

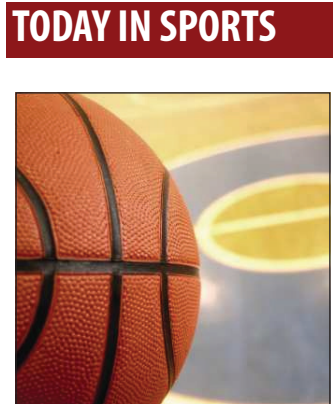
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Arias named general chair of Children's Shopping Tour

Jil Arias has been named general chair of the 2014 Children's Shopping Tour. The Tour will take place on Dec. 13, beginning at the Optimist gym at 8 a.m. with registration of volunteers who will help take the children shopping. "We are expecting to have 75 to 100 children go with us on the Tour this year," Arias said. "We hope to serve at least 350 family members including the children who do the shopping." Arias was born in Los Angeles, Calif., and graduated from West Texas A&M University in 2008. He came to Pampa in June of 2009, to work for the City of Pampa. He was later promoted to the position of city engineer. "I have always wanted to do municipal engineering," Arias said.

"I am fortunate to be in a position which I enjoy and which allows me to make an impact on the community." A member of the Downtown Pampa Kiwanis Club, Arias has worked on the Kiwanis Golf Scramble and has put out flags during various holidays. This is his first year to be involved with the Children's Shopping Tour. Arias and his wife, Carolyn, have been married almost five years. She is employed as a paraprofessional with the Pampa Independent School District. "What has impressed me most about the

Children's Shopping Tour is that the children do not buy presents for themselves, but for the members of their household," Arias said. "The purpose of the project is to teach children the true meaning of Christmas. My wife and I are excited to be a part of it." Each year 35 to 40 organizations in the Pampa area work together to plan and carry out the Tour. This year will be the 52nd year of the project. Volunteers are needed to take the children shopping and help them wrap the packages for their families. "The cost to sponsor a child is \$75," Arias continued. "Checks should be made payable to the Pampa Optimist Youth Club

and sent to John Warner at P. O. Box 645, Pampa, Texas 79066-0645. We ask people to put 'Children's Shopping Tour' in the lower left hand corner of their checks so the money will get in the right account. All contributions are tax deductible." The Pampa Optimist Youth Club, Kiwanis Club, Altrusa Club, The Salvation Army, the Texas Department of Health and Human Services, Tralee Crisis Center, Pampa Chamber of Commerce and Pampa United Way have one or more representatives on the Steering Committee which organizes the project. Many local churches, Pampa High School organizations and athletic teams, and other groups work together to make the Tour available.



Jil Arias

One dead after Moore County crash

SUBMITTED BY TEXAS DPS
 A Stratford woman died Monday from injuries endured in a wreck on Sunday on U.S. 287 in Moore County three miles north of Cactus. A 2005 Freightliner Conventional, driven by Adrian Maftel, 33, Poplar Grove, Ark., was traveling north on U.S. Highway 287 in the right hand lane and traveling at slow speeds. A 2010 Chevrolet Tahoe, driven by Beatriz Alondra Chavira, 31, Stratford, was traveling north behind the Freightliner and failed to control speed and struck the Freightliner in the rear causing major damage. Chavira was transported to N.W.T.H. and died the next day due to injuries.

Prescribed fire planned for Lake Meredith area

SUBMITTED BY LAKE MEREDITH
FRITCH - Lake Meredith National Recreation Area will conduct multiple prescribed burns at the North end of the park in the areas of: North Canyon, Spring Canyon, the Stilling Basin, Water Authority, South Canyon, Sanford Yake, and Cedar Canyon and at the South end in the areas of Alibates Flint Quarries National Monument and Mullinaw Crossing between the dates of Dec. 15, 2014 and March 31, 2015. The purpose of the prescribed burns is to reduce hazardous fuels in the park around the communities of Fritch, Sanford, and Bugbee and also the Mullinaw area. The amount of moisture received in the last six months has caused an above average growth of grass, resulting in several areas of concern. These areas will be burned to reduce the dangers associated with catastrophic wildfires that could threaten public and firefighter safety and local communities or ranchlands. The National Park Service will use fire to reduce the grass load and to create a safer condition between the park and the communities. The prescribed burns will be conducted as a cooperative effort between the National Park Service, Fritch VFD, Borger FD, Stinnett VFD, Hutchinson County VFD, Amarillo FD, Potter County VFD, and Randall County VFD. During the prescribed burn some areas of the park may be closed to the public. Travelers should proceed with caution anytime there is smoke present by reducing vehicle speed and turning on their headlights. While temporary inconveniences may occur during the prescribed burning, the result will ultimately improve safety and recreational opportunities for the public. For more information, please contact Bruce Fields, Fire Management Officer, at 806-865-3360 x426 or Todd Wood, Prescribed Fire Specialist at 806-865-3360 x422.

The Grooming Shop opens in Pampa



Photo by Lindsey Tomaschik

The Grooming Shop employees are pictured from left to right. Front row, Kelly Carey and Ashley McLaughlin. Back row, LeeAnn Kitchens and Robyn McLaughlin. The shop and pet boutique are located at 316 Somerville.

By **LINDSEY TOMASCHIK**
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On Tuesday morning, The Grooming Shop officially opened for business at 316 Somerville. The business is a combination of Robyn's Grooming and Bow Wow Boutique, LeeAnn Kitchens' grooming and boarding and Kelly Carey's Grooming. Having the larger building also enabled an expansion of services. Along with providing grooming and boarding services, there are also products available for purchase. These include dog leashes, collars, treat and food and water bowls, shampoos, pet beds, toys, pet clothing and more. Kitchens has been providing her grooming and boarding services to the Pampa community for 32 years now, and she is excited about the new location. She is also proud to announce that she will have claw covers available for purchase. "A lot of times even though we clip and file the nails, they still scratch," Kitchens said. "The claw covers are plastic pieces that go over the nails so that they don't scratch."

Business owner Robyn McLaughlin added that they will also take customer requests into consideration for further expansion of merchandise, which is how the idea to sell the claw covers came about. She also said that they are now capable of doing teeth brushing with fresh breath spray, fur coloring and putting stylish feathers in the animal's fur. Groomers will also do shavings of cats, though they will not bathe these animals. When asked what brought on this move to a new building and expansion of services, Kitchens said that the clientele grew and there was a need for more space. She also added that the new location is more centrally-located in town, which should make their growing customer base happy. When asked what their favorite part of providing their services to Pampa is, all three women agreed that it's the local customers. "We have great customers who have great pets," Kitchens said. Robyn's Grooming and Bow Wow Boutique prices are as follows:
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PAMPA FORECAST

| Today | Thursday | Friday |
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| High 43 Low 29 | High 57 Low 43 | High 58 Low 31 |

Today: Mostly cloudy with a high of 43. Chance of rain: 10 percent. Winds northeast at 10 to 20 mph. Sunrise at 7:38 a.m.

Tonight: A few clouds with a low of 29. Winds southeast at 5 to 10 mph. Sunset at 5:32 p.m.

Thursday: Mostly cloudy skies with a high of 57. Chance of rain: 20 percent. Winds south at 10 to 20 mph. Sunrise at 7:39 a.m.

Thursday night: Cloudy with a low of 43. Chance of rain: 20 percent. Winds south at 10 to 15 mph. Sunset at 5:32 p.m.

