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PAINT THIS TOWN RED SPREADS JOY TO STUDENTS



Photo by Lindsey Tomaschik

Paint This Town Red is working hard this week to make sure that every elementary school student in Pampa receives a gift this holiday season. After assembling about 2,100 gift bags, the organization, along with the help of volunteers and Pampa ISD, distributed the bags in the schools. They are pictured at Travis Elementary just before spreading joy to each of the school's classrooms.

School board approves purchase of a new lot

By JOHN LEE
 jlee@thepampanews.com

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Pampa Independent School District was held Tuesday evening in the Pampa ISD Central Office, 1233 N. Hobart, Pampa. The Board approved for the District to purchase property located in Block 4 of the Cherokee addition in Pampa. In the reports section of the meeting, Pampa ISD superintendent Dr. David Young told the Board that all of them reached their required minutes in continuing education and commended them for it. During the Instructional Materials report, the Board was informed by Janet Hancock that in April the Texas Education Agency would inform the school districts how much they would be allotted for instructional materials such as

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DPS trooper seizes more than \$387,000 in cocaine

SUBMITTED BY TEXAS DPS

AMARILLO – The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) conducted a traffic stop Tuesday on Interstate 40, yielding more than 33 pounds of cocaine valued at more \$387,000. At approximately 11:16 a.m., a DPS trooper conducted a traffic stop on a 2001 BMW X5 traveling eastbound on I-40, for a traffic violation, near Conway in Carson County.

The occupants of the X5 were identified as Dennisha Lontay Gunn, 22, of Tuscaloosa, Ala., and Michael A. Scarlett, 26, of Lawrenceville, Ga. During the traffic stop, the trooper discovered 15 bundles of cocaine concealed inside a false floor.

Both occupants were placed under arrest for possession of a controlled substance, a first-degree felony, and booked into the Carson County Jail. The illegal drugs were allegedly being transported from Los Angeles to Atlanta.



BEETLE VS. TRASH TRUCK



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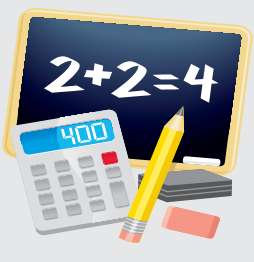
Around 12:30 p.m., emergency crews responded to wreck near the intersection of 23rd and Perryton Parkway between a car vs. trash truck. Fortunately there didn't appear to be any injuries as a result of the wreck.

New math standards a hurdle for some students and teachers

By MORGAN SMITH
 The Texas Tribune

Alison Howell was shocked when she noticed that her third-grade daughter was failing math after just six weeks of class. "I really was thinking, well, this isn't right. If a child who isn't having a behavioral problem, and who is listening, and we know is doing her best and successful in other subject areas, she shouldn't be failing," said Howell, whose daughter attends school in the Nederland Independent School District in Southeast Texas. Howell soon learned that her daughter was not alone in her struggles. Her daughter's teacher explained that a new, more rigorous math curriculum was now in Texas elementary and middle schools. Students were now required to learn some concepts as many as two years

sooner. Instead of memorizing multiplication tables in fourth grade, students do it in third. Lessons on fractions previously taught in fourth grade have moved to third grade. Learning to use a protractor to measure and draw an angle now happens in fourth grade instead of sixth. State education officials adopted the revised standards in April 2012 after a regular review of curriculum showed a need to better prepare students for high school and college, said Monica Martinez, an associate commissioner at the Texas Education Agency. Among the new requirements, which were developed over a two-year period, are teaching advanced concepts intended to promote the math-



ematical reasoning students need for higher education. "There was a feeling that in order for students to be competitive and successful, we really needed to ratchet up the rigor of those standards and ensure we were holding students to at least the level of expectation in other states and other countries," Martinez said at a November State Board of Education hearing. Three months into the school year, the transition has proved challenging. As parents and educators question whether the rigor of the new curriculum is developmentally appropriate, school officials are reporting that they lack the resources to help teachers learn the new material. Because of the transition to the new

curriculum, fifth- and eighth-grade students will not be held back if they fail their state math exams this year, the state education commissioner, Michael Williams, announced in August. But some educators have called for the state to do more to ease concerns in the classroom, including the removal of student performance on math exams from school accountability ratings. "The pace and the concepts are too much. We have children in classrooms who are stressed trying to understand concepts they are not ready for," Andrea Gonzales, an elementary school principal in Wimberley, said at the November meeting. Other school officials said they had struggled to train teachers in the curriculum.

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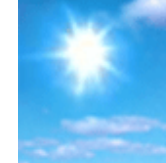
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PAMPA FORECAST

Today	Friday	Saturday
		
High 45 Low 30	High 46 Low 25	High 50 Low 31

Today: Mostly sunny, with a high near 45. West-southwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming Sunrise at 7:49 a.m.

Tonight: A 20 percent chance of rain and snow after 7 p.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 30. Northeast wind around 5 mph. Sunset at 5:34 p.m.

Friday: A 20 percent chance of rain and snow. Partly sunny, with a high near 46. North-northeast wind around 5 mph. Sunrise at 7:49 a.m.

Friday night: Mostly clear, with a low around 25. Winds west-southwest around 5 mph. Sunset at 5:34 p.m.

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 50. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph. Sunrise at 7:50 a.m.

Saturday night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 31. South wind 5 to 10 mph. Sunset at 5:35 p.m.

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Pampa Fire Department call log — Dec. 13-17

STAFF REPORT

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

- Dec. 13**
- At 8:56 a.m., to a medical assist in the 2200 block of Evergreen.
 - At 1:41 p.m., to a medical assist in the 1200 block of North Wells.
 - At 2:39 p.m., canceled en route to Price Road.
 - At 3:14 p.m., to an elevator rescue in the 100 block of South Cuyler.
 - At 5:02 p.m., to a medical call in the 1000 block of South Finley.
 - At 11:37 p.m., to a false alarm in the 900 block of East Gordon.
- Dec. 14**
- At 12:50 a.m., to a medical call in the 7000 block of FM 749.
 - At 6:02 a.m., to a medical call in the 1600 block of Christy.
 - At 12:13 p.m., four units and four personnel to a structure fire in the 300 block of North Wells. The fire was contained to the room of origin. No injuries reported.
 - At 3:22 p.m., to an arching power line in the 500 block of

- North Faulkner.
- At 8:21 p.m., to a medical call in the 300 block of North Faulkner.
- Dec. 15**
- At 12:05 p.m., to a medical call in the 2100 block of North Sumner.
- Dec. 16**
- At 5:40 a.m., to the 1000 block of North Wells on a lift assist.
 - At 1:20 p.m., two units and six personnel to a motor vehicle accident at the intersection of Highway 60 and Highway 152. There were no injuries.
 - At 4:49 p.m., two units and six personnel to a false alarm in the 900 block of Varnon.
 - At 5:54 p.m., to a medical call in the 2200 block of Russell.
 - At 7:31 p.m., to the 400 block of Graham on a medical call.
 - At 9:14 p.m., to a medical call in the 100 block of Village drive.
- Dec. 17**
- At 5:01 a.m., to the 800 block of Denver on a medical call.

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lum before the school year began.

“I don’t think anyone ever dreamed that we had teachers at the elementary level or middle school

level who can’t teach the higher-level math. Then school districts are having to scramble to find ways to teach the teachers,” said Michael Seabolt, the superintendent of Louise, a small district about 90 minutes south of Houston.

