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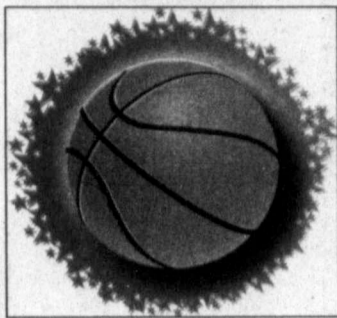
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Pampa High students say tobacco easy to get

Drug, alcohol survey results show alcohol is most abused.

By **SASHA HELLER**
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Pampa High School students are a lot like kids everywhere — they go to school, some hold down part-time jobs, and some

drink, smoke cigarettes and experiment with drugs.

School district social worker Suzanne Pingel, at the Pampa Independent School District's (PISD) board meeting last Thursday, presented the results of the school's annual drug and alcohol survey.

The survey asks students in grades 7-12 to honestly answer a series of ques-

tions related to their use of tobacco, drugs and alcohol.

"Alcohol is the most widely used substance and has been for many years," Pingel said. "Fifty-two percent of seventh-graders say they have used alcohol," adding that the figure is considerable higher than the statewide average of 36 percent.

The survey showed that the students, in general,

feel like they have easy access to tobacco products.

"Teens in Pampa feel that tobacco is easy to get," Pingel said.

But the school's drug education program has made a positive impact on the students' collective consciousness, Pingel said. They ranked high in awareness about the dangers of illicit drugs like powdered cocaine, crack-

cocaine, ecstasy and meth-

amphetamine. "The (drug) education that PISD is doing is good," Pingel said. "We're really doing a good job."

Pingel said the school district's best defense in preventing students from derailing off a successful path to college is ensuring the students know the district will support them.

"It's important for them to know that if they mess

up, we can help them back," she said.

Pingel expressed hesitation about the survey's results, citing how some students may have exaggerated their usage totals to impress friends and look cool.

"There's mixed feelings about this survey because I don't know how seriously some of them take it," she said. "I don't know if they answered honestly."

BOUND FOR EUROPE



Photo by Sasha Heller

GIFTED WRAPPERS. Pampa High School sophomore J.T. Skinner, left, along with Cristina Avila and Jerry Skinner, parents of students set to participate in the Europe trip, wrap Christmas gifts at the Pampa Regional Medical Center on Saturday. The gift-wrapping event served as a fundraiser to help the pre-AP Pampa students raise money for their trip to Europe. "We get to go to Europe," J.T. Skinner said. "We're going to all the landmarks like Shakespeare's Theatre." J.T., whose favorite subject is math, intends on studying computer programming in college. "I just hope we get to meet some cool people," he said. The 11-day trip includes tours of England, Scotland and France.

New leaders bring kids wrestling club back to life

By **ZACHARY GREEN**
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Wrestling in Pampa has had its ups and downs, especially for the younger-age wrestlers.

Former Pampa resident Rick Eckhart started the Harvester Takedown Club several years ago, but when he moved away the program began to fall apart.

That is until Rick Addington and John Cambern started going to wrestling meetings at Pampa High School with high school wrestling coach Michael Stovall. Together, Addington and Cambern decided to rejuvenate the Takedown Club up again. The program started up again around August or September.

Since then, their membership has grown to 15 kids. Some kids come and go but they have seven who fully participate, including one girl. The age group of wrestlers in the club is from 4 to 12 years old. After that, most of them are at the age where they can start wrestling with the schools.

Stovall said to Addington that women's wrestling is one of the fastest growing sports in the nation. At this age group, boys will wrestle girls.

The group practices on Monday. **WRESTLERS** cont. on page 12

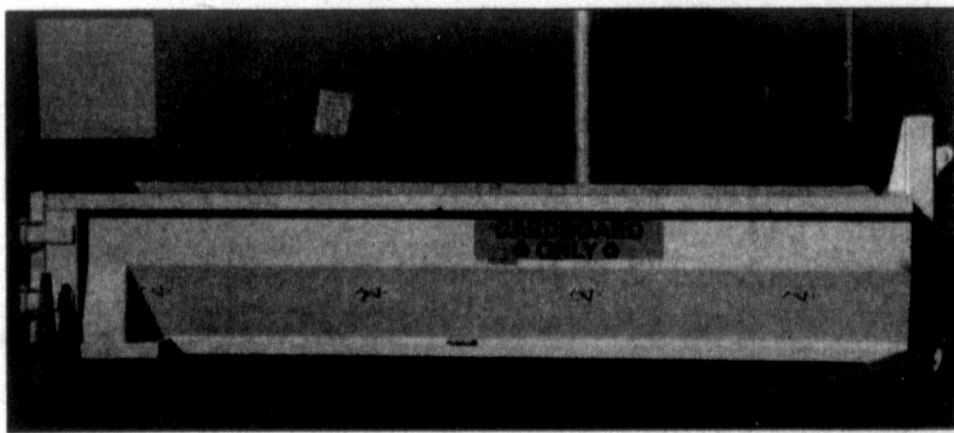


Photo by Zachary Green

RECYCLE PLEASE. This roll-off bin, located in the parking lot of M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium, is one of four the city has placed across town for cardboard recycling during the holidays. The bins will be in place until after Jan. 1 or until they are full.

Recycle your Christmas cardboard

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

The city has four roll-off bins set up at different locations across town for cardboard recycling.

Public Works Director Donny Hooper says the roll offs are being tried out to see if they will be successful.

"It may turn into a permanent program depending on how successful it is. We want to reduce the waste stream in the alleys and relieve the garbage routes," Hooper said.

Hooper said the roll offs are only for cardboard.

The city asks that people do not put paper, ribbons or other household trashes in there.

The roll offs are located at the AT&T store on North Hobart Street, Top of Texas Monuments on Duncan Street, M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium off North Hobart Street and Fiesta Foods on East Brown Street south of the railroad tracks.

"We encourage everyone in the city to take advantage of this recycling opportunity," added Hooper.

The roll offs will be in place until after the new year or they are filled.

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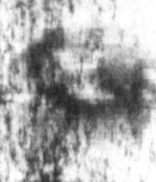


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PAMPA FORECAST

Today	Thursday	Friday
		
High 33 Low 19	High 43 Low 19	High 31 Low 18

Today: Cloudy with a high of 33. No chance of precipitation. Winds southwest at 13 mph. Sunrise at 7:52 a.m.

Wednesday night: Partly cloudy with a low of 19. No chance of precipitation. Winds south at 15 mph. Sunset at 5:36 p.m.

Thursday: Partly cloudy with a high of 43. No chance of rain. Winds southwest at 17 mph. Sunrise at 7:52 a.m.

Thursday night: Mostly clear with a low of 19. No chance of rain. Winds at northwest at 11 mph. Sunset at 5:39 p.m.

Friday: Mostly sunny with a high of 31. No chance of precipitation. Winds north northwest at 11 mph. Sunrise at 7:53 a.m.

Friday night: Clear with a low of 18. No chance of precipitation. Winds northwest at 8 mph. Sunset at 5:39 p.m.

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Obituaries

Retha Jordan

Retha June Little Jordan, 81, formerly of Pampa, died Saturday, Dec. 22, 2012, in Tulsa, Okla.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 28, 2012, in Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel in Pampa, Texas with Glen Walton, minister of Bell Avenue Church of Christ in Amarillo, and Keith Feerer, minister of Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ in Pampa, officiating.



Retha Jordan

Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery in Pampa under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa. Retha was born July 5, 1931, in Lefors to Herman and Rosella Phillips Little. She graduated from Lefors High School and married R. R. "Ray" Jordan on Aug. 25, 1949 in Lefors. Ray preceded her in death on Nov. 30, 2006. Retha was a resident of Pampa since 1955 before moving to Tulsa in 2009. She was a member of Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ and was a member of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority. Retha was an avid fan of the Dallas Cowboys.

Survivors include: two daughters, Karen Burnette and husband Bruce of Broken Arrow, Okla., and Teresa Erdman of Amarillo; 4 grandchildren, Jamie Harper and husband Joel of Tulsa, Okla.; Katie Guy and husband Chris of Atlanta, Ga.; Neal Burnette of Virginia Beach, Va.; and Ashley Ortiz and husband Randy of Denver; and 5 great grandchildren, Lauren and Jordan Harper of Tulsa, Okla., Jackson and Miller Guy of Atlanta, and Izzabell Elena Ortiz of Denver; and a host of nieces and nephews. Retha was preceded in death by: her parents, two sisters, and two brothers.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 27, at Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Home.

Sign the online register book at Carmichael-whatley.com.

George Wallace

George Harold Wallace, 76, died Saturday, Dec. 22, 2012, in Amarillo.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 27, 2012, at Central Baptist Church with Rev. Norman Rushing, pastor, officiating.

Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Wallace was born Jan. 27, 1936, in Clarksville to Harold S. and Inez Porterfield Wallace. He graduated from Midland High School in 1953 and moved to Pampa in 1955 with Magnolia Oil Co. George went to work for the Pampa Police Dept. in 1959 where he served for 17 years and retired as the assistant Chief of Police. George married Sherry Cook on Sept. 11, 1980 in Miami and that same year he went to work for the Texas Railroad Commission where he was an investigator for the Oil and Gas Division, retiring in 1998. He was also a farmer, rancher, and trained cattle dog. He was a Presbyterian. George was preceded in death by his father in 1996, his mother in 1948, and his daughter, Deborah Carol Brownlow, in 2006.

Survivors include: his wife, Sherry Cook Wallace, of the home; a daughter, Michele Wallace McCutchen and husband John of Pampa; his mother, Ella Ruth Wallace of Clarksville; two brothers, Ben Wallace and wife Ann of Texarkana and Robert Wallace and wife Dolly of Bosque Farms, N.M.; three grandsons, Hall David Christopher of Odessa, Greyson Robert Christopher of Pampa, and Erik Sabine and wife Laura of Henrietta; and by two great grandsons, Josiah and Isaiah Sabine, of Henrietta.

