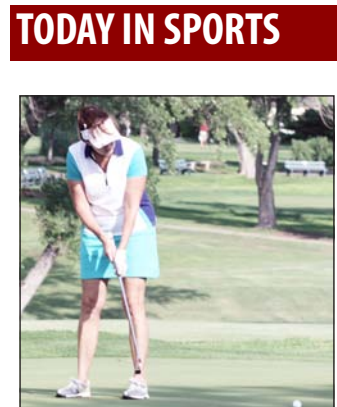


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## The city ordinance process

By JOHN LEE  
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Editor's note: As the ordinance and city code enforcement becomes a hot-button topic to sections of the public, the editor of The Pampa News, John Lee, sat down with city public works officer, Donny Hooper, and building inspector, Cary Rushing, to learn more about ordinances and code enforcement. What resulted is a first-person account of what he learned during the interview.

Want to throw a football across the street? Keep a beer cooler on your front lawn? What about tossing that beer can in the middle of the street after you're done with it?

Guess what? All of which would be violating an ordinance.

But how does something as innocent as children pretending to be Troy Aikman to Michael Irvin in the street become prohibited by city law?

What kind of punishment is there for someone who does throw a 30-pack worth of cans in the middle of the street?

That is the purpose of this editorial, as educating as it was for myself, hopefully you, the reader, can walk away feeling like you know something more about the ordinance process.

### From a problem to prohibited

Hypothetically speaking, let's say you have an issue with your neighbor leaving Christmas lights up all year long. On top of that they are the kind that are flashing overnight and it keeps you awake at night.

Assuming there isn't an ordinance in place already, it can be taken to the City Commission to be considered for an ordinance.

"It starts usually with something that comes from the public in the form of contacting their commissioners or the commissioner of the ward they live in," Hooper said.

"Something they are wishing they could see change in. A good example of that is the garage sale sign ordinance, we had some citizens complain and say, 'Hey commissioner,' or 'Hey mayor, we don't like seeing garage sale signs all over the place.' Then the commissioner or mayor could come to city management and say they would like to see something that addresses this."

The management team for the City of Pampa, which includes the directors, police department and others, will look into the issue and see what they can do to address it. There is a process from that point on that involves a lot of research of discovering what they can or cannot do involving the proposed ordinance. They may also call other cities to see how they handle it. But on a larger scale, there is a process of making sure they are operating within the scope of the law from the very start all the way through to the enforcement of the ordinance.

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## Girl Scout troop 5503 travels to Costa Rica



Submitted photo

Troop 5503 had the opportunity to visit the Poas Volcano while they were in Costa Rica. The volcano has a sulfuric, green, rain-fed lake at the bottom and the smoke and steam was rising from the volcano core, as seen in the photo. They are pictured from left to right. Front row, Cidnie Goodson, Taylor Lindley, Regina Davis, Jilan Rogers, Kayla Monds and Riley Lindley. Back row, Michelle Goodson, Patty Davis, Brandon Rogers, Shelly Rogers, Hayle Monds and Kala Lindley. The picture also serves as a thanks to all who helped make this trip possible. For more pictures from the trip, turn to page five.

### SUBMITTED

Girl Scout troop 5503 went to Costa Rica from June 9 to 17. The girls met with a Troop of 12 from Kansas and a Troop of 11 from Austin, and altogether there were 35 people on the trip.

Troop Leader Shelly Rogers said that at the end of each year, the troop does a mock trip, and this year they really wanted to go on a real one.

"This was the chance to get out and learn about other cultures and to learn about an area that we're not from," she said.

The girls on the trip ranged from grades seven to nine, and Rogers said this group has been together since they were daisies (kindergarten and first grade).

They went on an Education First (EF) tour to Costa Rica. Those in attendance on the trip were Shelly and Brandon Rogers and their daughter Jilan Rogers, Patty Davis and her daughter Regina Davis, Hayle Monds and her daughter Kayla Monds, Kala Lindley and her daughters Riley and Taylor Lindley and Michelle Goodson and her daughter Cidnie Goodson.

The group flew to San Jose, Costa Rica to begin the trip, and from there they traveled to INBioparque National Biodiversity Institute of Costa Rica, where they learned about all of Costa Rica's different environments by a series of trails with representations of different types of Costa Rican forests: rainforest, pre-mountainous forest, wetlands and dry forest.

The group also saw the Poas Volcano with its sulfuric, green, rain-fed lake at the bottom and the smoke and steam was rising from the volcano core.

They traveled to the La Fourtuna Waterfall region as well, where they went down and back up more than 350 steps to swim in the La Fortuna waterfall.

The troop also kayaked in Lake Arenal next to the Arenal Volcano, and they enjoyed an evening at a Costa Rican hot springs. Here, as one goes up the hill, each pool of water is hotter than the previous, ranging from 98 degrees up to 122 degrees.

The girls visited a local school and watched the kids dance a traditional Costa Rican Dance and learned

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## The Amarillo Symphony announces audition dates

■ The Amarillo Symphony announces the auditions for the 90th anniversary season.

AMARILLO — The Amarillo Symphony, ([www.amarillosymphony.org](http://www.amarillosymphony.org)), the leader of orchestral music in the Texas Panhandle since 1924, announced today that the 90th season auditions will be held at the Globe-News Center for the Performing Arts in Amarillo, Texas. The auditions will be held on Saturday, Aug. 23 and Sunday, Aug. 24. All candidates must register for an audition with the Operations Director no later than Friday, August 15, 2014.

The Amarillo Symphony announces the following vacancies for the 2014-15 Season:

- Violin 1, Chair 3 (one-year)
- Violin 1, Chair 8
- Violin 1, Chair 9 (one-year)
- Violin 2, Chair 7 (one-year)
- Violin 2, Chair 9
- Violin 2, Chair 10

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# Scouts

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about their school day, and they donated money to the school for school supplies that are hard for them to pay for.

In addition to all this, those in attendance took a tour of the Santa Elena Cloud Forest in Monteverde and the Carara National Forest where they saw wild macaws, white-faced capuchin monkeys and a lot of mosquitos.

They also had the opportunity to go zip lining on Latin America's longest zip line, which is 1590 meters long.

The troop then visited the Manuel Antonio National Park and swam in the Pacific Ocean. While there they saw white faced monkeys and rac-

coons up close as they tried food while the girls were in the ocean.

To conclude the trip, they traveled to Sarchi and painted ox cart wheels.

One thing in particular that the troop learned about Costa Ricans on this trip is their use of the term "pura vida," meaning pure life. This is the countries most unique and popular phrase, and it is used as a positive response in all types of situations. It is a greeting or salute to friends. If something goes wrong in their day they just say pura vida and know that things will be better.

Girl Scout troop 5503 would really like to say a huge thank you to all the Pampa residents who supported their flamingo flocking and helped to pay for the trip.

