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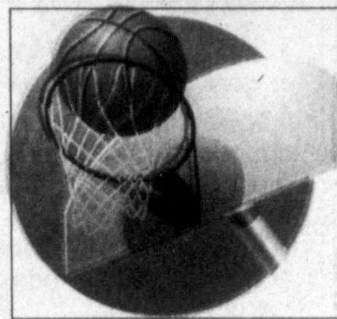
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2 Pampa churches burglarized

STAFF REPORT

Two Pampa churches were broken into last week — First Presbyterian Church on Friday and Central Baptist Church on Wednesday.

Though the break-ins happened only a few days apart, Officer Stormy McCullar of the Pampa Police Department said there is no confirmed link between the two incidents.

According to a press release from the Pampa Police Department, officers responded to Central Baptist Church on St. Francis Street in reference to a burglary on Dec. 12. During the investigation, detectives collected evidence



James Hathaway

linking a suspect to the burglary.

Police have obtained a warrant for 19-year-old James Hathaway in connection to the burglary. As of Monday morning, Hathaway is still at-large. He is described as a white male about 5 foot, 4 inches tall.

The pastor of the Central Baptist declined to comment on the burglary.

Police are asking anyone who knows Hathaway's whereabouts to contact them at 806-669-5700. Callers who

wish to remain anonymous can call Pampa/Gray County Crime Stoppers at 806-669-2222, or go to www.pgc-stips.com to submit a web tip.

Pampa officers also responded to First Presbyterian Church on Gray Street in reference to a burglary around Dec. 14. The Youth Pastor of the church, Jim Anderson, said it appears that nothing was stolen.

"Everything has been accounted for," Anderson said. "The only damage was a broken window and a door that was damaged."

The First Presbyterian burglary is being investigation by the PPD.

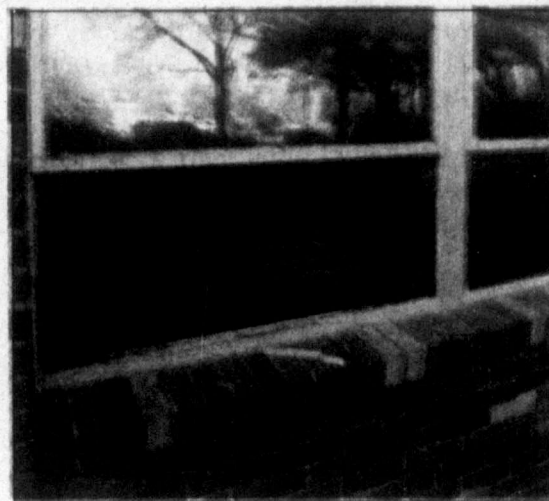
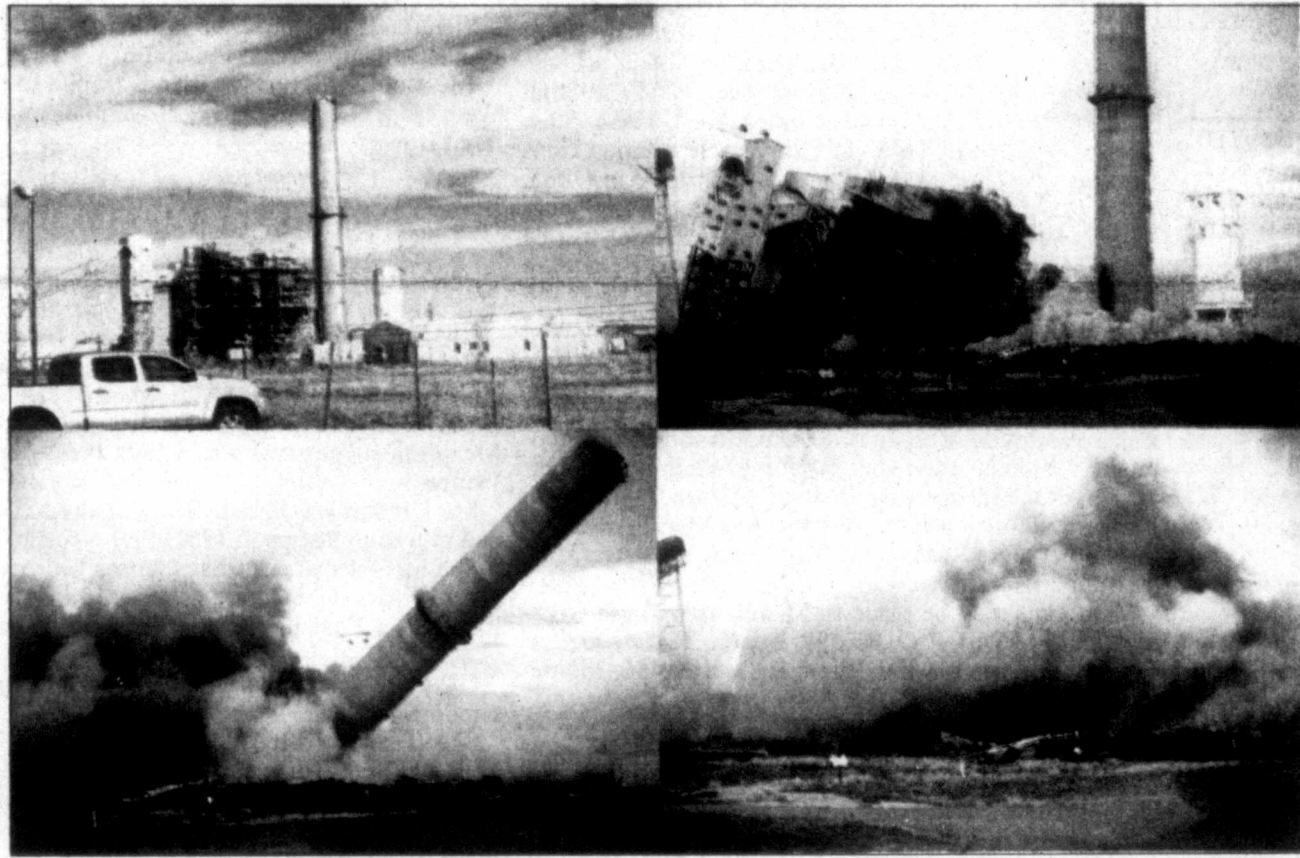


Photo by Timothy P. Howsare
 This window at the First Presbyterian Church was smashed out during a break-in over the weekend. Nothing was reported stolen from the church.

KA-BOOM!



Photos by Della Moyer

GONE IN SECONDS. The 300-foot coal stack, boiler and adjacent building at the Celanese Chemical Plant six miles west of town on U.S. Highway 60 were destroyed with explosives at 5:38 p.m., Sunday. More than a 100 people watched from their vehicles as the structures were razed. The former Celanese site is now owned by Pampa Energy Center and will be used to attract new industries to Pampa. For a story and a historical aerial photo, see page 3.

100th birthday girl in Pampa

BY TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE
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In 1912, the year Geraldine "Gerry" Shultz was born, Woodrow Wilson was elected president and the Radio Act of 1912 was passed by Congress to regulate radio communication. It assigned three- and four-letter codes to radio stations.

Shultz celebrated her 100th birthday Friday with about 30 family members at Coronado Healthcare Center on West Kentucky Avenue in Pampa.

Though she is a little hard of hearing, Shultz is a lively person with a bright smile and said she was pleased to be celebrating her special day with so many of her family members.

She said she never expected to live to 100.

Terri Hall, one of Shultz' granddaughters who lives in McLean, said her grandmother was always fun to be with, and, like a lot of grandparents, didn't discipline her as a child the way parents do.

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Photo by Timothy P. Howsare

WRAPPING IT UP. A group of high school students help wrap gifts Saturday morning for the 50th annual Children's Shopping Tour.

77 kids turn out for Shopping Tour

BY TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE
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An event that took a team of volunteers countless hours to organize took less than five hours to complete and brought happiness to dozens of local children and their families.

The 50th annual Children's Shopping Tour started with volunteers signing in at the Pampa Optimist Youth Club on East Craven Street at 8 a.m.

At 9, the volunteers left the club to pick up the children assigned to them and then headed over to Walmart for a gift-buying spree that took a little more than an hour. The store gave the kids a 10 percent discount and waived the sales tax (as a nonprofit the Optimist Club is tax-exempt) to increase their buying power. Three store registers were designated just

for the shopping tour.

The children each had \$50 to spend on gifts for each family member but could not buy gifts for themselves. Part of the idea behind the project is to teach children the experience of giving, rather than receiving, at Christmas.

However, something that was kept secret from the children is that all of the chaperons were buying gifts for each of their children. The gifts were given to them later in the day at the Optimist Club.

Mike Hooper, general chair of the event, said 77 kids went on the shopping tour, which was down from 104 last year.

"Is that a good thing or a bad thing?" he asked rhetorically. "I think its probably a good thing because it means there may be

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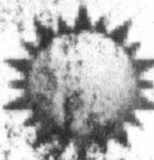


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Tonight: Mostly cloudy with a low of 40. No chance of rain. Winds south at 13 mph. Sunset at 5:34 p.m.

Wednesday: Partly cloudy with a high of 61. Twenty percent chance of rain. Winds west southwest at 30 mph. Sunrise at 7:49 a.m.

Wednesday night: Partly cloudy with a low of 21. No chance of rain. Winds northwest at 23 mph. Sunset at 5:34 p.m.

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Obituaries

Ernest "Ernie" Huddleston

Ernest "Ernie" Huddleston, 64, died Friday, Dec. 14, 2012, in Amarillo.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Blossom Matthews, pastor of First United Methodist Church, officiating. Cremation and arrangements are by Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Ernie was born Aug. 4, 1948 in Beaver, Okla., and graduated from Beaver High School. He married Sandy Oler on Jan. 22, 1972 at First United Methodist Church in Pampa. He was an electrician for 15 years and had been a truck driver since 1987. Ernie worked for Affiliated Foods since 2005. He was a member of First United Methodist Church and was a past Boy Scout leader. Ernie loved being with his family, especially his grandchildren, and he was a great "PaPa." He loved remodeling his home, fishing, and reading. Ernie had lived with muscular dystrophy all of his life, but it never stopped him from his activities.

Survivors include his wife Sandy Huddleston of the home; three sons, Matthew Huddleston and James Huddleston and wife Karin all of Amarillo and Tim Huddleston and wife Toni of Canyon; his parents, Eugene and Pat Huddleston of Logan, Okla.; a brother, Stanley Huddleston and wife Cherry of Logan, Okla.; four grandchildren, Rebekah, Joshua, Steven, and Thomas Huddleston; a brother-in-law, Steve Oler of Richwood, and numerous nieces and nephews. Ernie was preceded in death by a brother, Donald Huddleston, a nephew, Brian Huddleston, and a brother-in-law, Ronnie Oler. Memorials may be made to a favorite charity.