Memorials may be made to American Heart Association, National Center, 7272 Greenville Ave., Dallas, Texas 75231. The family will receive friends from 4 to 6 p.m., tonight at Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Home.

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Esta Faye LaBarr

Esta Faye LaBarr, 87, died Dec. 22, 2012 in Amarillo. Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 27, 2012, at the Mary Ellen & Harvester Church of Christ with Keith Feerer, minister, officiating.



Esta Faye LaBarr

Entombment will be in Memory Gardens Mausoleum under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. LaBarr was born Oct. 22, 1925 in Gould, Okla. She was a 1943 graduate of Gould High School. She worked for North American Aviation in Grand Prairie during World War II. Esta Faye completed her career at Hughes Aircraft in California in 1980 where she was an Administrative Contracting Officer working on the Patriot Missile system for the F-14 fighter jet. She married Chuck LaBarr in 1974, and he preceded her in death in 2001. Esta Faye was an honorary member of the Pampa Rotary Club, and she received the Paul Harris Fellowship Award. She was a member of the Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ.

Survivors include: a son, Eddie Grisham and wife Idagrace of Houston; two granddaughters, Trisha Ann Grisham and husband Steve Cross and Emily Nicole Grisham and husband Jarod Langston, all of Houston; three great-grandchildren: Zackary Dannheim, Carter and Tracy Langston, all of Houston; a brother, Robert Lee Young and wife Doris of Pampa; a nephew, David Michael Young and wife Karen of Fairview; two nieces, Melinda Jenkins and Jan Hucks and husband Kevin, all of Pampa; and by numerous cousins. She was preceded in death by: her parents, Medford and Ethel Young, and by two brothers, William and Kenneth Young.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association, National Center, 7272 Greenville Ave., Dallas, Texas 75231, or International Rotary Foundation, One Rotary Center, 1560 Sherman Ave., Evanston, Ill. 60201-3698. Memorials can also be made to Clear Lake United Methodist Church, 16335 El Camino Real, Houston, Texas 77062.

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Shirley Swinney



Shirley Swinney

Shirley Swinney, 74, died Saturday, Dec. 22, 2012 in Pampa.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 26, 2012, at Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ with Keith Feerer, minister, and Dale Meadows, elder, officiating.

Burial will be in Wheeler Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Swinney was born Oct. 31, 1938 in Chillicothe, and she attended schools in Mobeetie. She married Don Snelgrooves on Oct. 25, 1955 in Mobeetie. He preceded her in death in 1959. After his death, she moved to Pampa where she married Kenneth Williams in 1962. Later, she married Howard Swinney in 1991, and he preceded her in death in 2001.

Shirley was a member of Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ where she enjoyed teaching Sunday school, working in the nursery, and working in the clothing room.

She also loved being the Black Mesa Camp cook, and she was active in the prison ministry. Shirley and Howard loved spending their summers in Alaska. She was a very loving mother, grandmother, and great grandmother.

Survivors include: three sons, Steve Snelgrooves and wife Alicia and Mark Williams and wife Rina, all of Pampa; and Monte Williams and wife Angie of Amarillo; two sisters, Laverne Cochran, Patsy Poole and husband Virgil, all of Pampa; six grandchildren, four great grandchildren; and by a special friend, Betty Crable of Pampa. She was preceded in death by: a sister, Naomi Davis.

Memorials may be made to Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ, 1342 Mary Ellen, Pampa, Texas 79065.

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Ira Bewley



Ira Bewley

Ira F. Bewley, 90, died Sunday, Dec. 23, 2012 in Pampa. Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 28, 2012, at Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel, with Rev. Barry Owens, associate pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating.

Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery with military honors courtesy of U. S. Navy. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Bewley was born Jan. 22, 1922 near Mount Dora, N.M. His family moved to Rosston in north western Cooke County in 1924. He attended Ross Point School, graduating from Era High School in 1939 and Gainesville Junior College in 1941. He married Juanita Gill of Weatherford, Texas in 1942. She preceded him in death in 1998. He was a veteran of the U. S. Navy, serving during World War II with the U. S. Naval Air Wing for three and a half years in the Pacific. He was a navy torpedo bomber turret gunner in Air Group 31 and was attached to the aircraft carrier Cabot.

He participated in eight major battles. His military awards included the Distinguished Flying Cross, Air medal, Asiatic-Pacific Combat medal with seven bronze stars, and the U. S. and Philippine presidential citation. Ira had been a resident of Pampa since 1952. He was employed by Celanese Chemical Company for approximately 36 years, working at the Bishop, Corpus Christi and Pampa plants, and retiring in 1982. He was a member of the Everyman's Bible Class and a volunteer with Good Samaritan Christian Services in Pampa, and was a member of the Texas Panhandle Veteran's Hall of Fame.

Survivors include: a son, John Bewley of Denver; a daughter, Jean Hemken of Golden, Colorado; two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Ira was preceded in death by: his parents and a brother.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 621, Pampa, Texas 79066-0621, Good Samaritan Christian Services, 309 Ward Street, Pampa, Texas 79065, Pampa Senior Citizens Center 500 W. Francis, Pampa, Texas 79065, or a favorite charity.

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Juanita Sanders

Juanita Sanders, 84, died Dec. 22, 2012 in Amarillo.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 27, 2012, at Memory Gardens Cemetery with Mr. Dale Meadows, Church of Christ minister, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Sanders was born Feb. 10, 1928 in Montague, Co. She married Gerald L. "Sandy" Sanders on June 28, 1948 in Weatherford. He preceded her in death on June 2, 2007. Juanita enjoyed accompanying her husband around the world in his art career.

Survivors include: two daughters: Scena Snider and husband Victor of Amarillo and Starla Tracy and husband Harry of Pampa; a son: Sonny Sanders of Amarillo; four grandchildren: Jeff Snider of Dallas, Julie Carreon of San Marcos, Jeremy Snyder of Amarillo and Amanda Griffith of Albuquerque, N.M., and four great-grandchildren. Juanita was preceded in death by a brother.

The family requests memorials be made to your favorite charity.

The family will receive friends 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 26, 2012, at the funeral home.

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4 firefighters shot, 2 fatally, in western N.Y.

WEBSTER, N.Y. (AP) — Four volunteer firefighters responding to a pre-dawn house fire were shot Monday morning, two fatally, leading to a shootout in suburban Rochester, N.Y., police said.

"One or more shooters" fired at the firefighters after they arrived shortly after 5:30 a.m. at the blaze near the Lake Ontario shore, just east of Rochester, Town of Webster Police Chief Gerald Pickering said.

There was no active shooter at the scene later Monday morning, according to Monroe County Sheriff Patrick O'Flynn.

The first Webster police officer who arrived on the scene exchanged gunfire with the shooter, Flynn said, but he had no other information on the shootout.

The West Webster Fire District received a report of a car and house on fire on Lake Road, on a narrow penin-

sula where Irondequoit Bay meets Lake Ontario, Flynn said.

"When they got there, they started to take on rounds and the initial responders were struck," the sheriff said.

The fire started in one home and spread to two others and a car, officials said.

The two wounded firefighters were in critical condition at a Rochester hospital, Flynn said.

Webster, a middle-class, lakeside suburb, now is the scene of violence linked to house fires for two Decembers in a row.

Last Dec. 7, authorities say, a 15-year-old boy doused his home with gasoline and set it ablaze, killing his father and two brothers, 16 and 12. His mother and 13-year-old sister escaped with injuries. He is being prosecuted as an adult.

Asian toad stowaway gets new home

JOHANNESBURG (AP) — They say cats have nine lives. Now a Chinese toad has joined that club of wily survivors.

South Africans are marveling at the endurance of a toad that got trapped in a cargo shipment from China to Cape Town after jumping into a porcelain candlestick that was made there. South African officials reportedly planned to put down the creature, fearing it would cause harm as an invasive species if it were let go in the wild.

But the toad got a last-minute reprieve. Mango Airlines, a South African airline, transported the toad on Friday to Johannesburg for delivery to an animal sanctuary after officials decided to find a way to let the globe-trotting toad live. The two-hour flight was a breeze compared to the trip from China, an odyssey of many weeks and thousands of kilometers (miles) across the Indian Ocean.

Airline spokesman Hein Kaiser said the toad got "first-class treatment," sitting in the cockpit in a transparent plastic container with escort Brett Glasby, an animal welfare inspector. There was even a mock ceremony in which the toad's boarding pass was handed to Glasby.

"He was the star of the show on the flight," Kaiser said of the amphibious passenger. "I think every passenger stopped to have a look."

On landing in Johannesburg, the toad, dubbed Jack B Nimble, was brought out of his container for a celebrity-style photo call.

Observers said the mottled brown toad seemed like a cool customer. "Pretty chilled," as Kaiser put it.

It belongs to the Asian Gold Toad species, which breeds during monsoon season. It is believed to have survived the trip from China by hardening its skin to prevent it drying out and also slowing its breathing and heart rate, methods that help the species survive in times of drought.

"We've had snakes in the imported timber, scorpions in fruit. We were called because it was right inside the candlestick and we had to break it to get it out," Glasby, the inspector, told

The Star, a South African newspaper. "It was manufactured in China and the box was not opened between China and the store here, so we can deduce it has come all the way from China."

A startled customer at a store spotted a toad leg sticking out of the candlestick holder, according to the Cape Town region's animal protection agency, the SPCA.

Conservationists fed the toad worms and crickets

after its rescue. By all accounts, the toad ate like a horse.

Its new home is the Montecasino entertainment complex in Johannesburg. The toad will be in quarantine for a couple of weeks and is slated for display next month.