Friday: Mainly sunny with a high of 58. Chance of rain: 10 percent. Winds north at 10 to 20 mph. Sunrise at 7:39 a.m.

Friday night: Mainly clear skies with a low of 31. Chance of rain: 10 percent. Winds north-northeast at 5 to 10 mph. Sunset at 5:32 p.m.

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All shots must be current for services, and any dogs that come in with fleas will be dipped with a \$5 charge added to the services.

Credit and debit cards are accepted, and a 2.75 percent fee will be added.

Checks are also accepted. Other groomers' prices are similar but may vary. For more information, call 806-669-9660.

The Grooming Shop is finishing off their opening week with a grand opening and ugly Christmas sweater contest on Saturday, Dec. 6. The grand opening will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and will be a come-and-go event. There will be refreshments available and all are

welcome to stop by, shop and check out the new shop and location.

The ugly Christmas Sweater contest will be at 11 a.m. the same day. Prizes will be from Gebo's, Gray County Vet and Bow Wow Boutique.

The grand prize will be one year of free grooming (one appointment per month for a year). The entry fee for the contest is \$5 and all proceeds will be donated to PAWS.

'Texas-bred' wheat traits headed to Africa

■ AgriLife Research study develops international collaboration to fight drought.

SUBMITTED BY TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION

COLLEGE STATION — Texas-bred wheat, by way of Amarillo and College Station, will find tiny bits of itself in new breeds of spring wheat in Africa in the near future.

Dr. Shuyu Liu, Dr. Amir Ibrahim, Dr. Jackie Rudd and Dr. Qingwu Xue — all Texas A&M AgriLife Research wheat program leaders — have been working to strengthen wheat varieties and increase yields and drought tolerance for the Texas industry.

But it is a Texas A&M University doctoral student they advise, Silvano Ocheya, who is taking their work and carrying it across continents in his thesis project.

Ocheya, a Monsanto Beachell-Borlaug Scholar who grew up in Kenya near Kisumu, addresses his work in the thesis, "Identifying Single Nucleotide Polymorphic (SNP) Markers for Drought Tolerance in Texas Wheat and Introgression into Spring Wheat for African Countries."

"I believe this research is vital and will link research in the U.S. and Kenya," Ocheya said. "I hope it will create a scientific community between developed and developing countries, and this will enhance germplasm flow as well as information between the

two countries."

Ocheya has been named a Fellow for the Norman E. Borlaug Leadership Enhancement in Agriculture Program of the U.S. Feed the Future Borlaug 21st Century Leadership Initiative and is provided U.S. Agency for International Development funding to cover travel expenses for his research in Kenya, said Liu, an AgriLife Research small grains geneticist in Amarillo.

"This study should add to the foundation required in tackling drought stress across the world," Liu said. "The SNPs associated with drought tolerance will be used in the marker-assisted breeding to move superior traits from Texas A&M AgriLife TAM wheat into Kenyan spring wheats."

In addition to Ocheya's U.S. advisors, Ocheya is working with Dr. Peter Njau at the Kenya Agricultural Research Institute, or KARI, and Dr. Sridhar Bhavani at the International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center in Mexico, more commonly referred to as CIMMYT.

Ibrahim, an AgriLife Research wheat breeder in College Station, said the partnership between the researchers in the U.S., CIMMYT and KARI will be valuable and provides expansion of testing sites and technology sharing.

"This study will provide

a platform for knowledge sharing through a student exchange program where students from developing countries can visit schools in the U.S. and learn the experience of plant breeding in a developed country," Ibrahim said.

Rudd, an AgriLife Research wheat breeder in Amarillo, said this is a truly collaborative project.

"The Kenya wheat program will gain drought tolerance traits from our Texas wheat and we will gain new sources of rust resistance from the African wheat."

Ocheya said the development of improved wheat varieties with high yield and resilience to drought stress is much needed due to volatile climatic changes, scarce water resources and competing needs for water for urbanization and/or industrialization and rapid population increase, particularly in developing countries.

"We are taking a molecular breeding approach to tag important traits regulating drought tolerance in a known drought-tolerant winter wheat developed and released by Texas A&M AgriLife Research," he said. "The ultimate goal is to increase yield of spring wheat by introducing these traits into durable stem rust-resistant cultivars from Kenya using marker-assisted selection."

The research is being conducted at KARI/CIMMYT research farms in Kenya and AgriLife Research farms in Amarillo and College Station. The marker-assisted breeding process will be conducted at the Amarillo center.

"We have made a backcross between durable stem rust-resistant Kenyan lines and TAM winter wheat possessing excellent drought tolerance," Liu said. "The objective is to introduce drought tolerance into the spring wheat cultivars possessing resistance to stem rust. The backcross seed were harvested mid-May this year and seeds will be prepared for planting in Kenya."

The field testing will be conducted in multiple target environments in Kenya.

The planting season in Kenya is in January and note-taking for the target traits will be done in April and May. Ocheya said the results will be relevant to the U.S. and Kenya, as well as other countries across the world where wheat is grown.

Greenhouse and field trials will run concurrently, he said.

The greenhouse experiment is being conducted under artificial inoculation with stem rust strains and data will be captured on disease reaction as well as yield and other agronomic traits.

"The AgriLife Research wheat team is looking forward to the results from this international collaboration and hope our research effort can help wheat production in many African countries," Liu said.

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New prairie populism takes root in Texas

MATTHEW TRESAUGUE
Houston Chronicle

CAT SPRING, Texas (AP) — Jim Willis knows it isn't easy to love a prairie. The quilt of burnt orange and brown that covers his Colorado County land can't awe or inspire the way a canyon or mountain range does. But he can step onto his porch on a crisp morning, take a sip of coffee and hear the three-count whistle of the northern bobwhite quail.

The moment is enough to reveal the subtle beauty of an unbroken terrain of yellow Indiangrass, little bluestem and other tall grasses. That's because the land was barren of wildlife not too long ago, unable to support anything but cattle.

Willis began restoring his overgrazed pasture into native grasslands more than a decade ago, placing him at the fore of a new prairie populism in Texas. Across the state, rural landowners, a new generation of urban refugees, are removing acres of Bermuda grass and creating pioneer-era landscapes that require less water and chemicals and provide habitat for a variety of critters.

The push is in response to the steady decline of the quail, an iconic Texas bird that uses the tall grasses for shelter and food. But the benefits of native grasslands go beyond one species, Willis said.

"Quail really is a canary in a coal mine," he told the Houston Chronicle. "If they're healthy, you have a healthy ecosystem."

Texas is known for its bucolic hill country and mysterious piney woods, the rugged beauty of Big Bend National Park and a seemingly endless coast. But it's largely a prairie state, and those grasslands are disappearing because of modern agricultural practices, development and fragmentation by roads and ranchettes.

The changing landscape has put quail in peril, with the bird's numbers dropping 75 percent over the past 30 years or so, according to state biologists.

A carpet-like pasture planted for cattle grazing "might as well be a Wal-Mart parking lot" to quail, said Jon Hayes, a biologist for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. The native grasses grow in clumps, which allow the bird to nest, forage and hide from predators, heat and wind.

To help reverse the quail population's decline, Texas lawmakers last year

earmarked \$6 million for restoring prime habitat, expanding research into the species and educating landowners.

The state's primary goal is to rehabilitate prairie in three areas: the Interstate 35 corridor just south of Dallas, the rolling plains near Oklahoma and a 12-county cluster beyond the westward march of Houston's sprawl. The key is to connect restored plots to one another to increase the bird's odds of survival.

