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Pampa Animal Shelter selling holiday goods



PAWS volunteer Lynn Ledford poses with one of the cats currently available for adoption in front of the shelter's gift table. Photo by Lindsey Tomaschik

By **LINDSEY TOMASCHIK**
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The Pampa Animal Shelter has expanded its services for the holiday season. Those who have stopped in recently have seen a section of the front lobby that now has various gifts and pet items available for sale. PAWS volunteer Lynn Ledford mentioned that the shelter sells PAWS hoodies, T-shirts and license plate frames year-round, but for the holidays, they have expanded the products offered. There is a table set out with an assortment of goodies for both pets and owners, including books, blankets, treats, magnets, collars, toys and other items as well. The items have been provided by donations and vendors throughout town. Ledford said that so far, the shelter has experienced some success with selling the goods, and the proceeds from the gift items sold go toward helping out the animals. This includes vaccinations, spaying/neuter-

ing the animals, vet bills for sick and injured animals, medications, bedding, food, treats, bones, etc. She added that if the success continues, they may keep the expansion of goods for sale after the first of the year. There is also a basket set out accepting toy donations for the animals. Ledford said that they encourage hard rubber toys for the dogs because they are not allowed to have stuffed toys in the kennels. She added that toilet paper cylinders work well for the cats since they are disposable and they love to play with them. The shelter is always accepting donations of bedding, food and treats for the animals as well. For those interested in adopting an animal this holiday season, the Pampa Animal Shelter has an abundance of barn cats right now. Stop by the shelter during regular hours to see the gifts and products available for sale or call 806-669-5775 for more information on animals available for adoption. The shelter will be closed both Christmas Eve and Christmas in observance of the holidays.

DPS Trooper seizes more than 53 Pounds in marijuana near Amarillo

SUBMITTED BY TEXAS DPS
 AMARILLO – The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) conducted a traffic stop Sunday on Interstate 40, yielding more than 53 pounds of marijuana valued at more than \$24,000.

At approximately 3:30 p.m., a DPS trooper conducted a traffic stop on a 2013 Chrysler 300 traveling eastbound on I-40, for a traffic violation, near Amarillo in Potter County.

The driver of the 300 was identified as Fredrick C. Grundy, 36, of Phoenix. During the traffic stop, the trooper discovered five bundles of marijuana in the trunk.

Grundy was placed under arrest for possession and delivery of marijuana more than 50 pounds but less than 2000 pounds, a first-degree felony, and booked into the Potter County Jail. The illegal drugs were allegedly being transported from Phoenix to Columbus, Ohio.

Foggy conditions lead to Dallam county fatal

SUBMITTED BY TEXAS DPS
 A Dalhart man is dead after a wreck on U.S. 335 in foggy conditions in Dallam County four miles Northwest of Dalhart.

A 1999 Mercury Grand Marquis, driven by Benito Zuniga, 38, of Dalhart, was traveling south on U.S. 385. 1999 Saturn SL2, driven by Jose Ortega, 47, of Dalhart, was traveling north on US 385.

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City of Pampa holiday hours

STAFF REPORT
 The City of Pampa will be operating under special hours this week. All City offices, including the landfill, will be closed Dec. 24 and Dec. 25. All offices will be re-opening on Friday with normal business hours. The land fill will be a full day on Friday and a half day on Saturday.

Hidden Hills Golf Course will be open on Christmas Eve and closed on Christmas Day. Emergency services will be operating throughout the holidays.

The City of Pampa will also be closed on New Year's Day, Jan. 1. The landfill will be open normal business hours on Jan. 2-3.

As statewide smoking ban stalls, cities go it alone

By **AMAN BATHEJA**
 The Texas Tribune

A decision by the Paris City Council in March to ban smoking in public places, including restaurants, angered Brent McKee. A restaurant owner, McKee was thinking about the customers who enjoyed a cigarette or two while nursing their morning coffee. "I built this with my blood and sweat, and then they come in and they tell me what I can and cannot do? That upset me," he said of the ban. Now, McKee reluctantly acknowledges a change of heart. "I'm glad it happened, I guess," he said last week. "Everybody says it smells so much better. It hurts the business in the morning time with the coffee and the smokers, but the rest of the day, everybody who wouldn't come in here will

come in here now." Next year, Texas lawmakers will again consider a statewide ban on smoking in public places. It will be the fifth legislative session in a row in which such a measure has been proposed. More than 100 Texas cities — encompassing nearly half of the state population — have moved on their own, enacting some sort of ban on smoking in public places in an effort to reduce secondhand smoke exposure, according to state records. "I think eventually Texas is going to pass smoke-free laws," said Cam Scott, senior director of government relations with Smoke-Free Texas. "It's just a matter of when."



Nationally, 24 states and Washington, D.C., have comprehensive smoking bans, according to the American Nonsmokers' Rights Foundation. Most cities in Texas with bans have carved out exceptions for certain businesses like bars. Thirty-six cities, including eight of the 10 largest, have comprehensive ordinances that ban smoking in all public workplaces, according to state records. A handful of cities have adjusted their ordinances to include electronic cigarettes. State Sen. Rodney Ellis, a Houston Democrat who has filed a smoking ban bill ahead of next month's session, said movement at the local level was encour-

aging, but a statewide ban remained essential. "Without a statewide smoke-free law, 23 percent of Texans will remain unprotected from secondhand smoke exposure," Ellis said. "These Texans live in unincorporated cities or rural areas where no entity exists to pass or enforce this type of legislation." When Fort Worth approved a smoking ban in 2007, stated Rep. Charlie Geren, a Republican, opposed it as both a legislator and as the owner of Railhead Smokehouse, a barbecue restaurant. Like many other critics of such bans, Geren said he views the Fort Worth ordinance as an infringement on his rights as a private property owner. "If I want to allow smoking, I should be able to allow it," Geren said. "It's my

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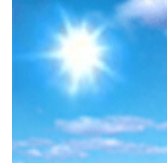

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PAMPA FORECAST

| Today | Wednesday | Thursday |
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| High 39 Low 26 | High 48 Low 29 | High 62 Low 30 |

Today: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 39. Very windy, with a north wind 15 to 25 mph. Winds could gust as high as 50 mph. Sunrise at 7:52 a.m.

Tonight: Mostly cloudy, with a low of 26. North wind 25 to 30 mph. Sunset at 5:36 p.m.

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 48. Northwest wind 10 to 15 mph. Sunrise at 7:52 a.m.

Wednesday night: Mostly clear, with a low around 29. Southwest wind around 10 mph. Sunset at 5:37 p.m.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high of 62. Southwest wind 15 to 20 mph. Sunrise at 7:52 a.m.