Sign the online register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

Ted R. Rankin

Ted R. Rankin, 54, died Saturday, Dec. 15, 2012, in Amarillo.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. today at Miami Cemetery in Miami with the Rev. Tom Stribling, pastor of First United Methodist Church in Happy, officiating. Arrangements are by Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Ted was born Oct. 18, 1958 in Stamford, Texas. He attended Miami schools and was a 1977 graduate of Miami High School. He attended West Texas State University in Canyon. He married Connie Kennedy on May 25, 1979 in Olton. Ted was a longtime Roberts County farmer, rancher, and cowboy. He was a former trustee of the Miami ISD school board for 12 years. He was an adult leader for Roberts County 4-H for several years and served on the Roberts County Soil Conservation Board for many years.

Survivors include his wife: Connie Rankin of the home; two sons: Daniel Rankin of Alanreed and Tyler Rankin and wife Meagan of Miami; his father and stepmother: Rudolph and Lynda Rankin of Miami; a brother: Newell Rankin and wife Toni of Miami; a grandson: Kaden Rankin of Miami. Ted was preceded in death by his mother, Fern Rankin, in 2003, and by his sister, Janet Voss, in 2010.

Memorials may be made to Miami Area Youth Organization (MAYO), P. O. Box 32, Miami, Texas 79059 or Roberts County 4-H Extension, P. O. Box 456, Miami, Texas 79059.

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Randy Slavick

Randy Slavick, 76, passed away on Dec. 15, 2012 in Pampa.

Memorial services are pending. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Randy was born Oct. 20, 1936 in Englewood, Kan., where he graduated from high school, and attended the methodist church.

He was active in the Boy Scouts of America and was an all-star in basketball, track, baseball and football.

Randy married Donna Gayle Jones Lamar on Aug. 7, 1964 in Pampa. They spent 48 years as each other's help-

mates. He retired with Kansas Irrigation Engine, Inc. after 25 years of service, and moved to Pampa at that time.

He is survived by: his wife, Donna Slavick of the home; three children, Rhonda Slavick, formerly of Scottsdale, Ariz., Debbie Douglas and Mark Lamar, both of Pampa; nine grandchildren, Kaysi Douglas-Folsom, Cody Douglas, Karli Douglas, Melanie Dunn, Mark Lamar, II, Jennifer Kent, and Dustin Smith; and nine great-grandchildren.

Randy was preceded in death by: his parents, Alfred F. "Fritz" Slavick and Beulah Mabel Slavick; and a great-granddaughter, Heaven Lynn Dunn.

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

Twila Fisher

Twila Gunter Fisher, 79, died Dec. 17, 2012 in Pampa. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Fisher was born Oct. 14, 1933 in Jacksboro where she graduated from Jacksboro High School. She married Ray Fisher on April 30, 1956 in Clayton, N.M.

He preceded her in death in 2010. Twila had been a resident of Pampa since 1957. She worked for Montgomery Ward for over 20 years as the stock control manager. She then obtained her Real Estate license and worked as a broker and owner of Twila Fisher Realty. She concluded her real estate career with Century 21 Realty. Twila was a member of First Baptist Church. She enjoyed her family, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Survivors include: two daughters, Cheryl McFall and husband Gary, and Teresa Kirby and husband Steve, all of Pampa; a son, Ray W. Fisher, Jr., of Columbus, Ohio; a sister, Mary Smith of Grand Prairie; a brother, Lloyd Gunter of Quinlin; three granddaughters: Jennifer Richards and Casey Thomas and husband Justin, all of Pampa, and Reagan Fisher of Columbus, Ohio; Four grandsons, Anthony Albus and wife Amy of Kingsville, Marty McFall and family of Brownwood, and Chad McFall and family of La Vernia; four great-granddaughters, Paige Richards, Ashley Albus and Gatlyn Thomas, all of Pampa, and Cami Albus of Kingsville; two great-grandsons, Layne Richards of Pampa, and Trey Fisher of Columbus, Ohio; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Twila was preceded in death by: three sisters, Nona May, Jewell Boatman and Callie Roden; and two brothers, Bob Gunter and Dan Gunter.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 621, Pampa, Texas 79066-0621.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 19, 2012, at Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Home.

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

Glendora Gindorf

Glendora Gindorf, 94, died in Katy, Texas on Dec. 12, 2012. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m., Dec. 20, at Knesek Funeral Home, 842 E. Main St., Bellville, Texas. Burial will follow at Oak Knoll Cemetery in Bellville. Memorial suggestions are to First Presbyterian Church, Pampa.

Ms. Gindorf was born in Sealy, Texas on Feb. 15, 1918, and moved to Pampa in 1951.

She was the owner of Las Pampas Galleries in Pampa, for 17 years. Glendora was an avid bridge player and member of First Presbyterian Church of Pampa for 50 years.

Glendora was predeceased by her husband, Henry J. Gindorf, in 1968.

She is survived by: three sons and daughters-in-law, Tom and Beth Gindorf of Flagstaff, Ariz., Bob and Judy Gindorf of London, Kent., and Jack and Cindy Gindorf of Katy; nine grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

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Old era goes out with a bang

■ Celanese Chemical Plant demolished, razed with explosives on Sunday

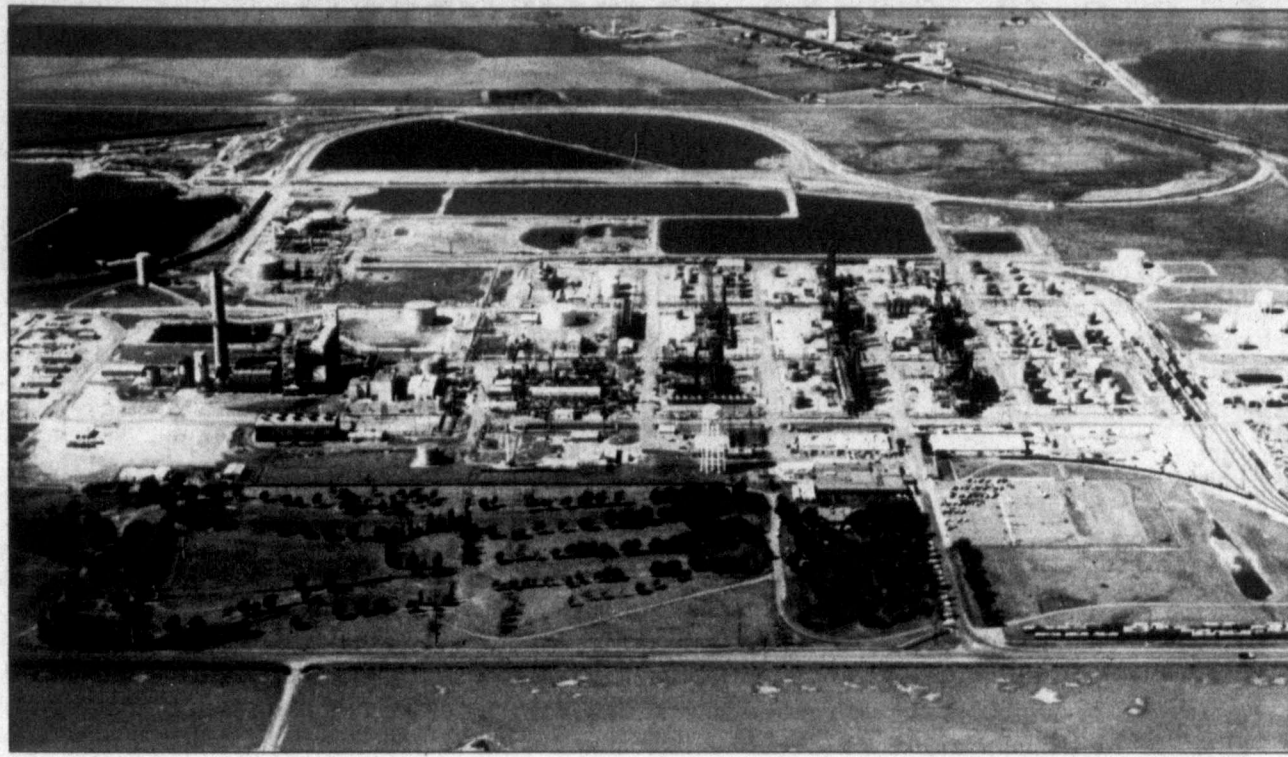


Photo courtesy of Pampa Economic Development Corp.

An aerial photograph of the former Celanese Chemical Plant. The plant began production in 1952 and for many years was one of Pampa's largest and highest-paying employers. In the foreground is a golf course the company built for its employees. The coal stack and generating station on the left side of the photo, which were razed with explosives on Sunday, were built during the 1970s so the company could generate electricity.

By ZACHARY GREEN
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A Pampa landmark at the former Celanese Chemical Plant was razed to the ground on Sunday.

The 300-foot coal stack, boilers and associated structures were brought down with explosives at 5:38 p.m.

Officials with the Pampa Energy Center, who now owns the site, told residents who want to witness the demolition that it would occur between noon and 3 p.m., and vehicles

started to show up as early as 11 a.m.

After many people left their Sunday morning worship services, they came out to the demolition site.

Most people stayed in their cars due to the cold weather and howling winds.

Spectators were blocked off from getting close to the plant, about 3,000 feet away. Many of the audience began to become impatient and started leaving after the 4 p.m. hour.

James Scroggins with

the Pampa Energy Center said that everything with the demolition happened as planned, it just took longer to occur.

"It's not an exact science," he said. "Once we got in there, we realized it was going to take longer than we planned for to prepare for the demolition."

Scroggins said the debris from the coal stack will be used to fill a pit in the coal receiving area and the boiler will be broken down and sold for scraps.

The Pampa Energy Center site is 435 acres and

was purchased in 1951 from two local farmers by the Celanese Corporation. The facility was the largest acetic acid plant in the world at the time and it went into production in October 1952.

The plant produced acetic acid from butane via a liquid phase oxidation process. Acetic acid is the main component of vinegar, along with water.

Celanese expanded a couple of times to increase the amount of acetic acid produced and increased the variety of products

manufactured at the site. Due to rising fuel costs the plant, added the coal stack in the 1970s to produce steam-generated electrical power.

Until the late 1980s the plant was known as the Celanese Pampa Plant.

In 1987, Celanese merged with Hoechst AG, so the site became known as the Hoechst Celanese Chemical Group, Pampa Plant.

During November of 1987, the plant had a safety incident where three employees were killed and a number of other employees were injured. An ambitious rebuilding effort placed the site back in service in 1989 with significant modernization of facilities and enhancements to the overall environmental performance of the facility. The environmental enhancements included an irrigated land farm for disposal of cooling tower blow down and process waste water.

In 2008, Babcock and Brown purchased the site from Celanese with the intent to convert it into a large scale electrical power production facility. Celanese removed the chemical production facilities and left the coal-fired boilers and utilities infrastructure in place for use by Babcock and Brown. Babcock and Brown renamed the site the Pampa Energy Center.

