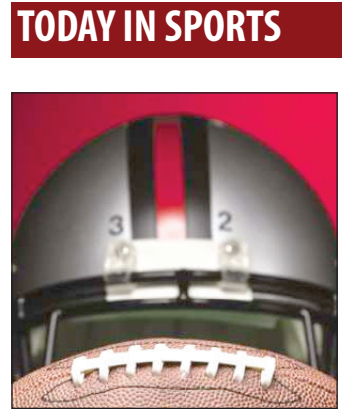


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Remembering the events of 2013



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 Above, "V" for victory. Former Pampa resident Tyler Hudson performs in Brisbane, Australia, during a promotional tour. Hudson made to finals on the Australian "The X Factor." Right, the much-anticipated new city animal shelter opened in early December. Construction on the shelter began about a year ago after Pampa voters approved construction of the \$3 million facility during a special election in May 2012.



STAFF REPORT

The Pampa News staff looks back at some of the top stories in news and sports that made top headlines in 2013. From the new city animal shelter and school district administration building opening in December, to the year starting and ending with a murder to the mixed drink proposition passing in May, the following stories captured the attention of our readers during the past year.

January

Lefors woman killed on New Year's Day

The new year, 2013, started on a sad note in Gray County with the unfortunate killing of a Lefors woman who was beloved by her family, friends and coworkers. Joshua Keith Rigo, the 29-year-old Amarillo man accused in the New Year's Day strangulation of Lefors resident Kristi Dawn Slatten, was indicted later in the year by the Gray County Grand Jury for first-degree murder. Rigo was also indicted for theft of a firearm, unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon and theft of property, according to court records. Rigo still is being held at the Gray County Jail on a \$500,000 bond for

the murder charge and bonds of \$50,000 for each of the three other charges. If convicted on the murder charge, he could face 99 years or life in prison. The case is being prosecuted by Gray County District Attorney Franklin McDonough. Not long after Slatten's body was discovered, officers with the Panhandle Police Department, Carson County Sheriff's Office and the Texas Highway Patrol stopped the vehicle on U.S. Highway 60 two miles west of Panhandle. Slatten had been the office manager at Dannie Hoover State Farm in Pampa for the past 15 years and worked part time at Easy's Eastside Liquor Store on East Brown Street. At the time of her death, Hoover said she was a good worker and a wonderful person. "Kristi was a tremendous person," he said. "She was friendly and outgoing. You couldn't have asked for a better office manager."

February

Pampa Mall gets second life

In February, local businessman Jason Bagwell bought the old Pampa Mall. Except for one or two businesses, the enormous building on Perryton Parkway had been empty for 20 years. Bagwell received some local assistance with a \$350,000 forgivable

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Targets in BP settlement inquiry assail findings

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Nearly six months after a federal judge appointed former FBI director Louis Freeh to investigate alleged misconduct inside the settlement program for compensating victims of BP's 2010 Gulf oil spill, the targets of his inquiry are questioning his independence and trying to rebut his findings. Lionel "Tiger" Sutton III, a lawyer whose resignation from the staff of claims administrator Patrick Juneau spawned the investigation, urged U.S. District Judge Carl Barbier last week to throw out a scathing report that Freeh issued in September. The report concluded that top members of Juneau's staff, including Sutton, engaged in conduct that was improper, unethical and possibly criminal. Sutton's lawyer, Michael Walsh, argued in a Dec. 18 court filing that Freeh doesn't have any evidence that his client broke any laws or had a conflict of interest during his work on the settlement. "When one is able to see through the innuendo, out of

context statements, factual mistakes, incorrect assumptions, faulty legal analysis, lack of evidence, self-dealing and fantasies that make up the Freeh report, the conclusion is clear. At no time did Sutton commit any crime or knowingly violate the written terms of his Employment Agreement or the Settlement Agreement," Walsh wrote. Freeh's report also accused two private attorneys, Glen Lerner and Jon Andry, of using Sutton's position in the settlement program to benefit their clients' claims. In return, the report said, Sutton received more than \$40,000 in fees for referring a claimant to their law firm before he joined Juneau's staff. Lerner's lawyers said there is no evidence that Sutton tried to provide any "improper advantage" to any of the clients that Lerner and Andry represented. "The evidence shows that the payments made to Sutton were not the product of any agreement among the three lawyers, but were made based on a good faith understanding

that Sutton was entitled to the payments and that his receipt of them had been disclosed and approved by Mr. Juneau," they wrote earlier this month. Also cited in Freeh's report is Sutton's wife, Christine Reitano, who worked as a lawyer on Juneau's staff. Freeh said Reitano had a conflict of interest when she recommended that a vendor for the settlement program hire her husband. Additionally, Freeh questioned Reitano's truthfulness when she denied having a role in arranging the payments to her husband from Lerner and Andry's firm. Juneau fired Reitano in June, shortly after her husband resigned. Freeh recommended disqualifying Sutton, Reitano, Andry and Lerner from representing anyone with spill-related settlement claims and called for the Justice Department to investigate whether they broke any laws. Barbier allowed the four attorneys to respond in writing to the report's allegations before he rules on Freeh's recommendations.

Stay healthy, Pampa! Get your flu shot

■ Vaccinations still available at several locations in Pampa.



By TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE
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Texas is being hit hard this flu season. Already, at least five people in the Lone Star State have died from the H1N1 virus, known as "swine flu." The H1N1 strain nearly reached an epidemic in 2009. Texas is one of four southern states being hit the hardest for the flu virus including Alabama, Louisiana and Mississippi. The current flu vaccination available at doctors' offices and pharmacies will protect you against the H1N1 strain. There is no expected shortage this year for flu shots, so health officials are urging everyone who hasn't already been vaccinated to do so. In Pampa, vaccinations are available at several locations. Here is the list:
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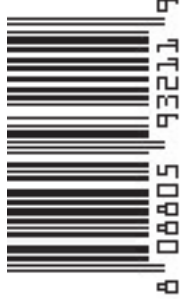
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loan from the Pampa Economic Development Corporation. If he meets all the conditions of loan, he will not have to pay it back.

Bagwell and his workers spent several months repairing roofs, cleaning up the park lot and doing indoor renovations.

The first business to sign a lease was U-Top-It, which was formerly located on Alcock Street.

One by one businesses opened through the summer and fall and now, along with U-Top-It, there is Mejia's Mexican Restaurant, The Table's Edge comic book store, SugarSkullz clothing boutique and a few other boutiques. The largest business in the mall is Jump N Jive, which is sort of an indoor amusement park with plenty of bounce houses.

Many readers commented on Facebook they were glad to see the mall reopened and remembered the good old days in 1980s when the mall was the happening place to be in Pampa.

Two wrestlers headed to Austin

In the 215-pound class, Bella Wilson took home first place from regionals and punched her ticket to state while improving her season record to 26-4. Wilson pinned every opponent she faced in the regionals.

In the 285-weight class, Isidro Estrada lost his first match of the season (25-1) in the regional championship, finishing second in regionals and punching a ticket to state. In the championship match Isidro lost 7-4.

At 128 pounds, Ericka Spence finished her season at 20-12 with a sixth-place finish in the regionals.

Cade Furgason, Sierra Sieber, Miranda Foreman, Dinah Radke and Shalor Sokolosky also participated in the regionals but did not finish in the top six of their respective weight classes.

As a team Pampa finished 10th for the girls and tied for 18th for the boys.

March

Knights of Columbus host 61st annual Polish sausage dinner

Though he couldn't produce any evidence to prove it, Kenny Gerber thinks one or more of his fellow Knights of Columbus might have conspired against him on who got picked as this year's chairman for the group's annual Polish Sausage dinner.

"I happened to be chairman this year by the draw of a straw," he said. Then, after a pause, he confided, "I think it was rigged."

The hall was nearly packed around 12:30 p.m. on a warm Sunday, then it started to taper off as the 2 p.m. closing time drew near.

The consensus among the Knights was the turnout was good. And, for the first time ever, there was a drive-thru service in the alley behind the hall.

"This was a very good turnout for a family meal," said assistant church pastor Father Arockia Raj.

"It's been very steady," added Mark McVay, who was collecting the cash.

For a \$10 donation, hungry souls got Polish sausage, baked beans, cole slaw, potato salad, dessert and a drink. And not just one serving, mind you. You could eat to your heart's — or should we say stomach's — desire.

Lady Harvesters season comes to an end

Pampa's Lady Harvesters were supposed to play the Levelland Loboettes. Due to the impending snowstorm, heavy snowfall forced the postponement of the basketball game which was played in Canyon at West Texas A&M in the First United Bank Center.

It was a defensive struggle in the beginning with many turnovers and missed shots early on from both ends of the floor.

Burnett led Pampa with 9 points, hit two 3-pointers and made her lone free throw attempt. Sark added five points from one three and she sank both of her free throws. Allison Ceyanes scored four points. Baker and Morgan each hit one three and finished with three points a piece. Rachel Andrews hit both of her free-throws to end the game with two points. As a team, Pampa shot 5-6, or 83 percent, from the free-throw line.

Pampa's season came to an end and Levelland faced Abilene Wylie in the next round of the playoffs. The Lady Harvesters did great things this season, finishing second place in the district after starting the season projected to finish third. Their final record was 5-3 in district and 11-19 overall. Best of luck to the seniors Baker, Ceyanes, Morgan and Andrews in all of their future endeavors and



File photo

A groundbreaking ceremony was held in May for a Bennigan's restaurant on Perryton Parkway.

congratulations to all the Lady Harvesters for a great season.

Three-pointers help Pampa cruise to bi-district victory
The Hustlin' Harvesters traveled to Canyon for their bi-district playoff round game against the Lubbock Cooper Pirates. The game was played in the Canyon High School gym.

The final score of the game was Pampa 68, Cooper 53. As a team, Pampa hit 11 three-pointers. Jon Cox led Pampa with four threes and 18 points. Derek Pollard added one trey and 15 points. Hutto had four three-pointers and 14 points. Cade Engle had a three and 10 points. Jake Green finished with five points. Romel Lee, Gabe Garcia and Tyler Powell all added two points each.

April

Lady Harvesters drop two games, season ends

The Lady Harvester softball team traveled to Canyon for a three-game series against the Lubbock Cooper Lady Pirates over the weekend.

The losses brought the Lady Harvesters final record to 23-10 overall. They finished 7-1 in district and won the district championship. Congratulations to all of the Lady Harvesters on a great season. Best of luck to all of the seniors in their future endeavors.

May

Mixed drink proposition passes

There were strong indications the mixed drink proposition would pass, such as 1,300 signatures in December 2012 to put it on the ballot and hundreds of comments favoring it on The Pampa News Facebook.

What is probably a surprise to many is that it passed by such a wide margin — 81 percent. Of the 10,518 registered voters within Pampa city limits, 1,528 voted on the proposition.

Proponents of the measure argued that allowing mixed drink sales would make Pampa a more inviting location for chain restaurants, and that more restaurants in town serving alcohol would translate into higher sales tax revenues.

Those against the referendum argued that allowing mixed drink sales is a social taboo that could lead to more destructive social ills.

The proposition will allow restaurants licensed by the Texas Alcoholic Beverages Commission to sell mixed drinks.

Bennigan's groundbreaking

Bennigan's, an Irish-themed casual dining chain, held a groundbreaking ceremony in Pampa on May 14. Local officials — including representatives from the City of Pampa, the Pampa Chamber of Commerce and the Pampa Economic Development Commission — joined at the festivities with Bennigan's President and CEO Paul Mangiamele and Pampa franchisee Nimit Patel.

The new Pampa restaurant is expected to add nearly 100 jobs to the local economy and will offer a full bar with dozens of beers on tap, multiple HDTVs and Bennigan's Legendary food, he said.