Already, what began with 225 acres owned by Willis now stretches across 40,000 acres. That includes seven miles of contiguous reconstructed prairie that connects his property to the Attwater Prairie Chicken National Wildlife Refuge, about 60 miles west of Houston.

Willis removed cattle and used prescribed burns and herbicide before planting native grasses, sand plum trees and shrubs on his land. In time, quail and some 30 species of grassland birds, as well as deer, rabbits and ducks, returned to the property. The new prairie also acts as a sponge when it rains and replenishes aquifers below the surface.

"You have got to look at the health of the land and not just use it for making money," Willis said.

State biologists refer to Willis, who moved to the country after retiring as a Houston-based analyst for the rice industry, as a Johnny Appleseed of sorts, encouraging his neighbors to plant native grasses.

Willis, with his easy smile and north Louisiana lilt, can approach other landowners in a way that a government biologist can't. But not everyone welcomes his message, which runs counter to the way generations of Texans have used their land — for cattle, for income.

Willis acknowledges that some of his neighbors think he's crazy. Restoring prairie can be expensive, and the tall grasses can look woolly to eyes used to the mesmerizing pasture monotony.

Still, Willis has built a coalition of like-minded landowners, known as the Wildlife Habitat Federation, that provides technical advice, specialized equipment, seeds and help in finding financial aid for restoring prairie. Many involved are new to the area, people who recently traded Houston for a piece of the country and have an interest in being stewards of the land.

Obituaries

Harold Gene Watson

Harold Gene Watson, 79, longtime resident of Pampa died Monday, Dec. 1, 2014, in Amarillo.



Harold Gene Watson

He was born in Shamrock on Nov. 26, 1935, to Merriem (Cully) and Mamie Watson, and attended school in Kelton and Friona. Mr. Watson was a pipefitter and member of the United Association of Plumbers and Pipefitters, Local #404. He is survived by one sister, Maritta Watson of Lubbock; six children, Tommy Watson of Pampa, Kathy Taylor and husband Charlie of Amarillo, Regina Dye of White Deer, Glenda Briscoe of Amarillo, Doug Watson and wife Tina of Lefors and Angie Watson of Elk City, Okla.; 13 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, Delton Cullon Watson, and one granddaughter, Bana Michelle Carnes. Services are pending with Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home in Amarillo.

Grace Josephine 'Jo' Moody Johnson

Grace Josephine "Jo" Moody Johnson, 84, of Arlington, died Nov. 29, 2014, near Arlington.

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

Mrs. Johnson was born March 9, 1930, in Hammon, Okla., to Murray Wayne and Vinita Louisa (Collier) Moody. She grew up in Friona, where she was known as Grace Jo to family and friends. She graduated from Friona High School in 1948. She received a Bachelor of Music degree from North Texas State College in 1951 and a Master of Education degree from West Texas State University in 1971. Mrs. Johnson taught school in Stratford and Skellytown before moving to Pampa to teach a total of 30 years, retiring in 1987. Her first teaching position in Pampa was teaching music at Wilson Elementary, where she met Daniel James Johnson also a teacher. They married in 1958. She was a member of Kappa Kappa Iota, Sigma Alpha Iota and Pampa Knife and Fork Club.

Mrs. Johnson had been a member of Central Baptist Church in Pampa for 50 years where she was church pianist, a Sunday school teacher and a member of the Women's Missionary Union. She moved to Arlington in 2005 where she became a member of Lake Arlington Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Vinita Moody in 1943; her father, Murray Moody in 1945; her husband in 1994; three sisters, Jurhee Lawson in 1995, Doris Poindexter in 1998, and June Cruse in 2010; and two infant brothers.

Survivors include one daughter, Susan Johnson Austin and husband Bruce of Arlington; one son, David Johnson of The Colony; and three grandchildren, Julie Co-

per and husband Casey of Richland Hills, Jacque Beavers and husband Alec, and Justin Austin, all of Arlington.

Remembrances in her honor may be made to Central Baptist Church, 513 East Francis, Pampa, Texas 79065; or Lake Arlington Baptist Church, 2912 Little Rd., Arlington, Texas 76016. Please notate "Missions Memorial for Jo Johnson" on the memo line for both.

The family will receive friends from 6-7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, 2014, at Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Home in Pampa.

Sign the on-line guest register at www.carmichael-whatley.com

Freddie Harold ("Fred") Watkins



Freddie Watkins

Freddie Harold ("Fred") Watkins, 74, a construction contractor and cattleman, passed away Wednesday, November 26, 2014.

Memorial services will be at 10:30 a.m. at Lake Fork Baptist Church, 9483 West FM 515, Alba, Texas 75410, 903-473-9523. Directions may be obtained at the Lake Fork Baptist Church's website lakefork-baptist.org.

Gerald E. Moore

Gerald E. Moore, 66, of Pampa, died Dec. 2, 2014 in Pampa.

There are no services scheduled. Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Moore was born June 9, 1948 in Pampa, where he was a lifelong resident. He married Sonja Diane Bridge on March 16, 1979 in Denmark, Germany. She preceded him in death on Nov. 23, 2014. Gerald was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in Vietnam, as a crew chief on a Huey helicopter, with the Americal Division, serving two tours. He was involved in the Maryland flood recovery in 1972, and then served in Korea and Germany, retiring in 1990. Gerald was a loving husband and a great dad.

Survivors include his daughter, Nicola Berry and husband Johnny of the home; his son, David J. Bridge of Pampa; seven grandchildren, Nikala Swift, Carlee Swift and Nash Moore, all of Pampa, Michael Berry, Jared Berry, Ryan Berry and Ethan Berry, all of Garden City, Kan., and a sister, Charlotte Walker Ashley of Lubbock.

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

For the record

New Mexico man arrested for burglary, bond surrender

STAFF REPORT

• Nicholas Littlefield, 30, Los Lunas, N.M., was arrested Monday by the Gray County Sheriff's Office for burglary of a building, other county bond surrender — possession of marijuana — less than two ounces.

• Shannon Bonner, 29, Pampa, was arrested Monday by the Pampa Police Department for an outside county warrant — delivery or offering delivery of

a dangerous drug, expired motor vehicle inspection, failure to appear — bail jumping.

• Jeremy Hernandez, 36, Pampa, was arrested Monday by GCSO for criminal mischief, resisting arrest, search or transport.

• Edward Briley, 36, Memphis, was arrested Monday by PPD for evading arrest or detention with a vehicle with a previous conviction.

• Cody Russell, 27, Pampa, was arrested Monday

by GCSO for violation of probation — causing injury to a child, elderly or disabled person, criminal negligence, violation of probation — resisting arrest, search or transport, child support.

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Museum Musings



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The Christmas Parade has been a long standing tradition in Pampa. Extravagant homemade floats would bring the whole town out to enjoy the festivities. Here is a street scene outside the La Nora Theater on Cuyler Street (where Heard-Jones is currently located). The photo was taken on Dec. 3, 1954. We hope to see everyone out for the parade on Dec. 6, 2014. Stop by the museum after the parade to enjoy crafts for the whole family and warm drinks with friends. Please visit the White Deer Land Museum in downtown Pampa. Regular tours are offered Tuesday through Saturday from 1 to 4 p.m. If you would like to schedule a special or group tour, please call or email the museum at (806)669-8041 or courtney.oxley@graycch.com.