Shortly after the pur-

chase of the site, Babcock and Brown disposed of all assets owned in North America as a result of a downturn in the economy. The Pampa Economic Development Corp. was able to purchase the site for \$3 million, which included the coal boilers, utilities, railroad spurs, buildings and the land and water rights in 2011.

Scroggins added that energy company Enbridge has already moved in on the north side of the plant and is using the rail facilities. He also said that Pampa Fuels will be building a methanol plant on the site. "We are going to continue with clearing the old structures out and hopefully bring new economic activity to Pampa," Scroggins said.

Bitter San Antonio boyfriend shoots restaurant patron

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Authorities say a San Antonio restaurant worker apparently upset when his girlfriend left him shot a random patron outside a theater before being wounded by an officer.

Bexar County sheriff's Sgt. Raymond Pollard says the suspect will face charges of attempted capi-

tal murder of an officer and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Pollard says the man worked at a Chinese restaurant but was off Sunday night. Pollard says the suspect, following the breakup, sent the woman a message saying he was going to the restaurant.

The suspect arrived and chased a co-worker toward the nearby theater, shooting out the window of an arriving police car. An off-duty officer followed the suspect into the theater and shot him.

He's hospitalized in stable condition. The patron was treated and released.

For the record

Pampa teen arrested for aggravated assault

■ 18-year old Brady Paul Roye Jr., of Pampa, was arrested Sunday by the Gray County Sheriff's Office for aggravated assault with deadly weapon.

■ 20-year-old Monica Marie Rodriguez, of Pampa, was arrested Friday by the Pampa Police Department for violation of probation — theft of property.

■ 49-year-old Desmond Parnell Jackson, of Pampa, was arrested Friday by the PPD for burglary of habitation.

■ 47-year-old Memorie Lynn Krieger, of Eaufula, Okla., was arrested Friday by the Department of Public Safety for possession of marijuana.

■ 24-year-old Brian William Holland, of Benton, Ark., was arrested Saturday by the DPS for possession of marijuana over 5 pounds and under 50 pounds.

■ 20-year-old Miles Jacob Markley, of Pampa, was arrested Saturday by PPD for violation of protective order.

■ 26-year-old Julie Rene Winter of Garden Grove, Calif., was arrested Saturday by GCSO for insufficient bond — possession of marijuana.

■ 41-year-old Troy Allen Mitchell, of Pampa, was arrested Saturday by GCSO for criminal trespassing.

■ 18-year-old Andrew Thomas Chambers, of Pampa, was arrested Sunday by PPD public intoxication by minor.

■ 19-year-old Miguel Angel Garcia, of Pampa, was arrested Sunday by PPD for violation of probation — possession of marijuana.

■ 32-year-old Jedediah Clifton Champion, of Bossier City, La., was arrested Sunday by DPS for driving while intoxicated — second offense.

■ 18-year-old Payton Anna-Kathleen Tyler, of Pampa, was arrested Sunday by PPD for theft of property — greater than \$50 and less than \$500.

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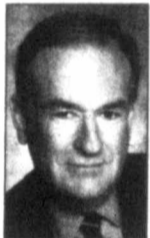
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Millions of hardworking folks come here to have fun. In order to maximize the entertainment, you have to spend money. Whether you spend it on gambling, live shows or fine dining, it's up to you. The money flow supports tens of thousands of service workers and, at a much higher level, the movers who run the tourist businesses. If you can't make a decent living in Vegas, you are in major trouble. Responsible workers are sorely needed.

But still there is destitution on display. Addiction is the primary driver of that, although laziness is featured, as well. Some of the poor in this town simply want to play all the time. And they pay a price for that, as prosperity eludes them.

Some of the have-nots sit on sidewalks hoping for money from passers-by. Sometimes, gamblers give the beggars casino chips. Panhandlers say the best time for them is

after midnight when the winners emerge from the gambling dens. Redistribution is much easier when you've just run the table.

President Obama should spend some time in Vegas. Maybe then he would understand capitalism better. No matter how many handouts the panhandlers get, their circumstances rarely change. The money is mostly used to feed their compulsions.

On the other end, the rich 1 percenters hustling the gambling tables are trying to increase their affluence by taking chances. In the process, they are providing salaries for the hardworking men and women who keep the entertainment establishments running. Bottom line: Both the wealthy and the poor in Vegas are exercising their personal freedoms.

From observing the action in Vegas, Obama might finally realize that it's freedom of choice that most often dictates who fails and who succeeds in the capitalistic system. In Vegas, no outcomes are guaranteed and no government can level the playing field. Prosperity or lack thereof is all about individual decision-making.

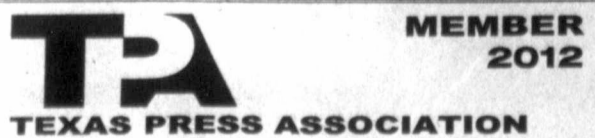
But the president would most likely never admit that, because it goes against his belief that government can impose a form of social justice by forcibly redistributing the wages of the successful.

For Barack Obama, what happens in Vegas stays in Vegas.

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Good still prevails

Conn. teacher sacrifices own life to save her students

The massacre of 20 elementary school children along with six adults at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn. on Friday is one of the most senseless tragedies in modern times.

The motives of the 20-year-old shooter, Adam Lanza, are still unexplained. No one understands why this young man, who was described by neighbors as intelligent and polite, could do something so horrific. He seemed



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to have had a bright future. Why would he end his life and take so many others with him?

It is even more sad that these young lives were taken so close to the holidays, when families should be celebrating and exchanging gifts instead of mourning the death of a child.

The massacre has already become a hot potato of political debate, as those on one side of the gun control issue cry out for stricter gun laws while opponents of gun control say stricter gun laws will not stop the bad



VICTORIA SOTO

guys from getting guns. Others are suggesting that school staff be armed so that they can shoot armed gunmen before they can harm students.

I have chosen not to write on the political issues that may arise from this tragedy. Instead, I have decided to find the goodness, if any, that could come out of an incident wrought with so much evil.

While Lanza was going from classroom to classroom Friday destroying life, there was at least one person inside Sandy Hook Elementary protecting it. You may have heard the name Victoria Soto in news stories about the shooting. She is the 27-year-old first-grade teacher who sacrificed her own life to protect her students.

When Soto became aware there was a gunman in the school, she hid her first-graders in closets and cabinets, then told the shooter they were in the gym.

He turned the gun on Soto, killing her, but none of her stu-

dents were harmed.

Members of Soto's family and parents of her students said they were not surprised by Soto's selfless actions.

"She loved those students more than anything," said her sister, Carlee Soto. "And she didn't call them her students; she called them her kids."

Though the details of Friday's massacre seem too horrific to believe, they nonetheless reflect the evil side of the human spirit. Evil that lurks in every corner of the world, whether it be right here at home in the United States or far away lands racked by daily violence like Somalia or Afghanistan, where 10 children were killed Sunday by a bomb explosion while gathering wood.

But we should never lose hope, because no matter how deep the darkness, there is always a light that will shine.

On Friday, a 27-year-old teacher with a bright smile and a kind heart proved that even while the dark forces of evil shrouded the sun from the sky, a flicker of infinitely powerful light could shine through that evil.

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Taxman to middle class: 'Bend over'

President Barack Obama in 2008, and again during the 2012 election, promised absolutely,

positively no tax hikes on the middle class. The rich, however, must pay more: "It's not me being stubborn, it's not me being partisan — it's just a matter of math."

How does Obama intend to pay for our cradle-to-grave welfare state? Why, by charging the dastardly "millionaires and billionaires" who "can afford to pay a little bit more." No more extending the Bush-era tax rates for the rich. To do so, Obama tells us, would "cost" \$700 billion — over 10 years. So this "break" for the rich "costs" \$70 billion a year — or a mere 6 percent of the trillion dollar annual deficits that Obama has rung up since he became president.

This leaves us short about \$930 billion per year — just for the annual deficit, never mind

paring down the ever-growing national debt. From where is the shortfall to be made up?

Lots of deluded Obama voters no doubt truly believe "the mess we're in" is due to "two unpaid for wars and irresponsible tax cuts for the rich."

End the wars and slap the rich with Clinton-era tax rates, and voila, watch the deficit and debt go poof! But with Obama safely re-elected, some Democrats now speak the truth: The middle class, contrary to Obama's promise, will see substantial tax increases in order to pay for the welfare state the voters once again signed on to by re-electing Obama.

Former Democratic National Committee Chairman Howard Dean, appearing on MSNBC, said: "The only problem is — and this is, a little, initially going to seem like heresy from a progressive — the truth is everybody needs to pay more taxes, not just the rich. That's a good start. But we're not going to get out of this deficit problem unless we raise taxes across the board — to go back to what Bill Clinton

had and his taxes. And if we don't do that, the problem is the pressure is going to be on spending even more."

Obama, however, still insists that any budget deal include tax rate hikes on the top 2 percent — a violation of the anti-tax-increase pledge most Capital Hill Republicans signed. He's winning the argument. Several Republicans now repudiate the pledge.

The "controversial" pledge states that the signer promises to his/her constituents and the American people to: "ONE, oppose any and all efforts to increase the marginal income tax rates for individuals and/or businesses; and TWO, oppose any net reduction or elimination of deductions and credits, unless matched dollar for dollar by further reducing tax rates."

But with post-election polls showing that Americans support raising taxes on the rich, House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, now places "revenue on the table" — meaning the GOP accepts the election returns as a referendum for a

"balanced approach" to dealing with our deficits and debt. By "revenue," Boehner means closing "loopholes" and "capping deductions" used by "the rich" to pay less in taxes. And more recently, fiscal conservative Sen. Tom Coburn, R-Okla., now says he would accept a hike in tax rates, provided the Democrats present a plan to reform entitlements.

Polls show that if Congress and the President fail to come to a deal to avoid the so-called "fiscal cliff," Republicans will be blamed. And as the Democrats pin blame, expect their friends in the media to assist with joy and enthusiasm.

The Media Research Center tells us that ABC, NBC and CBS have a distorted view of the term "balance." After the election, those networks spent way more time on the issue of tax hikes than on the issue of spending cuts. ABC, says MRC, was the worst: "In the three weeks following President Obama's re-election, 'World News' devoted more than 10 minutes, 18

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Gun control debate begins to simmer after massacre

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democrats say meaningful action in the wake of the school shootings in Connecticut must include a ban on military-style assault weapons and a look at how the nation deals with individuals suffering from serious mental illness.

Several Democratic lawmakers and Independent Sen. Joe Lieberman said it was time to take a deeper look into the recent spate of mass shootings and what can be done to prevent them. Gun control was a hot topic in the early 1990s, when Congress enacted a 10-year ban on assault weapons. But since that ban expired in 2004, few Americans have wanted stricter laws and politicians say they don't want to become targets of a powerful gun-rights lobby.