Though the restaurant was expected to open by early 2014, construction still has not begun. Mangiamele recently told The Pampa News the project has been delayed but will still go on. He did not specify a date when construction might begin.

The Pampa Bennigan's will be one of the first of a new prototype unveiled by the company. It will have a smaller exterior footprint than the older stores, yet on the inside will have a more spacious and open dining area.

The Dallas-based chain is steadily making a comeback after its parent company went bankrupt in the late 2000s.

June

Trevathan gets three years in prison for stealing from employer

Erin Dawn Trevathan, 26, was sentenced in June to 36 months in a federal prison for defrauding Pampa Teachers Federal Credit Union of \$423,000. She also must pay restitution of \$443,000.

She pleaded guilty in April to one count of fraud in connection with federal credit union entries. She was remanded to custody.

Trevathan will have to complete five years of supervised release, which is like probation, after she is released.

The court recommended Trevathan be incarcerated close to Pampa.

There is no parole in the federal prison system.

According to documents filed in the case, Trevathan was employed by the Pampa Teachers Federal Credit Union as a loan officer from July 2008 until early December 2010, and during that time, she was the sole loan officer at the credit union. Her job consisted of processing personal loans and auto loans.

Jordan Lemons becomes a Thunderduck

Jordan Lemons signed a scholarship to play baseball for the Thunderduck of Richland College in Richardson in June. Richardson is a suburb of Dallas. Jordan is pictured with Pampa High School's head baseball coach Kaleb Snelgrooves and his mother Terry Lemons.

July

Accused baby killer indicted for capital murder

Former Pampa resident Andrew Shane Johnson was indicted for capital murder in July by a Hansford County Grand Jury in the slaying of 11-month-old Jax Covalt.

The grand jury was tasked with considering evidence in the April 18 slaying of Covalt, who was pronounced dead at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo at 2:21 a.m., April 19.

The infant had been taken to the Hansford County Hospital by his mother the evening prior to his death before being airlifted to Amarillo. The child suffered multiple wounds due to blunt force head trauma.

Johnson was in a relationship with the child's mother, according to authorities. The killing happened in Spearman, about 70 miles northwest of Pampa.

Johnson was arrested in Pampa on April 19 on unrelated charges and held at the Gray County Jail, where he was served the murder warrant and then transferred to Hutchison County Jail, where he is still being held.

Tournament as old as The Masters

Oklahoma, New Mexico and Texas. Those are the states that people normally think about when they think "Tri-State Area." But the 79th Annual Tri-State Seniors Golf Tournament usually has players from Louisiana and other regional areas. This year they had someone playing who calls the Peach State, Georgia, home.

"This is their 79th anniversary of the Tri-State Senior Golf Tournament. They have actually been here a long time," assistant golf professional for Pampa Country Club Daniel Williams said. "Usually they have 75 to 100 players coming from all over South Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas and New Mexico. It's pretty interesting."

Williams also said it relates pretty close to the Top of Texas Tournament held in August. The Tri-State Seniors Golf Tournament has been played as long as the The Masters, which is played in April in Augusta, Ga. The Masters just had its 79th year.

September

Zach Thomas nominated for Pro Football Hall of Fame

The odds of a high school senior football player making it to the NFL are 0.2 percent, according to www.nfl-players.com, the official website for the NFL Players Association. The odds of that same player making the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio, are even less.

For Pampa native Zach Thomas, former Pampa Harvester and White Deer Buck, that dream came true. After going to college as a Texas Tech Red Raider, he spent 12 seasons as a Miami Dolphin and one season as a Dallas Cowboy.

"When they were singing the Nation-



Zach Thomas

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Flu

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- Walmart pharmacy, 2801 N. Charles St. Vaccinations are \$25, insurance accepted.
- New Life Wellness Center, 701 N. Price Road. Vaccinations are \$25, cash only.
- United Supermarkets pharmacy, 1420 N. Hobart St. Vaccinations are \$25, insurance accepted.

Beth Bagwell, pharmacist at United Supermarkets in Pampa, said the H1N1 strain can be fatal since it causes more vomiting and diarrhea than other strains of the virus.

"This causes dehydration in a lot of people and that is why so many people had

to be hospitalized in 2009," she said.

Bagwell said there was a swine flu strain that went around during the 1970s.

Although none of the five Texas cases have been reported anywhere near Pampa, Bagwell said that is no reason for local residents to feel they won't fall victim to this nasty bug.

When people travel to Pampa or the Panhandle, they bring their germs with them.

"Everyone is so mobile now," she said. "Airplanes, long bus trips are just like petri dishes for whatever people have. People from other areas coming here drop off a little flu bug and it starts going around."

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Sunday: Partly cloudy and windy with a high of 32. Winds north at 20 mph. Sunrise at 7:53 a.m.

Sunday night: Mostly clear with a low of 19. Winds north-northwest at 7 mph. Sunset at 5:40 p.m.

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Obituaries

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.



Ferline Calvert

Services were 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-Whatley 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, Ky. 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 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-Whatley 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-whatley.com.

John "Jack" Reeve

John "Jack" Reeve, 90 years of age, died on Thursday, Dec. 26, 2013 in Pampa.

Memorial services will be at 1 p.m. Monday, Dec. 30, 2013, at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, with Rev. Linda Kelly, rector, and the Rt. Rev. Sam Hulsey, officiating. Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.



John "Jack" Reeve

Jack was born on Feb. 28, 1923 to John Rumsey and Isabelle Key Reeve in Casper, Wyo. He received a BSME from Oklahoma State University 1948. He was a member of Sigma Nu Fraternity and several engineering groups and honor societies. He received his MSME from California Institute of Technology.

He was married to Katherine Pigford on Nov. 27, 1945. Toward the end of WW II, he served in the US Navy, flying a TBF Avenger over the Pacific as a torpedo bomber pilot. He remained in the US Navy Reserves until 1952 when was honorably discharged.

Jack was a member of the American Petroleum Register: Professional Engineer and the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. He was named Citizen of the Year for Pampa, Texas in 2005. He received the Golden Nail Distinguished Volunteer Award from the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce the same year. Other awards and recognitions include the Heartbeat of Rotary Award and the Rotary Paige Carruth Award for Distinguished Service. Jack was named Boss of the Year several times by Desk and Derrick organization and the American Business Woman's Association.

Reeve served nine years on the Board of Directors for Pampa Regional Medical Center, was a Chairman for The United Way and served on the Gray County Appraisal Board. When his boys were young, he served as both a Cub Scout and Boy Scout Leader. He mentored at Woodrow Wilson Elementary School in Pampa for eight years. He was on the Pampa Fine Arts Association Board and co-chaired the Super Playground Project. Jack was a prime driver in the fund raising, design, and construction of the new chapel at the Rufe Jordan Unit of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice near Pampa. Reeve was a lifelong Episcopalian. As an active member of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church for 57 years, he served on the vestry for 21 years. He supported St. Matthew's Day School with renovations and served as a board member.

Since the mid 90's, Jack and his family have maintained a summer residence in Lake City, a beautiful small town in southwestern Colorado. Jack and Katherine have enjoyed wonderful friends in Lake City. He devoted himself to community projects and was an active member of St. James Episcopal Church.

His daughter Natalie Reeve preceded him in death.

Survivors include his wife of 68 years, Katherine Reeve; children include Russell Reeve and his wife Kim of Lucas; Randall Reeve and is wife Mary of Ruidoso, N.M.; grandchildren John Reeve, Katie Chaney, Stacy Jimmerson, and Megan Sibley. Great grandchildren include Marcus Jimmerson, Anna Jimmerson, Jacob Jimmerson, Rebecca Bates, Jean-Paul Reeve, and Isaiah Sibley.

The family would like to express their thanks to Odyssey Hospice and Pampa Coronado Health Care Center for the love and care they provided to Jack.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Matthew's Legacy Endowment Fund, at 727 E. Browning, Pampa, TX 79065, or Pampa Meals on Wheels at P.O. Box 939, Pampa, TX 79066-0939.

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Bouncin' Around A reflection on past years

As we approach another new year I have been thinking not about resolutions, but about innovations.



JUDITH SMITH

I'm sure there have been many things invented in the past year, and there have been advances in medicine and science. In earlier columns I've mentioned my husband's Aunt Rose, who lived from 1900 until her death in 2003. She lived in two centuries and two different millennia. She saw the world move from horse and buggy to space travel. Her only child, a son born in 1921, lived only a short time after his birth and she never even got to hold him or see where he was buried. Today, babies are born weighing less than a pound and with scientific advances and neonatal intensive care units (NICUs) these children are not only surviving but thriving. I did some research about things that were invented during Aunt Rose's lifetime, and I was amazed! In 1900, the year she was born, the zeppelin and the escalator were invented. In 1901 came the safety

razor and the vacuum cleaner, air conditioning, neon lights, and the teddy bear. Oh, and a couple of guys with the last name of Wright invented something called the airplane. In 1903 we saw our first crayons, and tea bags. From then on, the inventions came thick and fast, and the following list only goes up to 1959: Einstein's Theory of Relativity, cornflakes, cellophane, the helicopter, instant coffee, "talkies", Lifesavers candy, the crossword puzzle, the brassiere and the zipper, insulin, penicillin, the television, bubble gum, the yo-yo, FM radio, drive-in movie, the computer, Slinky, dialysis machine, microwave oven, Tupperware, the Frisbee, Velcro, cake mixes, the credit card, Super glue, "The Pill", the pacemaker and... Barbie. We take so many of these inventions for granted. For most of us, we have never been without these things, and all the ones invented after 1959. We have our Smart phones with us all the time, and quiet conversation over dinner in a restaurant has been replaced by text messaging and checking Facebook. The Postal Service is failing because people just don't write letters much

anymore; we talk via cell phone or computer. Party invitations are sent via Facebook or email, and the Thank You card seems to be a thing of the past. We flip a switch and expect light, or click a remote and turn on the TV. We can fly around the world in hours instead of days. Hospitals are wonders of technology, and doctors are able to save or extend life to a level not possible when Aunt Rose was young. Life is easier now, if not always better. We are going back to growing our own foods again, and learning that chemicals aren't always our friends. Kids today ask for iPads, iPods, electronic games and computers, but they also are finding some of the old toys fun again. Last week I found the grandkids playing with a game of Tiddlywinks we had bought them last year. Progress is good, and it will be interesting to see what new innovations come to light in 2014. I still prefer to read traditional paper books by a traditional fire with a traditional cat, but I'm open to new ideas. We wish a Happy New Year to all!

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Pastor's Point A Savior is born!

The Church is right in the midst of joyfully celebrating the 12 days of Christmas (Dec. 25-Jan. 5). What a splendid time of joy and comfort. God has rent the heavens and come among man

to bring salvation. God has come down from His throne in the form of man in the person of Jesus. Born in a lowly stable, to humble parents, Jesus walked among us in every way, except He was without sin. As one Christmas carol puts it:

"Highest, most holy, Light of Light eternal, Born of a virgin, a mortal He comes; Son of the Father, now in flesh appearing! Oh come let us adore Him.

There really is so much to be joyful about this season — a Savior is born!

Although, maybe this gladness of heart has eluded you and your mood is more like that of Ebenezer Scrooge than Tiny Tim. Perhaps you have felt the sting of the tainted world we live in. Perhaps it was your kids who disappointed you by only visiting you a day and rushing off to do something else. Maybe this was the first Christmas without your mom or your dad. Maybe you had all these plans for that special someone and it all went up in smoke. Think of all the people who are feeling the loss of a job, or the pain of loneliness, or just the chaos of this broken world we live in. It should be pretty clear, the devil does not let up on us. He continues to bring shame and woe to make us despair and bring our faith to ruin if he can.

