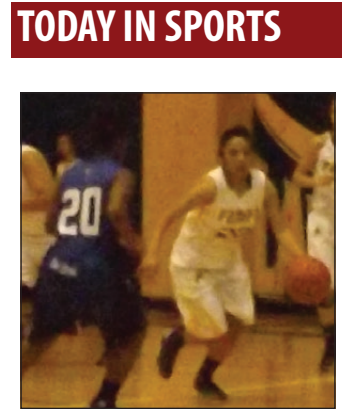


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## County considers wind energy's future



File photo  
 A wind energy farm in Carson County near White Deer.

■ Commissioners on Monday had lengthy discussion, executive session over tax abatement request for Cielo wind energy project.

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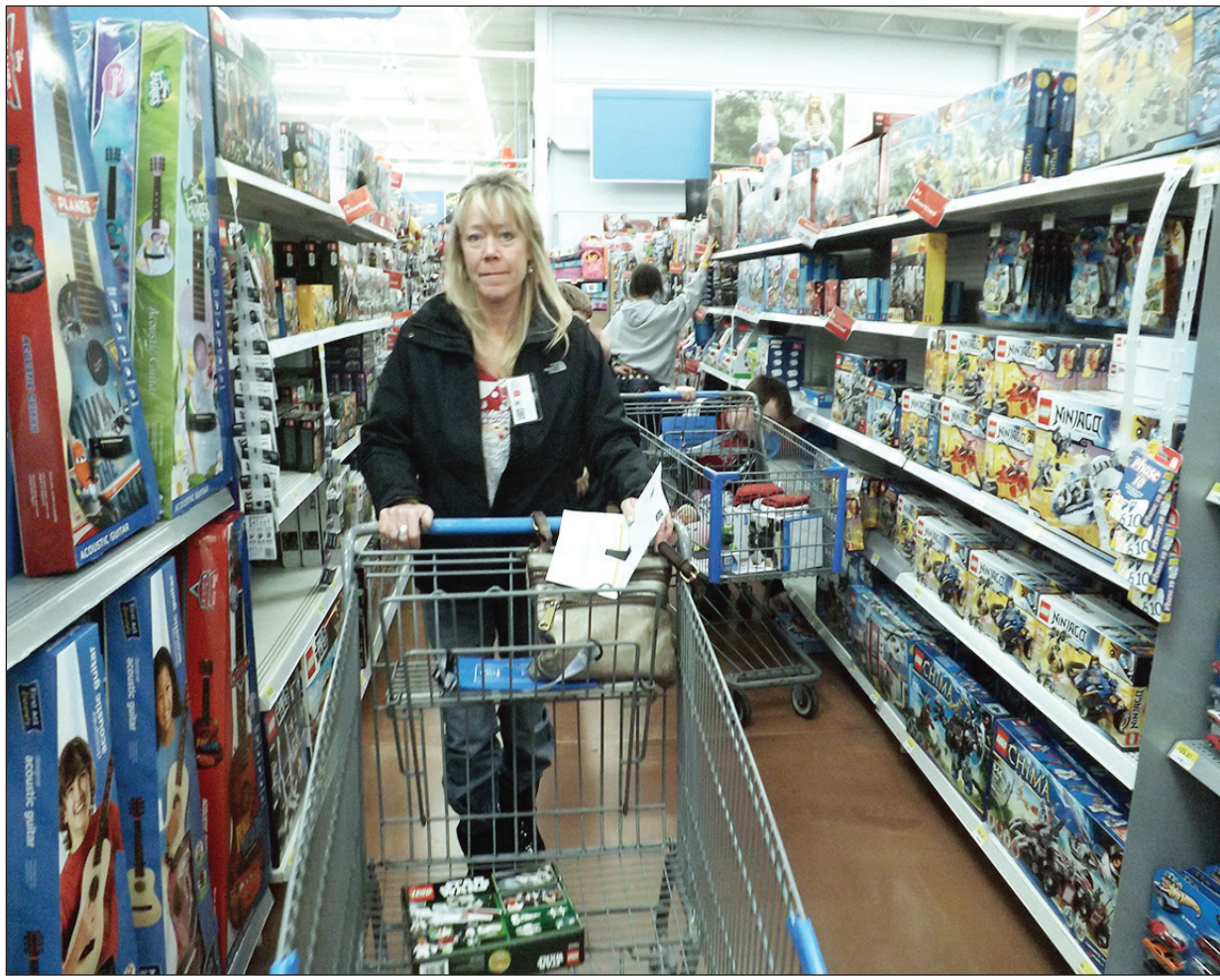
At the Gray County Commissioners meeting Monday morning new Clarendon College President Dr. Robert K. Riza was introduced at the start of the meeting. Then the Commissioners got down to their agenda with Commissioner Joe Wheeley absent. After approving the Treasurer's and County Clerk's reports, the contract with political parties to conduct primary elections was considered. Contact had not yet been made with the Democratic chair at

the time of the vote. The wage for poll workers was also negotiated and approved. Sheriff Don Copeland told the court that the Livescan computer system currently used to scan fingerprints for bookings will be incompatible with FBI software in April 2014. The sheriff requested the necessary update, which will cost around \$6,000. The sheriff's office has been using the current Livescan system since 2006, which is a long lifespan for a computer system, Copeland said. The Commissioners approved this request.

Next, representatives from Synetra came to discuss the audit they performed. The Commissioners listened as Synetra's Paul Ramirez gave some suggestions of updates and backup system options, as well as the possibility of blocking out certain websites to make the work day more productive. The Commissioners took in the suggestions, but Judge Richard Peet said the Commissioners were hesitant when it came to making an immediate decision on such upgrades due to cost concerns.

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## SHOP 'TIL YOU DROP — THEN COOKIES AND PUNCH



Above, Sandy Carr from Miami was one of the volunteers who was assigned a child shopper. For several years she has volunteered through a group at Miami High School. "It's as much fun for us as it is for the kids," she said. Below, Lynn Berry, an assistant manager at Walmart, serves punch and cookies to the children after they went through the checkout line.

**STAFF REPORT**  
 The Children's Shopping Tour on Saturday had one of the best turnouts ever with 69 children, 248 family members and 175 volunteers. "We had more adults than children," said John Warner, one of the organizers. He added that for the first time a few kids from Wheeler participated in the event. Children from needy families are selected to buy Christmas presents at Walmart, but not for themselves. The children spend up to \$50 for gifts for each of their family members so that they can learn the importance of giving to others. After shopping at Walmart, they return to the Pampa Optimistic Club, which serves as the home base, to wrap the presents, have lunch, listen to live music and visit with Santa. In the 51st year, the Children's Shopping Tour is one of the most successful philanthropic projects of its kind in the nation.



Photos by Timothy P. Howsare

## Car dealership offering reward for arrest of window shooters

**STAFF REPORT**

Over the last few weeks, a person or multiple persons have been shooting out windows at Culberson-Stowers General Motors car dealership on North Hobart Street. The showroom window has been shot out and windshields on several cars have been shot out. The cost of replacing a windshield on a car varies from model to model, but the average is around \$400, an employee told The Pampa News. The cost of replacing the showroom window is expected to exceed \$1,000, the business reported. These crimes have been reported to the Pampa Police Department, who are investigating the case. PPD said on Monday that several cars parked along the street had chips in the windows that appeared to be made by a low-powered BB gun. To help authorities locate and arrest the culprits, the business is offering a \$500 reward to anyone with information that leads to the arrest of the person or persons perpetrating the damage. Anyone with information should call 806-665-1665.



