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The Bailey Home: A cozy gathering place for the whole family

BY LINDSEY TOMASCHIK
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On the final stop of The Pampa News' pre-views of this year's Christmas Home Tour participants is 12041 Berry Lane in Keller Estates. This, of course, is the home of Nathan and Robin Bailey.

The Bailey's have called this address their home for one year now, and although there haven't been major renovations to the property, they did add a fence to the rear of the property to create a closed-in backyard. They have also done some painting, but since the house was just built in 2006, Nathan said that it hasn't needed any major changes or additions.

Robin added that the house has many convenience features, including a wrapping center, which comes in handy this time of the year, and a warming oven.

The Bailey's also said that another aspect of the house that has been an added bonus has been the geothermal heating and cooling system.

Nathan explained that this system includes a series of tubes that run about six feet under the house, and this part of the ground maintains a temperature between 50 and 60 degrees Fahrenheit year-round. That air is then pumped through the house and does not require much heating or cooling, so it is a much more efficient way to keep their home at a comfortable temperature.

Though the geothermal heating and cooling systems do not appear in many local houses, Nathan said they are growing in popularity, and a lot of homes in metropolitan areas have begun to use them.

"It definitely comes in handy with the higher ceilings," Nathan said.

The ceilings in the Bailey home are 10 feet tall throughout and higher in the living room and rotunda area, which serves as the front entryway of the home.

The Bailey's currently have a large Christmas tree in the rotunda, which has a 23-foot ceiling.



Photo by Lindsey Tomaschik
 The Bailey home is located at 12041 Berry Lane in Keller Estates.

Wounded warriors in town for annual hunt

BY JOHN LEE
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Last month, The Pampa News reported that the Wounded Warriors would be coming to the area for the Texas Panhandle Wounded Warriors Deer Hunt. The warriors arrived Thursday afternoon and were escorted by law enforcement and the fire department and met up at the Pampa Downtown VFW.

The Texas Panhandle Wounded Warriors Deer Hunt is in its third year and continues to grow. The event is put on by Serve Outdoors, Inc., whose mission is to: "help people with disabilities, disabled veterans, elderly, and youngsters enjoy outdoor recreation."

"It's the third year, annually, that we have done the event," Clay Wheeler, president of the Lone Star chapter of Serve Outdoors, Inc. We started in 2012 with the Veterans Day festivities and then we came last year (2013) during the mule deer season, and this is the third year during the mule deer season. It's the largest group we have had. We have 24 on the ground, up from 10 the first year and 14 last year. It's quite a bit bigger."

The veterans come from all over the state, including a couple from the Texas Panhandle. Wheeler said the experience is used as a therapeutic way for the veterans.

"What we found with this group of wars (Iraq and Afghanistan) more than others is the folks that are surviving the battlefield probably would have been KIA casualties in former wars. Medical technology is just so much better. One thing we're not doing a great job of is healing your head and healing your heart," Wheeler said.

"We can put the bodies back together, they've got robotics that do that really well. But, we're about a different kind of healing. We're about suicide prevention and PTSD support. Family support and re-integration support. It's also about, unfortunately, anti-depression. Being in the operational tempo of a wartime environment, it's very hard to adjust back [when returning home]. There are some reservists, so they not only had to come back from a war zone, they had to re-integrate back into a community who may not understand what they've

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Photo by John Lee
 Pictured, in no particular order, Shane Brandt, Kenn Hawkins, Bradley Willman, Drew McGinnis, Johnny Nquyen, James Gordon, Matt Hightower, Shawn Wilson, Jason Dameron, Doug Shreve, John Arp, Chris Jamarillo, Steven Herbel, Luke Cogburn, Mike Burns, Dave Roberts, Clay Wheeler, Gary Renick, Thomas Davenport, Cam Rojas and Brian Flack. These are the wounded warriors from across the state who came up to the annual Texas Panhandle Wounded Warriors Deer Hunt.

Pampa residents prepare for annual candy cane giveaway



Photo by Lindsey Tomaschik
 Pictured from left to right are Sage Dorn, Liam Killgo, Hope and Kaylee Hartwig, Patrick Stewart, Erin Peveler and Mercedes Hartwig. This year makes more than 20 years that Stewart has been handing out candy canes to spread holiday cheer.

BY LINDSEY TOMASCHIK
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One simple good deed can carry a lot of weight.

Patrick Stewart can attest for this statement. One day, more than 20 years ago, he received a red-nosed reindeer candy cane in a Christmas card, and has been giving that same gift to children this time of the year ever since.

"I thought they seemed easy to make, so I started making them and handing them out," Stewart said.

He started out handing the candy canes he decorated on his mail route, and it has only grown from there.

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PHS STUDENT COUNCIL DONATES \$4,000 TO AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

Photo by John Lee
 Robert Chancellor, student body chaplain at PHS, presented a final check to Chalenia Freeman, chairperson for the Gray County Relay for Life. The student council gave \$4,000 to the Gray County chapter for the American Cancer Society. Money was raised through donations from businesses in the community and a percentage from Pink Out T-Shirt sales.



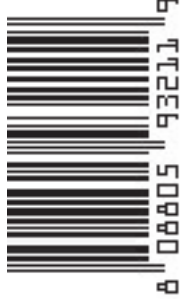
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Tonight: Cloudy with a low of 37. Chance of rain: 20 percent. Winds south-southeast at 5 to 10 mph. Sunset at 5:32 p.m.

Sunday: Partly Sunny with a high of 56. Chance of rain: 10 percent. Winds south-southwest at 10 to 20 mph. Sunrise at 7:41 a.m.

Sunday night: Mostly clear with a low of 32. Winds southwest at 5 to 10 mph. Sunset at 5:32 p.m.

Monday: Sunny with a high of 60. Winds east-northeast at 5 to 10 mph. Sunrise at 7:42 a.m.

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Candy

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Since he started the annual project, Stewart has handed out more than 20,000 reindeer candy canes and says that he has done as many as 2,500 in one year.

Though he usually starts The spread of holiday cheer does not stop within Pampa's city limits, either. Each year, Stewart travels to surrounding areas as well to hand out his treats. This year he plans to travel to Okemah, Okla., among other places to give children candy canes.

When it comes to in-town delivery of the treats, Stewart said that they are given out at the annual Christmas parade, local daycares, the Good Samaritan's after school program, the Woody Guthrie Center and other kids around town.

Stewart's project has also grown to include the help of local students, too. Erin Peveler approached him about helping out putting the candy canes together a number of years ago, and now for the past five or six years, three other local students, Kaylee, Hope

and Mercedes Hartwig also lend a hand.

This year in particular, his four helpers have been exceedingly supportive because Stewart got a later start than usual. He normally starts preparations for the project around the first of November, but this year was unable to start until the middle of the month. With the help of the girls, Stewart is back on schedule despite his late start.

Stewart said that the first year Peveler helped him out with the project, she handed out candy canes with a smile that never left her face and wished every recipient a Merry Christmas.

Since then, she has been helping him out every year.

He also said that some areas do similar projects this time of year. He added that he knows that on Candy Cane Lane in St. Louis, candy canes are handed out and money is raised for charity.

Stewart's project is not to raise funds, but simply to spread the holiday cheer and keeping in mind that good deeds outweigh the bad.

"Giving and helping is what Christmas is all about," Stewart said.

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and it is a new addition to their Christmas decorations this year.

"We needed a bigger tree for the rotunda," Robin said.

She enjoys the tree because it has a lot of traditional ornaments, some of which are from when she and Nathan were first married. This year she has also incorporated some sort of Christmas decoration in every room of the house.

The Baileys enjoy the open floor plan of the house.

"You can pretty much see from one side of the house to the other," Nathan said.

Another interesting aspect of the Bailey residence is in the home theater room. When the house was being built by its previous owners, Kathy and Rick Bradley, it was around the same time that The Little Chef was being torn down. This was a restaurant that Rick frequented, so he called to see if there was any way he could get part of the bar in his home, and he was able to do this. Nathan said that in the future, he would like to add some home theater seating to the sports-themed room, which Robin refers to as his man cave.

When it comes to their favorite aspects of their home, Nathan said it is the general location.

He said he loves how much more space they have now and the peaceful environment of the neighborhood.

He also enjoys the pond, which is nine feet at its deepest point.

Robin said that her favorite part of the house is the kitchen, which adds to the comfortable, family feel she loves about her home.

"It's functional, and I can get a lot of people in there," she said.

When asked what made them want to be a part of this year's Christmas Home Tour, Robin said they received a phone call asking them to be a part of it and thought it was for a good cause.


The Bailey home is one of three stops on the 19th annual Twentieth Century Cotillion Study Club's Christmas Home Tour, which will be from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7. Tickets are \$10 and proceeds go to The Opportunity Plan, Inc.

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Obituaries

Burma Jean Terry

Burma Jean Terry, 75, of Shamrock passed away on Nov. 22, 2014.

"Jean" is survived by her husband, Eddie Terry, of Shamrock; her eldest daughter, Debbie Terry, of Pampa; her youngest daughter, Katrina Terry, of Shamrock; and her only grandchild, Candi Terry of Seattle, Wash. Jean, Eddie and family live in Pampa for 40 years before moving to Shamrock. Jean was a most wonderful homemaker, wife and mother.

Her love of giving and her mastery of baking made for many gifts of good to her friends and family over the years.

Nothing made her happier than to do for others and she will be sorely missed by many. Per Jeans' request there will be no services.

