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Photo by Timothy P. Howsare
 The new Pampa Animal Shelter is scheduled to open at noon Monday.

New animal shelter to open Monday

BY TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE
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 Pampa Animal Services Director Monty Montgomery said he's been waiting for this day for 27 years. At noon on Monday, the new Pampa Animal Shelter is expected. That morning, Animal Services will move the 100 or so dogs, cats, puppies and kittens the distance of a few hundred yards from the old shelter to the new state-of-the-art facility. "We will try to have everything in place to open at noon," Montgomery said.

The city held a dedication ceremony for the shelter on Nov. 20. At that time, there was still some contracting work that needed to be finished before the shelter could open. While not all the work will be completely finished on Monday, the building should be ready for occupancy for both humans and four-legged creatures. Montgomery said what remains to be done "is a small list." Montgomery and his staff will do the moving, and Faustina Curry, president of PAWS (Pampa Animal Welfare Society), said her group will be available

to help out. Construction on the shelter began about a year ago after Pampa voters approved construction of the \$3 million facility during a special election in May 2012. The lead architect was Brian Thomas with GH2 Architects. The lead construction contractor was Plains Builders, with Dan Koetting as project manager and Terry Tolleson as superintendent. The new shelter is a single 13,000-square-foot building, while the old one is a cluster of small buildings that barely occupy 2,000 square feet.

PHS culinary students having annual holiday food sale



Above, FCCLA members Danna Eppison, Brooklyn Jones and Nayeli Madrid sell the scarves that were made for the event. Below, the PHS students worked to provide samples of all the food they will be selling from Tuesday's Tea Tasting.

BY LINDSEY TOMASCHIK
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 Pampa High School held its annual Tea Tasting from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. on Tuesday. The doors were open for those interested to come in and sample all the items available for ordering. Items available include various breads, candies, cookie dough (by the dozen), pies, cheese balls and drink mixes. Prices ranged from \$3 to \$10. Culinary teacher Jennifer Adams has been in charge of the event since she began teaching at the high school four years ago. The school's culinary arts students began preparations for the food sale before Thanksgiving break. Now that the tasting is over, they will take a week to plan and organize before preparing the orders received. With Adams's help, the students do the preparations and make all the food for the orders. The Family Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) also have scarves available for ordering and immediate sale. The group is selling both knit and T-shirt scarves for \$10 and \$8, respectively, and the T-shirts used



for the scarves are donation-based. The knit scarves were made by Adams and one of the parents of a student. Order forms for the holiday food must be turned in by 4 p.m. today and the deadline for picking up completed orders is 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 18. Make checks payable to Pampa High School. For more information on the culinary arts holiday food sale, email pampahighschoolculinaryarts@gmail.com.

Wounded Warriors arrive at 5 p.m. today

Will spend 3 days deer hunting on nearby ranches.

BY TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE
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 After making an 11-hour trek from San Antonio, 12 Wounded Warriors from that city and several other locales in the southern part of the state will arrive in Pampa at 5 p.m. They are coming to Pampa for a three-day respite to hunt white deer and mule deer on area ranches. They will be met at 4:30 at the State Highway 70 interchange on Interstate 40 by units from the Texas Highway Patrol and Gray County Sheriff's Office, along with local VFW members. The Wounded Warriors will be escorted from there to the VFW Post No. 1657 on South Cuyler Street, where a meet-and-greet will be held. At 7 p.m. a dinner will be held for the Warriors at the M.K. Brown Room at the Pampa Chamber of Commerce. The meal will be catered by Desperadoes. Tickets are \$10 and all proceeds go to the **WARRIOR** cont. on page 2

Wintry weather expected today

STAFF REPORT
 Pampans need to get ready for below freezing temperatures from now through Tuesday of next week. There is a chance of precipitation everyday through Monday, with a 50 percent chance of snow starting tomorrow. According to the National Weather Service in Amarillo, the Winter Weather Advisory for snow and dangerous wind chills is now in effect from midnight Wednesday to 9 a.m. CST Friday. Snow totals of up to three inches are expected across the Oklahoma and Texas panhandles with locally higher amounts possible. In addition, dangerous wind chill values as low as 10 degrees below zero will be possible across the panhandles. Snow could start early this morning across the western Oklahoma and northwest Texas panhandles before spreading across the panhandles tomorrow. Snow should come to an end late tonight. The lowest wind chill val- **WINTER** cont. on page 2



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Crime Stoppers' Fugitive of the Week

STAFF REPORT
Dillon Clayton Johnson, 21, is wanted in Gray County for burglary of a habitation. Johnson is a white male, 5-foot, 8-inches tall with blond hair and blue eyes. Never try to detain the fugitive yourself. In determining whether someone is a fugitive, a suspect must have a felony charge coupled with an arrest

warrant that was not cleared within a week of being issued. If you have any information about Johnson or any other fugitive, you are urged to call Crime Stoppers or submit a Web Tip. They don't want your name, only your information.



Dillon Johnson

If your information leads to an arrest, Crime Stoppers will pay a cash reward of up to \$200 and you will remain anonymous. The wanted status of the posted fugitive or fugitives is updated as often as possible. Persons listed above may

be arrested and no longer wanted. Upon confirmation of a person's arrest, Pampa Gray County Crime Stoppers will change or remove the post to reflect their status. There are three ways to submit your tip, call 806-669-2222, visit Web Tips at www.pggestips.com or text the word "pampa" along with your tip to 274637.

Warrior

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Wounded Warrior fund. After the dinner, the warriors will be taken to the ranches with hunting leases, which are mostly around Shamrock and Wheeler. The Chisum

Ranch also is one of the hosts. On Sunday, the Warriors will return to the VFW at 7 p.m. for fellowship. They will spend the night at the Ameri-clnn and return to San Antonio. Event organizer Loyd Waters said a few of the 12 warriors are returning

from last year, while others are new on the hunting excursion. He said two of the men are wheel-chair bound, while the others are ambulatory. Traveling with the Wounded Warriors will be four staff members from their veterans' organization, Lone Star Chapter of Serve Outdoors. Sponsors include National Bank of Commerce,

Happy State Bank, Carter Sand and Gravel, Top O' Texas Oilfield Services, Top of Texas Ice and Texas Printing. Tickets for the dinner can be purchased at Bill Allison Auto Sales, The Victorian Rose, Hamburger Station, VFW Post No. 1657, Happy State Bank, National Bank of Commerce and the Pampa Chamber of Commerce.



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25 proposed logos make cut in Amarillo competition

AMARILLO (AP) — More than two dozen proposed images have made the cut to become the new logo for Amarillo after a design dispute nixed the original version. The Amarillo Globe-News reports the second round of online voting runs through Monday for public input on a logo for Amarillo's 100th anniversary. The 25 finalists have references to Open Spaces and Endless Opportunities. Some show cattle,

horses, windmills or turbines. The original logo developed by the city and unveiled last month, with white rays splaying out of an orange and yellow background, was similar to the design of a Dubai real estate developer. Amarillo faced possible legal action before abandoning that logo. The newspaper reports more than 23,000 votes were cast on about 530 logo submissions in the first round of public balloting.



