






### PAMPA FORECAST

Today	Thursday	Friday
		
High 57 Low 31	High 63 Low 35	High 61 Low 34

**Today:** Warming trend with sunshine and a high of 57. No chance of rain or snow. Winds south southwest at 21 mph. Sunrise at 7:44 a.m.

**Tonight:** Clear with a low of 31. No chance of rain or snow. Winds south southwest at 16 mph. Sunset at 5:32 p.m.

**Thursday:** Sunny with a high of 63. No chance of rain. Winds south southwest at 15 mph. Sunrise at 7:45 a.m.

**Thursday night:** Partly cloudy with a low of 35. No chance of rain. Winds south southwest at 12 mph. Sunset at 5:32 p.m.

**Friday:** Rain moves in with a high of 61. Thirty percent chance of rain. Winds south southwest at 23 mph. Sunrise at 7:46 a.m.

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## For the record

### Pampa man arrested for possession of marijuana

■ 23-year-old Darrell Rashode Willis, of Pampa, was arrested Monday by the Gray County Sheriff's Office for possession of marijuana — less than two

ounces. ■ 22-year-old Colden Trey Fortenberry, of Pampa, was arrested Monday by the Texas Department of Public Safety for driv-

ing without a license and driving at an unsafe speed. ■ 39-year-old Michelle Jean Windle, of Pampa, was arrested Monday by the GCSO for possession

of drug paraphernalia. ■ 18-year-old Junnis Garcia-Molinar, of Pampa, was arrested Monday by the PPD for capias pro fine for theft under \$50.

### Study club holds December meeting

SUBMITTED

Twenty First Century Study Club met on Tuesday, Dec. 4, for its annual Christmas meeting.

Hostess Mary McDaniel presented a program on the "Origin of the Poinsettia" following a short business meeting.

Refreshments were served to Louise Bailey, Nancy Coffee, Dot Stowers, Chloe Worley, Lucille Merilatt, Pat Terry and Myrna Orr.

Guests present were Gladys Vanderpool and Johana Wheeley.

The next meeting will be Jan. 8 at the home of Dot Stowers.

### Fatal accident in Wheeler County on Monday

STAFF REPORT

A fatal wreck occurred on State Highway 152 four miles east of Wheeler on Monday morning, according to the Texas Department of Public Safety.

A 2012 Dodge truck driven by Casey Brent Lustfield, Hydro, Okla., was traveling westbound on SH 152 while a 2010 Pontiac G6 driven by 55-year-old Susana Reatana Salazar, Wheeler, was traveling eastbound.

Lusfield crossed over into the eastbound lane and struck Salazar head on.

Salazar was pronounced dead at the scene. Salazar was wearing a seatbelt at the time of the accident.

No other injuries were reported by DPS in the report.

### Several honored at Public Safety Commission meeting

SUBMITTED BY DPS

AUSTIN — The Texas Public Safety Commission (PSC) and the Department of Public Safety (DPS) Director Steven McCraw honored recently appointed Texas Secretary of State John Steen, on Monday, for his service on the Public Safety Commission.

Two Killeen Police Department officers were honored for foiling an attempt to kill Fort Hood soldiers, and two DPS officers who helped arrest a suspect wanted for an Alaska murder.

"Commissioner Steen's dedicated service on the Texas Public Safety Commission the last four years supporting the department's mission and goals has been invaluable, and today's recognition is just a small token of our appreciation," said Director McCraw.

"The Public Safety Commission greatly benefitted from Commissioner Steen's service to the people of Texas and to his commitment to the DPS. His presence will certainly be missed, but he will continue to serve the citizens of Texas in his new position as Texas Secretary of State," said PSC Chair Cynthia Leon.

Steen received a flag flown over the Texas State Capitol and was made an honorary Texas Ranger Captain. He was also presented with a DPS flag that was carried aboard a DPS aircraft, on a DPS patrol boat and in a Highway Patrol car.

Also Monday, Killeen Police Department Lt. Patrick Boone and Sgt. Richard Eric Bradley were presented Director's Awards for their efforts in the investigation and ultimate conviction of an AWOL Army soldier in a 2011

bomb plot.

A call from a local gun store about a patron acting strangely as he paid cash for six pounds of black powder and a high capacity pistol magazine started a fast-moving investigation that led to the arrest of an AWOL Army soldier from Kentucky.

Killeen police, with the assistance of the FBI, found bomb construction in progress after a search warrant was executed at a local hotel.

A nationwide investigation was launched that led to the conviction of Naser Jason Abdo in a Waco federal court in May of 2012. The attack was planned at a restaurant frequented by Fort Hood soldiers.


"This is our way of saying thank you on behalf of the DPS, the law enforcement community and the state of Texas to two officers who averted an evil, cowardly plot to murder Fort Hood soldiers," said Director McCraw. "Lt. Boone and Sgt. Bradley brought distinction on themselves and the Killeen Police Department in saving lives and bringing the suspect to justice."

DPS also received a special letter of recognition from the Chief of the Anchorage Police Department for the arrest of a suspect in the kidnapping and murder of Samantha Koenig.

Corporal Bryan Henry and Texas Ranger Steven Rayburn were specifically recognized for their efforts.

After his arrest in Lufkin in March of 2012, Israel Keyes allegedly confessed to a variety of crimes. However, he died in an apparent suicide earlier this month in Alaska while awaiting trial for the Samantha Koenig case.

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# Snacks

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tions, she said.  
 "Anyone who wants to donate can," she said "It doesn't matter whether its \$1 or \$1,000.  
 PISD is providing the old gym in the Carter Center as a work space and warehouse, and will continue to provide

a space when the administration moves to its new offices in the Coronado Center on North Hobart Street.  
 Gibson said she was pleased with the turnout Monday night.  
 She said the eight Snack Pak 4 Kids board members decided if each one of them could recruit eight volunteers, they'd be off to a good start.  
 "We call it eight bring eight," she said.  
 As the Pampa program gets bigger, Gibson said, she would like to see a schedule where, for instance, the Rotary Club volunteers one night and then a sports team

from the high school will volunteer another night, and so on.  
 For those who wish to donate money instead of their time, a child can be adopted for the program for \$133 a year, she said.  
 The program in Amarillo began with a small group of volunteers bagging snacks for 10 kids. Now, the program has grown to 400 volunteers serving 2,400 kids throughout the Amarillo schools.  
 For more information or to donate or volunteer, call Gibson at 669-1155 or Pingel at 669-4800.

