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## \$250K green lighted for demolition project

■ Grant money will come from the Pampa EDC to tear down dilapidated buildings.

By **SASHA HELLER**  
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No one enjoys looking at rundown, dilapidated structures. They bring down property values, drive away prospective business and can be safety hazards for children who may wander inside condemned, trashed buildings.

To that effect, the Pampa City Commission at its regular business meeting Tuesday, accepted a \$250,000 grant from the Pampa Economic Development Corporation (EDC), for the purchase of a used excavator and costs of demolishing hundreds of decrepit structures around town.

"We found 127 structures needing," Public Works Director Donnie Hooper said. "We want to

get started on this right away." Hooper added that the city also plans to demolish blighted commercial properties.

"We're not finished yet, the commercial properties in the future," he said. "But we're down to the nitty gritty and I'm excited about that."

According to the resolution, which was unanimously approved on first reading, the demolition program will target highly visible areas around thoroughfares and parks.

The resolution must pass a second and final reading at an upcoming meeting.

"I don't see why in the world we would turn down \$250,000," Ward 3 Commissioner Robert Dixon joked.

Hooper reported that the excavator — which was expected to be around \$90,000 — will only cost \$72,000, saving the city around \$18,000.

In other business, the commission canceled its regular meeting set for Dec. 25. A make-up date was not announced at the meeting.

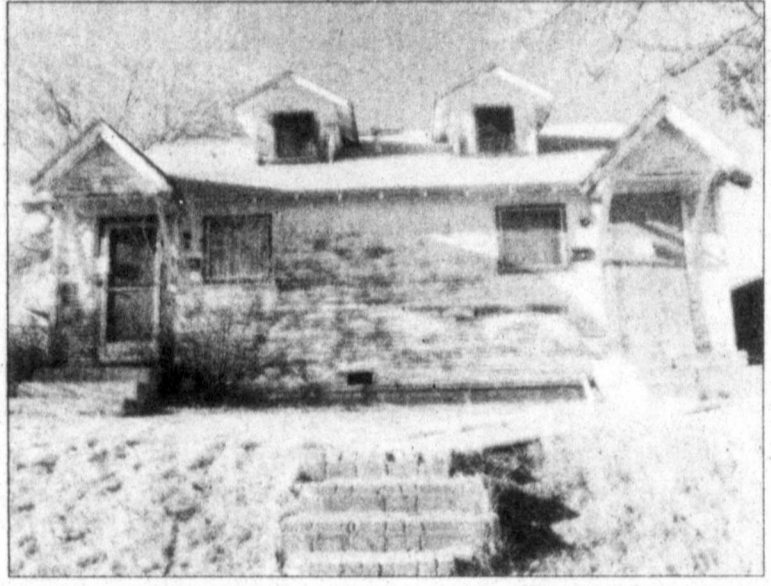


Photo by Sasha Heller  
 Buildings such as this one have been targeted by the city for a demolition program funded through a grant from the Pampa EDC.

## FRIENDS ON A MISSION



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 Front row from left, Hireiene Jeanty, Laurent Wally Jeanty, Hetsron Jeanty and Mandy Clark. Back row, Alan Gertonson, Trey Wiggins, Kolbi Furgason and Jason Clark.

## When the Earth shook

■ Haitian earthquake survivor visits Pampa and tells his story.

By **SASHA HELLER**  
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Haiti earthquake survivor Laurent Jeanty, 29, doesn't like talking about the natural disaster that devastated his tiny island nation homeland in 2010.

"It is scary to think about," Jeanty said, about the day the 7.0 earthquake hit.

The quake struck at 4:53 p.m., Jan. 12, 2010, shaking the ground beneath Jeanty's feet. The quake's epicenter — or strongest point of impact — struck 10 miles west of Haiti's capital city of Port-Au-Prince, which houses 2 million residents.

The quake destroyed the nation's infrastructure and ripped people's lives apart.

Jeanty was watching TV at his wife's house, enjoying the company of his her family, when the quake struck. The foundation of his wife's house held in tact but the home of Jeanty's family was completely leveled.

Jeanty said none of his immediate family members or his wife's were critically injured. However, Jeanty did sustain a serious gash to his arm that



Submitted photo  
 Jeanty smiles for the camera as he wheels in supplies to the hospital just days after the earthquake struck.

required medical treatment. To help cope with the aftermath of the quake, Jeanty created a blog to document his experiences and process his emotions.

From his blog, Jeanty wrote, "I began volunteering in the operating room at the Hospital

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## Officers cleared in Scott shooting

By **TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE**  
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The two Pampa Police Department officers involved in the shooting of David M. Scott on Nov. 28 were no-billed Wednesday by the Gray County Grand Jury, according to a released statement from the Texas Department of Public Safety.



**David Scott**

"They found no evidence to confirm that the officers did anything wrong," said Trooper Daniel Hawthorne, a DPS spokesman in Amarillo.

Hawthorne said when police officers are involved in a shooting, the incident is typically reviewed by a grand jury.

"This is a safety net between the government and the people," he said. "It must be shown that there was just cause."

Officers Jimmy Skinner and Joey Roberts were placed on administrative leave at the time of the incident and returned to work last week.

The shooting was investigated by the Texas Rangers, who presented their findings to District Attorney Lynn Switzer of the 31st Judicial District, Hawthorne said.

Switzer said Jason Dudley, the Ranger in

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## Shopping Tour set for Saturday

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The 50th annual Children's Shopping Tour will begin at 8 a.m. Saturday with registration at the Pampa Optimist Youth Club gym, 601 E. Craven St.

"Sandra McKinney has recruited about 20 volunteers to help with registration," said Mike Hooper, general chair of the event. "She is representing the Texas Department of Health and Human Services."

McKinney and Cpt. Martha Higdon of The Salvation Army have screened applications and will invite about 100 children to participate. Tour organizers anticipate serving about 400 family members this year, including the children who will go on the tour.