# City

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"So what you're doing is saying, 'OK commission, reasonably, this is what you can or can't do when we put this ordinance in place and you need to know that,'" Hooper said. "You need to make sure all of that is out in the open before you even make that a law."

Assuming it passes with the city commission then it becomes a city law.

City ordinances, however, can't supersede state or federal law. The City of Pampa can't pass a law, for example, that everyone can drive around with no mufflers if they want, because that is a federal law.

There are also two categories of ordinances: life/safety and nuisance. Life/safety are enforced immediately while nuisance is completely complaint-driven.

## Enforcement of the ordinance

So let's assume the Christmas light ordinance passes. Since it would pass as a nuisance ordinance it would be complaint-driven. So you or a neighbor anonymously complains on the offending house.

Within the next three

days, the City of Pampa will try to make contact with the owner/resident of said house and let them know they are violating an ordinance.

"We send out a letter or make contact and it's like getting stopped (by a police officer) and getting a warning," Rushing said. "I field calls where people feel like we are attacking them or going after them, but we're not. Most of the time it's taken care of."

Within seven to 10 days (time allowed varies depending on the ordinance) if the Christmas lights are not removed, then the City of Pampa will send out a certified letter. Once the City gets the return notice from the post office, then they can go and give a ticket.

The offense goes as a violation of city law which is the equivalent of a Class C Misdemeanor.

"Most of the complaints we get are that someone is not knowledgeable that what they are doing is wrong," Rushing said.

Also, it could be a misunderstanding of what the homeowner's responsibility is versus the city's responsibility. But most of the time, when the city addresses the issue with the resident, it is taken care of

right away.

## Permits

Did you know if you wanted to put a storage building in your backyard you need a permit? What about building a carport to protect your 1967 Ford Mustang from our infamous West Texas hail storms? You need a permit for that, also.

There are also permits issued for other obvious building maintenance such as plumbing, mechanical, electrical, etc. These are normally issued upon the construction of the house. But many of these permits and ordinances are passed because of safety issues.

"In most neighborhoods, we have a 25-foot setback," Rushing said. "Meaning from the roadway, to the first structure, it must 25 feet. So most houses are built at 25 feet. So then if you want to add a carport in front of your garage, you can't meet that."

## Who makes up the code enforcement staff?

Cary Rushing, who is the building official and a code enforcement officer; a vacant code enforcement position; two administrative assistants and a health official, who handles all of the health permits.

"To be a code enforcement officer, you have to

go through a state training," Hooper said. "You have to get certified as a code enforcement officer and you have to work under a certified code enforcement officer for one year before you can ever even write a ticket."

## Closing

In closing, I learned there are a ton of ordinances that extend beyond something as trivial as parking in the front lawn and throwing a football in the street. What the staff at the City of Pampa has to focus on are the ordinances that endanger the lives of Pampa citizens and keep the nuisance ordinances as complaint-driven.

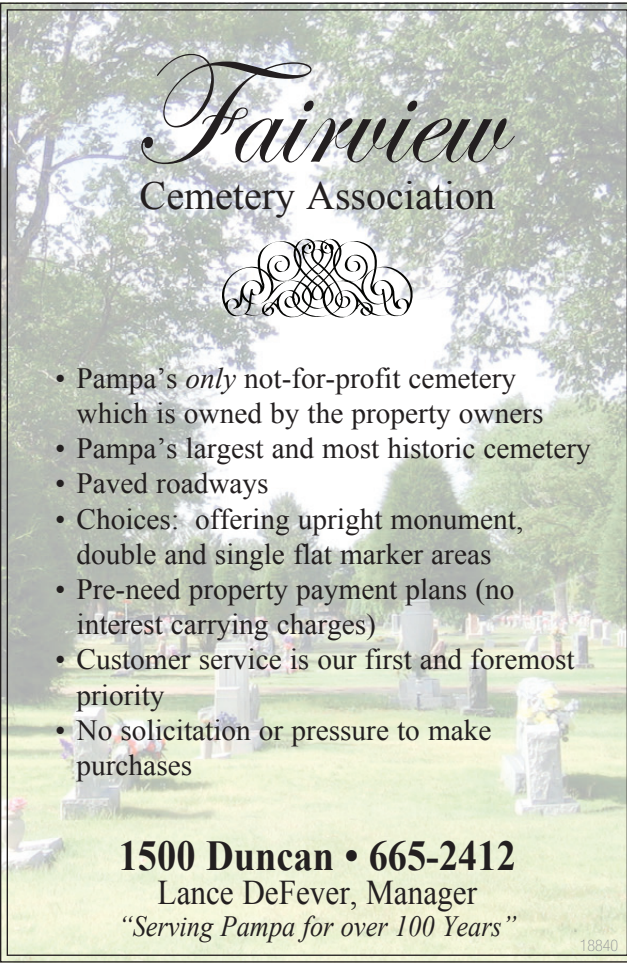
The City of Pampa will work with citizens within reason when enforcing these complaint-driven ordinances.

The City of Pampa is also not the proverbial bad guy in code enforcement and how it applies to the appearance of the community. They have laws and a process they must follow and be in compliance with when enforcing the city codes.

To view all of the city ordinances, visit [www.cityofpampa.org](http://www.cityofpampa.org) and click "Pampa City Codes." You can also call the City of Pampa at 806-669-5750.



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Should the audition result in additional openings within a section, the audition committee reserves

the right to name a winner for the vacated seat based on the auditions heard for the posted vacancy.

## About the Amarillo Symphony

Founded in 1924, the mission of the Amarillo Symphony ([www.amarillosymphony.org](http://www.amarillosymphony.org)) is to infuse the Amarillo community with an unbridled enthusiasm for the performance and discovery of great orchestral music. The

Amarillo Symphony is the only professional orchestra in the Texas Panhandle and offers an array of successful youth educational programs in addition to regularly scheduled concerts.

The 2014 - 2015 season is sponsored in part by the Texas Commission on the Arts. Learn more about the Amarillo Symphony at [www.amarillosymphony.org](http://www.amarillosymphony.org).

# More than 840,000 Texans are working but have no health insurance

## ■ Texas Coverage Solution could reduce uncompensated care and promote healthier workforce

AUSTIN — New analysis of U.S. Census Bureau data shows that nearly 60 percent of uninsured, low-wage Texans are working. Despite being employed, these Texans lack health insurance coverage because their employers do not offer it as an employee benefit or it is unaffordable.

Without health insurance, these uninsured residents rely on hospital emergency departments and clinics for

their health care needs — from primary care to critical care. Texas hospitals' uncompensated care load is currently more than \$5.5 billion annually. Likewise, property taxpayers and the privately insured pay higher taxes and premiums to offset uncompensated care costs.

More than one million Texans have incomes too high to qualify for Medicaid coverage but too low to qualify for subsidized private health insurance through the federally run health insurance marketplace.