Ferguson, the 'local crime story'

Last year, Philadelphia abortionist Dr. Kermit Gosnell stood trial in Philadelphia for the deaths of one woman and seven babies who had their throats slit, but national reporters didn't want to cover it.



BRENT BOZELL

It's a "local crime story," they said. Washington Post media blogger Erik Wemple said that when he asked national reporters about avoiding the Gosnell story, the typical response was "Get out of my face with this agenda-driven stuff, and come back when you have a real story."

Ferguson, Missouri, is merely the latest proof that a "local crime story" can be elevated to national news — when it's the liberal media's favorite kind of "agenda-driven stuff." A local story about a white cop fatally shooting an unarmed young black man in one St. Louis suburb has dominated the national news, to the point that the networks interrupted primetime TV for an announcement on whether the policeman would be indicted.

These are the same networks that refused to air President Obama's speech the week before on his immigration end-around. The entire nation couldn't wait two hours for the local news, or turn to cable news? It seems like an attempt to create an episode for the history books — making Ferguson a destination in black history like Selma, or Sanford, Florida, where Trayvon Martin was shot.

Why is this story so much more portentous in meaning than others? Obviously, it fits a narrative that America — and its justice "system" — is deeply racist. As with George Zimmerman, it seems not to matter what the actual evidence is in this case. No rioter put down a rock or a Molotov cocktail to read the grand-jury report. When the prosecutor's speech aired on a split screen with a "riot cam" on the Ferguson streets,

the networks were not expecting calm. They expected — and were far too eager — to chronicle a riot and squeeze some ratings out of the mayhem.

For those who argue Ferguson isn't an "agenda" story, let's consider some other recent stories the media won't touch. In Milwaukee, Antoine Devon Pettis, a 20-year-old black male, was charged with raping a 101-year-old woman after the crime scene DNA matched a paternity test sample. Pettis smiled broadly in his mug shot, and later in the courtroom, when he told the media, "Y'all gonna make me a celebrity."

Making this story national for even a minute would apparently be too racist, just like the Gosnell story, even though the race of the victim is less than relevant considering the horror of the crime.

In Akron, Ohio, white police officer Justin Winebrenner — off-duty and unarmed — was shot by a black man, Kenan Ivery, at Papa Don's Pub, where he was seated with other cops. Ivery had pulled a gun and the pub staff looked to Winebrenner, a regular customer, to try and calm Ivery. Winebrenner was shot in the torso and died. Four others, including another off-duty cop, were wounded.

So far in 2014, 45 police officers in America have been fatally shot (and 111 overall have died), according to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund. None of them, or their families, have received any fraction of the attention or sympathy that America has offered to Michael Brown's family.

The "wealth" of national publicity on local crimes is distributed with remarkable inequality. The exercise of "news judgment" is performed with extreme prejudice, and there will be no attempts at redistribution.

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Letter to the Editor Ferguson an issue of character, not color

I would like to take a different angle on this whole "Michael Brown/Officer Darren Wilson" mess in Ferguson, Mo. Rather than get all hung up in arguments over the details of autopsy reports, testimonies of eye witnesses, statements by Michael's parents, statements by friends of Officer Wilson, I believe that there is a much, much simpler way to sort out this situation so that almost everyone on both sides can come to an agreement.

Here is my simplified angle.

Step 1. In your mind make Michael Brown and

Darren Wilson the same color as you. If you are black, make them both black. If you are white, red, brown, yellow or even purple, make them both your color.

Step 2. Now imagine that you have a dating age daughter, the apple of your eye.

Step 3. Imagine that both men are similar in age to your daughter and each asks her out on a date.

Step 4. In this situation realize that she is going to go out with one of the two men.

Step 5. With what you know about the two men,

to which of those men would you trust the care of your precious daughter.

When color is removed from this mess and everyone is forced to focus on character instead of politics, there is hardly anyone on either side who would trust their daughter to Michael Brown.

I would bet the ranch that if you lined up every demonstrator in Ferguson with a dating age daughter and could somehow resurrect Michael Brown, that hardly a single one of them would trust their dear daughter to his care; most would be terrified every moment she was out

of their sight.

I think this personalization of the situation simplifies things immensely. At least it does to me.

When my daughter, Christina, was dating age and living at home, I had no problem with her dating any quality young man, regardless of his color. Color wasn't an issue to Shari or me or Christina.

What I see in Ferguson is a mess that has little to do with color, but a whole lot to do with character. God bless.

**Mike Sublett
Pampa**

Hump Day with Humphrey

Humph's not as young as he thought

I write a lot about how Humphrey still acts very much like a young puppy, and in many ways he does. However, I think that spending the holiday weekend with a puppy much younger than him



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and four children who have nonstop energy made him appreciate the laid-back environment of our home.

Who knew that all it would take to tame my hound would be a 12-week-old German Rottweiler and a four-year-old screaming with excitement and trying to ride him around the house.

Writing this, it's Tuesday, and Humphrey has slept through the past two nights soundly in his bed. He's even been going to bed by 8 p.m. on his

own. On top of that, he's voluntarily been hopping up into my chair and just lying there with me rather than constantly trying to bite my hands and force his toys on me.

I must say, it's been nice. Having the 12-week-old German Rottweiler around also made me pretty grateful for Humphrey. Although the energetic puppy thing is still adorable, the fact that he's still working on not pottying inside is one headache that I no longer have to worry about with Humph.

Thankfully, the two dogs got along really well, though. Humphrey's always very curious about other dogs, and it's nice to have one around that is equally as curious about him, and one that's not intimidated by Humphrey's size. Bonus points for the fact that he wore Humphrey out so much that he's still sleeping it off. I could get used to this.

On the other hand, although Humphrey's puppy antics can drive me up the wall sometimes, it's kind of bittersweet for me to think that we could be closing the book on that chapter of his short life for good. Good thing he's going to live forever though, right?

Another disappointing discovery that happened over the weekend was when I went to put Humphrey's jingle bell collar on from last year. I know he's grown a lot since then, but I'm really terrible at gauging changes like that. The collar was pretty big on him last year, so I didn't even think twice before grabbing it out of the closet and trying to put it on him. I emphasize the trying part, because even reaching the first hole on the collar to buckle it was a stretch, and it didn't take me long to realize that there was no way it was going to work out.

I was so defeated that I didn't even try his Christmas sweater, which he could pretty much swim in last year. Maybe I'll put that chance for redemption on the agenda for this evening.

I'm going to have to brave the holiday shopping crowds again in a couple of weeks anyway, so I think a replacement jingle bell collar and sweater can be arranged in time for some holiday-spirited pictures.

I consider myself pretty lucky that Humphrey is as laid-back as he is. Otherwise, I may never get him to dress up for various holidays and occasions. He doesn't seem to mind it so much, though. I was actually surprised he let the Easter bunny ears fly, but I think that's about where he draws the line.

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Santa Claus is coming to The Discovery Center this Saturday!

SUBMITTED BY DHDC

Amarillo – Can you remember the excitement you felt when you got to sit on Santa's lap?

At the Don Harrington Discovery Center, we offer that opportunity to area children each year, and 2014 is no exception. On Saturday, Dec. 6 from 9 a.m. to noon, we will turn our science museum into a Christmas wonderland, complete with photos with Santa, fun activities and take-home crafts, live musical performances, and of course, a family-friendly breakfast at our annual Breakfast with Santa event!