"After registering, the volunteers will enjoy coffee from The Salvation Army and orange juice and doughnuts furnished by DeeDee Laramore with the Tralee Crisis Center. The volunteers will be given information about the names and sizes of everybody in the children's

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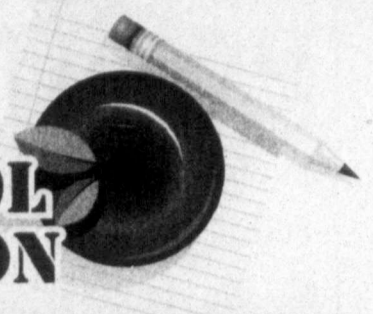
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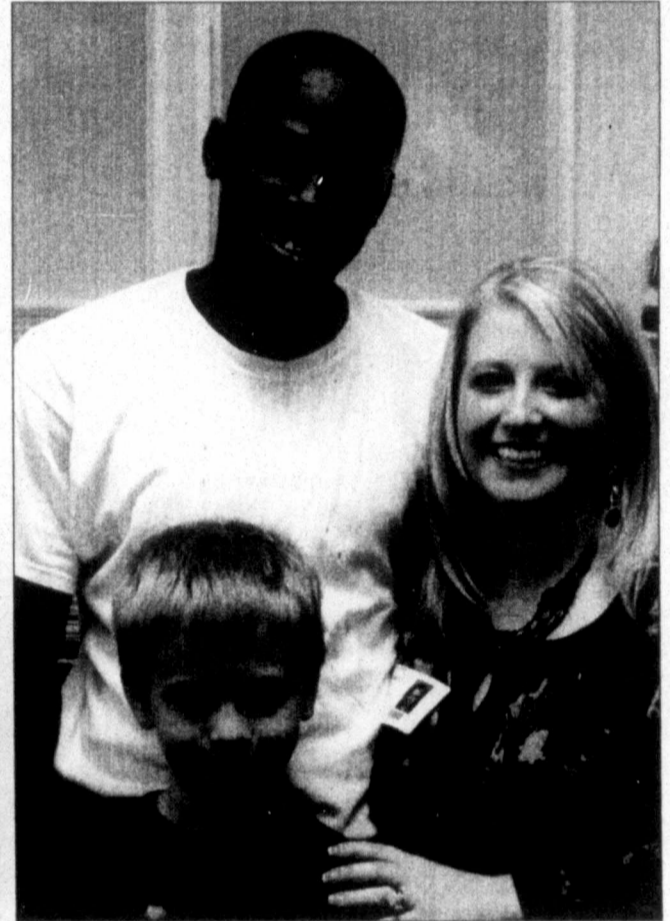
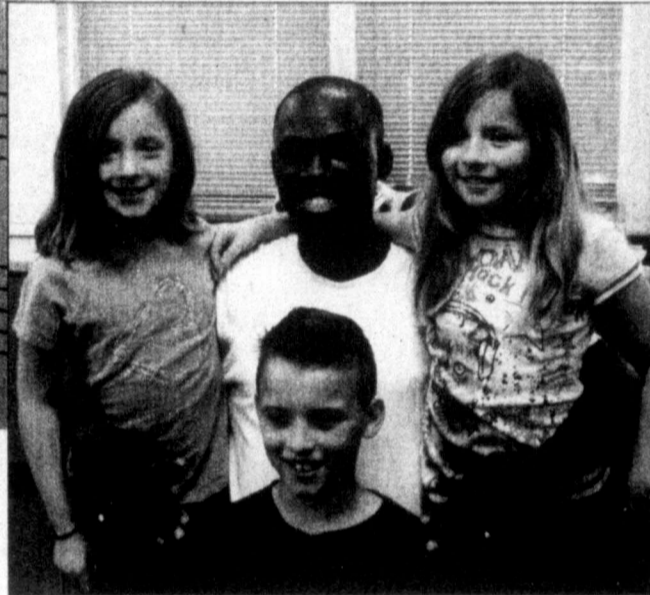
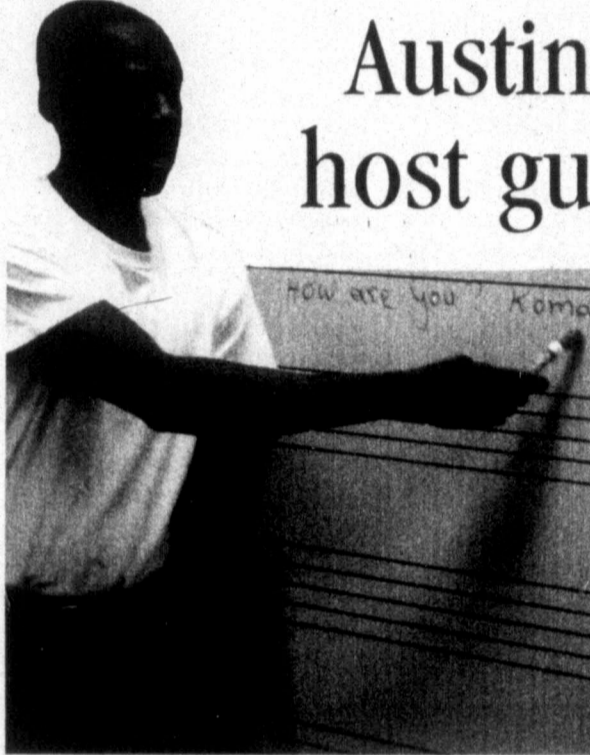
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Austin Elementary

**Christmas on Candy Cane Lane**  
 Austin 5th graders present traditional Christmas Program

**Sweet Times**  
 Parent involvement event a big success

## Austin 3rd graders host guest from Haiti



Jeanty, from Haiti, visited with the 3rd graders at Austin Elementary. He is a guest at Austin Lion Talon Clark's home. It is his first time to be in the United States.



## Pete The Cat

Eric Litwin, author of the popular Pete the Cat books, visited Austin Elementary. He entertained with his singing and guitar playing. As well as reading his fun books to the group.



## Sweet Times



Austin held a Parental Involvement event. Parents helped their children decorate cupcakes and make a Christmas Craft. There were lots of great comments and requests for more similar activities. The parents and kids had fun.

## Christmas on Candy Cane Lane

The Citizens of Candy Cane Lane have gathered to see which color is superior. The 5th graders at Austin performed "Christmas on Candy Cane Lane" for their big traditional Christmas Program.



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## Why Boehner's math just does not add up

If President Obama honestly wants to negotiate an agreement with Republicans before the year-end fiscal deadline,



**JOE CONASON**

he must be deeply frustrated. And if he doesn't really want to negotiate with them, then he should be delighted, for the same reason: Their latest "offer" laid before him by House Speaker John Boehner demonstrates again their refusal to reveal their true intentions — and their inability to do simple arithmetic. Consider their treatment of Medicare, the popular social insurance program for seniors that Republicans have always despised.

They have just emerged from a long national campaign in which they repeatedly and falsely claimed to "protect" Medicare from the president — whom they accused of wanting to slash \$716 billion from the program — but now they complain that he won't cut it enough. The Obama cuts were mythical, but the Boehner budget proposal includes at least \$600 billion in Medicare and Medicaid reductions.

Worse still, the Republicans propose to perform this crude surgery on Medicare without the slightest explanation of where they would cut.

Washington rumors suggest that they would achieve some of those cuts over the next 10 years by raising the eligibility age by two years to 67 and by increasing premiums for more affluent beneficiaries.

As Robert Greenstein of the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities pointed out on Tuesday, however, those changes would not begin to achieve the savings required by the Boehner proposal.

