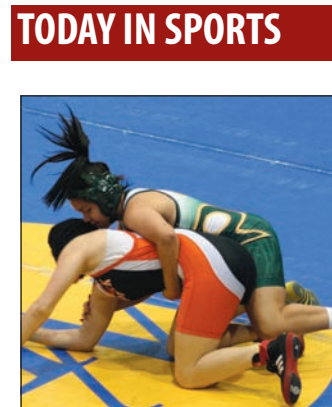


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## PPD: Holiday crime on decline locally, but still present



Photo by John Lee  
 Brian Massey is the crime prevention officer and crime stoppers coordinator for Pampa Police Department.

By JOHN LEE  
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 It's no secret that the holidays create havoc in everybody's lives. Whether you are trying to get the perfect gift, the perfect travel plans or navigating traffic congestion, stress around Christmas time can hit everybody. The frantic rush of the holiday sea-

son can sometimes cause a person to forget to safeguard their property, leaving an open invitation for criminals. Fortunately for Pampans, as of Dec. 18, there has only been one burglary, and 18 total (including vehicular) since Nov. 1. Considering the holiday months (November and December) averaged 30 and 34 burglaries (including vehicular)

in 2011 and 2012 respectively, it would be easy for citizens to let their guard down. But Brian Massey, the crime prevention officer and crime stoppers coordinator for Pampa Police Department, said that this drop could be a combination of an increase in field interviews during the midnight shift and  
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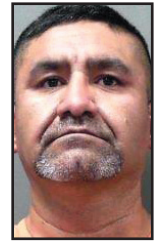
## Christmas comes early



Photos by Timothy P. Howsare  
 Left photos, Jaylynn Towles, 5, hands gift bags to students David Romero (back to camera) and Abner Soto in Kim West's first-grade class at Lamar Elementary School. Behind Jaylynn is her mother Kendra, administrative assistant for Paint This Town Red, and sitting at left is volunteer Liana Goode. Right photos, volunteers Renee McCullough and Urvis Trivedi distribute gift bags in Beverly Morse's third-grade class. The students pictured are Christopher St Cyr and Mallory Loner.

## Pampa man indicted for burglary, arson

STAFF REPORT



Daniel Jimenez

Daniel Medrano Jimenez, 40, was indicted Dec. 11 for burglary of a habitation and arson charges. He was arrested by the Pampa Police Department on Aug. 30, 2013 for both charges and is currently being held at the Gray County Jail. His total bond is set at \$535,000. The Gray County grand jury met Dec. 11 and handed down the following additional indictments:  
 • Keziah Rea Clendennen, possession of a controlled substance, namely methamphetamine — less than one gram.  
 • Anthony Dewayne Dunn, evading arrest or detention with a vehicle.  
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## No visible progress on La Quinta hotel

BY TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE  
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There has been no construction so far on a lot that was sold in June to an Amarillo developer who announced he will build a La Quinta Inn on the site. In late July, Paresch Patel told The Pampa News that construction was expected to begin within 90 days on a La Quinta Inns & Suites with three floors and 62 rooms. Patel also said he hoped to have the hotel open within nine months of breaking ground. Patel has not responded to recent phone or email  
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File photo  
 Soon is a relative word. This sign was put up in the summer next to United Supermarkets on North Hobart Street. Though nearly six months have passed, there has been no site work or construction.

## Local church donates gifts to all elementary kids.

BY TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE  
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Santa's not the only one who delivers toys to children for Christmas. With no intentions of upstaging the big guy from the North Pole, a local church, Paint This Town Red, delivered a gift bag to every elementary school student in the Pampa school district this week.

That's 2,026 bags in all delivered to Austin, Lamar, Wilson and Travis, according to C.J. Frazier, church pastor. The goodwill mission ends today at Travis. Frazier said the red bags contain age-appropriate gifts for boys and girls, such as toy helicopters, cars and baby dolls. Money to buy the gifts is donated by the community, he said.

This is the third year Paint This Town Red has delivered gifts to the elementary students. And like everything the church does, it has a cool name, Frazier said. This week's event is called "Christmas Project Red 19." He said about 20 volunteers assisted with delivering the gifts each day. The bags are brought into the gyms at each school. From there, the volunteers carry them to each classroom and the students are called one by one to receive their bags.

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# La Quinta

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messages from The Pampa News. And Patel's company has not applied for any building permits, city spokesman

Donny Hooper said. The hotel would be located on a 1.76-acre lot on the south side of United Supermarkets. A sign on the lot states "Motel Coming Soon."

Along with single rooms, the hotel will offer two-room suites and extended-

stay suites, he said. Amenities will include an indoor swimming pool, jacuzzi, a conference room and hot breakfasts, Patel said.

La Quinta's parent company, LQ Management LLC, is one of the largest operators of limited-service

hotels in the United States, with more than 65,000 rooms.

Based in Dallas, the company has 9,000 employees nationwide and operates and provides franchise services to more than 800 hotels in the U.S., Canada and Mexico.

# Crime

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business owners/residents stepping up after hearing about the three businesses being burglarized in late November.

"Not only is it the field interviews being conducted on someone acting suspiciously, but everybody out there is seeing that the officers are conducting these interviews and it is helping to deter others," Massey said. "Also, as soon as we see a spike in a crime we get crime prevention tips out, so people are stepping up to the plate to combat this (crime)."

Massey said that a big reason for the increase of burglaries and theft during the holidays is because of the economics.

"Especially since the economic problems we have had, people are just needing money," Massey said. "Everybody needs money, unfortunately not everybody is willing to get money the right way. A lot of these criminals think it's just easier instead of going out and working eight to 10 hours a day to just break in and steal everything and there we go."

Massey said that the crimes he has seen an increase in during the holiday seasons have been business and residential burglaries, auto burglaries, shoplifting and, this year, a lot of counterfeiting. There has been several reports this week alone for counterfeiting.

Massey said that an in-

crease in property crimes causes the officers to conduct more field interviews.

"Our officers will start doing a lot more of what we call field interviews," Massey said.

"If they see someone at a suspicious place at a suspicious time, let's say over in the Hastings parking lot walking around at 2 o'clock in the morning, they are going to go out and stop that person. They will interview him, asking what he is doing and if his story doesn't make sense the detectives that next morning will follow up on that."

The follow-up will be determined if there were any burglaries that night, and how they coincide with the suspicious activity.

Massey said the best way for business owners and home owners to protect their property is by locking it up and making sure it seems like someone is occupying the space.