Breakfast with Santa tickets are available for purchase online at www.dhdc.org or in person at 1200 Streit Drive. Advance Purchase tickets are \$15 each (\$10 for Discovery Center members) and are available through this Friday at 4:30 p.m.

On Saturday, tickets will only be available at the door and will be \$17 each (\$12 for Discovery Center members).

Attendees who are younger than 1 year old are admitted free.

Breakfast with Santa activities include:

• **Family-Friendly Breakfast** - Each attendee will

receive a breakfast bag filled with goodies provided by Chick-fil-A on Georgia, Donut Stop, Sonic, McDonald's and Southwest Dairy, who will also provide milk. Roasters Coffee and Tea and Aqua One are also providing beverages.

• **Photo with Santa** – Attendees will be able to sit in Santa's lap for a professional photo by Steve Satterwhite Photography. Ticket holders are entitled to receive one complimentary 5x7 photo, which will be available for pick-up at the event. Additional photo orders and Christmas cards will be available for purchase at www.stevesatterwhite.photorelect.com following the event. While waiting for their photo, the whole family can stop by the Frozen Frames Ice Castle.

We've provided a royal icy backdrop for you to take selfies galore.

• **Hands-On Activities** - Attendees will create Christmas crafts at the Snow Dough and Elf Painting stations. Any trip to the Discovery Center isn't complete without some science fun.

Kids of all ages will enjoy Frozen Science, a frosty exploration table where they can learn the science of

ice with liquid nitrogen and Rudolph's Light where they can learn about conductivity testing with Christmas lights!

Kids can also make Reindeer Beacons, test tube ornaments to take home and hang on your tree.

• **Icy and Mysterious Exhibits**- In addition to all of the special Breakfast with Santa activities, you have another chance to explore the two travelling exhibits that are on display until early January. Go Back in Time with the Ice Age Mammals, or Solve a Crime in the Sherlock Holmes and the Clocktower Mystery.

• **Live Entertainment** – The Carver Academy Singers will be performing beloved Christmas songs during the event.

The Discovery Center will be closed to the general public until 1:00 pm on Saturday.

Only Breakfast with Santa ticket purchasers will be admitted between 9:00 am and noon.

For more information about Breakfast with Santa, call Amy Juba, DHDC Director of Development and Marketing, at 806-355-9547 x104 or email ajuba@dhdc.org.



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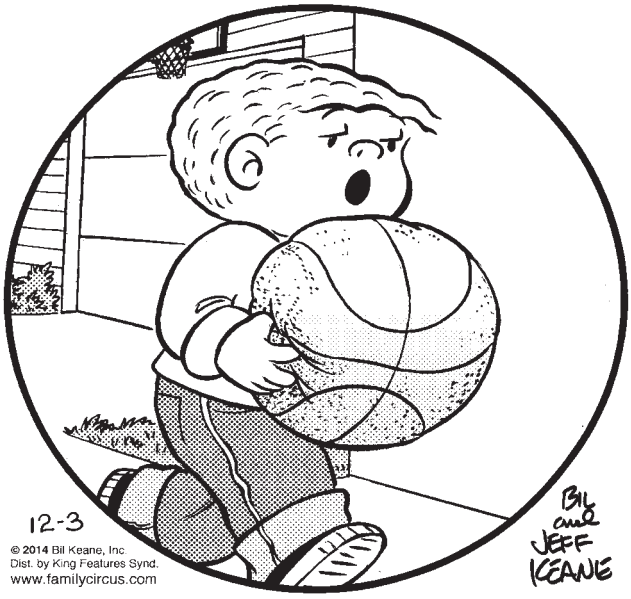


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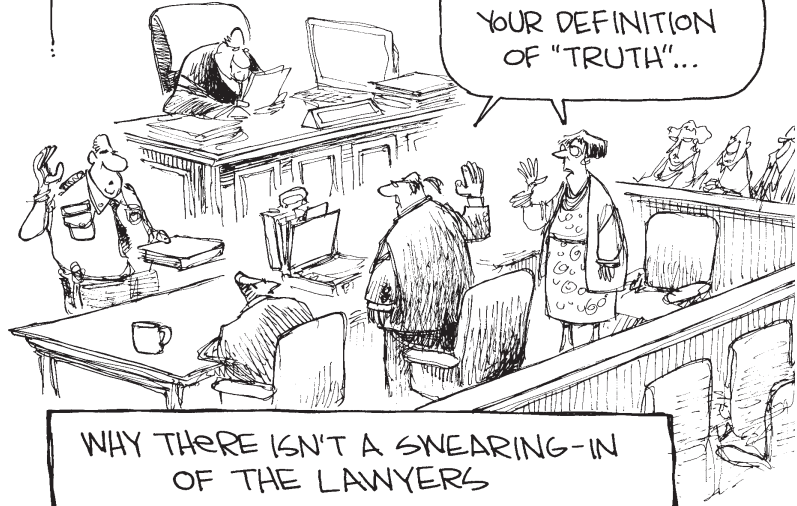
Bil and Jeff Keane

"Mommy, I think my basketball has taken its last dribble."

Non Sequitur

DO YOU SWEAR TO DEAL WITH THE TRUTH, THE WHOLE TRUTH, AND NOT TRY TO OBFUSCATE THE TRUTH IN ORDER TO WIN?

DEPENDS ON YOUR DEFINITION OF "TRUTH"...



WHY THERE ISN'T A SWEARING-IN OF THE LAWYERS



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Nest Heads

THIS ARTICLE SAYS JUGGLING MAY PROMOTE GROWTH IN THE NERVE FIBERS OF THE BRAIN! ISN'T THAT AMAZING?

IT HARDLY SEEMS WORTH IT.

HOW CAN YOU SAY THAT?

I'VE SEEN YOUR ATTEMPTS TO JUGGLE.



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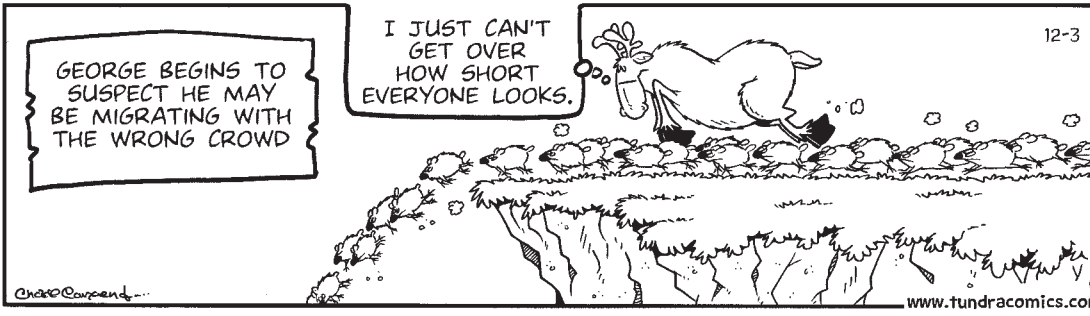
HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Dec. 4, 2014:
This year you often find that you are challenged by others; they don't hesitate to be bold and blunt. Fortunately, you won't personalize the less-friendly comments. You will be able to bottom-line problems. Recognize that you have a short fuse, and refuse to have a knee-jerk reaction when you're angry or going over a problem in your mind. If you are single, you might meet someone who intrigues you. Know that this relationship will be quite good. If you are attached, learn to respect your differences. **TAURUS** often is more even-tempered than you are.