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## Wind

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Commissioner Gary Wiloughby acknowledged the fact that such suggestions were not in the report and pointed out that he would want to see some of the specifics, such as the number of new computers needed and the specific upgrades and replacements proposed, to get a better idea of the cost.

The item on the agenda was just to consider the report from Synetra, and the Commissioners approved that, stating that while they were interested in the essential updates and replacements for the time being, they would consider additional updates at a later date.

Another more time-consuming item on the agenda ended up leading the Commissioners into an executive session. Representative Robert Peña from Cielo Land and Cattle, LP and Project Manager John Robertson approached the Commissioners about a possible tax abatement agreement for their current wind energy project. Peña came to a previous meeting and spoke about the transmission lines that are set to run from the wind turbines in Donley County to a substation in Gray County. This is not the first time a wind energy company has approached the Gray County Commissioners about this type of a project, but such proposals have never been approved.

It is for this reason that the Commissioners struggled when it came to making a decision. They appeared to be divided in half, as Commissioner Jeff Haley was clearly opposed

to the proposal because he wants the county to remain consistent with its policies. While Commissioner Wiloughby agreed with Haley, he said that wind energy may never come to Gray County if the court keeps denying proposals.

What sets the Cielo proposal apart from others in the past is that this one states that 12-14 wind turbines will also be placed within Gray County, which makes a deal more attractive if the Commissioners would like to see the county have a future with wind energy.

The project proposes that the majority of the project will be in Donley County, where there will be about 60 wind turbines. The Cielo's project manager, Robertson, said that the company has a backup plan in case a deal with Gray County does not happen in which they will go an extra five miles with the lines and put the wind turbines in Carson County just west of Groom.

Carson County already has some turbines, but Robertson said it would be ideal for the project to work out in Gray County. At this point in the meeting, Haley proposed that the Commissioners enter into an executive session to discuss the specifics of a possible deal.

Other items on the agenda included considering a Statement of Financial Position and fourth quarter report for fiscal 2013 for Gray County CSCD and a request from the County Attorney to replace an employee.

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# Obituaries

## Greg Greenhouse

Greg Greenhouse, 50, died Dec. 15, 2013 in Roberts County.



**Greg Greenhouse**

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 18, 2013 at Mary Ellen & Harvester Church of Christ, with Shawn Davis and Ed Hedgecoke, officiating. Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Mr. Greenhouse was born May 5, 1963 in Pampa where he had been a lifelong resident. He married Gina Pitman on July 13, 1983 in Clarendon. Greg worked for Celanese for 22 years. He was very passionate about his family and friends, and was always willing to help any of his friends. He was a volunteer firefighter with the Hoover Volunteer Fire Department, a board member of the Top O' Texas Rodeo Association, and a member of Mary Ellen & Harvester Church of Christ. He was a passionate cowboy and was an avid team roper. Greg was loved and admired by all who knew him. He was a loving father, husband, brother-in-law and uncle. He was preceded in death by his mother, Olivia Greenhouse.

Survivors include his wife, Gina Greenhouse of the home; his son, Gage Greenhouse of the home; his father, Dale Greenhouse and wife Becky of Pampa, her daughter, Katie Cook Greenhouse, of Amarillo; and his brother, Dane Greenhouse and wife Leisa of Amarillo.

Memorials may be made to the Harrington Cancer Foundation, 1600 Wallace Blvd., Amarillo, Texas

79106, or Interim Hospice, 2217 Perryton Parkway, Pampa, Texas 79065.

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

## James W. Hart

James W. Hart, 87, of Tulsa, Oklahoma died Friday, Dec. 13, 2013.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 17, at St. John's Episcopal Church in Tulsa with the Rev. Irving Cutter, rector, officiating. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 19, 2013 at Fairview Cemetery in Pampa, with the Rev. Linda Kelly, rector of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church of Pampa, officiating.

Military honors will be accorded by the U. S. Army, Fort Hood, Texas. Arrangements are by Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

James was born to E.C. and Thelma Dennis Hart in Olney, Texas on July 27, 1926. His family moved to Pampa, Texas when he was a child where James lived until he was 40 years old. A 1944 graduate of Pampa High School, some of his fondest memories were of playing football with the Pampa Harvesters.

Upon graduation, James enlisted in the Army and served in the Philippines during World War II from 1944 to 1946. In Jan. 1950 he was recalled to active duty and in December became a member of the last group of reserves deployed to Korea.

In January 1951, James joined the 5th RCT, an infantry team that traces its history to the Revolutionary War. He was captured in April 1951 and was a Korean prisoner-of-war until September 1953.

Following release from prison camp and an honorable discharge as Master Sergeant, James was awarded the Silver Star for his gallantry in action during the battle preceding his capture.

He returned to Pampa and married the love of his life, Patsy Ruth Miller Kersey. James and Pat moved their family to Stillwater, Okla. in 1967. In 1991, they retired and relocated to Tulsa, Okla. to be closer to their children and grandchildren. Pat preceded him in death on April 18, 2011.

A long-time Episcopalian, James was an active member of St. Matthew's in Pampa, St. Andrew's in Stillwater and St. John's in Tulsa. He served on the Vestry in the Pampa and Stillwater churches.

Throughout his life he demonstrated a deep faith in God he shared with family and friends.

He worked in the insurance industry much of his

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**Wednesday:** Partly cloudy with a high of 68 degrees. Winds south-southwest at 18 mph.

**Wednesday night:** Cloudy with a low of 47 degrees. Winds south-southwest at 14 mph.

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# Prairie Plains Perspective

## Al Gore, UN got some 'splainin' to do

Crikey! According to a weather computer, another Arctic blast, or what we here in the Texas Panhandle call a blue norther, will occur right before Christmas, on or around Dec. 21. What is most alarming about this particular computer weather model is it shows temps for that future time frame will be 30 to 40 degrees below normal. Ouch! If such temps are to be the case, Santa had better be watchful of this reindeer. Animal care advocates might chastise him a tad over exposing Rudolph and the herd to sub freezing temps.

The meteorologist author of the article went on to add that his prediction per the computer was not a forecast, but in the same breath said it will definitely get much colder again, so plan accordingly. Sounds

like a forecast to me. Meteorologists, gotta love 'em, one of two professions where one gets away with lying. Huh? The other profession you ask? That of a politician.

And where have meteorologists and politicians of late been in cahoots and per yours truly, lying to us of the proletariat? Why, the continuing bilge emanating from their pie holes about global warming.

Oh wait, that didn't get them anywhere, they're now onto and using climate change. Ever since this past September, climate change advocates have been scurrying around trying to protect their backsides, and funding, due to the polar ice shelf. Of all things most inconsiderate to their theory, it has grown 60 percent versus that of 2012, or almost one million square miles of new ice.

The United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change has suddenly found themselves with some 'splainin' to

do, particularly to world governments that have poured billions of dollars into the UNIPCC for climate-change prevention. As usual with the UN, the U.S. is an enabler, having given some \$13 million this year alone. Many countries and their governments, the Obama Administration not presently on the bandwagon, are now asking for some accountability. Were Obama to be of an inquiring mind over this loss of taxpayers monies, our president would be bucking his tree-hugging constituents, and that is clearly not on his agenda.