The same problem undermines the other aspects of Boehner's

proposal, which includes \$600 billion in additional unspecified cuts. Either their arithmetic doesn't work — or, as Greenstein worries, they mean to inflict severe cuts in health and other services that would harm elderly and poor Americans, but want to conceal those consequences from the public.

Yet there is an even deeper problem with Boehner's arithmetic. The Republicans are fighting to extend all the Bush tax cuts to the wealthiest two percent along with everyone else — but their alternative proposals are utterly inadequate to compensate for the \$1.3 trillion in revenues lost by continuing those cuts for the rich.

To "offer" \$800 billion in new "revenues" obtained by eliminating deductions rather than raising rates simply doesn't work, as a matter of basic math. It isn't nearly enough money. If Republican leaders cannot do the arithmetic, then it is impossible to negotiate with them. If they can do the arithmetic but insist on falsifying the answers, then it is both unwise and impossible to negotiate with them.

Unless and until the Republicans start talking about real numbers that can actually add up, there is nothing to be gained from pretending to negotiate.

Nor should the president start negotiating with himself, as he has sometimes done in the past. Instead, he ought to make sure that the opposition understands what will happen when they fail to act responsibly.

After Jan. 1, he will bring them an offer they cannot refuse to restore cuts for the 98 percent — and they will be held accountable for any consequences caused in the meantime by their stalling.

To find out more about Joe Conason, visit the Creators Syndicate website at [www.creators.com](http://www.creators.com).

## Feeding hungry kids

### Snack Pak 4 Kids in Pampa off to good start

It can be tough to get people who are already busy with jobs, family, church and other activities to volunteer their time.

But the eight board members of the newly formed Pampa branch of Snack Pak 4 Kids struck gold with their "eight bring eight" plan to get a crew to show up at the Carver Center Monday night to stuff packaged snacks into plastic bags.

The program started in Amarillo two years ago and now services 2,400 kids.

At least 50 volunteers in Pampa showed up, and what seemed like a task that could have taken two hours, stuffing and packing 675 bags, took only 30 minutes.

As the program evolves in Pampa, organizer Lisa Gibson hopes to bring in even more volunteers by scheduling different groups, like the service clubs and sports teams, to volunteer on selected nights.

About 175 elementary stu-

#### Our View

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dents were chosen by their teacher or counselors to receive the sacks, which are placed in their backpacks or cubbies while at recess or gym class so they are not singled out in front of the other students.

The snack packs include Pop Tarts, jars of peanut butter, animal crackers, beef jerky sticks, juice boxes, sunflower seed packets and other kid-friendly treats.

According to the Snack Pak 4 Kids website ([snackpak-4kids.org](http://snackpak-4kids.org)), 17 million children in the United States are living in food insecure households. In Texas, 27.1 percent of children don't always have enough food in their households. Gray County is slightly below the state average at 25.3 percent. While students in food

insecure households can be eligible for free or reduced lunches at school, there's still two days when they may be going hungry — Saturday and Sunday.

The rationale behind Snack Pak 4 Kids is to give these kids a pack of snacks on Friday to take home for the weekend.

In the Pampa Independent School District, 58 percent of students are on free or reduced lunch programs.

In the Amarillo district, where Snack Pak 4 Kids got its start two years ago, the number is 64 percent.

The local board members and the volunteers who showed up Monday night should be commended, and hopefully the program will get even bigger and better.

For more information or to donate or volunteer, call Gibson at 669-1155 or Pingel at 669-4800.



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## The winter of conservative discontent

As the white flag rises above Republican redoubts, offering a surrender on taxes, the mind goes back to what seemed a worse time for conservatives: December 1964. Barry Goldwater had suffered a defeat not seen since Alf Landon. Republicans held less than one-third of the House and Senate and only 17 governorships. The Warren Court was remaking America.

In the arts, academic and entertainment communities, and national press corps, conservatives were rarely seen or heard. It was Liberalism's Hour, with America awash in misty memories of Camelot and great expectations of the Great Society to come in 1965. That year, however, saw escalation in Vietnam, campus protests, and civil disobedience against the war. That August, there exploded the worst race riot in memory in the Watts section of Los Angeles, with arson, looting, the beating of whites, and sniper attacks on cops and firemen.

A year after LBJ's triumph, black militants and white radicals were savaging the Liberal Establishment from the left, while Gov. George Wallace had come north in 1964 to win a third of the vote in the major Democratic primaries with an assault from the populist right. Below



**PATRICK BUCHANAN**

Richard Nixon would see the opening and seize the opportunity to dismantle FDR's coalition and cobble together his New Majority.

Today, the GOP strength in the House, Senate and governorships is far greater than anything Republicans had in the 1960s. The difference is that, then, we could visualize a new majority of centrist Republicans, Goldwater conservatives, Northern Catholic ethnics and Southern Protestant Democrats. And we could see the issues that might bring them into the tent: a new Supreme Court, law and order, peace with honor in Vietnam.

When the Liberal Establishment collapsed during the 1960s, unable to end the war in Vietnam or the war in the streets, national leadership passed to the party of Nixon and Ronald Reagan. From 1968 to 1988, the GOP won five of six presidential elections, two of them in 49-state landslides.

The crisis of the GOP

today is demographic, cultural and political. Demographically, people of color are nearing 40 percent of the U.S. population and 30 percent of the electorate. These folks — 85 to 90 percent of all immigrants, legal and illegal — are growing in number. And in 2012, people of color voted for Obama 4 to 1. The GOP trump card — we are the party of Reagan, who led us to victory in the Cold War — ceased to work 20 years ago. Then, George H.W. Bush, a war hero who had presided over the fall of the Berlin Wall and dissolution of the Soviet Empire, the victor of Desert Storm, won 38 percent of the vote against a draft-evader named Bill Clinton.

Culturally, the causes of the 1960s' revolutions — no-fault divorce, legalized drugs, "reproductive rights," teenage access to birth control, gay rights and gay marriage — have either been embraced or become acceptable to most of America's young. As a result of the sexual revolution promoted by the counterculture of the 1960s, the dominant culture today, 40 percent of all births in the United States are now to single moms.

With no husband, these women look to government to help feed, house, educate, medicate and provide income support

for themselves and their children. For sustenance and the survival of their families, they depend on that same Big Government that Republicans denounce at their rallies. As to the GOP's strongest appeal — we are the party that will cut taxes — half the country does not pay income taxes, and the GOP is about to surrender to Obama even on the tax front.

Republicans stand for bringing entitlements under control. But the primary beneficiaries of the big entitlements, Social Security and Medicare, are seniors, the party's most reliable voting bloc. On foreign policy, the most visible Republican spokesmen are Sens. John McCain and Lindsey Graham. Both were unhappy with the withdrawals from Iraq and Afghanistan. Both want to intervene in Syria and Iran.