Cold snap felt across Rockies, Midwest

HELENA, Mont. (AP) — A wintry storm pushing through the Rockies and Midwest is bringing bitterly cold temperatures and treacherous driving conditions blamed in at least six deaths as it threatens crops as far south as California. The wind chill could drop to 30 degrees below zero in parts of Montana Wednesday while wind chills of minus 20 have already been recorded in the Nebraska Panhandle. Low temperatures in the Denver area were expected to drop below zero over the next several days.

The jet stream is much farther south than normal, allowing the cold air to push in from the Arctic and drop temperatures by 20 to 40 degrees below normal levels, AccuWeather meteorologist Tom Kines said. Areas of Montana and the Dakotas were forecast to reach lows in the minus-20s, while Laramie, Wyo. is expected to see a low temperature of 28 below. The icy arctic blast was expected to be followed by another one later in the week, creating an extended period of cold weather that hasn't been seen since the late 1990s, meteorologists said. In California's Central Valley, temperatures dropped into the upper 20s overnight, not enough to cause any damage to citrus crops. Citrus farmers, however, are anticipating colder temperatures overnight Wednesday and Thursday and are continuing to take precaution, said Bob Blakely, of California

Citrus Mutual. The unrelenting storm has spread about 2 feet of snow and brought daily activities to a grinding halt in northeastern Minnesota. The heavy snow and ice has contributed to hundreds of traffic accidents around the state and was cited in at least four fatal crashes since Monday. The storm closed the University of Minnesota Duluth and most other schools in the area and canceled holiday parties, Salvation Army bell-ringing and a lutefisk dinner in Duluth, where over a foot of snow has fallen over three days. In Colorado, the American Red Cross opened a warming shelter in a church in Black Forest near Colorado Springs, to help people still recovering from a wildfire in June that destroyed nearly 500 homes and killed two people. Meanwhile, the snow and cold sent the Denver Broncos indoors to practice and canceled a men's World Cup downhill training in Beaver Creek. The racers need a clean, slick surface to practice on and will try to squeeze in a training run on Thursday, when the snow should taper off but bitter cold will continue. Officials warned residents to protect themselves against frostbite if they are going to be outside for any length of time. "When it gets this cold, you don't need 30, 40 mile-per-hour winds to get that wind chill down to dangerous levels. All it takes is a little breeze," Kines said.

Thieves steal 100 calendars in unusual mall heist

BUFORD, Ga. (AP) — Someone made off with \$2,000 worth of calendars for 2014 in an unusual heist at the Mall of Georgia. Some of the 100 calendars in the mall kiosk portrayed men and women scantily clothed, such as the Dallas Cowboys cheerleaders, WSB Radio reported. They were replaced by signs objecting to how women were portrayed in the calendars, such as one that proclaimed: "Women are people not fantasies." Another stated "Should've gone

with the puppies." The theft happened Saturday at the mall northeast of Atlanta, one of the state's largest. Owner Jessica Roy described the suspects as a young couple. About a dozen signs were left on the empty racks that held the calendars, she said. "They were pre-printed signs (and) all the messages on the signs basically say the same thing that they just didn't agree with basically having the human body as meat on display," Roy told the Atlanta radio station.

Winter

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ues will occur during the overnight and morning hours tonight through Friday morning. The NWS said the snow could create hazardous driving conditions. Wind chill and dangerous cold will result in frost bite and hypothermia. If precautions are not taken. Precautionary/preparedness actions. A winter weather advisory means that periods of snow, sleet, or freezing rain will cause travel difficulties, according to the advisory. Be prepared for slippery roads and limited visibilities. Use caution while driving. In addition, very cold air and strong winds will combine to create dangerously low wind chills. This will result in frost bite and lead To hypothermia if precautions are not taken. If you must venture outdoors, make sure you wear a hat and gloves.

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Tonight: Snow showers early with a low of 11. Chance of snow: 70 percent. Winds north-northeast at 11 mph. Sunset at 5:31 p.m.

Friday: Morning clouds with a high of 22. Chance of snow: 10 percent. Winds northeast at 7 mph. Sunrise at 7:40 a.m.

Friday night: Clear with a low of 7. Yes, 7. Winds east-southeast at 6 mph. Sunset at 5:31 p.m.

Saturday: Mostly cloudy with a high of 19. Chance of snow: 10 percent. Winds east-southeast at 10 mph. Sunrise at 7:40 a.m.

Saturday night: Cloudy with a low of 10. Chance of snow: 20 percent. Winds east-southeast at 9 mph. Sunset at 5:31 p.m.

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Obituaries

Rahna Abernathy

Rahna Abernathy, 57, died Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2013 in Pampa.

Memorial services are pending with Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.



Rahna Abernathy

Mrs. Abernathy was born April 11, 1956 in Pampa, and graduated from White Deer High School in 1974. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1982, and married Doug Abernathy on Jan. 30, 1982. Rahna received her Associate's degree from Clarendon College. She was the office manager for Interim Healthcare for seven years. She was a member of First Baptist Church. Rahna was preceded

in death by her father, Chester Tackett, her stepfather, Ed Lowrance, a brother, Richard Lowrance, a niece, Kimberly Barbee, and a great-nephew.

Survivors include her husband, Doug Abernathy of the home, two sons, Daniel Abernathy and wife Emily of Austin, and Tommy Abernathy of Midland, her mother, June Lowrance of White Deer, her stepmother, Rose Tackett of Pampa, two brothers, Richard Tackett and wife Sherry of White Deer, and Scott Lowrance and wife Donna of Pampa, three sisters, Sandra Bryam and husband Gene of Amarillo, Patti Duezabou and husband John of Helena Montana, and Chalenia Freeman of Pampa, nine nieces, two nephews, five great nieces, nine great nephews and one great, great nephew.

Memorials may be made to Interim Hospice, 2217 Perryton Pkwy., Pampa, Texas 79065.

Sign the online guest register at www.carmichael-whately.com.

For the record

Denton man arrested for assault

Hamilton Bowman Claytor, 29, Denton, was arrested Tuesday by the Pampa Police Department for assault causing bodily injury to a family member impeding breath/circulation — Denton County.

Sean Andrew Bessolo, 29, Pampa, was arrested Tuesday by the Gray County Sheriff's Office for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Bryan Scott Krahn, 53, Lubbock, was arrested

Wednesday by GCSO for possession of drug paraphernalia, public intoxication.