"A Texas coverage solution that uses federal funds to bring hardworking Texans into the private insurance market is fiscally responsible public policy,"

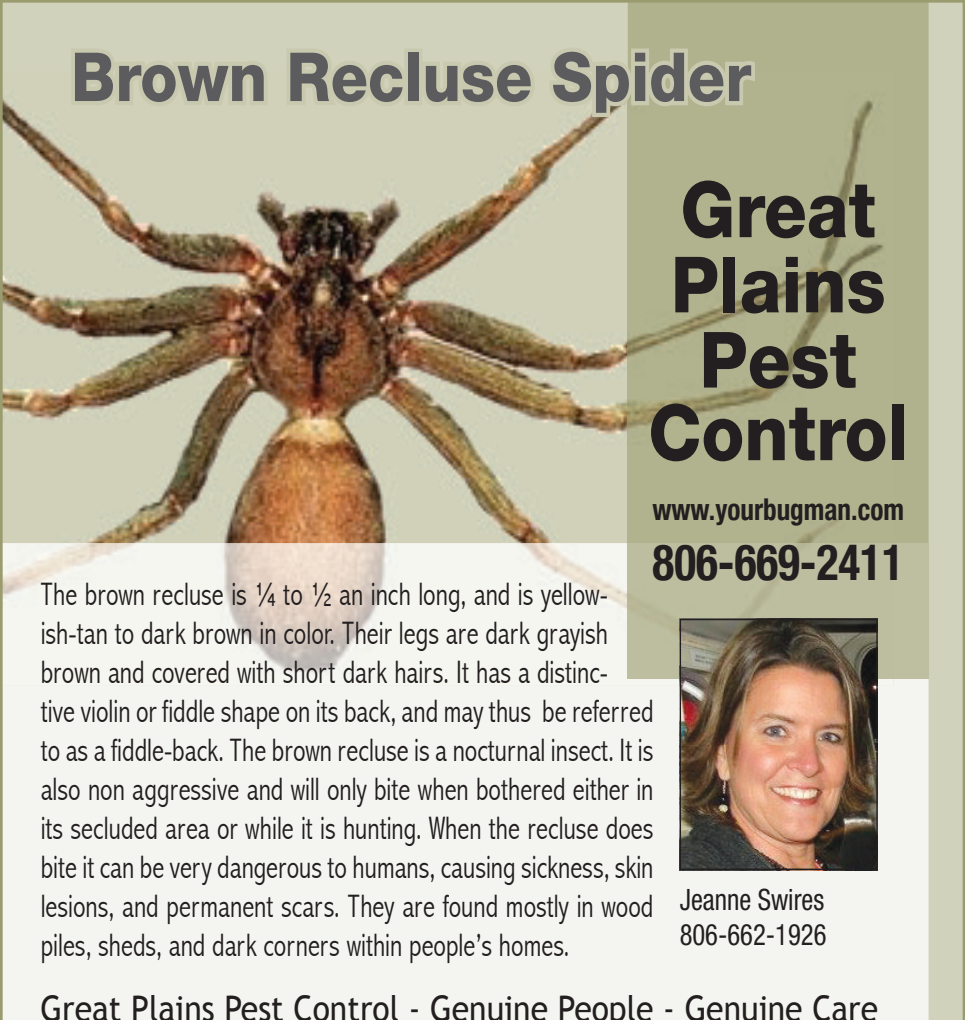
said Ted Shaw, president/CEO of the Texas Hospital Association. "Providing access to coverage that demands personal responsibility and accountability will promote a healthier workforce and a healthier economy."

Analysis of Census data from Families USA, a non-partisan consumer advocacy organization, finds that 58 percent of these uninsured individuals are in the workforce, while 24 percent are not because they are students, have a disability or are a caretaker of young children or a family member with a disability. The nearly 846,000 working but uninsured Texans are in industries vital to the state's robust economy. These include sales, food

services, office support and construction.

## About the THA

Founded in 1930, the Texas Hospital Association is the leadership organization and principal advocate for the state's hospitals and health care systems. Based in Austin, THA enhances its members' abilities to improve accessibility, quality and cost-effectiveness of health care for all Texans. One of the largest hospital associations in the country, THA represents more than 85 percent of the state's acute-care hospitals and health care systems, which employ some 369,000 health care professionals statewide. Learn more about THA at [www.tha.org](http://www.tha.org) or follow THA on Twitter @texas hospitals.



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**Tonight:** Clear with a low of 67. Winds south at 9 mph. Sunset at 8:55 p.m.

**Thursday:** Sunny with a high of 95. Winds south at 17 mph. Sunrise at 6:46 a.m.

**Thursday night:** Partly cloudy with a low of 69. Winds south at 15 mph. Sunset at 8:54 p.m.

**Friday:** Mostly sunny with a high of 98. Winds south-southwest at 15 mph. Sunrise at 6:47 a.m.

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# Obituaries

## James Everett "Jim" Golleher



**James "Jim" Golleher**

James Everett "Jim" Golleher, 73, of Pampa, died July 20, 2014 in Pampa.

A private family inurnment will be held. Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Golleher was born June 26, 1941 in Canadian. He had been a resident of Pampa since 1965. He married Ruth Clark on July 10, 1965 in Pampa. Jim retired in 1993 from

Givens Well Service due to a disability. During the 2006 wildfires, he was proud to have cooked barbecue for the firefighters. Jim was a Church of Christ. Before going into the oil business, his energy and time was in being a cowboy and being with horses.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Don Golleher, in 1961 and a sister, Velma Hornburger, in 2013.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth Golleher of the home; a son, Dennis Golleher of Pampa; a daughter, Jamie Golleher of Pampa; two brothers, Joe Golleher of Hearne, and Johnny Golleher of Sherman and three grandchildren, Larri Golleher and Kade Golleher, both of Duncan, Okla., and Carolyn Golleher of Pampa.

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

## For the record

# Several arrested for warrants

### STAFF REPORT

- Jennifer Renee Montealvo, 35, Pampa, was arrested Monday by the Pampa Police Department for a failure to appear —

- bail jumping warrant, failure to maintain car insurance warrant, displaying expired registration warrant.
- Charles Wesley Cannon, 58, Pampa, was ar-

- rested Monday by the Gray County Sheriff's Office for capias pro fine — failure to yield while turning left.
- Barbara Della Keys, 42, Skellytown, was arrested Monday by PPD for bond

- surrender — possession of a controlled substance.

- Eric Keith Dickinson, 39, Borger, was arrested Monday by PPD for capias pro fine — failure to appear — bail jumping.

# Pampa Fire Department call log — July 16-22

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

### July 16

- At 9:20 a.m., to a medical call in the 1500 block of West Kentucky.
- At 10:19 a.m., to a lift assist in the 2500 block of Mary Ellen.

### July 17

- At 2:50 p.m., to a lift assist the 700 block of

Deane.