Ramona Jo Douglass

Douglass, Ramona Jo, née Cheely, 86, died Nov. 15, 2014 in Oklahoma City at Mercy Hospital, with no pain or suffering, less than 24 hours after her admission. Ramona was born Dec. 17, 1927 in Sentinel, Okla. Fourteen years younger than her older siblings, four sisters and a brother, all of whom predeceased her, Ramona was called "Sis," by the family.



Ramona Jo Douglass

When she was four, "Sis" heard the song "Ramona" by Gene Austin, and announced to her family that she was forever after to be called "Ramona." Now aware of her powers of persuasion, there was no stopping her thereafter. As a teenager, she marched into the Sentinel Office of Birth Records

and convinced the officials to erase the original birth name from her certificate and "Ramona Jo Cheely" was entered in its place. She graduated from Pampa High School in 1945.

In 1946, she married Warren E. King of Pampa, and Ramona's only child, Pamela Faye Duran-Francois, née King, was born the following year. After six years of marriage, Ramona and Warren King divorced, and in 1957, Ramona married Jacquelin C. Smith, also of Pampa.

The couple, along with Pamela, who characterized Jack Smith as "the finest step-father a girl could ever have," traveled extensively.

During one of her visits to Santa Fe, Ramona picked up a copy of "Let's Speak Spanish" and upon returning to Pampa enrolled in a Spanish language course at the local college. Wanting to test her language skills first-hand, Ramona, Jack and Pamela took their first trip to Mexico in 1959. The trip proved to be a life-changing event for all three, instilling a life-long love and involvement with the country, people and culture of Mexico.

Beginning in 1961, and continuing through 1966, Ra-

mona and Pamela spent summers in Saltillo, Mexico studying Spanish and immersing in the culture. It was during that first summer that Ramona and Pamela met Charlotte Gravley; Pamela was 14, Charlotte, 24, and Ramona, 34. The three became fluent in Spanish during those summers in Saltillo, and have remained close friends ever since.

A child of the Great Depression, and a life-long Democrat, Ramona never forgot her roots and maintained compassion for the poor and underprivileged for the remainder of her life. She was a former Chairwoman of the Democratic Party in Gray County, and ignoring threats to her safety and well being, campaigned vigorously for John F. Kennedy. She assisted with voter registration, payment of the then existing "poll taxes," clearly designed to discourage voter participation, and also arranged for the free transportation of voters on Election Day. It was during this campaign that both Ramona and Pamela had the privilege of personally meeting JFK, and Ramona was invited to attend the Inaugural Ball in Washington, D.C. Unfortunately, a severe snowstorm prohibited her ability to attend; but Ramona was not discouraged, she was sure that she would be present when JFK was re-elected in 1964.

In 1965, when Pamela informed Ramona that the one Jewish girl in her social club could not participate in the club's presentation at the Pampa Country Club because of religious restrictions, Ramona and Jack immediately canceled their country club membership and the presentation thereafter took place at the new Coronado Hotel.

After she and Jack Smith divorced in 1966, Ramona moved to Amarillo, where she was employed at Pantex. It was in Amarillo that she met, and later married in 1976, "the love of her life," William B. Douglass, and the couple moved to Oklahoma City where "Bill" became one of the founding partners of Douglass, Dietz and Daly, an oil and gas exploration company.

Ramona introduced Bill to Mexico and the couple traveled extensively in that country, as well as in Europe, eventually buying a home together in the beautiful village of Ajijic, in the State of Jalisco near Guadalajara. They learned to scuba dive together in Cozumel, and it was Ramona's wish that she be cremated and her ashes scattered in the sea at Palancar Reef. Her wish will be fulfilled next month at a life celebration organized by her daughter, Pamela, with a few very close friends, Ramona's only grandchild, Sarah Francois, and Bill Douglass and his wife.

Ramona remained active, literally, until the final week of her life. She continued to live on her own, drive her car, watch her telenovelas on Spanish channels, and became an ardent OKC Thunder fan, never missing a televised game. Russell Westbrook was her personal favorite.

She died peacefully at Mercy Hospital less than one day after her admission for a previously undiagnosed acute leukemia. She died in the presence of her daughter, Pamela, and Pamela's partner of 23 years, Judge Robert Brown, and Pamela's god-daughter, Veronica Galaviz. Before she died, Pamela was able to tell her mother "Everything good about me came from you, Mama."

Ramona instilled in Pamela a great sense of social justice. After several years of teaching Spanish and French in various Texas public schools, Pamela graduated from Texas Tech University School of Law, and maintained a successful law practice in Oklahoma City, providing legal services to mainly poor, underprivileged and immigrant clients.

Ramona is survived by her daughter, Pamela Duran-Francois, of Oklahoma City, Chatillon, France and Ajijic, Mexico, and her beloved granddaughter, Sarah Francois, of London, UK, a student at the University of Westminster, as well as many nieces and nephews. At the time of her death Ramona was counting the days until Sarah arrived from London to spend Christmas with her.

Lucina Tovar Silva

Lucina Tovar Silva, 77, of Pampa, died Dec. 4, 2014.

Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, 2014 at Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel, and mass will be celebrated at 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 8, 2014, at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church with Rev. Francisco Perez, priest, officiating. Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery, under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Silva was born in El Aguaje, Cardenas, San Luis Potosi, Mexico. She came to Pampa in 1978, living here ever since. She worked in the food service industry and was self-employed for many years. She was very active at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church. In her free time she enjoyed working in her garden. She will be greatly missed by family and friends.

Lucina was a hard working woman who provided and cared for all her children. She set great examples for her family that included sacrifice, hard work and unconditional love. Lucina was a selfless woman who always put family and others before herself. May the work she has done speak for her.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Rosalio Tovar and Austreberta Moreno; three brothers, Rafael Tovar, Evaristo Tovar and Manuel Tovar, and a sister, Lupita Tovar.

Survivors include her husband, Victor Manuel Silva of Mexico; five daughters, Rosalva Silva and husband Pascacio of Houston, Consuelo Jones and husband Jeffery of Amarillo, Olga Silva of Dallas, Martha Zavala and husband Antonio of Pampa and Patricia Griffin and husband Patrick of Amarillo; two sons, David Silva and wife Elda of Houston and Jesse Silva and wife Nikki of Amarillo; 23 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren and one-on-the-way and many nieces and nephews.

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



Lucina Tovar Silva

FOGGY MORNING FRIDAY LEADS TO SEMI-TRAILER OVERTURNING



Photo by Lindsey Tomaschik

Traffic on U.S. Highway 60 on the "Y" east of Pampa heading towards Canadian. Emergency crews responded around 9:30 a.m. Friday morning. At the time of press, injuries and other details of the wreck are unknown.

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Bouncin' Around Reflecting on sounds and smells

I'm always surprised at how a sound, a smell, or a sight can take me back to another place and time. Smelling coffee first thing in the morning takes me back to my childhood when Mom would get up early and have the coffee perking on the stove. She would often give me a cup of "coffee milk" which was mostly warm milk with a little coffee in it; but I felt quite grown up as we drank our coffee together. In my first year of college, a cup of coffee in the school commons before my first class was something to which I looked forward during my hour-long bus ride.

As a child, when I would spend school vacations or weekends at my Uncle Bill and Aunt Lizzy's house, there was a lot of building going on in their neighborhood. I'd wake up in the morning, and through the open window I could hear hammering and sawing, and for some reason it was a happy sound to me as I imagined a new house being built. I still love that sound along with the smell of fresh sawdust.

Just seeing a picture of the ocean or the beach near our home in southern California sends me off on a

mental vacation. I spent a lot of time at the beach, and the smell of salt water mixed with kelp and suntan lotion; the sound of the waves crashing on the beach; a Beach Boys song—I can almost smell and hear them all.

The other day as I was taking my usual walk, I heard a sound I haven't heard in years: It was the sound of a glass wind chime. I'm not sure they even make them anymore, but my grandmother always had one which she bought at the dime store for about 25 cents, and the sound of the rectangular glass pieces tinkling together always made me smile. I'm still smiling.

My husband remembers the smells of his mother's Christmas cookies. Mom would start baking the day after Thanksgiving and bake nearly every day until Christmas Eve. Dozens of cans and boxes of cookies lined the stairway to the attic and were stacked in the coat closet. If he were lucky, there might be a few cookies waiting for him to sample when he came home from school. Ron and I still bake some of the many varieties of cookies his mom used to make, and I'm certain that there is a little boy version of my husband standing in the kitchen with me.

Another taste that takes Ron back to his youth is that of the Danish aebleskiver that his Grandmother used to make. He remembers the

little square kitchen and pantry in Grandma Keller's house, and the contests that he and his cousin used to have to see who could eat the most of these little round pancake balls. I now fix them at Christmas, and the contest now includes our four grandchildren. Papa can still eat his share.

On the Fourth of July we—Ron, myself, and our daughter—always think of Aunt Rose. We would go to her apartment for July 4 dinners and to watch fireworks from her ninth floor balcony. Aunt Rose always fixed hot German potato salad, big thick hamburgers, and butterscotch pie. To this day, the sound of fireworks can make my mouth water thinking of "The Aunt's" cooking, and also of the times I used to watch fireworks in the park near our house in California.