The truth is that the richness of Christmas time is not just about the Lord getting you out of the holiday funk. It is much deeper than that. Matthew helps us really know what we celebrate at this time of year. Matthew 1:21 states, "She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." We must admit that all of the world's brokenness is part of our own brokenness. We must realize the magnitude of our own sins. Thus, we can rejoice these holy days, for we have a Savior who has come to rescue us from our real enemies of sin and death. Jesus doesn't save us from just some

blue days, but from sin and everlasting condemnation. Jesus is a real Savior to lost people.

Jesus is born to be amongst the trials and pains of lost people. As we push forward from the birth of Jesus we can see the depth of God's love in this great humility. The Gospel reading for the First Sunday after Christmas Day takes us to Matthew chapter two, where we find that some time later, after the Wise Men left the holy family, Jesus and His faithful parents had to get up in the middle of the night and run for their lives to escape the murderous plans of King Herod (Matthew 2:13-23).

Ponder this for a moment. Here is Jesus, the Son of God, the maker of all things and He is this small child, a toddler, completely dependent upon His parents and they have to flee for their lives into the foreign land of Egypt. They have to escape from danger. Does this sound like a glorious powerful God? What kind of heavenly Father lets this happen? God the Father lets it happen. This is the true God who comes to partake of the weakness and fragility of mankind. Jesus knows suffering, danger, want, and pain. He lived through it all even when He was very small.

This is how much God loves us. He would send His only Son to be in the danger and evil of this world. Jesus would partake of the gritty harshness of His surroundings. He does this for you.

That's right — for you! You may think it foreign of our Lord to be so weak and small and helpless. You may desire a powerful deity who charges into our lives and fixes everything so it can be smooth and easy. Jesus doesn't come among us to make it easy on you and me. He comes among us to save us from our dreadful sins. Jesus embraces mankind and gives you strength and hope amidst your trials and hardships. This is His great love for you.

In the same love and devotion He goes to the cross for you. He bleeds for you, suffers for you, and dies for you. It is why Jesus was born in His humble surroundings of cattle lowing and shepherds bowing. Jesus comes to save the people from their sins. May you rejoice with the Church these holy days in our Savior who comes among us.

Rev. Michael Erickson is pastor at Zion Lutheran Church.



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This Land is Our Land Chris Cox: Winner of Bruno's 'Best Political Deed of the Year' Award

It's typical, at this time of the year, for political columnists to write a "Top 10 Worst Political Blunders of the Year" list. It's also easy because what we do is mostly complain about this



BRUNO BALTODANO

or that, him or her, what was said or left unsaid, and on and on and on.

But, in the spirit of Christmas, I would like to spend our time today in giving thanks for an act of political kindness. Yes, they do happen and no, I am not talking about the never-ending saga of Rob Ford, that wacky mayor from Toronto. Instead, I want to give you my No. 1 Best Example of Political Kindness and give thanks for Chris Cox.

Chris is a chainsaw artist from Virginia. He makes wooden sculptures from reclaimed wood and, apparently, specializes in turtles, pelicans, sea captains and tiki heads.

He had his 15-minutes of fame back in October when, fed up with the deteriorating condition of the Washington Mall during the 16-day govern-

ment shutdown, he took it upon himself to clean up and mow the lawn outside the Lincoln Memorial. For days he picked up trash, tidied up the Mall and cut the grass until the police asked him to stop.

"These are our memorials. Do they think that we're just going to let them go to hell?" he can be heard to explain on one of many YouTube posts.

Now, even by Chris' account, his deeds were not meant to be political or even to draw attention to himself. According to an interview he gave to The Charleston City Paper, he was in Washington, D.C., as he does during tourist season, to sell his wooden art.

But, with many park maintenance services idled, Cox decide someone had to step in: "Over my dead body are we going to find trash pouring out of these trash cans. The building behind me serves as a moral compass, not only for our country but for the world. We are their stewards." Indeed we should be. Thanks for the reminder, Chris.

"Ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country."

Merriam-Webster defines stewardship as: "The careful and responsible

management of something entrusted to one's care."

What John F. Kennedy meant during his Inaugural Address in January 1961 was that America, this great country of ours, will be better off when we recognize that we are stewards of its future and we get up and do something to fix our shortcomings.

He wasn't asking us to join the armed forces, he wasn't railing against welfare or against long-haired hippies. He was asking us to stop being a nation of bystanders. If you see something wrong being done, stop it, don't wait for someone else to do it.

At a time when some of our most powerful elected leaders in Washington had become "emotionally constipated" (in Chris Cox's own words) this man from the Palmetto State provided us with a moment of action.

What he did not only spoke to me but it made sense. He rolled up his sleeves and did what he could to fix the problem.

I went to the White House and the Pentagon once to conduct interviews and the thing that stood out the most to me was not the awe-inspiring sense of the place but the pretentiousness of the people who work there. Everyone there carries a lanyard around

their neck allowing them access to different parts of the complexes. The more lanyards, the more access that person had and, therefore, the more powerful that person is. It seemed to me that there was a direct correlation between the number of lanyards and the level of pompousness displayed by that person.

In none of the pictures or videos I have seen of Chris have I ever seen him wear one single lanyard.

Within the very bosom of the most pompous of American political cities, where everyone who works in Capitol Hill can be blinded by his/her own sense of self-importance it was a simple man with a simple action who delivered the biggest message. Get off your pompous bum-bum and do what you can for your country.

Thank you Chris Cox for your act of political kindness, if only we all could do the same we would be better off than we are.

Merry Christmas Pampa, I hope all of you had a blessed time with your family and those you love.

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al Anthem during my first NFL game,” Thomas said. “I had won just being there. I was just standing there on the sideline, and I felt a tear roll down my cheek. I just wanted to grab that moment and never let it go. I was very blessed just to be there.”

In a 14-year career, it would be easy to assume that Thomas learned the most from his playing in the NFL. But there was a coach in Pampa that taught him a tool he carried throughout his career. This tool helped him amass 1,076 tackles, 20.5 sacks, nine forced fumbles and 17 interceptions, according to NFL.com.

Thomas finished his career having appeared in the NFL's Pro Bowl seven times, including consecutive years from 1999-2003. He was First-team All-Pro five times, Second-team All-Pro twice, NFL Alumni Linebacker of the Year twice and was included on the NFL 2000s All-Decade team.

Thomas is currently living in South Florida with his wife and two kids, a 3-year-old son and 2-year-old daughter. He keeps himself busy with his three workout facilities, Zach's Club 54, two in Lubbock and one in Amarillo, and selling real estate.

He has disconnected himself from the game of football, except for being a fan. He said he may get into coaching at some point, but that is too time consuming and he likes spending the time he has with his family.

“Life is great,” Thomas said. “I got to spend 28 years on the playground.”

October

Is Worley Hospital haunted?

Are you a believer in the paranormal? 96.9 Kiss FM held its third-annual haunted broadcast two nights before Halloween at the old Worley Hospital. Tommy the Hacker and Dallas Chambers brought along four listeners who won passes to join a paranormal activity crew and spend the night inside the old hospital, which shut down in the 1970s.

The Palo Duro Area Paranormal Society spent the afternoon making prepara-



File photos

Worley Hospital was investigated by ghost hunters in October. The event was KISS FM's third-annual haunted broadcast.

tions for the night's activities by setting up cameras on all three floors of the hospital. Member Tonya Trimble said that although nothing actually happened during the day time, the group had strange feelings throughout the time of their preparations. At eight o'clock, employees from 96.9 Kiss FM, 101.9 Blake FM, haunted broadcast pass winners and reporters met outside of Worley to go over waivers and tips for the investigation.

After warming up with a walk through Pampa's Frightmares haunted house in The Pampa Mall, broadcast participants returned to the hospital and were split into three groups. Each group tackled one of the floors in an attempt to connect with the spirits rumored to be lingering inside. Guests were anxious and excited to find out whether or not they would get to see or hear anything unusual while walking through the hospital.

Those who chose to stay after the broadcast ended around 1:30 a.m. went back into the hospital with the paranormal activity crew to the first floor in order to see if they could make further contact. This time, Trimble laid out three K2 sensors, which have lights that change color when there is some activity and a flashlight in the hallway and attempted to get the spirit to make itself known for a second time.

Trimble and the group say they saw a large dark figure hover over one of the lights and cross the hall and there was some flashlight activity as well. As the group was exiting the hospital for the night, two of the group members claim to have heard whispering on the staircase, and there was an unexplained chair that had been placed by the back door beside the stairs.

Ultimately, there will always be both believers and skeptics when it comes to the paranormal, and the findings at the haunted broadcast in Pampa's Worley Hospital may or may not be enough to sway opinion one way or the other.

Former Pampan soars to finals on Australian 'The X Factor'

Former Pampa resident and professional musician Tyler Hudson, who now lives in Australia, was a finalist on the Australian version of “The X Factor.” The program is the most popular TV show in Australia.

Of the 10,000 plus who auditioned, he was selected as one of the 150 who would go through “boot camp” in Sydney. He made it through the three eliminations of boot camp meaning he was one of the final 24 remaining in the competition. Every age category flew to a different destination around the world for mentoring sessions with their coaches. As a part of the “over 24s” category, they spent our week in New York City. My mentor was Australian pop artist/model Dannii Minogue. Hudson and fellow competitors got to experience the VIP treatment in NYC, being chauffeured around in big black limos and filming atop the Empire State Building.

He did not continue on to the live rounds with the top 12 in Australia.

“Though my involvement with the show ended, I was invited to perform in a promotional concert tour in Australia's capital cities,” Hudson said.

Pampa beats River Road for only win of the season

Ask any coach at any level of football and they will tell you controlling the time of possession is one of the many keys to winning a football game. The Pampa Harvesters showed that Friday night in their homecoming game versus the River Road Wildcats with a 24-0 win to improve to 1-7 on the season and 1-1 in District 1-3A play.

After carries from Brycen McClendon, the Harvesters completed a 33-yard field goal, giving them the 17-0 lead at half-time.

After the half, the Harvesters and the Wildcats engaged in a defensive battle that saw neither team scoring on long drives. In the fourth quarter, the Harvesters forced a turnover on downs and then drove for almost 8 minutes down the field. Brycen McClendon scored the final touchdown, putting an exclamation point on a huge win.

November

5 killed, many more injured in weather-related crashes

Winter came early in the Panhandle. Too early for drivers not ready for driv-

ing in the snow.

Five people were killed and many others were injured in weather-related crashes throughout the Panhandle in late November.

None of the killed and injured was from Pampa or Gray County.

The first and most deadly crash occurred early Saturday on Interstate 40 in Oldham County near Vega at mile marker 31. Multiple tractor trailer trucks and two passenger vehicles were involved in what the Texas Department of Public Safety called three separate crash events.

Three people died, and 11 others were transported to Northwest Texas Healthcare System in Amarillo with various levels of injuries, including critical.

At the time of the crash, witnesses stated the road was already iced over and so they had slowed down significantly. The crash events started when two vehicles collided with each other, which caused other vehicles to take evasive action.

The fatalities were one in each passenger vehicle and a pedestrian, who was a truck driver who had exited his truck after he crashed and was struck by one of the passenger cars.