Thursday night: Partly cloudy, with a low of 30. West southwest wind 15 to 20 mph. Sunset at 5:37 p.m.

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restaurant.”

Geren also expressed frustration that the Fort Worth ban carved out exceptions for bars and bingo halls, which made it easier for those businesses to compete.

“I would have been more comfortable with it if it were a true ban,” Geren said.

The Texas Restaurant Association supports a statewide ban, citing the current confusion for restaurant owners dealing with a “whole hodgepodge of different laws,”

said Kenneth Besserman, the association’s general counsel.

Yet a statewide ban remains unlikely to pass next year, as a large contingent of state lawmakers view it as unnecessary government intrusion, Scott, of Smoke-Free Texas, said.

“We intend to convince the Legislature, but we recognize it may not happen this session,” Scott said.

“We realize we need to continue building momentum at the local level.”

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The Mercury Gran Marquis was attempting to pass a truck tractor semi-trailer in the dense fog. Due to the fog, Zuniga was unable to see the oncoming traffic. The Grand Marquis struck the Saturn SL2 in the left front. Sheriff Bruce Scott pronounced Ortega dead at the scene. Zuniga was uninjured.

Spearman man killed in wreck Saturday

A Spearman man was killed and a juvenile was injured in a wreck on State Highway 70, 26 miles south of Perryton, Saturday around noon.

A 2013 Mack truck-tractor, towing a 2013 Dragon Products Tanker semi-trailer, driven by Jose Contreras, 51, of Perryton, was traveling south on State Highway 70. A 2010 GMC

Terrain, driven by Adriana Ortiz, 24, of Spearman, was traveling south on Highway 70 behind the Mack truck and its towed unit. A three-year old and Santos Manuel Ortiz, Jr., 27, both of Spearman, were the passengers in the GMC Terrain.

The Mack Truck and its towed unit attempted to make a left turn on an oil lease road, but were struck in the rear by the GMC Terrain in the middle of the southbound traffic lane. The Mack truck and its towed unit came to its final rest on the oil lease road east of Highway 70 facing east. The GMC Terrain came to its final rest facing southeast in the southbound traffic lane.

Santos Ortiz was killed in the wreck and the juvenile was taken to Northwest Texas Hospital with serious injuries. Contreras, Adriana Ortiz and the juvenile were all wearing their seat belts.

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Obituaries

Doris Taylor Walsh

Doris Taylor Walsh, 91, went to be with her Lord on Dec. 18, 2014, in Pampa.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 22, 2014, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel, with Rev. Barry Owens, associate pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial followed in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Walsh was born Jan. 17, 1923, in Pampa to Homer and Edna Taylor. She was a lifelong resident of Pampa, graduating from Pampa High School in 1941. Doris married Chris Walsh on April 2, 1943, in Pampa. He preceded her in death in 2006.

She was a member of First Baptist Church, starting with the Cradle Roll in 1924. She also belonged to the Grace Sunday school class, the Sunshine Club and the Wayside Club. She worked for Hi-Land Fashions for 19 years.

Doris was a loving wife and mother. She loved family vacations and holiday gatherings, especially Christmas.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a brother, H.B. Taylor; a sister, Dora Reeves, and a granddaughter, Laurie Henderson.

Survivors include three daughters, Donna Stephens and husband Bobby of Lancaster, Becky Henderson and husband Gene of Yukon, Okla. and Debbie Dalton of McLean; five grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren,

two great-great-grandchildren; a sister, Ida Ruth Price of Pampa, and a brother-in-law, Alvin Reeves of Pampa.

The family wishes to offer a special thanks to the wonderful caregivers, Theresa Wells, Danielle Wells, Amy Foster, Lynette Maciel, Leticia Recendiz, Interim Hospice and Debbie Douglas.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 621, Pampa, Texas 79066-0621, or Cal Farley's Boys Ranch, 600 SW 11th Ave., Amarillo, Texas 79101.

The family will be at 1229 Duncan in Pampa. Sign the online guest register at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

John Earl Ferguson, Jr.

John Earl Ferguson, Jr., 54, of Amarillo, died Dec. 20, 2014, in Amarillo.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Jane Carnahan Bright

Jane Carnahan Bright, 79, of Miami, died Sunday, Dec. 21, 2014, in Amarillo.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Bright was born Nov. 7, 1935, in Miami to Sandy and Ada Carnahan. She was a lifelong resident of Miami and a 1954 graduate of Miami High School. Jane married Charles Nelson Bright on June 12, 1954, at the First Baptist Church in Miami. He preceded her in death in 1998.

Jane was the curator of Roberts County Museum for 20 years. She was a member of First Baptist Church where she was church hostess for 25 years and was also the church librarian. Jane was a member of the Miami Chapter #98 Order of the Eastern Star where she held many offices. She was a member of the Miami Chamber of Commerce where she served as vice-president. She was a hospice volunteer and was the hospice volunteer coordinator. Jane was also preceded in death by her parents, a son, Wayne Bright, two brothers and two sisters.

Jane Carnahan Bright

Survivors include a son, Steven S. Bright and wife Donna of Paulden, Ariz.; two granddaughters, Kani Danner and Malani Heyman, both of Amarillo; two grandsons, Micheal Benitez and Marcus Benitez, both of Paulden, Ariz.; eight great-grandchildren; a daughter-in-law, Starlet Bright of Borger; six nieces including Sarah Northcutt of Miami and Zelda Wilson of Pampa; a nephew, Jackie Sirmans of Pampa and several great-nieces and great-nephews.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, P. O. Box 57, Miami, TX 79059 or Roberts County Museum, Highway 60, Miami, TX 79059.

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



Doris Taylor Walsh

For the record

Mobeetie man arrested for marijuana possession, public intoxication

STAFF REPORT

• Brandon Finsterwald, 23, Mobeetie, was arrested Friday by the Gray County Sheriff's Office for possession of marijuana — less than two ounces, public intoxication.

• Nicholas Johnathan Pearsall, 19, Pampa, was arrested Friday by GCSO for bond surrender — assault with a deadly weapon, insufficient bond — deadly conduct discharging a firearm, bond surrender — failure to ID, bond surrender — failure to appear — evading arrest, evading arrest or detention.

• James Allen Lee, 32, Pampa, was arrested Friday by GCSO for violation of probation — driving while intoxicated.

• William Zane Roe, 48, Lefors, was arrested Friday by GCSO for causing injury to a child, elderly or disabled person with intent to bodily injure.

• Renard Lee Villarreal, 42, Pampa, was arrested Friday by GCSO for violation of probation — evading arrest or detention with a vehicle.