He has begun circulating a resolution to school

boards, drawing attention to the challenges presented by the new standards.

Some larger districts, including Alief in Harris County, were able to better prepare for the transition. Before the state had even adopted the new standards, Alief began changing its curriculum, said Earl Snyder,

the district’s elementary school math coordinator.

Snyder said he supported the new math standards, but that school districts needed more time to put them in place.

“Our kids can do it,” he said. “We just need a timeline that’s reasonable to bring it into the classroom.”

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text books in 2015.

The allotment should be comparable to 2014’s allotment.

The Board also approved the following consent agenda items:

- Consideration and ac-

tion to approve board minutes for Nov. 20, Nov. 24 and Dec. 4.

- Consideration and action to approve monthly financial reports
- Discussion and action

to approve nominations for the TASB Media Honor Roll

The Board also approved the employment of professional employees.

Cuba welcomes Castro’s announce of renewed US ties

HAVANA (AP) — Bells tolled in celebration and teachers halted lessons

midday as President Raul Castro told his country Wednesday that Cuba was restoring relations with the United States after more than a half-century of hostility.

Wearing his military uniform with its five-star insignia, the 83-year-old

leader said the two countries would work to resolve their differences “without renouncing a single one of our principles.”

Havana residents gathered around television sets in homes, schools and businesses to hear the historic national broad-

cast, which coincided with a statement by U.S. President Barack Obama in Washington. Uninformed schoolchildren burst into applause at the news.

At the University of San Geronimo in the capital’s historic center, the announcement drew ringing from the bell tower. Throughout the capital, there was a sense of euphoria as word spread.

“For the Cuban people, I think this is like a shot of oxygen, a wish-come-true, because with this, we have overcome our differences,” said Carlos Gonzalez, a 32-year-old IT specialist. “It is an advance that will open the road to a better future for the two countries.”

Guillermo Delgado, a 72-year-old retiree, welcomed the announcement as “great news.”

“It is a victory for Cuba because it was achieved without conceding basic principles,” Delgado said. “For Obama, I think it’s a spectacular step. ... All countries should change this irrational policy.”

CITY BRIEFS

EARLY CLASSIFIED and City Brief Deadlines for the Christmas Holidays! For Wed. Dec. 24th deadline is Tues. Dec. 23 at noon. For Fri. Dec. 26 deadline is Tue. Dec. 23 at 2pm. For Sat. Dec. 27 deadline is Wed. Dec. 24th, 10am. No paper Thurs. Dec. 25th Christmas Day. Merry Christmas to all! Pampa News office will close at noon on Wed. Dec. 24th.

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SUBMITTED BY THE AMARILLO ZOO

Guests are invited to ring in the New Year at the Amarillo Zoo. "Party Animals" of all ages are invited to celebrate the annual Happy ZOO Year event. This New Year's bash will take place at the Zoo on Wednesday, Dec. 31 from 10 a.m. to noon.

New Year's activities will include kids' crafts, refreshments and animal encounters. The Zoo will cap off the celebration with an early count down with a special New Year's Eve ball drop for the lions!

Ball "Drop" for the lions will be at noon Wednesday, Dec. 31.

The event is free with general admission to the Zoo, which is \$4 for adults (13-61), \$3 for seniors (62 and up), \$2 for children (3-12) and free for children two and younger

The Amarillo Zoo is located at NE 24th Ave. and Dumas Highway inside Thompson Park. For more information about the Zoo and upcoming events please visit our website at www.amarillozoo.org.

For more information contact the Zoo at 806-381-7911 or visit our website at www.amarillozoo.org.

Long-term ranching outlook to highlight Jan. 14-15 Southwest Beef Symposium in Amarillo

SUBMITTED BY TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE AMARILLO - Big-picture emerging issues in the beef and ranching industries will be addressed at the Southwest Beef Symposium, jointly hosted by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and New Mexico State University Cooperative Extension Service.

This year's conference, themed "Looking to the Future," is set for Jan. 14-15 at the Wyndham Garden Hotel, 3100 Interstate 40 West in Amarillo.

"After some very rough years of drought, we will address issues of concern to the industry at large, but also at the ranch level," said Dr. Ted McCollum, AgriLife Extension beef cattle specialist in Amarillo. "Hopefully, we have turned the corner and are beginning to stabilize the national cow inventory."

Registration is \$80 and includes a steak dinner on Jan. 14, lunch on Jan. 15, refreshments and symposium proceedings. Registration is required by Jan. 9 and seating is limited to 150, McCollum said, advising participants to register early. Others will be put on a waiting list.

Register online at <http://agrifileregister.tamu.edu> or by phone at 979-845-2604.

The opening session from 1-5 p.m. on Jan. 14 will include:

- The Beef Industry: What's in Store Over the Next Five Years and Next 10 Years?, Dr. Darrell Peel, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Oklahoma.
- Ranching Strategies for the Long Term, Clint Richardson, Triangle Ranch, Paducah.
- Regulatory Issues Facing the New Mexico and Texas Cattle Industry, Karen Cowen, New Mexico Cattle Growers Association, Albuquerque, New Mexico; and Ross Wilson, Texas Cattle Feeders Association, Amarillo.

- Where Do I Go to Get Help with Regulatory and Legal Issues on My Property?, Tiffany Dowell, AgriLife Extension agricultural law specialist, Amarillo.

- Rangeland Resource Management in the Panhandle: A Long-Term Perspective, Andrew Bivins, JA Ranch, Amarillo.

- Tipping Points for Juniper and Mesquite Control: Canopy Cover and Forage Production, Dr. Jim Ansley, Texas A&M AgriLife Research rangeland ecologist, Vernon.

- Evaluating the Current Costs and Future Value of Rangeland Improvement Practices, Dr. Richard Connor, rangeland economist, Texas A&M University, College Station.

- Climate and Weather Outlook: Better Days Ahead?, Brian Bledsoe, chief meteorologist, KKTU, Colorado Springs, Colo.

- Heifer Development Strategies, Dr. Andy Roberts, U.S. Department of Agriculture-Agricultural Research Service Livestock and Range Research Laboratory, Fort Keogh, Montana.

- Genetic Management Tools for Commercial Cow-Calf Producers, Dr. Joe Paschal, AgriLife Extension livestock specialist, Corpus Christi.

- Bull Performance in the Pasture: What We Know; What We Are Learning, Dr. Bruce Carpenter, AgriLife Extension livestock specialist, Ft. Stockton.

For more information, go to the symposium website <http://aces.nmsu.edu/ces/swbeef/> or contact McCollum at 806-677-5600 or ft-mccollum@tamu.edu.

Obituaries

Franklin V. "Frank" Wall

Franklin V. "Frank" Wall, 87 of Pampa, died Dec. 16, 2014, in Amarillo.



Franklin V. Wall

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19, 2014, at Fairview Cemetery, with Dr. Jeff Knighton, pastor of First Christian Church, and Dr. Wyatt Fenno, pastor of Westmont Christian Church of Lubbock, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Wall was born Dec. 18, 1926, in Monroe, La. He moved to Lefors as a small child and graduated as valedictorian of Lefors High School Class of 1944. Frank enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1944 and served in the Pacific Theatre and Hawaii. He was honorably discharged in 1946 as a first sergeant, and served in the Army Reserves and Texas National Guard. Frank married Nelda Land on March 7, 1950, in Clovis, N.M. She preceded him in death on Sept. 16, 2011. He was a master electrician and worked for Kewanee Oil, Gulf and Chevron until his retirement in 1986. After his retirement, he owned and operated Frank Wall Electric. He was a member of First Christian Church and a former member of Pampa Evening Lions Club.