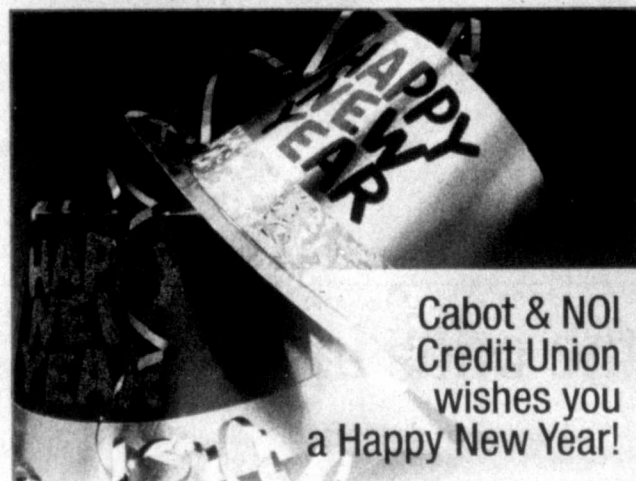
The toad's adventures got rave reviews on the SPCA's Facebook site.

"What a special Christmas story!" one posting said. Said another: "Most famous Toad in the world."



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GOP's contempt for the public

What may finally consume the House Republicans is their



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boundless contempt for the American public — a contempt bluntly demonstrated in their refusal to consider any reasonable compromise with President Obama to avoid the so-called “fiscal cliff” on Dec. 31. They know from the election results (and every poll) that the public believes taxes should be raised on the wealthy. They know that the public wants bipartisan compromise. And they know that the approval rating of the House Republicans, in contrast to the president’s upwardly trending numbers, are veering toward historic lows.

Moreover, they claim to believe that the major tax hikes and spending cuts that will occur on Jan. 1, if negotiations fail, will be ruinous for the American and perhaps the world economy. (And never mind that this concern validates Keynesian economics, flatly contradicting their professed ideology.) Failure to achieve a deal may result in a renewed recession or worse.

Yet the majority of Republican members adhere so blindly to their far-right ideology that on Thursday evening, they humiliated their own leadership by refusing to support Speaker John Boehner’s “Plan B” — and effectively scuttled negotiations between the House leadership and the White House. Boehner thought a bill to increase taxes only on households earning more than \$1 million annually would pass the House, as Majority Leader Eric Cantor confidently announced. “We’re going to have the votes,” he said on Thursday afternoon. Several hours later the House leaders cancelled the roll call on the tax bill, admitting that they didn’t have the votes.

This embarrassing episode — the “Mayan Apocalypse” of the

Republican Party — demonstrates again why they are unfit for the responsibilities of national office.

They proved their incompetence the first time in the summer of 2011, when they held the national debt ceiling hostage, supposedly to reduce spending, and succeeded only in damaging both the nation’s credit rating and the economic recovery. Now they have declared their unwillingness to negotiate with a newly re-elected president, who won easily on the taxation issue. Although they held the majority, they actually lost seats and received fewer total votes than the House Democrats. But still they see no reason to deal with the president or acknowledge the national consensus.

Naturally, public anger at the Republicans is growing. But how furious would people feel if they fully understood this latest absurd episode on Capitol Hill? Boehner’s proposal was exceptionally generous to the wealthiest taxpayers — and mean to the poor and working families.

His Plan B would have extended the Bush tax cuts for their first million dollars of income; repealed a limit on tax deductions by the highest-income households; established a dividend tax rate of only 20 percent; and maintained an estate tax break for those same highest-income families worth an average \$1.1 million. At the same time, according to the authoritative Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, Boehner’s bill would have ended various tax credits for low-income and middle-income families, costing them roughly \$25 billion a year and driving millions of American children into poverty.

But awful as that proposal was, it was deemed too liberal by the dominant faction in the Republican caucus. They found it so offensively decent, so treasonously moderate, that they made fools of their own leaders and themselves rather than let negotiations continue. (Their spending bill was even worse.)

Help kids in the courts

CASA of the High Plains seeking more volunteers

Casa is the Spanish word for house, but if you change all the letters to upper case you get CASA.

To those in the Panhandle who are familiar with the courts, especially as they involve abused or neglected children, CASA stands for Court Appointed Special Advocates.

CASA volunteers are appointed by the courts to serve as advocates for children who have been removed from their homes by Child Protective Services and placed into foster care. A volunteer gets to know the child and speak to everyone involved in the child’s life, including family members, teachers, doctors, lawyers, social workers and others.

CASA volunteers gather information and make recommendations to help the courts make informed decisions for the best interest of the children.

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A CASA volunteer commits to a child until the case is closed and the child is in a safe, permanent home.

It’s probably a coincidence that the acronym CASA means house in Spanish. It’s just one of those words that’s easy to pronounce and easy to remember. But in a figurative sense, CASA means something we all want in our lives — a safe place to call home.

If you interested in helping these children — who often feel it was their fault that they were taken from their homes — now is your chance to act.

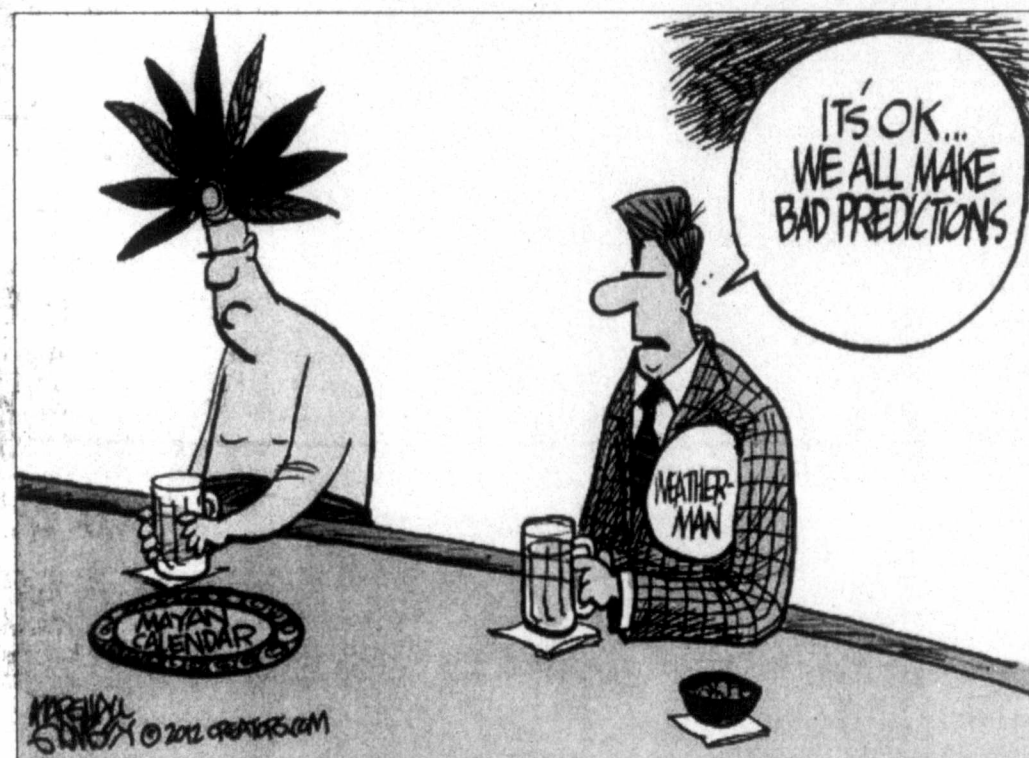
CASA currently has about 25 volunteers but needs at least 15 more, said Janet Watts, CASA of the High Plains executive

director.

After the holidays come to a close, CASA of the High Plains has scheduled two open houses and information meetings at its offices at 315 N. Ballard St. The first is from noon to 1 p.m. and the second is from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 3.

Watts said when new volunteers are asked how many times they heard about CASA before they decided to become a volunteer, the average comes out to seven.

These open houses will provide a good opportunity for anyone thinking about becoming a volunteer to learn about the program. And hopefully, the agency will get some new volunteers without people having to hear about the program seven times. For more information, call 669-7638 or visit www.casahp.org.



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Let’s shift the odds in favor of the good guys

The unimaginable horror of Sandy Hook jump-starts another “national conversation” about firearm violence.

President Barack Obama, promising “meaningful action,” said: “We will have to change.

... We can’t tolerate this anymore. These tragedies must end.”

Let’s examine four of the “commonsense” measures frequently proposed by “gun control advocates.”

One, closing the “gun show loophole.” Restricted from selling at guns shows prior to 1986, a licensed dealer today requires a background check whether he sells guns at a store, a gun show or the back of his SUV.

Two, banning “high-capacity” magazines. One of the firearms used by Adam Lanza was a Bushmaster .223, with a magazine that can carry as many as 30 rounds. Would there have been less carnage had he been limited to a firearm with low-capacity magazines? What is the appropriate amount of firepower? Clips with 10 rounds? Five rounds? If the idea is to reduce the lethality of the guns, what does this do to reduce the

lethality of the shooter’s intent?

The deadliest school massacre on American soil appears to have occurred in Chicago in 1958. A student set fire to the school, killing 92 students and three nuns. And in 1927, in Michigan, a former member of the school board set bombs at three schools, killing 45 (mostly second- to sixth-graders), including the bomber.

The Columbine tragedy could have been worse. Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold set bombs throughout the school, but only one partially detonated, doing little damage. But had the bombs gone off as intended, hundreds could have been killed.

Three, reinstating the so-called “assault weapons” ban. An “assault rifle” is one where pulling the trigger unleashes a volley of bullets, like a Tommy gun or AK-47. Since 1934, these firearms require licensing and registration. And in 1986, these weapons were banned from civilian sale. These laws remain in effect. The “assault weapons” ban did not restrict fully automatic weapons. Again, they were already under strict guidelines.