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)
★★★★ Read between the lines if someone seems overly concerned about something. You could sense some awkwardness, so make a point of finding out what is going on with this person. A friend could become pushy and irritable. Tonight: Do some shopping on the way home.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Go after what you want with a greater sense of confidence. You also might want to indulge a family member, roommate or loved one. Make it OK to be spontaneous. Take some time to have an important chat with a loved one. Tonight: Share some munchies.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Others might be trying to make your life easier, even though you could have a difficult time realizing it. It seems as if complication after complication continues to be tossed in your path. You might want to be unavailable for a while. Tonight: Make a great escape.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Your sense of timing seems to be right-on. You might be somewhat careless with some facet of your life, as you could be too absorbed in what you are doing. Be careful with your funds, and try to stay within your budget. Tonight: Spend some time with a close friend.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You will want to rethink a decision that involves someone you don't want to upset. Make sure the tie between you is strong enough to handle any problems you foresee; otherwise, the other party might not be able to

control his or her temper. Tonight: Count on being out late.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Others will look to you to present a different point of view. You might need to help energize loved ones, as they could be dragging. You could have a lot to do, but you'll want to make this a priority. Tonight: Keep to a strict exercise plan.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You might have the urge to add a little spark to your day. You could discover that you seem to be triggered easily. Be careful, because what you dish out is likely to be returned. A loved one might be a little wild right now. Tonight: Pretend that it's the weekend already.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Use caution when dealing with people on the homefront. Be careful with how you handle any domestic or personal issue right now. Something you shrug off today could ignite an argument in the next few weeks. Tonight: Go along with a loved one's plans.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You'll convey your good intentions. Step back and take an overview of a private matter that's close to your heart. Someone might find your words offensive, when that was not your intention. This person could be having a bad hair day. Tonight: Hang out at a local haunt.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ You might have some insight into a situation that you won't want to share with others just yet. Your finances could be flashing a yellow light. Although you typically have a lot of self-discipline, you easily could go overboard if you aren't careful. Tonight: Think "weekend."
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Today Mars, the planet of energy, moves into your sign. As a result, you are likely to express more vitality and draw many people toward you. If you feel frustrated, your temper could explode. Release any tension before you become angry. Tonight: Head home first.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Others might want to lure you into their way of thinking. Listen to their opinions, but know that you don't have to give immediate feedback. A friend or loved one could seem a bit touchy. Do yourself a favor and wait to discuss this matter. Tonight: Catch up on a friend's news.

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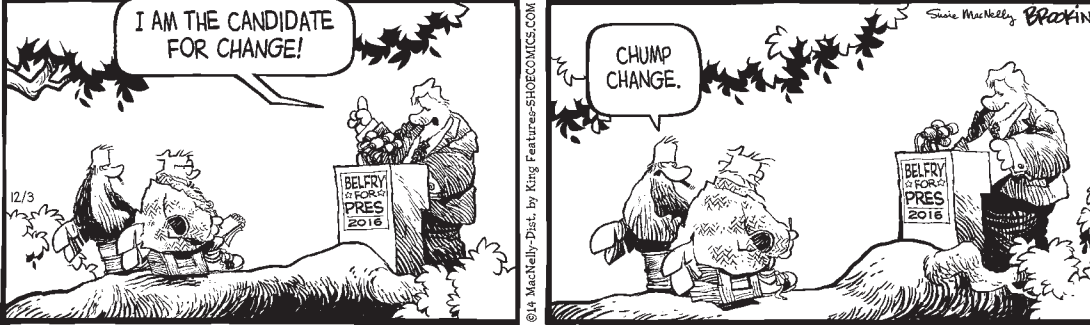
GEORGE BEGINS TO SUSPECT HE MAY BE MIGRATING WITH THE WRONG CROWD

I JUST CAN'T GET OVER HOW SHORT EVERYONE LOOKS.

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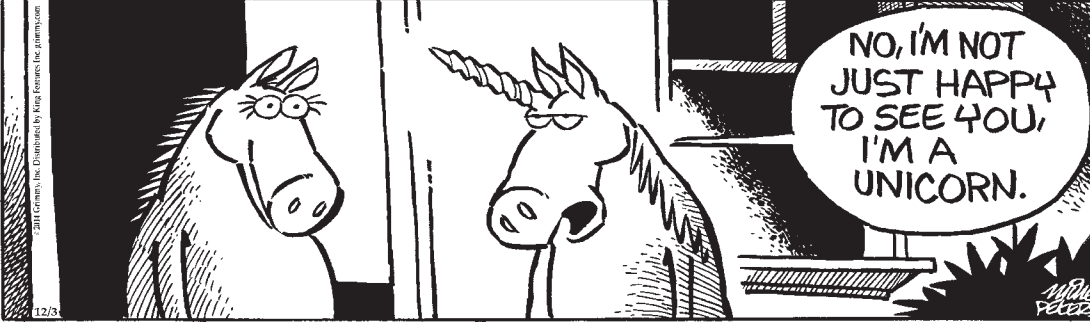
Shoe



I AM THE CANDIDATE FOR CHANGE!

CHUMP CHANGE.

Mother Goose and Grim



NO, I'M NOT JUST HAPPY TO SEE YOU, I'M A UNICORN.

Zits



WHAT'S WRONG WITH MY CLOTHES?

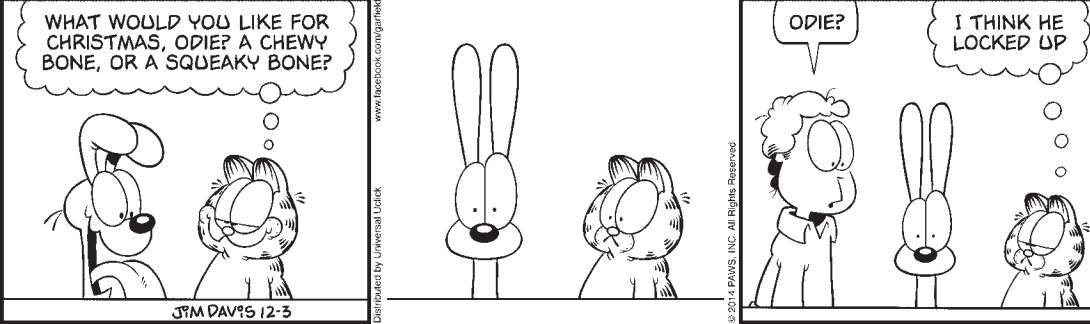
WELL...

...THEY ARE A LITTLE ROOMY BY TODAY'S STANDARDS.

"ROOMY"?

DUDE, YOU COULD FIT THREE HIPSTERS IN THOSE JEANS.

Garfield

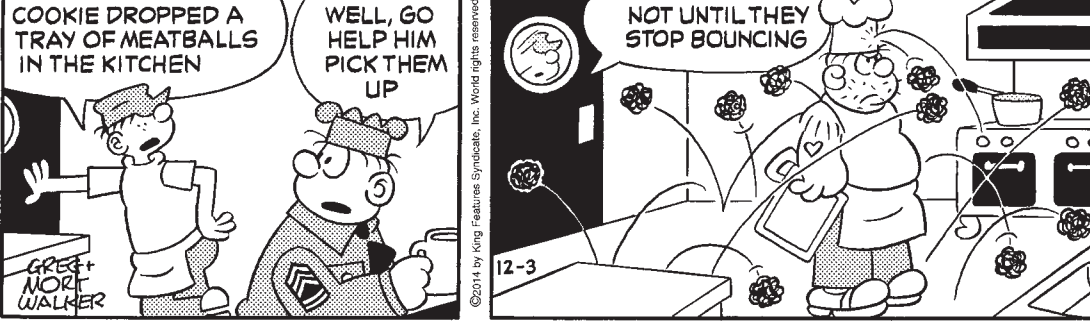


WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE FOR CHRISTMAS, ODIE? A CHEWY BONE, OR A SQUEAKY BONE?