• Kendall Wayne Clawson, 21, Borger, was arrested Friday by the Department of Public Safety for driving while intoxicated.

• Alfredo Cortez Mora, 18, Pampa, was arrested Saturday by the Pampa Police Department for capias pro fine — failure to maintain speed.

• Ryan Allen Arreola, 22, Pampa, was arrested Satur-

day by PPD for two charges of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, two charges of unlawful restraint.

• Deana Kay Egerton, 52, Amarillo, was arrested Saturday by GCSO for forgery of a financial instrument.

• Miles Jacon Markley, 22, Pampa, was arrested Saturday by PPD for violation of probation — criminal trespassing, no driver's license, violation of promise to appear.

• Will Cody McMillon, 28, Gonzales, was arrested Sunday by PPD for driving while intoxicated.

• Dustin Demeritt, 32, Pampa, was arrested Sunday by PPD for deadly conduct.

• Shirlynn Foshee, 31,

Pampa, was arrested Sunday by PPD for an outside county theft by check charge — between \$50 and \$200.

• Stephen Spencer, 21, Pampa, was arrested Sunday by PPD for four charges of capias pro fine, failure to ID.



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Prairie Plains Perspective

Good cigars and bad apples a relationship do not make

Obama wants to do what! He wants to normalize relations with Cuba! Great jumping Jehoshaphat I



DENNIS PALMITIER

thought to myself after hearing the news bulletin. My next thought was how masterful Obama is with all his administration's shenanigans, staying one step ahead of consternation. He is quite adept at throwing Americans off his spoor stinking trail...but par for my course, the usual digression on my part. Back to this latest Cuba news.

The years 1961 and 1962, if you're a Baby Boomer, were very significant years. Attorney by trade (bet you didn't know that factoid) Fidel Castro had already accomplished his goal (1958) of overthrowing friend of America, dictator...ahem, Ruben Batista Zaldivar. With fingers crossed behind his back Castro denied freedom starved Cubans his promised democratic reforms by himself becoming, another dictator. Promptly,

a gazillion or so Cubans fled their island for the safe and democratic confines of America.

You know how Latinos can be with grudges, so befittingly, a really significant one was held against Castro, so much that with backing from the U.S. government, angry Cubans sought to overthrow Castro by invading Cuba in 1961, where they and a few of our clandestine types went ashore in an inlet called, Bay of Pigs... That invasion didn't quite work out as planned. What it did accomplished was a rather peeved Fidel, who promptly swore his allegiance to Nikita Kruschchev and the USSR. A gleeful Nikita was so thankful to Fidel that he gave the bearded wonder some nifty presents called, ICBM missiles, which begat the Cuban Missile Crisis of 1962.

How many of you are familiar with America's defense readiness condition or DEFCON alert status? If you're not, you should be. There are five DEFCON alert levels, with número cinco being the lowest alert and number one, the highest. America has never been in a DEFCON

one level of alert, which translated means, war is imminent. We have been at DEFCON two twice in our history. The latest was the Gulf War, the first was, get ready, the Cuban Missile Crisis of 1962. For yours truly and most Americans, 1962 wasn't a very good year. For Pampans and Panhandlers in particular, twas because of a very close proximity to Pantex and Amarillo Air Force Base.

I've written this before. When but a 13 years old skinny kid looking skyward and all I saw were B-52's in formation, their long flexible wings laden with missiles, seeing such a sight raises the hackles and sends bone shuddering chills over your body, you kinda grow up with a dim view of Fidel Castro and his brother, Raul... And now, Pres. Obama wants to what?!? I hold pretty much the same view of our current sitting president along with — I don't trust Barack Obama. Never have, never will. Why you ask, do I hold such a dim view of our president?

I am a believer in the adage "Apples don't fall far from the tree." Barack Obama's Nigerian father was an avowed Marxist. His mother was an avowed Communist. It was her parents, avowed Communist's

as well, who raised Obama. Getting the picture? When Barack Obama professed he would "fundamentally change" forever America, that got my attention. Adding improving relations with Cuba to his 'change' plan for America, to me, shows the apple for what he is.

Sure, I enjoy every now and then toking on an honest to goodness Cuban cigar. I love the sight and feel of 1950's bumper to bumper solid steel automobiles. History junkie am I; I'd love to walk into the one and only Copa Cabana Hotel in Havana and in the ball room dance the rumba with a fiery Latin beauty. And Cuban rums. Oy vey! Mighty tempting new relations with Cuba can be. Just 90 miles away! Yep, real tempting. Would be nice, but bad apples equal no cigar for me. What I won't do, is act out those pleasant thoughts in Cuba while Cubans still suffer under a Castro regime.

Pampa resident Dennis Palmittier is a regular, unpaid contributor to the opinion page on issues that affect Pampa and Gray County. His opinions and viewpoints do not reflect those of The Pampa News or The Pampa News' staff. He can be reached at denpalm1949@yahoo.com. Anyone wishing to respond to Palmittier's viewpoints in the form of a letter to the editor can email Editor John Lee at jcllee@thepampanews.com.



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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 6 p.m., Thursdays, starting June 26 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 1922 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.



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'Hobbit' goes out on top with \$90.6 million 5-day debut

NEW YORK (AP) — While Hollywood continued to wrestle with the fallout of the Sony hacking scandal, the weekend box office offered the solace of a moviegoing truism: Hobbits sell. Peter Jackson's final installment of his six J.R.R. Tolkien adventures, "The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies," debuted with \$56.2 million over the weekend and \$90.6 million since opening Wednesday, according to studio estimates Sunday. For an industry reeling from the cancellation of "The Interview" and terrorist threats against moviegoers, Middle-earth provided reliable refuge. Aided by popularity on Imax screens, "The Battle of the Five Armies" dominated the pre-Christmas frame with a five-day haul similar to the franchise's previous entry, "The Desolation of Smaug," even if its actual debut weekend was notably less than both prior "Hobbit" movies. In its second week of release overseas, Warner Bros.' "Five Armies" added \$105.5 million to bring its two-week global total past \$350 million. Jeff Goldstein, head of domestic distribution for Warner Bros., said the healthy weekend of moviegoing was a welcome respite after an "upsetting and so disturbing" week. "Not only did we do business in places that I would expect, like the West Coast, we did business everywhere in the country," Goldstein said. "We didn't see that on the prior two 'Hobbit's.'" Another final installment in a trilogy, "Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb," opened in a distant second place. The Fox comedy, which features Robin Williams' final performance, took in \$17.3 million, well off the pace of previous franchise entries. The franchise's previous debut was \$54.2 million for 2009's "Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian." Sony Pictures, which on Wednesday shelved the Dec. 25 release of the North Korea satire "The Interview" following hacker threats of violence against theaters showing the film, unveiled its other holiday option. The studio's "Annie" remake, starring Quvenzhané Wallis as the titular orphan, opened with \$16.3 million.

