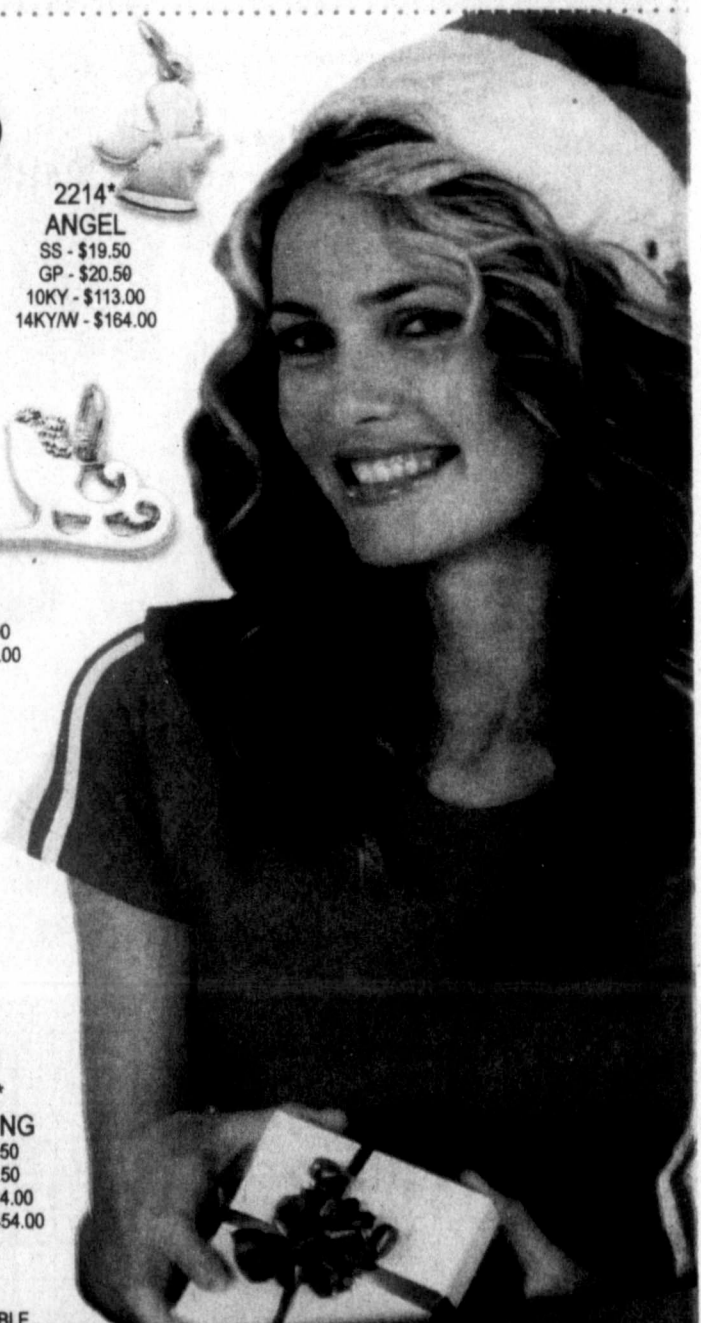
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10KY - \$228.00
14KY/W - \$317.00

8257
CHAMPAGNE
SS - \$32.00
GP - \$35.00
10KY - \$305.00
14KY/W - \$417.00

6543
SNOWFLAKE
SS - \$24.50
GP - \$26.50
10KY - \$166.00
14KY/W - \$239.00

8126*
STOCKING
SS - \$39.50
GP - \$42.50
10KY - \$324.00
14KY/W - \$454.00

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