Ron and I have a tradition of watching "New Year's in Vienna" on PBS on New Year's Day. The Vienna Philharmonic plays mostly Strauss music in this concert, but it is the final piece of the evening that makes us happiest—"The Radetzky March." We heard it the first time on New Year's right after the Berlin Wall came down, and watched as the audience clapped along with the music with great vigor. The most

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Whom do you believe?

Last year, President Barack Obama made his position perfectly clear: Chuck Hagel "is an American patriot. ... To this day, Chuck bears the scars — and the shrapnel — from battles he fought in our name.

... As I saw during our visits together to Afghanistan and Iraq, in Chuck Hagel, our troops see a decorated combat veteran of character and strength. They see one of their own." The president said of the man he nominated to become the nation's first secretary of defense who, as an enlisted man, fought and was seriously wounded in combat: "Maybe most importantly, Chuck knows that war is not an abstraction. He understands that sending young Americans to fight and bleed in the dirt and mud, that's something we only do when it's absolutely necessary."

This year, after Hagel's less-than-voluntary resignation was announced in a joyless, awkward, hastily scheduled White House event, Obama called his "great friend" an "exemplary defense secretary" who, when it "mattered most — behind closed doors in the Oval Office" — always gave it to him straight. "And for that, I will always be grateful," Obama said.

What immediately followed, even before the administration went looking for its fourth defense secretary in six years, was the flood of leaks from White House and administration sources correcting the president, their boss. Hagel, these anonymous snipers testified, was "not up to the job," or he "just wasn't the man for the job," or he just "wasn't proactive (whatever that means) enough." That these leakers, self-styled Obama loyalists, make the president look disingenuous, even dissembling, by their contradicting what he said does not seem to bother them in the least.

What seems to be true is that, like his Pentagon predecessors Robert Gates and Leon Panetta,

Hagel clashed with the power-clutching Obama White House staff, which, even the president's admirers concede, is a tight, insular team of essentially uncritical loyalists. Gates has gone public on the matter, saying the micromanagement drove him crazy. And Panetta adds that "because of that centralization of authority at the White House, there are too few voices that are being heard."

Beyond the shabby treatment of Hagel, why anyone who does not already have a close, personal friendship with the president would want to be a Cabinet officer is almost beyond my understanding. One Obama Cabinet officer, who knows the president well, laughed as he complained privately to me about how a minor non-policy announcement from his office was "corrected" three times by some power-mad 24-year-old at the White House.

At some point, if you are commander in chief and you find yourself seeking a fourth defense secretary in six years, you ought to ask why the three previous exceptional individuals have had identical problems in dealing with your White House staff.

Just one anecdote. Facing the draft in 1967, Hagel joined the Army and got orders for Germany. He asked instead to be sent to Vietnam. The Army, suspicious of the young soldier's mental health, reacted by having Hagel examined over two days by psychiatrists, counselors and chaplains. Hagel passed and got new orders that took him to the Mekong Delta, where he earned two Purple Hearts.

Chuck Hagel is a public servant. He was, I'm sure, an imperfect Cabinet secretary. But his ambition-driven critics, whose most serious wound probably was a painful paper cut sustained in the 2008 Iowa caucuses and who hide behind anonymous leaks, don't deserve to polish his combat boots.

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The high cost of Obama's executive amnesty

Barack Obama has announced the particulars of his executive amnesty for an estimated five million of the many more foreigners who broke our laws to get into the United States. This amnesty will, of course, become a magnet for more illegals to work the same racket, hoping for the same reward.

Obama's action makes us wonder if he really wants to terminate the rule of law and replace it with rule by executive fiat. His executive action gives the lawbreakers exactly what they sought when they violated our laws.

Thanks to a New York Times expose, we know that details of this grab for extremist executive power were developed in tightest secrecy by a small group headed by Jeh C. Johnson, Secretary of Homeland Security.

Our burdened middle class, already losing jobs to cheap labor waiting "in the shadows," will now be faced with competition from poorer, hungrier newcomers. Their children will be crowded into our public schools carrying diseases not before known in the U.S. such as EV-D68, a polio-like virus.

We should build the border fence that was

voted for by Congress years ago and signed into law by President George W. Bush in front of TV cameras. The fence should be designed not only to keep out illegals, but for the humanitarian purpose of keeping those travelers away from long stretches of desert that are death traps because of bandits and lack of water.

Obama's executive amnesty will not only save the illegals from deportation, but will make them full participants in our taxpayer-subsidized Social Security and Medicare systems. White House spokesman Shawn Turner confirmed that "if they pay in, they can draw."

Robert Shapiro, who had been a Clinton adviser, admitted that the recipients of Obama's amnesty will draw more money out of the system than they contribute, like other Social Security recipients who work low-paying jobs. Heritage Foundation poverty expert Robert Rector predicts that Obama's executive amnesty for \$4 million will cost U.S. taxpayers \$2 trillion, i.e., total benefits minus what the illegals pay based on expected earnings of an individual with the typical illegal's level of education.

The minute Obama's executive amnesty goes into effect, tens of thousands of American workers will be in jeopardy of losing their jobs. Obama's executive amnesty gives employers a

significant financial incentive to lay off Americans and hire an illegal whom Obama has just made a legal resident.

Here's the way this scheme works. Current law states that all employers of 50 or more employees must provide Obamacare health coverage for their employees or pay a fine of \$3,000 a year per employee.

But employers are forbidden to provide Obamacare coverage for the new illegals just admitted by Obama. That gives employers a \$3,000-per-employee incentive to hire illegal aliens rather than native-born workers.

As Dick Morris said, "It will be a great line to feature on your resume: you came here illegally but are not eligible for Obamacare." That should put illegals at the head of the line of job applicants.

As Rep. Lamar Smith (R-TX) commented, Obama's amnesty gives employers a \$3,000-per-employee incentive to hire illegals. He "just moved those who came here illegally to the front of the line, ahead of unemployed and underemployed Americans."

middle-class jobs against this \$3,000-per-employee incentive for businesses to hire illegal aliens rather than native-born workers.

The Congressional Research Service advises us that Congress has the power to defund President Obama's executive amnesty. A report by the nonpartisan Congressional Research Service, Congress's research arm, states: "In light of Congress's constitutional power over the purse, the Supreme Court has recognized that 'Congress may always circumscribe agency discretion to allocate resources by putting restrictions in the operative statutes.'"

According to the Census Bureau, out of 8 million new jobs created since 2008, 6 million have gone to people who are not native-born American citizens. They won't immediately cash in on all federal welfare handouts, but you can bet they will eventually get them.

Any "path to citizenship" is an open invitation to another amnesty. There is no such thing as a one-time amnesty, as was proved by Ronald Reagan's amnesty.

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Bird's fate shaping energy development in US West

SARATOGA, Wyo. (AP) — Efforts to conserve a struggling species of grouse that ranges across the Western U.S. are having far-reaching effects on the region's energy industry as the Obama administration decides whether the bird needs more protections. Sales of leases on 8.1 million acres of federal oil and gas parcels — an area larger than Massachusetts and Rhode Island combined — are on hold because of worries that drilling could harm greater sage grouse, according to government data obtained by The Associated Press.

The U.S. Bureau of Land Management's delay on the parcels underscores just how much is at stake for an industry that finds its future inextricably intertwined with a bird once known primarily for its elaborate mating display.

The grouse's huge range, covering portions of 11 states and an area more than four times as big as New England, includes vast oil, gas and coal reserves and the best type of windy, open country for developing wind power.

"We're not real happy about it. It's not even an endangered species," said Rick Bailey, who runs an oil and gas lease brokerage, Nevada Leasing Services. He said he's had hundreds of thousands of acres of potential leases put on hold.

Those parcels are among 5 million acres the BLM has deferred in Nevada. Since 2008, millions more acres have been put on hold across Utah, Colorado, Wyoming, Montana and the Dakotas, accord-

ing to data compiled by the AP from BLM records and agency offices including in the West and Plains.

By comparison, about 26.6 million federal acres were under active oil and gas leases at the end of fiscal year 2013 in the seven states with deferrals. That figure is down more than 20 percent since 2008.

While some in the industry are concerned that the BLM's deferrals are going to dampen or curtail energy development, other developers are launching their own efforts to preserve sage grouse. Whether that's enough to avoid protections remains to be seen.

Sage grouse receive frequent comparisons to the Northern spotted owl, another imperiled bird that stirred a fight over logging in the Pacific Northwest. The sage grouse is more a hapless wild chicken, ducking futilely behind fence-posts as political and economic forces bear down upon its sagebrush range.

Croplands, home development, wildfires and oil and gas drilling consumed more than half that expansive habitat over the past century. Grouse numbers are down at least 30 percent to no more than 500,000 since 1985.

In 2010, federal biologists said protections were warranted, but didn't impose them citing other priorities and a shortage of funds.

The September 2015 deadline to either offer protections or decide they're no longer needed resulted from settlements of lawsuits brought by environmentalists. Whether

the sales of leases on the deferred parcels will proceed and drilling will occur could hinge on that decision.

Already the administration's timeline to craft conservation plans for the bird is slipping. Federal officials want the 11 sage-grouse states and multiple federal agencies to agree to long-term steps to protect the birds. The effort includes overhauling 99 federal land-use plans.

"It is a Rubik's Cube of conservation," said Deputy Assistant Interior Secretary Jim Lyons, referring to the vexing 3-D puzzle popular in the 1980s.

Just one of the 99 plans is complete, in a BLM field office in Wyoming, home to almost 40 percent of the birds. The BLM office for Montana and the Dakotas said it's unlikely to meet the end-of-year target to complete some key environmental studies.