Frank was also preceded in death by a sister, JoAnn Fenno and several sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law.

Survivors include his son, Barry Wall of Amarillo; his daughter, Troyce Wall of Wimberley; his sister, Paula Lowrie of Clarendon; his sister-in-law, Lynda Boardman and husband James of Avon Park, Fla.; his brother-in-law, Kenneth Land of Chula Vista, Calif.; his granddaughter, Danielle Wall of San Marcos; his favorite pet dog "Punkin;" and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Memorials may be made to First Christian Church, 1633 N. Nelson, Pampa, Texas 79065, the American Diabetes Association, 8008 Slide Road, Suite 12A, Lubbock, Texas 79424, or a charity of choice.

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

Wiley Wilson 'Slim' Perkins

Wiley Wilson "Slim" Perkins, 91, of "Arrowhead Estates" in Canadian, Okla., died Monday, Dec. 15, 2014, at Heritage Hills Nursing Center in McAlester, Okla.



Wiley Wilson Perkins

Funeral Services will be 10 a.m., Friday, Dec. 19, 2014, at Ray and Martha's Funeral Home Chapel in Carnegie, Okla. Interment will follow at Carnegie Cemetery. Active pallbearers will be Joe Holmes, Bart Rogers, Jason Heims, Jacky Gandy, Danny Ulmer and Ronnie Niccum. Honorary pallbearer will be Christopher Heims. Arrangements are under the direction of Bishop Funeral Service, McAlester, Okla., and Ray and Martha's Funeral Home, Carnegie, Okla.

Wiley Wilson "Slim" Perkins was born March 11, 1923, in Tishomingo, Okla., the son of James Brooks and Dellar Melissa (Lawrence) Perkins. He married Ora Afteena Reagan on Aug. 23, 1944, in Anadarko, Okla., and to this union four daughters were born.

Early on, Wiley worked as a farm and ranch hand throughout Oklahoma, New Mexico and Texas. He later worked in the construction trade as a concrete finisher on numerous bridge and highway projects throughout Oklahoma along with working at the Celanese Plant in Pampa and Borger Texas areas. Upon returning to Oklahoma and prior to his retirement he was employed by the "Roads and Roofs Division" at the University of Oklahoma. After his retirement he moved to rural Tecumseh, Okla. and on to "Arrowhead Estates" in Canadian, Okla.

He is survived by: four daughters: Darlene Holmes and husband, Larry of Pampa; La-Von Rogers and husband, Shelby of Zwolle, La.; Linda Heims and husband, James of "Arrowhead Estates" Canadian, Okla.; and Willa Perkins of Mesa, Ari. He is also survived by: 10 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, five great-great-grandchildren and many nieces, nephews, friends and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by: his parents; five brothers: George "Buge," Tony, Monroe, Harley and Clinton; three sisters: Maudie Gandy, Oma Gandy and Mayburn Timmons and a great-granddaughter, Brittanie Rogers.

For the record

Mobeetie woman arrested for DWI

STAFF REPORT

- Shauna Nicole Hay, 35, Mobeetie, was arrested Tuesday by the Department of Public Safety for her third or more driving while intoxicated offense.

- Corissa Malone, 17, Pampa, was arrested Monday by the Gray County Sheriff's Office for no driver's license, running a red light.

- Jesus Torres, 28, Pampa, was arrested Monday by the Pampa Police

Department for evading arrest or detention with a previous conviction, failure to identify a fugitive with intent of giving false information, bond surrender — third or more driving while intoxicated offense, violation to probation — criminal mischief — between \$1,500 and \$20,000, two charges of violation of probation — unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, violation of probation — evading arrest or detention, capias

pro fine.

- Brad Hinkle, 44, Pampa, was arrested Tuesday by GCSO for Potter County violation of probation — driving while intoxicated.

- Cody Allen Hollon, 24, Pampa, was arrested Tuesday by PPD for violation of probation — sexual assault on a child — Potter County.

- Jerry Lee Hicks, 49, Pampa, was arrested Tuesday by PPD for criminal trespassing, possession of

drug paraphernalia.

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Executions, new death sentences continue to fall

WASHINGTON (AP) — Executions and new death sentences dropped to their lowest numbers in decades in 2014, an anti-death penalty group said in a new report.

The Death Penalty Information Center, a nonprofit organization that opposes executions and tracks the issue, said 35 inmates were executed this year and 71 have so far been given death sentences.

The last time fewer inmates were put to death was in 1994, when there were 31 executions nationwide. The number of new sentences is the lowest in the 40 years that the center calls the modern death penalty era.

Since executions resumed in 1977 following a halt imposed by the Supreme Court, the number of executions peaked at 98 in 1999. That same year, 277 inmates were

sentenced to death.

Problems with executions in Arizona, Ohio and Oklahoma and questions about the drugs used in lethal injection executions have contributed to delays in carrying out death sentences and public outcry, said Richard Dieter, the center's executive director. Twenty-one death row inmates in Oklahoma have filed a federal court challenge to the state's lethal injection procedures after a bungled execution at a state prison in April that the warden has described as a "bloody mess." Oklahoma, planning to resume executions next month, says new procedures and training will prevent a repeat of the situation.

Exonerations of people who were wrongly convicted, the availability of prison terms of life without parole and the cost of capital trials and the appeals process also are factors in the persistent decline, Dieter said.

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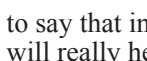
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Tales from the Final Frontier

Games to look forward to in 2015.

2014 was definitely an awesome year for the video game world. Aside from a couple of games being littered with bugs, ahem, Ubisoft, we definitely saw the current-gen consoles start to hit their strides with grand releases like *Destiny* and *Far Cry 4*, and the revamping of *Grand Theft Auto 5* and the *Masterchief Halo* series. So next year it's pretty safe



JOHN LEE

to say that in 2015 the console wars will really heat up. So what can we expect from 2015 gaming? Let's start with Nintendo Wii U. They spent 2014 teasing Nintendo fans with their next installment in the *Legend of Zelda* series for their Wii U console. It still has a "To Be Determined" release date, which always makes me nervous, most of the time we at least get a season to work with our anticipation. But if you haven't bought a Wii

U following the release of "Super Smash Bros. U," you may, like I, want one for Link's new adventure. On that same token, a reboot of "The Legend of Zelda: Majora's Mask" is due out in the spring for the Nintendo 3DS, which I look forward to playing. For Xbox One players, "Halo 5: Guardians" has gamers fired up. Few details have been released on this installment but it's due out in the fourth quarter of 2015. "Crackdown" is making a return next year, also exclusively for the Xbox One. For Playstation 4 gamers, one that I am personally looking forward to is "The Order: 1886." In this thriller set in Victorian-Era London, Man uses advanced technology to battle a powerful and ancient foe. It is an intense third-person action-adventure shooter. "The Order: 1886" comes out on Feb. 20. "Bloodborne" is another exclusive for PS4 coming out on March 24. "Uncharted 4: A Thief's End" also comes out next year, but a release date has yet to be announced. Now for multiple consoles. I am not much of a fighter game fan. Outside of the Super Smash Brothers series, I find fighter games to get

old fast, but that's just me. But I digress, "Mortal Kombat X" is making waves as one of the more anticipated games of 2015. The gameplay trailer for MK10 shows that the game picks up where MK9 left off graphically, brutality and with the arenas. It's not one I would buy, but having my friends over for a video game night, I might rent it. A double-whammy for nerds like myself, "Star Wars: Battlefront" has been announced for both major consoles as well as PC. It doesn't have a release date or even a trailer, but it's worth excitement. The current video for the game shows how much work has gone into making it, and they are not pulling their punches. Sticking to nerd double-whammy's, "Batman: Arkham Knight" is due out June 2. It seems that rather than fighting the Joker as we have for a while now, this year we get Penguin, Two-Face and Harley Quinn (maybe the Joker is in it?). It plays a lot like the previous installments and even includes the Batmobile. This is just a handful of games promised to us next year. Maybe come Spring we will get some release dates! What game are you looking forward to in 2015?