### July 18

- At 12:05 a.m., to a medical call in the 700 block of Scott.
- At 10:33 a.m., to a medical call in the 1300 block of East Francis.

### July 19

- At 10:34 a.m., to a medical call in the 1200 block of North Wells.
- At 11:17 a.m., to a motor vehicle accident at the intersection of Price Road and Alcock. One transported to Pampa Regional

Medical Center with non-life-threatening injuries.

- At 1:52 p.m., to a medical call in the 1200 block of North Hobart.
- At 4:45 p.m., cancelled en route.

### July 20

- At 12:03 a.m., to an odor investigation in the 900 block of South Nelson.
- At 4:21 a.m., to a medical call in the 1500 block of West Kentucky.
- At 11:13 a.m., to a gas leak in the 1100 block of Clark.

### July 21

- At 9:32 a.m., a medical call in the 1900 block of North Faulkner.
- At 11:56 a.m., to a lift assist in the 400 block of Francis.
- At 5:27 p.m., to a medical call in the 1100 block of East Kiowa.
- At 7:14 p.m., to a medical call in the 900 block of South Hobart.

### July 22

- At 1:50 a.m., to a medical call in the 2200 block of North Zimmers.

# Gov't arrests 192 on immigrant smuggling charges

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Homeland Security Department said Tuesday it arrested 192 people along the Mexican border in South Texas on immigrant-smuggling charges and seized more than \$625,000, part of the Obama administration's efforts to discourage and disrupt the flood of tens of thousands of people crossing the border illegally.

The arrests, which took place under a crackdown called "Operation Coyote," took place over the last month and were part of a 90-day effort targeting smuggling groups.

The White House has complained that smugglers are exploiting U.S. policies that, in practice, allow Central American kids to stay for years or indefinitely

once they arrive, and it has proposed increasing penalties for smugglers.

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement said it also took into custody 501 immigrants in the country illegally. It said it seized the money from 228 bank accounts held by suspected human- and drug-smuggling groups.

The Rio Grande Valley in South Texas is the Border Patrol's busiest spot along the Mexico border. Border agents have arrested more than 200,000 border crossers in the area some Oct. 1.

The majority of the more than 57,000 child immigrants caught crossing the border without their parents or a guardian have also been taken into custody in the area.

# 'Texas 7' gang member set for February execution

HOUSTON (AP) — One of the infamous "Texas 7" gang of escapees now has an execution date.

State District Judge Rick Magnis has signed an order scheduling 52-year-old condemned inmate Donald Newbury for lethal injection on Feb. 4.

Newbury and six other convicts engineered the biggest prison escape in Texas history when they broke out of a South Texas prison in December 2000. Eleven days later,

on Christmas Eve, they killed Irving officer Aubrey Hawkins while robbing a sporting goods store in the Dallas suburb.

When the gang was captured in Colorado a month later, one member committed suicide as police closed in. The six others all received death sentences for Hawkins' slaying. Two of them have been executed.

At the time of the escape, Newbury was serving 99 years for aggravated robbery.

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## Museum Musings



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## Rand Paul: Less government, more sharing economy

Who will be the GOP nominee in 2016? I don't know, but I have a pretty good idea who the running mate will be: Sen. Rand Paul of Kentucky. Unless Paul is the nominee.



DEBRA SAUNDERS

A new NBC News/Marist poll found that Paul would be the top GOP vote-getter against Hillary Clinton in critically important Iowa and New Hampshire; political reporter Chuck Todd duly has proclaimed Paul the Republican front-runner.

So I had to see the libertarian-leaning darling Saturday. He delivered a keynote speech to the LincolnLabs' "Reboot 2014" confab of libertarian-leaning techies, also known as "conservatarians."

You'd expect the audience to be simpatico. Tech geeks and libertarians have so much in common. Both tend to be male, young and much impressed with their own intelligence.

Though libertarian thinking may seem sink-or-swim, Paul showed how less government is good for the hip and trendy sharing economy. He hailed companies such as Uber and Lyft as "so popular you can't stop them."

While other Republicans evoke the good old days of the Grand Old Party, Paul looks to the future. "Capitalism steams on," Paul argued. Don't trash capitalism; without free markets, others won't be able to succeed.

The Kentucky Republican didn't need to remind the crowd that in Democratic San Francisco, some politicians are mobilizing against Airbnb. Regulation is the enemy.

The tech crowd ate up Paul's jeremiads on another case of big government: National Security Agency overreach. And the techies didn't need to be reminded of Paul's 13-hour "talking filibuster" against the surveillance

state, which pressured Attorney General Eric Holder to concede that President Barack Obama does not have the authority to order a drone strike against a U.S. citizen on American soil without a trial.

Under-40s also go for Paul's long-standing criticism of excesses in Washington's war on drugs. Sen. Cory Booker, D-N.J., and Paul have introduced a measure to allow nonviolent offenders to seal their criminal records. John Dennis, a longtime supporter from San Francisco, believes that such measures could help Paul among African-American voters.

On foreign policy, Paul risks alienating traditional conservatives while drawing votes from the middle. In June, the senator refused to blame Obama for the inroads Islamist separatists have made in Iraq. Former Vice President Dick Cheney was so angry with Paul that he dismissed him as an "isolationist." I'm not comfortable with Paul's willingness to cede American leadership in an ugly world, but for most voters, Cheney's censure is practically an endorsement.

Paul, of course, remains very conservative. He likes the minimum wage the way it is. He told the techies that he believes in a safety net but a safety net in which welfare recipients work. He doesn't sound old when he says it.

"I am 100 percent pro-life," Paul, 51, boasts on his Senate website. "I believe life begins at conception and that abortion takes the life of an innocent human being."

Dennis told me that Paul holds socially conservative positions with which he personally disagrees. But he's on board because Rand Paul is "a pretty good gateway drug to the 'conservatarians' position."

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## Hump Day with Humphrey

# Humphrey's vacation from me

It feels good to be back behind my computer screen at The Pampa News



LINDSEY TOMASCHIK

after being away for awhile. I had a nice, relaxing trip, which was much needed, but I was ready to be home by the end of it.

As soon as I got back into town on Monday morning, I went to pick Humphrey up from my friend Danielle's house. She watched him while I was away and updated me on Humphrey's first experience with the water hose and the massive amount of fun he had with his best friend, a Saint Bernard named Max.

Next, my trusty steed and I headed to the car wash, which is always entertaining because Humphrey hops from the front seat to the back chasing the machine.

I was going to take him to the park too, but it turns out the hotter weather has decided to return, so

I decided to spare him the misery. Plus, they were mowing the park I was going to take him to yesterday.

I wrote last week about being nervous leaving Humphrey for the longest I ever have, especially after the anxiety he got after my last trip. Though it's still early, it looks like he's going to be okay this time.

Instead of spending my day off by the pool yesterday, I decided to have a lazy day consisting of naps and movies, and the hound didn't leave my side all day. He wasn't even very mad at me after I dragged him into the bathtub for a bath, though he did fight me at first.