The day after the I-40 wrecks, one wom-

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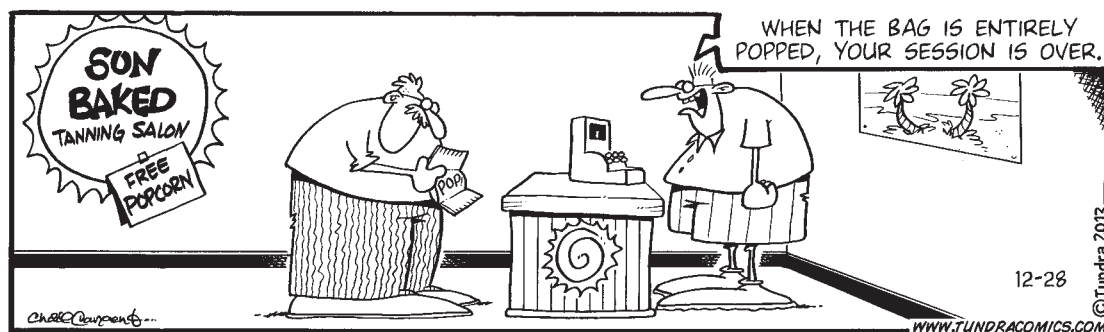


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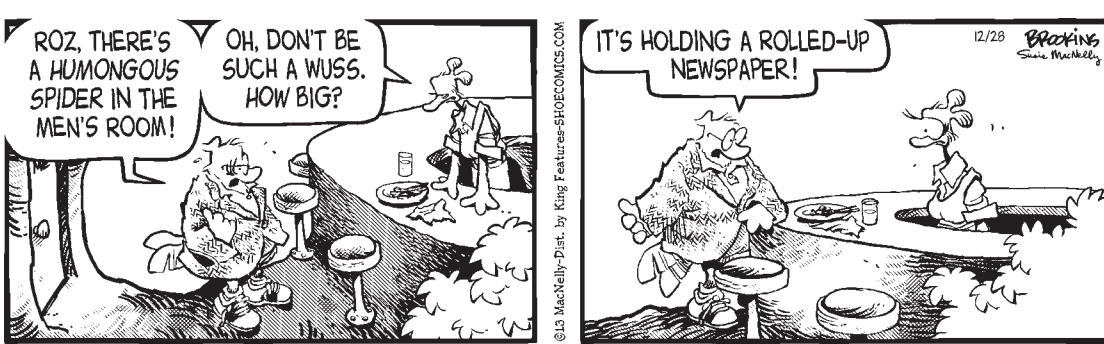
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This year you often find yourself disagreeing with the status quo. The irony is that you need the status quo in order to remain effective and content. Re-evaluate what is not working, and attempt to process it. If you are single, check out anyone you meet with care; someone might not be everything you think he or she is. Still, you could meet someone who is quite engaging. If you are attached, the two of you need more downtime together. You will see your relationship flourish with more nurturing. SAGITTARIUS knows your vulnerabilities better than you do.
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)
★★★★ Keep reaching out to those you have not made contact with yet. You will be liberating yourself from a difficult situation. You could jolt an older friend or loved one with this decision. Be sensitive to others' feelings. Tonight: Go for offbeat; try something totally new.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ A partnership is far from boring. You could be shocked by what you hear. You might want to ask this person to repeat what he or she said. Resist becoming combative, even if the implications are far-reaching. Know that people do change their minds. Tonight: Chat over dinner.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Check out what has been said carefully. What feels too good to be true most likely is. You could sense someone's discomfort with a matter involving finances. If you can, start up a conversation with this person. Tonight: Make a decision with care.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You are into accomplishing what you must. If you look around and observe, there is a lot happening. A boss or superior of some sort could change his or her mind so quickly that you might be in shock. Make necessary adjustments. Tonight: Stay focused.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ The unexpected occurs, which affects your understanding of a certain situation. You might feel weighed down by the choices you have to make. Your instincts will help you follow through on a potential change. Tonight: Add some spice to

your life.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Tension builds on the home-front, but it is debatable which way you should head. Allow your creativity to find the right solution as well as an appropriate way to relieve pressure. A partner could act in a most erratic manner. Tonight: Make it your treat.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You might be taken back by the person who gets your message; on the other hand, you could be disappointed that someone else did not get the meaning behind your words. Curb your anger, or at least direct it appropriately. Tonight: Have a long-overdue conversation.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Use care with your finances. What you believe to be a sound decision might not be. Prepare for unexpected developments pertaining to your work, routine, diet and health matters. Schedule a doctor's appointment, if need be. Tonight: Use your good sense.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You might want to pitch in and help a loved one with what he or she deems an overwhelming project. A friend might be irate, and could start pushing you to make a decision. Tonight: Where the gang is.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You need structure in your life. The unexpected might be shaking you up more than you realize. You might have to deal with someone, perhaps a higher-up, who is angry. Discomfort invades a situation. You can't always deal with the predictable. Tonight: Process your feelings.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Friendships will always star in your life. Someone from a distance could be unusually hostile. You see a lot more than many other people, as you can read between the lines. You might need some thinking time to digest everything that is happening. Tonight: Out late.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Relate directly to a family member or loved one who can be difficult. Clearly, your goals are different. Move past this obstacle, as neither of you sees an alternative right now. You have other situations that require your time and attention. Tonight: There will be a resolution.

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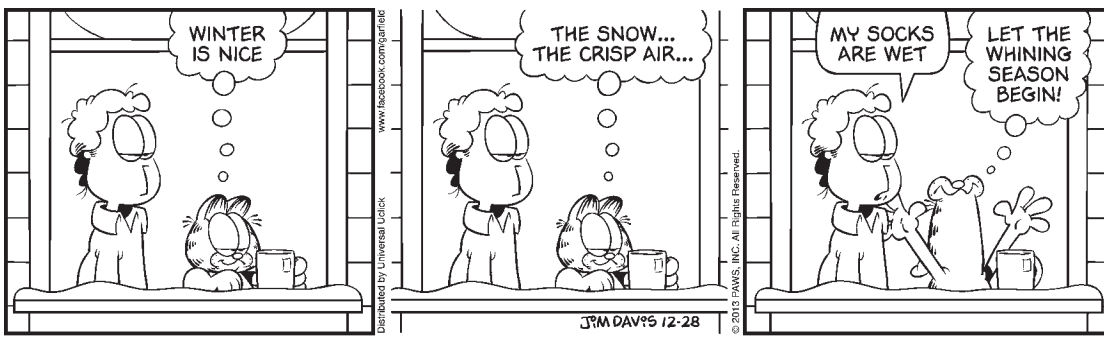
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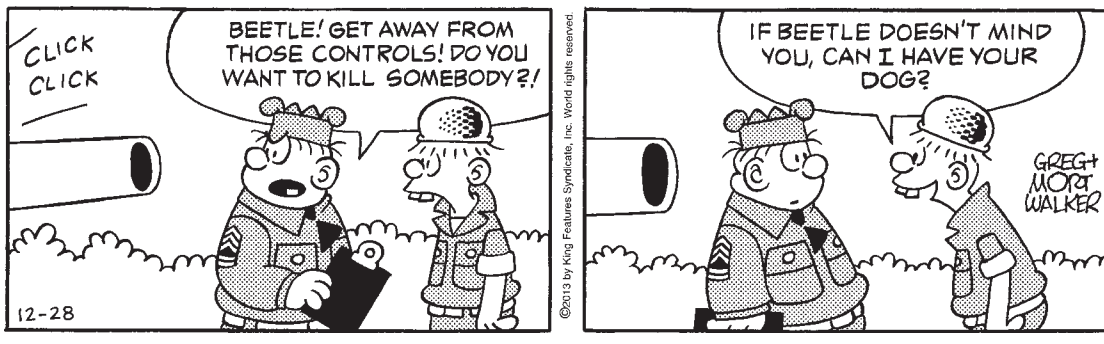
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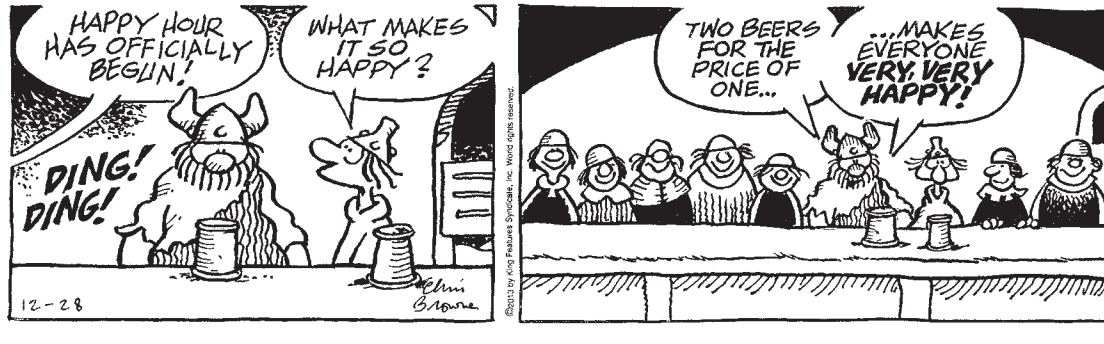
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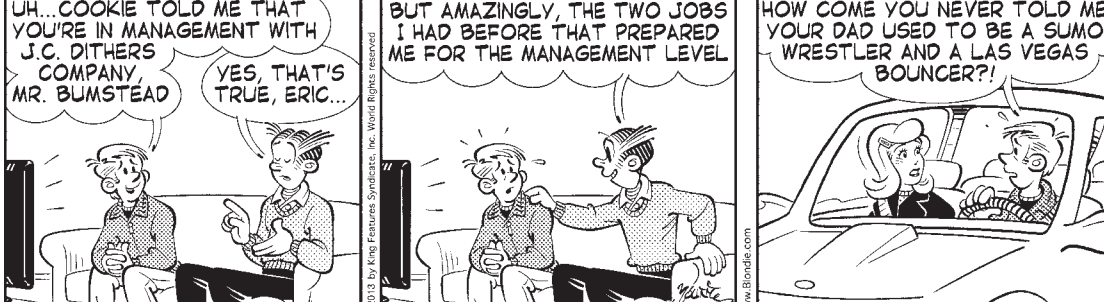
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The Sheriffs' Association of Texas has awarded the Clint and Donna Peoples scholarship for the fall 2013 semester to Haley Copeland. Haley, left, is the granddaughter of Gray County Sheriff Don Copeland, right, and wife Marilyn and the daughter of Ed and Amanda Copeland. Haley is currently a Junior Education Major at West Texas State A&M University in Canyon. She graduated from Pampa High School in 2011. She then attended Clarendon College and earned her Associates Degree in 2012. She has maintained a 4.0 grade point average and is set to graduate in the spring of 2015. Sheriff Copeland said, "We are very proud of Haley and her accomplishments. We know that she will be an excellent educator." Sheriff Copeland awarded the scholarship to Haley during a family gathering last month.

Ring found at plant, returned to owner

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — An Aggie ring that spent a couple of years being cycled through a wastewater treatment plant has been returned to its owner thanks to a sharp-eyed plant employee.

Megan Marie Hubbard's ring fell into a toilet two weeks before her 2011

graduation from Texas A&M. Her efforts to retrieve it were washed away by the toilet's automatic flush.

The Eagle newspaper reports the ring reappeared earlier this month when Ron Waters, a plant technician for College Station, saw it shine against a debris

slab he was washing down. He used Texas A&M records to contact Hubbard, asking if she'd lost something prior to graduating. After a pause, she exclaimed, "You found my ring!"

The ring was cleaned, sanitized and mailed to Hubbard.

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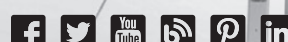
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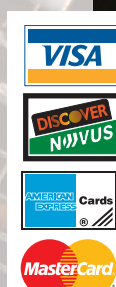
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December

Pampa Animal Shelter opens

Pampa Animal Services Director Monty Montgomery said he's been waiting for this day for 27 years.

After a year of construction, Animal Services moved the 100 or so dogs, cats, puppies and kittens the distance of a few hundred yards from the old shelter to the new state-of-the-art facility on Dec. 9.