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Crimes without punishment

With the release of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence report on the use of torture by the CIA after 9/11, the final defense of the indefensible by its perpetrators, advocates and publicists is falling apart before our eyes.



JOE CONASON

Not only did "enhanced interrogation," the Nazi euphemism adopted by the Bush-Cheney administration, include methods outlawed and prosecuted by our country for more than a century, such as waterboarding — and not only did those "activities," as Dick Cheney called them, violate American law, the Constitution, the Geneva Conventions and the conventions on torture — but also we now know with great certainty that the CIA executed this secret program with horrific incompetence and that it produced nothing of significant value. Indeed, the SSCI report concludes — contrary to the boasting of Cheney and many others — that torture was proved "not an effective means of gathering intelligence," let alone saving millions of Americans from jihadi plots, and actually "complicated, and in some cases impeded, the national security missions." The overseers of the torture program, themselves of dubious competence, were unable even to assess the impact or effectiveness of their orders. As Micah Zenko of the Council on Foreign Relations points out, the CIA itself has admitted, in its otherwise aggressive response to the SSCI, that it lacked the "structure, expertise, and methodologies" to "systematically evaluate the effectiveness" of its "covert actions." The CIA didn't know what it was doing. But it was doing grave damage to itself and to us. Unavoidably, the SSCI report dwells on the details of these true nightmares, revealing facts that anyone would regret learning: the "rectal rehydration" of detainees by shoving food up the wrong way, with the infliction of excruciating pain; the "black sites" where detainees were held for months in total darkness, with loud music constantly playing and only a bucket for their waste; the cells where detainees suffered such freezing temperatures that at least one died of hypothermia overnight; the beatings, the near drownings, the constant infliction of pain and hunger and threats of rape and murder. According to the report, some episodes of inter-

rogation were so blatantly sadistic and so obviously criminal that the men who witnessed them actually wept. More than one officer broke down and fled, through retirement or transfer, while the White House and the Pentagon continued to lie about the extent — and the supposed necessity — of these unprecedented crimes. Those lies were designed to prevent investigations or oversight from revealing the horrific facts that are now emerging. Yet despite a long and ongoing cover-up — and notwithstanding the specific revelations highlighted in the report — the basic outline has been known since 2009, when portions of the CIA inspector general's report on torture were released by the Obama Justice Department. Back then, the spy agency's own investigation — in the words of a Bush appointee and torture enthusiast — found it "difficult to determine conclusively whether interrogations have provided information critical to interdicting specific imminent attacks." In other words, the CIA could never prove any instance when the sole justification for these gross violations of U.S. and international law — breaking up a plot targeting American lives — had been fulfilled since 9/11. And unsurprisingly, that is still the case. The searing issue we now confront, as a society governed by law, is that these lawbreakers will not be prosecuted or even required to testify publicly about their grave offenses. The Obama administration is apparently willing to expose their lawlessness but unable to do anything to punish it. Even the executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union, Anthony Romero, has abandoned any hope of prosecutions, noting that the torturers have in effect been pardoned. Romero has urged President Obama to make those pardons official — which would at least stamp the actions of the torturers and their accomplices as crimes. What we have needed for years — but evidently will never get — is a truth and reconciliation process that might have granted freedom from prosecution to witnesses who testified publicly, honestly and completely about the crimes of that mercifully departed era. Instead, those miscreants will escape accountability altogether — except in the pages of history, where the SSCI report will indict them over and over again.

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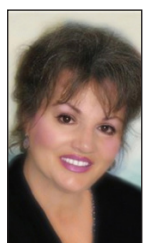


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Bereavement and Healing Absence of Christmas joy

The Christmas holidays are a wonderful time of year, rich with tradition and family gatherings. Loss, however, can quickly change Christmas in the hearts of those who suffer its sting, from merry and bright to dark and dreary. Christmas losses are some of the most difficult from which to recover, however, to lose a child is particularly harrowing during this time of year.



TRACY RENEE LEE

I was at the theater today when my daughter called and asked me questions about infant caskets. I asked her why she wanted the information, and she informed me that a family in her church had lost their infant today. Her heart was heavy, and she was near tears, as she asked me questions on behalf of this unfortunate family. The loss of an infant is always a very difficult and sad experience. At this time of year, however, when all is joyous, the juxtaposition of grief cre-

ates a stark reality, which can very easily become quite complicated. I attended a Christmas luncheon this week with a dear friend. The guest speaker gave a wonderful presentation on the gift of the Savior's birth. Although this family is a religious family, hearing others say that their baby is with Jesus will bring them little comfort this holiday season. Cheerfully wrapped baby gifts in brightly colored Christmas paper, will now remain unopened and eventually have to be returned. This experience is, and will continue to be, dreadful for this sweet couple. Most likely, this young mother and father will suffer the depths of their sorrows every Christmas from this one forward. My daughter has another friend who some years back, lost a child during the holidays. This family places their beloved child's empty shoes just outside of his bedroom door each Christmas to mark their love for him and continued sorrow over his loss. Although this may seem a painful reminder to those of us

who have not lost a child during the holiday season, it is actually an act of healing. Creating new traditions to memorialize a significant loss helps one create a place from which to honor their loved one and allows them to participate in holiday activities without trivializing their loss and heartache. Friends will want to know what to say to this poor couple who lost their baby earlier today. They will want to know if it is still appropriate to wish them a Merry Christmas or give them gifts that have already been purchased. Some will worry about the effects of Christmas cards already in the mail or parties already planned. The luncheon speaker said the greatest gift one can give another during difficult times, is not a casserole or a clever card for cheer. "The greatest gift," she said, "one can give another during the most dreadful experience of life, is prayer." Supplicating to the Father on behalf of another's sorrow, for their comfort and recovery, is perhaps the kindest and most significant gift

one human being can give another. After all, was not Christ's supplication to his Father on our behalf, one of his greatest gifts to mankind? The Christmas holidays are a wonderful time of year, rich with tradition and family gatherings. My heart bleeds for these two families who have suffered such profound losses. Tonight when my family kneels in prayer at the close of our day, we will offer a prayer for these and all other families suffering the poignant experience of loss during their absence of Christmas joy. I hope you will too.

My name is Tracy Renee Lee. I am a funeral director, author and professional speaker. I write books and weekly bereavement articles related to understanding and coping with grief. I am the American Funeral Director of the Year Runner-Up and recipient of the BBB's Integrity Award. I deliver powerful messages and motivate audiences in their "Pursuit of Excellence". It is my life's work to comfort the bereaved and help them live on. Please follow my blog at http://pushin-up-daisies.blogspot.com/, follow me on Twitter @PushinUpDaisies and visit my website for additional encouragement, information or booking speeches at www.QueenCityFuneralHome.com.