What I find most amusing is the fact these climate change Chicken Littles cannot provide such accountability. All they have come up with is calling this present cool down a pause in global warming. Remember, it was these scientists, politicians (Al Gore), and UNIPCC back in the 1990s who said there would be an ice-free Arctic by 2013. Per a University of Wisconsin climatolo-

gist, "There is no doubt the warming of the 1980s and 1990s has stopped." When I read this professor's statement, I recall what could have been had the U.S. signed the Kyoto Protocol of 1997, namely an economic catastrophe due to binding obligations, restrictions, and fines placed on our industry.

According to scientific data, there has been no global warming for 15 years. What's up with that UNIPCC?

How about returning our tax dollars? What's up with that, Al Gore? A pause in global warming you say? While you're in that pause of denial Al, you fraud and hustler, why don't you return that Nobel Prize?

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## Beyonce sells 617K albums in 3 days on iTunes

NEW YORK (AP) — Beyonce's surprise album has sold surprisingly well: Her fifth solo effort sold more than 600,000 units in its first three days, setting a record for first-week domestic digital sales.

Beyonce's self-titled album was released early Friday morning exclusively on iTunes unbe-

knownst to the public. Apple said Monday that the album sold 617,213 in its U.S. iTunes Store. It sold 828,773 internationally.

"You have to be innovative. The Internet has changed the game. You've got to look at how to address the fact that most artists' albums leak before their release plans," said Lee Ann Callahan-Longo, the general manager of Beyonce's production company Parkwood Entertainment, who released the album alongside Columbia Records.

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**Obituaries**

career and owned and managed Dunhill Personnel Agency in Stillwater.

**Mark Ridge Russell, Jr.**

Mark Ridge Russell, Jr., 69, died Friday, Dec. 13, 2013 in Lubbock.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 18, 2013 at the Miami Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Russell was born Aug. 11, 1944 in Southwest City, Mo. As a young boy he moved to Pampa, attending schools and graduating from Pampa High School.

He married Laqueta Dunn in Pampa. Mark was a cowboy his entire life. As a young man, he participated in the amateur rodeo circuit. Later, he worked as a ranch hand for Jim Campbell for 15 years. He then worked at various ranches, including the 6666 Ranch for over 20 years, retiring in 1998. Mark also participated in 4H where he taught horsemanship. He will be remembered as a loving husband, father and grandfather. He was preceded in death by his parents, Betsy and Mark Russell, Sr.; a brother, Bill Russell; and a grandson, Ridge Russell.

Survivors include his wife, Laqueta Russell of the home; two sons, Matt Russell and wife Thelma of Stinnett and Darin Russell of Fritch; a daughter, Jo Lynne Slaton of Houston; three sisters, Linda Smith of Arizona, Mary Bartee and husband Jim of Abilene, and Carolyn Allison and husband Marvin of Pampa; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to a favorite charity. Sign the on-line guest register at [www.carmichael-whatley.com](http://www.carmichael-whatley.com).

The family thanks Pam Campbell Jezowski and Theresa Grintals for their exceptional skills as caregivers, and the aides, nurses, staff and administrators at the Tulsa Jewish Retirement and Healthcare Center. Gratitude is also extended to the staff of Miller Hospice who cared for him during his final days.

The family will receive friends from 5:30-7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 18, 2013, at Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Home in Pampa.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to: Cal Farley's Boys Ranch, P.O. Box 1890, Amarillo, TX, or [www.calfarley.org](http://www.calfarley.org). Sign the online register book at [www.carmichael-whatley.com](http://www.carmichael-whatley.com).



**Mark Russell**

All who knew him witnessed his strength of spirit and engaging sense of humor. James shared his wit and banter with every family member, friend and stranger.

With a twinkle in his eye you knew he was up to no good. However, he never failed to express his love for his family and friends by telling them how much they were loved.

He is survived by his children, Chris Mathies and husband Les of Bixby, Okla.; Beth Kerley of The Woodlands, Texas; Dan Hart and wife Kim of Tulsa, Okla.; four dear grandchildren, Katie (Kerley) Henson and husband Jimmy; Paige (Kerley) Durant and husband James; Leigh Anne Hart; Lauren Hart; three great-grandchildren: Jack, Tate and Tripp Henson; his sister, Sue Derington of Pampa; sister-in-law Carole (Miller) Herzberg and husband Jerry, of Tulsa, Okla.; brother-in-law Mike Miller and wife Jacquetta of Amarillo, Texas, and numerous nieces and nephews.

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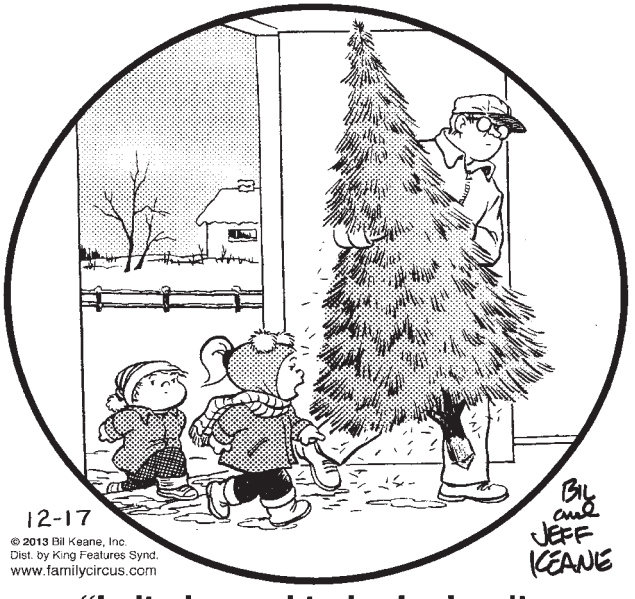
Junior and his wife Courtney Marchman live here in Pampa. Courtney works for Hampton Inn on Hobart Street. He is a proud father of Athena, age 5 and Little Junior, 5 months. When asked why he enjoys this line of work he said, "This is what I know. If you're going to do something, do what you love." Richard Stowers said, "Junior is a hard worker. He will make your car look brand new."