# Taliban

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about the entire country's future after foreign troops withdrawal by the end of 2014.  
 Despite military claims of gains across the province and an overall drop in violence, Marjah residents told The Associated Press that NATO's counterinsurgency experiment has failed. A bleak picture also emerges from anecdotal evidence collected from dozens of interviews with residents elsewhere in the province, some from the most violent districts.  
 Many claim the U.S.-funded local police, a type of locally sanctioned militia, routinely demand bribes and threaten to accuse those who do not comply of being members of the Taliban. Good governance never came to Marjah, they say.  
 In villages of sun-baked mud homes, at crowded bus stops and in local tea houses where residents sit cross-legged on plastic-covered tables drinking tea and eating off communal plates, people scoffed at claims of security and development. They heaped criticism on the Afghan government and officials, accusing them of stealing billions of dollars in aid money meant for the people and on an international community that they said ignored their needs and pandered to a corrupt administration.  
 Daoud, the Marjah shop owner, said there was more security under the country's Taliban regime that was ousted by the U.S.-led invasion in late 2001.  
 "They were never cruel to us and the one difference was security. It was better during the Taliban," he said.  
 His partner in the rickety shop along Marjah's chaotic one-street bazaar, Mohammed Haider, said poppy farmers who planted substitute crops such as cotton are losing money because they cannot sell their harvests. He predicted poppy production would double when foreign soldiers leave in 2014.  
 At a bus stop in Helmand's provincial capital of Lashkar Gah, residents scrambled for dilapidated old buses and

cars to go to parts of Helmand. Hamidullah, who like many Afghans uses only one name, was waiting for a bus to Sangin district — the scene of some of the most violent fighting between the Taliban and British and U.S. forces.  
 Like the majority of those at the stop, he wanted foreign forces to leave Afghanistan.  
 Several of the men scrambling on top the packed buses and jamming themselves into the back of cars seemed to growl at the presence of foreigners in their midst. A single question: "What is the situation like in Helmand today?" brought a cacophony of answers. Many of the voices sounded angry, some sounded weary and a few angry-looking men walked away.  
 "We are completely destroyed today," said Hamidullah.  
 "The situation is getting worse and worse," shouted a voice in the crowd. Another yelled: "There is no security because of the foreigners." And from a deeply wrinkled elderly man whose voice seemed both angry and sad: "If the foreigners are out of Afghanistan, all the problems will be solved. Are our lives any better?"  
 Analysts who know Helmand say a corrupt government poses one of the biggest hurdles to stability, alienating the local population and driving them into the hands of the Taliban.  
 The province is strategically important because of a massive poppy production that is financing the insurgency and fueling criminal activity. While some success has been achieved at getting farmers to plant substitute crops, Helmand is still one of Afghanistan's largest opium-producing provinces, often blamed on anti-government sentiment and collusion between corrupt government officials and the Taliban.  
 The NATO-led coalition, known as the International Security Assistance Force, claims there are tangible gains against the Taliban in Helmand and neighboring Kandahar province.  
 "While insurgent activity remains problematic in several districts, primarily in northern Helmand and western Kandahar, data from the battle space shows a marked decrease in overall enemy activity," ISAF spokesman Jamie Graybeal said recently.

Despite a drop of 8 percent in militant attacks from January to October compared to the same period last year, Helmand and neighboring Nimroz province accounted for 32 percent of all such attacks reported across the country from October 2011 to October this year, according to ISAF.  
 Ryan Evans, a research fellow at the U.S.-based Center for National Policy, called Helmand the "most dangerous and violent" of Afghanistan's 34 provinces.  
 "From 2010 to early 2012, one of five ISAF soldiers was killed in this one province — Helmand. And the province has since taken more lives and limbs than any other province," said Evans, who worked with U.S. and British troops in Helmand during 2010 and 2011.  
 The larger question, of course, is whether what's happening in Helmand is a harbinger of what the rest of Afghanistan will look like after the departure of the international troops.  
 A report released last month by the British Parliament's International Development Committee offered grim statistics.  
 Afghanistan continues to be one of the poorest countries in the world, with the average person earning less than one dollar a day despite \$32 billion in foreign investment.  
 The country has also tumbled in corruption ratings assembled by Transparency International. Afghanistan was ranked 117 out of 158 countries in 2005, then slid to 180 out of 183 nations last year. The scandal-ridden Kabul Bank milked millions of dollars from Afghans' savings.  
 Some Afghans believe their countrymen are responsible for the current state of affairs.  
 Haji Khalil who moved his family from Marjah to Lashkar Gah during the 2010 offensive, blamed Afghans for the spike in thefts and lawlessness since the defeat of the Taliban.  
 "During the Taliban no one would steal because we knew the punishment, but when they left everyone began to steal," Khalil said.  
 "We became worse after the Taliban," he said. "The problem is with us."

# Christmas gifts can help teach kids about money

**TERRY SAVAGE**  
 Creator's Syndicate

Shopping for holiday gifts for children or grandchildren this season? Surely you'll be spending money. So why not make the gift itself teach something about the value of money? Here are my annual holiday gift suggestions for children.

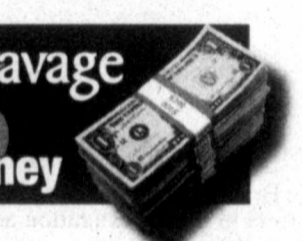
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**Soccer Ball Digital Coin Counting Bank.** When your young teens get past the piggy bank stage but still want to save, try this bank shaped as a soccer ball (football and basketball banks also available). It

counts the coins as they are inserted and shows a digital total, as well as offering sound effects. From Trademark Games. Price on Amazon is \$8.88. Go to: [suntm.es/11ndAht](http://suntm.es/11ndAht)

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There are so many different 529 plans that you'll need some resources to choose one. The place to start is [savingforcollege.com](http://savingforcollege.com) — the independent website that explains and rates college savings plans. Hint: You don't have to use your own state's plan, although it might offer a state tax deduction.

So do your homework. Or if you want me to make it absolutely easy for you, here's my pick, no matter where you live. Just go to [price529.com](http://price529.com) or call them

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And, finally, if you get bored after holiday presents or football games, go online to [orangekids.com](http://orangekids.com) — a free website by ING (CapitalOne) that has won awards for its outstanding video and graphics designed to teach preteens about money and investing. The only real investment here is your time to sit down and talk money with your child. That's a gift that will continue to give over the years. And that's The Savage Truth.

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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.

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## Atheist attacks on Christmas

The war against Christianity has been waged by the American Civil Liberties Union, the Freedom From Religion Foundation and similar groups.



**PHYLLIS SCHLAFLY**

Their tactics use the threat of litigation, with the hope that supremacist judges will accept their interpretation of the First Amendment, as Americans have understood it for over two centuries.

The re-election of Barack Obama has made this issue even more pressing. Throughout his first term, he waged a persistent campaign to secularize America, to push all religion behind church doors and to ban all mention of religion from every public place, park, building, military facility, school and speech.

The public schools have become the front line in this battle to banish Christmas from celebrations, songs and events, and anti-Christmas public school rulings have been accelerating. Here are a few examples.

Pennsylvania fourth-graders were prohibited from handing out religious Christmas cards to classmates. Massachusetts ninth-graders were told they could not create Christmas cards that depict a nativity scene, a Georgia school board deleted the word "Christmas" from the school calendar, Minnesota middle school kids were disciplined for wearing red and green scarves in a Christmas skit and for ending the skit with wishing all a Merry Christmas, and dozens of schools banned Christmas carols, in favor of songs such as "Frosty the Snowman" and "Winter Wonderland".

A New Jersey second-grader was prohibited from singing the pop song "Awesome God" at an evening talent show, and a Colorado school counselor changed the words of the Pledge of Allegiance on the public-address system from "one nation under God" to "one nation under your

belief system" (that was, fortunately, overturned). A Massachusetts elementary school censored God from Lee Greenwood's famous song, changing the line "God bless the U.S.A." to "We love the U.S.A."