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Community Calendar

City Commission meetings

The Pampa City Commission meets at 5:30 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 at the new administration building on North Hobart Street.

Immunization clinic three 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. The Department of State Health Services can be reached at 806-669-5323 and is located at 121 S. Gillespie St. in Pampa.

PAWS meets first Tuesdays

Pampa Animal Welfare Society meets the first Tuesday of each month at the Pampa Animal Shelter, 811 S. Hobart St. The meetings are at 6:30 p.m. and are open to the public.

There is a desperate need for more

members. 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 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.

PPQG Meets fourth Thursdays

Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild meets the fourth Thursday of each month, January through October, at the Pampa Senior Citizens Center at 500 W. Francis St.

The meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. and membership is open to adult quilters of all ages. Dues are \$15 annually. Meetings consist of a short business discussion followed by a program featuring quilting techniques. For more information, call 806-662-2909.

First United Methodist Church

Every Friday through August, First United Methodist Church will be holding Gospel Pic'n and Grinnin'. The weekly event will be at 5:30 p.m. at Gathering Space in the church.

For more information call 806-669-

7411.

Pampa Post VFW meetings

Pampa Post VFW, Men's Auxiliary, and Ladies Auxiliary meet the second and fourth Tuesday of every month. There is a social hour with meal at 6 p.m. and the meetings begin at 7 p.m. For questions, call Danny Martin at 806-662-4367.

CASA of the High Plains

CASA of the High Plains will be open from 6-7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of every month for persons interested in becoming a CASA Volunteer. The CASA office is located in the Brown Alliance for Children at 315 N. Ballard Street in Pampa.

CASA volunteers are appointed by a Judge to represent the Best Interest of children who have been removed from their homes due to abuse and neglect. Volunteers are crucial to positive outcomes for children in the foster care system.

You may contact CASA at 806-669-7638 for more information.

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Area Support Groups

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

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

■ **Victims of domestic violence and sexual assault**, meet at 6 p.m., Thursdays, 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 from 12-1 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month at Central Baptist Church. For more info, contact Beth Kean at 800-274-4673

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

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

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

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

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

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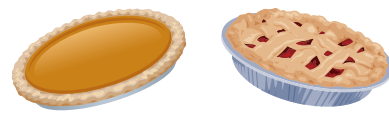
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Pastor Sublett said, "Both classes are advanced in that they have a weekly reading assignment and weekly handout pages that will supply each student with a significant notebook for continued study. I will also be recording each class so that everyone can have the audio in case they want to review something later."

The classes are open to anyone interested in learning more about their Bible. Child care will be provided for anyone who is attending either class.

Cornerstone Baptist Church

Cornerstone Baptist Team KID (Kids in Discipleship) meets Wednesdays at 6:30 until 8:00 pm at 2410 W. 23rd St. All children ages 4 thru 5th graders are invited to attend. For more information call the church at 669-6509.

New Life Assembly of God

New Life Assembly of God is located at 1435 N. Sumner Street in Pampa. New pastor, Sergio Urrutia, said their mission is "New life Assembly of God is committed to fulfilling a four-fold mission. Our primary reason for being is to evangelize the lost, worship God, disciple believer and to show compassion, to build a multi-ethnic body of believers."

New life commits to reaching out to Pampa in all areas of the township with special emphasis to our Latino brothers and sisters. Our worship will be a reflection of our multi-ethnic mixture of disciples including Christian Latino music, contemporary music as well as the traditional hymns and songs of the church. Outreach will have as its goal to produce new believers who in turn are able to witness effectively and make disciples who will in turn continue this cycle. This will be effected through small group bible studies, both Bi-lingual services, and bibles."

Services are Sunday at 10 a.m. and Sundays and Wednesdays at 7 p.m.
Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ

Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ is located at 1342 Mary Ellen St. Corner of Mary Ellen and Harvester. Right across from the high school.

Bible Classes start at 9:30 a.m. with Sunday Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Evening Worship is at 5 p.m. and Ladies Bible Class Wednesday 10 a.m. Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ also offers Wednesday Bible Class at 7 p.m.

Keith Feerer is the Preacher and Zac Green is Youth Minister.

The church is hosting a gospel meeting on Sunday Dec. 14 with brother Jack Evans Jr. speaking at the morning bible class, worship and evening worship services. Anyone from the community is welcome to come hear him speak.

For more information call 806-665-0031.

First United Methodist Church

Every Friday, First United Methodist Church will be holding Gospel Pic'n and Grinnin'.

The weekly event will be at 5:30 p.m. at Gathering Space in the church.

For more information call 806-669-7411.

McLean Cowboy Church

McLean Cowboy Church is a non-de-

nominal spirit-filled Christian church.

The pastor is Ronnie Ferguson. Sunday worship is at 10:30 a.m. and children's ministry is Sunday at 10:30 a.m. and Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

The ages for the children's ministry are nursery through fifth grade.

The church is located at the intersection of state Highway 273 and Interstate 40 in McLean.

For more information, call 806-779-0260.

Southside Church of Christ

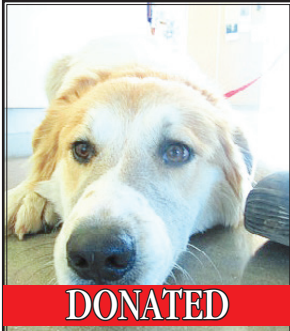
Southside Church of Christ is located at 11923 W. McCullough Ave. in Pampa. The church extends an open invitation to all to come and worship where the gospel, "God's Word," is always taught and preached.

Regular worship services are: Sunday morning Bible study, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.; morning worship begins at 10:45 a.m. to noon; Wednesday night Bible study is from 5 to 6 p.m.

If your church would like to be added to this list or are hosting a special event let us know! Email jcllee@thepampa.com or give us a call 669-2525. We will need the name, address, phone number and any other information about the event.

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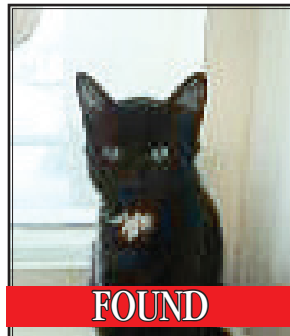
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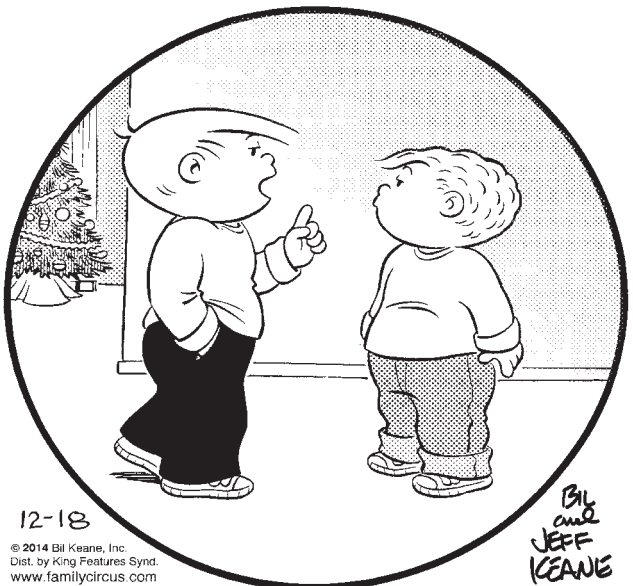
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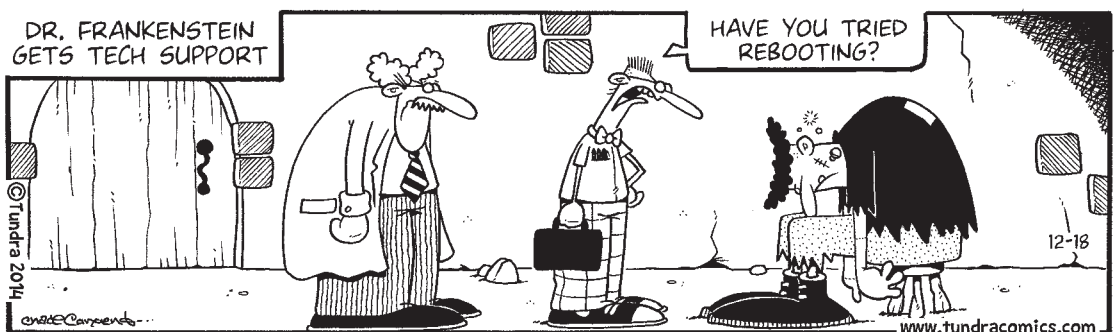