What does America want? To come home and do our nation-building here in the United States. The bedrock values of Reagan — work, family, faith — still hold an appeal for tens of millions. But the faith of our fathers is dying, the family is crumbling, and work is less desirable when the social welfare state offers a cushioned existence for life. Conservatives need to rediscover what they wish to conserve and how, in a **WINTER** cont. on page 7

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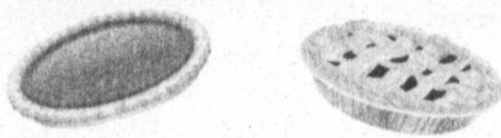
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**Jeanty**

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Adventiste of Haiti as a translator and transporter. When I got to the hospital as a patient, I saw a need for a translator."

Jeanty said many of the patients who spoke Haitian Creole had trouble communicating with the French medical team who operated the hospital. Jeanty intervened and began assisting patients in need who had been waiting on the hospital grounds for medical attention.

"People were outside in tents and they hadn't seen a doctor for a few days," Jeanty wrote. "I was waiting for care but my own cut was not a high priority."

Jeanty watched how the medical practitioners treated wounds, using sanitizer and 4-by-4 gauze.

"As I was waiting, I saw many patients whose amputations were done by their families to get them out of the rubble," he wrote. "My mom is a nurse and I remembered what she taught me in first aid and so that they were waiting for medical help, I went around and ripped my shirt and used it for tourniquets to stop the bleeding."

Jeanty has continued volunteering at the hospital as a translator and transporter but his community service has not been limited to working inside the hospital's halls.

"Many patients do not have food, money or family," Jeanty

wrote. "I have taken it upon myself to buy food for these individuals, equitably distribute donations among those in need, and help those who are immobilized by pushing their wheelchairs around the hospital and outside on the grounds."

Jeanty also shared his passion for music with the patients, treating them to private guitar lessons and exhibitions.

"I have even donated my own blood," he wrote. "Since I was a little boy, my great dream has been to help people everywhere. Every day I have worked to find ways to help others."

**Beneath the rubble**

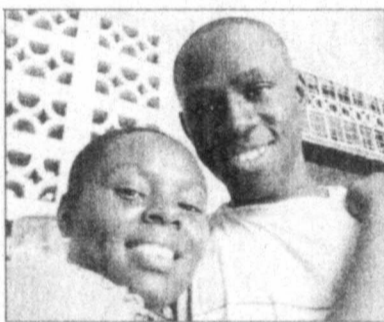
And that's exactly why Praying Pelican missionary Mandy Clark, and husband Jason, made the mission to Haiti in 2011 — to help others.

"I was in shock, in culture shock," Clark said. "I could not believe people were living in those conditions."

While she was dismayed at the disheveled surroundings, Clark said the residents she encountered welcomed her and her fellow missionaries with open arms.

"They treated me and my husband like royalty," she said. "Everybody was so welcoming and loving."

The Clarks have two children, Mikaela, 12, and Talon, 8. Mikaela is set to serve her first relief mission to Haiti this summer.



Submitted photo

Laurent Jeanty, right, with his wife, Hireine Chery.

Briarwood assistant pastor Matt Green outlined the church's relationship with Praying Pelican.

"We just sign on and partner with them," Green said. "We took our first mission trip to Haiti in 2011. I led the trip. We went as a result of the earthquake. Mandy was on that trip with me. We actually met Jeanty on that trip."

Green said the Clarks were so moved by the conditions in Haiti that they felt drawn to the place, like a calling to reach out and help those in need.

"Mandy and her husband, Jason, fell in love with Haiti so they decided to go back last summer," he said. "This time around, Jeanty was closely working with that group and so they really got to know him pretty well."

Green has also led a mission to Cape Town, South Africa and is currently planning a mission to Belize in 2013 as well as a third trip to Haiti.

"There's a lot of rebuilding to be done," he said. "We've been partnering with churches and schools in the area. Also taking time to do a lot of outreach ministry. It's quite rewarding."

**From the ground up**

Jeanty has stayed busy on his visit to Pampa, having taken in the sights and reveled in some new experiences.

He led music classes at Austin and Travis elementary schools and spoke at Briarwood Church. He even went hunting with Mandy's husband.

Jeanty has also enjoyed the local delicacies like cornbread, fajitas and sweet tea as well as watching American professional football.

Jeanty and wife, Hireine Chery, have a 16-month-old son, Hetsron Jedrael.

While Jeanty's story is an inspiring one, there are many Haitian residents whose lives are limited by a nation still trying to pick up the pieces.

According to Oxfam.org, more than 220,000 people died and 300,000 were injured as a result of the devastation. More than one million residents were left homeless.

Aftershocks continued for weeks, ranging in magnitude from 4.2 to 5.9.

The effects have been lasting as the aid provided by world health and service organizations can only repair so much. Today, more than 519,000 Haitians live

in tents and under tarps in more than 750 temporary camps. Left in the wake of the quake was approximately 10 million cubic meters of debris. Reports estimate that nearly half of the rubble is still present on the streets of Haiti.

Cholera had been all but eliminated in Haiti before the quake with no reported cases for decades.

However, since the quake, Haiti's rates of cholera infection have skyrocketed to the highest in the world with more than 5 percent of the population having been affected.

On his blog, Jeanty wrote that the country is still in critical need of professional medical practitioners.

"They need more doctors and nurses, especially those who can communicate with the patients," he wrote.

The job situation in Haiti is also bleak as an estimated 70 percent of the nation's residents are without work with job opportunities remaining scarce.

While the prospects for Haiti as a nation are all but optimistic, Jeanty has vowed to rely on his faith and continue to focus on his education so he can personally make a difference in the lives of his fellow islanders.

Residents who are interested in serving on a Praying Pelican mission can call Briarwood Church at 806-665-7201 and ask to speak to Green.

**Shooting**

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charge of the investigation, testified to the grand jury.

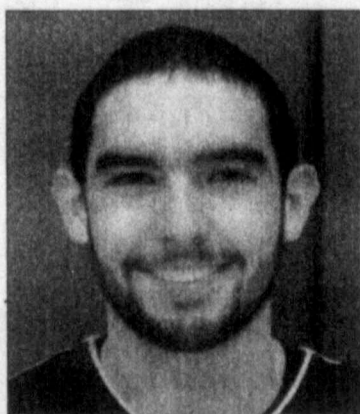
"They also watched videos from both the units (police cars)," she said. "After deliberating they decided the officers were justified in their actions."

Switzer said Scott withdrew a handgun and pointed it at Roberts. Both officers reacted by firing at Scott, she said.

"It's a tragedy for everybody," she said. "No officer ever likes to take another person's life."