What exactly did this ban do? It outlawed certain weapons based on cosmetic features, many of which have nothing to do with the firepower or lethality. For example, the ban defined as an “as-

sault weapon” a firearm with three or more of the following features: a folding or telescoping stock; a pistol grip; a bayonet mount; a flash suppressor; a muzzle capable of launching a grenade; and a magazine capacity over 10 rounds. It outlawed the manufacturing of 18 specific models of semi-automatic weapons.

The Bushmaster .223 was not one of the outlawed weapons.

The ban, enacted in 1994, expired 10 years later. What has been the result? Nothing. Crime was unaffected. The reason is simple. Assault-style rifles (the kind banned by the law) are rarely used in crime. Less than 1 percent of weapons used in crimes are fully automatic rifles (illegal to buy for nearly 30 years). An estimated 1 to 2 percent of firearms used in crime are assault-style rifles, like the one used in Newtown.

Four, requiring a mental health test to prevent the “mentally ill” from purchasing a firearm. The goal is to predict who will use a firearm in an unlawful way. But how to define mental illness? Is it depression? Abraham Lincoln supposedly suffered from depression or melancholia. Would the 16th president be denied the right to purchase a firearm? Do you forbid someone from purchasing a firearm if he or she is in therapy? Should a psychiatrist be re-

quired to inform the police when a client expresses anger, hatred or feelings of revenge?

So what can be done? We can harden the target to make it more likely that the shooter will encounter resistance. We can re-examine the soundness of “gun-free” zones like schools and malls. By law and policy, these are places where bad guys know there are no guns.

Rampage school shootings in Pearl, Miss., Edinboro, Pa., and in Grundy, Va., have been stopped or minimized by citizens with legal weapons. More recently, it appears that a concealed-carry weapon (CCW) holder minimized the damage that a shooter sought to inflict at the Clackamas Mall near Portland, Ore.

Americans, according to criminologist Gary Kleck, use guns 2.5 million times each year for self-defense, usually just brandishing the weapon. (The attacker is wounded in less than 8 percent of self-defense cases.) Of the 2.5 million, 400,000 claim that but for their gun they would have been dead. If we’re serious about “doing something,” we might consider shifting the odds in favor of the good guys.

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"I just thought of some things Santa forgot. How many days till my birthday?"

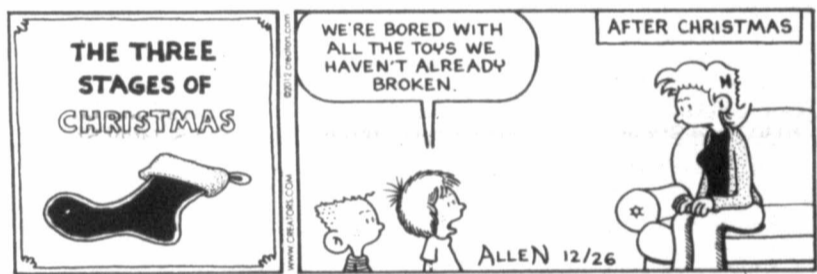
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Nest Heads



THE THREE STAGES OF CHRISTMAS

WE'RE BORED WITH ALL THE TOYS WE HAVEN'T ALREADY BROKEN.
AFTER CHRISTMAS
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daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Dec. 27, 2012:

This year you often will swing back and forth between being intellectual and being highly emotional. Some of you might try to control this seesaw of sentiments. Accept that this is unlikely to change any time in the near future. If you are single, this back-and-forth could chase away a potential suitor, but come summer, you are likely to meet someone who enjoys your changeability and accepts you as you are. If you are attached, your sweetie might wonder what is going on. You need to accept that his or her responses could be different from what you'd expect. **CANCER** plays devil's advocate.

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)

★★★ Use the morning for an important talk or meeting. By midafternoon, you could be conflicted or irritated about a situation. Your mood flows into other dealings. Take your time and process the irritation first, then deal with others. Tonight: Mosey on home.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Taking a hard look at recent expenditures might be more necessary than you think. Do not let someone's opinion trigger an argument — just let it go. You know what you want. Do not stand on ceremony. Pick up the phone and call a friend. Tonight: Secure New Year's plans.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ You are full of energy and could be difficult to find, according to more than a few people. It seems as if you flee the scene with an adeptness and quickness that surprises many. Make plans, if you can, for a short trip with some good friends. Tonight: Treat yourself.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Make it OK to move slowly in the morning. Accept and understand what you have been through as of late. Consider your options in the morning, and act in the later part of the afternoon. At the right moment, you will feel alert. Tonight: The world is your oyster.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Use the morning to the max when dealing with others. People will tend to be more responsive then. You actually might decide to keep to yourself in the afternoon. Avoid an argument with a

favorite person. Patching this up could be difficult. Tonight: All smiles.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Rethink a decision more carefully. Take your time. In the afternoon, test out your conclusion. You might be causing yourself a problem if you move ahead blindly. Look to friends and loved ones for their advice and feedback. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Your mind drifts to matters beyond the here-and-now. What will it take to anchor you? A boss or key associate needs your time and attention later in the day. Do whatever you need to do in order to stay present. Tonight: Once you let go of the day's issues, the night becomes fun.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Deal with someone or several different people on a one-on-one level. Rethink a personal matter more carefully. Laughter surrounds you later in the day when you relax. Once you detach, you'll see humor in what was once difficult. Tonight: Try a new pastime.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Open up in the morning. A discussion could be quite animated with hostility or aggressiveness. You might not be up for an argument, but you will need to establish boundaries regardless. In the afternoon, clear the air. Tonight: Chat over dinner.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ You might find yourself caught in a financial quandary. For some, this scenario might include trying to make ends meet. For others, it might involve returning useless gifts. Take time for someone who needs an upbeat message. Tonight: Be open to a suggestion.

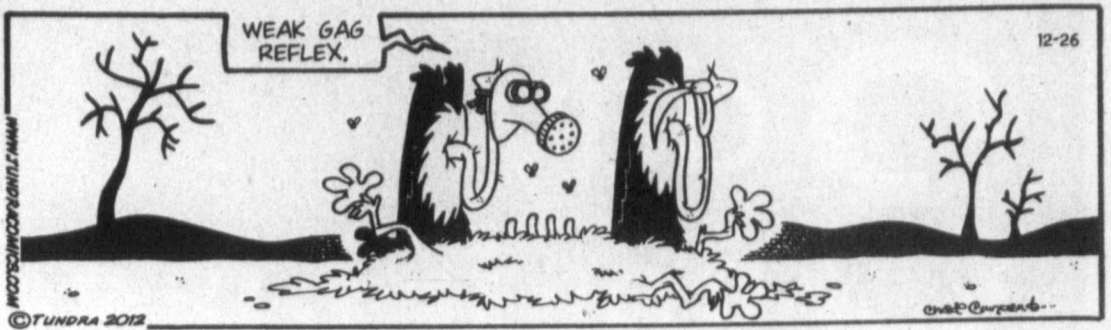
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ You might surprise yourself with the feisty words that come out of your mouth. You have swallowed a lot of anger lately. Perhaps the time has come to process these feelings. Everyone involved would prefer a discussion rather than sarcastic jabs. Tonight: The unexpected occurs.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Your ingenuity could face a problem. The issue will keep rearing its ugly head until you face facts and open up a discussion. You'll decide to let go and indulge in some playfulness. Tonight: Buy yourself that item you wanted but didn't get.

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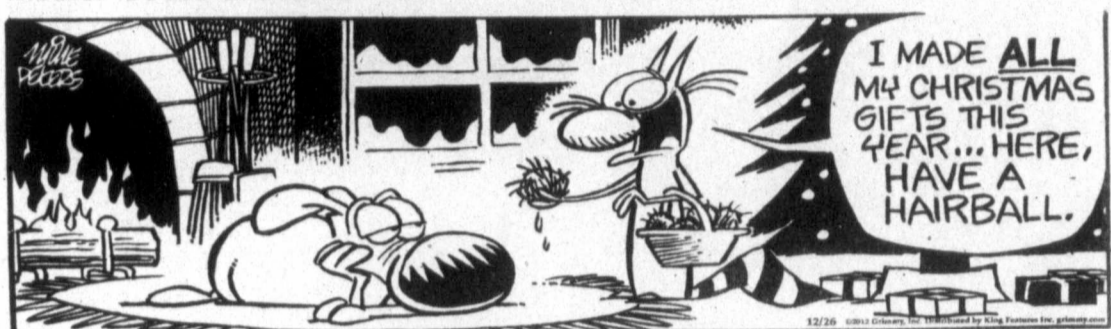


LOON, DO YOU HAVE A STEAM CLEANER?

SORRY, COSMO... I DON'T.

FOR SOME REASON, MY STEAM NEVER GETS DIRTY.

Mother Goose and Grim



I MADE ALL MY CHRISTMAS GIFTS THIS YEAR... HERE, HAVE A HAIRBALL.

Zits



"BUT I HEARD HIM EXCLAIM, 'ERE HE DROVE OUT OF SIGHT...'"

"DON'T WAIT UP FOR ME, DUDES, IT COULD BE A LONG NIGHT!"

UM, THAT'S NOT HOW IT ENDS.

IT WOULD HAVE IF CLEMENT MOORE HAD HAD A TEENAGER!

(YAWN!) IS IT NOON YET?

Garfield



...AND LIZ MADE ME A GREAT CHRISTMAS DINNER, MOM!

GO AHEAD AND WARM UP THE TV, LIZ! I'LL BE RIGHT THERE!

NO, YOUR POTATOES ARE BETTER

I HEARD THAT!

SO MUCH FOR PEACE ON EARTH

Beetle Bailey



DON'T BOTHER ME WITH THAT PETTY STUFF

I'M A GENERAL! I MAKE BIG DECISIONS!