A first-grade girl in North Carolina wrote a poem for her school's Veterans Day assembly honoring her two grandfathers who had served in the Vietnam War that included the sentences, "He prayed to God for peace. He prayed to God for strength." The school censored the word God out of the poem before the kid read it. A Texas high school ordered the football coach not to bow his head or kneel when the team said a prayer before a game.

Cranston High School West in Rhode Island banned a prayer banner that had hung on the auditorium wall for 38 years without complaint. The banner read in part: "Our Heavenly Father, Grant us each day the desire to do our best ... Help us to be good sports and smile when we lose as well as when we win. Teach us the value of true friendship. Help us always to conduct ourselves so as to bring credit to Cranston High West. Amen."

A Plano, Texas, school banned an 8-year-old from handing out candy canes with Jesus' name on them to classmates at a school holiday party, confiscated a girl's pencils because they mentioned "God" and banned an entire classroom from writing "Merry Christmas" on cards to be sent to our troops serving in the Middle East. Litigation followed the action of a Texas high school that tried to forbid cheerleaders from displaying a banner at a football game with the Bible verse: "And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us."

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## Editor supports mixed drinks

When I tell people I don't drink I have sometimes been asked, "Not even beer or wine?" "I don't drink, period. That means beer, wine, liquor, engine degreaser, whatever," is my answer.



**TIM HOWSARE**

I had a problem with drinking and on June 30, 1997 made a promise to God to never drink again. I have kept that promise. So to me — whether it's beer, wine or booze — it doesn't make a difference. It's all the same evil to me. And like they teach in driver's ed class — one 1.5-ounce of liquor equals one six-ounce glass of wine equals one 12-ounce beer.

Though I choose to be sober as part of my spiritual beliefs, I don't encourage others to do the same unless they tell me they

have a problem with drinking. If someone can have two or three drinks with dinner or in a social setting and can control handle it, that's fine with me. I quit because I could no longer drink in that way.

To me, it doesn't make sense to allow restaurants with alcohol and beer certificates to only sell beer and wine. A lot of people would rather drink margaritas or those fancy umbrella drinks, and if that's what they like, then let them have it.

If it's true that our current liquor law is standing in the way of chains like Chili's and Ben-nigan's establishing in Pampa, then the law needs to be updated.

I do not believe national chains coming to town will hurt the already-established local restaurants. There is an aphorism that comes to my mind: "A rising tide lifts all boats."

It means that what benefits one or two businesses in a particular

business sector will benefit all businesses in that business sector, and I think this will hold true for Pampa.

I know the Dixie Cafe and The Plaza Restaurant on with the petition drive, and they wouldn't be doing so if they didn't think it would help their business.

I am not going to sign the petition because, as a journalist, I don't sign any petitions. I don't put bumper stickers on my car or wear campaign buttons, either. However, I do vote in elections and, if enough signatures are obtained to place the mixed drink issue on the May ballot, I will vote in favor of it.

I think updating the law will bring more business to Pampa. Drinking alcohol is a personal choice.

What matters most is not what kind of drink it is, but whether that person can drink responsibly and not cause harm to himself or others.

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## Obamacare in a jujitsu battle to be stopped

The art of jujitsu is to use an opponent's weight and strength to your



**CHUCK NORRIS**

advantage. I believe we can further choke the life out of Obamacare by using this martial art technique. Let me explain. Last week, I

shared with you that while Republicans' power to repeal Obamacare has been thwarted by the president's re-election, all is not lost. Conservatives can still suffocate the federal monstrosity by supporting individual-to-state efforts to impede its funding and implementation.

I noted how, just two weeks ago, the U.S. Supreme Court ordered a lower federal court to take up a lawsuit by the patriots at Liberty University, who claim Congress violated the college's religious freedoms by forcing it to provide federally mandated insurance and requiring payment for abortion-related services.

Similarly, legal battles and federal courts blocked the Obama administration's health intrusions into O'Brien Industrial Holdings (a Missouri mining company), as well as Tyndale (a Christian publisher) and the Christian-owned craft chain Hobby Lobby. All of these fine American institutions are being mandated by Obamacare to abandon their own consciences and core values about contraceptives.

And let us not forget that more than half of the states in our Union are suing the federal government over Obamacare. WND just reported that, for a second time, Republican Gov. Chris Christie "rejected legislation passed by New Jersey's Democratic-controlled legislature that would have established a state-run health insurance exchange under Obamacare."

As Avik Roy, a health care investment analyst and senior fellow at the Manhattan Institute for Policy Research, explains in his Forbes blog about health care and entitlement reform: "States are on firm policy ground in refusing to expand Medicaid, America's worst health care program, because it will create severe fiscal vulnerabilities for the states. In addition, states are right to refuse to implement Obamacare's exchanges, because the law gives states almost no flexibility in terms of how they build those exchanges." (Insurance exchanges are a list of government-regulated and certified health care plans that are eligible for federal subsidies. Obamacare mandates that exchanges must be approved and active by Jan. 1, 2014.)

This past week, Doug Book from the Western Center for Journalism noted well how the hinge of Obamacare (indeed, its rigidity) pivots on more federal subsidies "designed to help low and middle-income individuals purchase health insurance." But, according to the Affordable Care Act

itself, the "subsidies may only be applied to insurance exchanges set up by individual states, not exchanges implemented by the federal government."

Be wise and careful here!

Many believe state resistance is then the coup de grace of Obamacare, especially since 17 states have already refused to set up a state-run exchange by the federal government's deadline. However, state resistance also provides another manipulative chess move by the Obama administration to bully, coerce and cast blame on the states and Republican governors in particular who refuse Obamacare.

Mark my words: If Obamacare continues on its present course, the president and his minions will blame states for denying affordable healthcare via subsidies and tax credits to citizens, "forcing Washington's hand to implement the law of the land at unaffordable and higher-priced health care premiums."

I pray Republican governors and other state officials don't fall prey to this laden political folly and pressure. Rather, as sheep before wolves, they should be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves, especially when finely typed print among a hospital's privacy disclosure statements (which patients are asked to sign) included the words that the treating medical facility may disclose your health information to federal officials "in order to protect the President, other officials or foreign heads of state." So much

for HIPAA privacy laws!

What state officials (and our conservative representatives in Washington) need to do is leverage (jujitsu) Obamacare's next chess moves and offer more fiscally responsible and freedom-loving alternatives or reforms, such as some version of Avik Roy's "Obamacare jujitsu" and his four-step solution to tackle the U.S. health care behemoth. It includes:

**Step One: Replace or fix Obamacare's exchanges.**

It starts by improving the market orientation of Obamacare's insurance exchanges. With the states' pressure and even the leverage offered them via last summer's Supreme Court decision, they and Republicans in Congress can reduce the excessive mandates, regulations and subsidies in Obamacare. Utah, for example, created a health care exchange that is far more palatable and market-oriented than the one offered through Obamacare.

**Step Two: Migrate Medicare enrollees into the exchanges.**

The next step would be to move Medicare patients into Obamacare's (reformed) exchanges. Roy explains, "For example, Congress could agree to raise Medicare's eligibility age by three months every year for the foreseeable future (and) transfer the 'dual eligible' population — seniors who are enrolled in both Medicare and Medicaid — onto the exchanges." Roy adds, "In effect, over time, this

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## NATIVITY AT CALVARY



Submitted photo  
Gary Jameson, music minister at Calvary Baptist Church, submitted this picture of the church's Nativity scene. The church is located at 900 E. 23rd St.