Gun-rights advocates said that might all change after the latest shooting that killed 20 children aged 6 or 7. Police say the gunman, Adam Lanza, was carrying an arsenal of ammunition and used a high-powered rifle similar to the military's M-16.

On Monday, Sen. Joe Manchin, a lifelong member of the National Rifle Association, said it was time to discuss gun policy and move toward action on gun regulation. The conservative West Virginia Democrat said Monday he agrees with New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg, who has advocated banning the sale of assault weapons.

Manchin is the most prominent gun rights advocate to speak after the shooting, telling MSNBC that he is a "proud outdoorsman and hunter, but this doesn't make sense."

At a Sunday night service in Newtown, Conn., the site of Friday's massacre, President Barack Obama did not specifically address gun control. But he vowed, "In the coming weeks I'll use whatever power this office holds to engage my fellow citizens, from law enforcement to mental health professionals to parents and educators in an effort aimed at preventing more tragedies like this."

He added: "Are we really prepared to say that we're powerless in the face of such carnage, that the politics are too hard? Are we prepared to say that such violence visited on our children year after year after year is somehow the price of our freedom?"

Sen. Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., said the nation "could be at a tipping point ... a tipping point where we might actually get something done" on gun control. He and other Democrats, as well as Lieberman, said they want to ban the sale of new assault weapons and make it harder for mentally ill individuals to obtain weapons.

An 'easy fix' that is neither easy nor a fix

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Q: If Congress ever does get around to reforming Social Security, I've got an easy fix that should solve all of the program's financing problems. And I don't think I've ever heard anyone discuss the issue. Simply make everyone pay into Social Security, including members of Congress. Why should they have a Cadillac pension plan and the rest of us are stuck with Social Security?

A: Sorry, but your "easy fix" isn't easy and it's not a fix. And it has been discussed many times, especially in this column. However, I guess it never hurts to go over this very misunderstood topic again. Before I do, let me correct one misstatement you made. Members of Congress, the president and all top government officials do pay into Social Security. But there are some groups of employees in this country who are not covered by Social Security. To understand why, I've got to start out with a bit of a history lesson.

When Social Security first started in the 1930s, most people in this country didn't have pension plans, so a government-sponsored retirement program like Social Security was a welcome relief for them. Just about everyone who worked for wages was covered by Social Security from day one. (Self-employed people came under Social Security's umbrella a decade or so later.)

But some groups of employees already had pension plans in place. The two largest were railroad workers, who were covered by the railroad retirement system and federal government employees (including the president, members of Congress, etc.), who were covered by the civil service retirement system. Both of those pension plans had been around long before Social Security started. So it was decided to exclude these two large groups from Social Security -- simply because they didn't need it.

In addition, Congress felt that it would be unconstitutional to force a federal

government pension plan (Social Security) on state and local governments. So, employees of state and local government entities were given the option of joining Social Security or not. Most did. About 80 percent of all such public employees became part of Social Security.

So that's what happened when Social Security started in the 1930s. Nobody thought twice about any of these decisions because they made sense. But over the years, people started griping about the fact that members of Congress and other high level government officials were not covered by Social Security. Stories began to spread that Congress had specifically excluded itself from Social Security in order to set up its members with a better pension system (e.g., the alleged "Cadillac" plan you complained about). Eventually there was simply too much political pressure on Congress to remain outside of Social Security.

So in 1983, as part of a package of major Social Security reform legislation, they passed a law mandating that all members of Congress, the president, the vice president and all other high-level government leaders, as well as all federal employees hired after 1983, would be covered by Social Security.

Today, that leaves railroad workers as the only major nationwide group of employees still not covered by Social Security.

And at the state and local level, there are thousands of groups around the country not under the Social Security umbrella. They could be anything from a small sewer district in Washington State of maybe 10 employees to a



a thing of the past, replaced (if they are replaced at all) by 401k plans. That's not the way things were supposed to work -- but it's the way this country's retirement systems have evolved.

And one final point. The Social Security "fix" that you propose, making everyone in the country pay into the Social Security system, something commonly referred to as "universal coverage," doesn't really do that much to negate the program's long-ranging fiscal woes.


Actuaries estimate that it would solve only about 10 percent of the funding problem.

I will grant you this: it's an easy political fix because it impacts only a relatively small group of people (the seven percent of the population not covered by Social Security). Folks who work for state and local government agencies not participating in Social Security are worried that they'll be dragged kicking and screaming into the federal pension system.

To ease their minds a bit, I would wager that any push for "universal coverage" will impact only newly-hired employees.

If you have a Social Security question, Tom Margenau has the answer. Contact him at thomas.margenau@comcast.net.

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seconds to talk of tax hikes and just 35 seconds to spending cuts (a 17-to-1 margin). So much for the balanced approach. But the problem remains how to get rich people to pay for all the things voters want: insurance companies that are forbidden from turning away people with pre-existing illnesses; federal disaster relief; the placing of millions of uninsured on Medicaid; "world-class education"; "investments" in "green jobs of the future"; regulations to combat "climate change"; extending unemployment benefits again; etc.

In 1900, government spending at all three levels — local, state and federal — amounted to about 10 percent of national income. Government spending today amounts to 40 percent — or 50 percent, if one places a dollar value on the unfunded mandates imposed on states and businesses by Washington. The voters re-elected a President who increased the national debt faster and by a greater amount than any previous administration. And

there are simply not enough rich folks to pay for it.

Memo to the middle class: Get ready, you're next.

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TOY TIME. It wasn't hard to find volunteers with their kids in the toy aisle at Walmart Saturday. John Warner, treasurer for the event, said the kids chose the store they want to shop at, but all of them picked Walmart because of the wide selection and low prices.

Tour

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less families who need it this year." Hooper said the kids who go on the shopping tour are chosen based on their family's income. He added it's unlikely that families didn't know about the tour because it's been around for so long and was well publicized by both the local radio station and newspaper.

Organizers of the event requested the press to not publish the names of the children or their photographs.

Rachel Andrews, a Pampa High School senior, was one of the chaperons.

Andrews said she heard about the event through the girls basketball team and through the Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) program. She said this was her first her volunteering as a chaperon.

"I decided I'm going to do it," she said.

Another chaperon was Jill Troxell, speech pathologist with the school district.

"I've been doing for this for seven years and it's a lot of fun," she said.

After all the gifts were purchased, the chaperons took their kids back to the Optimist Club, where they wrapped the presents in the gym.

John Warner, Optimist Club member and treasurer for the project, said that before they were able to set up tables in the gym, people would sit in the bleachers or on the floor to wrap presents.

He said the chaperons try to get the children back to their homes between noon and 12:30 p.m., but this year they were running a little behind.

"Nobody's in a hurry," he said.

After the gifts were wrapped, everyone came into the club's meeting room to eat lunch and sing Christmas carols with Warner accompanying on piano.

The kids also were treated to a visit with Santa with PHS cheerleaders taking their pictures for a souvenir of the experience.

The last thing the children were given before the volunteers took them home was a Bible in English or Spanish. The Gideon Society, represented by Dr. Mark W. Ford Jr. and Harley Knutson, headed this part of the project.

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Advent devotionals from Pastor Mike Sublett

December 19 - lantern/lamp

Have you ever lived out in the country? Do you remember what it was like after the sun went down? How dark it got when your electricity went out during a storm? Ever been out camping in the woods? How dark did it get when you turned the lantern off at bedtime?

The stable probably wasn't as dark as that, but it certainly didn't have any lighting. After all it couldn't because of the animals and the possibility of fire. That made it a very, very dark place once the sun went down. The only light would have been from lamps inside houses and buildings in Bethlehem.

We really aren't told about any lighting in the biblical text, but since the actual Advent happened at night, the only way for anyone to see would have been some type of simple lamp, similar to the plain one in the picture. It certainly wouldn't have provided much light. Most candles provide less than 20 lumens of light. A 25 watt incandescent bulb provides 210 lumens. So one thing is for certain — there wasn't much light in that stable.

However, when in a dark enough place even a little light helps. Whatever light was there in the stable that night allowed everyone to see the fulfillment of centuries of prophecies. They saw the true Light of the world.

Do you ever feel like the light in your life fades and makes finding your way more difficult? Do you ever feel like you need the help of a bright spotlight? If so, then you need the bright light that was in that stable-JESUS!

It wasn't a lamp or candle or lantern that supplied the needs of the stable inhabitants. It was the newborn Savior who shined brightly in that dimly lit room. And it is that same Savior who wants to brighten you up. Will you let Him?

Prayer: Blessed Father, even when I'm not in the dark, I still sometimes feel like the light in my life is so dim that I can hardly see. So Lord, please help me. Turn the wattage up inside me. Be my lighthouse in the storms of life. Amen.

December 20 - animals

Now days when we think of animals in a barn the first image that pops into our mind is probably a horse. In Jesus' day only the rich would have owned a horse. The most common mode of transportation for those poor families traveling for the census would have most likely been by donkey. Not very glorious or impressive, but affordable.

Therefore the stable surely had several donkeys inside. There also may have been a cow or goat in the stable of the inn for milk and/or meat; maybe even a sheep or two for mutton. The conversation in the barn was comprised of baahs and brays and moos, maybe even a few clucks.

Surely the animals were a little stunned when Mary and Joseph made their way inside "their" stable and of all things began to make themselves at home and prepared a place for the coming baby to sleep. The animal's motel had been invaded by none other than the holy family. A little while later these animals became the most blessed of all the ages. They were the only eye-witnesses

to the actual birth of the Messiah, the baby Jesus.

You may not have been a witness to Jesus' birth in that stable, but a more important question is: have you been a witness to His birth inside of you? Have you surrendered to Him to make that birth possible? If you haven't, why not do it now? If you have, have you stayed surrendered? Think about it.

Prayer: Merciful Father, I thank You for accepting my surrender and blessing me with the birth of the Savior within me. I could never repay You for this priceless gift. Please accept me as an offering for You to do with as You see fit. Take me and use me; wear me out in Your service. Amen.

December 21 - the star

Are you a fan of the heavenly constellations? Are you a star watcher? The stars that I enjoy watching the most are the BRIGHTEST ones. I'm not really an astronomy buff. In fact, if a new star suddenly appeared in the night sky, I wouldn't notice.

However, in Jesus' day there were some "wise" star watchers on that Advent night who lived hundreds of miles from Bethlehem. They not only took note of a NEW star, but they were so moved by its appearance and the possible connection with an old Jewish prophecy, that they began the journey that made them famous throughout the ages. Their story began with "that star".