The city held a dedication ceremony for the shelter on Nov. 20. At that time, there was still some contracting work that needed to be finished before the shelter could open.

Montgomery and his staff did the moving with help from PAWS (Pampa Animal Welfare Society).

Construction on the shelter began about a year ago after Pampa voters approved construction of the \$3 million facility during a special election in May 2012.

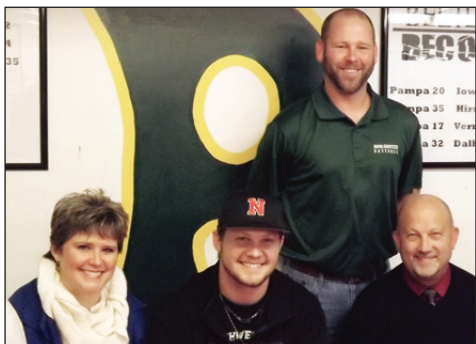
The lead architect was Brian Thomas with GH2 Architects. The lead construction contractor was Plains Builders, with Dan Koetting as project manager and Terry Tolleson as superintendent.

The new shelter is a single 13,000-square-foot building, while the old one is a cluster of small buildings that barely occupy 2,000 square feet.

Hunt signs with Division II school

Senior pitcher Ethan Hunt has signed a letter of commitment to attend Northwestern Oklahoma State University in Alva, Okla., three hours northeast of Pampa.

"It's been a dream of mine since I have been playing baseball to keep going to the next step," Hunt said.



File photo Ethan Hunt signs with NWOSU in November.

In 25 games last season, Hunt had 24 hits with 17 singles, five doubles and two home runs. He also had 24 RBIs and 15 strikeouts (while pitching).

"It's exciting," Snelgrooves said. "Ethan is a hard-working kid. For him to go to a D2 school is exciting for our program and the community of Pampa."

Lady Harvesters volleyball team reflect on season

"Rise to the occasion."

That was the motto for the Lady Harvesters volleyball team this season. It wasn't just referring to the way the Lady Harvesters played and performed day-in and day-out, but how the girls acted on and off the court. Wednesday night in the Pampa High School commons, the Lady Harvesters volleyball teams, freshmen through varsity, and special guests reflected on the Lady Harvesters season.

The event opened with an invocation from senior Taylor Giles, followed by a meal catered by The Plaza. While guests and players dined, a video montage of the Lady Harvesters' season was playing.

Volleyball head coach Brooke Sanford first told the team that their comeback victory at Borger was by far the most resiliency she has seen from a team in her career.

After recognition, it was time for honors. Second-team All-District was awarded to Allison Noble, with First-team All-District going to Taylor Giles and Madison Joyce. Setter of the Year went to Taylor

Eubank.

One of the more impressive awards, keeping a 90 or above for the first two six weeks, went to each member of the varsity volleyball team.

The local awards, awarded by players on the team, started with the Hustling Harvester award, going to Taylor Eubank. Offensive and Defensive Players of the Year went to Madison Joyce and Taylor Giles respectively. The Harvester Heart award went to Kirsten Hood. Taylor Eubank was awarded Most Valuable Player.

Pampa woman arrested for murder

Adriana Lisa Perez, 31, was arrested on Christmas Eve in connection with the death of a 23-year-old Shamrock mother.

The night before her arrest, authorities were dispatched to a home in Shamrock on a medical assistance call. Emergency responders told police they found Leslie Perez, 23, who was dead from an apparent homicide.

"Police discovered that Leslie had been murdered and that her 2-week-old baby was missing," Hawthorne said. "They got a description of a vehicle at the scene from a neighbor and an all-points bulletin was sent out to surrounding counties."

About 8:30 p.m., a GCSO deputy spotted a vehicle matching the witness' description and stopped Adriana Lisa Perez, 31, who had the uninjured baby with her.

Adriana Lisa Perez was charged with capital murder, which can carry a death penalty, and booked into the Gray County Jail without bond.

Pampa football will be in District 4A — Division 1

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

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



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PISD will start the new year with this state-of-the-art admin building that in a former life was an Albertson's supermarket.

into the playoffs.

PISD completes new admin building

Having enough refrigerator and freezer space for the Pampa Independent School District should never be a problem once the new administration building has opened.

The combination refrigerator/freezer inside the warehouse area of the new administration is literally as big as a house.

In early December, all the frozen and refrigerated foods stored at the old Horace Mann Elementary School for the all the district schools were moved into the new building.

The computer servers also were moved from the crumbling former elementary school.

On Dec. 20, everything in the Carver Center was boxed up, loaded on trucks and moved into the new building.

The administration office staff and the IT department will start work in their new offices on Jan. 6.

The first school board meeting will be held in the new administration building's spacious board room on Jan. 30. There will be audience seating for up to 120 people. No more of the status quo for the board, which is moving around from one school library to the other for their meetings.

An open house for the public to see the new building will be scheduled close to the date of that meeting. Construction on the building, located on North Hobart Street in Las Pampas Square, began on May 1.

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The Pampa High School Student Council raised money throughout the month of October to give back to young cancer fighters and survivors. They were able to raise enough money to give each of the three survivors \$1,200 to be used however they chose. Top, Nayeli Madrid (left) receives her check from Aby Davila. Middle, Angel Garcia (middle) receives his check from Aby Davila and Brett West. Bottom, cancer survivor Ethan Sanchez and his mother Betty are given their check by several members of Student Council. From left to right, Julian Arvizu, Yesenia Soria, Chase Cree, Ally Roberson, Erik Viscaino (back), Brett West (front), Logan Turley, Betty Sanchez, Ethan Sanchez and Nayeli Madrid. The donations were given to the recipients just in time for the holidays before schools were let out for winter break.

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Bike route to connect Fort Worth and Dallas

FORT WORTH (AP) — New bike trails will be added to already-established ones to connect Dallas and Fort Worth. The North Central Texas Council of Governments plans to use 30 miles of already-established bike trails in Fort Worth, Arlington, Grand Prairie, Ir-

ving and Dallas and then connect those routes with 34 additional miles. The mayors of the five cities have all signed onto the plan pitched by Fort Worth Mayor Betsy Price. The council's Karla Weaver tells the Fort Worth Star-Telegram that 10 of the needed miles

already have identified funding and a plan for construction. Cities can start applying for funding from a federal grant program beginning in February. Weaver says the connected trail could take up to ten years to complete.

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Community Calendar

City Commission meetings

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

School board meetings

The Pampa Independent School District board meets at 5:45 p.m. on the fourth Monday of each month. Check The Pampa News for meeting locations.

Immunization clinic 3 times a month

The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) hosts an immunization clinic in Pampa

three times a month. The clinics are held from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and from 1 to 3 p.m. on the first three Wednesdays of each month. The first 10 people in line for the morning and first 10 in the afternoon will always receive shots. However, if there are more than 10, they still may be able to accommodate the patients, or ask them to come back at another time. For more information, call 665-4752 or 806-874-3211. The clinic is located at 736 S. Cuyler St.

PAWS meets first Tuesdays

Pampa Animal Welfare Society meets the first Tuesday of each month in the north meeting room

at the Lovett Memorial Library. The meetings are at 6:30 p.m. and are open to the public.

There is a desperate need for more members, especially when the new shelter opens. PAWS members are needed to work at the shelter from 3 to 5:30 p.m. each day and to work adoption days or take animals to the vets when needed, but mostly people are needed to love and work with the animals where they will be more adoptable.

For more information, call the shelter after 3 p.m. at 669-5775 and ask for the PAWS volunteer.

County Commission meetings

The Gray County

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

TOT Republican Women's Club

Top O' Texas Republican Women's Club meets at noon on the third Wednesday of every month at the Pampa Senior Citizens Center, 500 W. Francis St. For more information call 806-669-1990.

Jam sessions every Friday night

The Monday night

The Woody Guthrie Folk Music Center has a jam session every Friday night starting at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to play or listen. The center is located at 320 S. Cuyler St. For more information, call 806-664-0824.

Meredith House presents live music

Meredith House, an assisted-living facility at 812 W. 25th Ave., has a band performing at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday and Saturday night. Join them for Western music, gospel and the classics. For more information, call 806-665-5668.

Monday night dance club

The Monday night

dance club meets from 7 to 9 p.m., each Monday, in the Pampa Chamber of Commerce building on the corner of Ballard and Kingsmill. Admission is \$3.50. Cold drinks and coffee are offered. The club plays country music. For more information, call Della at 806-663-1136.

Editor's note: Email submissions to thowsare@thepampanews.com. Submissions should be 100 words or less and written in the third person. Please include the title of the event, the date and time, physical address, the admission cost or whether it is a free event and a contact number and/or email address for the public.

Official business behind him, Obama looks to 2014

HONOLULU (AP) — The last vestiges of 2013's political wrangling officially behind him, President Barack Obama is setting his sights on the coming year, when a number of unfinished tasks will increasingly compete for attention with the 2014 midterm elections.



Barack Obama

Vacationing in Hawaii, Obama on Thursday signed into law a bipartisan budget deal softening the blow from scheduled spending cuts and a military bill cracking down on sexual assault.

The two bills, passed by Congress with broad bipartisan support, constituted a modest step away from gridlock, and both parties cautiously hoped that spirit of cooperation might linger after New Year's Day. "This law is proof that both parties can work together. We can put aside our differences and find common ground," House Budget Committee Chairman Paul Ryan of Wisconsin, who negotiated the budget deal for Republicans, said in a statement. Easier said than done. Already, familiar fault

lines are emerging as Republicans and Democrats retrench for the next fiscal fight over raising the debt ceiling, which the Treasury says must be resolved by late February or early March. Despite the White House's insistence that Obama won't negotiate over that issue, Ryan has vowed the GOP will seek concessions before acquiescing.

Whether Obama and Republicans can resolve their differences without another default-threatening showdown may set the stage for other items on the agenda as Washington gears up for the midterm elections in November, when the entire House and one-third of the Senate will be on the ballot.

"There's a fresh year, but it's not as good as being re-elected. Obama is starting from a rough position, and the clock is already short," said Julian Zelizer, a presidential historian at Princeton University. "By June or July, most legislators are focused on getting re-elected, and it's very hard to get them to do anything at that point."

High on the agenda for the start of the year is a renewed push on immigration. Bipartisan consensus about the need for action on immigration in the wake of the 2012 presi-

dential election gave way in 2013 to opposition from conservative House Republicans. House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, has started offering subtle signs he'll put more weight behind the issue despite continued resistance from the tea party.

In late January, Obama will give his fifth State of the Union address, setting his agenda for the final stretch before the midterms. As the end of this year approached, he cast a renewed focus on economic plans aimed at closing the income gap between rich and poor. The White House is pushing Congress to extend unemployment benefits for the long-term jobless that expire this month and to raise the minimum wage.

Obama may also be hoping that as health care coverage provided through government exchanges kicks in Jan. 1, Republicans will find it more difficult to argue that the entire law should be repealed.

The calamitous roll-out of the law this year became a major distraction for the White House and has provided fodder to Republican candidates heading into the midterms.

In Obama's suitcase as he left Washington last week was a set of recommendations from an advisory panel he appointed to

review the National Security Agency's intelligence collection programs. The White House said Obama would be studying the recommendations during his vacation in Hawaii, and he's expected to announce next month which steps he plans to implement.

On the foreign policy front, Obama is keeping an eye on violence cropping up in South Sudan, Ukraine and the Central African Republic. His administration continues its efforts to strike a long-term nuclear deal with Iran and to forge an elusive peace deal between Israelis and Palestinians.

And 2014 may provide a final chance for Obama to push to close the U.S. prison at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, an effort that Congress has blocked through restrictions on transferring detainees. In a statement after he signed the defense bill Thursday, Obama praised Congress for removing some of those restrictions in the bill, but he called for further steps to lift constraints, including a ban on transferring detainees to the U.S. for imprisonment, trial or medical emergencies.