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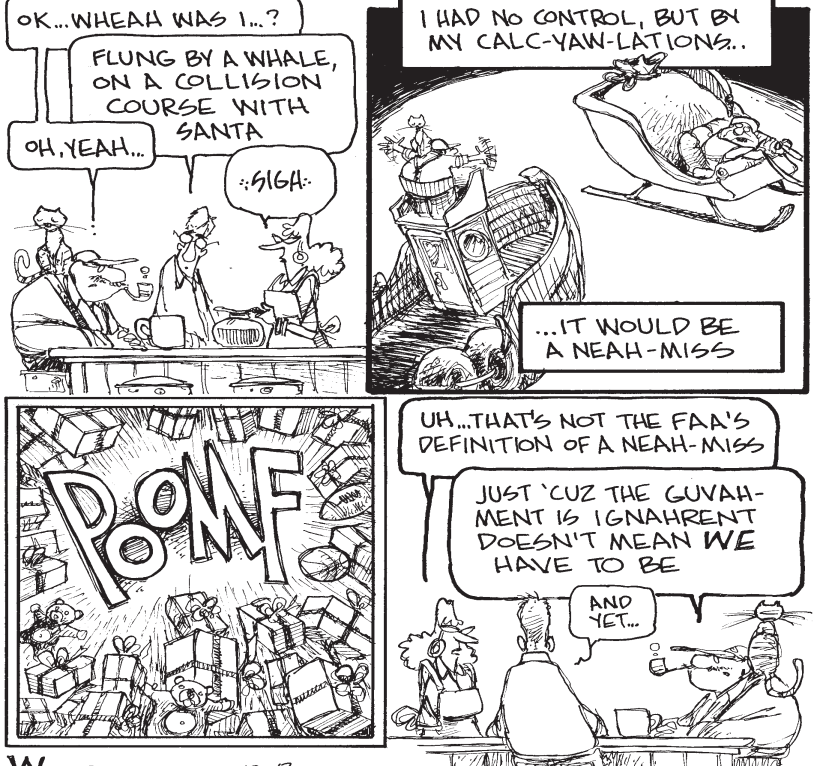
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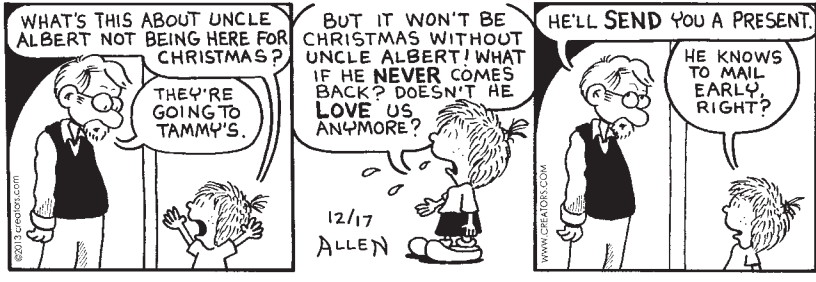
"Is it s'posed to be losing its needles already, Daddy?"

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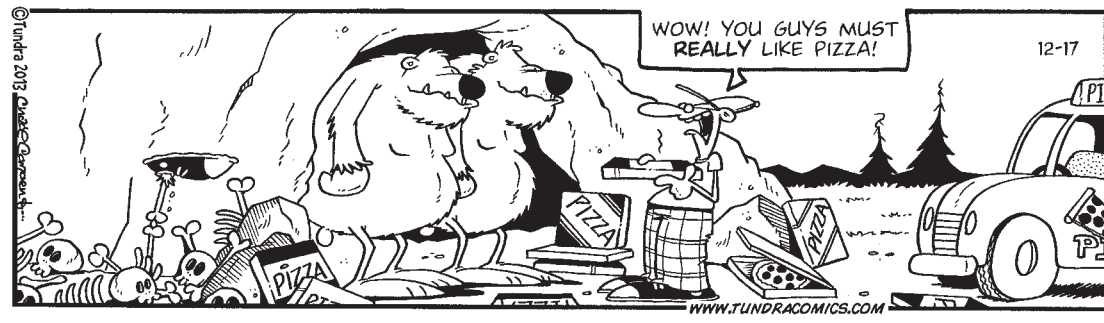


# daily horoscope

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Wednesday, Dec. 18, 2013:  
This year excitement and the unexpected will prevent you from being bored. Your ability to flex will be critical to your success and happiness. Look at the next 12 months as an adventure in your life. If you are single, don't commit until summer, at the earliest, even if you feel you have met your Romeo or Juliet. If you are attached, you will act like newfound lovers. Enjoy every moment! **CANCER** often demonstrates his or her caring for you.  
The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult  
**ARIES** (March 21-April 19)  
★★★ You might need a shake-up to get going. The alternative of a slow, lazy morning also could hold unusual appeal. How you choose to live is your call. Don't get involved in a partner's controlling attitude. Pull back if you see a power play evolving. Tonight: Mosey on home.  
**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)  
★★★★ Your morning provides an insight that energizes communication. You'll want to clear up a problem before you have a collision of wills. How you perceive someone could change as a result. Understand how controlling an individual is. Tonight: Don't cut off communication.  
**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)  
★★★ You might not be aware of all the assets you possess. An unpredictable person could make you feel as if a mini-revolution is about to begin. Try to suppress the drama king or queen within yourself. Your clarity counts. Tonight: Your treat; be careful if shopping.  
**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)  
★★★★ No one can squelch your energy, regardless of how hard others might try. Your flexibility comes from the strength of your feelings and from your ability to process them. A loved one could display a need for more control. Tonight: Count on your lucky rabbit's foot.  
**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)  
★★★ Take your time and consider your options if you witness someone acting unusual. Question how much you are coloring the moment with a bias before taking action. Be willing to adapt your schedule to the moment. Tonight: Listen to your inner voice.  
**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Know that you can't manipulate someone to do what you want. It might look like you will succeed for a short period of time, but just wait for the rebellion that is likely to ensue. You'll want to present a case for following your suggestion. Tonight: Where the crowds are.  
**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)  
★★ Take a stand, and know your limits. Avoid getting into a contest of wills. Let others be and do what they want. Let experience be their teacher. A surprise heads your way. Tonight: Make sure you don't find yourself standing under the mistletoe with someone who is bad news.  
**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)  
★★★★ Forget about having a steady, scheduled day. The unexpected blows its winds in your direction, no matter how hard you try to dodge it. Once you can identify with someone, you will understand his or her actions. Tonight: Someone might think that you are being aloof.  
**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)  
★★★★ Your strength comes from detaching when the unexpected occurs around a loved one. Initiate discussions on an individual level. Someone will radiate once he or she is back on his or her feet. This person can't seem to thank you enough. Tonight: Relax over dinner, then talk.  
**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)  
★★★★ Others continue to run with the ball, which allows you to have more time for last-minute holiday details. You value tradition, so when a new idea or untried recipe comes your way, you might nix it. Newness adds excitement, though. Go for it! Tonight: Go along with a suggestion.  
**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)  
★★★ Recognize that you must deal with the more boring yet important aspects of your life. Temptations will point to fun happenings, but say "no" for now. At the end of the day, you will feel great about what you have done. Tonight: Get some R and R -- you're going to need it.  
**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)  
★★★★ You might wonder why someone always seems to trigger you. Decide to be impervious to this person's actions. Maintain a sense of humor. This person simply expresses a mischievous quality every so often. Tonight: Find the mistletoe, then find the apple of your eye.