All we know about the star is recorded in Matthew 2:

- 1- it was the star of the new King, 2:2
- 2- it first shown on the night of the Advent, 2:7
- 3- its appearance/movement was miraculously controlled by God, 2:2, 7, 9-10
- 4- it led the magi from the east directly to the house Jesus was living in as a toddler, 2:9-12

Do you ever feel like you need a star to help guide you to where you need to be? Sometimes life sure can be confusing, huh. Maybe this Advent star can be your star too. Oh, not literally. We don't even know if that star still remains in the sky. But that star led the wise men to Jesus and Jesus wants to be your guiding star. So if you let Jesus lead your life, then in a way that Advent star can become your star too.

Prayer: Holy God, the wise men would surely have lost their way if You had not provided that Advent star to guide them. I sometimes feel like I lose my way a little. Jesus, could You please be my guiding star? You see, I need You instead of a star, because often when I lose my way it is during the daytime. At those times I need help right then, not after the sun goes down. So please, help me. Amen.

December 22 - the manger


These days when animals are fed it usually isn't in individual feeders, but in long troughs that feed lots of cows, horses, pigs, etc. But in Jesus' day most city people didn't have very many animals and so individual feeders

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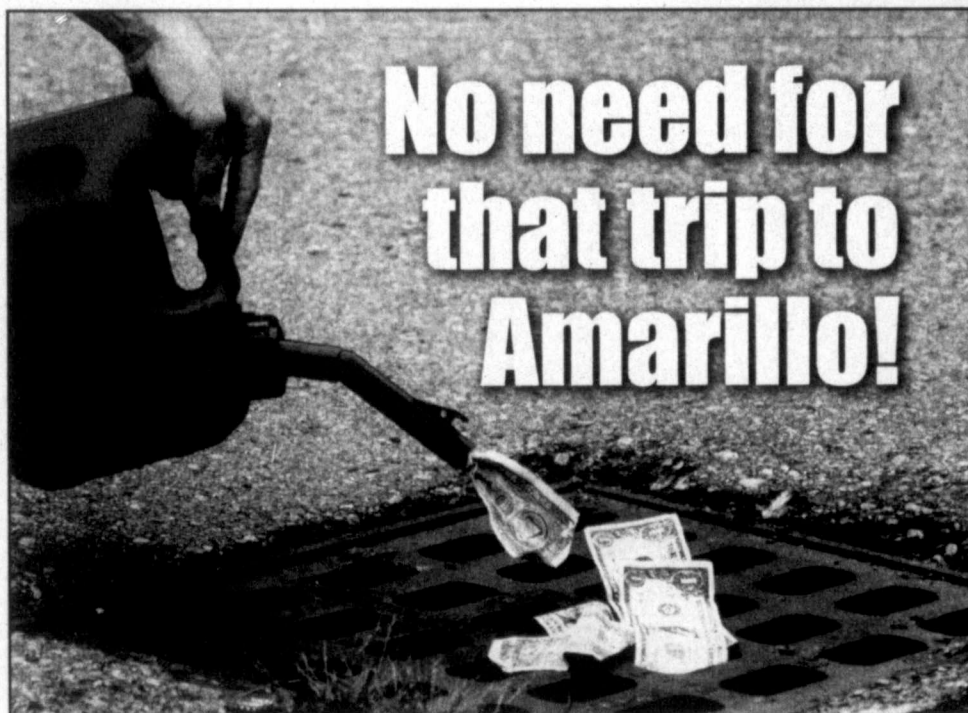


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Geraldine Shultz, seated at center, with family members who attended her 100th birthday party Friday at the Coronado Healthcare Center in Pampa. Shultz said she never thought she'd live to 100.

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100th

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Hall said Shultz moved into the nursing home only recently after contracting shingles, the adult version of chicken pox.

Charlotte Geraldine Bradley was born on Dec. 14, 1912, in Arnet, Okla.

She married Bernard "Bunny" Shultz on May 6, 1933 in Seiling, Okla. The couple had two daughters Shirley Shultz Ray and Bernadine "Punky" Daniels, and two sons, Larry (deceased) and Gordon "Gordie."

Hall said that Gerry and Bunny, as family and friends called the couple, traveled with the Arthur Names Tent Show, a traveling entertainment group, until their second child was born.

Bunny died in 1962. He worked at an area school for 15 years and as Gray County welfare director for 15 years.

Hall had these memories of her grandmother: "She loved to rock babies and sing to them. She was always a very good cook, famous for her homemade chicken and noodles. She lived in the same house 65 years and liked to walk with friends at the Pampa Youth Center."

Shultz has been a member of First Christian Church since 1947 and was named Woman of the Year in 1971.

Shultz has 11 grandchildren and too many "great, great, great, great, great grandchildren to count."

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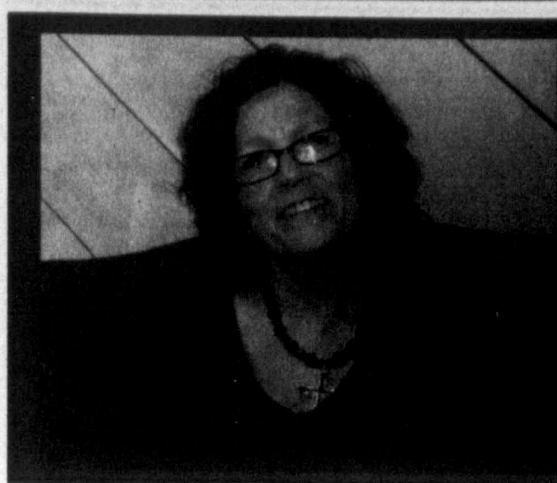
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Community Calendar

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.

Pampa Chamber of Commerce luncheon
Pampa Chamber of Commerce will host its monthly luncheon from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. today at 200 N. Ballard St. Cost is \$10 per person.
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.

Calvary Baptist Church Advent and Candlelight service

Calvary Baptist Church's annual Advent and Candlelight Service at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday night, Dec. 19. The one hour service will include lots of Christmas music, drama and will conclude with a candle lighting ceremony by everyone in attendance. Solos and Christmas carol singing will also be included.

Candles and candle lighting have always been popular during the Christmas season because God, the Father, sent His son, Jesus as a light to the world.

Just as light will spread through the Calvary Baptist Church sanctuary as the candles are lit, the light of Jesus Christ is spread by Christians into the world.

Calvary Baptist Church is located at 900 E. 23rd Street. There will be a nursery for children through age 3.

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

Mysterious Indiana Jones package at a college

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CHICAGO (AP) — University of Chicago officials are puzzled by a mystery piece of mail seemingly linked to the Indiana Jones movie series.

The Chicago Tribune reports that the university's admissions department received a package last week addressed to "Henry Walton Jones Jr."

That's the main character's name in the popular film franchise that began in 1980s.

The package contained a replica of the journal from the "Raiders of the Lost Ark" film — and no explanation. University officials turned to Tumblr for answers.

Admissions counselor Grace Chapin says one theory is that it's an "alternate reality" game where players plant clues for others.

Officials with Lucasfilm, the studio that made the movies, say they weren't responsible for the package.

University officials say they haven't decided what to do with the journal.

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Two men die in plane crash Fri.

Two men died Friday night in a small plane crash in Anderson County, southeast of Amarillo, according to a released statement from the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Robert O'Neal, 79, of Amarillo, and Kelly O'Neal, age unknown, of Colorado Springs, Colo., were both pronounced dead at the scene at 9:10 p.m. The press release did not say whether the men were related.

For an unknown reason after departure, the aircraft went down in a field 20 miles southeast of the airport, according to DPS.

High winds were reported at the time of the crash.

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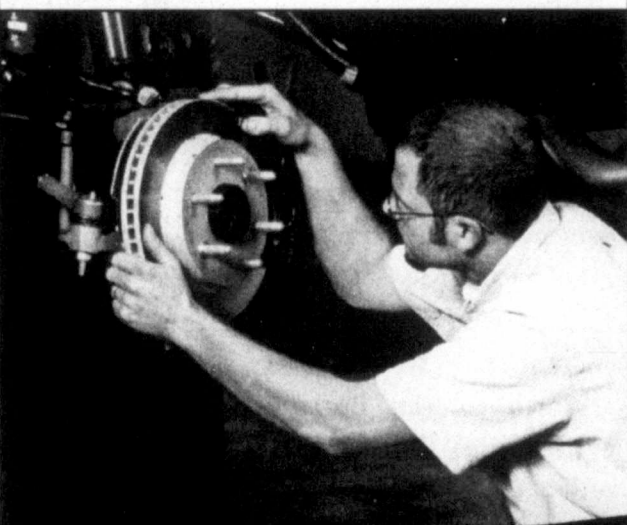
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Recipes and photos courtesy of Ocean Spray

Rustic Cherry Berry Pie Pops

- 1 (14.1-ounce) package refrigerated pie crusts (2 crusts)
- FILLING:**
- 2 cups frozen cherries
- 2 cups frozen mixed berries
- 1/2 cup Ocean Spray® Cran-Cherry® Cranberry Cherry Juice Drink
- 1/4 cup cornstarch
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 2 teaspoons freshly grated lemon zest
- 12 oven-proof lollipop sticks, cut in half
- 1 egg white, beaten
- Colored sugars, optional

Let crusts stand at room temperature for 15 minutes before unrolling. Unroll on lightly floured surface. Roll crusts lightly with rolling pin to even out surfaces.

Using a 2 1/2-inch cookie cutter or glass, cut out about 12 circles from each pastry sheet (24 total circles). Place 12 pie pop circles on parchment lined cookie sheets; set aside remaining 12.

Press one lollipop stick in the center of each of the 12 circles on the parchment lined sheets; set aside.

Heat oven to 375°F. While oven is heating, combine all sauce ingredients in a 2-quart saucepan. Mix well. Cook over medium heat, stirring frequently until mixture just comes to a boil and thickens slightly (8 to 9 minutes). Remove from heat; cool.

Place about 1 heaping teaspoon of filling on the 12 pastry circles with the sticks, being careful not to get filling on edges.

Top each filled circle with remaining pastry circles. Using another lollipop stick, press edges of circles to seal.

Place pie pops on parchment lined cookie sheets. Brush each pie pop with beaten egg white. If desired, sprinkle each pie pop with

colored sugars. Bake until very lightly browned (13 to 15 minutes). Let pie pops cool completely. If desired, wrap each pie pop with plastic and tie with a ribbon. *Makes 24 pie pops.*

Tasty Secrets of the Exceptional Cranberry

appetizers such as *Tex Mex Cranberry Salsa* – and transform the ordinary into something decidedly different.

Cranberries can also provide the perfect base for brining. Although citrus is the common kitchen cohort, culinary maestros know cranberry brine can be a seriously seasonal compliment to any meat – pork, chicken or turkey.

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Lastly, what could be more American than apple pie? *Rustic Cherry Berry Pie Pops!* After all, cranberries are native to North America. Bursting with fruity flavor, these delicious, bite-sized morsels will leave your guests feeling satisfied, but not stuffed.