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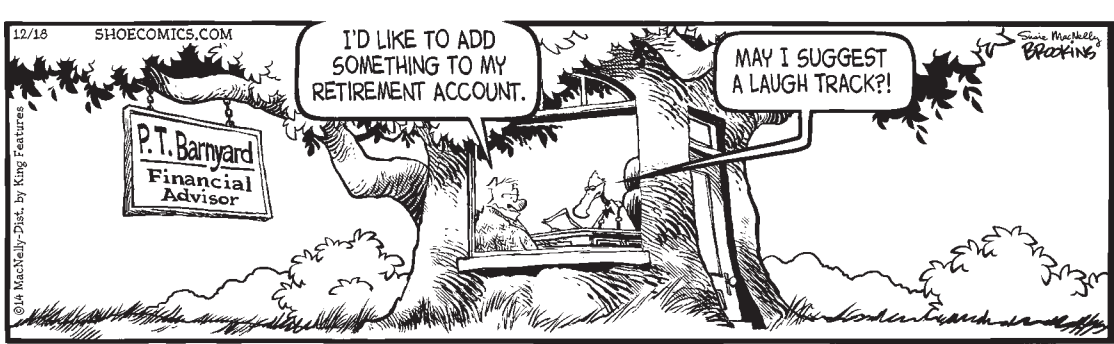
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★★★★ You might opt to catch up with a close friend. The intensity that emanates from this encounter may intrigue those who witness it. Expect a lot of questions. Choose your words with care. Don't allow detachment to take you away from the moment. Tonight: Follow a wild idea.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Others will either make the first move or do nothing at all. Only when you feel comfortable should you say something. Know that isolation might be part of the game. A discussion could be very intense in the late afternoon. Tonight: Find a favorite person.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ You'll charge into work as a veritable whirlwind of energy. Trust that you will complete whatever you need to and more. Use whatever free time you have to put yourself into the holiday mood. You might be touched by a friend's kind words. Tonight: Be a force on the social scene.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Allow your creativity to take you in a new direction. Some of you just might decide to use your imagination to come up with a last-minute gift. Keep interactions lighthearted, even when someone seems to want to be more serious. Tonight: Party until you drop.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Handle a personal matter first in order to free yourself up. You might find that someone else doesn't view a situation the same way. That difference needs to be respected. By midafternoon, consider running some holiday

errands. Tonight: Be adventurous.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You could be busy fielding calls and last-minute invitations. Stop to have a conversation with someone who might feel somewhat ignored. You will help lift this person's spirits. Focus on clearing up matters involving your home. Tonight: Hang the mistletoe if you haven't yet.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Use caution with your finances, as you could be overwhelmed by what you need to do. You easily could lose control of your budget. Slow down a little, and you will see the benefits quickly. Let go of any worries. Tonight: With friends, swapping holiday stories or jokes.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You seem to get what you need. You could have a difficult conversation with someone who is depressed. Consider an option more openly, especially if it involves last-minute shopping. You might want to consolidate your to-do list. Tonight: Out and about.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Handle a personal matter in the morning, when you have some time to yourself. By midafternoon, you will perk up and delight those around you. Allow greater give-and-take between you and others. You don't need to hide anything. Tonight: As you like it.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Use the morning to the max, even if friends try to interfere with your plans. Consider taking the day off. You might want to drop in on some early holiday parties, or perhaps you'll just want to relax at home. Tonight: Egg-nog, holiday lights and some romance.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ You would like to be carefree and not have any more demands or requests dropped on you. Handle everything you must with efficiency in order to free yourself up sooner. You might discover that your weekend begins midafternoon. Tonight: Find your friends.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Reach out to friends and loved ones at a distance. It would be smart to exchange holiday wishes now before the things gets too crazy. Consider dropping in on an older loved one to visit and say hi. Be spontaneous. Tonight: Give up being so responsible, and enjoy yourself.