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## REINDEER GAMES

Don't let your brain hibernate on winter break! Join in the Reindeer Games and see if you can solve these puzzles designed to boggle your mind!

### Change HOT Into TEA

Change the word **HOT** into the word **TEA** in just four steps. Change only one letter at a time. Need help? Look at how Randolph changed a **DOG** into a **CAT**.

Hint: Golfers use the word on line 4.

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Standards Link: Spelling: Spell grade level words correctly; Phonemic Awareness.

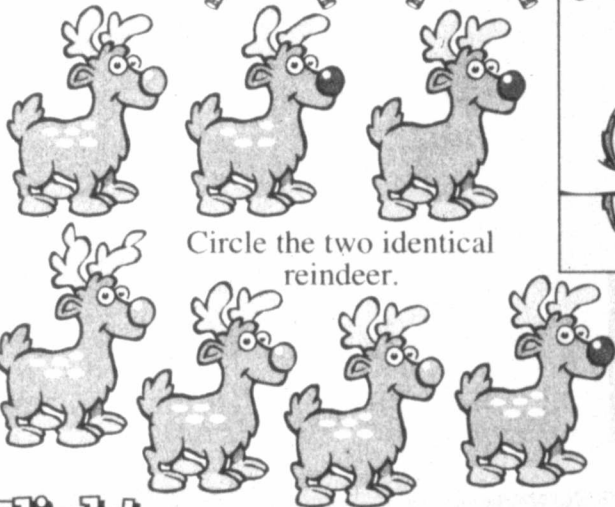
### Peppermint Puzzler

This reindeer has a head, antlers, a tail, legs and a body. Can you move just two peppermint sticks to make the reindeer look in the opposite direction?

Solution at [www.kidscoop.com/kids/answer\\_page/](http://www.kidscoop.com/kids/answer_page/)

Standards Link: Math/Problem Solving: Make a model to solve a problem.

Thinking this hard makes my antlers sore!



Circle the two identical reindeer.



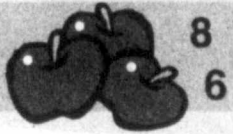
How many differences can you find between the two pictures above?

Standards Link: Investigation: Identify similarities and differences in common objects.

### Food Flight

Rhoda is doing a little flight practice. Elmer Elf left her favorite treats: apples, carrots and sugar cubes. To help her get the treats, look at each math problem and the numbers next to each treat. Place a number in each empty box so that the problem equals the answer. Use each of these numbers only once. (There is more than one possible solution for each problem.)

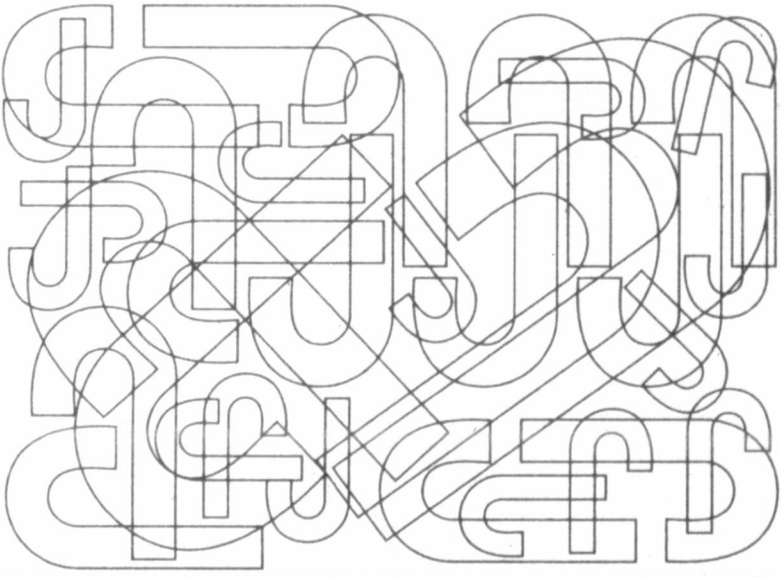


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Standards Link: Math: Solve addition and subtraction problems.

### Kid Scoop Puzzler

How many candy canes can you find in this box?



Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

### Double Double Word Search

REINDEER PUZZLES TREATS CANDY GEOMETRIC HIBERNATE MONEY ANTLERS BRAIN LEGS BODY WINTER SOLVE HARD MIND

Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

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

### Fill in The Blanks!

Ask a friend to come up with three nouns (person, place or thing) and three verbs (action words like swim and walk). Use them to fill in the blanks in this story. Read it aloud to share some holiday humor!

NOUN 1: \_\_\_\_\_  
NOUN 2: \_\_\_\_\_  
NOUN 3: \_\_\_\_\_  
VERB 1: \_\_\_\_\_  
VERB 2: \_\_\_\_\_  
VERB 3: \_\_\_\_\_

Ricky Reindeer wanted to get a special gift for his friend Sadie Squirrel. He walked deep into the forest, and was surprised to find a shiny, new \_\_\_\_\_ in the

\_\_\_\_\_ snow. He picked it up and started to \_\_\_\_\_ back home. He wrapped the gift in \_\_\_\_\_ and put a nice big \_\_\_\_\_ on top.

Sadie was thrilled with the gift. She was so happy, she began to \_\_\_\_\_ around

\_\_\_\_\_ in the snow. Ricky was happy, too. So he began to \_\_\_\_\_ merrily while jumping for joy.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Understand text from context clues.

### Chilly Challenge

Edith Elf wanted to measure the snowfall at the North Pole for one week. She started on Sunday, and stopped the next Saturday. It snowed every day that week. Each day the amount of snow in her bucket doubled. On Saturday, the bucket was full.

On what day of the week was Edith's bucket half full?

ANSWER: It snowed twice as much each day as the day before, so that means that on Friday Edith's bucket was half full. (It was full on Saturday.)

### Kid Scoop-doku

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

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#### Get In Shape

Find examples of each of these geometric shapes in your newspaper.

- pentagon
- circle
- square
- trapezoid
- triangle
- rectangle
- octagon

Standards Link: Math: Geometry: Identify basic geometric shapes.

### Which reindeer have trunks?

ANSWER: The ones going on vacation.

### Write On!

#### Make a Brain Builder

Make up a holiday math problem that is a story problem. Include the answer. Be sure the holiday is a wintertime holiday.

Example: There was 5 feet of snow on the ground. When the next snowstorm hit, the new storm dropped 3 feet of snow. How much snow is on the ground now? (Answer: 8 feet.)

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# Winter

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clamors of their bawling constituencies for more and more from a country that is approaching an end of its tolerance and an inevitable crash. As to the GOP's strongest appeal — we are the party that will cut taxes — half the country does not pay income taxes, and the GOP is about to surrender to Obama even on the tax front.