Tex Mex Cranberry Salsa

- 1 cup water
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 12-ounce package Ocean Spray® Fresh or Frozen Cranberries
- 2 tablespoons chopped canned jalapeño peppers
- 1/4 cup fresh cilantro
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1 green onion, white and green parts, sliced
- 1 teaspoon lime juice

Combine water and sugar in a medium saucepan. Bring to a boil over medium heat. Add cranberries; return to a boil. Gently boil cranberries for 10 minutes without stirring. Pour into a medium glass mixing bowl. Gently stir in remaining ingredients.

Place a piece of plastic wrap directly on salsa. Cool at room temperature and refrigerate. Best if served at room temperature. *Makes about 2 1/2 cups.*



Cranberry Cherry Brine

- BRINE:**
- 2 cups boiling water
- 1/2 cup firmly packed light brown sugar
- 1/2 cup Kosher salt
- 1/2 tablespoon dried parsley
- 1/4 tablespoon dried thyme
- 1/2 tablespoon dried bay leaf
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly cracked pepper
- 4 cups water
- 3 cups Ocean Spray® Cran-Cherry® Cranberry Cherry Juice Drink
- 2 cups red wine
- CHICKEN:**
- 1 (3 1/2-pound) whole chicken, giblets removed, rinsed
- 1/2 teaspoon dried parsley
- 1/2 teaspoon dried thyme
- 1/2 teaspoon dried bay leaf

Add boiling water, brown sugar, salt, herbs, and pepper to a large stock pot. Stir until sugar and salt dissolve. Add remaining water, juice, and red wine; mix well.

Submerge chicken in brine; use a pan cover to hold chicken under brine if necessary. Cover and refrigerate for 4 to 6 hours.

Remove chicken from brine and drain well; pat dry. Discard brine.

Preheat oven to 400°F. Spray a 13x9-inch baking pan with cooking spray.

Sprinkle top of chicken with 1 teaspoon dried herbs and place in greased pan. Bake chicken for 45 to 50 minutes or until juices run clear.

Serve; refrigerate leftovers. *Makes about 12 cups brine.*

Champagne and Cranberry Juice Sparkling Punch

- 1 (750 ml) bottle champagne (3 1/2 cups)
- 1 cup Ocean Spray® Cranberry Juice Cocktail
- 1/2 cup Limoncello liqueur

Combine champagne, cranberry juice, and limoncello in a large pitcher or punch bowl; stir gently.

To serve: pour punch into tall glasses or champagne flutes. Garnish as desired. *Makes 4 1/2 cups punch.*



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Advent

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were commonplace. They were especially the rule at inns/motels. That way each guest could bring feed for his animal and be confident that none of the other animals would get it. Those individual feeders were called MANGERS.

When it came time for Mary to give birth, there were not sanitary beds, no baby beds, no cribs, no pack-n-plays. And even if they had such a thing, nothing like that could be carried on the back of a little donkey. So when Mary and Joseph arrived in Bethlehem, there was no place for Jesus to lay his head. As his parents scouted out the stable their eyes certainly focused on one of the animal feeders, probably the cleanest/newest one. Then with a little hay for a mattress, Jesus' first bed was ready.

When you read this part of the story do you ever feel a little guilty for how blessed we are today? Do you ever feel ashamed for griping when you re-read the Advent story and remember how things were for Mary and Joseph and baby Jesus? Maybe a little time of confession and thanksgiving would be good.

Prayer: Jehovah Jireh, You are the providing God and always have been. You have provided for those of us who live in these modern times so generously that it is almost beyond belief. I am so sorry for ever griping and grumbling. That Advent night nobody was griping and yet compared to today, they had plenty to complain about. Please lead me to their Advent contentment. I need a lot of help on this one, Lord. Amen.

December 23 - Joseph

When most men first hear that their wife is pregnant and that they are going to be a father, part of them is ecstatic while the other part is terrified. As the time for the delivery

approaches that doesn't really change much. Then when that first moment comes and they get to hold their child for the very first time and it finally registers just how much that child is going to depend on him for everything, the terror part multiplies in size.

Can you imagine what it would be like to add to that situation that you were about to become the earthly father to God's One and Only Son? I know that I can't even imagine what must have raced through Joseph's mind and heart.

So basically Joseph had to: ask Mary to take a 100 mile donkey ride in her ninth month, couldn't even give his wife a decent room to stay in, could only manage an animal stable for the delivery night's lodging and could only manage a manger for his newborn son's first bed. And yet Joseph did it all and handled it all and overcame it all.

How about you? How are you handling what God has laid out for your life? How do you respond to road bumps? Do difficulties prevent your progress? Maybe it would be good if a little of Joseph rubbed off on you.

Prayer: Wondrous God, Father in heaven, I once again find myself unable to really thank You properly for how wonderful You have made my life. I read Joseph's part of the Advent story and find myself both ashamed and jealous. I want to be more like him. I want more of him to be alive inside me. Could You let a little of Joseph rub off on me, Lord? Amen.

December 24 - Mary

Of all humans who ever lived (excluding Jesus) she was probably the top of the heap. Mary was the perfect one to bring the Messiah into the world. Chosen by God Himself, she was the most blessed of all.

However, those 9 months hadn't felt very blessed at times. The whispers and idle tongues sometimes filled the days with agony.

Then when the announcement of the census came the thought of that

100 mile trip on a donkey must have seemed totally unfair. Then came the actual trip during the ninth month, no room in the inn and the only bed a pile of hay with the animals. Don't you know that she surely didn't feel very special. She must have wondered where the pampering was that most wives received from their husband and friends and families.

And all this she did to fulfill her role in the Advent story.

What are you willing to do to fulfill your role? What obstacles are you willing to overcome? What hardships are you willing to endure? If your endurance wavers, just re-read Mary's part of the Advent story and think about things from her vantage point.

Prayer: Loving Father, I know that I'll never measure up to Mary, but could You help me be a little more like her? Could You help me be more content and accepting for whatever You have for me? Could You help me toughen up and not be such a grumbler in life's difficult times? Help me be more like Mary; more accepting, more obedient, more thankful. Amen.

December 25 - baby Jesus

No other picture is more out of place than that of baby Jesus in a pile of hay in a manger. The LOGOS, the Word who was to dwell among humanity, the very Creator of everything, confined to a tiny human body and sleeping in a bunch of straw. Nothing appears more upside-down than this scene.

So what is the point? That question is the point. The point is that He chose to come, to give up His complete equality with Father God so that sinful humanity could have a Savior; so that you could have a Savior.

That is what Christmas Day is really all about. No present under any tree compares to this unwrapped gift. And most

importantly, guess who's name is written on the package? Your name is there! That's right, your name! What does that mean? The gift is yours.

So have you opened it? If not, why? It is a present from heaven and it's for you. What in the world are you waiting for? Get with the program and get that gift open. The present won't ever bless you until you open it and put it on.

If you have opened it, when and where did you open the package? Do you still put it on every day when you get up? Do you put Christ on to face and overcome each day? That's what He wants, you know. That's why He came; why He entered this world in that smelly, dirty old stable.

So make sure that on this Christmas Day you either:

- 1- open your present and put Him on;
- 2- go into your closet and find your unworn gift and put it back on; or
- 3- thank Jesus for being your gift and for letting you wear Him.

Which number is for you?

Prayer: Precious Father, You let Your One and Only Son come to earth for me. Oh, not just for me, but none the less for me. I sometimes forget to put Jesus on. I'm so sorry for that. I need Your help. Please love me enough to give me the daily reminders that I need to put Him on. I don't ever want to forget again. And Father, please know that this Christmas present is absolutely the most wonderful gift I have ever received. Thanks and know that I love You more than I can put into words. Amen.

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PampaSports

Pampa Lady Harvesters lose in Lubbock on Friday night

By ZACHARY GREEN
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Pampa's varsity Lady Harvesters traveled to Lubbock on Friday to face the Lady Matadors of Estacado.

Pampa remained in the game after the first quarter, trailing by the score of 14-10.

Pampa inched even closer to go into the locker room only down by one at

27-26. After three quarters Pampa trailed by six, 39-33.

The fourth quarter is where Estacado pulled away, outscoring Pampa 20-5, and winning the game 59-38.

Hayley Burnett and Madison Brown both scored 10 points for Pampa. Allison Ceyanes added 8 points. Hannah Baker scored 4 points. Taylor Morgan

added 3 points. Casey Sark scored 2 points and Rachel Andrews added 1 point.

With the loss, Pampa's record moves to 5-9 on the season.

The Lady Harvesters were back in action Monday night in Amarillo against Caprock, but the game was too late for press time. The Lady Harvesters next games will be in the Caprock Tournament in Lubbock Dec. 27-29.

McNeese State beats Texas Tech 80-75

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Craig McFerrin led all scorers with 18 points for McNeese State (6-3). He also had six rebounds. Kevin Hardy also scored 13 points for the Cowboys, who won their fifth straight game, and prevailed for the first time in 10 tries against a current member of the Big 12.

Jaye Crockett led the Red Raiders (5-2) with 17 points and 10 rebounds. Josh Gray scored 15 points and recorded three steals, while Trency Jackson and Dejan Kravic each scored 11 for Texas Tech.

Eackles, who played 18 minutes in a reserve role, made all three of his 3-point attempts and making both free-throw tries in the final minute. One of his 3s, with 7:02 to play, gave the Cowboys the lead for good.

McNeese State also changed their offensive game plan at halftime, which helped them find holes in Tech's press defense.

The Cowboys made over 57 percent of their tries from the field and 75 percent from the free-throw line in the second half.

Crockett's layup with 48 seconds remaining brought Texas Tech within one point, but free throws by Eackles and Hardy sealed it for McNeese State.

The Red Raiders built a 10-point lead in the first half but the Cowboys closed within two before Texas Tech led 37-32 at the half.

The Cowboys also controlled the boards in the second half, 19-11, to finish with a 35-28 rebounding edge.

McNeese State capitalized on 17 second-chance points, 10 in the second half, compared to Texas Tech's total of 12. The Red Raiders also went just 14 of 27 from the free-throw line.

Gray and Kravic each contributed three steals for the Red Raiders' total of 14, which translated into 22 points compared to the Cowboys' six.

McNeese State won for the first time on the road this season. The Cowboys are 5-0 at home, but had dropped their three previous away games. Their next one won't be easy — at No. 21 North Carolina on Saturday.

Hidden Hills seniors 4-man scramble results from Dec. 12

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Seniors scramble results from the Hidden Hills Golf Course.

The scramble was on Dec. 12.

First place with a score of 66, the team of O.K. Lee, C. Johnson, J. Bridges and F. Snow.

Second place with a score of 68, the

team of J. Brashears, N. Lancaster, J. Gilbert and H. Wells.

Third place with a score of 68, R.D. Stephens, M. Wesbrooks, J. McCall and H. Musgrave.

The closest to the pin winner for hole number six was O.K. Lee.