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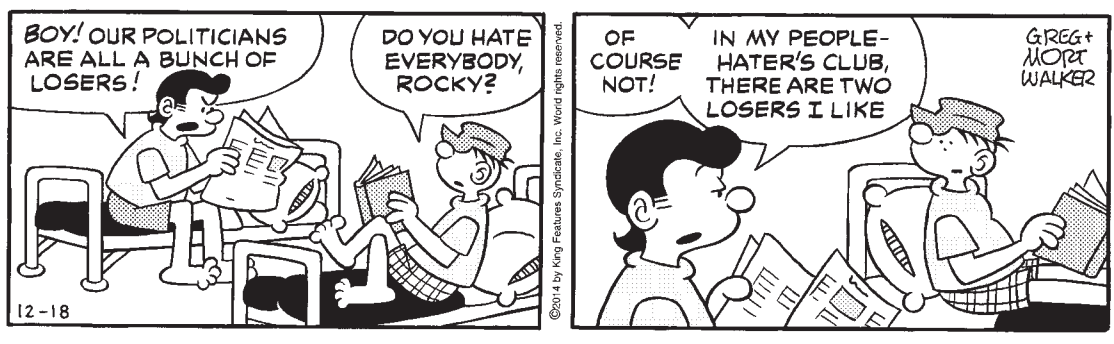
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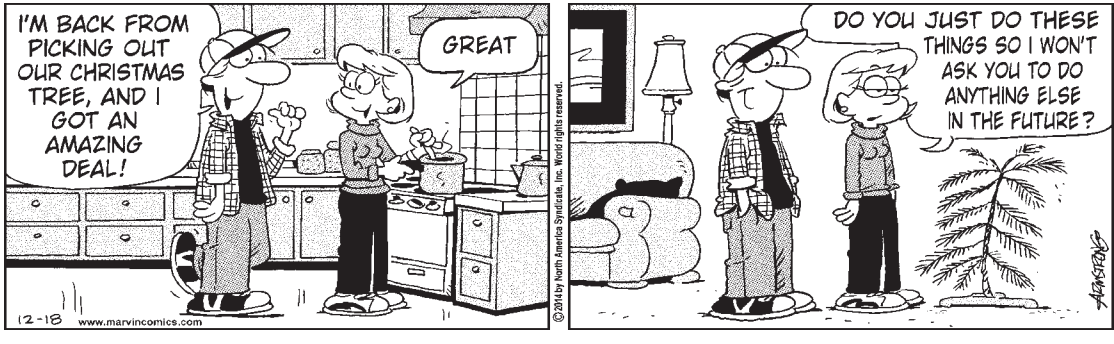
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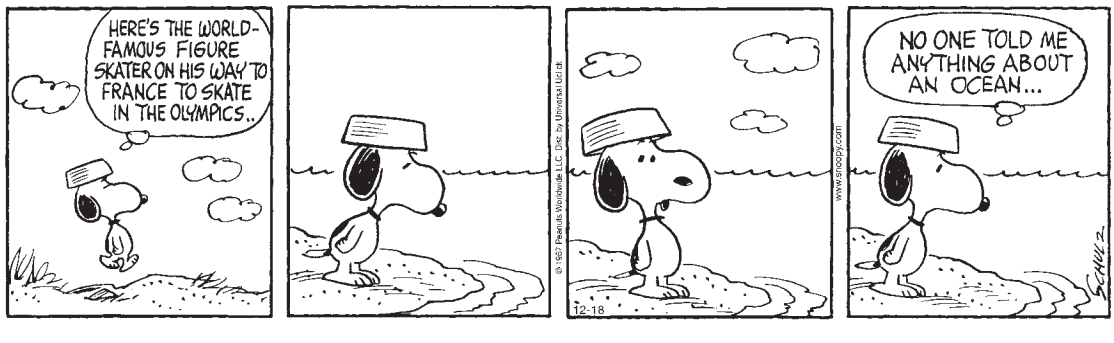
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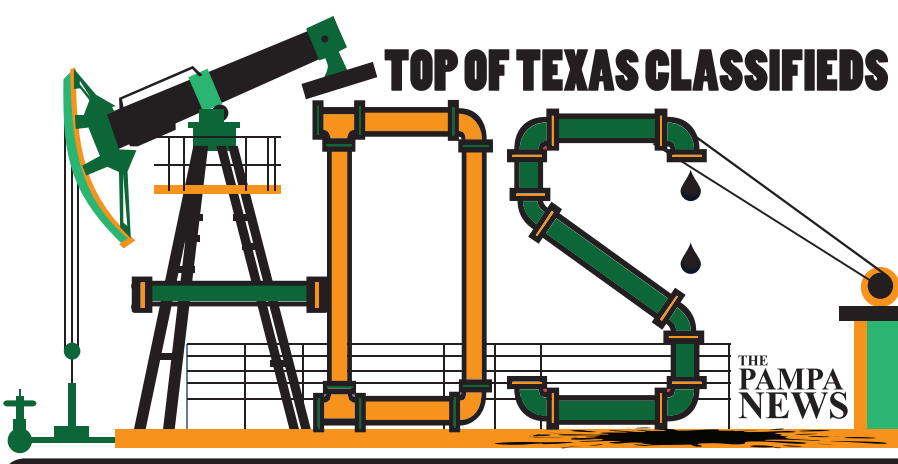


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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I am writing this in response to "Un-Grandparent in Ohio" (Aug. 25), whose pregnant teenage daughter has decided to place her baby for adoption.

My daughter and son-in-law adopted their newborn daughter in an open adoption. Each summer the adoption agency sponsors a picnic that is attended by birth and adoptive parents, grandparents and other family members — and, of course, the adopted child. During the rest of the year, our daughter sends the birth mother photos and letters, going through the same agency.

I can only imagine the sadness Un-Grandparent is feeling. I hope her daughter has chosen an adoption agency like this one so she will be able to share in her grandchild's life. — GRATEFUL ADOPTIVE GRANDMOTHER

DEAR GRATEFUL: I welcomed feedback from readers about that letter and, as always, they provided Un-Grandparent with thoughtful advice. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I am a grandmother and an attorney. I have done a lot of guardianship work over the years and would like the grandmother to know that in many cases similar to hers, it is the grandmother who adopts the baby. This is often the best solution for everyone — especially the baby.

Most states favor adoptions by family members. It could be a wonderful ending/beginning for all concerned if that could happen in this case. — GRANDMA CLAIRE

DEAR ABBY: I went through this with my daughter, who was not in a mental or financial po-

sition to keep the child. I was in the delivery room for the birth of all my grandchildren, but in order to distance myself from this child, I allowed the adoptive mom to go into the delivery instead, because it was important for her to bond with the baby. It was easier, in a sense, to distance myself from this child because of my daughter's circumstances.

I think about my grandson all the time, and I get pictures from the adoptive family. When the time is right, he will meet his biological family. My hope is that Un-Grandparent can trust the adoptive parents to be the right ones and that they will do the right thing for the child. — CHRISTINE ON THE WEST COAST

DEAR ABBY: I was neither willing nor emotionally able to raise my 13-year-old daughter's child. There was an open adoption, with a family that had five children of their own, but neither my daughter nor I took the opportunity to get to know this child or his new family.

My parents (the baby's great-grandparents) made the effort to keep in touch and were welcomed with open arms. My parents brought ALL the children Christmas gifts, and my mother wrote to them often, visiting when they had a chance.

So, if this is an open adoption, there is still the possibility for you to have as much contact as everyone is comfortable with. There is no such thing as too much love! — KATHRYN IN TEXAS *****