Wildlife and energy development advocates expressed doubt whether the Interior Department can meet its timeline. But Kathleen Sgamma with the oil and gas advocacy group Western Energy Alliance suggested it's becoming a moot point for some in the energy industry.

"You've got an industry that just wants to put its head down and get oil. The BLM is putting in place very onerous restrictions that will be with us whether or not there's (an endangered species) listing," Sgamma said.

Federal officials contend there's plenty of drilling opportunities beyond the deferred parcels. "The

BLM has approved 6,000 (permits to drill) that are ready for industry to act on," said BLM assistant director Celia Boddington.

Complicating the conservation effort is that nobody knows the approximate number of greater sage grouse. Estimates range from 100,000 to 500,000. One reason they are difficult to count is they're spread across an immense, sparsely populated territory. Also, sage grouse rarely live longer than a year or two.

A tough winter, drought, wildfires or disease can knock a local sage grouse population on its tail feathers. Or abundant rain and snow can green up sagebrush, offering fresh forbs to females as they rear their chicks amid the fragrant shrubs.

At the largest proposed wind power project in the U.S. in Saratoga, Wyoming, developers are drawing from four years of sage grouse research to decide where to put service roads and turbines.

Consultants for the 1,000-turbine Chokecherry-Sierra Madre wind farm have been using transmitters to track hundreds of sage grouse. They want to figure out the birds' patterns, including where they gather for mating rituals that could be disrupted if construction comes too close.

"Knowing what those are for the population is hugely important for us to try to minimize those impacts," said Jon Kehmeier, an ecologist contracted for the research by the Power Company of Wyoming.

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memorable time hearing that music, however, was hearing it played in the courtyard of Amalienborg Palace in Copenhagen, Denmark. I got so excited, clapping and bouncing up and down, that Ron had to practically hold me

down. Now whenever I hear the Radetzky either in the car or on my iPod, I am transported back to Copenhagen.

Take some time for yourselves to reflect on the sights, sounds, smells and flavors that bring back happy memories to you.

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For the record

Pampa man arrested for capias pro fine charges

• Ulysses Javier Chavez Campos, 17, Pampa, was arrested Thursday by the Constable for three capias pro fine charges of failing to attend school or court.

• Terry Lynn Botello, 17, Pampa, was arrested Thursday by the Gray County Sheriff's Office on a possession of marijuana charge for less than two ounces.

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IRVING — Drivers enjoyed the lowest retail gas price averages for Thanksgiving since 2009, and pump prices are poised to continue to drop this holiday season. The statewide average price for a gallon of regular unleaded fuel in Texas is now \$2.50, according to the AAA Texas Weekend Gas Watch. That price is seven cents less than one week ago and 62 cents less than one year ago. Of the major metropolitan areas surveyed in the Lone Star State, drivers in Beaumont, Corpus Christi and Houston are paying the most at \$2.52 per gallon while drivers in Amarillo are paying the least at \$2.38 per gallon. Texans are paying 23 cents less per gallon than the national average of \$2.73.

The national average has been below the \$3.00 mark for more than a month and 43 states are now registering averages below \$3.00 per gallon. This number is expected to increase in the coming days and it's likely that New York and Connecticut will be the only states in the lower 48 above this threshold by the end of next week. Texas has among the top ten least expensive statewide gas price averages in the country.

Sharply lower global oil prices have been the driving factor for lower retail gas prices. Prices dropped even lower last week when, despite the falling price of global oil, the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) elected to maintain its collective production ceiling. This leaves the balance between supply and demand to decide the global price of oil, and with supply outpacing demand the price for crude is expected to remain relatively low.

"Travelers who drive to their destinations this holiday season will save at the

pumps and have more money to spend on gifts, food and recreational activities," said AAA Texas/New Mexico Representative Doug Shupe. "Also, it's not too late to save money on holiday trips this season. You can learn about great holiday vacation deals still available by visiting your nearest AAA Texas branch office and speaking with our experienced travel agents for free."

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The December 7, 1941, Japanese raid on Pearl Harbor was one of the great defining moments in history. A single carefully-planned and well-executed stroke removed the United States Navy's battleship force as a possible threat to the Japanese Empire's southward expansion. America, unprepared and now considerably weakened, was abruptly brought into the Second World War as a full combatant.

Eighteen months earlier, President Franklin D. Roosevelt had transferred the United States Fleet to Pearl Harbor as a presumed deterrent to Japanese aggression. The Japanese military, deeply engaged in the seemingly endless war it had started against China in mid-1937, badly needed oil and other raw materials. Commercial access to these was gradually curtailed as the conquests continued. In July 1941 the Western powers effectively halted trade with Japan. From then on, as the desperate Japanese schemed to seize the oil and mineral-rich East Indies and Southeast Asia, a Pacific war was virtually inevitable.

By late November 1941, with peace negotiations clearly approaching an end, informed U.S. officials (and they were well-informed, they believed, through an ability to read Japan's diplomatic codes) fully expected a Japanese attack into the Indies, Malaya and probably the Philippines. Completely unanticipated was the prospect that Japan would attack east, as well.

The U.S. Fleet's Pearl Harbor base was reachable by an aircraft carrier force, and the Japanese Navy secretly sent one across the Pacific with greater aerial striking power than had ever been seen on the World's oceans. Its planes hit just before 8 am on December 7. Within a short time five of eight battleships at Pearl Harbor were sunk or sinking, with the rest damaged. Several other ships and most Hawaii-based combat planes were also knocked out and over 2400 Americans were dead. Soon after, Japanese planes eliminated much of the American air force in the Philippines, and a Japanese Army was ashore in Malaya.

These great Japanese successes, achieved without prior diplomatic formalities, shocked and enraged the previously divided American people into a level of purposeful unity hardly seen before or since. For the next five months, until the Battle of the Coral Sea in early May, Japan's far-reaching offensives proceeded untroubled by fruitful opposition. American and Allied morale suffered accordingly. Under normal political circumstances, an accommodation might have been considered.

However, the memory of the "sneak attack" on Pearl Harbor fueled a determination to fight on. Once the Battle of Midway in early June 1942 had eliminated much of Japan's striking power, that same memory stoked a relentless war to reverse her conquests and remove her, and her German and Italian allies, as future threats to World peace.



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Funding for Texas public schools can't stay frozen in time

By **CHRISTY ROME**

Executive director Texas School Coalition

Several days before the 84th Session of the Texas Legislature convenes on January 13, newly elected Comptroller Glenn Hegar will release his first official revenue estimate—the document that will guide legislators as they proceed to write a 2015-2016 budget for state government.

Based upon the revenue updates that have been issued in recent months by outgoing Comptroller Susan Combs, it's clear the Legislature will have an enviable bank account, as it goes about its budget-writing responsibilities.

Because of a robust Texas economy, and greater sales tax collections, the Legislature will probably have at least a \$4 billion cash balance when it closes out the current budget. And because of greater tax revenue from renewed oil and gas production in the state, the Texas Economic Stabilization Fund—often referred to as the Rainy Day Fund—may top-out with another \$8 billion.

While the Texas economy is growing in a very healthy fashion that will sustain our state financially for years to come, the manner by which we fund our public schools is frozen in time.

This is why the Texas Supreme Court will chart the next course for the on-going lawsuit that more than 600 local districts have filed against the current method of funding public schools.

Travis County District Court Judge John Dietz has ruled that the State has failed to make suitable provision for Texas students, and that by shifting a greater burden for funding to local districts, our school finance system has evolved—once again—into an unconstitutional statewide property tax.

With the epic case pending with the state's highest court, it is unlikely the Legislature will address a comprehensive over-

haul of public school finance in 2015.

Which is not to say that the 2015 Legislature cannot take steps—significant steps—to correct the purely arbitrary calculus that determines the extent to which local schools are funded, and what the source of that revenue is.

Because they are frozen in time, the current school funding formulas simply do not come close to addressing the state's growing and more-economically diverse student enrollment. As a result, the rest of the world is moving on without us, and students in Texas—our future leaders—will fall behind.

Many basic elements of our current funding system are tied to the 2005-2006 school year, which is the last time that the state adopted any major changes to school finance. Decisions made by school boards and local communities 10 years ago still haunt some districts today, as they face financial penalties that they can't escape.

The Cost of Education Index that is meant to address regional cost differences among school districts was last calculated in 1991. On average, Texas' public school enrollment is increasing by more than 80,000 new students every year, and the demographics in many regions in the state have changed significantly in the quarter-century since this outdated Index was last adopted.

Ironically, the boom in the Texas oil patch is also creating problems for many districts.

The current Transportation Allotment, which has not been updated since it was added to state law in 1984, is another school funding formula that remains frozen in time. Because of low pay, many districts are now losing bus drivers who are going to work driving oil field equipment at much higher pay, not to mention how much the cost of fuel, buses, and maintenance has increased over the past 30 years.

To put things in perspective, the price of a regular gallon of gas was \$1.21 in 1984. Compare that to what you pay at the pump today.

Texas voters have shown time-and-time again that they are willing to dip into their wallets to build new schools, preserve and modernize existing facilities, improve school safety, and bring new technology into classrooms.

In fact, in the November 4 elections, voters in 45 districts authorized spending more than \$4 billion so that their local schools had the facilities and resources necessary to educate students.