PICK UP SOME MILK ON THE WAY HOME

1% OR 2%?

GREAT MORT WALKER

Marvin



I'M WRITING TO SANTA

THANKING HIM FOR ALL THE GREAT TOYS HE GAVE YOU?

HECK NO

I'M SENDING HIM A LIST OF THE STUFF I ASKED FOR THAT HE DIDN'T BRING ME

Hagar The Horrible



NO! YOU CAN'T USE YOUR SHIELD AS A PLATE!

Peanuts



SO AFTER YOU BUILT YOUR NEST IN THIS TREE, THE TREE FELL DOWN..

SO AFTER YOU BUILT YOUR NEST IN THIS TREE, THE TREE FELL DOWN..

Blondie



ELMO DID A GREAT JOB ON THIS SNOWMAN

WELL, I DESERVE SOME OF THE CREDIT

WHY? DID YOU HELP HIM, DEAR?

NO, BUT I LET HIM BORROW MY SCARF!

Pampa Faith

Feuding the church in Bernice, La.

What has prompted the writing of this article is the History Channel's mini series "The Hatfields and the McCoys." Those families were famous for their feuding. Early in my preacher training I came across two feuding families in the same church. This is that story.

It was late in 1971 and Shari and I had just started attending White's Ferry Road School of Preaching in West Monroe, La. After about the third week there, a fellow student and friend, George Dean, was asked to preach on the weekends at a small church in Bernice, La. about 65 miles away. He asked me if I would come with him and lead the singing. I agreed.

On our first Sunday there we more clearly understood what "small church" meant. It was George, his wife, their two yr old son, me and one lady, Erma Rocket. WOW! So we literally started from scratch; good experience, incredibly challenging, but not very encouraging.

After three to four weeks a few other families began to show up. I was pretty naive at the time so it took me about a month to see that two of our families had an obvious problem with each other — the Telfords and the Burleys. And by "a problem" I don't mean that they rooted for different ball teams. For some reason the north side of the sanctuary was the favorite with everybody. If the Telfords arrived first, they would sit on the south side; when the Burleys arrived they would immediately sit on the north side—even if they were the only ones sitting there. And visa versa. It was quite childish actually.

I watched this for about a month and decided that something had to be done. It worked out perfectly that the Telfords invited the four of us out to their house for lunch. The Telfords lived north of Bernice on the highway and raised watermelons. After a fine lunch Mr. Telford took us out on a tour of his watermelon fields, showing us the different types and varieties. I looked for a moment of silence and then asked, "Brother Telford, may I ask you a personal question?" He said that I could and so I charged right in: "Why don't you and Brother Burley get along?" Oh, my goodness, it felt like I had stepped right in a huge family cow patty.

At first he was upset with me for asking, but then kind of calmed down and apologized for getting angry. He went on to share a list of all of the ways that Mr. Burley had offended him over the years. Then he opened up even more and commented, "We Telfords have never gotten along with the Burleys, that's just all there is to it."

Since I had already stepped in the mess, I decided that another step couldn't really make things any worse. "Brother Telford, what started the whole mess between your family and the Burleys?" I was shocked when Brother Telford paused for several seconds and then said, "I don't rightly remember, Mike." Now this feud had gone on for years and he couldn't even tell me why? I dropped the subject. We thanked the Telfords for their hospitality and made our way back to the church building for an afternoon of study.

I tried to study, but I couldn't get it out of my mind that two families were hating each other and one of them couldn't even remember what had started it all. So I borrowed George's car and drove over to Brother Burley's house. He was surprised to see me and observed, "Well, I thought you went out to the Telfords for lunch. So what are you doing over here now?" I could tell that he wasn't very happy that we had gone over to the Telfords for lunch.

"Well, I came over to see you to find out if you can remember what started all of the bitterness and trouble between your family and the Telfords. I asked Brother Telford, but he couldn't remember. So can you remember what started it all?"

Brother Burley fired back, "I sure can. It's just like a Telford not to remember what they did to us." I was terrified that a story of murder was about to be unveiled. "His granddaddy sold my granddad a sickly mule and when that mule died after less than a month, he wouldn't even pay by granddad back. He stole that money from us when times were really hard. That's what they did to us and what started it all."

Now I have to be honest here, it was all I could do not to burst out in laughter and fall down on the ground and roll around. But I kept a straight face and asked, "You mean to tell me that a mule has been what has kept your two families filled with all this hatred for three generations?" We then talked about what the scriptures said

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Walking by faith

"Faith defies reason, transcends feeling and gets results every time." I read that in a devotion, and it really challenged me to trust in God even more.

Many times, we want a reason for everything. We want to know why we are facing hard times . . . why we must go through trials . . . why we struggle with pain and sickness. I have asked these questions at times in my life.

God cannot be proven or explained. He, Aōs known only by faith. As believers, we are called to live by faith. Our entire Christian experience is based on faith. Even salvation is through faith in Jesus.

Romans 3:22 says, "The righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe." And in Romans 5:1, it says, "we have been justified through faith."

One of my hardest struggles sometimes comes from wanting explanations and reasons. But Paul says, "to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life." God is looking for

people who will simply take him at his word.

The good news is that it only takes a little faith for God to begin to work miracles in our lives. In Matthew, it says "if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain 'Move from here to there' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you."

Abraham was not perfect. Twice he lied, saying his wife was his sister. And when God told Abraham to move from his homeland, leaving his family behind, he decided to take his nephew and father-in-law with him.

But God called Abraham his friend. God considered him righteous because of his faith.

Hebrews 11:1 sums it up, "Faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see."

God has challenged me to stretch my faith and see if he won't "move mountains" in my life. Start stretching your faith today and see if you don't start seeing results, too.

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97 Furn. Houses

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102 Bus. Rental

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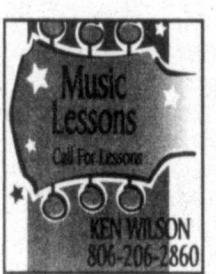
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Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

Caprock Engineering, Inc., P.O. Box 341, Pampa, TX 79066 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas. The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Brown Dolomite & Granite Wash Formations, Betty (06701) Lease, Well Number 2W. The proposed injection well is located 9 miles South of Kingsmill, TX, in the Panhandle Gray County Field, in Gray County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 2894 to 3345 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas. Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or request for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792).



DEAR ABBY: Please help save my marriage. My wife of five years discovered an Internet browser history of 13 Web pages I had clicked on the previous day. The pages were of women's sexy lips. My wife is calling it "porn" and a "gateway to porn." I feel guilty about it, but I told her it isn't pornography. I think it's a fetish. She says I'm using that word to get off the hook.

Will you please tell her that this probably is a fetish? Our sex life has not been the same since she discovered the images on the computer. What can we do about it in a way that will strengthen our marriage? — NOT GUILTY AS CHARGED

DEAR NOT GUILTY: It's a shame you and your wife hadn't discussed what turns you on before she checked your browser history. A fetish is any object that turns someone on, and it can range from large breasts, to stiletto heels, to leather or rubber items of clothing, to full red lips. It is NOT pornography.

A way to strengthen your marriage would be for you to buy her a tube of bright red lipstick. And a way for her to improve your sex life would be to put it on.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 13-year-old girl with a sister and a brother. I was recently told by my dad

that I have to teach my brother how to read, but the problem is he has a learning disability and a behavior disorder. I don't know how I'm supposed to teach him to read, and it scares me.

On top of that, my dad got mad at my sister and me and said that when we were younger we were just like my brother, only worse. He said he was close to giving up on us. Sometimes Dad says we're worthless, stupid and asks why we're even in this world. He says we're not good for anything.

I have a slight form of autism, so I'm sort of slow doing certain things other kids do at my age. I feel like I'll never be as smart as anyone else, and I have no clue how I'm going to teach my disabled brother to read. Help! — LOST, ALONE AND WORRIED IN URBANA, ILL.

DEAR LOST: It would be wonderful if you could teach your learning disabled brother how to read, but you are not equipped to do that. Your brother should be in a special education class with a teacher who has the specialized training — and, possibly, a tutor.

Sometimes, when parents are extremely stressed or angry they can say things they don't mean without thinking of the lasting effect their words can have on a child. You are neither worthless

Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

nor stupid. You are an intelligent girl. Frankly, your father appears to be in need of some help, and I hope you will share with a counselor at your school what you have told me.

DEAR ABBY: My 13-year-old son is refusing to wear a bicycle helmet because he has decided it's "uncool." My husband and I have always worn them, but here in Texas many people don't. There's no state law requiring it.

I know how devastating the effects of a head injury can be and I want to prevent my son from getting

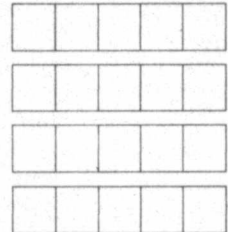
one. How can I help my teenager see that protecting his brain is more important than looking "cool" to his friends who don't wear them? My son insists I am ... AN OVERPROTECTIVE MOM

DEAR OVERPROTECTIVE MOM: Contact your son's pediatrician and ask if he or she can facilitate a tour of a rehabilitation facility that treats people with traumatic brain injuries. If that doesn't convince your son, nothing will.

BANANAGRAMS!

Change one letter in the top word to one of the letters that appears in the bottom word, then rearrange the tiles to form a new common word. Do the same with each new word until you arrive at the bottom word. For example, one path from BARK to PLUM is BARK, MARK, RAMP, RUMP, PLUM.