This morning while I was getting ready, again Humphrey was there the whole time. He was looking for even more attention than he usually does this morning. I sit on the floor to dry my hair, and most mornings Humphrey, not realizing how large he is, will crawl into my lap for the warmth of the hair dryer. This morning after he was finished fighting to stay in my lap, he just

rolled over beside me and hinted that he wanted his belly scratched.

It's been such a relief that he has been himself again since I've been home, and he hasn't had any loss of appetite or anything, so hopefully my spoiled boy will be just fine, which is great because he will be making another trip to Denver this weekend!

This is the summer of trips for us, and I'm pretty

grateful that he's good in the car. I've even started playing around with the idea of bringing him along next summer and driving instead of flying to New Jersey for my sister's wedding. I think I have found a new hobby in traveling by car this summer, and any time I can bring Humphrey along for the ride, I like to do so.

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Under the bed is one of Humphrey's latest favorite hang out spots.

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 Top left, the group got to spend some time with dancers and some of the local students during a portion of the trip. Top right, Kayla Monds, Hayle Monds, Patty Davis, Regina Davis, Jilian Rogers, Cidnie Goodson, Copper, Amelia, Michelle Goodson and Taylor Lindley prepare to go zip-lining. Middle, Hayle Monds, Kayla Monds, Jilian Rogers and Kala Lindley pose on the ox cart wheels they painted during their visit to Sarchi. Bottom, Regina Davis, Taylor Lindley, Cidnie Goodson, Riley Lindley, Kayla Monds and Jilian Rogers got to spend some time on the beach on their trip as well.

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# PampaSports

## Annual Tri-State Senior Tournament begins

BY FORREST GRIMES  
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The 80th annual Tri-State Senior Tournament began Sunday at Pampa Country Club.

O.T. Nicholson founded the Tri-State Senior Golf Association on July 7, 1935. The first tournament was held from Sept. 8 through Sept. 10 in 1935 with 50 participants. At the time dues were \$1 and the entry fee was \$2.

Nicholson said the tournament was created for senior golfers who did not want to worry about young upstarts spoiling their fun. The tournament is for golfers 50 or older.

Originally the tournament had the top 16 golfers advance to the championship flight, but by 1950, it had been increased to 32.

Until 1966, the tournament was held at the Amarillo Country Club, and in 1960 had a record 257 participants. In 1967, the tournament was moved

to Huber Country Club in Borger and was held there through 1969. Since 1970 the tournament has been held at the Pampa Country Club every year other than 1981, when it was temporarily moved back to the Amarillo Country Club. This year's tournament had 102 participants.

Since moving to Pampa, the tournament has been limited to 160 participants so that members of the Pampa Country Club can still play while the tournament is in progress. It was a men-only tournament until 2005, when women were allowed to participate.

Tonight prizes will be given out at the tournament banquet. Prizes include a three-day, two-night stay for two couples at the PGA National Resort and Spa in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. and full set of Callaway golf clubs.

Tournament director Pat Montoya said the format has changed throughout the years. The current format is four-person scramble play

on Monday, and stroke play on Tuesday and Wednesday, with two-person lowball on the last day.

"This makes it a great tournament for everybody," he said. "In 2011, we started issuing out Pampa Bucks, \$100 per person, and it's really made an big emphasis on the women."

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Participants come from states even outside the Tri-State area of Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico.

"We have two that came in from Pennsylvania, two from Lafayette, La. and two from Columbus, Ga.," Montoya said. "We have some from Arkansas."

One of those golfers is Laurie Weikert, who resides in Gettysburg, Pa.

"The course is challenging," she said. "Back east we have a lot more humidity. It has lower greens, the greens are awesome here. It's a huge challenge for us people back east."

## Rebuilding Texans look to make playoff run

BY JOHN LEE  
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Editor's note: Over the next 32 issues, The Pampa News' John Lee and Forrest Grimes will be breaking down each of the 32 NFL teams to get readers ready for football season.

Up until 2011, when the Houston Texans made the playoffs for the first time in franchise history, the theme always seemed to be "take a step forward, two steps back."

Well last season that theme reared its ugly head back upon this franchise as they went from first to last in the AFC South, giving up first place to none other than the Indianapolis Colts.

The Texans have moved on from longtime head coach Gary Kubiak and quarterback Matt Schaub and appear to be in rebuilding. But the Texans hired former Penn St. head coach, Bill O'Brien. Ask him if they are rebuilding and he will tell you that this team is primed for a playoff run.

"There are a lot of pieces in place here," O'Brien

in January. "It's all about hard work . . . Quick turnaround, rebuilding are labels. I'm not into all that."

The Texans made the first move to improving in the NFL Draft, with the No. 1 pick after their 2-14 campaign in 2013, by drafting South Carolina defensive end Jadeveon Clowney.

Their most glaring issue, however, is obviously at quarterback. They traded Schaub to Oakland and are not moving forward with second-year quarterback Case Keenum, who occasionally provided a spark last season. So what did they do?

Brought in veteran Ryan Fitzpatrick who spent last season with the Tennessee Titans, he went 4-7 in 11 games.

They did draft a quarterback, Tom Savage out of Pittsburgh, who outside of a game against Duke, had a less than impressive college career. He is definitely a project.

The Texans are looking at departures from running back Ben Tate, defensive end Antonio Smith and tight end Owen Daniels.

To make matters even more worse, longtime wide receiver Andre Johnson has expressed his unhappiness with the franchise and wants out of Houston.

If the Texans are going to win games they will be leaning on a stout defense and a power-running game coming from Arian Foster, who should have a bounce-back year.

Looking at the Texans' schedule, they open up at home against the Washington Redskins. Healthy

Robert Griffin III may be too much for the young defense to handle.

They go on a two-game road trip against Oakland and the New York Giants, which they could come back with one win.

They come home for a winnable game against Buffalo, and depending on which Dallas Cowboys team shows up, could be either a road win or loss. Worst case scenario, the Texans could be sitting at 2-3 before facing Andrew Luck and the Colts at home.

Then a rough stretch on the road at Pittsburgh and Tennessee could produce one win before facing the Philadelphia Eagles. Worse case scenario, the Texans could be 3-6 before their week 10 bye week.

The come back from their bye week for a road game at Cleveland, which could be a toss-up but we'll give it to Houston. Then they come home for a two-game home stand versus Cincinnati and game two versus Tennessee, which could produce another win.

They play their first game on the road against Jacksonville and then go to Indianapolis before playing their last two games at home against Baltimore and Jacksonville.

I predict they go 2-2 at best the last month of the season giving them an overall record of 7-9 if they win the games they can.

The AFC will be a lot stronger next year, however, and 7-9 will not likely be enough to make the playoffs, but it's a strong turnaround from 2-14.