What this also means is that voters want their students to succeed; they support their child's teachers; and they trust local district officials to spend their money fairly and frugally.

Now it's time for the state of Texas to invest in the future, as well. Now it's time for the Legislature to update other elements of our public school funding system, so that outdated formulas from 20-30 years ago are no longer frozen in time.

Hunt

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been through. That's what Serve Outdoors, Inc., is all about."

Matt Hightower, a veteran of the war in Afghanistan, echoed that sentiment and even enjoys the fellowship.

"(I'm looking forward to) just getting out there and having some fun," Hightower said.

Hightower said that outdoor activities like hunting not only creates fellowship among veterans, but it also helps those who are struggling with re-integration relax and enjoy themselves. Being from this area, Hightower was excited to come back to the Panhandle.

"I was in Afghanistan from 2010-11, it's just cool," Hightower said.

"Clay (Wheeler) hooked me up with this and told me it was in Pampa. I was like, 'Hey I am from Amarillo so let's go.' It's just neat to go back home and go hunting."

Wheeler said Pampa has many qualities that make it unique from other areas.

"There's a lot of unique things about Pampa in particular. One of them is the opportunity to hunt a wild herd

of mule deer that just doesn't exist anywhere else in the state," Wheeler said.

"There are a lot of mule deer on managed game ranches or exotic ranches. But to actually go out and interact a wild herd, that just doesn't happen. Pampa is unique in that we have something for every one of our warriors. It can be a gentleman's hunt where you're sitting in a blind with a heater over a corn feeder, or it can be pretty high adventure.

"Last year we went down into Palo Duro Canyon and actually did some stalk hunting. Because Pampa is the way it is, we have an opportunity to do it a lot of different ways. We don't have that opportunity down in the hill country or in the coastal area. It's a wide diverse geography. It's a wide diverse habitat."

But the community has also opened its arms to the warriors.

"The Pampa community has opened its arms to us more than most," Wheeler said.

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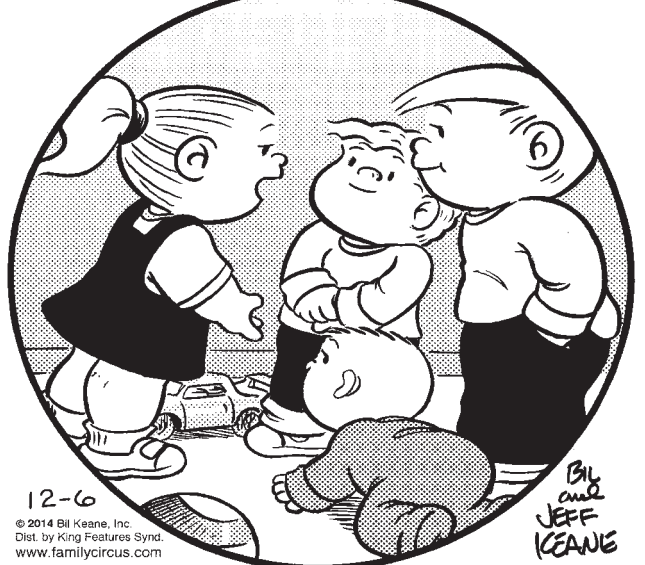
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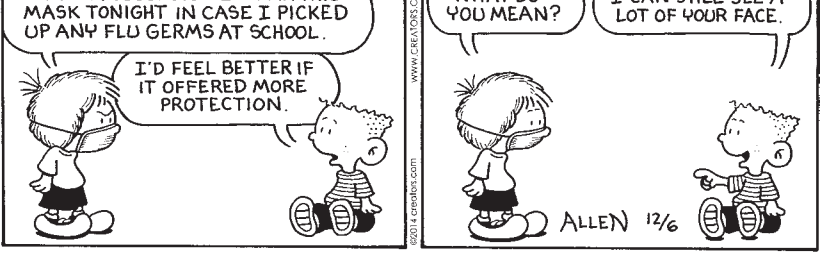
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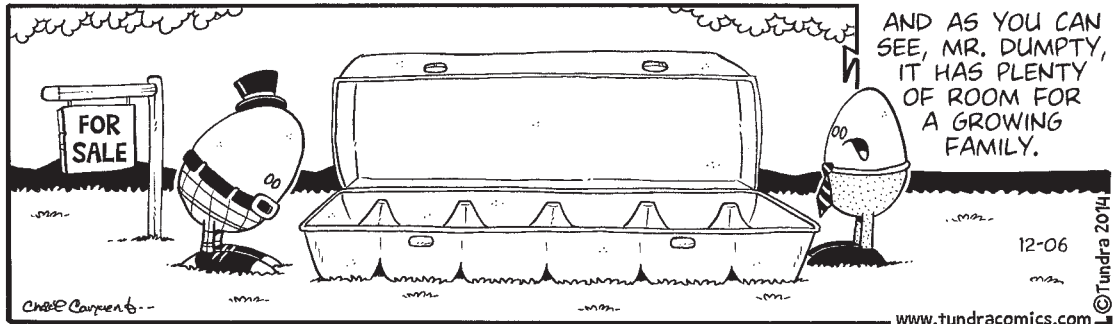


daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, Dec. 8, 2014:
 This year others often have to step back and regroup when they have conversations with you, as you will be revealing more of your thought processes. You will like brainstorming with one person specifically. If you are single, the desire for a relationship becomes more prominent in your thoughts. You will have the opportunity to meet two potentially great matches. Choosing might be fun or problematic, depending on your point of view. If you are attached, the two of you will learn to respect each other's perspectives. The romance between you will improve as a result. **CANCER** draws out your vulnerabilities.
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)
 ★★★★★ Information that heads your way will be clear and precise. Your mind might take the facts down a new path to create different scenarios. At times, you could feel confused by everything that is happening around you. Allow space for changes. Tonight: Happily relax at home.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 ★★★★★ A partnership could carry you past a problem. New information seems to muddy up the waters. Seek out more facts, but don't discount some of the vague details you've already heard. Detach, and you'll gain an unexpected insight. Tonight: Catch up on emails.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 ★★★★★ You could be very forthright, but attaining clarity with a money matter might be tough. An unexpected revelation might help to open up the topic. Pace yourself, and approach a key person in a levelheaded way. The unexpected will play a role in decision-making. Tonight: Stay calm.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 ★★★★★ You could feel awkward when dealing with someone at a distance. This person will be more significant than you might realize. You'll want to re-think a difficult problem involving someone who reflects and responds very differently from you. Tonight: As you like it.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
 ★★★★★ Put the finishing touches on a project. A conversation with a loved one could be more significant than you realize. This person serves as a muse for you more often than not. Detach-

ing from the here and now only adds to your creative energy. Tonight: Live in the moment.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 ★★★★★ You might want to rethink a decision more carefully. Your ability to understand others' motives and what is going on with them seems to mark your decisions. You could be feeling a bit awkward with everything that is happening around you. Tonight: In the middle of the action.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
 ★★★★★ You might be blunt, but that is not your usual style. Know what you want, and you will know the path on which to proceed. Others seem very excitable. Listen carefully, but don't commit to anything that makes you uncomfortable. Tonight: Where the action is.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
 ★★★★★ Take a moment to see the whole situation rather than react to what someone else is saying. You know and understand much more than what you are sharing. Stay centered, and focus on what is possible. A conversation could prove to be important. Tonight: Play out a fantasy.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
 ★★★★★ You could have more clout than you realize. Start a conversation with a loved one, and you will see that this is true. Listen to your inner voice when dealing with a key person in your life, and trust in your natural appeal. Tonight: A quiet dinner with a friend.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 ★★★★★ You would be wise not to push others or display your dominant side. Many people around you seem to be showing their muscles. The best approach is to avoid conflict. You could feel uncomfortable in an animated discussion. Expect the unexpected. Tonight: Go along for the ride.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
 ★★★★★ Your focus continues to be work and on the end results. A new interest or hobby could be taking up more time than you realize. A friend or partner might not be thrilled about seeing you less. Consider ways to free up your schedule more. Tonight: Where your friends are.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
 ★★★★★ Your sense of direction is strong. You know how to prioritize and get a lot done. Be prepared for a spontaneous interruption from a friend. Use caution with your money. Risks need to be weighed carefully before you launch into action. Tonight: A must appearance.