"I oppose these provisions, as I have in years past, and will continue to work with the Congress to remove these restrictions," Obama said, adding that

some of the remaining restrictions, in some circumstances, "would violate constitutional separation of powers principles."

But as campaigning for House, Senate and governors' mansions kicks into high gear in 2014, Obama may find his efforts to focus attention on his priorities drowned out by the political posturing that reaches a fever pitch in Washington every other year.

"While the politics in Washington can be frustrating and change takes time, that's no excuse for inaction," Obama's senior adviser, Dan Pfeiffer, said in a note to the White House's email list. "There's a lot of unfinished business, but there are also things we can build on."

Regrouping with friends and family in Oahu, Obama has stayed largely out of

the public eye since arriving on Air Force One last week. He attended a basketball tournament early in his stay and on Christmas visited with troops stationed in Hawaii, but residents here have otherwise had few opportunities to spot the visiting president.

One such opportunity came Thursday when Obama, shortly after signing the defense and budget bills in private, paid a surprise visit with his wife and daughters to a popular hiking trail in Oahu leading to a 150-foot waterfall.

Caught off guard by the bomb-sniffing dogs that showed up at the usually serene locale, a few dozen hikers waited by the trail head, hoping to catch a glimpse of Obama's arrival.

The Obamas plan to remain in Hawaii through Jan. 5.

Police: 4 dead after La. shootings, 3 injured

HOUMA, La. (AP) — Authorities say all three survivors of a shooting rampage in south Louisiana remain hospitalized, with two in critical condition. Four other people, including the gunman, are dead.

Brennan Matherne

(muh-THERN), a spokesman for the Lafourche (luh-FOOSH') Parish Sheriff's Office, says investigators in Lafourche and Terrebonne (TEHR-uh-bohn) parishes are still working to learn the motive and piece together the sequence of events Thurs-

day. Authorities say 38-year-old Ben Freeman was embroiled in a custody fight with his ex-wife. He killed himself after attacking his current wife, his former in-laws and his onetime boss at a hospital that fired him.

Freeman's wife, former mother-in-law and the hospital administrator are dead.

Matherne says Parish Councilman Louis Phillip Gouaux and his daughter Andrea are in critical condition after surgery early Thursday in New Orleans.

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Job hunting tips for the new year

■ Company reveals 11 game changing job hunting trends for 2014.

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One of the many resolutions people make for the New Year is to find that perfect job.

In fact, a recent study by Right Management, the talent and career management folks, indicates approximately 83% of the North American population may be searching for a new job in 2014.

With that staggering number in mind, Allison & Taylor has identified the top 11 employment trends that job seekers should keep in mind when beginning the hunt for that new position in the New Year.

Technology plays an even bigger role in the hiring process. Continuing on trend, job seekers will see an online application process for most mid to large size companies. One of the reasons this is so popular is that most companies are now using applicant tracking software — the computer simply sifts through information in the system for résumés whose contents meet the current job opening's criteria.

Look for online applications to replace papers completely in the very near future — this application process is gaining momentum. As an example, LinkedIn recently integrated an “apply now” option into their job listings; you simply click the button and the system sends your profile to a potential employer.

Your electronic résumé is about to become more important than ever.

What's old is new. Yes, technology rules. You may be able to counteract this to some degree. When you do not have a job, sitting at your computer all alone for eight hours may become very depressing. There is an old fashioned way to get that job.

Target where you want to work, dress in your finest clothing, print out on linen that résumé and visit that company, plus go door to door to other companies where you may wish to work. That receptionist may take pity on you, and actually hand deliver your résumé the old fashioned way to the hiring manager.

More consumers are finding assistance from employment-related organizations like Workplace Fairness. Workplace Fairness creates and maintains the most comprehensive, online one-stop-shop for free information about workers' rights.

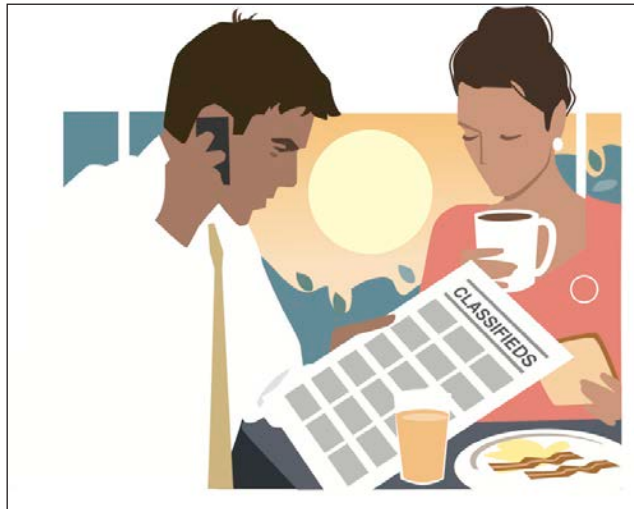
Resources on the site capture the power of technology to educate workers, employers, legal services and community organizations; foster a community of advocates who believe that fairness works; and promote the fair treatment of workers through public policy.

Working remotely and freelancing become the norm. Many employers have discovered the way to get the best talent is to open up the employment pool to candidates all over the nation, and the world. The world is shrinking due to technological advancements, and the savvy employers (and employees) are taking advantage of the fact that you can live in one time zone and work in another.

Expect to be screened through social media, video interviews and electronic reference systems. Your electronic footprint is becoming critical.

Employers now routinely run a Web search on candidates, looking at social media accounts and professional affiliations online. So take care about what you post to your accounts, and evaluate them from a professional perspective to make sure the content is appropriate.

Be aware that many em-



ployers are also utilizing electronic reference systems, which rank an employee's performance on a scale. While it is comprehensive and factual, it has the downside of limiting the opportunity employers have to favorably assess a candidate. Make sure you've negotiated the terms of your reference upon departure from any company to insure the right information comes across.

Also, take the time to practice your on-camera interview skills; live video interviews are becoming more of the norm, at least for introductory interviews.

Your references will become more, not less, valuable. Though many people treat their reference list as an afterthought, it is of the utmost importance. Your résumé will get an interview, but it's the report your references provide that will win you the job in a close race with another qualified candidate.

Although the job market is poised to grow, hiring managers generally have a surplus of eligible candidates and will take the time to carefully examine a candidate's credentials. It has become critically important that your reference list is well thought out, with full contact information, and presented as a matching and professional addendum to your résumé.

Demographics in the workplace are shifting. Many people in upper-level management are “boomers,” meaning they are now hitting retirement age. This means more employment opportunities on lower levels as mid-management moves up and their jobs (and entry level positions) open up.

Bear in mind, however, that this means keeping in close contact with your references becomes very important. If that key reference retires, and you don't have his or her current contact information, it could be very detrimental to your job seeking process.

“Boomerang” hiring intensifies. It pays to stay in touch with former employers. The employment market is shifting again, and employment rates are on the rise.

Companies that may have had to lay workers off in recent years are now looking to increase their numbers, and many are more than willing to rehire old employees. This is true for a number of reasons: the employers know what type of employee they are getting based on

past experience, and that rehire may have learned some new skills in the interim.

Plus, an old employee can jump right back in the fray, since they already know the company's philosophy and the employer's expectations.

There's a new way to leverage your references where savvy job seekers are now modernizing their reference lists to make a powerful statement of their qualifications for the new position. An effective reference list will identify those attributes the references can attest to, an approach that offers several benefits to the job seeker.

Using LinkedIn may be your best avenue. Not being on LinkedIn can be detrimental to your search. Employers and recruiters regularly search LinkedIn's database of information for people with relevant skills sets and experience pertaining to their requirements for open positions.

A professional image is absolutely critical when searching for a new job, so make sure that your résumé and references portray you in the best possible light. For more information on honing your résumé and references, visit www.allisontaylor.com.

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MONDAY, December 30
Chicken fried steak or chicken spaghetti, mashed potatoes, beets, spinach, northern beans, slaw tossed salad, Jell-O, marble cake, coconut cream pie, fruit cup, hot roll, cornbread
TUESDAY, December 31
Talapia filets/wild rice or ham & fruit sauce, Au Gratin potatoes, turnip greens, fried squash, pinto beans, slaw tossed salad, Jell-O, spice cake, chocolate pie, fruit cup, hot roll, cornbread
WEDNESDAY, January 1
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THURSDAY, January 2
Chicken strips or hamburger steak, mashed potatoes, mac & tomatoes, vegetable blend, butter beans, slaw tossed salad, Jell-O, chocolate pistachio bundt cake, lemon icebox pie, fruit cup, hot roll, cornbread
FRIDAY, January 3
Cod fish filet/hushpuppies or Frito pie, potato wedges, broccoli casserole, beans, slaw tossed salad, Jell-O, brownies, apple pie, fruit cup, garlic breadstick, hot roll, cornbread

Pampa Meals on Wheels

MONDAY, December 30
Mexican casserole, Spanish rice, pinto beans, salad, mixed fruit
TUESDAY, December 31
Meatloaf, peas/carrots, potato casserole, peaches
WEDNESDAY, January 1
CLOSED FOR NEW YEAR'S DAY
THURSDAY, January 2
Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, green beans, sugar-less cake
FRIDAY, January 3
Beef tips, cream corn, baked apple, cookies

sunday horoscope

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A baby born today has a Sun in Capricorn and a Moon in Scorpio if born before 9:37 a.m. (PST). Afterward, the Moon will be in Sagittarius.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, Dec. 29, 2013:

This year you could keep a lot to yourself. Your friends and family will sense this secrecy, and they will try to draw it out of you. You like your free time alone, more so than in the past. If you are single, you could find yourself in a relationship with someone emotionally unavailable or even married. Be careful. If you are attached, the two of you benefit from taking off together for weekends away. In these situations, romance will bloom. **SAGITTARIUS** understands you perhaps better than you can imagine.

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 have been holding back on planning a day trip or taking off for a few days. Now would be a good time to split. You might hit a few obstacles along the way, but your instinctively quick nature will see a way around this problem. Tonight: Out and about.

This Week: A disagreement could mar much of the week.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ You don't always agree with a partner, and today is no different. You will decide to follow this person on an adventure, even though you might not see the purpose right now. Know that you will see it later, though. You enjoy being with this person. Tonight: Be a follower.

This Week: Deal with a loved one directly. Consider a spontaneous getaway for New Year's.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ You might want to revise a situation to make it more amenable to you. Understand your limits if you do not want to irritate a good friend. Someone you look up to might decide to put in his or her two cents.

Tonight: Be spontaneous. Do what you need to do for you.

This Week: Let it all hang out, but be prepared for a reaction.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ Take a hard look at the possibilities right now as you head into the next few days. Many of you will need to squeeze in a week's worth of work in a few days. Others will have a lot to do post-Christmas. Tonight: Make a to-do list for tomorrow.

This Week: Understanding evolves to a new level, if you decide to be docile.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ The past few weeks have been rather regimented with a firm schedule. Take today as a free day, and do what you want. Whether you're playing Scrabble or flirting with a friend, you finally will feel liberated. Tonight: Start thinking about your New Year's resolution.

This Week: Settling in this week will not happen. Don't fight the inevitable.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ Understand that you can't dictate what others do. Instead of fighting city hall, why not choose to enjoy the unpredictability that surrounds you? Make sure to squeeze in a nap at some point. Tonight: Choose something relaxing.

This Week: New Year's promotes a greater closeness between you and someone else.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Your phone will ring, and your inbox will be swamped with emails. Don't be surprised if someone is knocking at your door, too. You might as well join a friend or take the family out for pizza. You won't be able to concentrate with all the chaos around you. Tonight: Return calls.