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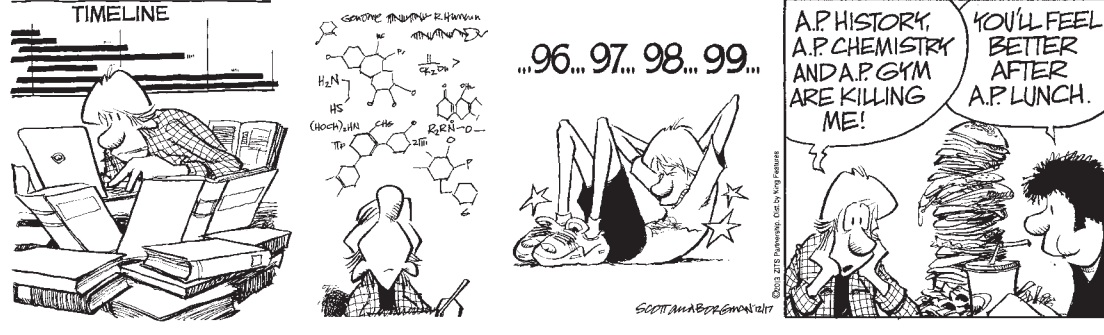
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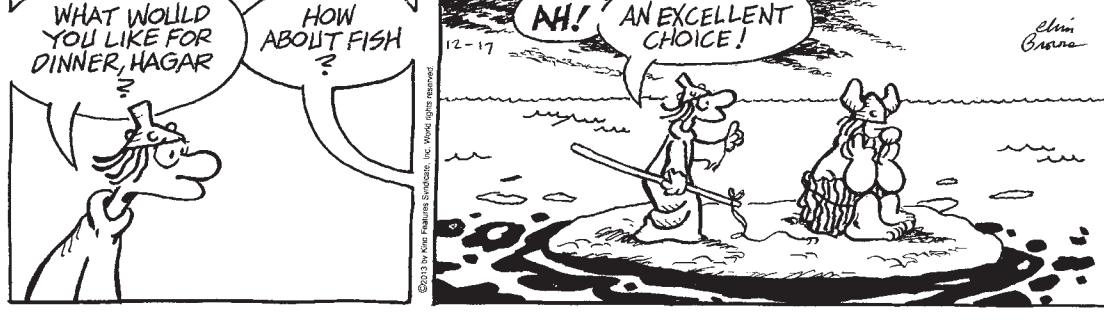
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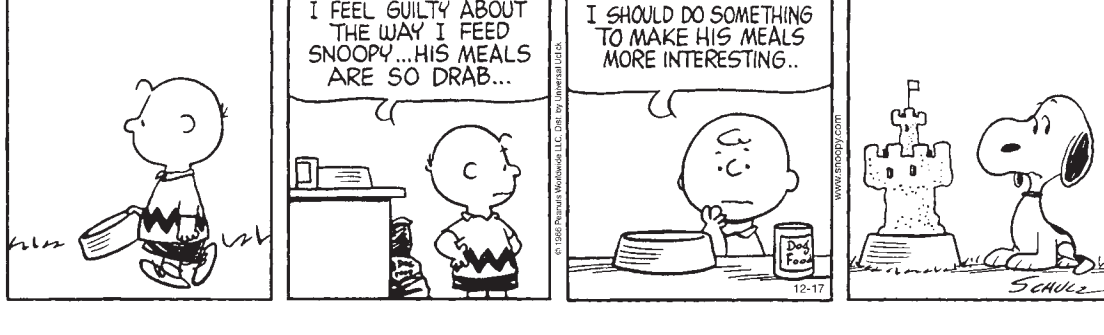
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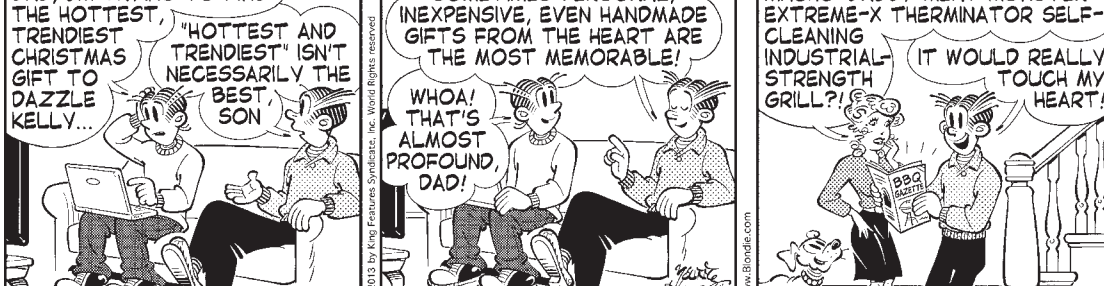
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# Pampa Fire Department call log — Dec. 9-16

The Pampa Fire Department responded to these calls for the following dates. One unit with three personnel responded to each call, unless otherwise indicated.

**Dec. 9**  
 • At 5:05 p.m., to a structure fire in the 300 block of South Starkweather. Four units and nine personnel.

**Dec 10**  
 • At 8:24 a.m., one unit and four personnel to a medical assist in the 1000 block of Twiford.

• At 11:52 a.m., three units and six personnel to a vehicle accident in the 11000 block of County Road E.

• At 1:09 p.m., to a medical assist in the 1600 block of Zimmers.

• At 1:33 p.m., to a false

alarm in the 800 block of West 25th. Two units and six personnel.

• At 9:54 p.m., to a lift assist in the 2000 block of Mary Ellen.

**Dec. 11**  
 • At 6:44 a.m., one unit and four personnel to a medical assist in the 1500 block of West Kentucky.

• At 11:31 a.m., to a distress call in the 900 block of South Finley.

• At 3:33 p.m., to a medical assist in the 1900 block of Banks.

• At 6:12 p.m., to a medical assist in the 500 block of Montague. One unit and four personnel.

• At 7:28 p.m., to a medical assist in the 600 block of Bradley. One unit and four personnel.

• At 11:28 p.m., to a

medical assist in the 100 block of West Albert. One unit and four personnel.

**Dec. 12**  
 • At 3:45 a.m., to a medical assist in the 1400 block of East Francis. One unit and four personnel.

• At 1:07 p.m., to a medical assist in the 700 block of Dean. One unit and four personnel.

• At 4:11 p.m., to a medical call in the 1000 block of South Dwight. One unit and four personnel.

• At 5:11 p.m., to a medical call in the 200 block of North Russell. One unit and four personnel.

• At 5:14 p.m., to a medical alarm in the 300 block of North Faulkner.

• At 9:35 p.m., to a medical call in the 700 block of Mora. Two units and seven

personnel.

**Dec. 13**  
 • At 7:12 a.m., to a medical call in the 500 block of North Frost.

• At 9:34 a.m., to a medical call in the 300 block of Anne.

• At 10:52 a.m., to a smoke scare in the 500 block of Naida. Three units and seven personnel.

• At 2:10 p.m., to a medical call in the 1000 block of Twiford.

• At 5:21 p.m., to a lift assist in the 2500 block of Perrytown Parkway. Two units and three personnel.

• At 10:18 p.m., to a motor vehicle accident in the 1300 block of Coffee. One unit and three personnel.

One patient transported to hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

**Dec. 14**

• At 10:23 a.m., to a fire alarm in the 1200 block of North Hobart. Two units and seven personnel.

• At 1:12 p.m., to a medical call in the 2200 block of Mary Ellen. One unit and three personnel.

• At 1:40 p.m., to a fire alarm in the 100 block of South Russell. Two units and seven personnel.

• At 2:12 p.m., to a fire alarm in the 1500 block of West Kentucky. Two units and seven personnel.

• At 8:34 p.m., to a carbon monoxide check in the 2600 block of Navajo.

• At 8:40 p.m., to an odor investigation in the 1300 block of North Banks.

• At 9:31 p.m., to a lift assist in the 1400 block of West Somerville.

**Dec. 15**

• At 5:54 a.m., to a medical assist in the 1500 block of North Nelson.

• At 6:13 p.m., to a good intent call at intersection of Davis and Montague. Two units and seven personnel.