"It was nice shot in the arm," said Rory Bruer, head of distribution for Sony, who declined to discuss issues related to "The Interview." "We're focused on 'Annie,'" he said. Last week's top film, Ridley Scott's Moses epic, "Exodus: Gods and Kings," tumbled to fourth place with \$8.1 million in its second week. The Fox release slid a dramatic 67 percent.

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The Fort Worth Fire Department announced Saturday that the pet, named Stubby, survived.

No humans were hurt in Friday's fire, which heavily damaged a home. Authorities are trying to determine what sparked the fire.

Lt. Kyle Falkner says firefighters found the cat while trying to bring the blaze under control. Stubby was extricated but had suffered from smoke inhalation, so firefighters administered oxygen via a mask.

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Hi-Land Christian Church

Beginning Wednesday night, Sept. 3, Pastor Mike Sublett will be teaching two special advanced classes at Hi-Land Christian Church. From 7 - 8pm The Judges and Kings of Israel (broken people, faithful God); from 8-9pm 1-2 Corinthians (Jesus and His messy people).

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.

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-denominational 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 jclee@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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AUSTIN — Continuing its momentum of strong job growth, Texas added 34,800 seasonally adjusted total non-farm jobs in November, for a total of 441,200 jobs added since last year. This broke the state's previous record set in October, as the state's annual job growth expanded to a new high for a fourth month in a row.

Even more Texans were employed in November as the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell to 4.9 percent from 5.1 percent in October, and down from 6.1 percent a year ago.

"The Texas economy continued its record-breaking expansion, providing job opportunities across a wide range of industries," said Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) Chairman Andres Alcantar. "Texas employers set another record by adding 441,200 jobs over the year and we must continue to focus our efforts on expanding our state's skilled workforce to meet employer needs in high-demand industries."

Seven of 11 major industries added jobs in Texas over the month, including an additional 13,500 jobs in Professional and Business Services, 7,200 jobs added in Education and Health Services and 6,000 jobs added in Leisure and Hospitality.

"Texas continued to show its economic strength with steady job growth across several industries for several years now," said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Ronny Congleton. "We have a very strong labor market and job seekers are encouraged to take advantage of training opportunities and job-search tools available at www.WorkInTexas.com."

In November, employers added 4,500 Manufacturing jobs, marking the industry's largest monthly increase since January 2006. Construction grew by 3,600 jobs. The Information industry added 3,300 jobs in November and includes jobs in publishing, telecommunications, data processing, hosting and related services.

"Employers in the private sector continued to drive economic growth, adding 31,900 jobs in November for an impressive total of 409,700 jobs over the last 12 months," said TWC Commissioner Representing Em-

ployers Hope Andrade.

The Midland Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) had the lowest November unemployment rate in the state at 2.3 percent. The Odessa MSA came in second at 2.8 percent and the Amarillo MSA ranked third at 3.3 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

Audio downloads from Commissioner Alcantar on the latest labor market data are available at: <http://texasworkforce.org/news/press/2014/press-releases-2014.html#pressReleaseAudio>.

Employment estimates released by TWC are produced in cooperation with the U.S.

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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

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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.

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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.

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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.

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Church of the Nazarene

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Editor's note: Email submissions to jclee@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.

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The \$3,471.68 donation represents the proceeds from the 6th Annual AGC/TxDOT golf tournament, held in Amarillo in August. The Downtown Women's Shelter was chosen because of the many services the organization offers in the

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Bowl pick standings

STAFF REPORT

We will be updating the bowl pick'em contest standings in every Tuesday and Saturday paper. We will also put them in other issues if space allows. Anyone marked with an asterisk cannot win the contest but is participating for fun. The standings are listed in alphabetical order for each set of records. These standings are through Dec. 20 games. The BYU-Memphis game finished after press time Monday. Good luck to everyone involved.

| Participant | Record |
|----------------------|--------|
| Aaron Manous | 5 - 0 |
| Cameron Johnston | 5 - 0 |
| Jana Vinson | 5 - 0 |
| Kenny Maple | 5 - 0 |
| Mike Erickson | 5 - 0 |
| Patrick Kulle | 5 - 0 |
| Susan Tripplehorn | 5 - 0 |
| Tom Lindsey | 5 - 0 |
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| Bret Bethke | 4 - 1 |
| Clint Wood | 4 - 1 |
| Del Smith | 4 - 1 |
| Greg Poynor | 4 - 1 |
| Herb Minton | 4 - 1 |
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| Jim and Louise Dills | 4 - 1 |
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| Keith Woods* | 4 - 1 |
| Nicolas Saucedo | 4 - 1 |
| Roger Tiedt | 4 - 1 |
| Seth Erickson | 4 - 1 |
| Zac Green* | 4 - 1 |
| Andy Lopez | 3 - 2 |
| Christie Eads | 3 - 2 |
| Clyde Coffee | 3 - 2 |
| Donald Denham | 3 - 2 |
| Gary Turley | 3 - 2 |
| Johnny Achord | 3 - 2 |
| Josh Kelley | 3 - 2 |
| Kaleb Snelgrooes | 3 - 2 |
| Linda Perez | 3 - 2 |
| Martha Tiedt | 3 - 2 |
| Melvin Ball | 3 - 2 |
| Roy Stephens | 3 - 2 |
| Shane Stokes | 3 - 2 |
| Bert Encina | 2 - 3 |
| Brian Poynor | 2 - 3 |
| Clara Achord | 2 - 3 |
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| J.P. Wright | 2 - 3 |
| John Lee* | 2 - 3 |
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EXTRA INNINGS

■ Turnout for bowl pick contest.

When John and I sat down to talk about doing a bowl pick'em contest we weren't sure if anyone would participate.



ZACHARY GREEN

My fears seem to be coming realized when we only had six entries on Tuesday morning.

But then the picks came flying in. A lot of the Pampa High School football coaches joined in the fun. Some city employees have also joined in on the fun.

We ended up with 48 total entries. Now that includes myself and other Pampa News staff that are ineligible to win the \$100 prize. We are just going to play for fun and office bragging rights.

So in total of eligible entries we had 43.

Thank you to everyone that joined in this fun and good luck to all of you in the contest.

Just a little tease, since this contest did better than expected, we are hoping to do a March Madness bracket contest come March so stay tuned for that.

Let me tell you a little strategy I use in making my picks now that nobody can steal it this year! Feel free to use it next year.