"[Keeping your doors locked] is really the big thing," Massey said. "About 90 to 95 percent of our auto burglaries are from cars that were left unlocked and valuables left inside of them. Residential is normally half-and-half between forced entry and someone leaving their doors unlocked. Make sure you make your house look like somebody is there. Get one of those Brinks (timer lights) and put them in a lamp that way every couple hours it comes on."

By following these tips, residents can ensure that their holidays are, indeed, happy.

# Indict

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• Marcus Dwayne Hall, assault on a family or house member by impeding the normal breathing or blood circulation.

• Michael Eugene Horton, theft of property — greater than \$1,500 and less than \$20,000.

• Caleb Logan Hart, aggravated sexual assault on a child.

• Travis William Lay, possession of a controlled

substance, namely methamphetamine — greater than one gram and less than four grams.

• Octavio Rios Mendez, tampering with government records — presenting a government record with knowledge of its falsity.

• Angela Christy Moreno, assault on a public servant, an officer with the Pampa Police Department.

• Mario Soliz, driving while intoxicated with a passenger less than 15 years of age.

• Brittanie Deborah Tambunga, claiming a lottery prize fraud.

## 11 injured in 2 crashes on S.H. 136

STAFF REPORT

Eleven people were sent to the hospital Wednesday after two separate crashes occurred on State Highway 136 between Borger and Fritch.

Both wrecks occurred around 6 p.m., according to the Department of Public Safety.

The first crash involved a vehicle that was eastbound and attempting to turn north into a private drive.

As this vehicle was turning it hit another vehicle that was westbound on S.H.136. After this collision, the vehicles stopped in the roadway. Another crash occurred shortly after the first crash when three vehicles collided attempting to avoid the first crash.

In all 11 people were transported to hospitals with injuries ranging from life-threatening to minor. DPS has partially reopened the road and is investigating the crashes.



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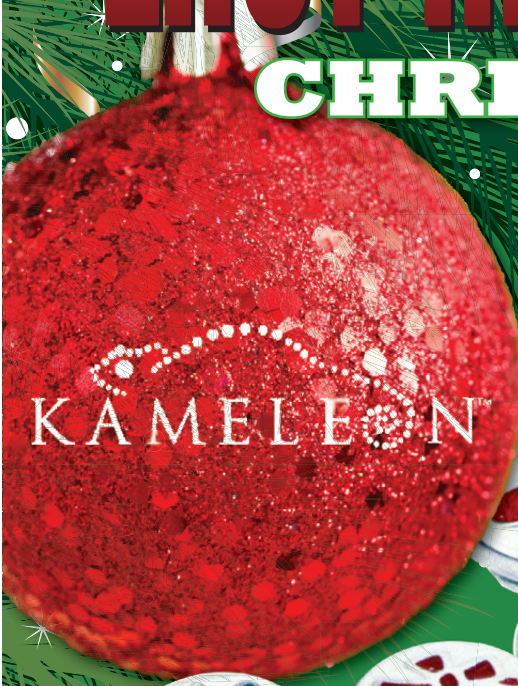
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**Tonight:** Rain with a low of 32. Chance of rain: 80 percent. Winds south at 14 mph. Sunset at 5:35 p.m.

**Saturday:** Rain with a high of 45. Chance of rain: 70 percent. Winds south-southeast at 13 mph. Sunrise at 7:50 a.m.

**Saturday night:** Snow showers with a low of 23. Chance of rain: 60 percent. Winds north at 14 mph. Sunset at 5:35 p.m.

**Sunday:** Sunny with a high of 37. Winds north-northwest at 18 mph. Sunrise at 7:50 a.m.

**Sunday night:** Clear with a low of 22. Winds southwest at 8 mph. Sunset at 5:36 p.m.

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# Obituaries

## Tommy Frank Ramey

Tommy Frank Ramey, 53, died Monday, Dec. 16, 2013 in Borger.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21, 2013 at Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel in Pampa, with Pastor Paul Nachtigall of Highland Baptist Church of Pampa, officiating. Cremation will follow under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.



**Tommy Ramey**

Mr. Ramey was born Nov. 2, 1960 in Pampa. He had been a resident of Pampa most of his life, moving to Borger six years ago. He was a CNC machinist for DISCO, Inc. for 21 years. Tommy enjoyed flying airplanes, riding his Harley, playing the guitar and making things with his hands. He was preceded in death by his father, Thomas Ramey; and his grandmother, Florence Gilreath.

Survivors include two daughters, Allie Ramey of Boise, Idaho and Kendle Ramey of Pampa; his mother, Susan Ramey of Ponca City, Okla.; and his brother, Mark Ramey of Ponca City, Okla.

The family will be at 1230 S. Finley in Pampa. Sign the online guest register at [www.carmichael-whitley.com](http://www.carmichael-whitley.com).

## Ferline Calvert

Our beloved mother, Ferline Calvert, 92, longtime resident of Pampa, went home to be with her Lord on Monday, Dec. 16, 2013 at the Hico Care Center. She had been residing in Hico for the past three years with her daughter and son-in-law.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 21, 2013, at Highland Baptist Church in Pampa, with Pastor Paul Nachtigall, officiating. Burial will follow at Memory Gardens Cemetery in Pampa, under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Calvert was born April 13, 1921 in Ohio County, Kent. to B. F. and Victoria Evans. She was one of seven

children. She graduated in 1940 from Center Town High School in Kentucky. Ferline married A. W. Calvert on Oct. 19, 1940 in Hartford, Kentucky. A. W. was transferred from Illinois to Pampa with Phillips Petroleum Company in 1955 where they raised their three girls. He preceded her in death on Jan. 25, 2008.



**Ferline Calvert**

Ferline was employed by Ideal Foods store for many years. She was an active member of Highland Baptist Church for 54 years where she was a leader for GA's, a Sunday school teacher and a member of the WMU. She was a founding member of the 1900 block of Banks Street Highland Hobby Club. Her favorite hobby was quilting, and she enjoyed cooking and camping.

Ferline was preceded in death by her parents; six siblings; a great-granddaughter, Shandra Snapp; and a great-grandson, Jarred Winegeart.

Survivors include her three daughters, Vicki Spencer and husband Paul of Hico, Jan Snapp and husband Allen of Pampa, and Martha Campbell and husband Jimmy of Montgomery; six grandchildren, Steven Guenther, Rebekkah Gunn, Shane Campbell, Alana Winegeart, Shelli Minton, and Chad Snapp; 16 great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter.

The family would like to extend a very heartfelt thank you to the staff of the Hico Care Center and Alpha Omega Hospice nurses Daniel, Shirley and Carol for the loving and compassionate care you gave our mother.

We will greatly miss her wisdom, humor and stories. She was loved and cherished by many.