John Mike Fairbanks, 44, Colorado Springs, Colo., was arrested Wednesday by GCSO for fraudulent use or possession of identifying information — greater than 10 items — enhanced, theft of property with two previous convictions, displaying a fictitious license plate.

Skydivers return to Arizona site where 2 died

ELOY, Ariz. (AP) — Skydivers from around the world returned to the air Wednesday at a popular Arizona skydiving location that was the site of a deadly mishap involving two parachutists a day earlier.

Two male skydivers were killed Tuesday after they collided during a jump, collapsing their parachutes and sending them plummeting to the ground. They and others were trying to set world records for group jumps.

Participants met Wednesday and decided getting back in the air was the best way to pay tribute to their friends.

"Of course it makes me a little nervous, but this kind

of thing happens. That's the price of skydiving," said Evgenii Dolgoplov, of Moscow, Russia, who witnessed the accident.

Witnesses told investigators that both skydivers had open canopies when they ran into each other 200 to 300 feet above the ground, said Sgt. Brian Jerome, an Eloy police spokesman. Their canopies collapsed and they fell to the ground around 4:50 p.m., Jerome said.

A third skydiver was injured in an unrelated accident.

Police have not yet released the names of any of the people involved, but skydivers at the site said Wednesday that the

victims were from the United Kingdom and Germany.

The skydivers are in Arizona for a series of attempts to break world records for sequential jumps, which typically involve a large number of divers who create formations as they parachute to the ground. Dozens of women gathered at the site Saturday to break the world record for an all-female mass-formation jump.

Skydive Arizona, between Phoenix and Tucson, has become one of the nation's top skydiving spots since it opened in the 1980s. The location is ideal because the weather almost always cooperates and provides clear, sunny skies most days of the year. And it's in a vast uninhabited location that provides plenty of jumping opportunities.

But participants in this week's event said the set-

ting sun around the time of Tuesday's jump was bright and might have caused the victims to lose sight of each other. They also noted it's important during group jumps to not get caught up in taking in the scenery.

"The first thing I do is look around," said Martial Ferre, from France. "I don't enjoy the view of this desert of Arizona. I just look for the others, and I look for a safe landing zone."

As he carried around his parachute gear after a jump, Ferre said getting back in the air was the right thing to do after the tragedy.

"We had to increase the morale of everybody," Ferre said. "The first thing that we did was to ask people, 'Do we want to continue jumping?' Everybody wanted to get back into action to bring this record in memory of these two guys."

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The Walking Dead ends mid-season with a thriller of a finish



JOHN LEE

Spoiler alert: If you haven't seen the season four mid-season finale from Sunday, Dec. 1, do not read this yet.

I am going to put this out there. I am not a zombie apocalypse guy. I don't care for the idea of the living dead regardless of what time of day it is or who is doing the zombie hunting. But like many people, something about AMC's "The Walking Dead" has me intrigued enough to venture out of my un-dead comfort zone.

I have loved this visual retelling of the comic and graphic novels, also which I have not read. Sunday's episode left me with my jaw down and my wife in tears.

The episode is built up by two previous episodes giving a background account of what happened to Philip Blake (or Brian for these two seasons), or "The Governor." I would also like to say this about this character. I actually found him to be interesting. By no means did I like the character, but before his encounter with Michonne and Rick's crew,

he seemed like an OK guy. He, like Rick, did what he felt was right for his people and, at the time, the community of Woodbury. He was just more relentless and sadistic about doing what he needed to do.

So after Woodbury, The Governor finds this small family of two sisters (Lilly and Tara), a little girl (Meghan) and a grandfather. After doing favors for them, he takes a liking to Meghan, likely because she reminds him of his late daughter. After the passing of their father, The Governor and the sisters leave their apartment. After encountering a group of walkers (or biters, as The Governor calls them), they are rescued by a familiar face Caesar Martinez, from Woodbury. After inviting them in, and letting The Governor know that he is the boss and everyone must contribute, Martinez tells the Governor how things have been. After a conversation a top an RV, the Governor betrays Martinez and takes leadership shortly after, and in the latest episode he captures Hershel and Michonne, convinces the people that "Nobody HAS to die" if they take the prison from Rick's group and sets the stage for mayhem.

As Rick is trying to convince The

Governor that they can coexist in the prison together, Daryl is telling the group to start getting people ready to evacuate the prison. Rick's proposal was denied by The Governor to the tune of The Governor killing Hershel. That was the first heart-breaking moment of the episode. This led to a firefight at the gate until the Governor's people started driving a tank through the gate. There was too much going on to describe it all. During all the action, Meghan gets attacked and bit by a walker who was under the sand near a creek that Meghan was playing at, Lilly tried to save her to no avail.

The group is fighting off The Governor's squad and walkers at the same time. Rick and the Governor are fighting it out near the entrance of the prison. Michonne is trying to get loose so she can help. Two little girls taken in earlier in the season have also equipped themselves with pistols in an effort to keep Judith, Rick's baby, safe. Ultimately, a bus loaded with Glenn and people, including those still recovering from the flu that struck the prison earlier this season, drives off. Michonne gets her revenge on the governor by thrusting a katana through his chest, which is followed up by Lilly killing The Governor.

Rick, recovering from a fight he pretty much was losing with The Governor, finds Carl and they look for Judith. They find a car seat, empty with the straps undone and what appears to be blood. There in lies the huge questions going into

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Oops, she did it again: Spears fails on new album

MESFIN FEKADU
AP Music Writer

Britney Spears, "Britney Jean" (RCA Records)
You want to release a good album? You better work harder, chick. A lot harder.



Britney Spears

Britney Spears' latest release, "Britney Jean," is a total let-down. It's not that we expect a deleted songs from Spears — or even Rihanna-like ones — but Spears was once a pop powerhouse who made music considered a must-listen, from "Toxic" to "I'm a Slave 4 U." Listening to this album makes you nostalgic for those days — nothing on "Britney Jean" would be contenders for any future greatest hits package.

The 10-track set lacks so many things: oomph, swagger, sex appeal, as well as addictive, memorable hooks. It's almost like Spears isn't even present. Tracks like "It Should Be Easy" and "Till It's Gone"

are techno misses — and messes — even though David Guetta helmed both songs. The light ballad and second single, "Perfume," is laughable, with Spears warbling: "And while I wait, I put on my perfume, yeah I want it all over you, I'm gonna mark my territory." It sounds more like a commercial than an actual song (it should be noted that Spears has released a dozen perfumes, including two this year).

"Perfume" was co-written by Sia, the ultra-talented singer who has found success writing Rihanna's "Diamonds" and tunes for Christina Aguilera, Katy Perry and Eminem. Another star, will.i.am, is the executive producer of Spears' eighth album. Are they purposely giving her C- and D-level material?