For the bowls I look at how far a team has to travel. For instance, Navy has to go all the way across the country to face San Diego State in San Diego!

Another factor I look at is the weather.

Last weekend Western Michigan, a passing team, faced off with Air Force,

a run-heavy team. The weather in Boise was very heavy rainfall and that played right in to the Falcon's hands.

Another thing to look at is if any coaches on staffs are leaving. Not only the head coach, but also the assistants. Sometimes a team doesn't play up to snuff if they are losing a coach.

A big thing to look at is who is playing in what bowl. What I mean by that is if Oklahoma were to play in the Kraft Fight Hunger Bowl, would they be disappointed and act like they don't want to be there? That sometimes happens.

One last thing I look at is winning or losing streaks. Is a team going into the bowl riding high on a winning streak? Or is the team down in the dumps and lost five straight games and just limping into the bowl?

When all else fails just flip a coin. You have a 50-50 shot and most of these bowls are hard to tell who will win or what is going to happen anyways.

What are some strategies you use to pick your bowl games?

Let me know via email or Twitter!

I will give you a shout-out next week, especially if you are already in the contest!

By the way any pick-set that picked against Oklahoma State is automatically eliminated from winning the prize.....

Just kidding haha, or am I....?

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Romo, Cowboys are in after 42-7 rout of Colts

ARLINGTON (AP) — Tony Romo and the Dallas Cowboys don't have worry about a win-and-you're-in finale this year.

They're in. Dallas ended a four-year playoff drought Sunday in a dominating 42-7 victory over the Indianapolis Colts, with Romo throwing four touchdown passes and breaking Troy Aikman's franchise record for yards passing.

After three straight season-ending losses that left them at 8-8 and out of the postseason, the Cowboys (11-4) don't have to worry about winning at Washington next weekend. They are NFC East champions for the first time since 2009 a week early.

"I just don't have bad Christmases. I've been too fortunate," owner Jerry Jones said. "On the other hand, to have the promise of getting ready to compete in the playoffs, but with a team that can compete in the playoffs ... we've got a chance to do something."

The Colts (10-5) didn't have much to play for with the AFC South title secured, and looked like it while they barely avoid-

ed their first shutout loss in 21 years. Falling behind 28-0 by midway through the second quarter, they lost a slim chance to earn a first-round bye.

"Yeah, it was a dismal start," said Andrew Luck, who threw for a season-low 109 yards with two interceptions and was pulled in the third quarter with the game out of hand. "It was bad. A lot of bad. Not much good, if any."

Coming off back surgery that kept him out of last year's season-ending loss to the Eagles, and another back injury sustained against Washington in October, the 34-year-old Romo had his fifth game with a passer rating of at least 135. He completed 18 of 20 passes for 218 yards.

"I think the way he's played this year, the way great quarterbacks in this league have played for a long time, that's how Troy played," said coach Jason Garrett, who was Aikman's backup in Dallas. "We ran the ball really, really well, controlled the line of scrimmage. And when Tony had opportunities today, and really throughout the year, he cashed in on them."

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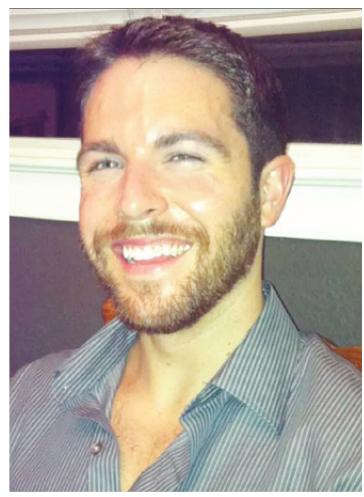
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Neal-Landers, Brown lead Lady Harvesters to win

■ The pair combined for 33 of the Lady Harvesters 55 points in the game.

BY ZACHARY GREEN
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The Pampa Lady Harvesters (10-11) hosted the Caprock Lady Longhorns on Friday night. This was the last game for Pampa before the winter break.

Pampa started the game off on the right foot by racing out to a 5-2 lead.

Caprock quickly took the lead back with a 7-0 run of their own.

The score rested at 9-5 with 4:10 left in the quarter. Pampa went on another run, this time it was 4-0 to tie it up at nine all with about three minutes to go in the quarter. The run continued and Pampa took a 13-9 lead with two minutes to go.

Pampa led 15-14 after the first quarter thanks in large part to going 7-9 from the charity stripe. Senior Rayna Wall was 2-4 from the line. Senior Madison Brown and sophomore Elise Kennedy had two points in the quarter each. Senior Raven Neal-Landers had nine points and made all five free throw attempts in the quarter.

The second quarter was scoreless for the first 2:20 of the quarter. Caprock called a timeout with 5:09 in the half after Pampa started the quarter on a 4-0 run.

Caprock put their first points on the board for the quarter with 3:26 to go before the half.

Pampa called a timeout with 1:46 before the half and they led 23-15.

Pampa went into the half leading 25-17. In the first half, Pampa shot 11-14 from the free-throw line. Wall added two more points in the quarter. Brown added four points and made 2-3 from the line. Neal-Landers stayed perfect from the line with two more

free throws and a bucket to have four points in the quarter.

The teams swapped baskets in the first minute of the third quarter. Caprock cut the lead down to seven after a tip in on a missed free throw attempt. Wall had the first six points of the quarter for Pampa.

Pampa led 31-24 before Brown put back her own miss and then had a traditional three-point play to make the score 36-24 with 2:20 left in the quarter. Caprock was forced to call a timeout with 2:13 to go.

After the timeout, Caprock came out with the fullcourt press, which led to a 3-0 run.

Pampa led 38-27 before a Caprock steal and free throws to make it 38-30.

Both teams got into some early foul trouble and in the fourth quarter they had to be careful to not foul out. Wall finished the quarter with six points. Brown had five points and shot 1-2 from the line. Neal-Landers continued her perfection from the line with two more free throws.

Senior Taylor Eubank put back her own free throw miss to give Pampa a 43-30 lead with 6:30 left in the game.

Caprock called a timeout with 5:15 left and Pampa leading 44-30. Caprock made their first basket of the fourth with 4:45 left to go in the game. Pampa led 50-33 before a 7-3 Caprock run to make it 55-42.

Head coach Kim Chaffin praised the seniors, particularly Madison Brown and Raven Neal-Landers.

"I pulled those seniors aside after last game and said you know this is one of those times when we

understand that this game needs to be fun," Chaffin said. "We need to stop getting so wrapped up and upset about everything that goes on. We need to go out and play."