The family will receive friends from 6-7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20, 2013, at Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Home in Pampa.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Highland Baptist Church, 1301 N. Banks, Pampa, Texas 79065.

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

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# For the record

## Pampa man arrested on drug charges

**STAFF REPORT**

Nicholas Clyde Nelson, 28, Pampa, was arrested Wednesday by the Pampa Police Department for possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia.

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- Travis Berryman, 30, Skellytown, was arrested Monday by the Gray County Sheriff's Office for violation of probation — theft of property.
- Victor Soto, 29, Pampa, was arrested Monday by GCSO for theft of property.
- Laura Katherine Pulse, 26, Pampa, was arrested Wednesday by GCSO for possession of a controlled substance.
- Corey Rivera, 18, Pampa, was arrested Wednesday by PPD for violation of probation — interfering with public duties.
- Mark Jeffries, 22, Amarillo, was arrested Wednesday by GCSO for a blue warrant.
- Rebecca Ann Covalt, 31, Skellytown, possession of drug paraphernalia, failure to maintain car insurance.
- Amanda Ruth Douglas, 32, Howardwick, was arrested Wednesday by PPD for a blue warrant.
- William Craig Stephens, 41, Pampa, was arrested Thursday by PPD for failure to maintain car insurance, failure to appear, aggregated theft by check — Randall County.

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## This Land is Our Land No Angela Merkel, I have no problem with tapping your cellphone

During a speech at the Brandenburg Gate in Berlin in July of this year, President Obama said that, this new, modern world of ours requires “allies who will listen to each other.”

Well, I always knew the fella talked a good talk but I never knew he actually meant every word he said.

A byproduct of the Edward Snowden/NSA eavesdropping fiasco was tangible evidence that the United States government has been spying on our allies in Germany, England, and Brazil, and even considered eavesdropping on NASA’s twin Mars Exploration Rovers named Spirit and Opportunity...just in case there is political life on the surface of Mars. (Notice that I didn’t say “intelligent

life” — I am joking about the Mars eavesdropping by the way).

And, oh boy, there are a lot of angry allies out there who are “shocked, shocked!” that we spy on them.

British Prime Minister David Cameron agreed that the “claim that the Americans are ‘out of control’ is a good and sensible judgment.” Brazil asked the United Nations to intervene and is even considering granting political asylum to Snowden who, in an “Open letter to the people of Brazil” posted on the Web site of Folha de São Paulo, promised to help them investigate NSA spying...as long as they first give him political asylum. And German Prime Minister Angela Merkel was allegedly so incensed when she found out we tapped her cellphone that she is pushing the United Nations to enshrine the right to privacy as part of basic Human Rights.

Give me a break.

Lost amid all the indignation and harsh criticism of America over the discovery that we spy on foreign leaders is the fact that espionage is part and parcel of foreign policy. Merkel and the other entire world leaders should not even feign to be surprised about the fact that ALL world leaders are targets of spying by other nations.

Mike McConnell, a former NSA director, said during an interview with Reuters last week that they all do it.

“The number one target on the globe is the president of the United States. By everyone,” he said. “All nation states do this.”

This is because the nature of global politics is anarchic. There is not one single world government to either set the rules of the game or legitimize supra-national regulation. **TAPPING** cont. on page 5



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## Merry Christmas, 1913

One hundred years ago in America, Christmas was a mighty

different situation. Based on newspaper reports, MyHeritage.com recently put together a list of the most-asked-for

gifts by children who lived back then. Here are the top five requests:

- Candy.
- Nuts.
- Rocking Horse.
- Doll.
- Mittens.

It’s a modest list, to say the least, but reflective of a time that was far less complicated than society is today. Now, kids rule in many homes. And Santa is under siege.

This year, the top five kid-wants according to retailers are:

- Furby Boom.
- Teksta Robotic Puppy.
- LeapPad Ultra.
- Flutterbye Flying Fairy.
- Big Hugs Elmo.

Let’s begin with Furby. This is a robot toy that resembles an owl. The “all new” Furby has a mind of his own and can interact with the tykes. Let’s hope Furby isn’t a member of the Hells Angels.

The Teksta puppy is allegedly just like a real dog except there is no bathroom component. Teksta will dance and respond to your hand gestures — not including the middle finger. The puppy can even perform back flips that will amuse and amaze. I guess.

The LeapPad Ultra is yet another high-tech gizmo that will hypnotize your child. It’s a tablet that kids can write on, as well as summon apps, videos and games. If your child isn’t an Internet zombie by now, he or she will be once the LeapPad gets inside the house.

The Flutterbye Flying Fairy is marketed

toward little girls and, according to the manufacturer, puts “enchanted” fairy flights directly in the hands of the child. There’s never been a more magical experience, says the toymaker. Obviously, they’ve never been to a Metallica concert.

And finally, the Big Hugs Elmo toy moves his arms to return hugs, plays songs, dances with your children and might even kick in toward their college education. Elmo is for both girls and boys and is capable of making more than 50 animated sounds. If that sounds like your Uncle Vinny, it’s a coincidence.

The cost of these toys is substantial, and you’d better have an engineering degree if something goes wrong. The high-tech dog is especially interesting, conjuring up all kinds of horror movie possibilities. Don’t tell me the toys don’t have chips in them that can be activated by some crazy scientist in Bavaria. No way this thing is getting inside my house. I already have a dog named Fiona who would attack the bogus dog on sight.