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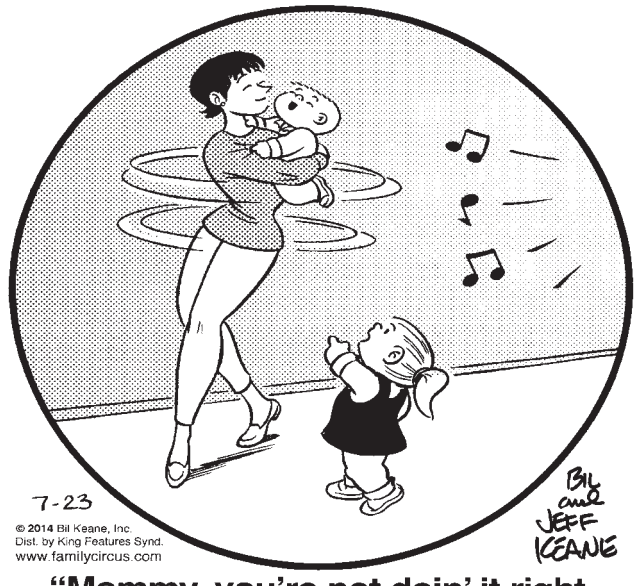
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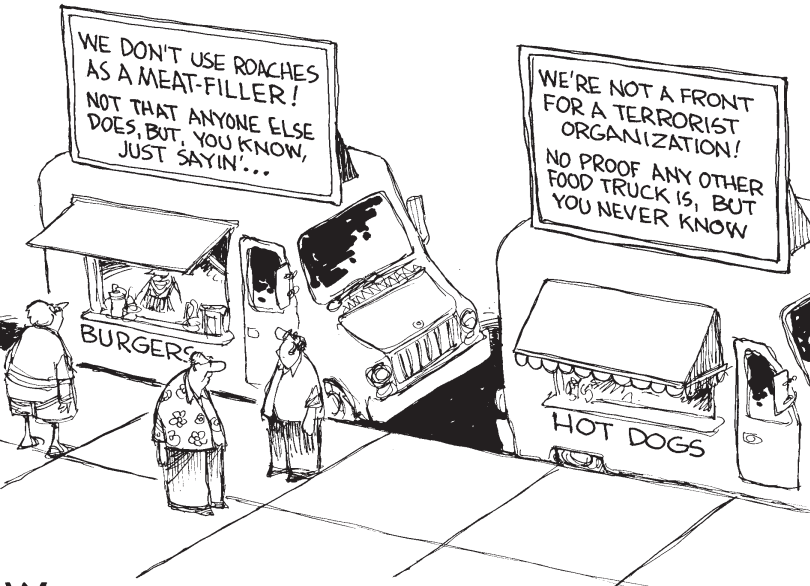
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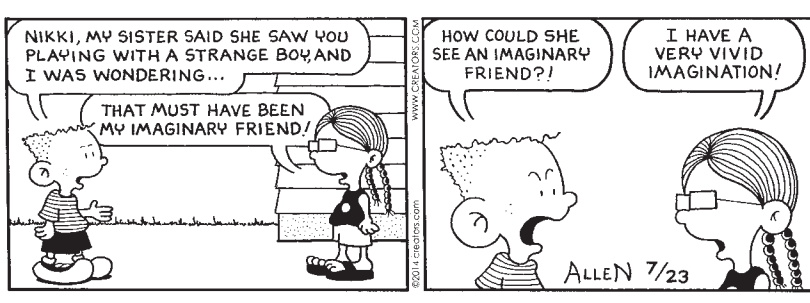
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## daily horoscope

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Thursday, July 24, 2014:  
This year you often have strong emotional reactions to situations, but you tend to keep your feelings in. You lean toward not discussing a situation that evokes strong feelings from you. If you are single, you could attract the wrong person for you by not being true to yourself. Being authentic could be a source of insecurity. Be open to being more transparent. If you are attached, your significant other understands you well. Together you might decide to make a change in your lifestyle, home or family structure. Good feelings will flow if you remain sensitive and in touch with your sweetie. **CANCER** understands you.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19)  
★★★ Focus on what is important to you. Your intuitive side will help you appreciate a loved one. An opportunity that taps into your creativity could arise. How can you say "no"? Tension is likely to build around a decision you need to make. Tonight: Head home early.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)  
★★★ Your sense of direction will make a big difference in a meeting where others are unusually idealistic. You seem to be unusually secure right now. Take a leap of faith with a personal or domestic matter. As a result, you'll gain a sudden insight. Tonight: Anchor in.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)  
★★★★ Pressure from someone you look up to could force you to move in a direction that you would prefer to avoid. Use caution when making a purchase for someone else. Keep a conversation moving, but make as few comments as possible. Tonight: In the limelight.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)  
★★★★★ A friend will help you solidify an idea and make it more realistic. The unexpected might occur as you deal with a loved one who is difficult. Avoid a power play, and you will shock the other party. Be careful -- you both have the same interest. Tonight: As you like it.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)  
★★★ Though you have a lot of energy, you might opt to play it low-key. A partner or associate understands where you are coming from. Use care with someone you meet for the first

time. This person easily could be different than he or she projects. Tonight: Not to be found.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)  
★★★ A loved one will understand where you are coming from. Zero in on a goal that might involve a female or a heartfelt desire. You could be surprised by the actions of someone close to you. Tonight: A conversation could be more difficult than you realize.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)  
★★★ Someone is likely to express his or her appreciation for your efforts. This person might want and expect more from you. It will be necessary to establish some boundaries. A loved one or a partner could be full of surprises. Tonight: Try to call it an early night.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)  
★★★★ You hold yourself back often because of your unwillingness to reveal more of your feelings. Relax, and take on the perspective of someone who is not involved. You'll see where you might be coming up short. Tonight: Let your imagination drift.

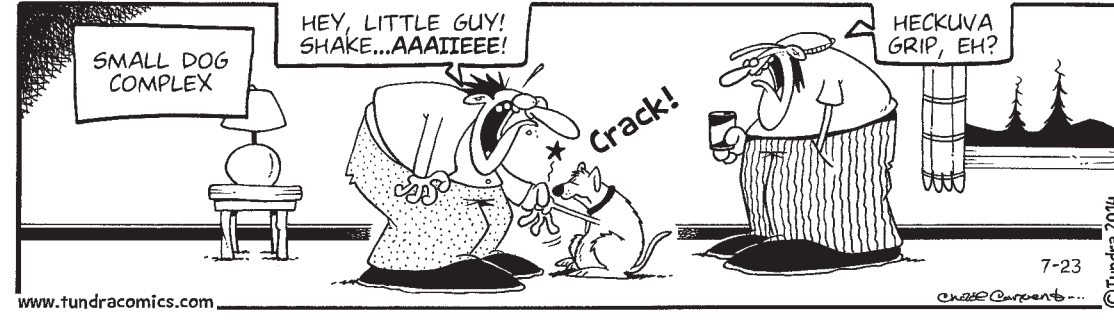
**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)  
★★★★★ Your take on a situation is different from many people. You are willing to do whatever is necessary to make it work. Optimism surrounds a trip or a workshop. Maintain a positive attitude, and ignore the uproar that might be close by. Tonight: Opt for togetherness.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)  
★★★★ Others continue to seek you out. You are prepared to have an important discussion with someone. Once you have this talk, both of you will have much to celebrate. What you feared might be difficult will turn out to be a piece of cake. Tonight: Sort through your invitations.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)  
★★★★ Throw yourself into a project that you feel you must get done in order to feel better. You often get overwhelmed. Good news comes will come to you through others. Someone you meet today could be very special to you ultimately. Tonight: Say "yes" to an invitation.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)  
★★★★ Tap into your creativity, whether you're in a conversation or simply handling a problem. Some people might be amazed by your imagination and its results. Certainly, a wonderful idea or two will surface. You'll add color to any situation. Tonight: Let some romance in.