"I feel like those two seniors (Madison and Raven) came up and led the way," Chaffin said. "Which led to some of our bench players like Montaisha to come out and have a really good game. Our attitudes were right before we started the game and I think we all fed off of it."

Pampa won the game 55-42. Wall shot 1-2 from the line in the fourth. Brown added four more. Eubank went 3-3 from the line and had seven points. Neal-Landers missed a free throw that quarter but was 3-4 from the line. Senior Keshia Daniels had two points in the quarter.

Raven Neal-Landers finished with 18 points and went a stellar 12-13 from the charity stripe. Madison

Brown went 3-4 from the line and finished with 15 points. Rayna Wall was 3-6 from the line and had 11 points. Taylor Eubank had seven points and went 3-3 from the charity stripe. Elise Kennedy and Keshia Daniels had two points each. Pampa shot 21-30 from the line which was good enough for 70 percent.

"I would say off the top of my head that is one of the best games we've shot (from the line)," Chaffin. "That is the highest percentage we've had. We'll take it."

Pampa is now 10-11 on the season and takes off for winter break. The Lady Harvesters will be back in action Jan. 2 when they host Idalou.



Raven Neal-Landers



Madison Brown

Stevens leads the way for Harvesters

■ The senior had 16 points to lead all scorers in the game.

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The Pampa Harvesters (11-1) hosted the Caprock Longhorns on Friday night.

Caprock drew first blood in the game with a bucket of their own before it was quickly answered by senior Jett Gibson's three-pointer. Caprock then hit a three to take the lead back at 6-4.

Caprock led 8-4 with 1:39 to go in the quarter after a 6-0 run. Senior Johnathan Stevens hit two free throws to make the score 8-6.

Sophomore Brendon Woelfle had a traditional three-point play following a steal to take the lead, 9-8. Junior Kambrin Scott hit a three with five seconds left in the quarter to give Pampa a 12-10 lead after a 8-2 run to close the quarter.

There were five lead changes and one tie in the quarter. Stevens made 3-4 from the charity stripe in the quarter. Scott, Gibson and Woelfle each had three points in the quarter.

Caprock started the second quarter on fire with a 5-0 run and they took a 15-12 lead. This forced a Pampa timeout with 5:06 to go in the half. Pampa was held scoreless until 2:23 to go before the half. Caprock called a timeout with 2:22 to go and leading 19-18. Junior Shanoaha Bridges had a traditional three-point play after Pampa blocked Caprock's shot to give Pampa the 21-19 lead. Stevens added a bucket to put Pampa up 23-21. The Harvesters and Longhorns went into the locker room with the score tied at 23 apiece.

There were three ties and three lead changes in the quarter. If you are keeping a running total that makes four ties and eight lead changes for the game.

Stevens was 4-6 from the line and had six points

in the quarter. Bridges had the other five Pampa points in the quarter.

Once again Caprock started a quarter on fire with a 5-1 run and they took a 28-26 lead. The Pampa points came from a Gibson basket. Junior Cade Engle stole the ball and laid it up to tie the game at 28 all. Pampa took their first lead of the second half at 30-28 with 1:21 to go in the third. Stevens added a layup to give Pampa a four point lead at 32-28 and increase Pampa's run to 8-4. Caprock hit a three late in the quarter to make it 32-31, but Stevens had a drive and score to make it 34-31 in favor of the Harvesters.

Pampa led after three quarters at 34-31. There were two lead changes and one tie in the quarter. That brings the total to ten lead changes and five ties in the game so far.

Engle had three points in the quarter. Bridges was 2-2 from the line in the quarter. Stevens had four points in the quarter. Gibson had two points in the third.

Pampa went on a 4-0 run to start the fourth and take the 38-31 lead. Bridges' traditional three-point play gave Pampa the

42-31 lead with 4:33 to go in the game. Caprock made their first points of the quarter via the deep ball with 3:55 to go in the game. A Pampa turnover and a foul on a Caprock three-point attempt made the score 42-36.

Caprock took a timeout with 2:48 to go and trailing 44-36. Caprock hit a three to make it 44-39 with 1:22 to go. Bridges hit a bucket to make it 46-39 with 1:10 to go. Junior Bryson Burrell put the game on ice with his first bucket of the game with 55 seconds left. His bucket gave Pampa the 48-41 lead.

Burrell, Engle and Gibson each had two points in the quarter. Bridges had five points and Stevens had three points in the quarter. There were no ties or lead changes in the fourth quarter. The game ended with 10 lead changes and five ties.

Pampa is now 11-1 on the season after the 48-43 victory.

Johnathan Stevens went 8-12 from the line and finished with 16 points. Shanoaha Bridges was a perfect 4-4 from the charity stripe and finished with 12 points. Jett Gibson had seven points and

one three. Cade Engle was 1-4 from the line with five points. Brendon Woelfle was 1-1 from the line with three points. Kambrin Scott had three points on one three-pointer. Bryson Burrell had two points, but his crucial bucket at the end helped Pampa ice the game.

Head coach Matt Embry liked what he saw from Johnathan Stevens Friday. "To me Johnathan was the difference in the game. We talked a lot the last two days about Caprock's big man and if he'll (Johnathan) attack him and really go up strong that he's either going to foul him or he's gonna finish because the kid's not very strong," Embry said. "Johnathan did a great job both on the offensive and defensive glass. He made his free throws and finished around the rim. That was big."

The Harvesters will be playing at the Snyder Tournament Dec. 29 and 30.

"We'll be in Snyder. They're a school about our size," Embry said. "We plan to go down there and play four games and win four games and come home 15-1."

Pampa will be back in action at home Jan. 6 when they host Childress.



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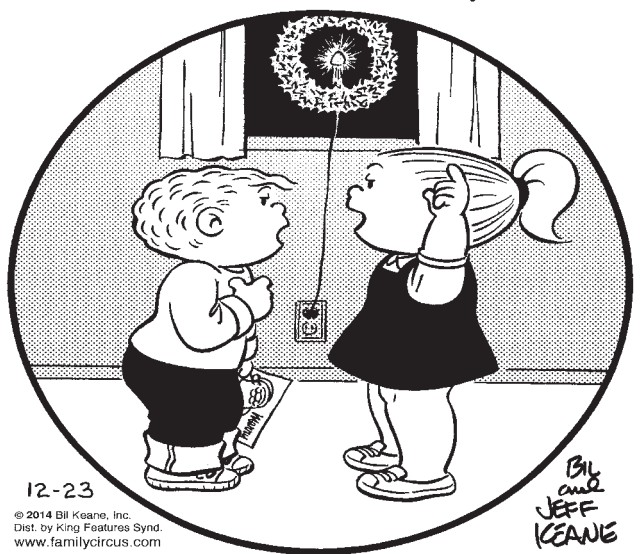
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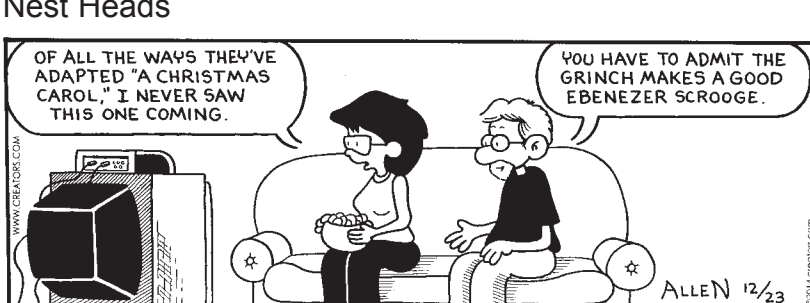