**Dec. 16**  
 • At 6:25 a.m., to a fire alarm in the 2100 block of Coffee. Two units and seven personnel.

• At 7:55 a.m., to a lift assist in the 1000 block of Twiford. One unit and five personnel.

• At 8:58 a.m., to a medical call in the 1400 block of West Somerville. One unit and five personnel.

• At 10:55 a.m., to a medical call in the 1000 of Reid. One unit and five personnel.

## For the record

# Pampa man arrested for 3rd or more DWI

### STAFF REPORT

• Jose Luis Crispin Jr., 26, Pampa, was arrested Sunday by the Department of Public Safety for DWI, third or more; driving while license invalid; no proof of insurance.

• Michael Heuer, 18, Pampa, was arrested by the Pampa Police Department for nonpayment — possession of drug paraphernalia.

• James Middleton, 37, White Deer, was arrested by the Gray County Sheriff's Office for theft of property greater than \$500

and less than \$1,500 and theft of property greater than \$50 and less than \$500.

• Rudy Diaz Martinez, 43, Amarillo, was arrested Sunday by DPS for larceny — Castro County.

• Clarence Ray McIntyre, 24, Pampa, DWI second offense.

• Zachary Jones, 22, Pampa, was arrested Saturday by PPD for tampering with and fabricating physical evidence.

• Sue Kimberlee Smith, 51, Pampa, was arrested Friday by GCSO for bond surrender — burglary of a

habitation, and bond surrender — theft of property greater than \$50 and less than \$500.

• Gary Wayne Jernigan, 46 Pampa, was arrested Friday by PPD for assault to cause bodily harm.

• Joseph Adam Wilson, 25, Pampa, was arrested Friday for forgery of a government/national instrument/money security.

• Brandon Shelby Mills, 34, Amarillo, was arrested Friday by GCSO for violation of probation — third or more DWI.

• Pete Vargas Perez, 35, Pampa, was arrested Fri-

day for bond surrender — possession of a controlled substance; nonpayment — no driver's license; nonpayment, expired registration; no driver's license; ran stop sign; failure to appear.

• Robert Andrew Contreras, 29, Stinnett, was arrested Friday by GCSO

for theft of material, aluminum, copper, brass, bronze, less than \$20,000.

• Kelly Dean Brown, 28, was arrested Thursday by the GCSO for bench warrant — theft.

• Thalia Rodriguez, 25, Pampa, was arrested Thursday by GCSO for disorderly conduct.







# Area support groups

The following is a list of support groups that meet regularly each week in Pampa. Information for each meeting is submitted to The Pampa News office and may not be completely updated or accurate. Please notify the newsroom if a change is necessary.

The Pampa News welcomes all submitted materials for area support groups. Please include the meeting time, date and location and, if applicable, provide a contact number for each group.

**Victims of domestic violence and sexual assault**, meet at 5:30 p.m., Thursdays, and at 2 p.m., Fridays, at the Tralee Crisis Center, 308 S. Cuyler St. For more info, call the Center at 806-669-1131.

**Narcotics Anonymous — The Pampa Group** meets at 7:30 p.m., Tuesdays, and at 6 p.m., Saturdays, at 805 N. Gray St. **Narcotics Anonymous — Rufe Jordan Unit** also meets at 6 p.m., Mondays, and at 5:30 p.m., Wednesdays, at 1992 Hilton Road.

**Cancer Support** meets at 1 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each

month in the Pampa Regional Medical Center cafeteria. For more info, contact Beth Kean at 806-359-4673. Ext. 235.

**Alcoholics Anonymous** Open Door Club meets daily at noon and 8 p.m. at 910 W. Kentucky Ave. **Al-Anon** meets at noon on Mondays. For more information, call 665-9072.

**Alcoholics Anonymous** Primary Purpose meets daily at noon and 8 p.m. at 112 W. Foster Ave.

**Alcoholics Anonymous** Keep It Simple meets Thursdays at 6 p.m. at the Methodist church in White Deer.

**Pampa Caregiver Support** meets at the Pampa Nursing Center on 1321 W. Kentucky Ave. at 6 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month. For more information call 806-669-2551.

**Accolade Home Care** sponsors a **Parkinson's Support Group** the second Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. The group meets at Accolade at 1313 N. Hobart St. For more information, call Lindsey Been at 806-665-9700 or 806-324-3230.

# What's wrong with Social Security?

**TOM MARGENAU**  
Creator's Syndicate

Recently, one of my readers criticized some points I made in a column. Among other things, he complained that my philosophy (at least according to his take on my columns) is too upbeat. He said this: "As you see it, everything about Social Security is good."

Most of the time, I use this space to explain complicated and oftentimes confusing Social Security rules and regulations. And I will admit that I must occasionally use this column to defend the program against all kinds of crazy and misleading rumors that are spread about Social Security's history and policies — mostly via the Internet.

But when I feel that something about the program, or something about the way the program is administered, deserves to be criticized, I have always done so. I don't have the space in today's column to cover them all, so I will take on one policy gripe, one program issue and one administrative complaint. I've covered all these subjects in the past, so I ask forgiveness of those readers who have carefully read my columns. But for those who think I'm some kind of Social Security apologist, listen up.

My biggest policy complaint has to do with the way the Social Security program has been financed since the 1980s. When Social Security started in the 1930s, it was set up with a pay-as-you-go financing scheme. In a nutshell, that meant the program took in only enough money (taxes) each year to pay its expenses (monthly benefits), with just a small cushion in reserve funding. That small cushion was the Social Security trust fund, which was invested, by law, in U.S. government securities. There never was really all that much capital in those trust funds, only enough to keep the system driving along over rough patches on the economic highway, like periods of high inflation or high unemployment.

But in 1983, President Reagan set up a National Commission on Social Security Reform, headed by Alan Greenspan. And they fundamentally changed the program's funding structure. By cutting some current and future benefits (e.g. eliminating student benefits and raising the retirement age) and by slightly increasing the Social Security payroll tax, they set Social Security on a course to build up huge reserves in its trust funds. In other words, they moved Social



Security away from its historic pay-as-you-go formula to one of large capital accumulation.

The problem is that capital is U.S. government treasury notes. (Because Social Security represents about one-sixth of the entire federal budget, the monies cannot be invested in a diversified portfolio involving private securities. I don't think we want the government owning a controlling interest in Apple Computers or Philip Morris!) Anyway, right now, the system has about \$2.8 trillion dollars in treasury securities, making the Social Security system the second largest holder of government debt, behind China! Many people, including me, don't like that funding structure. But it is what it is.

Think of it this way. If you are the Commissioner of Social Security, you will look at the Social Security trust fund and say, "I've got \$2.8 trillion in assets saved up for my beneficiaries." But if you are the Secretary of the Treasury, you will look at that same fund and say: "I've got \$2.8 trillion in debt that I owe the Social Security system." We, as either past or current taxpayers and as current or future Social Security beneficiaries have a foot in both camps. It's like we owe ourselves \$2.8 trillion.

Coming at this from a strictly Social Security perspective, that scenario isn't great, but it's work-

able. The U.S. government will never renege on its Treasury note obligations, whether it is to individual American

investors, or to foreign governments, or to the Social Security Administration.