ODIE?

I THINK HE LOCKED UP

Beetle Bailey



COOKIE DROPPED A TRAY OF MEATBALLS IN THE KITCHEN

WELL, GO HELP HIM PICK THEM UP

NOT UNTIL THEY STOP BOUNCING

Marvin



I DON'T KNOW WHY YOU'RE SO MAD AT ME

BECAUSE OF WHAT YOU SAID ABOUT ME YESTERDAY AT CYNDI'S HOUSE!

SO? I INSULT YOU ALL THE TIME

YEAH, BUT THIS TIME YOU DID IT IN FRONT OF MY FUTURE WIFE!

Hagar The Horrible



LET ME TELL YOU ABOUT MY NEAR-DEATH EXPERIENCE... BLAH BLAH, BLAH...

BLAH, BLAH, BLAH, BLAH, BLAH, BLAH, BLAH, BLAH, BLAH, BLAH, BLAH, BLAH, BLAH, BLAH, BLAH, BLAH.

HAVE YOU EVER HAD A NEAR-DEATH EXPERIENCE?

DOES NEARLY DYING OF BOREDOM COUNT?

Peanuts



REAL FIGURE SKATERS SMILE A LOT...

MAYBE JUST A PLEASANT GRIN WOULD BE BETTER..

Blondie



HONEY, I HAVE A CONFESSION TO MAKE... I ATE TWO HOT DOGS ON THE WAY HOME

REALLY...?!

I HOPE THEY DIDN'T RUIN YOUR APPETITE

OH, NO... NOT AT ALL

TO BE COMPLETELY HONEST, I ALMOST ALWAYS EAT A COUPLE OF HOT DOGS ON THE WAY HOME

Community Calendar

City Commission meetings

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

School board meetings

The Pampa Independent School District board meets at 5:45 p.m. on the fourth Monday of each month at the new administration building on North Hobart Street.

Immunization clinic three times a month

The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) hosts an immunization clinic in Pampa three times a month. The clinics are held from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and from 1 to 3 p.m. on the first three Wednesdays of each month. The first 10 people in line for the morning and first 10 in the afternoon will always receive shots. However, if there are more than 10, they still may be able to accommodate the patients, or ask them to come back at another time. The Department of State Health Services can be reached at 806-669-5323 and is located at 121 S. Gillespie St. in Pampa.

PAWS meets first Tuesdays

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

There is a desperate need for more members. PAWS members are needed to work at the shelter from 3 to 5:30 p.m. each day and

to work adoption days or take animals to the vets when needed, but mostly people are needed to love and work with the animals where they will be more adoptable.

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

County Commission meetings

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

TOT Republican Women's Club

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

Jam sessions every Friday night

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

Meredith House presents live music

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

806-665-5668.

Monday night dance club

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

PPQG Meets fourth Thursdays

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

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

First United Methodist Church

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

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

For more information call 806-669-7411.

Pampa Post VFW meetings

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

'A Day For You'

"A Day for You" Women's Conference will be held at Community Worship Center in Perryton on Saturday, Oct. 25th, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Featured speaker, Sheri Rose Shepherd, will empower us by her message.

Coffee and muffins will be served in the morning and lunch will be provided at noon. No childcare will be available. Registration is requested by calling CWC at 435-2506 ext 21 or online at

www.cwcperryton.org.

CASA of the High Plains

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

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

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

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Area Support Groups

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

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

■ **Victims of domestic violence and sexual assault**, meet at 6 p.m., Thursdays, at the Tralee Crisis Center, 308 S. Cuyler St. For more info, call the Center at 806-669-1131.

■ **Narcotics Anonymous — The Pampa Group**

meets at 7:30 p.m., Tuesdays, and at 6 p.m., Saturdays, at 805 N. Gray St. **Narcotics Anonymous — Rufe Jordan Unit** also meets at 6 p.m., Mondays, and at 5:30 p.m., Wednesdays, at 1992 Hilton Road.

■ **Cancer Support** meets from 12-1 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month at Central Baptist Church. For more info, contact Beth Kean at 800-274-4673

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

■ **Alcoholics Anonymous** Primary Purpose meets

daily at noon and 8 p.m. at 112 W. Foster Ave.

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

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

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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.

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New Life Assembly of God is located at 1435 N. Summer Street in Pampa. New pastor, Sergio Urrutia, said their mission is "New life Assembly of God is committed to fulfilling a

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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.

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house Saturday to provide a closer look at the 52,000-square-foot facility. Spokesman Barry Levy said Tuesday that the official terminal opening and first flight using it are Dec. 17.

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Reid Miller named player of the week

STAFF REPORT

Reid Miller, a Pampa High School graduate, was a sophomore quarterback at Northwestern Oklahoma State in Alva, Okla., this season.

Miller recently was featured in the Daily Oklahoman as the state college player of the week after NWOSU's 28-6 win over Southwestern Oklahoma State.

In that game, Miller went 20-30 for 245 yards and three touchdowns.

He helped lead the Rangers to their first win over SWOSU since 1995. Miller threw for 545



Reid Miller

yards and four touchdowns on the season.

Miller has been a two-year starter but got hurt in week one of this season and had to sit for four weeks while recovering.

After coming back, Miller split time and started the last two games.

NWOSU won both of those games.

The other game was NWOSU's 39-29 win over Southern Nazarene.

Miller was 11-13 for 87 yards passing but rushed 11 times for 114 yards.

The Pampa News would like to congratulate Miller for this honor and wish him the best of luck in his junior and senior seasons at NWOSU.

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| (No. 3) Oregon v. (No. 8) Arizona | Oregon | Oregon | Arizona | Arizona |
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| (No. 9) Kansas State at (No. 5) Baylor | Baylor | Kansas St. | Baylor | Baylor |
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NAVA NAMED TO ALL-ACADEMIC TEAM



Submitted photo

Elaine Nava was named to the Missouri Valley Swimming All-Academic team for 2013-14. Nava competed for the Spearman swim team as part of the Western Kansas Swim Club. She qualified for the District West Long Course Championships in Manhattan, Kan. She was able to maintain a 4.136 grade point average for the 2013-14 school year.

Pampa Junior High School girls basketball results

STAFF REPORT

Last night Pampa's junior high teams played at Borger.

The 8th Girls "B" team lost by three points.

This was an exciting game that went back and forth.

The top scorers were Emily Burks with seven points and Kiarra Terrell with six points.

The 8th girls "A" team won 31-21 in a fast and furious game. Pampa started and finished with the ball and maintained control the entire game.

The top scorers were Madison Davis with nine points and Audrey Hopkins with eight points.

Everyone did a great job passing the ball up the court to the open person.

The 7th grade "A" team beat Borger last night 40-9.

Top scorers were Maggie Hernandez with ten points, Ally Gutierrez with nine points and Kambry Smith with seven points.

The 7th grade "B" team fell short 30-7. Top scorers were Avery Sprinkle and Addison Smith.