The closest to the pin winner for hole number 15 was R.D. Stephens.

Pa. prosecutor: Steroids found in Reid's room

By MICHAEL RUBINKAM
Associated Press

EASTON, Pa. (AP) — An investigation into the fatal heroin overdose of Garrett Reid, the oldest son of Philadelphia Eagles coach Andy Reid, revealed there were steroids in his room the day he died, a Pennsylvania prosecutor said Monday.

Northampton County District Attorney John Morganelli said that anabolic steroids were found in the room where Garrett Reid was staying when he overdosed on heroin Aug. 5 during Eagles training camp. Reid was helping the team's strength and conditioning coach at the time of his death.

Morganelli said there was no evidence that Reid was giving the steroids to any Eagles players, and that investigators could not determine if the drugs were for Reid's own use or for distribution.

Morganelli also said that steroids had nothing to do with Reid's death.

Garrett Reid's body was found in his dorm room at Lehigh University in Bethlehem. A coroner said the 29-year-old died of an accidental heroin overdose.

Lehigh University police were called to the dorm room around 7:20 a.m. on Aug. 5, arriving after Eagles team physician Dr. Omar Elkhamra had tried to revive him with a defibrillator.

Investigators searching his room found a used syringe and spoon, along with a gym bag filled with dozens of syringes and needles, many of them unopened, as well as 19 vials of an unknown liquid.

Testing revealed the vials contained four types of anabolic steroids, Morganelli said.

But said he did not have any evidence that Reid was distributing steroids to players.

Asked how aggressively his office and Lehigh University's police department pursued the question, Morganelli said: "Lots of interviews were conducted by the police. And I can't go into all of them, but all I can say is that we could not provide any evidence or substantiate that anybody

in the Eagles organization was involved in this, or whether or not this was for his personal use. It was just undetermined."

He acknowledged the quantity found could have been intended for distribution, "but what I'm saying is I have no evidence of that, that there was any distribution by Mr. Reid, either here or anywhere else."

The prosecutor said he had not been in touch either with the NFL or the Eagles organization.

It wasn't clear if Reid had steroids in his system at the time of his death. Northampton County Coroner Zachary Lysek did not immediately return a phone call.

Once the corner determined that Reid had succumbed to heroin, investigators focused on learning who had supplied him with it, combing through Reid's phone records to see who he was calling and texting before his death. But Morganelli said that probe ran into a dead end.

"It cannot be determined whether Mr. Reid obtained heroin here in the Lehigh Valley or brought it with him to training camp from elsewhere," Morganelli said, adding that Lehigh University police has closed the investigation.

Reid seemed to have rebounded from a long struggle with drug abuse.

He was sentenced to nearly two years in prison for a 2007 high-speed car crash that injured another driver. Police said Reid was high on heroin, and they found the drug and more than 200 pills in his car.

More recently, exercise and training had become his passion and he aspired to make it a career. At the time of his death, he had been helping strength and conditioning coach Barry Rubin. But an autopsy revealed his body showed signs of chronic drug use.

Reid's younger brother, Britt, has also struggled with drug use and was arrested on the same day as Garrett in 2007 after a road-rage incident.

Police discovered weapons and drugs in Britt Reid's vehicle.

He now works as a graduate assistant coach at Temple.

Baseball, softball vying for Olympic inclusion

ASSOCIATED PRESS

LAUSANNE, Switzerland (AP) — Baseball and softball leaders have agreed on a name for the new unified international body seeking a place in the 2020 Olympics.

The World Baseball Softball Confederation will govern both sports in their joint bid for a return to the games.

The name was announced Monday following approval of the merger by the International Baseball Federation and International Softball Federation.

The group will be led by co-presidents Don

Porter and Riccardo Fraccari. Porter is current president of the ISF; Fraccari heads the IBAF.

Both men are in Lausanne this week for presentations to the IOC program commission.

Baseball and softball, voted out by the IOC in

2005, were last played at the 2008 Beijing Olympics.

Karate, roller sports, squash, sport climbing, wakeboard and wushu also are vying for 2020 Olympic inclusion.

The IOC will vote in September.

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SATURDAY DEC. 22

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THURSDAY DEC. 27

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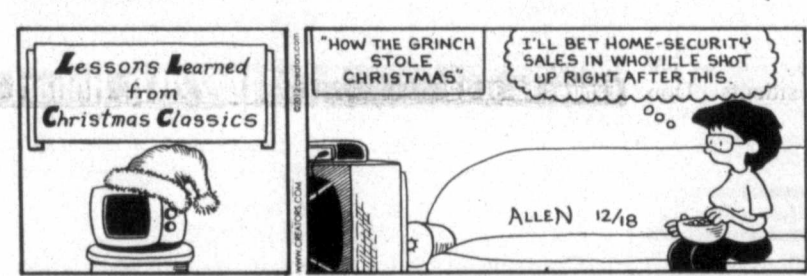
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daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Dec. 19, 2012:

This year you often are inspired to live out a dream or go for what you really want. Sometimes this path can be confusing. Friends and family who are observing you might become cynical. Don't worry — you know what you are doing. If you are single, you could be drawn to a Capricorn or a very strong-willed individual. Working out this relationship might be important, but only you can make that decision. If you are attached, share more of your newfound inspiration by living it. ARIES can be a bull in a china shop.

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 might react in a resistant manner to someone's proposal. Whether it is good or bad, think about the consequences that your reactions might bring. Take a stand, but explain your reasoning behind it. Pressure could build as a result. Tonight: Off to the gym.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Act quickly, or you could miss out on an important opportunity. A conversation with an adviser points to making a more solid decision about present facts. You might have strong feelings for a new friend. If you are not ready to share, don't. Tonight: Take some personal time.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Zero in on a goal. The unexpected surrounds a revelation, which allows you to move forward. A partner or loved one supports and even pushes you toward the finish line. Tension builds until you opt to jump right in and go for it. Tonight: Only where your friends are.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Others look up to you. A surprising event occurs, which will force you to regroup. Understanding evolves after a conversation. You might not like how assertive a friend or loved one is, but at least this person gets the action moving. Tonight: To the wee hours.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Work with a partner directly. Unusual information could toss your thinking into "revamp" mode. Verify that what you are hearing is legitimate and factual. Appreciate someone's efforts, and say "thank you" in a way that he or she can hear. Tonight: Only where there

is music.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Others dominate the scene and want control. That's OK — you have other fish to fry. While others express their power, you might have some extra time off to go holiday shopping. A loved one lets you know that he or she expects more time with you. Tonight: Remain sensitive to a friend.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Easy works, but not everyone is in agreement with you. A family member knows how to push you hard. Your options are: fight, go along with his or her demands, or flee the scene. It is your decision. Honor your needs, even if one of them is to buy this person a muzzle! Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You might want to move past a problem involving someone talking too much. You already have tried to isolate yourself by screening calls. How creative can you be in telling someone you don't want to hear any more, and not damage your bond? Tonight: Silence is nice.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Tension easily could get the best of you. Do you feel as if someone is dragging you down? You suddenly might decide to toss the shackles and free yourself, which could result in a mouth-gaping audience. Ultimately, does this act serve you? Tonight: Put your feet up and relax.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You might be coming off stronger than you realize. If someone backs away, he or she probably has good reason. A little softness goes a long way. Go for a walk. Reduce high energy to a level that's easier to manage. Respond to a close friend. Tonight: Relax with a pal.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You can flex your budget, or you could consider robbing Peter to pay Paul. The best solution would be to pare down remaining gifts. Brainstorm with a friend. Remember that it isn't the cost, but the thought that counts. Tonight: Re-think your shopping list.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You can try positive thinking, but that might not bring you what you want. It is too late to write to Santa. Go out, and lasso in exactly what you would like. Someone appreciates your directness and finds it flattering. Tonight: Keep wishing on a star, but only if you must.