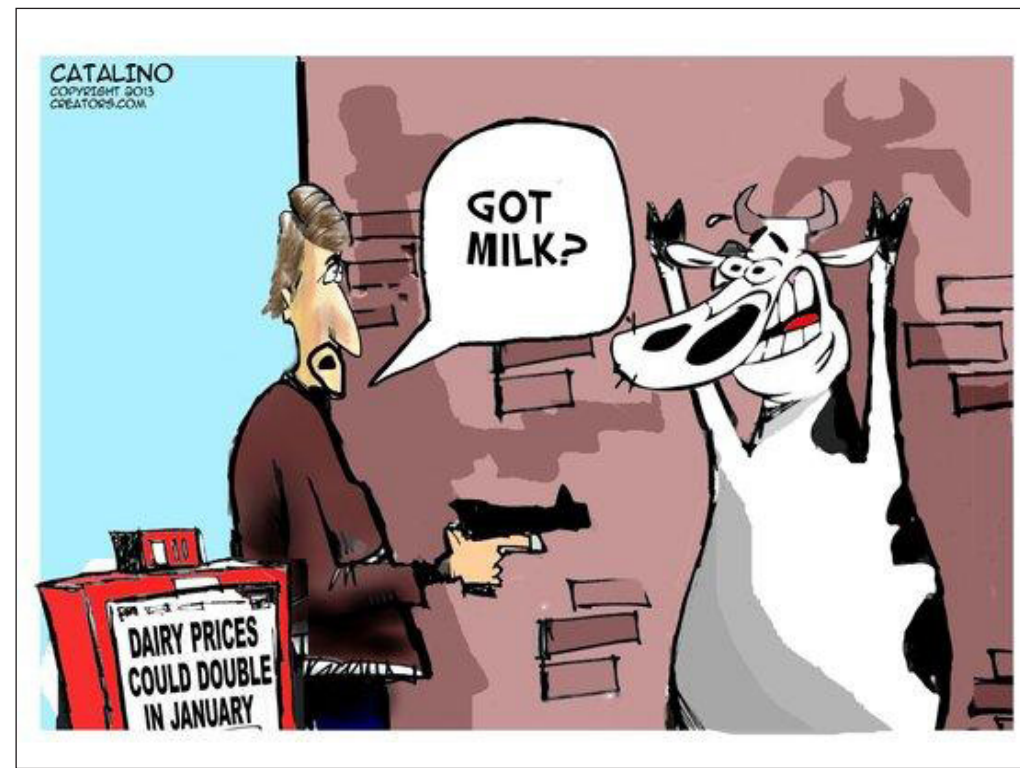
For my money, I think toys are too complicated these days. I like the rocking horse and toy train scenario. But if I gave those things to my kids, their response would be somewhere between the Bay of Pigs and Woodstock — a lot of angst and chaos.

Luckily, Santa Claus has adapted, and his new high-tech sleigh and reindeer have him finishing his rounds in Guam long before dawn. But don’t mention the Flying Fairy to old St. Nick. He’s not into competition.

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## Phil Robertson: Man of God, truth proclaimer

Well, it had to happen sooner or later. Jesus promised that any man or woman of God who dares to speak the truths contained in the Bible, God’s holy Word, will surely find himself under attack from a fallen world, from ignorant Christians and

from spineless believers. Phil Robertson is such a man of God.

Phil Robertson, of Duck Dynasty fame, is an elder at the White’s Ferry Road Church of Christ in West Monroe, La. Shari and I received our Bible degrees at the School of Preaching hosted at that very church. There we were taught to: love the Bible, learn it, teach it, stand firmly for whatever it says and confront anyone who would oppose God’s Word. Well, Phil did just that and has been suspended by A&E television network.

So what got him fired by A&E? He dared to quote 1 Corinthians 6:9-10. “Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.”

Now he could also have quoted:

1 Timothy 1:9-11 “We also know that law is made not for the righteous but for lawbreakers and rebels, the ungodly and sinful, the unholy and irreligious; for those who kill their fathers or mothers, for murderers, for adulterers and perverts, for slave traders and liars and perjurers — and for whatever else is contrary to the sound doctrine that conforms to the glorious gospel of the blessed God, which he entrusted to me.”

Romans 1:24-27 “Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another. They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator — who is forever praised. Amen. Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural relations for unnatural ones. In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed indecent acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their perversion.”

Jude 7 “In a similar way, Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding towns gave themselves up to sexual immorality and perversion. They serve as an example of those who

suffer the punishment of eternal fire.”

Can you imagine the outrage if he had quoted all of those verses?

So what are we to learn from this mess?

1. Unbelievers in a fallen world will always attack Christ’s real-deal followers. Expect it.

2. Fake Christians who really don’t believe the teachings of the Bible will also attack Christ’s real-deal women and men of God who dare to speak the truths that condemn the politically correct mentality of our modern culture.

3. Homosexuality is not only SIN in the eyes of God, but a damnable one. Don’t like that truth? Well, then take it up with God five seconds after you take your last breath and see how that goes.

4. Homosexuality is not an issue calling for “tolerance” from Christians. God forbid! even Jesus refused to be tolerant with the woman taken in adultery. He gave her love, protection and mercy. Then he told her to stop living that way.

5. If someone calling themselves a Christian supports this perverted lifestyle, then they need to quit calling themselves a Christian; because they aren’t one!

standable. They live in darkness and are blind children of darkness. But for people claiming to be Christians to be so blind is an abomination! Love the sinner, but hate the sin and call it SIN. And remember that sin requires repentance before there can be forgiveness.

7. If you agree with Phil and support what he teaches, then contact A&E and object to them firing him at: aefeedback@aenetworks.com.

So Phil, thank you for speaking the truth and not hiding behind vague/foggy words like spineless politicians and preachers do. Thank you for not pausing to consider things like popularity, money and admiration when you were asked questions that the Bible clearly gives answers to. Thank you for knowing the firestorm that would result from speaking the truth and choosing to speak the truth anyway. Shari and I left White’s Ferry Road two years before you met the Lord and started attending. You are as bold and true as any of us who graduated from the School of Preaching and you are an honorable representative of the Lord and your home church. You are a true man of faith who serves the Messiah, Jesus. That makes you my brother in Christ. And I can’t tell you how proud I am of my brother right now. God bless you and your family.

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# Tapping

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lation that everyone must respect. George Washington famously hated permanent allies, particularly because they don't always act like good allies. Had President Dwight Eisenhower not spied on America's top three allies of his time (Great Britain, France and Israel) he would have never known of their secret plan to attack Egypt and seize the Suez Canal in 1956. Instead, he was prepared to stop them and avoided likely escalation

from the Soviet Union. How prevalent is international espionage? The GCHA (the British version of the NSA) admitted to Slate last week that earlier this year it launched a hacking attack on Belgium's intelligence agency. According to a Reuters report, France has been stealing German aerospace intelligence for the past two years. Heck, even Canada has also been caught spying on Brazil and used the NSA for help with surveillance of Brazil's Ministry of Mines and Energy. A Defense Department study of spies captured and convicted in the United States between 1947 and 2001 showed that half were working for countries that were considered our allies. Among them were Great Britain, France, the Netherlands, Israel, Japan, Greece and South Africa. And remember, those are just the spies who were caught, which is only a tiny part of the intelligence world if one is to trust Snowden's leaks. The same report showed that 108 different countries tried to steal American technology during the previous year. All governments, not just the United States, have a voracious appetite

for information about both enemies and allies. And this James Bond netherworld is limited only by power and capabilities: the ones with the biggest toys do it best. And that is us my friends. In the past I have gone on record criticizing Obama for collecting data on American citizens. I feel that it violates not only our rights but also damages trust in our government. International espionage is different. We are not the "out of control" bully in the school yard that Prime Minister Cameron thinks we are. If we are better

at espionage and collect more data than our allies do on us is not because they are not trying. But the real kicker about the whole "spying-on-our-friends" alleged fiasco is that the metadata we have on world leaders was collected and supplied to the United States by foreign governments like France and Spain. This past Tuesday, at a congressional hearing, NSA Director General Keith Alexander said that its sources for foreign telecommunications information included "data provided to NSA by foreign partners."