## 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.

### Winter Blood Drive at Clarendon College

Clarendon College, Pampa Campus, will host its Winter Blood Drive, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Dec. 12, at 1601 W. Kentucky. A photo ID or donor ID card is required. Must be at least 17 years old to donate blood. Every eligible donor will receive a T-shirt and will be entered into a weekly drawing to win a one-year supply of milk (52 gallons), courtesy of Plains Dairy.

### 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.

### Christmas Tree of Blessings

Tralee Crisis Center will host its Christmas Tree of Blessings ceremony at 5 p.m., Dec. 14, at 310 S. Cuyler St. Contact Karen McGahen at 806-669-1131 for more information.

### 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; nonchamber 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.

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## Norris

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would gradually introduce premium-support-style reforms into the retiree population, without requiring Congress to get bogged down in complicated reform legislation."

Step Three: Let more people buy insurance on their own.

The third step would be that "Congress could consider reforms of Obamacare's employer mandate — for example, exempting businesses with fewer than 200 employees or eliminating it entirely — so as to stimulate economic growth while improving the market for individually purchased health insurance."

Step Four: Offer Medicaid patients a way out of that broken system.

The last step would be to "move the Medicaid population into the (reformed) exchanges. ... Another approach

could be to give Medicaid's long-term care program back to the states, in exchange for federalizing Medicaid's acute-care, pediatric and dual-eligible populations."

As Roy concludes: "Conservatives have lost the battle to repeal Obamacare. But they haven't yet lost the larger war against out-of-control health spending. The opportunity to seize the mantle of reform is theirs for the taking."

When I think of Obama and Obamacare, I can't help but think of the words of Rickson Gracie, retired Mixed Martial Arts World Champion and a member of the renowned Gracie family, who once said, "If size mattered, the elephant would be the king of the jungle."

Let's continue to fight and show Washington that we, the people, are the kings of the jungle.

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# Pampa Faith

## Christina and the bucket of pickles

It was the weekend after Thanksgiving and Christmas was just around the corner. Shari and I were on our yearly present buying adventure in Boise, Idaho. Shari had our list of people and gifts in hand and we were making our way through several stores, saving the Town Square Mall for our final stop and always our LONGEST stop by far.

Our daughter, Christina, was in high school and therefore old enough to be one of those "difficult" ones to buy for. It was hard to know which clothes she would like and which ones not so much. Money was always the safest bet, but that just seems so empty to moms and dads.

We had been in several clothing stores and looked at many blouses and jeans. Neither of us could decide with complete confidence. We had a limited budget, but like all parents we still wanted to hit a homerun with our little girl.

Since we were stuck, we decided to take a break and make our annual stop at Hickory Farms. We had to get stocking gifts: Jeff and Chad wouldn't know what to do without their original summer sausage and Christina had to have her turkey sausage. That's when it hit me. I knew exactly what to get Christina for Christmas, but I didn't know if we could afford it or if they even sold it.

All of her life Christina has LOVED pickles. And her very favorite pickles of all time were always the HUGE pickles sold in Hickory Farms stores during the holidays. When she was with us during the Christmas season, we couldn't pass Hickory Farms without her getting at least one of the monster pickles and maybe even one to go.

I asked the clerk, "So what if I wanted to buy a bunch of those pickles?" They were \$1.00 each. The clerk assured us that he would love to sell us as many as we wanted. So Shari and I began to figure out how many we could afford. That's when I think I got a nudge from heaven. "So just how do these pickles come to your store?" The clerk said that they came in a 5 gallon bucket. I then asked how many pickles were in each bucket. He replied, "100."

I then explained why I was asking and who the gift was for. The clerk took pity on us and said, "I'll tell you what I'll do. You buy a whole bucket and I'll sell it to you for cost; \$35.00. I don't think anyone ever bought a whole bucket before. That would be a great story to tell." That fit our budget and a couple of weeks later we returned to Boise to pick the bucket of pickles up.

Shari wrapped the very heavy five-gallon bucket with no name on it and we put it under the tree. Then we threatened the kids with near death experiences if anyone tried to peek. We did let them

each kind of push on the present which totally dumbfounded all three kids. None had clue.

Christmas day came and we began to open gifts. Everyone was excited, but kept asking about the heavy present at the back of the tree. We saved it for last. In Shari's family there was always a MYSTERY PACKAGE opened last which had no name on it. No one ever knew who it was for until all the other presents had been opened. Most Christmases we used that same tradition in our family. The pickles were the mystery package.

When I picked up the gift and sat it in the floor, the camera was ready. When we announced that it was for Christina, Jeff and Chad were a little bummed out, but still eager to know what was inside. When she got enough of the paper off to see what it said on the side, she thought it was a miswrapped present. In our family Shari was famous for wrapping something in a box that had nothing to do with what the gift really was; just like her mother did before her.

Christina couldn't get the lid off, so she asked for help. I had to get a large screwdriver to break off the tabs that held the lid in place and prevented any leaking. When she took the lid off she was stunned. We told her that there were 100 of them in the bucket and hoped that once and for all she finally got her fill of Hickory Farms jumbo dill pickles. And she did.

Now more than 20 years later, Shari and I were watching a movie called "Because Of Winn Dixie." In it there was a scene where a man brings a two-gallon jar of jumbo pickles to a party and we both began to laugh and remember. I then called Christina and told her what we were watching and asked her if she remembered. Her response was, "Are you kidding? Of course I remember. If it hadn't been for some of my friends, I would never have gotten them all eaten." Once again the three of us shared a moment of laughter and love over the pickles.

So let me give you a recommendation. When you see something that makes you remember a special family moment from the past, don't just remember. Take a few seconds and send a text, or an instant message or an email, or even make a call. You will be rewarded all over again and so will the person you are contacting. Today Christina, Shari and I got to revisit a special memory moment. But then after we called her, she went straight out and told her kids the story about the pickles. That made it a three generation story. Why don't you start making you and your family some three generation story moments? God bless. Mike Sublett

## CHURCH SPOTLIGHT

### Candlelight service

Calvary Baptist Church's annual Advent and Candlelight Service is Dec. 19, at 6:30 pm.

The one hour service will include lots of Christmas music and drama.

The service will conclude with a candle lighting ceremony by everyone in attendance. Solos and Christmas carol singing will be included.

Candles and candle lighting have al-

ways 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 St. There will be a nursery for children through age 3.

For more information call 665-0842.

## Finish the year, start the new year strong

Remember all those New Year's resolutions we made at the beginning of the year — the ones we broke by about the third week of January? The end of the year is a good time to look back and see where we've been and where we're going.

It doesn't matter that we may have gotten off track during the year. It only matters that we finish strong. That's true not only about the year. It's true about all of life. No matter how many times we mess up, if we turn back to God, He will give us a fresh start. And He will help us persevere so we can finish strong.

Finishing strong is a theme throughout the Bible. It's a lesson we must learn if we are to "run the race with endurance." The Bible compares the Christian life to that of a runner. A runner has to pace himself in a long-distance race, and a Christian must pace himself when trouble comes so he'll be able to finish the race strong.