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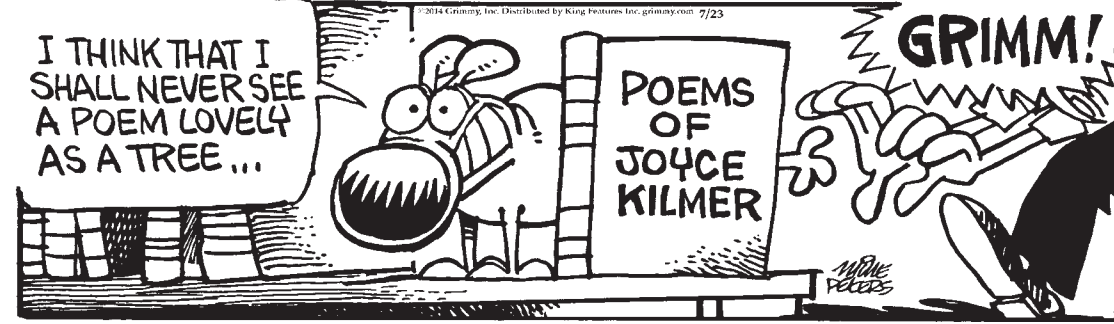


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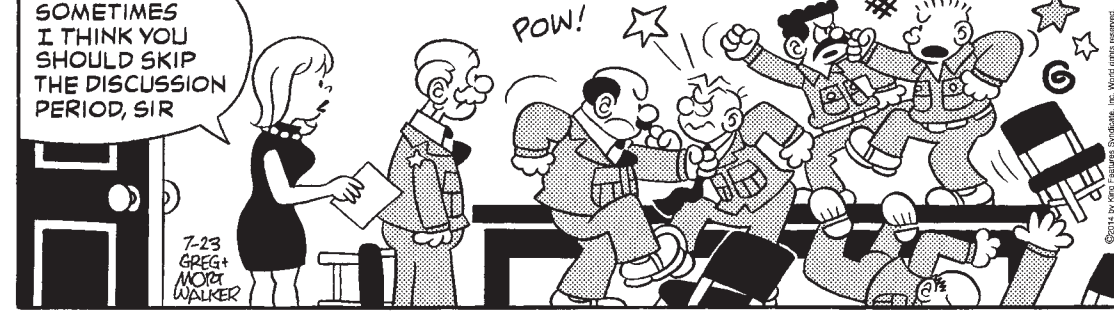
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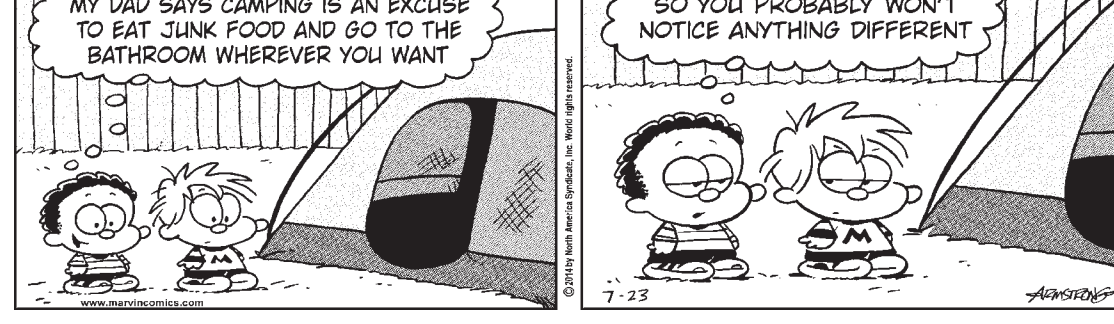
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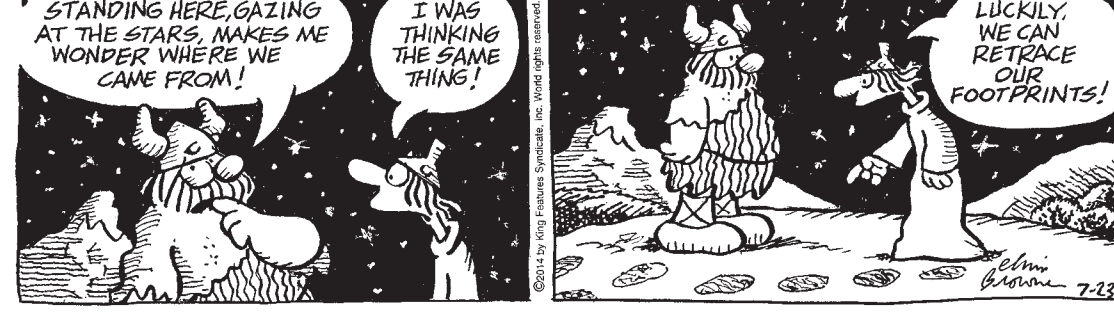
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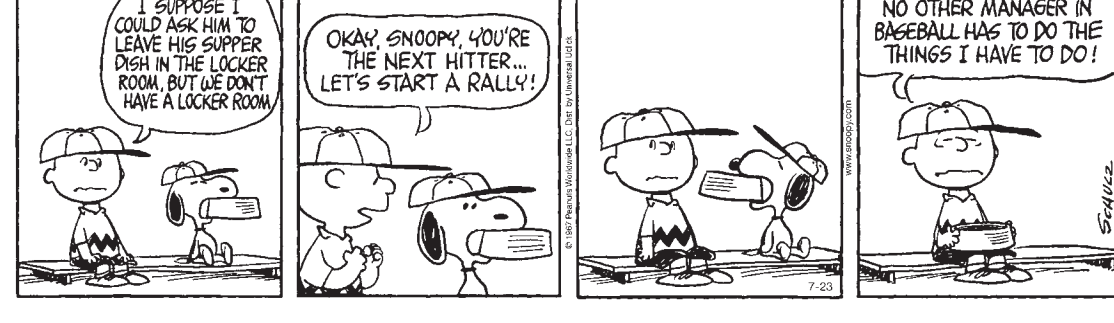
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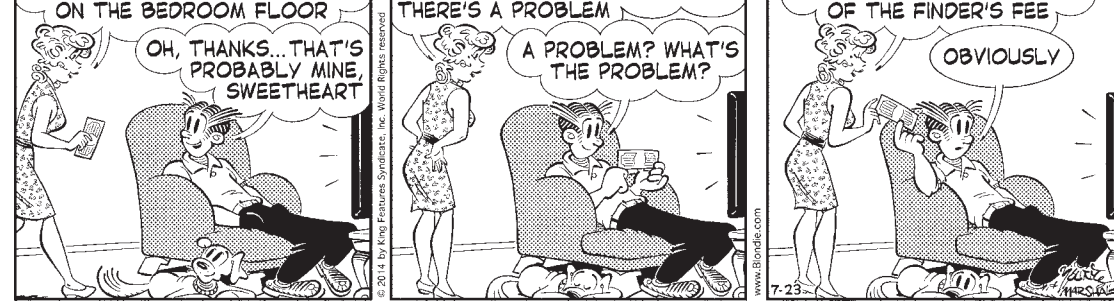
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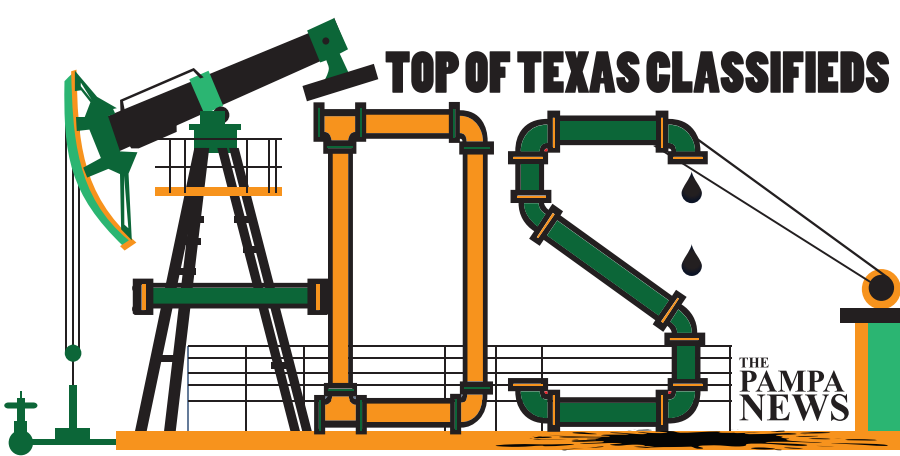
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# PampaSports