I have lots of reason to complain about the federal government, the fact that they spy on foreign governments and heads of states (be they friendly or not) is not one of them. The main job of any central government has always been to protect its people and its national interest. It never was "how to make friends and satisfy our allies."

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# USDA accepting applications for funding opportunities

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USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is accepting applications for funding opportunities with Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP). NRCS in Texas has received its initial allocation of EQIP and WHIP funding for 2014 and will begin ranking and obligating contracts after Jan. 17. EQIP and WHIP are continuous sign-up programs that allow landowners or operators to apply for financial and technical assistance for the application of specific conservation practices. Contracts are offered periodically after the first funding window ending on Jan. 17. Each program offers assistance for eligible participants to install or implement structural and management practices on eligible agricultural land. Persons who are engaged in livestock or agricultural production are eligible to participate in these programs. Common EQIP practices include livestock water de-

velopment (wells, pipelines, pumps, tubs), fencing, and brush management. In 2013, the NRCS payment schedule on a well was \$13.27/ft., pipelines (depending on size) ranged from \$0.88 to \$1.02/ft., and fences were \$0.80/ft. EQIP also offers an incentive (in 2013, \$4.28/ac) for implementing a prescribed grazing schedule. For cropland, EQIP offers financial assistance for installing terraces, diversions, and waterways. On eligible cropland acres, a No-till/Strip-till program can be implemented. No-till/Strip-till offers an incentive of \$17.27/ac (in 2013) to reduce tillage operations and increase crop residue. Another option available is planting cropland to grass (native or introduced). EQIP also offers an incentive for Irrigation Water Management (IWM). This practice involves installing a moisture monitoring system that charts how much moisture is in the soil. Eligible participants for all irrigation practices must have irrigation history in

two out of the last five years on the offered acres. Interested participants can visit the NRCS office located in the USDA Service Center at 12125 E Frederic (County Annex on U.S. Highway 60), Pampa for more information. They can also call us at 806-665-6561, Ext. 3 with any questions. "The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) prohibits discrimination in all of its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, and where applicable, sex, marital status, familial status, parental status, religion, sexual orientation, political beliefs, genetic information, reprisal, or because all or part of an individual's income is derived from any public assistance program. (Not all prohibited bases apply to all programs.) Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication of program information (Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) should contact USDA's TARGET Center at 202-720-2600 (voice and TDD)."

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## Ira Don Hicks (Donnie)

Ira Don Hicks (Donnie) was born July 30, 1970 in Groom and passed peacefully on Dec. 14, 2013. He is preceded in death by his grandparents Ira and Hazel Hicks and Allie Tate and his parents Othal and Barbara Hicks. Donnie has two brothers Jerry and Bobby Hicks and three sisters Schanda Green (Tate), Cindy Hicks (Mitchell) and Dawnya Hicks (Nava). Donnie has two children Donnie Lee Hicks and Brittany Nicole Hicks

as well as many he considered his children: Crystal Herrera, Dustin Herrera, April Herrera, Danielle Williams and Julian Lewis. Donnie has many nieces, nephews, family and friends who cherished him. Donnie attended school in Pampa and later moved to Oklahoma City, where he spent the last five years of his life. Donnie had a good heart and lived his life every day as a party.



Donnie Hicks

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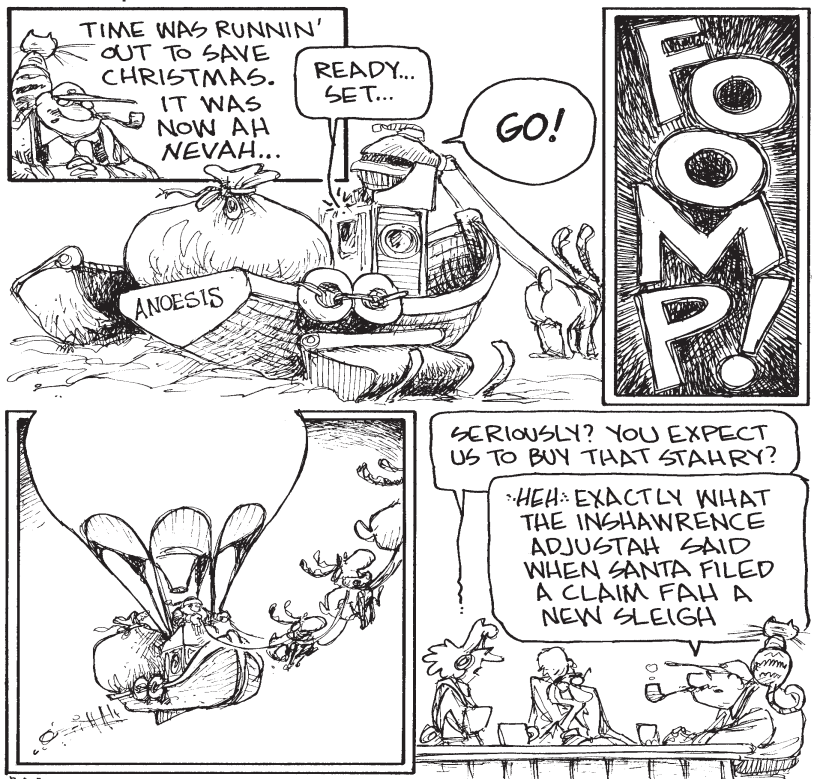
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"Hi, Grandma! Want me to read you my Christmas list or just be surprised when you get it in the mail?"