The apostle Paul is an example of someone who finished strong. At the end of his life when he was in prison for preaching the Gospel, Paul wrote to Timothy, encouraging him to "keep his head in all situations, endure hardship and do the work of the ministry."

Paul never gave up. He persevered. He pressed on despite the hardships he faced throughout his Christian life. By his determination, Paul not only overcame the obstacles but he thrived in the middle of his problems.

I want to be like Paul. The key is not giving up but to persevere. We will face problems in this life, and we may get off track. But the great thing about God is that He is willing to take us back and give us a new start.

Wherever you are in life, God will take you as you are. He will begin to change you from the inside out. So start wherever you are and run to God. Then, just keep running your race. Don't look back and don't quit. If you fall, get back up and keep running. Then, you will be able to finish strong and receive the prize of eternity in heaven.

As this year ends and a new one is about to begin, get ready to run your race like never before. You will win if you run and do not give up.



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## daily horoscope

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Thursday, Dec. 13, 2012:

This year you will have a new beginning in whatever area you deem necessary. Your personal power will expand because you live your word. Many people in your life want to draw you in, both professionally and personally. Your magnetism soars, and if you are single, you will see direct results. If you are attached, curb a tendency to be me-oriented. Yes, it is an exciting year, but a relationship will succeed only with the combined efforts of two people. CAPRICORN is cautious.

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) ★★★★★ A matter from the recent past could come back to haunt you. You can't take back words said or actions done, but the good news is that you can remedy what happened. Your instincts speak to you and show you the right path to follow. Tonight: Touch base with an older relative.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ Reconsider a situation involving a close partner. You can work through nearly anything together, as long as you are able to remain detached. You might surprise yourself with the sense of elation and harmony you could achieve as a result. Tonight: Answer your calls.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ Reflect rather than react. A friend's unpredictability could create uncertainty in your world. On the other hand, you just might find exactly what you've been looking for. Relate to others directly, especially when discussing finances. Tonight: Dinner for two.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ Dive right into work. You'll discover the importance of clearing up as much as possible in the late afternoon. Free yourself up for some socializing with friends and loved ones. A boss or someone you respect startles you with his or her response. Tonight: The only answer is "yes."

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ You feel the weekend in your bones, but you have a lot to do before then. As you attempt to accomplish everything you must, you could get bogged down in a project. A different perspective could help you see the situation in a new light. Tonight: Do your thing.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ If you're considering the possibility of staying home more often, know that you'll have to indulge this fantasy sooner or later. You could find a friend or loved one most distracting, though, so you might want to rethink this plan. Tonight: Now for the romp.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ You could be overwhelmed by everything that falls into your lap. You are incapable of handling it all, as you are only human. Your sense of humor emerges because of a child's antics. Can you even question how much you are cared about? Tonight: Get some errands done.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ You could have a lot to say, and perhaps it is more than someone wants to hear. Be sensitive to this person. You might have a lot to say, but the purpose of saying it is to be heard. You need this individual around for his or her support. Tonight: Out and about.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ Make a resolution in the morning, and you'll stand a chance of making it so. Your creativity springs forward whenever there is a need for a solution. You delight others, as well as yourself, with an addition to a project or a special purchase. Tonight: More holiday duties.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ In the morning, you could have a case of the lazies or seem a bit passive. By midafternoon, you'll start acting like the Energizer bunny, and few can hop as fast as you. What you initially had resisted doing becomes a piece of cake. Tonight: The world is your oyster.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ Use the morning to the max. You could be inordinately lucky or just have a lot of support. Whatever you launch, do or decide seems destined to succeed. An interpersonal relationship glows. A neighbor or friend could surprise you with his or her antics. Tonight: Not to be found.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ Take charge of a project early on. You might feel as if you do not have enough time in the day to handle what you must. Lighten up and prioritize, and by late afternoon, the Fish will beam. A meeting could be more important than you realize. Tonight: Start the weekend early.

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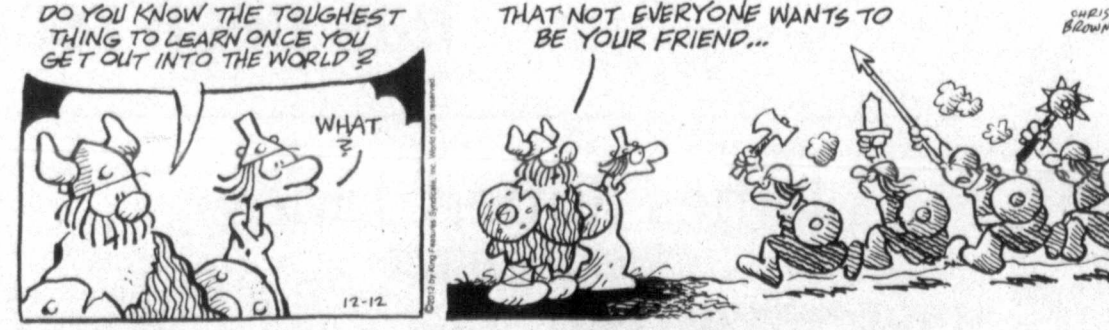
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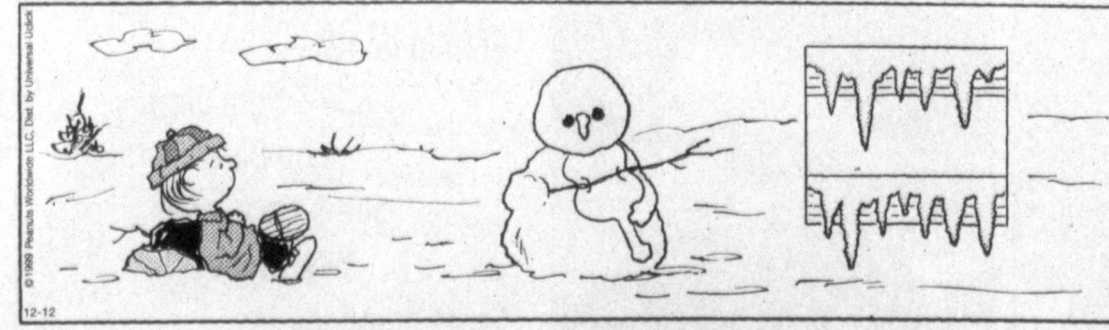
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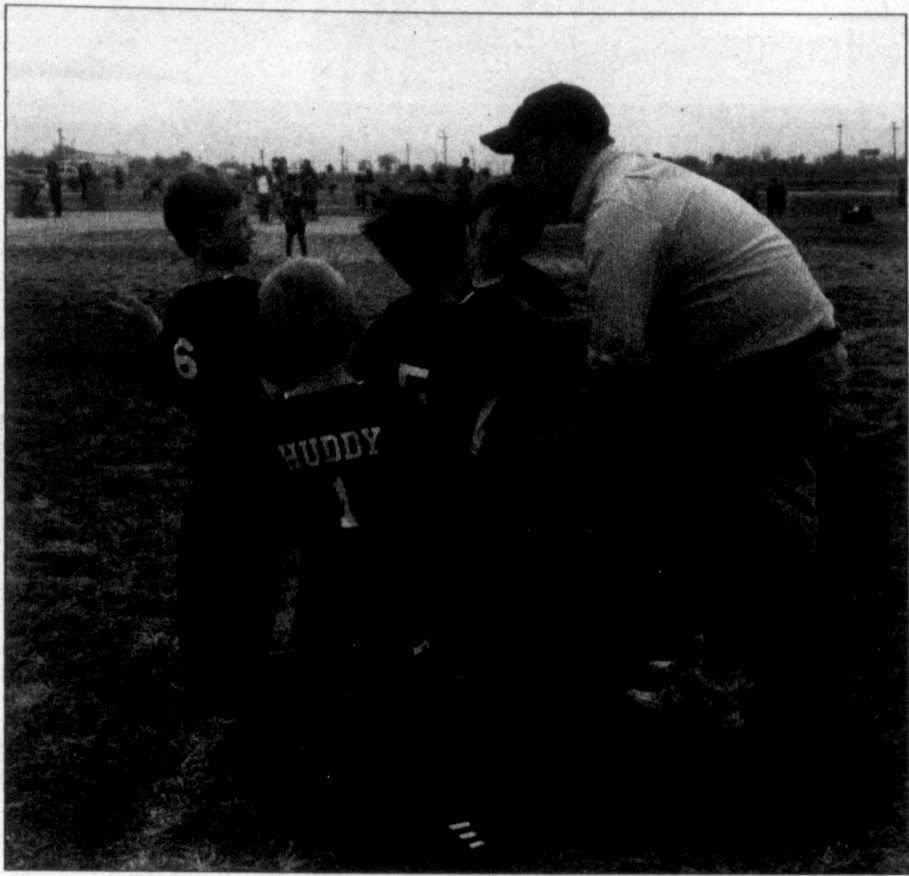
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## UNDER 8 DRAGON TEAM