Watch the Pros

College Basketball

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| Virginia Tech at Penn State..... | ESPNU 6:15 p.m. |
| Iowa at North Carolina..... | ESPN 6:30 p.m. |
| North Texas at Oklahoma State..... | FSSW 7 p.m. |
| Southern Ill. at Southern Ill. Edwardsville..... | FCSC 7 p.m. |
| Virginia at Maryland..... | ESPN2 8:15 p.m. |
| Georgia Tech at Northwestern..... | ESPNU 8:15 p.m. |
| Duke at Wisconsin..... | ESPN 8:30 p.m. |
| UTSA at Northern Arizona..... | FCSP 8:30 p.m. |
| Wichita State at Utah..... | ESPN2 10:15 p.m. |

Women's College Basketball

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| Seton Hall at Creighton..... | FS1 7 p.m. |
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NHL Hockey

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| St. Louis Blues at Chicago Blackhawks..... | OLN 7 p.m. |
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| Tottenham at Chelsea..... | NBCS 1:40 p.m. |
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| Horse Racing from Hong Kong..... | TVG 5 a.m. |
| International Racing..... | TVG 9 a.m. |

Game times and channels are subject to change after press time.

Lack of Big 12 Championship game could help TCU, Baylor

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — The final weekend in the Big 12 will illustrate both the risk and reward that come with the league's decision to do away with its title game.

The lack of a championship game might not always work out for the Big 12 in the playoff era.

This year, it could help push Baylor and TCU into the final four.

While the rest of the nation's top playoff contenders face title-game showdowns — or elimination games, depending on how they play — the Big 12 wraps up its regular season with three games that are part of its round-robin schedule with 10 teams.

No. 5 Baylor (10-1, 7-1 Big 12), which was 7th in last week's playoff standings, will get one more chance to boost its resume when it hosts No. 9 Kansas State (9-2, 7-1) on Saturday.

No. 4 TCU (10-1, 7-1) entertains woeful Iowa State (2-9, 0-8), while No. 18 Oklahoma (8-3, 5-3) and Oklahoma State (5-6, 3-5) tangle in Norman.

"I think the fact of the matter is there will be some years, like this one, where we feel just great about where we are. And there will be other years where we'll say 'Gee, we wish we had one more game to play because we might be able to differentiate ourselves,'" Big 12 Commissioner Bob Bowlsby said.

The Big 12 hasn't had a team compete in the national title game since Texas lost to Alabama following the 2009 season.

TCU and Baylor each appear to have shots at ending that streak — partly because they don't face the possibility of a rematch in a league title game.

The team ahead of the fifth-ranked Horned Frogs in last week's playoff rankings, Mississippi State, lost at Ole Miss and finished the regular season with two losses.

The team behind TCU, Ohio State, beat Michigan.

The Buckeyes also lost star quarterback J.T. Barrett for the year with an ankle injury.

But TCU is almost in

a no-win situation on Saturday by playing the struggling Cyclones instead of a fellow championship contender.

The Horned Frogs are expected to blow out Iowa State.

But if they struggle like they did against Kansas a few weeks back, the committee might have a reason to re-examine its resume.

That's why Iowa State coach Paul Rhoads is preparing to face a team looking for all the style points it can earn.

"They don't want to leave any doubt in any member of the selection committee that they deserve to be in the top four," Rhoads said. "We've seen all the tape. There's no question they belong in the final four."

But they'll be going out to leave no doubts in anybody's minds.

Baylor will benefit from the Mississippi State loss and the uncertainty with the Buckeyes quarterback situation as well.

The Bears also beat TCU head to head — and a win over K-State would arguably be as impressive as anything Alabama, Oregon and

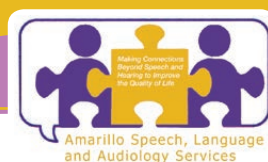
Florida State could pull off this weekend.

"It is what it is. I'm proud to be in the Big 12 conference," Baylor said Art Briles said of the league's lack of a title game. "I think we're doing it the right way."

Bowlsby said the league's round-robin schedule means that teams have to go through everyone in the league to win the championship — and he added that the NCAA doesn't allow 10-team leagues to play a title game anyway.

This year, that looks like a good thing for the league.

"We like playing everybody," Bowlsby said. "There may be years in the future where our teams carve each other up and our champion is going to have three losses in the league. At that point, it's going to be very difficult to access the playoff. So, I think we're always looking to gather as much information as we can and make decisions in light of modern circumstances. But there's going to be years when it's great, and there's going to be years when it isn't."



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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I was divorced three years ago and have had a boyfriend, "Roger," for a year and a half. He is seven years younger, and he's intrigued with women on the Internet.

He saves tons of photos of these girls on his cellphone. These ladies are "perfect." They have big breasts and curvaceous behinds, etc. I have had two kids. I'm not overweight and I exercise and keep myself in shape, but I have a "Mom body."

Roger has told me he loves my body and everything about me. But the feeling I get is that he wishes I looked like those girls.

I have asked Roger not to save these photos because it makes me insecure. If he's going to look, fine. But saving them is another thing. He promised me he wouldn't, but some of them are still there. So he not only makes me feel like a fatty, but he lies to me, too. He has more pictures of other girls than he does of me.

Now I no longer feel comfortable undressing in front of him. I leave

my clothes half-on and turn out the lights when we have sex. He has made me unable to stand myself. What do I do? — **CAN'T COMPARE IN CALIFORNIA**

DEAR CAN'T COMPARE: The first thing to do would be to stop looking at your boyfriend's cellphone. Then ask yourself whether he has been seeing other women or just collecting pictures. If it's the former, you have something to worry about. If it's the latter, it's no reflection on you, and he has voyeuristic tendencies (men are visual).

Stop making comparisons. He says he loves your body. Unless you have a solid reason to think differently, believe him.

You are overdue for a frank talk with Roger, and when you do, tell him everything you have written to me. Your problem may go deeper than his photo gallery and your lowered self-image. If you can't trust what he tells you, the foundation of your re-

lationship isn't solid.

DEAR ABBY: I'm carrying a heavy burden concerning my 14-year-old grandson. He told me in strictest confidence that he had sex with a 14-year-old girl. I have been his male support system, mentor, adviser, disciplinarian and friend for 12 years because his father is rarely in the picture.

He swore me to secrecy, which I want to respect, but I'm torn about telling my daughter. She has a right to

know that her son is sexually active and needs closer supervision. We discussed condoms (they used them), accidental pregnancy, possible criminal charges and responsibility, but I think he is more proud than alert to the possible consequences.

If I share this with my daughter, I break a long-held trust. When I urged him to tell his mother, he refused. What do I do? This is tearing me up. — **KANSAS GRANDPA**

DEAR GRANDPA: Without betraying the confidence, start talking to your daughter about how, at 14, her

son is fast becoming a man with all that it entails, including raging hormones. Then suggest she have some frank talks with the boy and keep a closer eye on him, unless she wants to become a grandma before he's out of high school.

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PAMPA MOOSE LODGE FIRST RESPONDER DINNER



The Pampa Moose Lodge had a First Responder Dinner Saturday, Nov. 22, attending were Pampa EMS, Pampa Fire Dept. Hoover, Hell Fighters and Pampa PD and family. Submitted photo

WOODS FAMILY TREE CUTTING



Photo by ReDonn Woods
Front, from left, Autumn Woods, Kennedy Woods and McKenzie Woods. Back, Keith Woods. The Woods family held their annual tree selecting at the Davis Tree Farm this past weekend.

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