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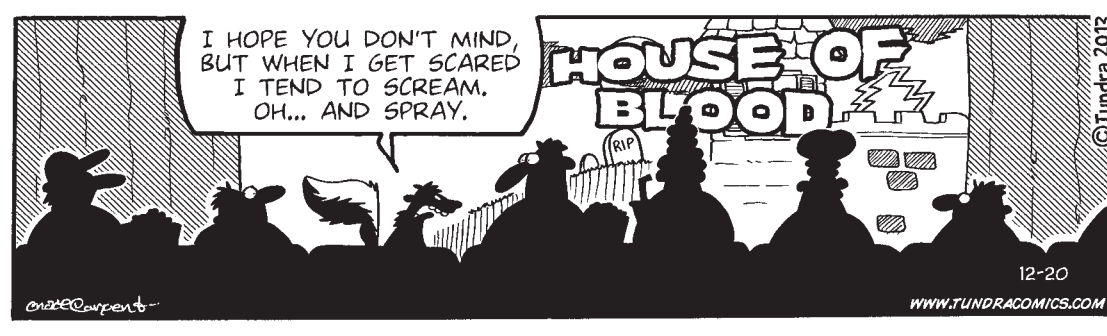


## daily horoscope

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Saturday, Dec. 21, 2013:  
This year you become more easygoing than in the past, partially because of a relationship or a key friendship. Someone relates intensely and openly with you. You feel more secure as a result. If you are single, you could find this year to be very memorable. You could have a secret admirer, and you might want to start seeing this person on a romantic level. If you are attached, the two of you are likely to enjoy more couple time together. Curb a tendency to go boldly over the top with spending, eating out and other such activities. LEO always seems to have the right words.  
**The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have:** 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult  
**ARIES** (March 20-April 19)  
★★★★ Don't assume that someone is OK when you know that he or she has difficulties with the holidays. Make a call and make sure that this person has plans, or invite him or her to a lengthy brunch. A partner could start acting gawky. Tonight: Wherever you are, there is a party.  
**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)  
★★★ You'll flourish at home, even if you're busy. Make cookies and finish up any gift wrapping that needs to be done. If you must go out, make it fast; otherwise, you could feel drained. Be sure to indulge yourself now and in the next few weeks. Tonight: Go with the flow.  
**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)  
★★★★ Return calls, catch up on emails and mail out a holiday card or two. Others will want to talk, and they want to talk to you. Listen, but also understand what they really want and what their words mean. Tonight: Just don't be alone.  
**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)  
★★★★ You could be off spending money somewhere. Hopefully you will complete your holiday shopping. Resist making a purchase just for you. Wait. An issue could revolve around you, a parent and/or your home. Tonight: Order in, or treat others out to dinner.  
**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)  
★★★★ You might attempt to deal with a situation involving your daily life. Let go of worry, as it is absolutely pointless. Know that something better lies ahead. You could feel quite drained just from the day. Take a nap.

Tonight: Do only what you must. Note the change in energy.  
**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)  
★★★ Hit the pause button and give yourself a little time off. Events will march on relentlessly to Christmas. Take a break. Some of you might opt for a massage and/or a snooze. Do what works for you. Take down the stress level a notch. Tonight: Your sense of adventure emerges.  
**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)  
★★★★ Wherever you go and wherever you turn, there will be crowds of people around you. You also might get flooded with emails. Take an hour or two just for you. You need a break, and the timeout will make all the difference. Tonight: Drop in on a party or join some friends.  
**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)  
★★★ You might feel different and a little out of sorts. Someone could misunderstand your words or your intentions. This confusion might lead to a rift. Clear up the issue before too much bad blood develops. Tonight: Hang out at home.  
**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)  
★★★★ Take off if you can, even if only for the afternoon. Note the difference in your energy. Honor this change and stop pushing so hard. Other creative ideas will pop up if you must buy a gift or two. Think about experience-related presents. Tonight: Be around great music.  
**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)  
★★★★★ The Sun enters your sign and signals your birthday month. Note that you soon will have more get-up-and-go. A boss or parent could become very indulgent. You might want to shy away from the intensity. Tonight: Light the tree and add some romance.  
**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)  
★★★★★ Your focus seems to change as the first day of winter arrives. You will tend to become more internal. A person you care a lot about could be on your mind. A friend might not understand the change in your moods. Be understanding. Tonight: Not to be found.  
**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)  
★★★★ Pressure finally eases off. You might want to kick back and enjoy the holiday celebrations. Drop in on a party or two. You could be surprised by some of the people you see. Don't forget about a loved one who tends to get depressed this time of year. Tonight: The party goes on.

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## Shoe



## Mother Goose and Grim



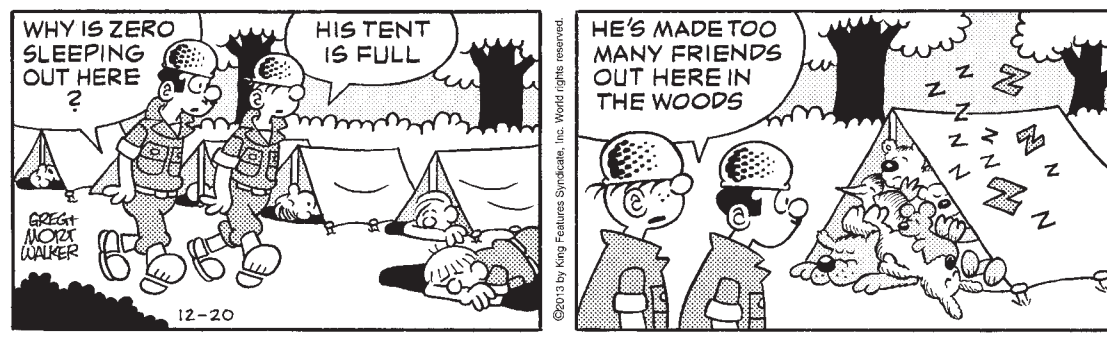
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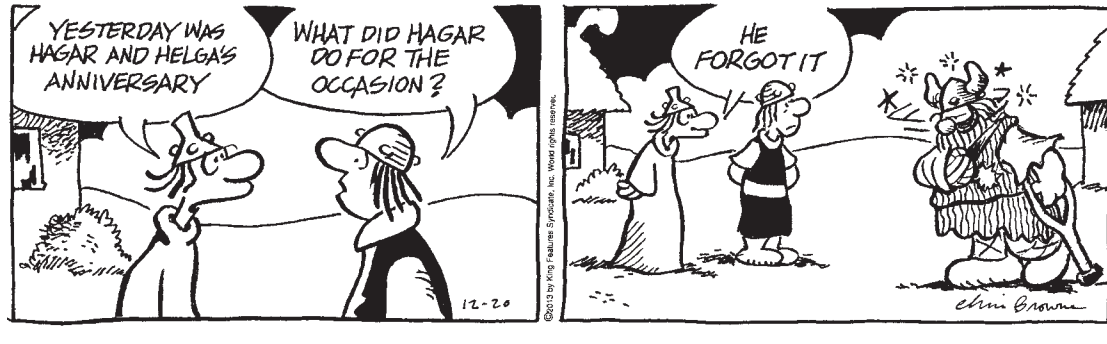
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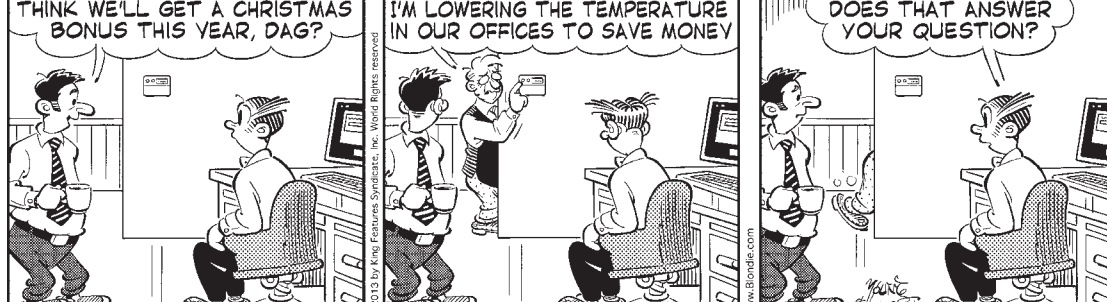
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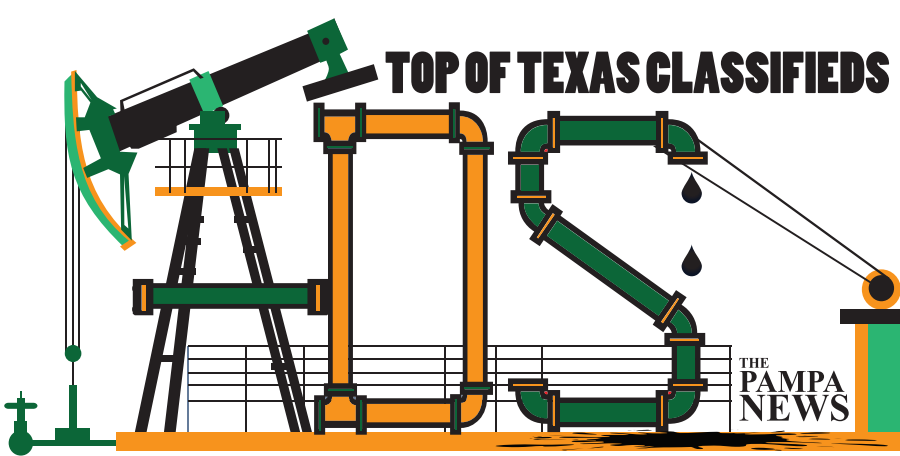