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Pampa Soccer Association's U8 Dragon team had a great fall season with the boys improving on blocking and making goals. The Dragons were coached by Thorban Weaver.

## Junior High teams in action

By ZACHARY GREEN  
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### Boys JH

Monday night the Pampa JH Boys traveled to Bushland to compete against the Blackhawks. The boys came up empty in all four games, with each team struggling offensively.

The 7th grade B team lost 29-16. Brendan Grant led the team with 5 points and Chris Madrid had 4. Chance Kerbo led the team in rebounds.

The 7th grade A team lost 29-25. Brady Porter led the team 11 points. Angel Gonzalez led the team in rebounds and also had 3 points. Fernando Anguiano played great defense.

The 8th B team lost 25-14. Chaseton Brown led the team in scoring with 6

points and Jared Lake had 4. Kade Woods played good defense.

The 8th A team lost 34-25. It was a three point game going into half time, but Pampa could not overcome the size of their opponent.

Bryce Parker had 8 points and led the team in rebounds. Brendan Woelfle had 5 points as well.

### Girls JH

The Pampa JH girls hosted Bushland Monday night.

The 8th grade girls "B" team won 36 to 17.

The top scorers were Madison Young with 10 points and Abby Olveda with 8.

The 8th grade girls "A" lost 59-26. The top offensive performer was Kristin Robison with 5 points.

## Young looks forward to new challenge with Phillies

ASSOCIATED PRESS

DALLAS (AP) — Michael Young says he's ready for a different challenge in Philadelphia after spending the first 12 seasons of his career with the Texas Rangers.

Young says it was an easy decision from a baseball perspective. He wanted to go to the Phillies to be their everyday third baseman.

Speaking publicly for the first time since

waiving his no-trade clause and the deal being completed, Young said goodbye Monday to Rangers fans and spoke about how much he would miss his teammates.

Young has played all 1,823 of his major league games for Texas and is the franchise leader in games played and hits. He is a .301 career hitter and a seven-time All-Star.

Over the past two seasons, Young has been a designated hitter and played all four infield positions.

## Cowboys may be without wide receiver Dez Bryant for crucial playoff push

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IRVING, Texas (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys might be without wide receiver Dez Bryant for their playoff push.

Bryant injured his left index finger in an emotional 20-19 victory over Cincinnati on Sunday, one day after practice squad linebacker Jerry Brown was killed in a car accident that landed defensive tackle Josh Brent in jail on intoxication manslaughter charges.

Dallas coach Jason Garrett said Monday that Bryant was still being evaluated. The Cowboys play Pittsburgh at home Sunday in a battle of 7-6 teams trying to keep playoff hopes alive.

Bryant re-entered the game after sustaining the injury and caught a touchdown pass that pulled the Cowboys to 19-17 in the fourth quarter. Dallas won on a field goal by Dan Bailey on the final play.

"I think adrenaline sometimes allows players to continue to play after they've had an injury," Garrett said. "He certainly made a big play in the ballgame, and I

think that's a real tribute to his toughness and his love for the game."

If Bryant ends up on injured reserve, he will be the fifth Dallas starter sidelined by a season-ending injury. The other four are defenders, and nickel cornerback Orlando Scandrick is out for the year with a hand injury. Nose tackle Jay Ratliff has missed seven games with ankle and groin injuries.

Brent was set to make his fifth start in Ratliff's place against the Bengals, but police say he was speeding and drunk when the vehicle he was driving clipped a curb and flipped in the Dallas suburb of Irving early Saturday, hours before he was to be on the team flight to Cincinnati.

Brown was found unresponsive at the scene and pronounced dead at a hospital.

Garrett told the team about Brown's death on the plane just before takeoff. The Cowboys kept an empty locker for Brown in the visitor's locker room at Paul Brown Stadium, and Jason Hatcher raised Brown's No. 53 jersey

over his head as he walked on the field after Bailey's winning kick.

"I think it's the most emotional game that I've ever been a part of anywhere, player, coach," Garrett said Monday. "You're trying to place life and football in some kind of context together and it doesn't really fit and you don't really have a whole lot of time to kind of process it."

Garrett said the Cowboys "absolutely" will carry Brown's death with them for the rest of the season and beyond.

But they still have the postseason to pursue. Dallas is still a game behind Chicago and Seattle for the two wildcard spots in the NFC, and the New York Giants stayed a game ahead in the NFC East by beating New Orleans.

"It was difficult for us to do it in Cincinnati, but it's just the reality of life," Garrett said. "We have to continue to move on. We have to honor Jerry. We have to help Josh any way that we can. But then we have to get back to work."

## Death of Cowboys player Jerry Brown raises question of safety net for athletes

ASSOCIATED PRESS

IRVING, Texas (AP) — San Francisco 49ers defensive end Demarcus Dobbs walked away from a one-vehicle accident on his 25th birthday last month and was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence.

Less than two weeks later, with the NFL rocked by the car crash that killed Dallas Cowboys player Jerry Brown and left his teammate, Josh Brent, facing a manslaughter charge, Dobbs swears he'll find another way home whenever he does too much partying.

"I'm never going to put myself in that situation ever again," he said. This is, of course, exactly what the NFL, its teams and the players' union wants to hear amid fresh questions about whether all the warnings and safety nets — because players in most of the major sports leagues arguably have more than the general public — will ever be enough to prevent accidents and deaths.

"There's a lot of pressure being in the NFL ... but it's no excuse for bad decisions," Detroit coach Jim Schwartz said. "Players have a lot of options, tools at their disposal, that they

need to take advantage of, but it comes down to individuals making good decisions."