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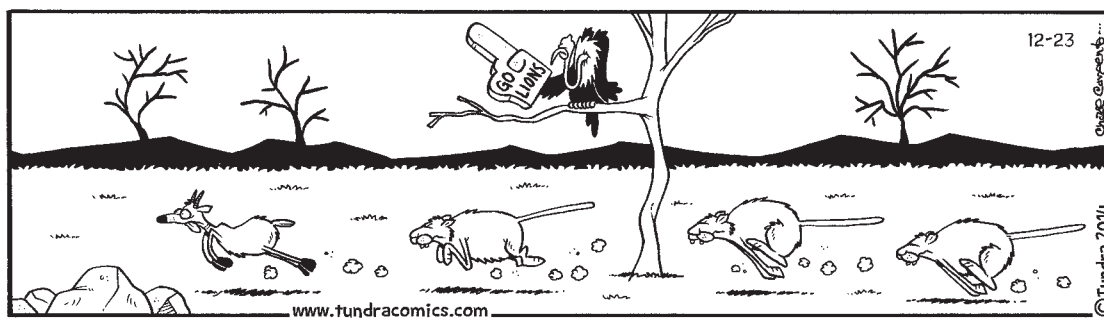


daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Dec. 24, 2014:
This year you will be true to yourself. You will demonstrate unusual financial savvy. Curb a tendency to invest or spend when feeling frustrated. You have a unique style of communicating that seems to express your exact thoughts and feelings. If you are single, you might meet someone of significance anywhere from summer on. This person could be very different from anyone else you have met before. If you are attached, the two of you struggle over making a major investment, perhaps in a home. Trust your judgment. AQUARIUS has a greater understanding of you than you might think. 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 will act in a most unexpected way with a friend. You might not be totally cognizant of your behavior. Pressure seems to build between you and someone else. You could find this person to be too clingy and controlling, at least verbally. Tonight: Where you want to be.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Others will be waiting for you to take the lead. You could be so busy handling last-minute details that you might not even be aware of their eyes on you. Someone older could be very temperamental, and you will need to deal with him or her. Tonight: A must appearance.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Your mind seems to drift to distant places and people. A conflict could occur around travel and/or with someone at a distance. Relax and know that it will work out given some time and space. Tonight: Help others get into the holiday spirit.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Reach out to a loved one. This person loves your attention, even if you are not aware of it. In any case, this moment is not the right time to pull away. Make a point of swapping gifts in a quiet moment. Tonight: Light the tree, and enjoy this once-a-year happening.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Others seem only too happy to please. No matter what you do, you'll feel valued and as if you can do no wrong. Don't forget to say thank you! Someone you care about deeply suddenly could become irate; you'll need

to find out why. Tonight: Go along with plans.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You might be overworked and tired. What a time to get cranky! Try to take a nap -- not only for you, but also for others. Otherwise, you will be a terror to deal with. A conversation with a loved one could be difficult. Tonight: Enjoy every last minute of tonight.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Your imagination seems to find a solution for every last-minute hassle you have to deal with. A partner or loved one could act in a most unexpected way. You might be surprised, though by now, you might be used to this person's unusual behavior. Tonight: Let the fun begin!
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Make your focus your family and those around you. You might want to take your time with the last-minute details. Unfortunately, you won't have that luxury. Maintain a sense of humor. Tonight: Invite a friend and/or neighbor over for some eggnog.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You might be taking a situation a little too seriously. Lighten up, and know this, too, will pass. Your sense of humor will kick in and help you gain perspective with this matter. Try to keep your focus when running around. Tonight: Enjoy your out-of-town company.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You'll get past a problem with ease. Be careful with spending and last-minute details; otherwise, you might have regrets. Retreat into your usually astute self, and don't feel pressured. Be aware of a possessive streak between you and someone else. Tonight: Make it easy.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You might be taken aback by the general spontaneity and unpredictability of others. Your instincts regarding a particular interaction could push you to initiate a conversation. Do not make someone feel as if you are trying to control him or her. Tonight: Beam in what you want.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ You might want some time away from the holiday celebrations. Know that you will have it soon enough. Curb a tendency to go overboard when expressing your feelings. A friend could do a sudden reversal and surprise you. Go with the flow. Tonight: Make it a low-key evening.