While "Britney Jean" has its upbeat moments, the album is one of Spears' slowest. The album follows in the robotic fashion of 2011's "Femme Fatale," though that set had more flavor and standout tracks. Aside from the sexually charged, T.I.-assisted "Tik Tik Boom" and the lead single, "Work B---," Spears isn't putting in any real work.



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An analysis of the media in regard to democracy

Editor's note: The essays submitted for this column were written by Pampa High School students enrolled in a dual-credit college course on American Federal Government at Clarendon College. Each week students are assigned a different topic related to American government. The two best essays are then selected, from different students each week, by their professor, Bruno Baltodano. Bailey Wichert is a senior at PHS. Sierra Adams is a junior at PHS.

Pro side
BY SIERRAH ADAMS

Lately people have been talking about the media and if it is really protecting our democracy. The media does this by providing information to the people so they can know what is going on with the government and what they can do to help.

In today's world people use the media to learn about what is happening around them and to see what the government does to solve their problems. This is nothing new. The media has been around for years giving people information about the government and the world so they can use that knowledge to decide what their opinion is.

The reason people should care about this issue is because the media plays an important role in creating consensus. Agenda setting is where the media chooses what political issues people should learn about and

have decisions over. There are a lot of issues out there and so the media sources make decisions which ones are the most important for people to learn about.

Also, the media is a place where political participation informs others about who might be a good political leader or even the good or bad sides of some policies.

The media are protected by the First Amendment in the Bill of Rights, which defines freedom of press. According to "The Role of a Free Media," by John W. Johnson, the media have been fighting against any attempts that try to restrict their right to cover politics and society by arguing that the public has the right to know.

The media is sometimes called the watchdog because they keep an eye on what the government does. This is important for a democracy because the government has to answer to when they do something wrong. According to "Freedom of Speech and Freedom

of the Press" the independent press is sometimes called the fourth branch of the government and can provide people with information and opinions on matters that are important to the public.

I can see were people might think that the media is not protecting democracy. The reason might be the fact the media is biased in its selection of news. Also that they do not always tell the whole story, and, let us not forget, there is also propaganda.

But, the media protects our democracy in their own way by being our watchdog, by looking for what the government is truly doing and showing us what is going on in the world.

We need to start really looking into what is going on with the government, because even though the media does give us the information they cannot always put all of it. It is up to us to find everything about the topic if we truly want to know about it.

Con side
BY BAILEY WICHERT

Is American democracy damaged by a media that is beholden to corporate interests or is our democracy protected by a free press? According to a book by Theodore Lowi, Americans obtain their news from three main sources: broadcast media (radio, television), print media (newspapers and magazines) and, increasingly, the Internet.

Each part of the media has its own target audience and ways to approach these audiences. And, as a consequence, each represents a different type of opportunity in formulating policy to protect our democracy.

Keep in mind, freedom of speech and press by the First Amendment just makes it harder for the government to censor what is being said on behalf of those that pay for advertisements. Educating the citizens of America by advertise-

ment could be considered a good thing in terms of voting behavior, but the more the people are educated about issues, the less free-reign control the government has over the people.

When talking about media and corporate interests in the same sentence, the concept "elite theory" comes to mind. This theory argues that, where few groups (mostly wealthy) have the most power, it is their interests that are protected.

This "power elite" can effectively dictate the agenda (if not always the practical means and details) for all the important government policy making (as well as dominate the activities of the major mass media and educational/cultural organizations in society) by virtue of their control over the economic resources of the major business and financial organizations in the country.

Media can only exist through advertisement. If the media does not do exactly what the wealthy,

advertisement-paying elitists want, they simply won't advertise their stuff on that media, therefore cutting off their funds.

Everyone in America uses mass media in some way or another. Corporations in mass media are influential to not only to the media they chose to advertise/fund, but also the people who watch, listen, read, etc.

In essence, the media becomes biased toward what the elitists want. This is an example of a plutocracy (government by the rich for the rich).

Is our media all elite media? The elite media is a term used to describe newspapers, radio stations, television channels and other media that influence the political agenda of other mass media. According to Noam Chomsky, "The elite media set a framework within which others operate."

So, is American democracy damaged by a media that is beholden to corporate interests?...Duh.

Dead

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the second-half of the season, what happened to the baby?

On my Facebook page there were numerous opinions. A friend and I believe the kids picked her up after saving Tyreese. They did, after all, force him to take a detour while escaping the prison. Maggie and Beth, who weren't on the bus, took off. Daryl takes off on

his own, Rick and Carl are on their own. So where is everyone going to meet up, if they meet up?!

Between the Red Wedding in Game of Thrones, which I knew was going to happen, and the mid-season finale of "The Walking Dead," I know I missed a lot of shows finales that have cult followings.

Aside from the "Breaking Bad" die-hards, I don't know if anyone can match the shock "The Walking Dead" faithful are feeling this week. Watchers, as I

am trying to start as a new nickname for "The Walking Dead" fans, have to wait until February to find out new results.

Overall, it was a very fulfilling episode. Lots of action, the right amount of drama and a cliff-hanger that puts many cliff-hangers to shame. Share with me your thoughts on this wild mid-season finish.

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Detroit bankruptcy decision puts pensions at risk

DETROIT (AP) — A judge has given Detroit the green light to cut pensions as a way out of the largest municipal bankruptcy in U.S. history, a decision that puts the case in the laps of thousands of retirees who had hoped that the Michigan Constitution would protect them from getting smaller checks in their golden years.

Judge Steven Rhodes said the city is eligible to stay in bankruptcy court and scrub \$18 billion in debt, with about half of that amount linked to underfunded pensions and health care obligations.

But he also warned officials that they'll need to justify any deep reductions.

The case now turns to crunching numbers and trying to strike deals, although unions are pursuing an appeal.

Some retirees said they felt socked by the outcome Tuesday.

"We'll be thrown out of our homes and starving if they seriously slash our pensions. Then they'll tell us to go to the soup lines," said David Sole, 65, who retired from the public works department in January after 22 years and whose wife also is a city retiree.

"We don't know what they are going to take," Sole said. "The judge said he would not tolerate steep cuts. What's steep?"

The judge, who wondered aloud why the bankruptcy had not happened years ago, said pensions can be altered just like any contract because the state constitution does not offer bulletproof protection for public employee benefits.

But he signaled a desire for a measured approach and warned city officials that he would not "lightly or casually" sign off on just any cuts.

"This once proud and prosperous city can't pay its debts. It's insolvent," Rhodes said in formally granting Detroit the largest public bankruptcy in U.S. history. "At the same time, it also has an opportunity for a fresh start."

The ruling came more than four months after Detroit filed for Chapter 9 protection.

Rhodes agreed with unions and pension funds that the city's emergency manager, Kevyn Orr, had not negotiated in good faith in the weeks ahead

of the July filing, a key condition under federal law. But he said the number of creditors — more than 100,000 — and a wide array of competing interests probably made that "impossible."