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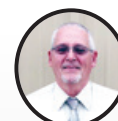
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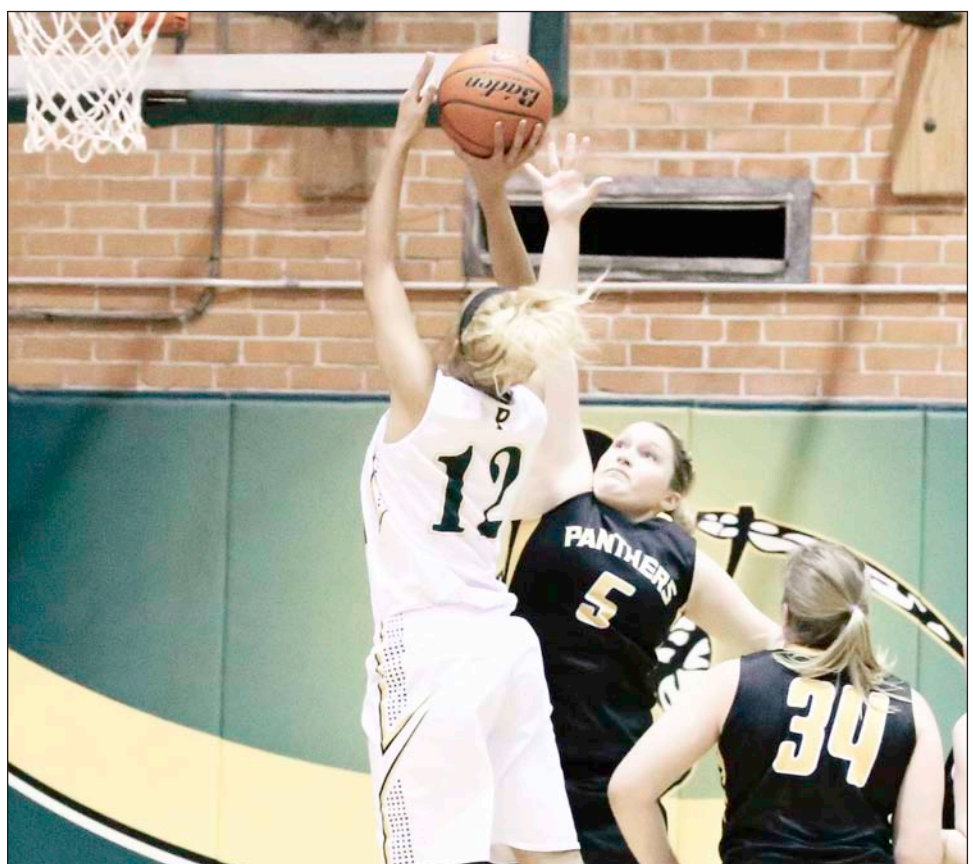
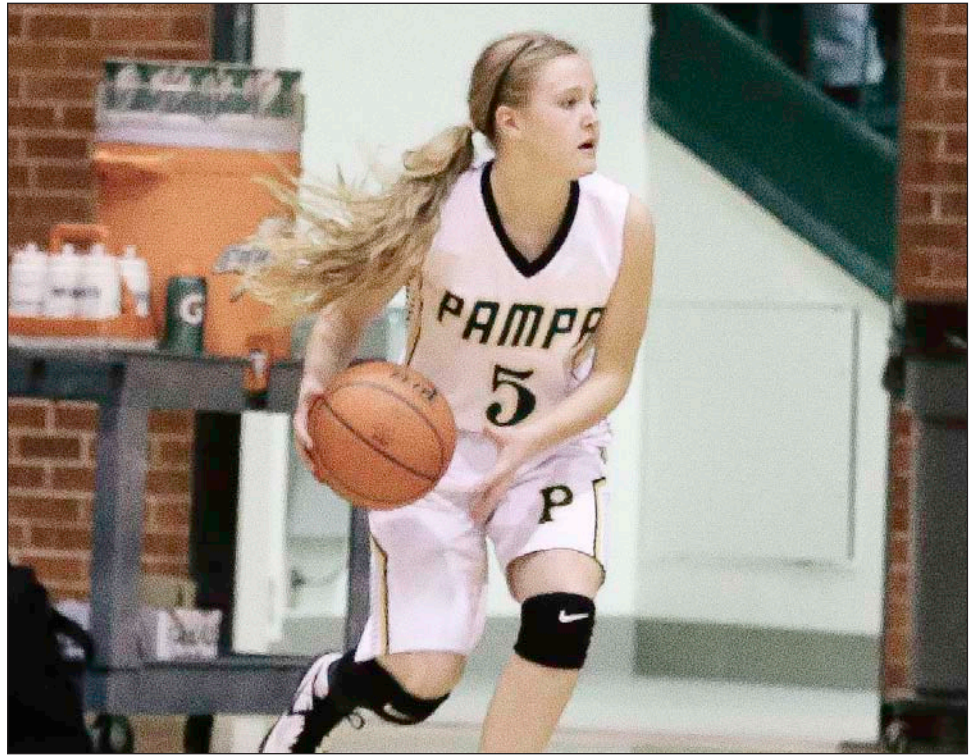
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LADY HARVESTERS FALL TO FOLLETT TUESDAY



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Pampa lost the game 60-30 Tuesday against the Follett Lady Panthers despite being down just 12 at the half. "We already thought we were beat at halftime so we shut it down," head coach Kim Chaffin said. "We had it in our minds that we were kind of out of it a little bit. We knew they were a good team. We just shut down. We let the fire go out in us." Chaffin went on to praise some of the younger players. "They (underclassmen) knew they that they had to fill a void of the intensity so they came in and worked for us pretty good. I think our older kids didn't take the initiative to understand that a 12 point game is not hard to overcome. They struggled a little bit." Taylor Eubank finished with 15 points to lead the Lady Harvesters. Madison Brown had five points. Raven Neal-Landers had four points. Elise Kennedy had three points. Reata Collins had two points and Ty'Randa Archie-Johnson finished with a point in the game. Top left, Raven Neal-Landers and Madison Brown make a play on the ball. Top right, Montashia Brown passes the ball. Above left, Taylor Eubank dribbles the ball anticipating her next move. Above right, the Lady Harvesters meet during a timeout. Below left, Reata Collins works her way down the court. Bottom left, Ty'Randa Archie-Johnson looks to pass the ball. Bottom right, Madison Brown shoots the ball.



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Tennessee Titans at Jacksonville Jaguars.....NFL 7 p.m.

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2A Division 2: Albany v. Bremond.....FSSW 10 a.m.
2A Division 1: Canadian v. Mason.....FSSW 1 p.m.
3A Division 2: Waskom v. Newton.....FSSW 5 p.m.
3A Division 1: Mineola v. Cameron Yoe.....FSSW 8 p.m.

Women's Volleyball

NCAA Semifinal.....ESPN2 6 p.m.
NCAA Semifinal.....ESPN2 8:30 p.m.

Game times and channels are subject to change.

NFL employees turn over phone, email records

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Nearly 500 employees at NFL headquarters in New York turned over phone and email records to investigators looking into how Commissioner Roger Goodell and his staff pursued and handled evidence in the Ray Rice case, two people familiar with the situation told The Associated Press on Tuesday.

The people spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity because details of the investigation won't be made public until former FBI director Robert S. Mueller III releases his report. The report is expected to be completed this month, one of the sources said.

Mueller has been investigating whether anyone at the NFL had seen or obtained video of the former Baltimore Ravens running back striking his then-fiancee inside an elevator at an Atlantic City, New Jersey casino before the video was published online.

League employees were instructed to cooperate with Mueller's team of investigators and respond immediately to requests for information, the sources said.

Investigators zeroed in on phone calls made from NFL offices to numbers with a New Jersey area code. Employees also were asked to identify certain numbers in question and investigators even called some of the numbers to verify call recipients.

A representative for Mueller, who led the FBI for 12 years under Presidents George W. Bush and Barack Obama, declined comment.

Mueller's team is trying to identify who called a law enforcement official who said he mailed a DVD of the video to league headquarters to the attention of the NFL's security chief. The official played for the AP

a 12-second voicemail from an NFL office number dated April 9, where a woman confirms receipt of the video.

Mueller now works in private practice in a Washington law firm. His probe is being overseen by owners John Mara of the New York Giants and Art Rooney of the Pittsburgh Steelers and the league said three months ago that Mueller would have access to all NFL records and would have full cooperation from league personnel.

Playoff teams stack AP All-America team

The College Football Playoff participants are well represented on The Associated Press All-America team.

Florida State leads the way with three first-team All-Americans: tight end Nick O'Leary, guard Tre' Jackson and kicker Roberto Aguayo, who is an All-American for the second straight season.

Oregon and Alabama each have two, including a couple of Heisman Trophy finalists.

Heisman winner Marcus Mariota is the first Ducks quarterback to be an All-American. He is joined by Ducks cornerback Ifo Ekpre-Olomu.

The second-seeded Ducks will play third-seeded Florida State on Jan. 1 at the Rose Bowl.

Crimson Tide receiver Amari Cooper, third in the Heisman voting, made the first team along with his teammate, safety Landon Collins. The top-ranked Tide will face fourth-seeded Ohio State and All-America defensive end Joey Bosa on New Year's Day in the Sugar Bowl.

Florida State also had the most players on the three All-America teams with six. Receiver Rashad Greene and safety Jalen Ramsey made the second team and defensive tackle Eddie Goldman was a third-team selection.

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