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Yesterday's Answer: BARREL, ABRUPT, UNCLAD, HEPCAT

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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39 Trait carriers

40 Hearty dish

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6 Green, perhaps

7 Makeshift bookmark

8 Derisive sound

10 Printing method

11 Stage show

16 Jupiter feature

18 Call for divine help

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12-26

AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW

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

12-26 CRYPTOQUOTE

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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: WE WISH OUR READERS A HOLIDAY SEASON FILLED WITH LOVE, JOY AND PEACE THAT WILL ENDURE FOREVER. — YOUR PUZZLE FRIENDS

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about hatred and the eternal outcome of HATERS. I was shocked when Brother Burley admitted that he had been pondering over this very matter for quite a while. Brother Burley was a man who read his Bible regularly and studied it too. Obviously the Holy Spirit had already been working on his heart, convicting him of his sin.

"Brother Burley, don't you think that it would be an horrible shame to let that mule keep you out of heaven?" He said, "Yes, it would, Mike. But I don't know what to do now."

Man, I was so excited that I was about to burst. I didn't know much, but I knew what to do next. "Brother Burley, its time for you and I to drive over to Brother Telford's place and you tell him that you are sorry for hating him all these years and ask for his forgiveness." He fired back, "Well, what about him and his hatred of me and my family?" I replied, "Well, that will be up to Brother Telford. You can't do what he has to do, but only what you know God expects from you."

We got in George's car and drove over to the Telford place. When Brother Telford came out on to the porch and saw Brother Burley he exclaimed, "So what's he doing on my prop-

erty?" I got in the middle and said, "Now Brother Telford you need to calm down and listen to Brother Burley. Understand?" He nodded.

Brother Burley stepped up like a holy giant and tearfully said, "Brother Telford, I have to apologize to you for hating you and your family for most of my life. I'm sorry. And I have to ask you to please forgive me. I don't want to lose my soul over a stupid mule." I wasn't really sure what was going to happen next. I hadn't seen any sign of repentance out of Brother Telford yet.

About that time Brother Telford grinned, "That is what it was, wasn't it. It was that stupid mule of granddaddys that started it all. I had clean forgotten." But then his grin disappeared and his eyes turned to water. "Brother Burley I forgive you. Could you find it in your heart to forgive me?" I was so pumped. That was the way it was supposed to work.

George and I continued to work there on Sundays for several more months. When we left Brother Telford and Brother Burley were both sitting on the south side of the sanctuary, after all it was the best side for some unknown reason that nobody could explain. LOL God bless. Mike

Mike Sublett is a pastor at Hi-Land Christian Church, 1615 N. Banks St., Pampa, Texas 79065. Email him at pawdad@nts-online.net.

Obama nominates Kerry for secretary of state

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama has nominated Sen. John Kerry as his next secretary of state, saying Kerry's entire life "has prepared him for this role."

Hillary Clinton did not attend the Roosevelt Room announcement. She's recovering from a concussion sustained in a fall. Obama said Kerry's political ca-

reer and service has established him as a respected American voice around the globe.

Kerry has represented Massachusetts in the Senate since 1985.

What to do when seniors become disabled

TOM MARGENAU
Creator's Syndicate

Q: I am 62 and started getting Social Security retirement benefits just a couple months ago. At the time I applied for Social Security, I was having some physical problems at my job, but I was still working part time. However, recently I've been forced to completely stop working because of various ailments, from heart problems to a bad back. My doctor has signed a paper saying I am 100 percent disabled, so I'm pretty sure I'd qualify for Social Security disability. Can I file for those benefits?

A: Yes, you can file for Social Security disability benefits. If your claim is approved, you will be switched from the retirement program to disability. That would mean a little extra money in your monthly benefit checks. A Social Security disability benefit pays the same rate as your full, age-66 retirement benefit. But from that amount, they will have to deduct about one-half of one percent for each month you've already received reduced retirement payments.

There is one other point I need to make. You should know that just because your doctor says you are "100 percent disabled" does not mean you will automatically be eligible for Social Security disability benefits. What your doctor considers disabled and what Social Security law considers disabled may be based on two entirely different perspectives.

Q: I am 68 years old and have been getting Social Security retirement benefits for five years. I have just been diagnosed with ALS, or Lou Gehrig's disease. Can I file for Social Security disability benefits? If not, what about SSI disability?

A: No, you can't file for Social Security disability

benefits. The difference between your situation and that described in the first question is that you are already over age 66. Once you're over your full retirement age, you are getting the highest amount you are due from Social Security.

Here is another way to look at that. You technically could file for disability benefits. And if your claim was approved, you would initially be eligible for a rate equal to your full retirement benefit. But from that amount, they would have to deduct one-half of one percent for all the Social Security checks you've received -- and that would take you right back down to the reduced payment rate you're currently getting.

You asked if you might qualify for SSI. Supplemental Security Income is a federal welfare program that the Social Security Administration runs for the government. It pays a small monthly stipend to people who are poor if they are over 65, or if they are under 65 but disabled. Because you're over 65, you would not get SSI disability benefits. But if your income and assets are low enough, you might get SSI payments based on your age. SSI eligibility rules vary from state to state, so you will have to contact your local Social Security office to find out if you qualify.

Q: I am 59 and have a 70 percent disability rating from the VA. Do you think I will qualify for Social Security disability benefits?

A: I really have no idea. The only way you will know for sure is to file a disability claim with the Social Security Administration.

I can tell you this: the fact that you have been classified as 70 percent disabled by the VA has little if any bearing on your Social Security claim. SSA and VA have different definitions of what it means to be disabled. I've known people who have a 20 percent disability rating from VA who qualified for Social Security disability. On the other hand, I've known people classified as 100 percent disabled by the VA who were not eligible for any disability benefits from Social Security.

Again, the only way to find out where you stand is to apply for Social Security disability benefits. You can do so online at www.socialsecurity.gov or by calling 800-772-1213 to make an appointment to file in person at your local Social Security office.

Q: I am 58 years old and get a small Social Security disability check. My ex-

husband just retired. We were married for almost 30 years. He made big bucks all his life, so I know his Social Security will be much higher than mine. Can I get any benefits on his record?

A: Not until you are at least age 62. There is no such thing as a disabled wife's (or ex-wife's) benefit from Social Security. You must be 62 or older to qualify for spousal benefits from your ex. And at that point you, might be eligible for extra benefits on his account not because you are disabled but simply because you are 62.

Q: I will be 64 in January and plan to file for my Social Security soon. I have a 14-year-old stepson who has been disabled since birth. Will he be able to get disability benefits on my Social Security account?

A: Your stepson will qualify for dependent's benefits on your record simply because he is a minor child. In other words, the fact that he has a disability isn't an issue -- at least, not for the time being. But when he turns 18, his disability will become a factor in his continuing eligibility for benefits. The law says that benefits to a dependent child are cut off at the 18th birthday. But if a child is disabled, those benefits can continue indefinitely, even into his adult years.

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

Oregon locksmith returns \$50,000 found in used safe

BEND, Ore. (AP) — A thank-you note to a Central Oregon locksmith was addressed to "the most honest man in Bend" after he returned \$50,000 he found in a safe's secret compartment.

Bryan Donnell retrieved a customer's 1,000-pound safe last week. He's used to finding jewels and some cash, but nothing like the stacks of \$100 bills wrapped in rubber bands.

The safe's former owner, 57-year-old Dale Parkinson, tells The Bulletin of Bend, Ore., that he and his wife pulled the money from their life savings in 2007, fearing a potential financial collapse.

They also bought a safe, and snuck \$50,000 into a secret compartment.

Parkinson decided to put the money back in the bank this year and sold the safe to Donnell.

Donnell refused a cash reward, but accepted a bottle of Scotch.

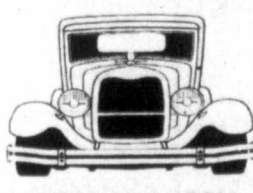
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Midseason basketball review

By ZACHARY GREEN
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We have reached the halfway point for the Pampa basketball seasons.

After the students return from the holiday break there will be one or two more games before district play starts.

So let's take a look at where each team stands as of now.

The Hustlin' Harvesters varsity boys team has played a tough nondistrict schedule facing some of the bigger schools in class 5A. In the many times I have talked with coach Matt Embry, he said it is to prepare them for district play. Their record right now stands at 5-8. After the break their first game will be

Jan. 2 against Monterey in Lubbock and then they will play Panhandle for the second time this season on Jan. 4 in Panhandle. Jan. 8 they will host Childress in their final nondistrict game. District play starts Jan. 11 with a home game against Borger.

The Lady Harvesters varsity girls team has had a rough go of it so far this season. Currently their record stands at 5-10. Hopefully after the break they will come back for a strong district run. Their next

game is when district play starts on Jan. 4 in Perryton.

The JV boys team has done well so far this season. Their record stands at 6-7. After the break they will travel to Perryton for a tournament Jan. 3-5 and then play Childress on Jan. 8 before they start district play Jan. 11 against Borger.

The JV girls team has been on fire recently. After a sluggish start at 3-5 the JV girls have won nine straight to bring their record to 12-5 going into the midseason. They will start district at Perryton on Jan. 4.

The freshman boys team has done a pretty good job thus far going 3-3. They will travel to Perryton for a tournament Jan. 3-5. Then their next game will be when district starts on Jan. 11 against Borger.

The freshman girls team has a split record thus far at 7-7. Their next game will be when district starts on Jan. 5 against Perryton.

It looks to be a fun district ride for all of our Pampa teams.

Come out and show your support for the Pampa Harvesters and Lady Harvesters basketball teams.

For the record

Pampa residents arrested on warrants

■ 57-year-old Derrel Elwood Hext, Pampa, was arrested Sunday by the Pampa Police Department on three arrest warrants. One for failing to obtain inspection, one for failing to appear and one for failure to maintain financial responsibilities.

■ 21-year-old Benjamin Samuel Griffin, Pampa, was arrested Sunday by GCSO on four warrants. One was a bond surrender for possession of a controlled substance of more than four grams but less than 200 grams. Three of the warrants were for capias pro fine charges. All three were non payment of court costs and fees. One for no driver's license, one for failing to signal and one for failing to appear.