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## Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I have been married to my wife for a year and a half, and we have an infant child. I work while my wife stays home. My problem is she doesn't like me playing sports and hanging out with friends.

I have tried to make concessions and cut down playing sports to once a week. (I used to play two or three times a week, but that's not good enough for my wife.) On game night, when I get home she gives me the silent treatment. She used to come to my games but won't now, even though she has girlfriends who attend them.

As for hanging out with my friends, I barely see them anymore — and when I do, they come here. If they stay any longer than 30 minutes, it causes a problem and my wife again won't talk to me for the rest of the night.

I have tried to compromise, but she feels as though any time I spend away from her and the baby is a no-no. Am I wrong to want to play sports and see my guy friends? I have tried talking to her about this, but she thinks any compromise is basically me doing what I want and her having to deal with it. — ONTARIO, CANADA, READER

DEAR READER: You should not become a couch potato or become isolated from your friends because you are married and a parent. And neither should your wife. She may resent the time you spend with your friends because she's stuck at home taking care of the baby. You are her only adult company, and in a way she may be jealous that you're enjoying freedom that she can't.

Your wife should not be doing all the parenting. One day or evening a week YOU should take care of the baby while SHE takes a break with her friends or family. It could do wonders for your relationship.

If you can agree on this, it could save your marriage. If you can't, then the two of you should get counseling. Marriage isn't supposed to put people in isolation — and that's what it appears your wife is trying to accomplish with you.

DEAR ABBY: For the past 10 years, the holiday season has brought with it arguments between my wife and me. We both get along with our in-laws and do many things with both sides of our families. But for some reason, my wife makes arrangements for the holidays without discussing them with me first. This year, she told her mom we would host Thanksgiving and that I would have to tell my family we wouldn't be coming to them.

My wife's sisters are not close to their in-laws. Am I wrong to think she should have discussed the matter with me before deciding unilaterally what we're doing for the holidays? Our kids need to see ALL their grandparents on Thanksgiving and Christmas. Oh — our parents live only seven minutes from each other. — HOLIDAY BLUES IN WISCONSIN

DEAR HOLIDAY BLUES: What your wife did was inconsiderate. You are a couple, and she should have discussed her plan with you before issuing any invitations to see if you were in agreement. If your home is too small to accommo-

date both sets of in-laws at the same time, a compromise would be to alternate holidays with each set so no family feels excluded.

DEAR ABBY: Is it acceptable to wear a silver dress to a wedding if you are going as a guest and not a member of the bridal party? Or is silver too close to white and therefore taboo? — INVITEE IN COLLEGE PARK, MD.

DEAR INVITEE: The rule is that wedding guests should not wear anything that might distract attention from the bride. If your dress is silver lame or covered in silver sequins, it would be better to dress less conspicuously.

## BANANAGRAMS!

Add an **A** to each of the six-letter words below, and then rearrange the letters in each word to form a new seven-letter word.

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Yesterday's Answer: MATRIX, IMPALE, THWART, HURRAH, TIPTOE, UNCLAD

## SUDOKU

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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Level: Advanced

## CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

### ACROSS

- 1 Turning tool
- 6 One-time capital of Alaska
- 11 Orange shade
- 12 Pasty
- 13 Iron output
- 14 General direction
- 15 Seize
- 17 Bar man?: Abbr.
- 18 Edinburgh native
- 20 Finished
- 22 Unlucky
- 23 Not in time
- 26 Skier's spot
- 28 Woods with woods
- 29 Run
- 31 "Give — rest!"
- 32 Newborn's need
- 33 Great serves
- 34 Bar bills
- 36 Standard
- 38 Eschew a ceremony
- 40 Wake
- 43 Marry again
- 44 School paper
- 45 Pinochle scores
- 46 Message from the boss

### DOWN

- 1 — Alamos
- 2 Do something
- 3 Henry James book
- 4 Center
- 5 Writer Bombeck
- 6 Was inactive
- 7 Tel Aviv native
- 8 Henry James book
- 9 English county
- 10 Mayberry sheriff
- 16 Scary cry
- 18 Farm sight
- 19 Hoof sound
- 21 Pick a candidate
- 23 Jazz, for one
- 24 Henri's head
- 25 Historic times
- 27 Understood
- 30 Decimal base
- 33 Happened
- 34 Time in office
- 35 Away from the wind
- 37 Valuable rocks
- 39 Mag. workers
- 41 Rick's pianist
- 42 Pupil's place