Republicans stand for bringing entitlements un-

der control. But the primary beneficiaries of the big entitlements, Social Security and Medicare, are seniors, the party's most reliable voting bloc. On foreign policy, the most visible Republican spokesmen are Sens. John McCain and Lindsey Graham.

Both were unhappy with the withdrawals from Iraq and Afghanistan. Both want to intervene in Syria and Iran.

What does America want? To come home and do our nation-building here in the United States. The bedrock values of Reagan — work, family, faith — still hold an appeal for tens of millions. But the faith of our fathers is dying, the family is crumbling, and work is less desirable when the social welfare state offers a cushioned existence for life.

Conservatives need to

rediscover what they wish to conserve and how, in a climate every bit as hostile as 1964 — then await the moment when the country turns again to an alternative.

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## The PAMPA NEWS Community Calendar

### Meredith House presents live music

Meredith House, an assisted-living facility at 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. For more information, call 806-665-5668.

### Jam sessions every Friday night

The Woody Guthrie Folk Music Center has a jam sessions every Friday night starting at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to play or listen. The center is located at 320 S. Cuyler St. For more information, call 806-664-0824.

### Sweet Times at Lamar

Sweet Times at Lamar Elementary is set for 3:30

to 4:30 p.m., Dec. 13, at 1234 S. Nelson. There will be cookie decorating and arts and crafts. The event is free for all Lamar Elementary families. For more information, call 669-4880.

### 'Blue Christmas' at First Christian Church

Pampa's First Christian Church at 1633 N. Nelson St. will be sharing in "A Blue Christmas Service of Worship" at 6:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 15.

The service is offered in the hope of blessing anyone who has experienced major trauma this year. If you have experienced the trauma of illness, loss of loved one, job change/search, or anything else personally or in your family that might keep you from truly celebrating the joys of Christmas, you are

invited to share in this special service.

### Pampa Chamber of Commerce luncheon

Pampa Chamber of Commerce will host its monthly luncheon from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m., Dec. 18, at 200 N. Ballard St. Cost is \$10 per person; RSVP by Dec. 14.

The chamber luncheon is open to the public; non-chamber members must call the chamber to register for the luncheon. Contact Lori Byrne at 806-669-3241 for more information.

### Christmas carols at the Meredith House

There will be Christmas caroling at the Meredith House from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., Dec. 21, at 812 W. 25th Ave., Pampa. For more information, call

806-665-5668.

*Editor's note: Email submissions to [thowsare@thepampa.com](mailto:thowsare@thepampa.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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### Ariz. home: 'Ditto' to her neighbor's Christmas lights

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MARICOPA, Ariz. (AP) — An Arizona woman who knew she couldn't compete head on with her neighbor's elaborate Christmas light display is attracting attention for her response.

Using red and green lights, Kristina Green of Maricopa spelled out the word "ditto" and made an arrow pointing toward her neighbor's home.

KNXV-TV reports (<http://bit.ly/Uv8Qz9>) that Green's display is made of around 600 lights. Her neighbor's set-up has about 16,000 colorful lights.

Green has created a Facebook page for her "ditto" sign.

Last year, a family in Beaverton, Ore., also erected the word "Ditto" with an arrow on the side of their own home toward a neighbor's house as part of an online movement.

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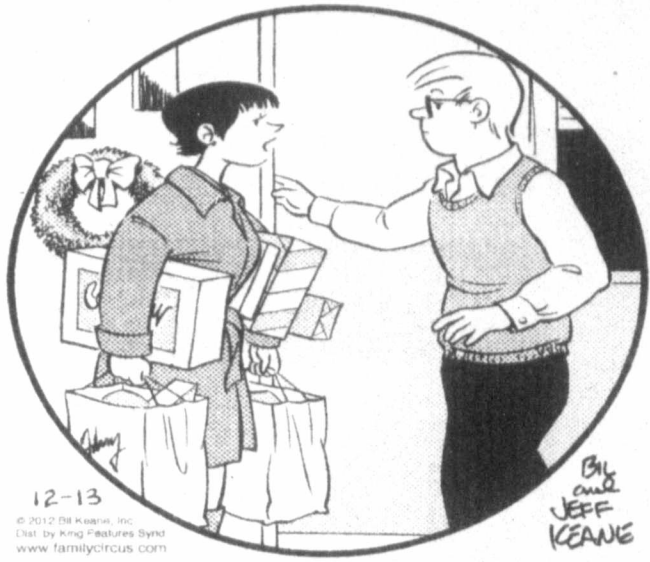


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**"There may be grumbling this year. I'm trying to buy things that don't need to be recharged or plugged in."**

Non Sequitur

HE WAS A FIRM BELIEVER THAT THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS A SMALL ACCOMPLISHMENT



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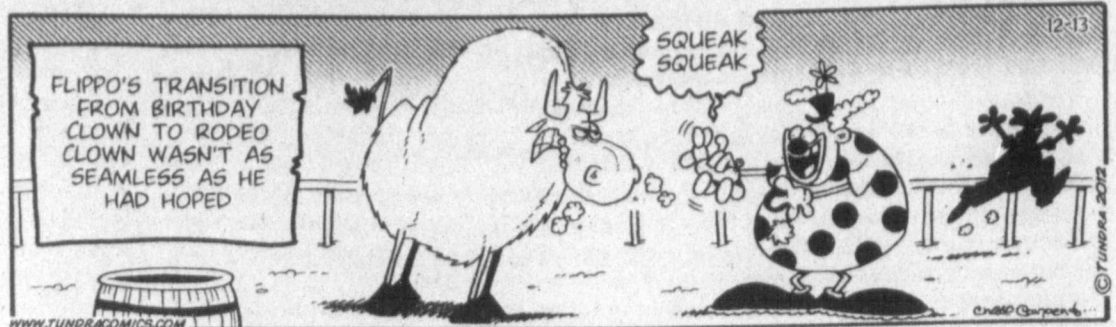