Detroit "could have and should have filed for bankruptcy long before it did. Perhaps years," the judge said.

The decision set the stage for officials to confront debt with a plan that might pay creditors just pennies on the dollar and is sure to include touchy negotiations over the pensions of about 23,000 retirees and 9,000 workers.

Orr says pension funds are short by \$3.5 billion; most who collect get less than \$20,000 a year.

"We're trying to be very thoughtful, measured and humane," Orr told reporters. "The reality is there is not enough money to address the situation no matter what we do."

The city has argued that bankruptcy protection will allow it to help beleaguered residents who for years have tolerated slow police responses, darkened streetlights and erratic garbage pickup — a concern mentioned by the judge during a nine-day trial that ended Nov. 8.

Before the July filing, nearly 40 cents of every dollar collected by Detroit was used to pay debt, a figure that could rise to 65 cents without relief through bankruptcy, according to the city.

City truck mechanic Mark Clark, 53, said he may look for another job after absorbing pay cuts and higher health care costs. Now a smaller pension looms.

"Most of us didn't have too much faith in the court. ... The working class is becoming the have-nots," Clark said outside the courthouse. "I'm broke up and beat up. I'm going to pray a whole lot."

Marcia Ingram, a retired clerical worker, said she may need to find work but added: "How many folks are going to hire a 60-year-old woman?"

The judge spoke for more than an hour in a packed courtroom, reciting Detroit's proud history as the diverse, hard-working Motor City devoted to auto manufacturing.

But he then tallied a list of warts: double-digit unemployment, catastrophic

debt deals, thousands of vacant homes and wave after wave of population loss.

Behind closed doors, mediators have been meeting with Orr's team and creditors for weeks to explore possible settlements. The judge has told the city to come up with a plan by March 1 to exit bankruptcy.

Orr has said he would like to have one ready weeks earlier.

The city is so desperate for money that it may consider peddling masterpieces from the Detroit Institute of Arts and selling a water department that serves much of southeastern Michigan.

In a report Wednesday, New York auction house Christie's pegged the value of city-purchased art at \$452 million to \$866 million.

It's just a fraction of what the museum holds.

The American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, which represents half of city workers, vowed to appeal Rhodes' decision.

Orr's team got "absolutely everything," attorney Sharon Levine told reporters, adding: "It's a huge loss for the city of Detroit."

Orr, a bankruptcy expert, was appointed in March under a Michigan law that allows a governor to send a manager to distressed cities, townships or school districts.

A manager has extraordinary powers to reshape local finances without interference from elected officials. By July, Orr and Gov. Rick Snyder decided bankruptcy was Detroit's best option.

Detroit, a manufacturing hub that offered well-paying, blue-collar jobs, peaked at 1.8 million residents in 1950 but has lost more than a million people since then.

Former hospital executive Mike Duggan takes over as mayor in January, the third mayor since Kwame Kilpatrick quit in a scandal in 2008 and the first white mayor in largely black Detroit since the 1970s.

Orr is in charge at least through next fall, although he's expected to give Duggan more of a role at City Hall than the current mayor, Dave Bing, who has little influence in daily operations.

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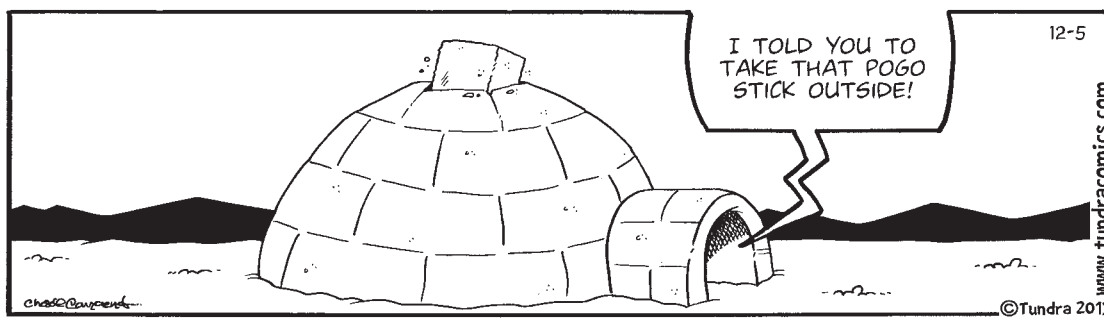


daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, Dec. 6, 2013:
 This year communication flourishes. You will enjoy someone who has a bohemian way of expressing him- or herself. The unexpected occurs when you least expect it. A child or loved one could be spontaneous and full of fun in the next few months. If you are single, dating will be strange. A relationship will be dependent on its ability to provide excitement. If you are attached, you will witness your relationship being revitalized. You seem to enjoy your sweetie more and more. **AQUARIUS** is a loyal friend.
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)
 ★★★★★ Focus on friendship, even with a person you work with or maintain distance from. That positive emphasis will make all the difference as to how this person feels and responds to you. Back off from a controlling associate's grab for power. Tonight: Where the gang is.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 ★★★★★ Take charge, and be willing to lead others. News from a distance could be unsettling at first. Avoid a power play at all costs, but note what is being presented. You will see an excellent example of how people absorb certain information. Tonight: Friends follow your lead.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 ★★★★★ No one has to inspire you to reach out for more information. You could be coming up with new ideas, one right after the other. Your perspective continually changes on the matter at hand. Make a point not to act until you feel centered. Tonight: Go where there is great music.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 ★★★★★ Deal with someone's issues directly; otherwise, his or her testiness could emerge at the worst time. Stay centered, and know when enough is enough. Try to make the best of unusual advice you receive from an odd person. Tonight: TGIF!
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
 ★★★★★ Defer to others, and you could get some offbeat information in return. The unexpected might occur when you go to visit someone at a distance. An associate could be difficult and cause a last-minute problem. Bypass a power play. Tonight: Say "yes" to an offer,

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 ★★★★★ You have a lot to do and a lot of ground to cover. The unexpected occurs when dealing with a partner. You have noticed what is happening behind the scenes and/or with this person. Open up to a changing scenario with a loved one. Tonight: Know when to call it a night.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
 ★★★★★ Your imagination adds extra zing to your plans with a friend or loved one. You could have difficulty concentrating on your work and focusing on what is important to get done. The sooner you call it a weekend, the better off you will be. Tonight: Go for it!
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
 ★★★★★ You will want to play it low-key. Actually, try to work from home if you can. You might decide to change your normal pace to one that is more spontaneous. A conversation opens up and allows greater give-and-take. Share more of what you are feeling. Tonight: At home.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
 ★★★★★ Keep a conversation moving in order to get to the bottom of a problem. Someone could come up with an off-the-wall idea that surprises you. Use caution with your finances and also with what a loved one shares. Tonight: Catch up on a friend's news over munchies.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 ★★★★★ Be aware of the cost before you agree to an invitation. You might feel a little out of place asking, but it is important to know. You could feel as if someone is pushing you past a point of no return. Try not to overthink a personal issue; get it out of your mind. Tonight: Your treat.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
 ★★★★★ You need to understand what is happening with a loved one. An unexpected revelation could surprise you and force you to regroup. You are getting glimpses into what others are thinking. Take an unwanted comment and let it go. Tonight: All smiles.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
 ★★★★★ You won't finish everything you want to get done today unless you isolate yourself from others. You might hear news that forces you to rethink your budget. Do not take action until you are sure of the facts. A friend might be misrepresenting a situation. Tonight: Do what you want.