This Week: You might decide just to hide out at home this New Year's.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ You might have been able to avoid the harsh reality about the holidays before, but now you might be looking at the damages to your checkbook. Redo your budget accordingly. Decide how long you want to feel the squeeze and how tightly. Tonight: Pay bills first.

This Week: Reach out to friends midweek.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ You might feel as though you have been on vacation. Some of you actually have gone away, or still are away. Do not spoil that relaxed feeling, even if a loved one's unpredictability demands a certain responsiveness. Tonight: Create the mood and setting you want.

This Week: You're on a roll.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Emphasis is on the long term and what is happening behind the scenes. Whether you

acknowledge it, you need some downtime just for you. Discomfort with being alone or some of the thoughts that might pass through your mind need to be faced. Tonight: Get some zzz's.

This Week: You might be moping, but come New Year's Eve you'll find a reason to smile.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Listen to news more openly. You like to think of yourself as flexible, but be honest -- you can be quite rigid. A friend or loved one could appear unexpectedly. Give up your tenaciousness about maintaining your schedule. Tonight: Go with the flow.

This Week: Celebrate life. By New Year's Day, you could be exhausted!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Visit with an older relative you care about. Do not hem and haw or make excuses. You could be delighted and surprised at what a good time the two of you will have. Know how much your caring means to this person. Tonight: Till the wee hours.

This Week: Get done what you must, so that you can really let go and celebrate.

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Actress Mary Tyler Moore (1936), actor Jon Voight (1938), actor Jude Law (1972)

Deer walks into sporting goods store

READING, Pa. (AP) — Shoppers looking for post-Christmas bargains have gotten a surprise at a northeastern Pennsylvania sporting goods store after a deer decided to join them.

WFMZ-TV says the deer walked through the front door of a Dick's Sporting Goods store in Reading on Thursday afternoon.

Store manager Brad Meyer says the deer slipped on the floor and a customer tackled it to the ground, preventing any injuries to customers or damage to the store.

The store called the Pennsylvania Game Commission, which arrived and removed the deer. There's no word on where the deer was released.

Surfers dressed as Santa Claus gather

COCOA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — More than 210 surfers dressed as Santa Claus, elves and snowmen were surfing the Christmas Eve waves off central Florida's Atlantic coast.

Florida Today reports that when Cocoa Beach Mayor Dave Netterstrom took in the view from the sand Tuesday, he declared the fourth-annual gathering "the largest surfing Santa event on the planet."

Organizer George Trosset says he may move the holiday event to downtown Cocoa Beach next year to accommodate

growing crowds. He started the tradition in 2009 with a few family members after seeing a television commercial featuring people surfing in Santa Claus attire.

More friends joined them the following year, and in 2012, nearly 160 surfers participated. Trosset says the event "has gone from being a little family party to being a community event."

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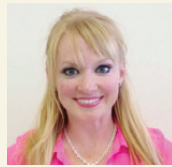
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From the Press Box

■ 'Draft Day' movie could offer interesting insight.

One of my recent favorite actors, Kevin Costner (I am late to the Kevin Costner party), is returning to the sports movie scene in a movie that will shed light on one of the NFL's biggest events, the NFL Draft. This is also going to be the first time the NFL works with a



JOHN LEE

movie by definition of providing film and cameos. From watching the theatrical trailer, it appears it could be either really good, or really bad. Regardless of the outcome, it could provide an insight that fans of the NFL have longed to see, an idea of what an NFL team's draft war room looks like.

The NFL draft itself is exciting for multiple reasons. For one, it is the unofficial start of the upcoming NFL season. Another reason is that fans get optimistic for their team again because of the new talent coming to their franchise. But mostly, there are trades all over the place. A team with a high draft pick could trade down to get more draft picks, such as the Cleveland Browns did a couple years ago. New England is another team that hoards draft picks by trading down, when you

have Tom Brady what else do you really need?

In months leading up to the draft, fans, analysts and teams make up draft boards filled based on a team's needs, talent and how they fit into that team's systems. This is something that "Draft Day" teases in the trailer when a team executive walks in and burns the team's draft plans because of something happening.

In "Draft Day," Costner appears to play a general manager for the Cleveland Browns and has to deal with pressure from the owner, players and is under the microscope from the media. Being a general manager in Cleveland, a town riddled with sports tragedies (for lack of a better term), makes it even more interesting because the Browns franchise has seen a lot of turnover since coming back into the league in 1999.

Cleveland as you can probably guess, is starving for the one person to turn the franchise around, which makes it the perfect setting for this sports-flick.

"Draft Day" hits theaters April 11, 2014, a couple weeks before the 2014 NFL Draft. Along with Costner it has Jennifer Garner, Tom Welling (of "Smallville" fame) and Sam Elliot.

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Friday: Green, Duncan lead Spurs past Mavericks 116-109

DALLAS (AP) — Tim Duncan has come up big in



Tim Duncan

crunch time hundreds of times having been with coach Gregg Popovich for 17 seasons.

Danny Green, a relative newcomer, is fitting in just fine in just his fourth season with the San Antonio Spurs.

Green didn't miss a shot in a 22-point performance that helped the Spurs defeat the Dallas Mavericks 116-107 Thursday night.

Taking advantage of a weakened Dallas frontcourt, Duncan finished 21 points and 13 rebounds for his 10th double-double this season and 768th of his career.

"Danny Green was on fire from 3, and we were able to build up a little lead and hang on," Popovich said.

Green has started 26 of the Spurs' 30 games this season, but he didn't even come off the bench until 3½ minutes remained in the first quarter Thursday.

Less than a minute later,

he made three free throws to tie the game 18-18. San Antonio didn't trail again. Green finished the game 7 for 7 from the field, including five 3-pointers. He scored 11 points in the second quarter.

"I got into a little rhythm going to the free throw line," Green said. "They just kept finding me when I was open. It got easier when we got some stops and steals and in transition. That's how I get most of my open looks."

Green said coming off the bench sometimes helps him get better looks.

"That's part of what Pop is trying to experiment with, to see how it goes," Green said. "See who works with what."

Duncan is one of the constants.

The Spurs appeared to have the game in hand with a 100-85 lead, but the Mavericks went on a 12-0 run to cut the deficit to three points with 3:55 to play.

On San Antonio's next four trips down the court, Duncan scored three baskets and passed to Green for his final 3-pointer and a 110-103 lead.

"They made their run, made some turnovers and got back into the game, but

we were able to make some good plays, pick and roll, got them to suck in one time and got it out to Danny," Duncan said. "Danny knocks down a big 3 for us. Good execution down the stretch."

The 6-foot-11 Duncan was working most of the night against 6-7 DeJuan Blair because the Mavericks' taller centers, Samuel Dalembert and Brandan Wright, had an undisclosed illness.

Dalembert played 24 minutes, but Wright didn't dress.

"Anywhere close to the basket, it's pretty much two points for (Duncan)," said Dallas' Vince Carter, who scored 20 points.

You just hope he has an off night.

Popovich was even more impressed by Duncan's work on defense.

"He was tremendous at the defensive end, he was changing shots, blocking shots, rebounded and he really protected the rim for us tonight."

Tony Parker, who scored 23 points for the Spurs, agreed that in the end it came down to defense.

"They had a pretty good zone. We struggled for a couple of possessions," the Spurs' point guard said. "At

the end, we got it back and we got the stops that we needed to win the game.

Dirk Nowitzki led Dallas with 25 points and Monta Ellis scored 23, including nine during the 12-0 run. Blair had 14 points and 11 rebounds.

After Green tied the game with his first-quarter free throws, Manu Ginobili scored five consecutive points on a 3-point shot and a layup with an assist from Boris Diaw.

Dallas began the game 3 for 10 from the foul line before Nowitzki hit two at 7:26 of the second. That began a streak of 21 in a row, and Dallas finished 24 for 31.

The Mavericks scored the first five points of the second half on Jose Calderon's 3-pointer and Nowitzki's fadeaway to pull within 58-56.

A 9-0 run, with the first six points by Parker, boosted the Spurs' lead to 71-60.

For the third time, San Antonio finished a quarter with a seven-point lead, this time at 84-77.

"I thought we did a pretty good job to get close," Carter said. "We were able to give ourselves a chance to win."

Win or go home for 4 NFL teams

(AP) — Two NFC showdowns, one for the North title and one for the East crown.

A returning star quarterback in Green Bay and, quite possibly, a sidelined one in Dallas.

A pair of the NFL's most heated rivalries determining playoff spots.

Delicious.

One thing the NFL absolutely got right in recent years was making all Week 17 games be-

tween division teams. It's worked again with the Eagles visiting the Cowboys in the Sunday night game, a little while after the Packers and Bears settle the score in their sector.

"Wouldn't want it any other way," Green Bay coach Mike McCarthy said.

"This is what you fight for, an opportunity to be in the playoffs. That's what's in front of us. Everybody's well aware of

the great history between the Green Bay Packers and the Chicago Bears."

And McCarthy gets back Aaron Rodgers, who missed seven games and most of an eighth because of a broken left collarbone suffered against the Bears.

"We're in it," said Rodgers, who saw the Packers go 2-5-1 without him.

"You know we have a chance against our rivals, and what a better way than to go down there and get some redemption and host a home playoff game."

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Watch the Pros SUNDAY

Football
Baltimore Ravens at Cincinnati Bengals.....CBS noon
Carolina Panthers at Atlanta Falcons.....FOX noon
Denver Broncos at Oakland Raiders.....CBS 3:25 p.m.
San Francisco 49ers at Arizona Cardinals.....FOX 3:25 p.m.
Philadelphia Eagles at Dallas Cowboys.....NBC 7:35 p.m.

Basketball
Houston Rockets at Okla. City Thunder.....NBATV 6 p.m.

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Watch the Pros SATURDAY

College Football
Rutgers at (25) Notre Dame.....ESPN 11 a.m.
Cincinnati at North Carolina.....ESPN 2:20 p.m.
Miami (FL) at (18) Louisville.....ESPN 5:45 p.m.
Michigan at Kansas St.....ESPN 9:15 p.m.

College Basketball
Jordan State at (17) Memphis.....ESPNU 11 a.m.
Nebraska at Cincinnati.....ESPN2 11 a.m.
FIU at Georgetown.....FOX1 11 a.m.
Eastern Michigan at (9) Duke.....ESPN2 1 p.m.
(8) Villanova at (2) Syracuse.....CBS 1 p.m.
PVA&M at (4) Wisconsin.....ESPNU 1 p.m.
(6) Louisville at (18) Kentucky.....CBS 3 p.m.
Akron at South Carolina.....ESPNU 3 p.m.
Wake Forest at Xavier.....FOX1 4 p.m.
Providence at (23) Massachusetts.....ESPNU 5 p.m.
Old Dominion at Richmond.....NBCSN 5:30 p.m.
Boston College at VCU.....FOX1 6:30 p.m.
(25) Missouri at NC State.....ESPN2 7 p.m.
Alabama at UCLA.....ESPN2 9 p.m.

Hockey
Detroit Red Wings at Florida Panthers.....NHLN 6 p.m.

Basketball
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Packers' Rodgers back, to start Bears game

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — Aaron Rodgers has been cleared to return from a left collarbone injury, just in time to start Sunday for the Packers against the Chicago Bears in a game to decide the NFC North title.

With no advance warning and little fanfare, the franchise quarterback received the long-awaited good news at the same time as the rest of his teammates Thursday.

"This is a fun day for me, but I think the focus needs to be on this game and the opportunity we have to win the division," Rodgers said.

Soon enough. But the spotlight for now is squarely on the return of one of the NFL's most irreplaceable players.