But coming at this from the larger economic perspective of the country, this was no way to run a railroad. In my opinion, Social Security should have been kept on a pay-as-you-go funding basis, which would have forced politicians to make occasional and minor adjustments to the program (like very small payroll tax hikes or benefit cuts). That way we would have been paying for the Social Security programs we wanted all along, instead of pushing off the payment down the road. But then, who am I, a retired government bureaucrat and lowly columnist, to question the veracity and integrity of the likes of Alan Greenspan?

On the program front, I've always complained that Social Security needs to make several changes to its current rules and regulations. For example, I think the earnings penalty provisions of the law need to be eliminated. If you are getting Social Security retirement or survivor benefits and are under age 66, there are various income thresholds that beneficiaries must stay under or face harsh penalties. As I wrote in a recent column, these rules are an absolute mess to administer. And folks trapped by this system are constantly being overpaid or underpaid benefits.

I also would eliminate

the loophole that currently allows potential retirees to delay their own benefits until age 70 (and thus, reap a delayed retirement bonus) while all the time collecting spousal benefits from a husband's or wife's Social Security record. These benefits were always meant to be paid only to dependent spouses, not to well-to-do retirees.

On the program administration front, I have frequently criticized the Social Security Administration for the some of the services it offers its customers. Although some readers will occasionally report a positive experience they have had dealing with their local Social Security office, I hear far too many complaints from readers who tell me about long delays when trying to get service — either on the phone or at a local office. And more troubling, they complain about getting poor service and misinformation — or they simply do not get a clear enough explanation of the rules and policies that impact them. If I were running the agency, among other things, I would change the way new employees are trained. When I was hired 40 years ago, I got about 3 months of intensive, non-stop, personal training. Today, SSA employees get half of that, and much of it is computer-generated training. You simply can't do a good job of explaining all these complicated Social Security rules and regulations if you don't thoroughly understand them yourself.

If you have a Social Security question, Tom Margenau has the answer. Contact him at [thomas.margenau@comcast.net](mailto:thomas.margenau@comcast.net).

# Great authors brought together by Texas painter

AMARILLO (AP) — There they are, 11 famous American writers from the 19th and 20th centuries, all gathered in one room. Five are at a table and six are standing behind them. For 8½ months, classical realist artist Kirk Richards stood before the group.

He should. They are his creation, a commission from a Dallas real estate magnate to paint "great American authors." In his 33 years as a professional artist, in his more than 200 paintings and other commissioned murals, Richards, 61, has never accomplished any work quite like this.

"No, this many figures, the complexity of having all the authors being deceased, and keeping them unified and to have them not look like 11 different people painted at 11 different times and places, that was the real challenge," he said. "And, of course, the size."

Oh, yes, the size. The painting of Poe, Hawthorne, Stowe, Fitzgerald, Sandberg, Steinbeck, Melville, Whitman, Twain, Alcott and Hemingway measures 66 inches by 90 inches, or 5½ feet by 7½ feet.

The mural is large enough that it required stretcher bars for the back of the canvas, large enough to visually captivate someone who stands before the painting and takes all of it in.

"Kirk Richards is an amazing artist," said Dallas real estate magnate Harlan Crow, who commissioned the mural.

"Although I've seen some other amazing works he's done, what he's achieved with this sets a really high standard of accomplishment."

Crow, worth an estimated \$650 million, had purchased some of Richards' work of Palo Duro Canyon.

When Richards delivered them to Crow last November, the two discussed a commissioned work on some of America's greatest writers. They continued to exchange ideas before it became official the last week of 2012.

"The joy, I guess, is in the process," Richards told the Amarillo Globe-News (<http://bit.ly/IZRo7K>), "in

the doing, and not necessarily having it finished."

Richards and noted framer Kim Poarch of Canyon drove the painting to Crow in Dallas on Wednesday.

The painting will hang in the Pecan Room, a conference room in Crow's four-building complex that was formerly the old Parkland hospital.

Richards signed the piece Oct. 30, more than 250 days after he began his work in mid-February.

"I told (wife) Linda that this was like putting together a jigsaw puzzle, but I was painting the pieces," Richards said. "In my mind, it's like they are all gathered for a formal portrait and this is 10 seconds before the photographer has them pose and say 'cheese.'"

For the first six weeks before putting brush to canvas, Richards researched and worked to pare down the list of 100 possible authors to 11.

He searched for every old photo, every likeness. He went through four reams of photocopy paper in printing them.

For Louisa May Alcott, author of "Little Women," there were only two available likenesses.

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## EXTRA INNINGS

### Media gave Mack Brown unfair exit.

After being the head coach for 16 years at one of the top universities in the nation, one would think that coach would be able to exit the school on his own terms and the university would handle it in a classy manner.

Unfortunately for Mack Brown, he did not get that chance. He was forced out. Everyone knew it was coming, but the media leaked the story before he was ready to announce it. The media leaked it while

Brown was on trips to tell recruits that he wouldn't be back. (This was a very classy move that most coaches would not have taken

the time to do.) Brown also was waiting to tell his team at the football banquet on Friday night. The story was leaked on Tuesday, then since Brown did not resign at the football banquet, the media started to say well, he is staying for one more year now.

Brown finally resigned officially on Saturday evening. The media should have given him his due and let him resign on his own terms, rather than making a meaningless announcement on Saturday, four days after the media leaked it out.

During his exit press conference Brown admitted that Texas is not where it should be success wise and where the fans expect it to be as well.

"We used to win 12 and 13 (games) and we won eight (this year)," Brown said. "It's not about integrity, it's not about class, it's not about grades, it's not about any of that stuff. You've got to win, and we set a standard at this place that you better win all of them. That's the expectation, and I understand that."

In 2005, Brown led the Longhorns to their first national championship in 35 years with Vince Young at quarterback. He came close to winning another championship 2009 against Alabama but his star quarterback, Colt McCoy, was injured in the game.

Brown has a 150-43 record at Texas. He is 10-4 in bowl games. With a win against Oregon in the Alamo Bowl on Dec. 30, he can finish his Texas career with more than 150 wins overall.

Yes, Brown has had some misfortunes by not recruiting the last three Heisman trophy winners, but it is unfortunate the media is letting these things cloud his great career at Texas.

I am not a Texas Longhorns fan, but I have many friends who are. Thanks for making college football better, the Big 12 Conference better and the Texas Longhorns better Mack Brown. You were truly a great and classy coach. I will always remember Brown as one of the greats, despite the fact that your Longhorns gave my Cowboys many, many seasons of grief and heartache.

Don't let the media's mistreatment of your resigning get to you. You were a great coach and deserved to go out on your own terms.

*Zac Green is an avid Oklahoma State fan and youth minister at Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ. He can be reached at zac.green@sbcglobal.net.*



ZAC GREEN

## Cowboys blow big lead in bad 37-36 loss to Packers

ARLINGTON (AP) — Tony Romo had no interest in ranking just how bad this loss was for the Dallas Cowboys after throwing two interceptions in the final three minutes.

Owner Jerry Jones was a bit more forthright after the 37-36 loss to the Green Bay Packers on Sunday, when the Cowboys blew a 23-point lead in the second half in a defeat that kept them from getting back in the NFC East lead with two games to play.

"This is one of the hardest losses that I've experienced. That's a shame that we've lost that ballgame," Jones said. "When you have that kind of lead and you are playing well, and we were playing well, then it's a shame to lose a ballgame like that."