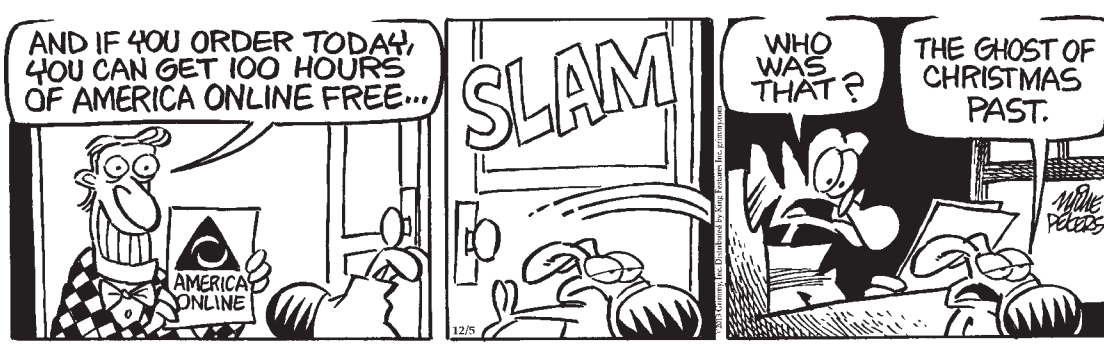
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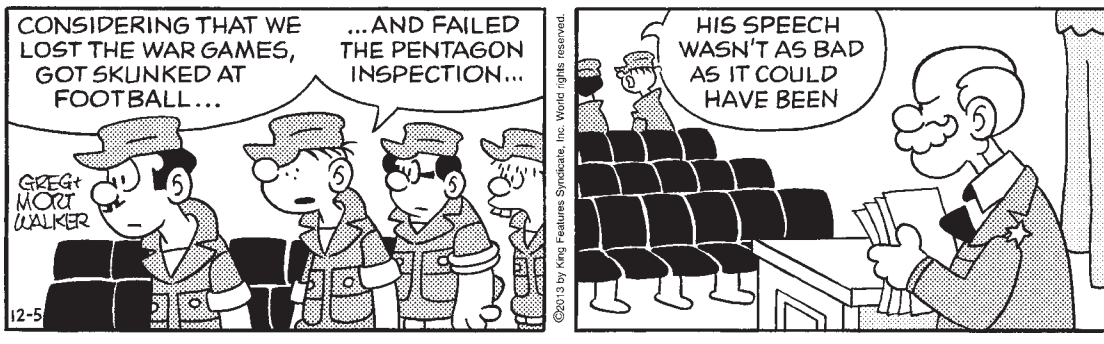
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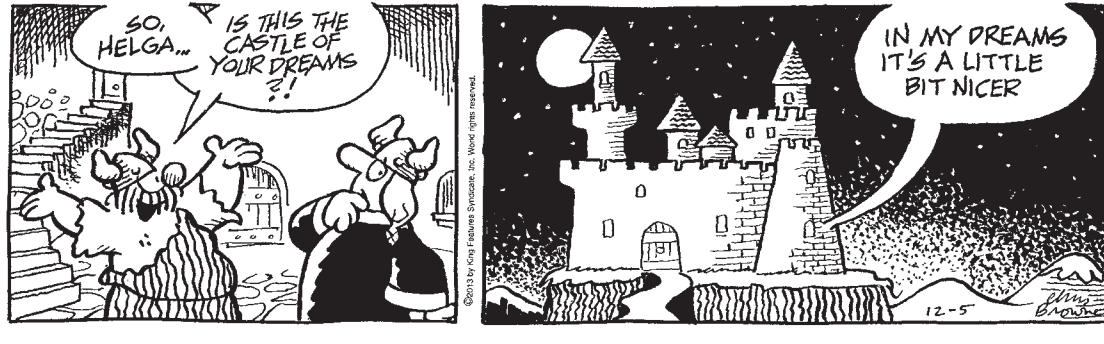
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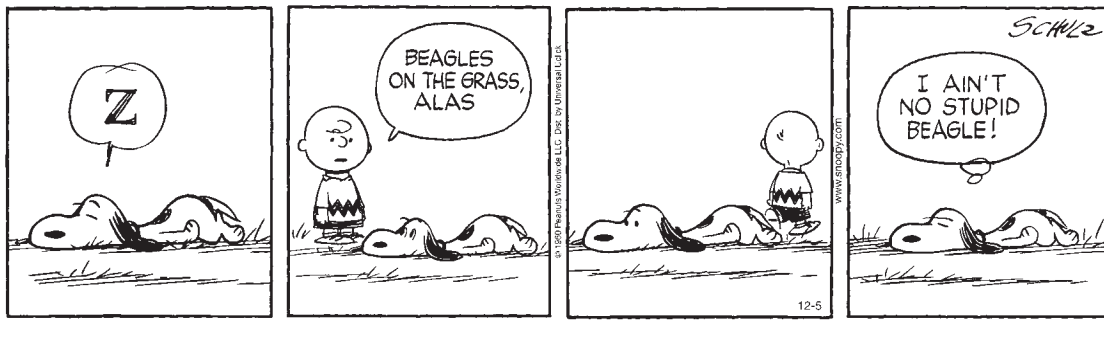
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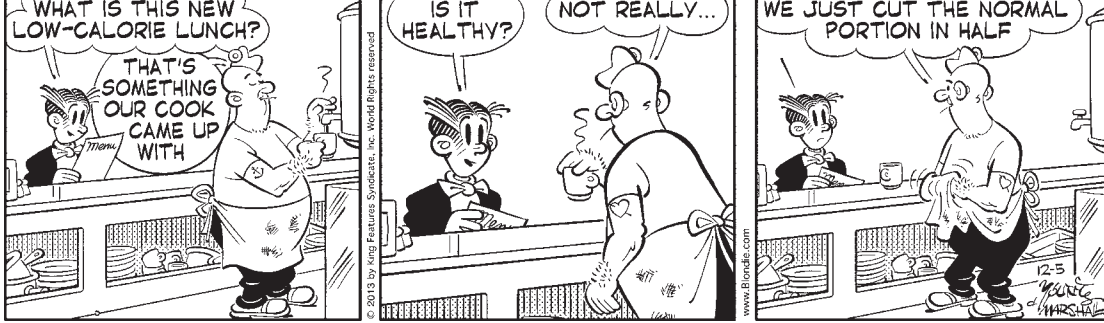
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Newtown 911 dispatcher urged callers to take cover

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — Recordings released Wednesday of 911 calls from the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting show town dispatchers urged panicked callers to take cover, mobilized help and asked about the welfare of the children as the boom of gunfire could be heard at times in the background.