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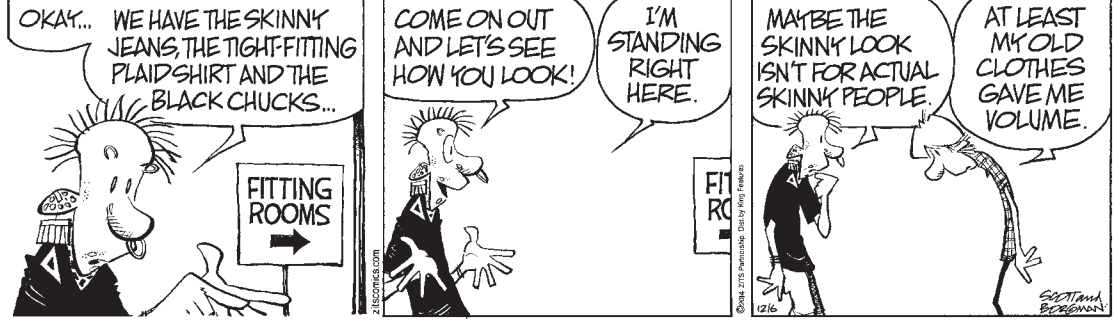
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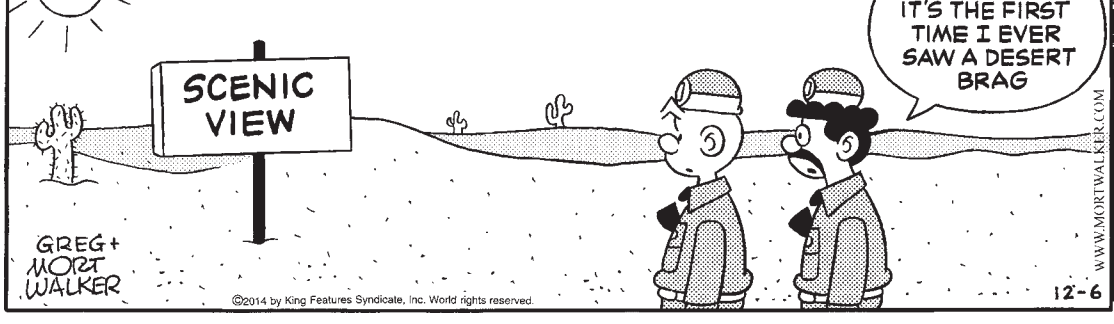
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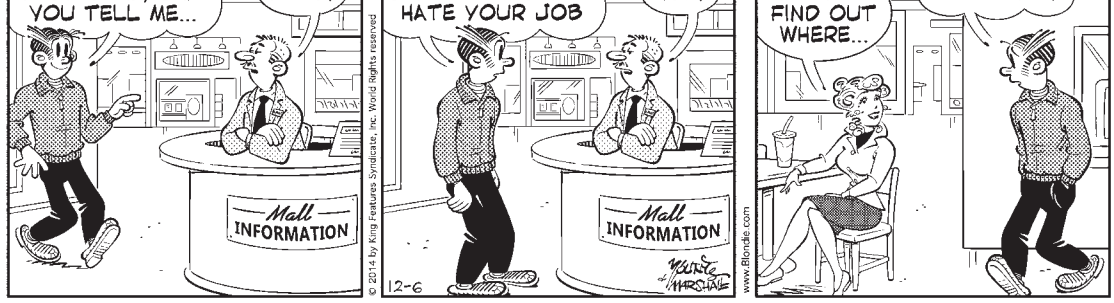
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The PAMPA NEWS Community Calendar

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.

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

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Pampa and Gray County Area Support Groups

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

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

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

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

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

274-4673

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

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

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

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

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



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A full grown wolf spider is typically a half an inch to two inches in length; they are usually brown or gray with various stripe-like markings on their backs. Wolf spiders are also very hairy. During the beginning of fall, the wolf spider is quite often found in the home because they are looking for a warm place to live throughout the course of the winter season. Even though the wolf spider is poisonous, its venom is not lethal. The wolf spider is not known to be aggressive; however, they will bite if they feel like they are in harm or danger. They also move extremely fast when they are disturbed.

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Lifestyles

Weekly Menus

Pampa Independent School District

MONDAY, December 8
Soft taco or chicken nuggets, back beans, corn, peaches

Breakfast- Mini pancakes

TUESDAY, December 9

Chef salad or corn dog, mixed vegetables, sliced cucumbers, Mandarin oranges

Breakfast- Biscuit & sausage gravy

WEDNESDAY, December 10

Ravioli or popcorn chicken, steamed broccoli, baby carrots, Rosie applesauce

Breakfast- Apple frudel

THURSDAY, December 11

Turkey with dressing, whipped potatoes, green beans fruit cup, chiffon tart

Breakfast- Breakfast pizza

FRIDAY, December 12

Popcorn shrimp or hamburger, french fries, celery sticks, pineapple tidbits

Breakfast- Cereal & toast

Pampa Meals on Wheels

MONDAY, December 8

Steak fingers/gravy, broccoli casserole, carrots, pears

TUESDAY, December 9

Hamburger patties, mashed potatoes, pinto beans, cornbread, peaches

WEDNESDAY, December 10

Oven fried chicken, corn, baked potato, pudding

THURSDAY, December 11

Turkey/dressing, sweet potato, peas, pineapple

FRIDAY, December 12

Fish stick, macaroni/cheese, green beans, apricots

Pampa Senior Citizens Center

MONDAY, December 8

Chicken fried steak or chicken Louisiana, mashed potatoes, spinach, diced beets, Northern beans, saw, tossed salad, Jell-O, milk chocolate cake, cherry cobbler, fruit cup, hot roll, cornbread

TUESDAY, December 9

Oven fried chicken or meatloaf, Au gratin potatoes, green beans, buttered squash, pintos, slaw, tossed salad, Jell-O, strawberry cake, chocolate pie, fruit cup, hot roll, cornbread

WEDNESDAY, December 10

Roast beef brisket/brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, mac & tomatoes, peas, butter beans, slaw, tossed salad, Jell-O, chocolate pistachio cake, coconut cream pie, fruit cup, hot roll, cornbread

THURSDAY, December 11

Chicken strips or beef enchiladas, tater tots, Mexican corn, steamed veggies, pinto beans, slaw, tossed salad, Jell-O, spice cake, blueberry cream pie, fruit cup, hot roll, cornbread

FRIDAY, December 12

Cod fish/hushpuppies or corn dogs, potato wedges, Brussel sprouts, beans, slaw, tossed salad, Jell-o, brownies, apple pie, fruit cup, garlic bread stick, hot roll, cornbread

ALEXANDER GRANDCHILDREN SPREAD CHRISTMAS CHEER BY BUYING GIFTS FOR OTHER CHILDREN



Submitted photo
Steve and Vigdis Alexander decided to give their grandchildren the opportunity to learn the joy of giving. They took all seven grandchildren to buy toys for Tralee Crisis Center's Tree of Blessing which provides Christmas for families who have recently experienced domestic violence, sexual assault or other violent crime. Instead of focusing on themselves, these kids were so excited and happy to be giving to other children who aren't as fortunate. They are, bottom row, from left, Braely Solis, Haili and Kaden Newton. Standing, from left, are Devlin Ennis, Bryson and Mayson Solis and Damien Ennis.

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The PAMPA NEWS Church Calendar

Hi-Land Christian Church

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

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

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

Cornerstone Baptist Church

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

New Life Assembly of God

New Life Assembly of God is located at 1435 N. Sumner Street in Pampa. New pastor, Sergio Urrutia, said their mission is "New life Assembly of God is committed to fulfilling a four-fold mission. Our primary reason for being is to evangelize the lost, worship God, disciple believer and to show compassion, to build a multi-ethnic body of believers. New life commits to reaching out to Pampa in all areas of the township with special emphasis to our Latino brothers and sisters. Our worship will be a reflection of our multi-ethnic mixture of disciples including Christian Latino music, contemporary music as well as the traditional hymns and songs of the church. Outreach will have as its goal to produce new believers who in turn are able to witness effectively and make disciples who will in turn continue this cycle. This will be effected through small group bible studies, both Bi-lingual services, and bibles."

Services are Sunday at 10 a.m. and Sundays and Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ

Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ is located at 1342 Mary Ellen St.

Corner of Mary Ellen and Harvester. Right across from the high school. Bible Classes start at 9:30 a.m. with Sunday Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.

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

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

For more information call 806-665-0031.

First United Methodist Church

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

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

For more information call 806-669-7411.

McLean Cowboy Church

McLean Cowboy Church is a non-denominational spirit-filled Christian church. The pastor is Ronnie Ferguson.

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

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

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

For more information, call 806-779-0260.

Southside Church of Christ

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

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

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



TOM MARGENAU
Creator's Syndicate

Have you ever seen those infomercials (usually run on obscure cable channels and usually in the middle of the night) in which the pitchman is trying to sell you a product? And after he gives you the price, he says, "But wait, there's more!" Then he

But wait, there's more!



adds more goodies to the package to entice you to buy what he's selling. Before the commercial is over, he will have gone through several rounds of "But wait, there's more!"

I often feel like adding that pitch to every column I write and every email I answer for my readers. That's because there are so many "ifs, ands or buts" -- in other words, so many potential variables -- to Social Security's rules and regulations. If I try to be quick and concise in my response, I sometimes come up short in the full and correct answer department. I reminded myself of this recently because I was looking back at some answers I gave to folks who emailed questions to me.

As I reviewed my advice, I saw now that it came up lacking. Here are some examples.

Mary emailed to ask if she can get reduced benefits on her husband's record at age 62 and then later switch to full benefits on her own record. I answered and told her she could not do that. With some exceptions, you usually can switch from one account to another only if you wait until age 66 to file for benefits.

I should have added, "But wait, there's more!" It dawned on me that I just assumed Mary's husband was still alive. I should have asked if he was dead. If so, I would have

told her that widows are the exception to the rule. They can, for example, file for reduced widow's benefits at 60 or 62

and then later switch to full benefits on their own record.

Or they can file for reduced retirement benefits at 62 and then switch to full widow's benefits at 66.

And even that more detailed answer still comes up lacking for the same reason I didn't fully answer Fred's email. He wrote to tell me he was thinking of filing for Social Security at age 63. He asked me lots of questions about his potential eligibility all of which I answered -- essentially telling him that he was certainly eligible for benefits.