■ 41-year-old Shawne Dewayne Murray, McLean, was arrested Sunday by the Gray County Sheriff's Office on two arrest warrants. One for operation of an unregistered motor vehicle and another for a DWI, 2nd offense.

■ 17-year-old Andrew

Hayden Morriss, Lefors, was arrested on Sunday by PPD on an arrest warrant for an assault that caused bodily injury.

■ 32-year-old Timothy Joe Broadbent, Pampa, was arrested Sunday by PPD on a public intoxication charge. Broadbent was also arrested for driving with license invalid with two or more previous convictions out of Hemphill County.

■ 39-year-old Michael Andrew Chaney, Pampa, was arrested Sunday by the Texas Department of Public Safety on a charge of a DWI, 2nd offense.

■ 29-year-old Desiree Ann Vigil, Miami, Fla., was arrested Sunday by DPS on a DWI charge.

■ 48-year-old Ray Madrid Soto, Pampa, was arrested Sunday by PPD on five charges. Two were for no driver's license and two were for failing to appear. The fifth charge was for running a red light.

■ 48-year-old Clayton Durand Johnson, Pampa, was arrested Sunday by PPD on a public intoxica-

tion charge.

■ 22-year-old Christopher Katara Jackson, Wellington, was arrested Saturday by DPS on eight capias pro fine charges.

■ 23-year-old Cesar Adrian Ramirez Salazar, Pampa, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a DWI charge.

■ 27-year-old Kristina Diane Wood, Pampa, was arrested Saturday by PPD on a theft of property of less than \$1500 with two or more previous convictions.

■ 21-year-old Paul Soria, Pampa, was arrested Friday by DPS for driving with license invalid and a DWI charge.

■ 21-year-old Jessica Anne Adams, Pampa, was arrested Friday by PPD on a theft of property charge for more than \$50 but less than \$500.

■ 26-year-old Andrew Edward Tidwell, Oklahoma City, was arrested Friday by GCSO on a bond forfeiture charge for a theft of property of more than \$1500 but less than \$2000.

House approves \$633 billion defense bill

By DONNA CASSATA
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House on Thursday overwhelmingly passed a \$633 billion defense bill for next year despite Pentagon complaints that it spares outdated but politically popular weapons at the expense of the military's ability to fight.

The vote was 315-107 and sent the legislation to the Senate, where leaders hoped to wrap up the measure. The White House had threatened a veto of earlier versions of the bill, and spokesman Jay Carney said Thursday that the threat still stands.

The far-reaching policy bill that covers the cost of ships, aircraft, weapons and military personnel would authorize \$528 billion for the Defense Department's base budget, \$17 billion for defense and nuclear programs in the Energy Department and \$88.5 billion for the war in Afghanistan.

The bill is \$1.7 billion more than Obama requested.

House Republicans and Democrats debated the measure against the backdrop of high-stakes talks to avert the so-called fiscal cliff of automatic tax hikes and spending cuts and the loud cry for a sweeping deal to slash the deficit.

Democrats argued that the bill runs counter to demands for fiscal discipline.

"This bill is more money than the Pentagon wants," said Rep. Jim McGov-

ern, D-Mass. "We're just throwing money at them."

Specifically, the bill spares a version of the Global Hawk unmanned aircraft, includes upgrades for tanks and money for armored vehicles.

In a speech this week, Defense Secretary Leon Panetta criticized the pressure on the Pentagon to keep weapons that it doesn't want. "Aircraft, ships, tanks, bases, even those that have outlived their usefulness, have a natural political constituency. Readiness does not," Panetta said.

"What's more, readiness is too often sacrificed in favor of a larger and less effective force. I am determined to avoid that outcome," he said.

Panetta said members of the House and Senate "diverted about \$74 billion of what we asked for in savings in our proposed budget to the Congress, and they diverted them to other areas that, frankly, we don't need."

House Armed Services Committee Chairman Howard "Buck" McKeon, R-Calif., insisted that the bill "safeguards military readiness in times of declining budgets."

The bill responds to the new threats and upheaval around the globe while

still providing billions for the decade-plus war in Afghanistan.

The measure would tighten sanctions on Iran, increase security at diplomatic missions worldwide after the deadly Sept. 11 raid in Libya and presses the military on possible options to end the bloodshed in Syria.

The final measure, a product of negotiations between the House and Senate, addresses several concerns raised by the Obama administration.

It eliminates restrictions on alternative fuels that the White House had complained about and jettisons limits on the administration's ability to implement a nuclear weapons reduction treaty.

The bill does limit the president's authority to transfer terror suspects from the military prison at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, for one year — a provision similar to current law. That had drawn complaints from the White House.

Election-year politics and changes in society shaped the final measure. Negotiators kept a Senate-passed provision sponsored by Sen. Jeanne Shaheen, D-N.H., that expands health insurance coverage for military women and their dependents who decide to have abortions in cases of rape and incest.

"Previously, health coverage applied only to abortions in cases where the life of the mother was endangered."

Community Calendar

City Commission meetings

The Pampa City Commission meets at 4 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. The meetings are held on the third floor of City Hall.

School board meetings

The Pampa Independent School District board meets at 6 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month. Check The Pampa News for meeting locations.

County Commission meetings

The Gray County Commission meets at 9 a.m. on the 15th and 30th of each month. If the date falls on a Saturday, the meeting will be held on Friday. If the date falls on a Sunday, the meeting will be held on Monday. The meetings are held on the second floor of the Gray County Courthouse.

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 Fri-

day 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.

Meredith House chili supper

All members of the community are invited to stay warm with a hearty bowl of home-cooked chili. Join the staff and residents from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Jan. 10.

Pampa News New Year's hours

The Pampa News will close at noon, Monday, Dec. 31. The office will be closed on New Year's Day. There will be no paper on New Year's Day.

Pampa City Hall New Year's hours

City Hall will be open on Monday, Dec. 31 and closed New Year's Day.

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.

NRA calls for armed police officer in every school

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's largest gun-rights lobby called Friday for armed police officers to be posted in every American school to stop the next killer "waiting in the wings."

The National Rifle Association broke its silence on last week's shooting rampage at a Connecticut elementary school that left 26 children and staff dead.

"The only thing that stops a bad guy with a gun is a good guy with a gun," the group's top lobbyist, Wayne LaPierre, said at a Washington news conference.

LaPierre said "the next Adam Lanza," the man responsible for last week's mayhem, is planning an attack on another school.

"How many more copycats are waiting in the wings for their moment of fame from a national media machine that rewards them with wall-to-wall attention and a sense of identity that they crave, while provoking others to try to make their mark," LaPierre said. "A dozen more killers, a hundred more? How can we possibly even guess how many, given our nation's refusal to create an active national database of the mentally ill?"

He blamed video games, movies and music videos for exposing children to a violent culture day in and day out. "In a race to the bottom, many conglomerates compete with one another to shock, violate, and offend every standard of civilized society, by bringing an even more toxic mix of reckless behavior and criminal cruelty right into our homes," LaPierre said.

He refused to take any questions after speaking. Though security was tight, two protesters were able to interrupt LaPierre's speech, holding up signs that blamed the NRA for killing children. Both were escorted out, shouting that guns in schools are not the answer.

LaPierre announced that former Rep. Asa Hutchinson, R-Ark., will lead an NRA program that will develop a model security plan for schools that relies on armed volunteers.

The 4.3 million-member NRA largely disappeared from public debate after the shootings in Newtown, Conn., choosing atypical silence as a strategy as the nation sought answers after the rampage. The NRA temporarily took down its Facebook page and kept quiet on Twitter.

Since the slayings, President Barack Obama has demanded "real action, right now" against U.S. gun violence and called on the NRA to join the effort. Moving quickly after several congressional gun-rights supporters said they would consider new legislation to control firearms, the president said this week he wants proposals to reduce gun violence that he can take to Congress by January.

Obama has already asked Congress to reinstate an assault weapons ban that expired in 2004 and pass legislation that would stop people from purchasing firearms from private sellers without a background check. Obama also has indicated he wants Congress to pursue the possibility of limiting high-capacity magazines.

Calif. couple unlawfully wedded for 48 years

REDLANDS, Calif. (AP) — After spending nearly a half-century as husband and wife, Bob and Norma Clark are finally married.

The couple from Redlands, an inland California city halfway between Los Angeles and Palm Springs, celebrated their 48th anniversary in August, and in November they were getting their end-of-life documents in order and sought a copy of their marriage license for Social Security purposes.

The Clarks, who met in college, took their vows at a church south of San Francisco in August 1964, shortly after Bob had served in the Army during the Cuban Missile Crisis.

But when clerks at the Hall of Records in San Mateo County tried to pull the license last month, they came up empty.

"They went back to the year 1956, but no record of our marriage could be found," Bob Clark told the Redlands Daily Facts.

The church where they had married still had a record of the ceremony so they knew they hadn't imagined it, and several of the couple's family members and friends who had been wedding guests were about to come to town for Thanksgiving.

On Nov. 21 they made their marriage legitimate, filing their paperwork and obtaining their license at the San Bernardino County Hall of Records, with the maid of honor and a junior usher from the original wedding serving as witnesses.

SPORTS Briefs

WEDNESDAY JAN. 2

■ Pampa Varsity boys @ Monterey in Lubbock 3 p.m.

THURSDAY JAN. 3

■ Pampa JV boys @ Perryton Tournament. Tournament runs through Saturday Jan. 5.
■ Pampa 9th boys @ Perryton Tournament. Tournament runs through Saturday Jan. 5.