One caller told police in a trembling, breathless voice that a gunman was shooting inside the building.

"I caught a glimpse of somebody. They're running down the hallway. Oh, they're still running and still shooting. Sandy Hook school, please," the woman said.

In the minutes that followed, staff members inside the school pleaded for help as Newtown police juggled the barrage of calls.

The calls were posted on the town's website under a court order after a lengthy effort by The Associated Press to have them released for review.

An unidentified teacher called from a classroom to the left of the front entrance to report what sounded like gunshots in the hall. She said she was in the room with all her students and hadn't yet locked the door.

"Keep everybody calm, keep everybody down, get everybody away from windows, OK," the dispatcher said.

Another woman, who was shot in the foot, reported that she was in a classroom with children and two other adults, but that there was no way to safely lock the door. The dispatcher told her to apply pressure to the wound.

One of the first calls came from a custodian, Rick

Thorne, who said that a window at the front of the school was shattered and that he kept hearing shooting. While on the line with Thorne, the dispatcher told somebody off the call: "Get everyone you can going down there."

Thorne remained on the phone for several minutes. "There's still shooting going on, please!" the custodian pleaded to a Newtown 911 dispatcher as six or seven shots could be heard in the background. "Still, it's still going on!"

The gunman, 20-year-old Adam Lanza, shot his way into the school the morning of Dec. 14 and killed 20 children and six educators with a semi-automatic rifle. He also killed his mother in their Newtown home before driving to the school.

Newtown police officers arrived at the school within four minutes of the first 911 call, but nearly six minutes passed before they entered the building as they sorted out concerns over a possible second shooter, according to a prosecutor's report issued last week.

It's not clear whether the delay made a difference because Lanza killed himself one minute after the first officer arrived on the scene, according to the report.

In one of the recordings released Wednesday, dispatchers were heard making calls to Connecticut state police that apparently rang unanswered. One of the three unanswered calls rang for at least 50 seconds. State police picked up on a fourth call.

But state police had already been dispatched to the school by the time those calls were made, according to a timeline and call log

supplied by Newtown officials.

In all, seven recordings of landline calls from inside the school to Newtown police were posted Wednesday. Calls that were routed to state police are the subject of a separate, pending freedom of information request by the AP.

Prosecutors opposed the tapes' release, arguing among other things that the recordings could cause the victims' families more anguish.

"We all understand why some people have strong feelings about the release of these tapes. This was a horrible crime," said Kathleen Carroll, AP executive editor and senior vice president.

"It's important to remember, though, that 911 tapes, like other police documents, are public records. Reviewing them is a part of normal newsgathering in a responsible news organization."

As the town prepared to release the recordings, the superintendent of Newtown schools, John Reed, advised parents to consider limiting their families' exposure to the media.

On the day of the shooting, the AP requested 911 calls and police reports, as it and other news organizations routinely do in their newsgathering.

Newtown's police department effectively ignored the AP's request for months until the news cooperative appealed to the state's Freedom of Information Commission, which said in September that the recordings should be released.

The prosecutor in charge of the Newtown investigation, State's Attorney

Stephen Sedensky III, had argued that releasing the tapes could cause pain for the victims' families, hurt the investigation, subject witnesses to harassment and violate the rights of survivors who deserve special protection as victims of child abuse.

A state judge dismissed those arguments last week and ordered the tapes be released Wednesday unless the state appealed.

"Release of the audio recordings will also allow the public to consider and weigh what improvements, if any, should be made to law enforcement's re-

sponse to such incidents," Superior Court Judge Eliot Prescott said.

"Delaying the release of the audio recordings, particularly where the legal

justification to keep them confidential is lacking, only serves to fuel speculation about and undermine confidence in our law enforcement officials."

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Pampa football will be in District 4A — Division 1

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With the new UIL realignment, it is already known that Pampa will be making the jump to 4A, as six-man will be added to make 1A, forcing every district to go up a number (1A to 2A, 2A to 3A, etc.). Another new wrinkle added to realignment is the aspect of two divisions.

This is to prevent small schools that made the 4A cutoff from playing larger schools in the 4A range, exactly what they do for UIL playoff tournaments. The 4A cutoff for Division 1 was 686-1,059 enrollment. Division 2 was 465-685. Borger and Pampa were the only schools in their current district to make the Division 1 cutoff with 788 and 961 respectively.

Pampa High School athletic director and head football coach Heath Parker said that while it can be perceived the Harvesters will be on the road more,

travel will probably equal out.

"I think our district opponents in the area will become our non-district opponents," Parker said.

"Travel should equal out (since the Harvesters traveled for their non-district games the last two years)."

This season the travel schedule was fairly light; their longest road game was against Iowa Park at Holliday, Texas, which is about 15 minutes outside of Wichita Falls.

But Parker doesn't want to speculate as to who the Harvesters will be facing this year for district.

"There are 24 teams in our region," Parker said. "It is dangerous to try and guess who you're going to play."

Last season the Harvesters went a disappointing 1-9, but played a tough non-district schedule that included Canadian and Canyon, both of whom went deep into the playoffs.

Cowboys' Hatcher embraces break

IRVING (AP) — Jason Hatcher is happy to have the rest and not worried about accumulating rust.



The Dallas defensive tackle and his teammates were back at work Tuesday — but only for meetings — after having nine of the previous 19 days off thanks to a late bye and their annual mini-bye after Thanksgiving.

The Cowboys get another day away Wednesday and will have been off the field a full week when they return to practice Thursday.

Continuity heading into a Monday night matchup at Chicago? Who cares, says Hatcher. He'll take the couch time.

"You need rest in a stretch like this," said Hatcher, the team's sacks leader with nine. "So to get everybody's body healed up, this is awesome."

That list starts with linebacker Sean Lee, who

could return after missing two games with a strained hamstring from a blowout loss to New Orleans. Lee hurried out of the locker room without talking to reporters Tuesday, but said he was "ready to roll" and expected to practice Thursday.

The Cowboys (7-5) won twice without their defensive leader to keep pace with Philadelphia atop the NFC East with four games remaining, including the season finale when the Eagles visit Dallas.