Brown's death on Saturday and the arrest of defensive tackle Josh Brent after police say he caused the fatal wreck by speeding and driving drunk put the NFL Players Association's safe ride program back in the spotlight. It was revamped three years ago after concerns that enough players weren't using it.

Union spokesman Carl Francis said the program is a strong point of emphasis, and every player's membership card includes the contact information. And CEO John Glavin of Florida-based Corporate Security Solutions Inc., which runs the program, said he is happy with how the union gets the word out on the program.

He also stressed the confidentiality of the program, saying the company doesn't even tell the union when players call for rides.

Jacksonville cornerback CB Rashean Mathis, the team's union representative, said players rarely, if ever, use the program.

"Confidentiality is the problem," Mathis said. "Guys are going to go out and have fun. We're just like the regular guy that

works a 9-to-5 job. On a Friday night, he goes out and has some beer. It's not the best-case scenario, but it happens in life."

To use the program, players can either work in advance to set up a full night with a driver or make a call for a ride home. The brochure says most response times are less than an hour. The program is available all year, and Glavin said his company also serves the NBA and NHL.

In Major League Baseball, designated drivers are available to players and fans through the teams, and the players have access to a confidential program that will take them wherever they need to go.

In the NFL, some teams rely solely on the NFLPA's program, while others have an additional system. In Cincinnati, the Bengals pay a company to make two drivers available when an employee calls. One drives the caller home, and the other follows in the employee's vehicle.

Glavin said some players hesitate to use that kind of program because they don't want others driving their expensive vehicles. Either way, the program hinges on a player making the first move.

"We can't make them

make the phone call," Glavin said.

Last summer, the NFL held its 15th annual rookie orientation, which includes a number of life skills sessions. For the first time, separate sessions were held for the AFC and NFC to make the groups smaller, and current and former players were brought in as speakers, including Philadelphia quarterback Michael Vick and Cincinnati cornerback Adam Jones. Both have had high-profile legal problems, with Vick spending time in prison in a dogfighting case.

The NFL has sessions on issues ranging from guns to alcohol and drug use at other times of the year, and all teams have counselors who work with players, league spokesman Dan Masonson said.

League owners are gathering in the Dallas area Wednesday. The agenda was set to focus in part on player safety through the addition of leg padding, but it's likely to change.

A week before Brown's death, Kansas City Chiefs linebacker Jovan Belcher fatally shot his girlfriend before driving to the team's stadium and shooting himself in front of his coach and general manager.

## 9th girls game cancelled Monday

The freshman girls game that was slated for Monday night against Canadian was cancelled late Monday afternoon.

It was stated in Tuesday's paper to look for results of that game in today's paper. Due to the cancellation there will be no game results.

Pampa's freshman girls team is 5-6 on the season and will play their next game Friday at Estacado at 6:30 p.m.

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## Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR ABBY:** I have been married for 14 years to a man who had two failed marriages. I never felt insecure in my married life until I read his answers to a Yahoo Answers poll that asked, "Do you dream about the one that got away?" and, "Have you found the love of your life?"

My husband responded that he thinks about her very often, especially on her birthday and Valentine's Day. To the other question he replied he had found the love of his life, but the relationship had ended in divorce, which he admitted was his fault.

I know he was talking about his first wife. I feel so sad and insecure. Now I must deal with the fact that on Valentine's Day his thoughts are with someone else. How can I get over this? I no longer believe him when he says he loves me because I have proof that he hasn't moved on yet. I can't believe he said that even now he still thinks about her. Please help. — SAD HEART IN SAN JOSE

**DEAR SAD HEART:** Your husband posted those thoughts on a public forum? Rather than feel hurt and insecure, you should be furious. How would he feel if the person answering that poll had been you? (Of course, you would have had better judgment.)

By now it should be clear to you that you did not marry a rocket scientist. You have my sympathy because his first marriage has been over for nearly two decades and he — along with his obvious shortcomings — are no longer her problem, but yours. However, your pain may lessen if you look at the bright side:

**He treats you well 363 days a year, and many of the women who write to me are not so lucky.**

**DEAR ABBY:** I have been involved with a man in a long-distance relationship for two years. I care about him very much and I believe he cares for me.

Things were going great until he was devastated by a downturn in his business. He had planned to move here, but was unable to sell his home. We used to see each other every two weeks, but no longer. It has been almost two months. He calls once a week, but nothing else.

We have been close and he has shared his life, his worries and personal information with me. I haven't pressured him and I don't need a commitment now, although I would like one someday.

Abby, he seems to be drifting away. Is it OK to write to him, email him, send encouraging notes once a week and continue to support him? Is it too much to ask for more frequent communication

from him? I have offered to travel the 1,000 miles, but he has evaded my offer. I'm not ready to walk away. We have been great together and this is difficult for me. Advice? — HOLDING ON IN COASTAL CALIFORNIA

**DEAR HOLDING ON:** It's fine to be supportive, but don't overwhelm him right now. You may have to let this play out in its own time. Your friend may have retreated because he's concentrating his energy on reviving his business. He may be licking his wounds or he may have met someone, which is why he discouraged your visit. That he still calls you is encouraging.

Because you have known him for two years, I recommend you simply ASK him if he's met someone else. If the answer is no, it will put your mind at ease. But if the answer is yes, at least you'll be clear about what happened.

### 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. Reuse the tiles for each grid.

LEVEL

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Yesterday's Answer: CHINA, CHAI, CHI, HI 12-12

### CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 41 Vast expanses
  - 1 Fleet make-up
  - 42 Feeds the pigs
  - 6 Rough guess
  - 10 Radium discoverer
  - 11 Crept away
  - 12 Ham it up
  - 13 Fare carriers
  - 14 Ship of 1492
  - 15 Show up
  - 16 Chapel promise
  - 17 December 24, e.g.
  - 18 Court divider
  - 19 Apple variety
  - 22 Enjoy a novel
  - 23 Social misfit
  - 26 Oregon's largest city
  - 29 Fuming
  - 32 Bleachers cry
  - 33 Ball holder
  - 34 Kind of band or show
  - 36 Slimming plan
  - 37 Eyeballed
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  - 39 "Likewise"
  - 40 Worship site
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- 1 Like vistas
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  - 3 Magnetite, for one
  - 4 Bread with a pocket
  - 5 Take in
  - 6 Christmas tree
  - 7 Poison topper
  - 8 Full of energy
  - 9 Trouble
  - 11 Might
  - 15 One of Frank's wives
  - 17 Pizarro's quest
  - 20 Spigot
  - 21 Singer Shannon
  - 24 Corrode
  - 25 Patella
  - 27 Sought a seat
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  - 29 States of mind
  - 30 Rolling Stones song
  - 31 River feature
  - 35 Citi Field team
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  - 38 Possesses

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

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Level: Intermediate

# Christmas SPECTACULAR



*Downtown Pampa  
Thursday  
Open till 7:00*

## Come Downtown Thursday Night

at 7:00 pm in front of  
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### PAMPA FORECAST

Today      Friday      Saturday



High 64  
Low 35

**Today:** Sunny with a high of 64. No chance of rain. Winds southwest at 17 mph. Sunrise at 7:45 a.m.

**Tonight:** Mostly clear with a low of 35. No chance of rain. Winds south southwest at 13 mph. Sunset at 5:32 p.m.

**Friday:** Few showers with a high of 55. Thirty percent chance of rain. Winds south southwest at 21 mph. Sunrise at 7:46 a.m.