"But wait, there's more!" After I sent the reply, I realized I just assumed he was retired. I should have told him that if he was still working and making much more than the Social Security earnings penalty limit of \$15,480 per year, then he wouldn't be due any benefits. If you are under age 66, you simply won't qualify for benefits if you are still working and making that kind of money. And I should have explained the same thing to Mary.

Here is another example where a short and simple answer could be misinterpreted. Sandy emailed to ask if she would be due benefits from her ex-husband. She explained that she had been mar-

ried to him for 25 years. She said she was 62 and not working. I told her that she is potentially due benefits if her ex-husband is at least age 62 himself. I explained that she could get benefits on the ex's record even if he isn't actually getting Social Security himself.

"But wait, there's more!" As I looked at my answer later, I realized that once again I made an assumption that may not be true. She didn't say, but I just assumed she was not currently married to another man. If she had remarried, then she would not be due anything on her ex-husband's Social Security account.

But wait, there's even more! Alas, that answer comes up lacking, too. I probably should have added that if she had remarried, she could still claim benefits from her first husband if that second marriage comes to an end.

And then there was an email I got from Jackie in Texas who said she wasn't eligible for any Social Security of her own and wondered if she would be due Social Security benefits on her husband's record. I told her that as long as he was getting benefits and as long as she was at least age 62, she should be eligible for wife's benefits on her husband's record.

"But wait, there's more!" I should have told her that if she was getting a pension from a job that was not covered by Social Security, then an amount equal to two-thirds of that pension would offset any spousal

benefits she might normally have been due from Social Security. (By the way, that "government pension offset" doesn't discriminate against teachers and other government employees who get non-Social Security retirement pensions.)

Had Jackie spent her career at a job covered by Social Security, her own Social Security pension also would have precluded her from getting benefits on her husband's record.)

Finally, here is an email from Frank in New Jersey. He said he was about to file for retirement benefits at age 62.

He asked if he could file for disability benefits, too.

I told him that was a very common practice and that he should go for it.

"But wait, there's more!" I probably should have told Frank that there are different eligibility rules for disability. Besides the obvious fact that he would have to provide medical documentation of his impairment, there is also a rule that says he has to have worked and paid taxes in five of the last 10 years to qualify for disability benefits. To get retirement benefits, you simply need 40 work credits, or about 10 years of work, anytime in your life. But again, the disability program has that "five out of the last 10" recent work requirement.

If you have a Social Security question, Tom Margenau has the answer. Contact him at thomas.margenau@comcast.net.

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Pampa Sports

Golf Thought of the Week

■ A young man on the road to golf greatness?

How we need a new superstar to compete with the Europeans and 'Internationals'. So, congratulations to



TIM STADLER

Jordan Spieth on so many levels. First his victory, his second as a Professional, in the Australian Open by 6 shots. Second, his rise up from #14 to #11 in the world (to be confirmed). That is quite an achievement for such a young man. And finally, for going overseas. Too many Americans stay at home on the PGA Tour and don't get enough

experience around the world. Some who do, and I might include Bubba Watson here, don't seem to enjoy it when they do, and make a point of letting everyone know.

Our great golfers, and I'm thinking of Jack Nicklaus and Tiger Woods, dominated wherever they played. Good for Jordan Spieth. We want to see him doing well at the Masters and the US Open but we also want him to travel to the United Kingdom to win the Open Championship, and to help lead a Ryder Cup team wherever they're playing in the world.

Tim Stadler is the PGA Professional at the Pampa Country Club. He can be reached at 806-665-8431.

sunday horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, Dec. 7, 2014:

This year you often feel conflicted. You will decide to go with the flow rather than start a crusade over each issue.

You will be a lot happier if you refuse to get so uptight. It is important to understand different perspectives. If you are single, you could have difficulty settling down with one person.

Someone very different could stop you in your tracks. If you are attached, you enjoy teasing your significant other. Be more sensitive to this person's needs. Humor will help lighten the mood. **CANCER** reads you cold.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★★ You have the ability to see beyond the obvious, and your perceptions will give you a broader vision of what is happening around you. Communicating your thoughts could be difficult, as others don't seem to have the same bank of knowledge. Tonight: Happily at home.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ You could be overly concerned about your holiday budget. Do whatever you need to do to relax. If you have to balance your checkbook or redo your shopping list, do it. Others simply want your company. Join a loved one for a late lunch. Tonight: Catch up on news.

This Week: Make calls and schedule meetings by Wednesday.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ You might have a certain idea for how you want to indulge a loved one, only to discover that he or she would prefer something completely different. Express your caring in a way that is meaningful to the other party. Tonight: Time for family affairs.

This Week: Deal with a money issue Monday or Tuesday.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ Make it OK for you to be unavailable,

at least in the morning; detailed explanations won't be necessary. When you meet up with family or friends later on in the day with a smile on your face, they will understand. Tonight: Follow your heart.

This Week: Use Monday and Tuesday for what you think is important.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ Zero in on what you want to do as opposed to what you think you should do. Your mood will be more upbeat as a result. You might need to spend some time alone. What you do with that time is your business. Tonight: Keep it private and personal.

This Week: Lie low until midweek, when the Force is with you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ Touch base with an older friend or family member. Plans in the afternoon might need to involve friends. Whether you are at an informal gathering or out playing racquetball, it is the company that makes the difference. Tonight: Among crowds.

This Week: Your best days for socializing will be Monday and Tuesday.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ Reach out to a distant friend who loves to chat and visit with you. Consider meeting each other halfway sometime during the next few months. Plan a busy afternoon of shopping or perhaps finding a Christmas tree. Tonight: Get a head start on tomorrow.

This Week: You will take responsibility for a situation.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ You have a naughty side that tends to emerge around one particular person. The fun and laughter that stem from this interaction are likely to erase

any tension. You might want to limit contact with others today and be with just this person. Tonight: Continue as you have all day.

This Week: Seek out more information.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ Like or not, you'll need to continue deferring to a partner and/or friends. If you do, you will feel better, as you might have too much on your plate right now. Think in terms of having more free time as opposed to thinking that you have control. Tonight: Time to be a duo.

This Week: Deal with a partner directly to get good results.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ Pace yourself. You might need to free up some time to be with your friends. You demand a lot from yourself, and you have a lot of responsibilities on your shoulders. Use the morning for chores, and leave the afternoon open. Tonight: Have a merry good time.

This Week: Others seem to be at your beck and call.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ You can't seem to contain yourself in your present mood. Is there really a reason to? Make the most of your Sunday. You even might consider doing some holiday decorating in the afternoon. Invite your friends to help out. Tonight: The fun continues.

This Week: Get as much done as you can at the beginning of the week.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ You might want to stay close to home, especially in the morning. Your afternoon plans could involve a dear friend or loved one. Many of you are likely to get into a holiday or winter type of happening, especially if it involves your family. Tonight: Hang some mistletoe.

This Week: Allow your creativity to color your days.

BORN TODAY Musician Joni Mitchell (1943), revolutionary Leon Trotsky (1879), author Albert Camus (1913)

Playoff scenarios: Who's in if things get weird?

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The 12-member College Football Playoff selection committee will gather Saturday in Texas to watch the final weekend of the season play out and then rank the top 25 teams in the country. The top four will compete for the national championship in the sport's first ever playoff.

How difficult the committee's job will be depends on the outcome of about a half dozen games to be played Friday and Saturday.

"At that point, we will have had a season long body of work to evaluate, in addition to knowing who the conference champions are," committee chairman Jeff Long said.

The top four heading into the weekend are in order: Alabama, Oregon, TCU and Florida State. If they all take care of business, there is a good chance that will be the top four on Sunday, too. Probably. Maybe?

But what happens if things don't go as expected? Let's dive into the possibilities.

What happens if Missouri beats Alabama?

The unthinkable — at least for many down South. There is a very real possibility the Southeastern Conference would be left out of the playoff.

Missouri is ranked 16th in the latest playoff rankings. That's a long way to go to get in the four-team field. The committee clearly is not loving Missouri's ugly losses (at home against Indiana and 34-0 to Georgia), so it's doubtful it will forgive Alabama for losing to the Tigers and allow the Crimson Tide to back into the field. If the Tigers pull an upset, the SEC is going to need a lot of help. The Crimson Tide is favored by 14.5.

Arizona beats Oregon?

The Wildcats are seventh in the rankings, heading into a rematch with Oregon Friday. Two wins away from home against the Ducks would be like holding a pair of aces: tough to beat. It could come down to a resume contest between Baylor and/or Ohio State and Arizona. Don't bet against the Wildcats making the big jump. The Pac-12 and Commission-

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er Larry Scott are touting their championship as a playoff play-in game. They might be right. Despite losing the first game, Oregon is favored by 14.5.

Georgia Tech beats Florida State?

Considering the fourth-place and unbeaten Seminoles have been dropping when they win, there's no doubt they'd be done with a loss. Georgia Tech is 11th and beating Florida State would mean finishing the season with three straight wins against ranked teams.

The Yellow Jackets would probably need Baylor (vs. Kansas State) and Ohio State (vs. Wisconsin) to lose to reach the top four, but considering who those teams are playing, that doesn't seem so like such a stretch. Florida State is favored by 4.

TCU struggles to beat Iowa State?

The Horned Frogs got a pass for squeaking by at Kansas last month. That can't happen again against a 30-point underdog at home. If it does, it would open the door for either Baylor or Ohio State to replace the Frogs in the top four. With the Bears and Buckeyes in position to add marquee wins to their resumes, the third-ranked Horned Frogs better exert some serious game control against the Cyclones. Three of the top four

teams lose?