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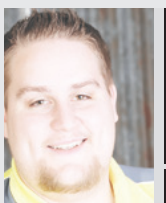
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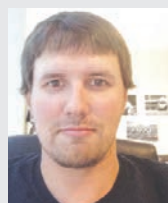
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*Indicates played at Neutral Site

Ernie Sims took most of the snaps at middle linebacker with Lee and his primary replacement, Justin Durant, both missing victories against the New York Giants and Oakland. Kyle Wilber played where Sims and Durant normally would have been.

Wilber was drafted as a pass-rushing linebacker when the Cowboys were

using a three-man front last year. Dallas tried him at defensive end first in the new 4-3 alignment this year, then switched him back to linebacker when the health issues arose. Now there's talk he might be a starter alongside Lee and Bruce Carter.

"To have two new linebackers in there, two of the three positions are

new guys, different guys," coach Jason Garrett said. "And that's a challenge. And a real tribute to those guys, Wilber and Ernie, just kind of learning on the job and learning quickly. You literally could see them getting better within a game, recognizing things better in the second or third quarter than they did in the first quarter."

NFL fines Steelers' coach Mike Tomlin \$100,000

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Steelers coach Mike Tomlin's ill-timed two-step has cost him \$100,000 and could cost his team a pick in next year's draft.



Mike Tomlin \$100,000

Wednesday for interfering with a play against the Baltimore Ravens on Thanksgiving.

The NFL also said it would consider docking Pittsburgh a draft pick "because the conduct affected a play on the field."

Tomlin was not penalized on the play, though the NFL said Tomlin should have been flagged 15 yards for unsportsmanlike conduct for nearly colliding with Baltimore's Jacoby Jones during a kickoff return midway through the third quarter of a 22-20 Ravens victory.

The seventh-year head coach called the play "embarrassing, inexcusable, illegal and a blunder" but stressed it was not intentional.

"I apologize for causing negative attention to the Pittsburgh Steelers organization," Tomlin said in a statement Wednesday. "I accept the penalty that I received. I will no longer address this issue as I am preparing for an important game this Sunday against the Miami Dolphins."

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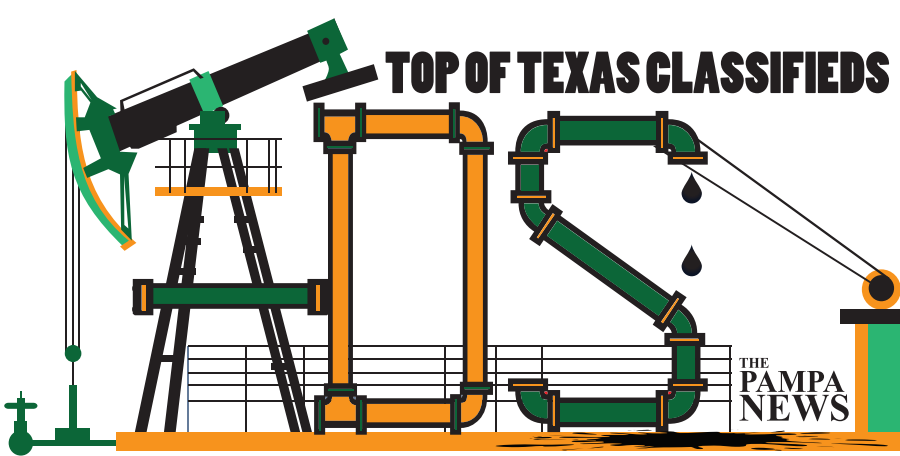
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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I'm the proud mother of four beautiful children — a daughter, a son and 8-year-old twin boys. I am having a hard time getting people to understand that my boys, whom I rarely refer to as "twins," are two SEPARATE people! Every year at Christmas some family members buy gifts for our daughter and our eldest son, and then ONE gift our younger boys are expected to share. Abby, they once received one T-shirt, which was meant for both of them. This also happens on their birthday.

Yes, they share a room and they are twins, but they deserve the same respect as their siblings. We have never dressed them alike. They are individuals who should be treated as such like their sister and brother.

Christmas is around the corner, and I don't know how to tell my family members to please buy gifts for both the boys. I realize we have a large family. I don't expect anyone to go broke. The gift can be a small one. Can you please help me find the right words without sounding greedy? — MOM OF FOUR IN OTTAWA

DEAR MOM: Your relatives don't appear to be particularly sensitive, or they would already realize that children are individuals whether they happen to be wombmates or not. Their "frugality" puts a damper on what are supposed to be happy occasions. It would not be "greedy" to tell them that if they can't afford a gift for each child — regardless of how small it might be — it would cause fewer hurt feelings if they sent one at all for any of your children.

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I am torn about what to do. I don't want her mad at me, but I can't just stand back and let this continue to happen. Heather and I are nine years apart, so I don't really come across as a parental figure. I don't know if I should tell her dad or not. Please help. — DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO

DEAR DON'T KNOW: The girl in question is being raped. The 36-year-old is a predator. What you should do is find out the girl's name and then let her parents know what is going on so they can possibly inform the police. If you can't locate the parents, talk to a counselor at the school, because a counselor is ethically and legally required to report a crime like this.

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16 React to a punch

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20 Cider girl of song

21 French affirmatives

23 Winter air quality

24 Comic's stock

26 Prayer ender

28 Photographer Goldin

29 Ump's call

31 Bruins legend

32 Supermarket worker

36 Cockiness

39 "Norma —"

40 Vietnam city

41 Seething

43 Heart, for one

44 Flower part

45 Garden pests

1 Did in

2 Sasha's

3 Sur-rounded by

4 Old auto

5 Former home of the Mets

6 Sus-pended

7 John Lennon song

8 Arrived quickly

9 Catch to hit

11 Creator of the Grinch

17 Numerical prefix

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Yesterday's answer

22 Game outings
24 Shakers, tumblers, and the like
25 Close enough to hit
27 Sister of Jo, Amy, and Beth
28 Non-attendee
30 Playwright Burrows
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Kind of Animal: (2) Ponies
Breed: Shetland
Color: (1) Sorrel (female), (1) Black (male)
Sex: (1) Male, (1) Female
Age: Unknown
Brands, Marks, Identifying Characteristics: Sorrel female has a "snip" Black male has 2 hind cornets
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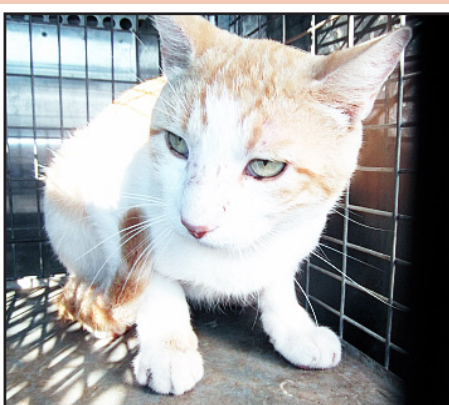
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