## 2014 Tri-State Senior Tournament at Pampa Country Club



Photos by Forrest Grimes

Top left, Barbara Wade chips during the Tri-State Senior Tournament. Top middle, Brenda Kelley tees off Tuesday morning during the Tri-State Senior Tournament. Top right, Kim Pickett chips the ball onto the green. Above left, Laurie Weikert putts during the Tri-State Senior Tournament at Pampa Country Club. Above middle, Sheri Haynes putts during the Tri-State Senior Tournament. Above right, Barbara Wade putts during the tournament Tuesday morning at Pampa Country Club. Below left, Joyce Rasco putts during the Tri-State Senior Tournament at Pampa Country Club. Below right, Sheri Haynes and Janie Phillips watch the ball after Haynes putted during the Tri-State Senior Tournament.



# PampaSports

## Big 12 commish's warning about pending change

DALLAS (AP) — Big 12 Commissioner Bob Bowlsby had a dire warning Monday for anyone who likes intercollegiate athletics the way they are now.

"You're going to hate it going forward," Bowlsby said. "There's a lot of change coming."

During his opening address at Big 12 football media days, Bowlsby talked about growing financial constraints athletic programs face going forward and the "strange environment" that exists with class-action lawsuits against the NCAA and its member schools.

Bowlsby said he's doesn't

think there is a real understanding of how much lawsuits — which he numbered as seven and "growing all the time" — could radically alter things.

"I think all of that in the end will cause programs to be eliminated. I think you'll see men's Olympic sports go away as a result of the

new funding challenges that are coming down the pike," he said. "I think there may be tension among and between sports on campus and institutions that have different resources."

While acknowledging the outcomes are unknown, the former Stanford athletic director expressed concern

about fewer opportunities for some athletes to go college in the future.

"I fear that we will get past the change and then we'll realize that all the gymnastics programs went away, or that we have agents on campus all the time negotiating playing time for student athletes,"

he said. "There's all kind of Armageddon scenarios you could come up with."

... You wouldn't have to be a very good fiction writer to come up with some scenarios that would be pretty scary."

A year ago, Bowlsby's opening address was part of a coordinated effort by the leaders of the power conferences — the Big 12, SEC, Big Ten, Pac-12 and ACC — in calling for transformative changes in the governance system of the NCAA.

The NCAA board of directors is set to vote Aug. 7 on a proposal to give schools in the highest-profile conferences more influence over college rules. The proposal also would give athletic directors and athletes bigger roles in the legislative process, and give the power conferences autonomy to make their own bylaws.

That vote will come a day after the Big 12 sponsors in New York the first in a scheduled series of forums on the state of college athletics.

When addressing potential unionization of football and basketball players, Bowlsby said "student-athletes are not employees. They should never be employees. It's not an employee/employer relationship."

Bowlsby also said the NCAA is "headed down a path of significant financial difficulty" with revenues from television packages going up about 2 1/2 percent a year while expenses are increasing more than 4 percent annually.

That includes schools paying \$1 million or more per year under new rules to start providing unlimited food and nutrition to student-athletes. Plus, future scholarships could provide more money to cover the full cost of attendance.

"I think that's great. I think there are ways that it costs more than room, board, books, tuition, and fees to go to school," Bowlsby said. "But even in an environment where we have some additional revenue coming in from television resources, primarily, it is going to be very difficult for many institutions to fund that."

Bowlsby also addressed the NCAA enforcement program, which he said "is broken" considering no hearings before the infractions committee in almost a year even though he doesn't believe cheating is rampant.

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## Fields suspected

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — TCU has suspended defensive end Devonte Fields pending results of a police investigation into whether he punched a former girlfriend in the head and threatened her with a gun.

Officers reported that 20-year-old Haley Brown's right cheek was swollen and she had a cut under her eye when they arrived at a Fort Worth home early Sunday.

Police on Tuesday said that no charges have been filed and Fields, the Big 12's preseason defensive player of the year, has not been arrested.

An emailed statement from TCU says the school doesn't tolerate harassment or misconduct by a student and that the allegations against Fields will be go through an internal discipline process.

Brown told police that she and Fields dated for two years and broke up June 1.