With their second loss in the row, after Philadelphia lost earlier in the day, the Cowboys (7-7) remained a game behind the Eagles.

A week after Chicago scored on eight consecutive possessions against them, the Cowboys watched Green Bay get touchdowns on their first five drives after halftime. The Packers' last possession was Matt Flynn

kneel-downs after Tramon Williams' diving pick that was initially called an incompletion before being overturned on a video review.

"We've got two weeks to get this thing right," cornerback Brandon Carr said. "Right now, words really have no effect. Complete debacle in the second half."

This is arguably the worst loss in the Jones era, even though it wasn't their biggest blown lead. The Cowboys led by 24 points in the third quarter at home two years ago against Detroit, which rallied for a 34-30 victory in a game when Romo had two interceptions returned for touchdowns.

"We've had some big wins, a couple of tough losses this year. This obviously falls into that tough loss category," Romo said. "We still control what we feel like we can get done. It just doesn't feel like it right now because we let slip away."

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### NCAAB: Arizona, Syracuse stay 1-2

(AP) — Arizona remains the runaway No. 1 in The Associated Press' college basketball poll after winning a close game at Michigan on Saturday.

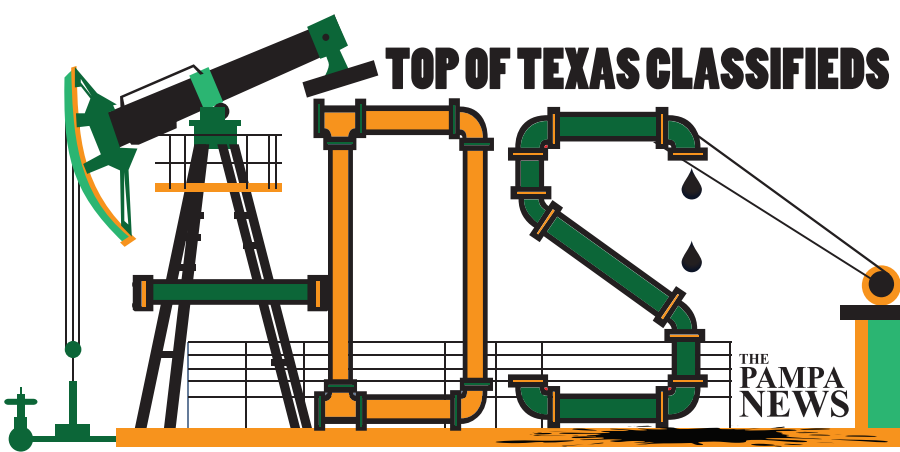
The Wildcats (11-0), who won 72-70, received all but two of the first-place votes from the 65-member national media panel Monday.

Syracuse (10-0) got the other two No. 1 votes and remains second in a poll, with the top eight teams holding the same spot from last week.

Ohio State is third followed by Wisconsin, Michigan State, Louisville and Oklahoma State.

Duke and Villanova, which moved up two spots, were tied for eighth, while Connecticut dropped one spot to round out the top 10.

North Carolina, which beat Kentucky 82-77 on Saturday, moved from 18th to No. 14. The loss dropped the Wildcats, the preseason No. 1, from 11th to No. 19.



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# PampaSports

## Lady Harvesters fall in close game 53-41

■ LBK-Estacado wins after outscoring Pampa 20-8 in the fourth quarter.

By JOHN LEE  
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The Lady Harvesters fell to 6-8 after being outscored 20-8 in the fourth quarter in their 53-41 loss to the Lady Matadors of Lubbock-Estacado.

"The games we have lost are to teams who have done that (played physical). We try to match it but we also have to keep our composure as we try to match it," head coach Gene Valentine said.

"We did that, because they were losing their composure. I just think the speed of the game there towards the end, we just need to learn to back off that. We were aware of what the score was at what part of the game, and when the other team tries to speed you up you have to learn to back it down. That will come with more experience. It's just a learning process."

The Lady Harvesters spread the ball around effectively, getting contributions from senior Hayley Burnett, junior Madison Brown and sophomore Reata Collins. Junior Carrigan Niccum continued to show growth as well, using her vertical leap and size, attributes she used in volleyball over the fall, to rebound multiple shots. Niccum and Collins combined for seven total rebounds Friday night. The Lady Harvesters were able to stay within five at the end of the first quarter 12-7.

"Carrigan really rebounded well, especially on the backside. It helps us because in volleyball she has a vertical (leap)," Valentine said.

"Reata comes in and does a really good job filling in minutes for Risa (Rodriguez) or Ty'Randa (Johnson) or whoever it is. I think she is getting more confident in what she is doing. She's actually, with what size she has, a good guard out there. She got some rebounds out there and really put some pressure."

Burnett took control in the second quarter, hitting two

2-pointers and a 3-pointer. She also sank three of her free throws, accounting for all 10 of the Lady Harvesters' second-quarter points. At the half, the score was 27-23, Estacado.

The Lady Harvesters came alive in the third quarter, benefiting from three different scorers. Brown brought the heat first, scoring four unanswered points. Niccum also got in with a 2-pointer, and Burnett came in, sinking five of her six free throws. This allowed the Lady Harvesters to outscore the Lady Matadors 16-8 in the third, tying the game at 33 all.

Taking the lead on two 2-pointers from junior Raven Neal, the Lady Harvesters seemed to carry the momentum into the fourth, taking the 37-33 lead. But the Lady Matadors went on a scoring spree, with three 2-pointers from K'yanna Walton. The Lady Harvesters struggled to get any momentum going, only scoring four more points to lose 53-41.

"We actually had a lead in the fourth quarter. I think we just let the speed of the game get to us a little bit, which we hadn't done the whole game," Valentine said.

"We had some foul issues, Risa (Rodriguez) and Madison (Brown) eventually fouled out. I think if those two had been able to stay in the game it would have helped. But I was telling them, I don't like to lose but in the long run I like the effort. It will pay off later down the road, because you know you can play."

"It's frustrating but I told them, 'You know you can play. You know what you can do. You know what you bring game-in and game-out.' We just need to play with that intensity every game."

Burnett led the team in scoring with 17 points. She also made 11 of her 14 free throws. Brown also had double-digit points with 11.

The Lady Harvesters will

join the boys basketball team in Panhandle tonight before taking their Christmas break. The Lady Harvesters' varsity plays at six, followed by junior varsity. The Harvesters' varsity will take the court in a separate location at 7:30 p.m.

"[When we play Panhandle] it's going to be like this, like the size. As far as playing that style of

game, that's what they are going to do," Valentine said. "I feel like the more we get it now and the more we get adjusted to that, the more we will be prepared for district when we play teams like Perryton and Dalhart, so when they play that style, it's nothing new to us. It's going to pay off for us when we get to that point."



Photo by John Lee  
Lady Harvesters' head coach rallies his team during the fourth quarter of Friday night's game.

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## Lady Harvesters junior varsity team falls to Estacado

STAFF REPORT

The Lady Harvesters junior varsity basketball team lost to Estacado Friday night 38-22.

The Lady Harvesters most effective play came in the second and third quarter. Ailene Cabrales had a 3-point hit during the third quarter. Kristen Robinson led the team in scoring with seven points, while Angel Brumfield had six points. Darian Harkcom had five points.



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Elise Kennedy makes a push pass the opponent.

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