**Friday night:** Mostly clear with a low of 35. Ten percent chance of rain. Winds south southwest at 19 mph.

**Saturday:** Sunny with a high of 58. No chance of rain. Winds west northwest at 15 mph.

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## Obituaries

### Frank Bridwell

Frank Bridwell, 68, died Dec. 11, 2012 in Dallas. Services will be at 3:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 14, 2012, at Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel, with Buster Reedy, a cowboy preacher, officiating.



Frank Bridwell

Burial will follow in Memorial Heights Cemetery in Lefors, under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Bridwell was born Oct. 8, 1944 in Pampa. He was raised north of Miami on Chicken Creek until his senior year in high school when he moved to Lefors. Bridwell graduated from Lefors High School in 1963.

Frank married Madonna Jordan on July 10, 1964 in Lefors. He had been a former resident of White Deer for 18 years. He was a rancher all of his life, working for Miami Cattle Company, Bill Tolbert Cattle Company, and Cactus Feeders, as well as being self-employed for many years.

Frank was a member of the Professional Cowboys Rodeo Association where he participated in team roping. He was a rodeo cowboy his entire life. He was a generous man who would do anything for anybody and a friend to everyone.

Survivors include: his wife, Madonna Bridwell of the home; two sons, Shane Bridwell and wife Kristi of Pampa, and Chadd Bridwell of Austin; five grandchildren, Garrett Bridwell of Amarillo, Frankie Bridwell, Taylor Smith, Tucker Bridwell and Hunter Smith, all of Pampa; a sister, Verna Smith of Dumas; four brothers, John Bridwell of Spearman, Vick Bridwell of Wagoner, Okla., Joe Bridwell of Perryton, and Jim Bridwell of Borger; and numerous nieces and nephews. Frank was preceded in death by his parents, Pete and Virginia Bridwell.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association, National Center, 7272 Greenville Ave., Dallas, Texas 75231.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 7:30 p.m. tonight at Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Home in Pampa.

Sign the on-line register at [www.carmichael-whitley.com](http://www.carmichael-whitley.com).

### Arlene Matthews

Arlene Mathews, 86, died Dec. 12, 2012 in Amarillo. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.



Arlene Matthews

Mrs. Mathews was born Feb. 9, 1926 in Cardin, Okla. She graduated from Wyandotte High School in Wyandotte, Okla., and attended business college in St. Louis, MO.

Arlene married Paul Wayne Mathews on June 8, 1946 in Columbus, Kan. He preceded her in death on Feb. 4, 2008.

She had been a resident of Skellytown from 1947 until 2006 when she moved to Amarillo.

Arlene worked at Pampa Chamber of Commerce for several years and then worked as an administrative secretary for Cabot Corporation in Pampa for 23 1/2 years.

She was a member of First Baptist Church of Skellytown and attended Paramount Baptist Church in Amarillo.

Survivors include: three daughters, Karen Horner and husband Jimmie, Nancy Fox and husband Jim, and Denise Smyth and husband Blaine, all of Amarillo; six grandchildren, Todd Horner and Shellie James, both of Amarillo, Matt Pruett of Woodward, Okla., William Chris Fox of Denver City, Dawn Marie McLean of Santa Fe, N.M. and Nicole Hallums of Beaumont; three step-grandchildren, Mickey Smyth of Plainville, Kan., Brock Smyth and Kamie Smyth, both of Lubbock; and 24 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, Art and Essie Mae Burnett; a brother: Bobby Burnett; and a grandson, Keith Horner.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 176, Skellytown, Texas 79080, or BSA Hospice, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, Texas 79105.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 14, 2012, at Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Home in Pampa.

Sign the on-line register at [www.carmichael-whitley.com](http://www.carmichael-whitley.com).

## For the record

### Pampa man interferes with sheriff's at railroad

■ 51-year-old Michael Kent Love, of Pampa, was arrested Monday by the Gray County Sheriff's Office for interfering with an emergency call at a railroad.

■ 37-year-old Joseph Lee Remington Jr., of Bartlesville, Okla., was arrested Tuesday by Lefors Police Department for failure to maintain financial

responsibility (car insurance), capias pro fine — driving without a license, capias pro fine — disregarding a stop sign, and two charges of capias pro fine — failure to appear.

■ 53-year-old William Jay Browning, of Pampa, was arrested Tuesday by the Department of Public Safety for driving while intoxicated.

■ 17-year-old Krysten Nicole Miller, of Pampa, was arrested Tuesday by the Pampa Police Department (PPD) for criminal mischief — over \$500 and under \$1,500.

■ 27-year-old Ashley Dawn McIntosh, of Skellytown, was arrested Wednesday by the PPD for violation of probation — possession of controlled

substance. ■ 40-year-old Renard Lee Villareal, of Pampa, was arrested Wednesday by the PPD for unlicensed carrying weapon, violation of probation — driving while intoxicated (second), failure to appear, failure to maintain financial responsibility (second), no motorcycle endorsement.

## Tour

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households," Hooper said. "The children do not buy presents for themselves. The project offers them the opportunity to experience giving at Christmas."

Hooper said the children may shop anywhere they want. Most of them will go to Walmart, which gives them a 10 percent discount on all purchases and does not charge sales tax since the Pampa Optimist Youth Club is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit exempt from tax under Internal Revenue Service regulations.

"After making their purchases, Kiwanis members, headed by Bill Kindle, Bob Benyshek, Doug Cates and Robert Jacobs, will make sure the volunteers do not exceed the allowance of \$50 per family member for the children to spend," Hooper said. "They also mark through the bar codes on the items purchased so that they cannot be exchanged for cash."

When the children finish shopping, the volunteers will take them back to the Optimist gym where the Opti-Mrs. Club, headed by Whitney Davis, will sponsor a wrapping party. Hooper said last year they wrapped more than 1,300 packages.

More than 200 volunteers are needed for the project, Hooper said.

Shonda Rucker of the Kiwanis Club has been in charge of getting volunteers. Brad Pingel and Rusty Tapp from the Lions Club lead a group who contact families who do not have a phone to remind them of the tour. Kevin Davis of the Optimist Club heads a group who will cook hamburgers with all the trimmings for the children and volunteers. Bobby Pogue from Miami will lead a group of volunteers from Miami High School including the National Honor Society and the Lady Warriors' basketball team.

They will lead the children in singing Christmas carols, hold a coloring contest and tell Christmas stories including a special story about the "Reason for the Season."

"We are particularly excited to welcome Jane Steele with the Pampa Chamber of Commerce," Hooper said. "She and chamber volunteers have furnished materials and prizes for the coloring contest, sacks of candy for Santa Claus to give to each child and decorations for the project."

Other members of the Steering Committee, which plans the project, include John Warner of the Optimist Club, who has served as treasurer for the project, and Jono Carr, Justin King and Matthew Ribail, who have been members at-large.

Linda Weaver of the Altrusa Club is putting together a brochure about the project. A copy of the brochure will be given to the parents of the children, the volunteers and every contributor. More than 40 organizations come together each year to carry out the Tour.

For more information or to volunteer, call 669-3397 or 664-0400.

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