## daily horoscope

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Friday, Dec. 14, 2012:  
This year your sixth sense provides you with flashes of insight. Be willing to let go of what no longer works. Put your energy where it makes a difference, and you will feel more satisfied as a result. Honor a need for more private time. If you are single, someone interesting appears from out of the blue. Keep in mind that this person could leave just as quickly. Let time decide whether a relationship is long-term. If you are attached, reintroduce more unpredictability into your bond. Given time, you could see your bond strengthen. CAPRICORN knows much more about money than you realize.  
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)  
★★★★ Be responsive to a boss or older relative, and communication between you will open up more. You'll be able to share what has been making you uncomfortable and finally clear the air. Tonight: It's Friday night! Adjust your plans accordingly.  
**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)  
★★★★ Take off quickly, even though a comment or situation could trigger a desire within you to do something differently. Sudden insights also might trip you up just as you are walking out the door. Honor your priorities. Afterward, you finally can relax. Tonight: Take in new vistas.  
**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)  
★★★★ Deal with others directly. You will be most effective if you follow that guideline. You might not be OK with a change in attitude from a key person in your life. You can talk around it all you want, but you need to accept what is happening. Tonight: Add spice to your life.  
**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)  
★★★★ Defer to others, and let them run the show. Understand that you can't always maintain a high level of control. Someone you respect might do or say something that is out of character for him or her. Don't read too much into this. Just go with the flow. Tonight: Say "yes."  
**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)  
★★★★ Good intentions go a long way, but couple them with endurance, and you can't seem to lose. You deal with the unexpected well. In fact, you enjoy change. You must adapt your schedule to

these changes. Do not become rigid. Tonight: Join a friend for eggnog and cheer.  
**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)  
★★★★ Your creativity comes out when dealing with what is starting to be the customary unpredictability of key people in your life. You are starting to become a pro at dealing with chaos. Stay direct, and know what you want to achieve. Tonight: Ever playful.  
**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)  
★★★★ You might want to try a different approach when faced with a recurring conflict between home base and a relationship. You'll need to rethink your priorities beyond the conventional mode. Refuse to become easily triggered. Tonight: Happiest at home.  
**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)  
★★★★ You might want to stay focused on several important issues. Situations around you could pry you away from your agenda, but at what cost? Stay strong and centered on your objectives. A loved one could need more of your time and attention. Tonight: Easy works; you deserve it.  
**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)  
★★★★ Be aware of the financial consequences surrounding a risk. Unfortunately, you could witness a big backfire, unless you take the time to assess the situation. Sometimes less spontaneity is good. Verbalize your thoughts. Tonight: Off doing some holiday shopping.  
**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)  
★★★★ You could be overwhelmed by everything you have to do. You are coming from a position of strength, and others will concede. Discuss your objective in a meeting and with key friends. You will experience change, but you will endure. Tonight: Only where the action is.  
**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)  
★★★★ Listen to what is not being said. Stay on top of your goals, holiday shopping, important events and whatever else might be filling your plate. Listen and share more. You have a sound sense of direction. Use it. Tonight: Read between the lines.  
**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)  
★★★★ You are full of fun and energy. You also are optimistic, and what appeals to you are thoughts that are a little more accepting and less emotional. Follow through with the knowledge of where you need to head. Your comfort is a high priority. Tonight: Play a favorite holiday CD.

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## Hustlin' Harvesters fall to Randall

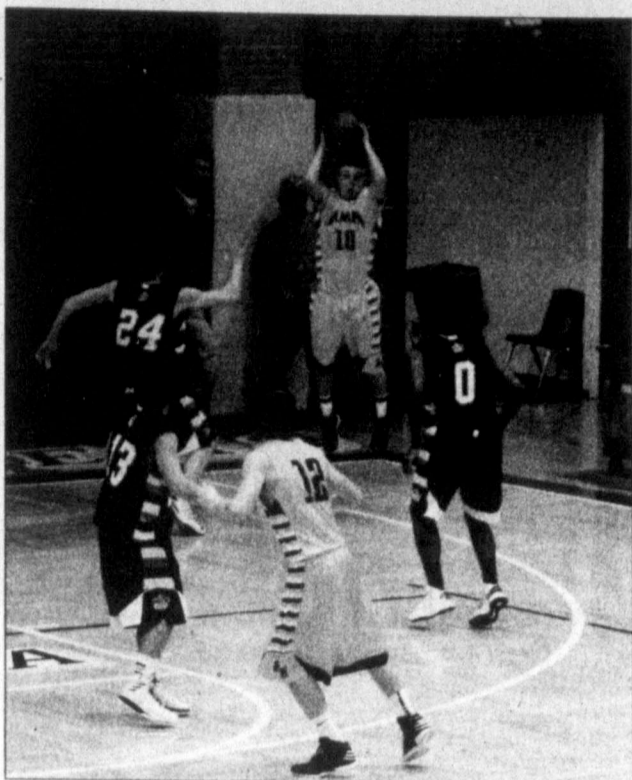


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Jake Green looks for an open man to pass the ball off to. Ryan Powell tries to get an open lane to the basket.

By ZACHARY GREEN  
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The Harvesters varsity boys team hosted the Randall Raiders Tuesday night.

It was a defensive struggle in the first quarter with Pampa staying close and

only trailing 6-2 at the end of the first.

The second quarter is where Randall started to pull away taking a 24-6 lead into the locker room.

Freshman Cade Engle came out of the locker room trying to will his team to come back scor-

ing 11 points in the second half. Engle's 11 wasn't enough as Pampa trailed 43-15 after three quarters and lost the game 54-29.

Engle finished with 11 points. Gabe Garcia added 7 points. Jon Cox scored 4 points. Ryan Powell added 3 points. Derrek Pollard and Ty Hutto scored 2 points each.

"This team is all about team effort and hustle. We prided ourselves on effort for the first 12 games of the season.

"Tonight was the first time I sensed frustration from the team. That frustration turned into a lack of effort," said Pampa Coach Matt Embry.

"We were frustrated by their zone defense but we can't worry about what they are doing," Embry added. "We have to worry about what we are doing."

The coach said he has no doubt when the schedule lightens up Pampa will be fine. "We have to stick together, this is a family. We played a good team tonight and I really think we will be fine once district rolls around."

The Harvesters fell to 5-7 on the season. They will be back in action Tuesday in Pampa against Panhandle.

## SPORTS Briefs

### TODAY DEC. 13

- Pampa Wrestling @ Tascosa
- Pampa JV girls @ Estacado 6:15 p.m.
- Pampa JV boys v. Randall 6 p.m.

### FRIDAY DEC. 14

- Pampa Swimming @ Burnet
- Pampa JV girls @ Estacado 6:30 p.m.
- Pampa Varsity girls @ Estacado 5 p.m.
- Pampa 9th girls @ Estacado 6:30 p.m.

### SATURDAY DEC. 15

- Pampa Swimming @ Burnet
- Pampa Wrestling @ Bushland

### MONDAY DEC. 17

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- 24 Pub pints
- 25 Flamenco call
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## Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips



DEAR ABBY: I must respond to "Always His Mom" (Sept. 26), who asked what to do with her grown son's baby teeth. She can contact the college of dentistry close to her and ask if the school would like to have the baby teeth the Tooth Fairy collected.