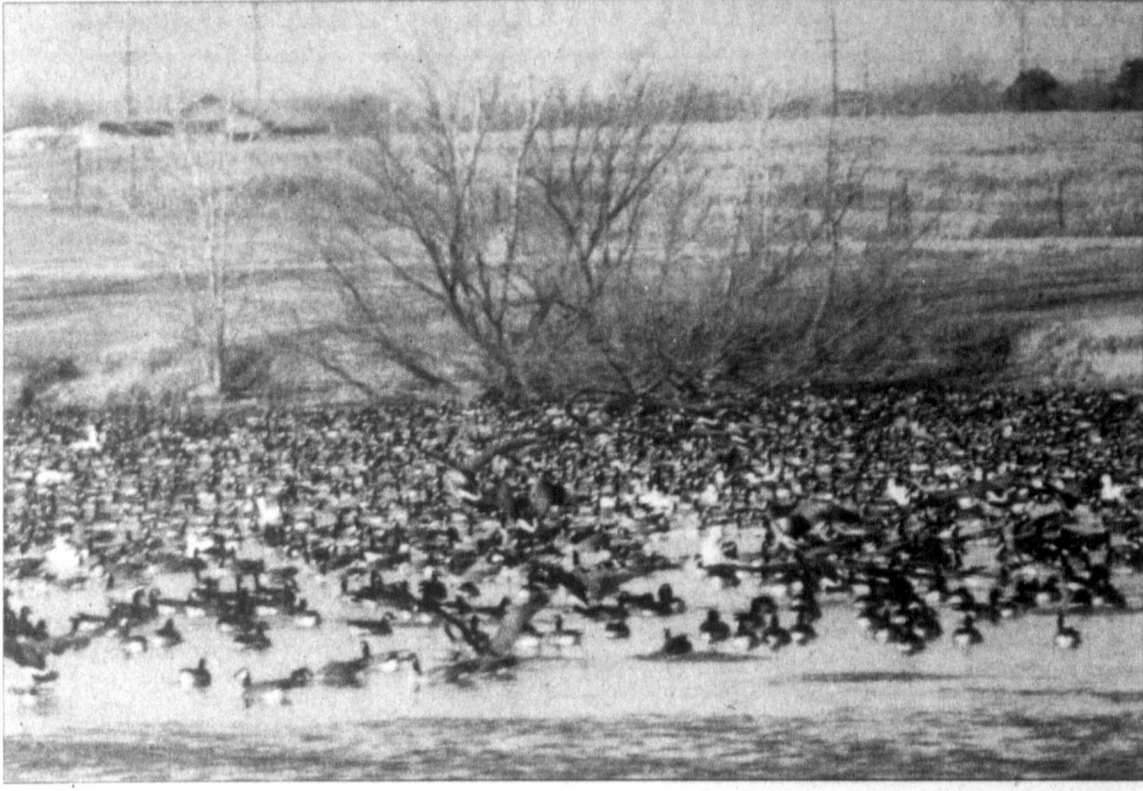
FRIDAY JAN. 4

■ Pampa Varsity boys @ Panhandle 7:30 p.m.
■ Pampa JV boys @ Perryton Tournament. Tournament runs through Saturday Jan. 5.
■ Pampa 9th boys @ Perryton Tournament. Tournament runs through Saturday Jan. 5.

SATURDAY JAN. 5

■ Pampa Wrestling hosting Pampa Duals.
■ Pampa Soccer scrimmage v. Monterey at 12:30 p.m.
■ Pampa JV boys @ Perryton Tournament. Tournament runs through Saturday Jan. 5.
■ Pampa 9th boys @ Perryton Tournament. Tournament runs through Saturday Jan. 5.

THE CALL OF THE WILD



Photos by Randy Milligan
A common scene this time of year is the southward migration of Canadian geese. These lucky birds were fortunate enough to enjoy our warm weekend weather. These photos were taken on Dec. 22 at the Pampa City Lake.

Wrestlers

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Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6 until about 8:30 p.m. in the Dennis Cavalier Activity Center at the high school. However, the coaches will stay later if one or two of the kids wants extra attention.

"It is a small classroom feel. We will give one-on-one attention to each and every kid that wrestles," said Bo Botello, who is another coach of the Takedown Club. Botello added they do not want to turn anyone away regardless of age, gender, social background or size.

"If they need a ride any one of us will be more than willing to go pick them up," he said. "We don't want money to be an option either. Together we will help sponsor a child if we need to."

"The Takedown Club is the only Little League club that travels out of town and in Pampa colors. There is no other sport with the level of intensity we have," Botello added.

Every coach has to be certified with the USA Wrestling program. To receive the membership card, each coach had to go through an extensive background check. There is no club membership fee, but every wrestler has to be a member along with the coaches.

"It is \$30, but if a kid wants to come to a few practices they are more than willing to come check us out before we make them pay for the membership," Addington



Submitted photo
Coaches Bo Botello and John Cambern with wrestler Marcus Fletcher.

He added that they only ask for each wrestler to provide their own wrestling shoes and headgear. "Those are safety precautions for everyone and to keep us from being sued. But if anyone can't afford it, we will help

them."

Cambern said safety is important to all the coaches.

"We don't want to push the kids to the point they hate the sport, but if they ask us for extra practice or instruction we will be there for them," Cambern said. "It is a good opportunity to learn and grow together and in the Lord as well as being an example to other kids."

"The coaches do not want any parent to feel like their kid is being thrown into the fire. Entry-level kids have two years they get to wrestle at rookie status and will only be matched up with people their skill levels," added Botello. "At the practices we will be one-on-one with them and will not push them more than they want or can handle."

Botello's wife, Lindsey, helps with taking pictures of the little wrestlers and emailing them the newspaper. Cambern's wife, Kelly, helps with clerical work that allows the little wrestlers to go to different duals and tournaments.

Addington said the wives have been amazing. "They stay up later than us sometimes making sure the kids are signed up for the tournaments."

Botello and Cambern agreed saying that even the moms have been a great help. "The moms try to help get all of the kids to tournaments just as much as the parents," said Botello.

For more information or to sign up contact, Cambern at 806-662-0926 or visit their Facebook page at Facebook.com/HarvesterTakedownClub.

Lyndon B. Johnson Library shows how presidency reverberates

By CHRIS TOMLINSON
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AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The United States is fighting a messy war alongside an unreliable ally in Asia, residents are deeply divided between conservatives and liberals, a new health care law just took effect and the nation is struggling with racial and ethnic divisions.

What's happening in the United States in 2012 could just as easily describe the nation in the 1960s: President Lyndon Baines Johnson escalating the war in Vietnam, defeating conservative Republican nominee Barry Goldwater, passing Medicare and pushing through landmark civil rights legislation.

An insider's look at how the Texan dealt with those challenges is on display at the newly remodeled LBJ Presidential Library in Austin, where the old 1970s-style exhibits now use 21st century technology to put visitors in Johnson's shoes. Mark Updegrove, the library's director, said the reopening comes as historians take a fresh look at Johnson's efforts to fight poverty and improve the health of the nation by creating a Great Society.

"The election of 2012 was a referendum on the Great Society programs put into place by President Johnson," he said. "If you look at what is happening in America today, the Great Society is so evident, in the Supreme Court taking a look at voting rights or racial quotas, and the Congress debating cuts to Medicare or PBS."

The new permanent exhibit takes advantage of the presidential archives, which includes 643 hours of recorded phone conversations between LBJ and dozens of people. At one station, a display resembling an old telephone

booth plays key conversations about civil rights with Martin Luther King Jr., FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover and others. After a yearlong renovation, the library reopens Saturday in honor of first lady Lady Bird Johnson's 100th birthday.

The library also has a Vietnam "situation room" where an interactive display provides formerly secret documents and recordings of conversations with advisers such as Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara. The display lets the visitor decide what they would do and then shows whether LBJ agreed. The computer screen then displays the consequences, with short videos of presidential historians explaining the significance of the decision.

LBJ's biggest accomplishments, though, are the Great Society programs that extended life expectancies, reduced poverty and banned discrimination. An exhibit shows how he used his years of experience in Congress to push through some of the most iconic laws in the nation's history, including Medicare.

"Every social issue we're dealing with now, Johnson tried to tackle it," said historian Douglas Brinkley of Rice University in Houston. He added that "the season is right for a revisionist look" at Johnson, with a focus on his domestic achievements.

Updegrove, who this year authored "Indomitable Will: LBJ in the Presidency," said that when

LBJ took over after President John F. Kennedy's assassination, the U.S. poverty rate was at about 20 percent. It plunged to 12 percent, by the time he left office. Poverty in the United States hit an all-time low of 11 percent just after LBJ left office, then went up to 15 percent under President Ronald Reagan, where it remains today.

Medicare was the Affordable Care Act of its time, providing federally administered health care to all people 65-years-old or older. Reagan, a young conservative at the time, called Medicare a socialized medicine scheme that would bring an end to freedom in America. More than 45 years later, the program is one of the most popular in the nation.

That year Congress also passed Medicaid, the joint state-federal health care program for the poor. President Barack Obama tried to expand Medicaid coverage through his health care overhaul, but a dozen Republican governors around the country have refused.

LBJ also passed major civil rights legislation that guaranteed people of all races the right to vote, access to public services and to equal opportunity. Yet LBJ's decision to expand the war in Vietnam remains his foremost legacy, something Updegrove believes is changing.

"We haven't properly honored Johnson's herculean domestic achievements," said Brinkley, the historian from Rice University. "It got overshadowed by the Vietnam War.

Half a century later we can see that a lot of what Johnson did has stuck."

For now, though, Democrats rarely invoke LBJ's name, and Republicans use the phrase "Great Society" to ridicule social justice proposals. But Updegrove said politicians of all stripes could learn a lot from how Johnson forged consensus.

"The conversations are a primer in how to get things done in Washington," he said. "If you listen to those conversations you can hear how remarkably effective LBJ was at getting things done and they serve as an example of Washington can do."

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