Green Bay (7-7-1) is 2-5-1 since Rodgers went down during the first series of a 27-20 loss Nov. 4 to Chicago. The Packers have managed to hang on, with a shot to win a third straight division title with a victory Sunday at Soldier Field.

"I'll start with the announcement that we're preparing for the Chicago Bears with Aaron Rodgers as our starting quarterback," coach Mike McCarthy told reporters Thursday after practice.

Win and Green Bay returns to Lambeau Field the following weekend to host a wild-card team in the first round of the playoffs.

"We're in it. You know we have a chance against our rivals, and what better way than to go down there and get some redemption and host a home playoff game," Rodgers said.

The last two months have been filled with angst for Packers fans. Discussions about whether Rodgers should risk future injury or return to bolster Green Bay's playoff chances have filled sports talk radio shows and holiday office parties.

Now imagine what it was like for the Packers' brass and team doctor. The organization made a big investment in Rodgers this past offseason, signing him to a five-year contract extension through the 2019 season worth as much as \$110 million.

"Every football player that plays in this game Sunday will have risk. I think we all understand that," McCarthy said. "So we've done our due diligence. We've gone through all the evaluations and we feel it

is time. Aaron is ready to play."

Finally at 8:05 a.m. Thursday, McCarthy gave the official word at a team meeting. No rousing speeches or rounds of applause.

"The scene? We were sitting in the team room and he told us," Rodgers said matter-of-factly. "That was the scene."

Rodgers is returning just when pass-rushing line-backer Clay Matthews is leaving the lineup again with a right thumb injury. Green Bay also has gone the majority of the season without tight end Jermichael Finley (neck). Projected starting left tackle Bryan Bulaga went down in training camp. Defensive end Johnny Jolly (shoulder/neck) was the latest Packer to get knocked out for the year last week.

Still, the Packers managed to start 5-2 despite the injuries with Rodgers leading the offense.

Things changed drastically after the 2011 NFL MVP got hurt on a sack while scrambling out of the pocket in the Week 9 loss to Chicago at Lambeau Field. The Packers went on a five-game winless skid, shuffling through three more starting quarterbacks.

Green Bay then won two straight with backup Matt Flynn before falling 38-31 last week to the Pittsburgh Steelers. Losses by Chicago and the Detroit Lions set up the winner-take-all finale Sunday with the Bears for the division.

Boys' Romo has surgery, out for Eagles game

IRVING (AP) — Tony Romo had back surgery and will miss Dallas' third straight season finale with the NFC East title and a playoff berth on the line.

Coach Jason Garrett said Romo underwent surgery Friday after consultation with doctors during the week following his injury in a win over Washington.

Kyle Orton will start for the Cowboys in the winner-take-all game against Philadelphia on Sunday night.

Romo lost the past two winner-take-all finales — to the New York Giants two years ago and Washington last season. He also lost to the Eagles in the same situation in 2008.

Philadelphia (9-6) is trying to complete a worst-to-first turnaround from a 4-12 season under first-year coach Chip Kelly. The Cowboys (8-7) want to end a three-year playoff drought.



Aaron Rodgers

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John's Picks

Houston Texans at **Tennessee Titans**
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 Baltimore Ravens at **Cincinnati Bengals**
 Jacksonville Jaguars at **Indianapolis Colts**
 New York Jets at **Miami Dolphins**
 Detroit Lions at **Minnesota Vikings**
 Washington Redskins at **New York Giants**
 Cleveland Browns at **Pittsburgh Steelers**
 Buffalo Bills at **New England Patriots**
Tampa Bay Buccaneers at New Orleans Saints
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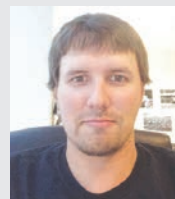
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Philadelphia Eagles at Dallas Cowboys
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 Jacksonville Jaguars at **Indianapolis Colts**
 New York Jets at **Miami Dolphins**
Detroit Lions at Minnesota Vikings
 Washington Redskins at **New York Giants**
 Cleveland Browns at **Pittsburgh Steelers**
 Buffalo Bills at **New England Patriots**
Tampa Bay Buccaneers at New Orleans Saints
San Francisco 49ers at Arizona Cardinals
Kansas City Chiefs at San Diego Chargers
 St. Louis Rams at **Seattle Seahawks**



Zac's Picks

Houston Texans at **Tennessee Titans**
Green Bay Packers at Chicago Bears
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 St. Louis Rams at **Seattle Seahawks**



Tyler's Picks

Houston Texans at **Tennessee Titans**
Green Bay Packers at Chicago Bears
Denver Broncos at Oakland Raiders
Philadelphia Eagles at Dallas Cowboys
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Baltimore Ravens at Cincinnati Bengals
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Kansas City Chiefs at San Diego Chargers
 St. Louis Rams at **Seattle Seahawks**

AP source: Choo passes physical with Rangers

Shin-Soo Choo passed his physical with the Texas Rangers, clearing the way for the completion of the outfielder's \$130 million, seven-year deal.



Shin-Soo Choo

A person familiar with the situation told The Associated Press on Thursday night that Choo passed his physical and would be formally introduced in Texas on Friday. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because there was no official announcement from the team.

The Rangers scheduled a press conference Friday afternoon. They said only that it was to "announce a major free agent signing" and provided no other details.

Choo's deal, worth about \$18.6 million per season, is the third-highest this offseason. The deal was agreed upon last weekend, but was pending the completion of the physical.

Second baseman Robin-

son Cano got \$240 million over 10 years from Seattle and outfielder Jacoby Ellsbury, like Choo, a client of agent Scott Boras, signed a \$153 million, seven-year contract with the New York Yankees.

Choo started 150 games in center field and had a .423 on-base percentage last season for Cincinnati in his only year with the Reds. He hit .285 with 21 homers and 20 stolen bases and scored 107 runs as their primary leadoff hitter.

The Rangers will likely use Choo in left field because they have Leonys Martin in center and Alex Rios in right. And Choo could be their leadoff hitter.

The deal comes a month after the Rangers acquired five-time All-Star first baseman Prince Fielder in a trade with Detroit for second baseman Ian Kinsler, their primary leadoff hitter last season.

Both Fielder and Choo will be under contract through the 2020 season.

The Rangers, who won their only AL pennants in 2010 and 2011, missed the playoffs for the first time in four years. Texas scored only 730 runs, its fewest in a non-strike season since

1992.

Choo's deal calls for salaries of \$14 million in 2014 and 2015, \$21 million in 2016 and 2017, and \$20 million in each of the last three years of the deal. There are also performance bonuses and a limited no-trade clause.

Choo has a .288 career batting average and .389 OBP with 104 home runs and 427 RBIs in 853 major league games for Seattle (2005-06), Cleveland (2006-12) and Cincinnati. The 31-year-old South Korean had at least 20 homers and 20 stolen bases three times, including last season.

Seminole QB Winston is AP player of the year

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — The Winter of Winston continues for Florida State's redshirt freshman quarterback.

Jameis Winston is The Associated Press national player of the year, adding to his cadre of postseason accolades. He's this year's Heisman Trophy winner, the Walter Camp national player of the year, the Davey O'Brien quarterback of the year and the Atlantic Coast Conference player of the year.

Seminole football fans should send a thank you note to Florida State's baseball program.

If not for coach Mike Martin Sr. and one of his assistants, Mike Martin Jr., Winston — a two-sport athlete — might not be preparing to lead the No. 1-ranked Seminoles against No. 2 Auburn in the BCS championship game Jan. 6 with the opportunity to bring a third national title back to the Florida State campus.

When Winston won the Heisman he thanked the usual cast of family, coaches and teammates. Then there was the thanks to "Eleven" and "Meat." Most of the country ignored the peculiar names, but Winston wouldn't have attended Florida State without the warm relationship between football coach Jimbo Fisher and the Florida State baseball coaching staff. "Eleven" — otherwise known as baseball coach Martin Sr., who has led the program for 34 years, and "Meat" — Martin Jr.

Martin Jr. was on a recruiting trip to watch Winston during his junior year of high school when he called to let Fisher know.

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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. **AI-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.

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Judge rules NSA phone surveillance is legal

NEW YORK (AP) — A federal judge on Friday found that the National Security Agency's bulk collection of millions of Americans' telephone records is legal and a valuable part of the nation's arsenal to counter the threat of terrorism.

U.S. District Judge William Pauley said in a written opinion that the program "represents the government's counter-punch" to eliminate al-Qaida's terror network by connecting fragmented and fleeting communications.

In ruling, the judge noted the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks and how the phone data-collection system could have helped investigators connect the dots before the attacks occurred.

"The government learned from its mistake and adapted to confront a new enemy: a terror network capable of orchestrating attacks across the world. It launched a number of counter-measures, including a bulk telephony metadata collection program — a wide net that could find and isolate gossamer contacts among suspected terrorists in an ocean of seemingly disconnected data," he said.

Pauley's decision contrasts with a ruling earlier this month by U.S. District Court Judge Richard Leon, who granted a preliminary

injunction against the collecting of phone records of two men who had challenged the program. The Washington jurist said the program likely violates the U.S. Constitution's ban on unreasonable search.

Pauley dismissed a lawsuit brought by the American Civil Liberties Union. The ACLU did not immediately respond to a message for comment.

"We are pleased with the decision," Justice Department spokesman Peter Carr said.

In arguments before Pauley last month, an ACLU lawyer had argued that the government's interpretation of its authority under the Patriot Act was so broad that it could justify the mass collection of financial, health and even library records of innocent Americans without their knowledge. A government lawyer had countered that counterterrorism investigators wouldn't find most personal information useful.

The ACLU sued earlier this year after former NSA analyst Edward Snowden leaked details of the secret programs that critics say violate privacy rights. The NSA-run programs pick up millions of telephone and Internet records that are routed through American networks each day.

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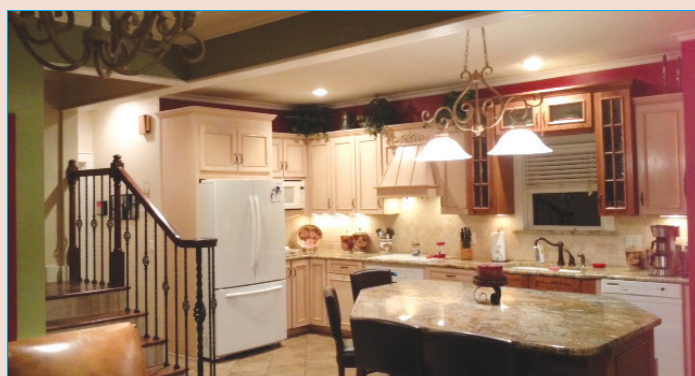
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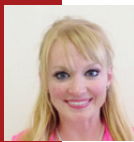
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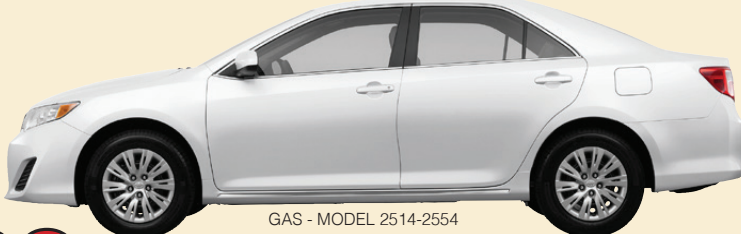
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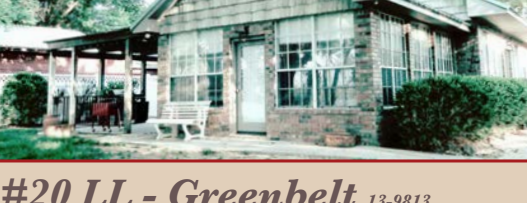


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