When I was in dental school, we used deciduous teeth (baby teeth) to study the dental anatomy of children. It's rare to have a complete set from one person, which would make these a good learning aid for students. When I was in school, the deciduous teeth were nearly smooth because of the number of students who had handled them, making them very difficult to identify. — DOUG FROM SOLON, IOWA

DEAR DOUG: Your suggestion to contact a dental school and ask if they would be interested in using the baby teeth as learning aids is sensible. Other readers offered some "unique" ideas on the subject:

DEAR ABBY: I'd like to comment about what to do with those baby teeth. The original reasoning behind the tooth under the pillow custom was to keep witches from getting ahold of them and casting a spell on

the child. The traditional disposition of those teeth was straight into the fire! — LADAWN IN WISCONSIN

DEAR ABBY: I had a neighbor with five children. She also kept their baby teeth and was inspired to use them to make a present for her father. At the time, we were into casting things in plastic, so she bought a mold for a toilet seat and embedded all the teeth neatly into it. Her father refused to use it because he said it would be like sitting in a shark's mouth. — CAROLE IN GILFORD, N.H.

DEAR ABBY: My son passed away. His girlfriend was pregnant and had the baby four months later. We had a DNA test done using his baby teeth, which I had saved. It proved he was the father, and the baby, our grandson, is now 10 years old.

Also, with this information, the boy was able to get Social Security benefits for survivors. It was a bit of a struggle, but well worth it. How's that for a good use for baby teeth? — GRANDMA IN NEWBURGH, N.Y.

DEAR ABBY: As I was cleaning out my father's dresser, I found an envelope with a drawing that I had done in kindergarten and another

envelope containing a tooth and a note to the Tooth Fairy written in my childish hand.

Imagine how touched I was when I found it — knowing he had kept these things for nearly a half a century. I think putting the teeth in an envelope for "Always" son to find later on would be a lovely thing to do. — SISSY IN LAUSANNE, SWITZERLAND

DEAR ABBY: My favorite Tooth Fairy memory is when my 6-year-old daughter asked if she would hear the "Tooth Fairy's wings flapping" when she came to collect the tooth that had been placed under her pillow. Kids do say the darnedest things, and yes, I still have her teeth and the notes she wrote to the Tooth Fairy. — KARIE'S MOM IN ENCINO, CALIF.

DEAR ABBY: When my daughter did a science fair project on tooth decay, I let her have the jar of saved teeth for her experiments. She did a thorough research job and a beautiful presentation, earning a blue ribbon. — JANICE IN ROCHESTER, WASH.

DEAR ABBY: When I married, my mother-in-law gifted me with my husband's baby teeth and first curl of hair. It sounds weird, but it gave me a warm, fuzzy kick to receive them. It also was a bonding moment with my "new mom." — KERRY IN WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS

## BANANAGRAMS!

Each of the following six-letter sets can be rearranged to spell out a common word that either starts with B, S or U and/or ends with C, D or H.

- LEVEL
- BCILPU
- ACDINR
- ABIMRU
- CEIPST

Yesterday's Answer:

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Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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

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Level: Intermediate

## LADY HARVESTERS DEFEATED IN OVERTIME



Photo by Cherie Duke

Madison Brown goes up for a layup against Miami. Brown finished with 13 points.

By ZACHARY GREEN  
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Pampa's varsity girls traveled to Miami Tuesday night to face the Lady Warriors.

It was a back and forth game all night with Pampa trailing by a slim margin after one quarter, 8-7. Pampa would come back and take the lead into the locker room, 21-19. Pampa held onto the slim lead after three quarters, 28-27. Miami would come back in the fourth quarter to force overtime at 38-38. In the overtime period Miami turned out to be too much for the Lady Harvesters as they defeated Pampa 50-45.

Madison Brown led Pampa with 13 points. Rachel Andrews scored 10 points. Taylor Eubank added 7 points. Hayley Burnett scored 6 points. Allison Ceyanes added 4 points. Hannah Baker scored 3 points and Bailey Wichert added 2 points.

With the loss the Lady Harvesters' record falls to 5-8 on the season. The Lady Harvesters will be back in action Friday in Lubbock against Estacado.

## Free throws, 3-pointers doom Pampa JV Tuesday

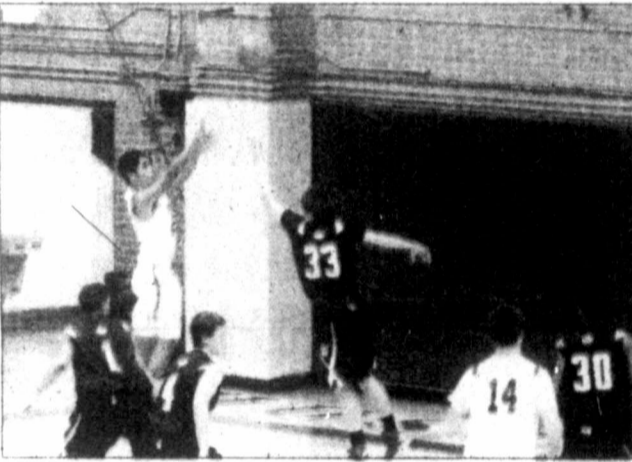


Photo by Charla Shults

Alex Marrufo shoots a three pointer against Randall Tuesday night. Marrufo finished with 5 points.

By ZACHARY GREEN  
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The Pampa JV boys team hosted Randall's JV boys on Tuesday night. Randall shot 18-24 from the free throw line and hit four three-pointers as they cruised to victory, 61-39.

The first quarter Pampa held serve trailing 12-11 after the first.

At the half Pampa went into the locker room trailing 33-17. Brandon Stokes and Alex Marrufo scored 5 points each in the third

quarter trying to make a comeback. Pampa would trail by 10, 42-32 after three quarters before falling 61-39.

Stokes finished the game with 17 points. Blayne Troxell added 10 points. Alex Marrufo scored 6 points. Brayden Trimble added 3 points. Kenneth Hair, Jonathan Stevens and Terry Botello all scored 1 point.

Pampa's JV fell to 5-7 on the season. They will be back in action Tuesday in Pampa against Panhandle.

## 11 three-pointers boost Randall over Pampa freshman boys on Tuesday night



Photo by Charla Shults

Kolton Jefferis shoots a jumper against Randall.

By ZACHARY GREEN  
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The Pampa freshman boys team hosted Randall's freshman boys on Tuesday night.

Brady Treadway led Randall with 17 points from 5 three-pointers. Pampa trailed 18-5 after the first quarter. The score was 29-14 in Randall's favor going into the locker room. At the end of three quarters, Pampa trailed 50-20. The final score was Randall 66 Pampa 24.

Kambrin Scott scored 10 points. Bryson Burrell, Alec McClendon, Kolton Jefferis and Adam Zuniga all scored 3 points. Rhett Harden added 2 points.

"McClendon had great effort tonight. He played hard the entire game no matter what the score was," said Pampa Coach Dennis Doughty.

The freshman boys fell to 3-3 on the season. They will be back in action Jan. 3-5 in the Perryton Freshman Tournament.



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Kambrin Scott shoots a jumper against Randall. Scott finished with 10 points in a losing effort.

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