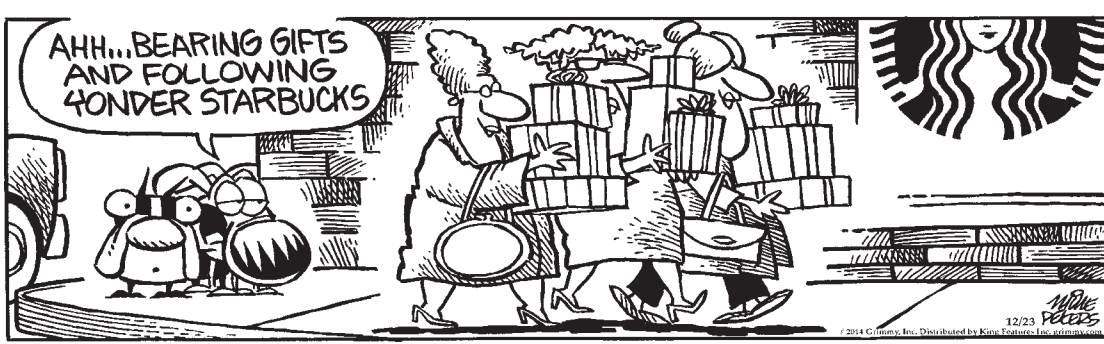
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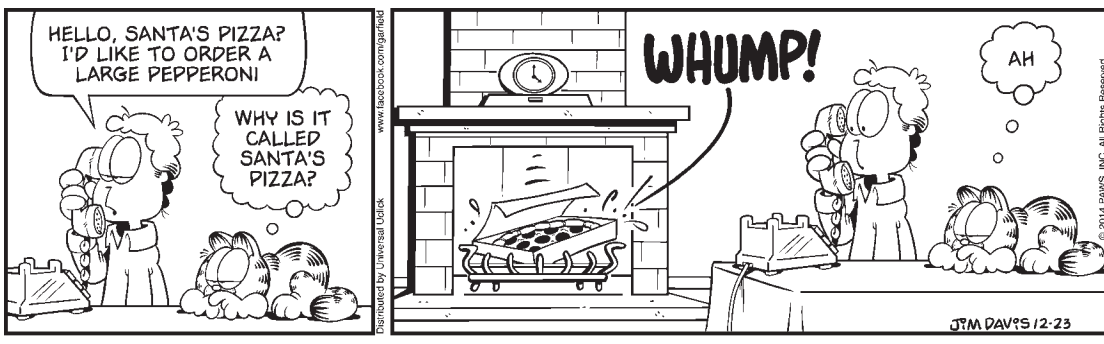
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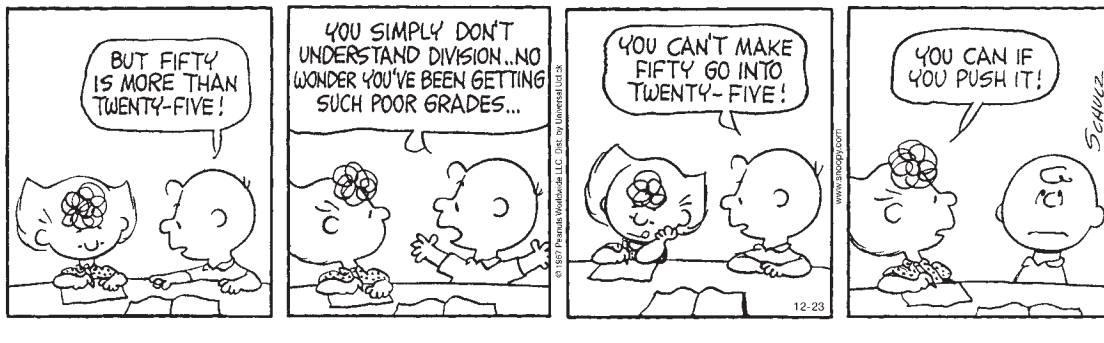
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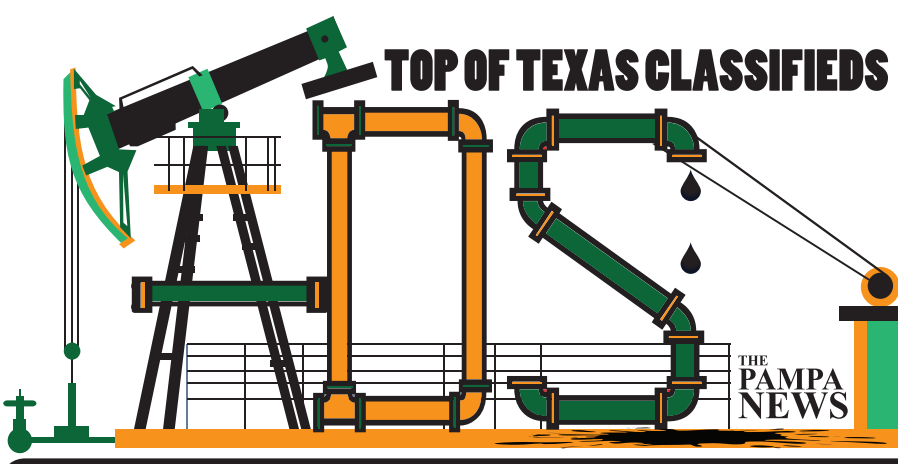


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Hobart, Pampa, Texas 79065, phone (806)669-4700, by email danny.seabourn@pampaisd.net, or on the Pampa Independent School District http://www.pampaisd.net. Proposals should be delivered or mailed to 1233 N. Hobart, Pampa, Texas 79065-Attention: Danny Seabourn. Proposals emailed or delivered electronically will not be accepted. Sealed envelopes should be plainly marked "INSURANCE PROPOSALS". The district reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals submitted and to waive formalities and technicalities. The Board of Education will consider proposals for award at the regularly scheduled Board Meeting in January, 2015. 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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I am three years into a relationship with Harold, a man who is separated but not divorced. We both have grown children. Harold was separated when we got involved. He has since moved in with me and is an active bill-paying member of the home.

I was also separated from a brief marriage when we met, and divorced shortly after we started dating. My assumption was that Harold would also be divorcing. As of now, the paperwork remains partially filled out, but no legal proceedings have begun.

I hate this. I have talked to him about it many times, so he knows my feelings. I'm at the "do it or leave" point, but can't seem to get over the hump. I do not plan on marrying — I just want him to be divorced. What should I do? — LOOKING FOR LEGALITY IN WASHINGTON

DEAR LOOKING: When you became involved with Harold, did he TELL you he was planning on divorcing his wife? There could be reasons why he hasn't gone through with finalizing it. One of them could be religious; another might be financial. A third, the fear that his relationship with his children — and grandchildren, if there are any — will be permanently damaged. Or,

that marrying you wasn't his objective in the first place, and your saying you didn't want to remarry made you more attractive to him.

If remarriage isn't your goal, why is his finalizing his divorce so important to you? Before you issue an ultimatum, it's crucial that you understand the answer to this question. After that, you will know what — or what not — to do.

DEAR ABBY: I have an 11-month-old son. When I was pregnant, I felt I had a great relationship with my mom. She seemed excited about becoming a grandma for the first time, but once my son was born she stayed away for two weeks. When she finally came over, it was only because she happened to be in town for a meeting.

When we met for lunch, she seemed uncomfortable around the baby. I feel hurt that she doesn't seem "into" him or being a grandma. I'm sad she's missing out on so much, but I don't know if I should tell her how I feel. I don't want her to change only because I said something. I'd like her to WANT to visit.

Should I say something to her, or let it be and continue feeling resentment toward her? — DISAPPOINTED NEW MOM

DEAR DISAPPOINTED: Please try

to curb your resentment until after you have discussed this with your mother, which is necessary in light of the fact that you have always had a good relationship with her.

In the weeks after your son was born, she may have been trying to give you space and time to bond with your newborn. She may also be busy, or uncomfortable around babies and toddlers who can't yet communicate. Believe it or not, some people — even grandparents — feel that way, although they are hesitant to admit it.

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