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Yesterday's answer

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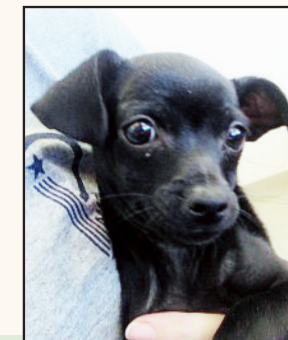
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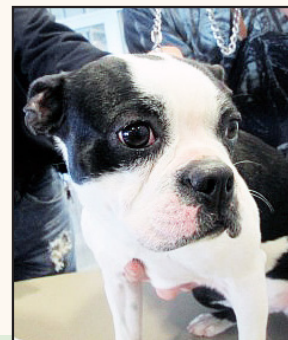
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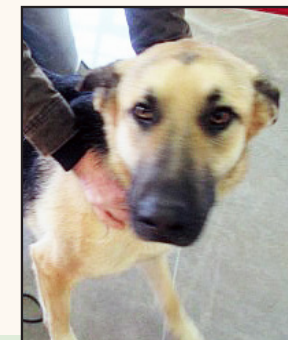
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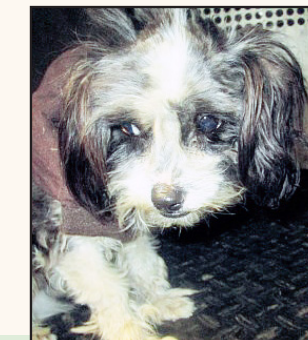
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# PampaSports

## Schaub to start at QB for Texans vs Broncos

HOUSTON (AP) — Matt Schaub will start at quarterback on Sunday for Houston against Denver and interim coach Wade Phillips expects him to receive a better reception than he did the last time he played at Reliant Stadium.

Schaub will start for an injured Case Keenum and try to help the Texans end a 12-game skid. Schaub's last action in Houston came when he took over late in a game against Oakland on Nov. 17 as Keenum was struggling. The home crowd booed him so loudly when he entered the game that the offense was forced to use a silent count.

"I'm not worried about that because I know a majority of our fans are with us no matter what and they've stuck through no matter what," Phillips said. "We appreciate them. This is our last home game, so we need a lot of support and I think we'll get it."

Schaub, who was benched after six games, will start for the first time since Oct. 13. Keenum has an injury to a ligament in his right thumb and was unable to grip the football on Tuesday. Phillips said he will wear a splint this week and he isn't sure of his status past Sunday. Keenum fell on his thumb and injured it on the last of his four sacks in this weekend's loss to the Colts.

## Cowboys put Durant on IR, release 2 more defenders

IRVING (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys have placed linebacker Justin Durant on season-ending injured reserve and released linebacker Kyle Bosworth and defensive tackle Drake Nevis.

Durant injured a hamstring in Sunday's loss to Green Bay, and the Cowboys played most of the game without their top four linebackers. Sean Lee's return is in question for the final two games because of a neck injury.

The Cowboys re-signed linebacker Orie Lemon and released running back George Winn from the practice squad Tuesday.

Dallas now has two open spots on the active roster and one on the practice squad.

## An update on Harvester wrestling



Submitted photos

Clockwise from top left, J.T. Belcourt, in white, prepares to start his match. Shiann Regalado, top in green, takes down her opponent. Isidro Estrada, in green, holds his opponent to the mat. Above in white, John Cryer turns his opponent over on the mat. The teams return to Pampa for the Pampa Pin-down on Jan. 4.

### STAFF REPORT

Pampa wrestling head coach Clint Wood said, "All the teams are doing well, even though we are very young."

The girls' team has competed well with 119-pound sophomore Shiann Regalado compiling a 17-2 record, placing second at the Arlington Tournament and first at the RL Turner Invitational. Other Girls competing well are 95-pound junior Niki Poland, 102-pound freshman Alondra Zarate and 110-pound junior Miranda Foreman. The boys' team had an impressive showing at the Randall Duals by going

3-3 in the two-day tournament, which featured some of the best teams in the area and out-of-state. The Pampa Boys wrestling team defeated Hereford, River Road and Tucumcari, N.M., nearly missing a victory over Caprock but coming up short with a 3 pt. loss before falling to a very tough Amarillo High team and eventually being put out of the tournament by Boys Ranch.

Wood said he has had outstanding efforts so far this year have which been put in by 132-pound sophomore Cade Ferguson, 170-pound sophomore J.T. Bellcourt with some impressive wres-

tling and a 6-2 record, and returning state placer 285-pound senior Isidro Estrada who has a record of 7-1.

The girls will be competing at the Bushland Tournament Saturday and the boys will be attending the Tucumcari Invitational. Pampa will be hosting the second annual Pampa Pin Down New Year's Bash at McNeely Jan. 4. Wood would like to encourage everyone to come out a support the Harvesters wrestling team and see some outstanding wrestling. Wrestling will begin at 10 a.m. and continue throughout the day.

## Manning overcomes many hurdles in season for ages

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. (AP) — With Peyton Manning on the verge of breaking Tom Brady's single-season touchdown record, Houston interim coach Wade Phillips calls this "just the best year ever of any quarterback."

The Denver Broncos have needed every one of Manning's many exploits to make up for a host of problems.

Before the season even started, the Broncos lost Elvis Dumervil to the Baltimore Ravens in the infamous fax fiasco that made him a surprising free agent, Von Miller to a six-game drug suspension, John Elway's top two lieutenants to drunk-driving arrests and



Peyton Manning

not one but two centers to medical issues.

In August, Champ Bailey suffered a foot injury that would turn him into a sideline spectator for most of the year. In September, Manning's blindsight protector went on injured reserve.

In October, Manning sustained a high ankle sprain that would force him to miss Wednesday practices on a regular basis for the first time in his career.

In November, John Fox collapsed on a golf course and needed open-heart surgery. During his absence, safety Rahim Moore needed emergency surgery to save his lower left leg, defensive end Derek Wolfe had a seizure-like episode on the team bus ride to the airport and run-stuffer Kevin Vickerson's went on IR with a dislocated right hip.

This month, captain Wesley Woodyard was benched and slot receiver Wes Welker was sidelined with his second concussion in four weeks.

Yet, Manning has had a season for the ages at age 37, just two years removed from the four neck surgeries that weakened his right triceps.

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**Hockey**  
Vancouver Canucks at Chicago Blackhawks...NHLN 7 p.m.

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NASCAR Sprint Cup from Charlotte.....ABC 7:30 p.m.

**Basketball**  
Houston Rockets at Indiana Pacers.....ESPN 7 p.m.  
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