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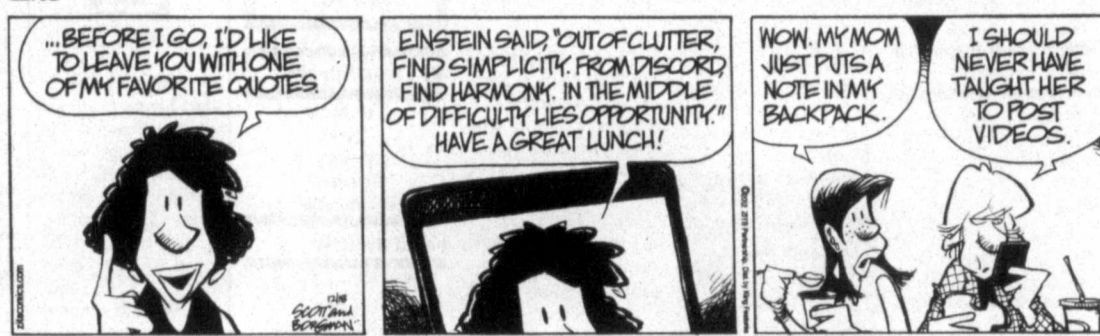
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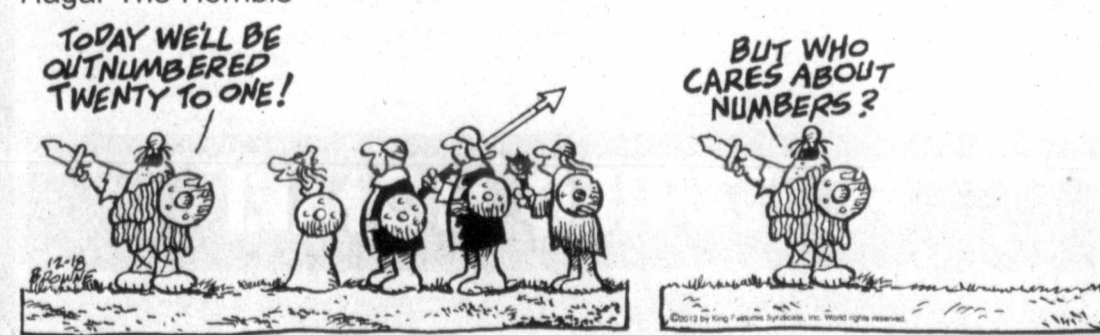
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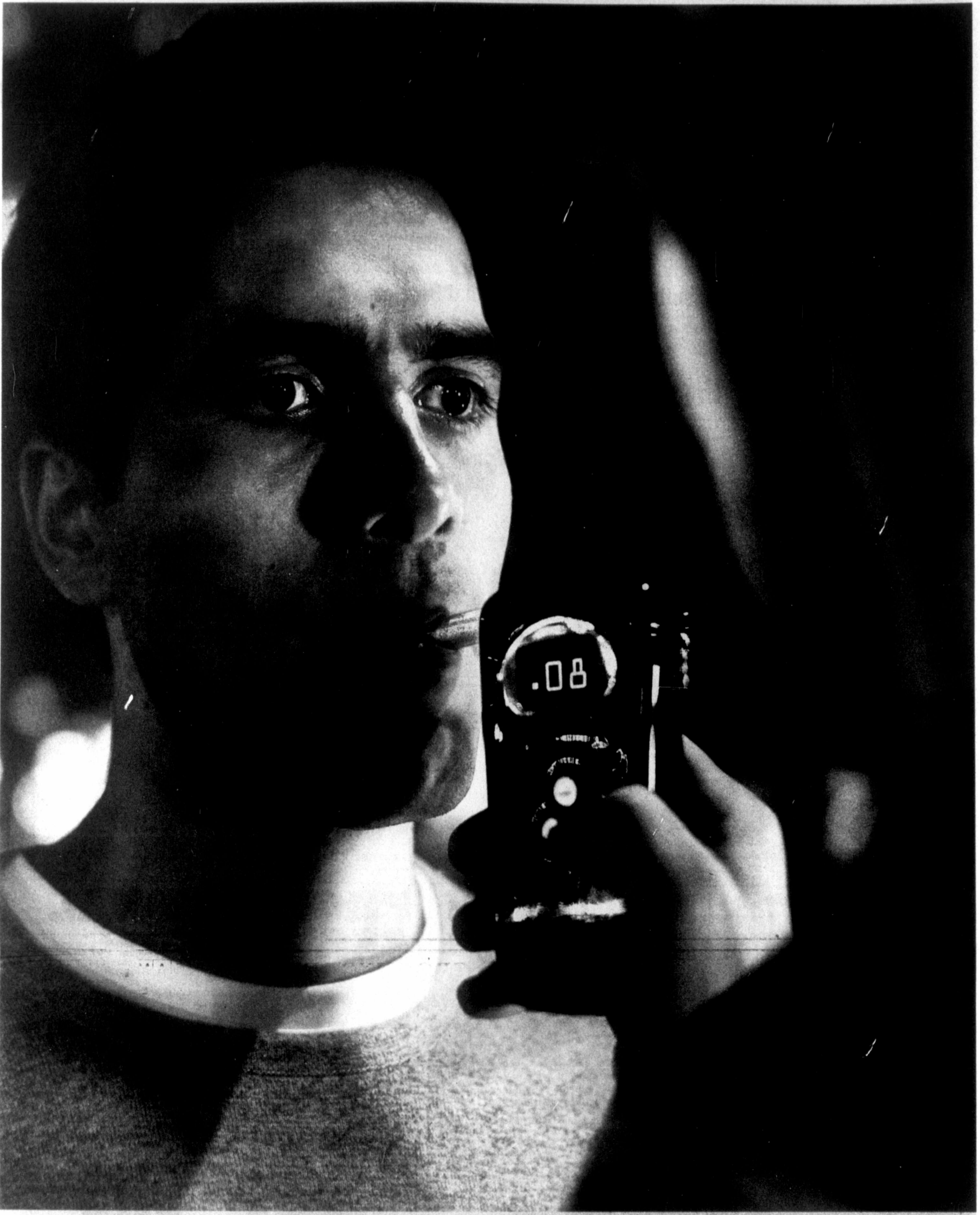
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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I am 20 and have been with my boyfriend, "Griffin," for five years. He recently gave me a beautiful promise ring. I would like to spend the rest of my life with him, but I think I have a problem.

I am going to become an adoption professional, and I plan on adopting one day. Griffin knows I'm pursuing this career and that I want to adopt, but I don't think he understands how serious I am about it. We don't plan on being married until after college, when we'll both be 25.

How do I let him know I'm serious about this? I don't want to wait five more years and find he's not on

the same page and that I wasted my time. When I try to discuss it, Griffin says we're "too young to think about it." What do I say to that? — **MAPPING OUT MY FUTURE IN L.A.**

DEAR MAPPING: It appears you are more mature than your boyfriend. Because you are determined to eventually adopt a child, I agree that it's important for you to know whether Griffin has any negative feelings about adoption because some people are unable to accept a child who is not their own. The next time he says you're too young to think about such things, explain that.

There is a vast difference

between a "promise ring" and a little gold band. Because Griffin presented you with a promise ring is no guarantee that in five years the two of you will make it to the altar together. You may need to be with someone who, like you, is more geared to mapping out a future and wants to settle down.

DEAR ABBY: My daughter, "Annie," is a single mother, holds a full-time job and trains for triathlons. Her son, "Cooper," is 3. Annie has him enrolled in day care from 7 a.m. until 4 p.m. every day while she's at work. Afterward, she picks up Cooper from day care and checks him into the gym's child care service while she works out.

I have offered to pick my grandson up from day care once a week and keep him until Annie finishes her workout. My other daughter

has offered to pick him up twice a week so he can play with his cousin at her house.

Annie has become defensive. She says we're offering because we think she's neglecting him. Actually, I DO think so. It breaks my heart that my grandson spends 12 hours a day in day care. Do you agree with me? What should I do? — **WORRIED GRANNY IN THE SOUTHWEST**

DEAR WORRIED GRANNY: Annie may be defensive because she feels some guilt, or because you need to become a better actress and transmit less disapproval. Apologize to her if that will smooth things over. Explain that you would like Cooper to spend time with you because you love him and want him to develop warm childhood memories of his grandmother. Tell Annie that

her sister wants him to spend time with his cousin so they will have a closer bond when they're older. Then cross your fingers and hope she'll accept the offers.

DEAR ABBY: What is your definition of a committed relationship? — **TRYING FOR ONE IN TEXAS**

DEAR TRYING: A committed relationship is

one in which both parties agree that it will remain mutually exclusive.

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Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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Level: Beginner

Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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Level: Beginner

BANANAGRAMS!

Use the 15 tiles in this bunch to create words that fit into the grids below. To get you started, a few tiles from the bunch have been placed, and the BANANA BITES provide hints. Reuse the tiles in for each grid.

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BANANA BITE: Joining
BANANA BITE: Healing

Yesterday's Answer: NECTARINE, OATMEAL, SPAGHETTI

12-17

BANANAGRAMS!

Each of the two-letter groups below may be extended both on the right and the left to form a six-letter word. Use the tiles directly above each group to fill in the blanks.

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Yesterday's Answer:

C U N M
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12-18

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS 40 Caruso, for one

1 Paper quantity

5 Open-handed hits

10 Wheel connector

11 Column

13 Vend

14 Current unit

15 Pithy saying

17 Nabokov novel

18 Tries hard

19 Attack command

20 Pot part

21 Flexed

22 Expand

25 Crosses creeks

26 Stalactite setting

27 Conical cap

28 Gardner of movies

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Saturday's answer

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| 12 Gasp, | 25 Cried |
| 16 Malevolent | 27 Car part |
| 21 Rocket launchers | 29 Painter Rivera |
| 22 Justice symbol | 30 Theater part |
| 23 Signaled by hand | 31 Consumed |
| 24 Difficult to pin down | 32 Winter weather |
| | 36 Light brown |

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS 41 Oregon's

1 Floor model

5 Cinema statuette

10 Really impressed

12 Throw with effort

13 1953 Ethel Merman movie

15 Punk-rock offshoot

16 Fork over

17 502, in old Rome

18 Quaid of "Vegas"

20 Stream sediment

21 Suspicious

22 Hardy heroine

23 Halt

25 Mardi Gras wear

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31 Liberal study

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Yesterday's answer

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| 1 Cut into cubes | 14 Simple parts | 29 Sock pattern |
| 2 Tooth layer | 19 Bottle | 30 Sauerkraut sandwich |
| 3 Moses of the NBA | 20 Spirited horse | 33 Rose parts |
| 4 Night flyer | 24 Bee groups | 35 Band aids |
| 5 "Dear me!" | 25 Team symbol | 38 Whole bunch |
| 6 Yacht spot | 26 Secret | 39 Contented sound |
| 7 Golfer's helper | 27 High-stepping aids | |

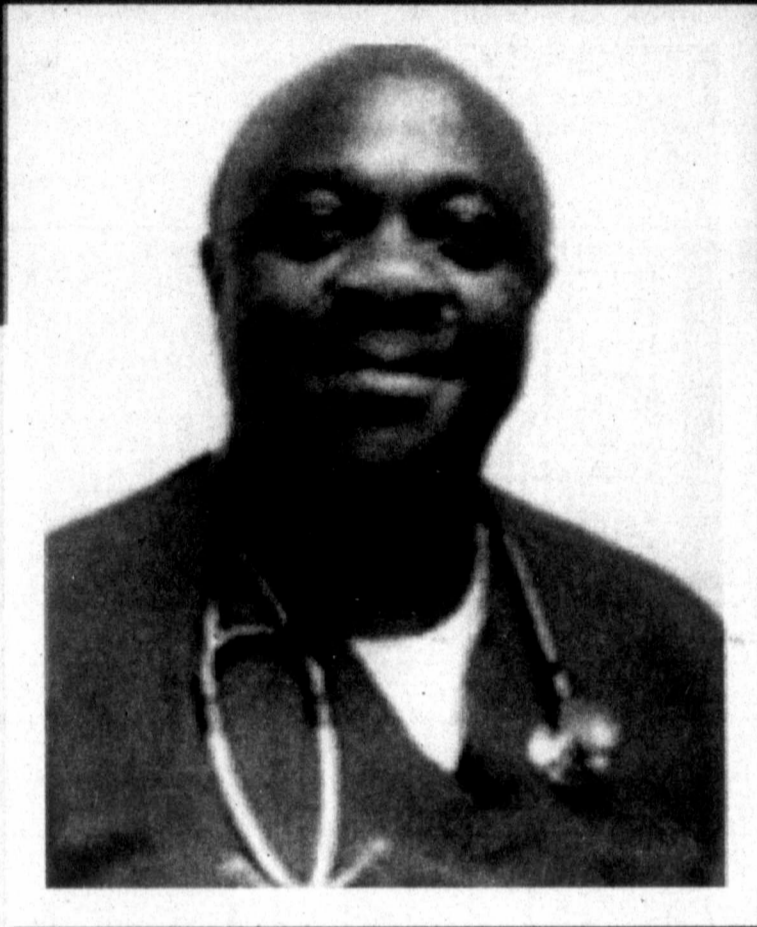
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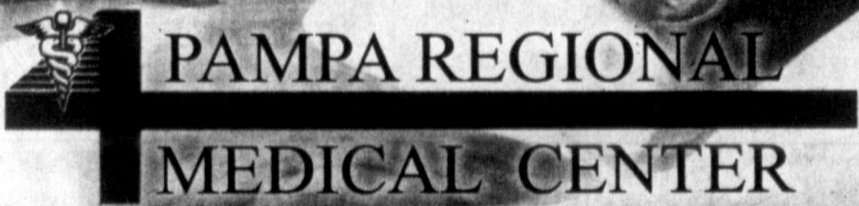
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