Assuming it won't be TCU, the Big 12 would be looking good to get two teams in the field. TCU, Baylor, Ohio State and Arizona sounds about right in this scenario. If Baylor were to lose to K-State, the ninth-ranked Wildcats could become a viable option, though that scenario probably allows Georgia Tech to squeeze through.

Alabama, Ohio State and Baylor lose?

This is how Missouri could get in. Assuming Arizona and Georgia Tech also lose, the final spot with Florida State, TCU and Oregon comes down to Missouri, Kansas State and Wisconsin. Michigan State (eighth) and Mississippi State (10th) would likely come back into the conversation, but neither would have the conference championship that those other three would have on their resumes.

And what team would have a better win than Missouri if it takes down the committee's No. 1 team on a neutral field?

The top six teams all lose? Long and his crew might have to pull an all-nighter.

The questions with this doomsday scenario are: Could it allow Alabama to back in?

Would Mississippi State and/or Michigan State get in? And how bad will the TV ratings be for a final four of Arizona, Georgia Tech, Kansas State and Wisconsin or Missouri?

From the Press Box

■ NFL season's final month looks to be very competitive in AFC and NFC.

As we head into December, it's hard to believe we are already in our final month of the NFL season.

With four games to go for everyone other than the Chicago Bears and the Dallas Cowboys, who played Thursday, there is still a lot of work to be done for teams hoping to either make the playoffs or secure the top two seeds in each conference.



JOHN LEE

Let's start in the NFC. Fans of the Dallas Cowboys (9-4) need to be rooting for two things: a collapse by the 8-3 Philadelphia Eagles (who currently leads the NFC East) and the Arizona Cardinals or San Francisco 49ers. If either team has the same record over Dallas in the event they are fighting for the No. 6 seed in the NFC, the Cardinals and 49ers own head-to-head tiebreakers. That's right, Tony Romo's horrendous first game of the season could come back and bite the Cowboys in the behind in Week 17. But at least they broke the 8-8 curse right?

The NFC North is still to be contested, but it will be either the Green Bay Packers (9-3) or the Detroit Lions (8-4) winning that division. If I had to bet, I take the quarterback, and that would be Aaron Rodgers over Matthew Stafford. If Rodgers continues to play the way he has been he is definitely going to be the favorite to win league MVP.

The NFC South is still up for grabs but will probably be either New Orleans (5-7) or Atlanta (5-7) winning it. Neither team is that good, and both could finish 7-9 and make the playoffs.

The NFC West, the toughest NFC division, is between Arizona (9-3), Seattle (8-4) and San Francisco (7-5). Cowboys fans want it to be either Arizona or San Francisco winning the division, forcing Seattle to settle for a wild card situation in which Dallas owns tiebreaker. With Arizona losing two straight, and San Francisco facing an uphill climb, Seattle appears to be the favorite to win the division.

Then there is the NFC East. Dallas and Philadelphia are the only teams alive in the division, and it could come down to a week from Sunday when Dallas has a chance at revenge on the road in Philadelphia. Dallas is 6-0 on the road and could win that game and at least lock up a wild card berth. Even with a loss to Dallas in that game, I have the Eagles winning the NFC East.

I have the NFC playoff picture looking like this: 1. Green Bay 2. Philadelphia 3. Seattle 4. New Orleans 5. Detroit and 6. Dallas

The AFC playoff picture is a little bit messier. Currently there are 12 teams that are .500 or better. Including the AFC North, where every team has a winning record.

The Top 2 seeds? Surprise! It's New England (9-3) and Denver (9-3).

As a Broncos fan, every week I hope Tom Brady catches a non-life threatening illness that keeps him out of the game. I hate to be that way, but he is a certified Bronco-killer.

So let's start in the AFC West. The Broncos have swept the Kansas City Chiefs (7-5) and own a win over the Oakland Raiders (1-11) and the San Diego Chargers (8-4). There could be two teams from the AFC West in the playoffs this year, but they need the Miami Dolphins (7-5) to stumble. The only likely way the Broncos don't win the division is if they fall to San Diego in the teams' second meeting.

In the AFC East, there are three teams with winning records. I mentioned the Patriots and the Dolphins, but the Buffalo Bills have been a surprise this year as well at 7-5. Ultimately, the Patriots would have to lose all three of their remaining games, three of which are divisional games and Miami win their games to miss the playoffs; and two of the three to not win the division. I don't see that happening as their lone road game is in New Jersey to face the Jets.

In the AFC North, all four teams are above .500. The Cleveland Browns (7-5), the biggest surprise in the AFC, have split with the Pittsburgh Steelers (7-5) and they beat the Cincinnati Bengals (8-3-1), but they fell to the Baltimore Ravens (7-5) for a 2-2 division record.

I have them finishing a respectable 10-6, with wins at home against Cincinnati, on the road at Carolina and on the road against Baltimore.

To be honest, this division is so wide open, it's hard to say, but when I look at the schedule I have Cincinnati winning the division at 10-5-1.

Finally in the AFC South we have the Indianapolis Colts (8-4) and everyone else: Houston Texans (6-6), Jacksonville Jaguars (2-10) and Tennessee Titans (2-10). I don't see a scenario where the Colts don't win it.

Here is my prediction for the AFC Playoffs: 1. New England 2. Denver 3. Indianapolis 4. Cincinnati 5. Kansas City and 6. Miami.

If you have extra time, or just want to waste time, go to ESPN.com and play with their playoff machine. See what has to happen for your favorite team to make the playoffs.

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VARSITY VOLLEYBALL TEAM POSES FOR ONE FINAL PICTURE



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The 2014 Pampa High School varsity volleyball poses for one final picture together after the volleyball banquet on Wednesday.

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JV BOYS BASKETBALL ACTION FROM TUESDAY



Photos by John Lee

Above, Brandt Logan shoots a jumper on Tuesday. Logan finished with 12 points. Below, Brandon Steward gears up for a jumper. Steward finished with 11 points. Bottom, Jordan Baker is on the fastbreak and about to put in the layup. Baker finished with nine points. Pampa's JV won the game 79-31 and is now 6-1 on the season.



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JUNIOR VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL ACTION FROM TUESDAY



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 Left, Hunter Burnett shoots a three during Tuesday's win over Highland Park. Burnett finished with nine points. Right, Corbin Hair goes up strong for a layup. Hair finished with 12 points. The JV has been doing a great job this season and is off to a 6-1 start. They get a chance to revenge their lone loss at 6 p.m. Tuesday when they host the Randall Raiders.



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JUNIOR VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL IN ACTION TUESDAY



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Above left and above right, Cynthia Ramirez tries to drive past Herford defenders. Right, Jodi Pingel tries to do the same and get to the basket. Below, Jodi Pingel tries to get around a defender and look for No. 23 Tya Hayes for an open shot. Despite their efforts, Pampa fell short 46-12. Tya Hayes led Pampa with seven points. Cynthia Ramirez and Iyanna Clarida each had two points. Jodi Pingel finished with one point. The JV wraps up the Miami Tournament today. They will host Randall on Tuesday.



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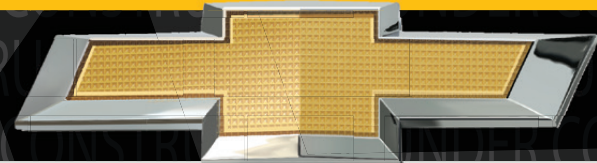
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Watch the Pros - Saturday

College Football

Iowa State at TCU.....	KVII 11 a.m.
Houston at Cincinnati.....	ESPN 11 a.m.
Louisiana Tech at Marshall.....	ESPN2 11 a.m.
Oklahoma State at Oklahoma.....	FS1 2:30 p.m.
Alabama v. Missouri.....	KFDA 3 p.m.
Alcorn State v. Southern.....	ESPNU 3 p.m.
Temple at Tulane.....	ESPN2 6:30 p.m.
Kansas State at Baylor.....	ESPN 6:45 p.m.
Georgia Tech v. Florida State.....	KVII 7 p.m.
Wisconsin v. Ohio State.....	KCIT 7 p.m.
Fresno State at Boise State.....	KFDA 9 p.m.

College Basketball

Wisconsin at Marquette.....	KFDA 11:30 a.m.
Rutgers at Seton Hall.....	FSSW 11 a.m.
Temple v. LaSalle.....	ESPNN 11 a.m.
Oklahoma State at South Carolina.....	ESPNU 11 a.m.
St. Joseph's at Villanova.....	FS1 12 p.m.
Virginia at Virginia Commonwealth.....	ESPNU 1 p.m.
Eastern Michigan at Dayton.....	FCSA 1 p.m.
Northwestern at Butler.....	KCIT 3:30 p.m.
Kansas State at Tennessee.....	ESPN2 2:15 p.m.
Gonzaga at Arizona.....	ESPN 4:15 p.m.
St. John's at Syracuse.....	ESPN2 4:15 p.m.
Wake Forest at North Carolina State.....	ESPNU 6:30 p.m.
Bradley at Memphis.....	ESPNU 8:30 p.m.
Boise State at St. Mary's California.....	ESPNU 10:30 p.m.
Chaminade at BYU Hawaii.....	BYU 11:30 p.m.

Women's College Basketball

Connecticut at Notre Dame.....	ESPN 2:15 p.m.
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Golf

Nedbank Challenge.....	GOLF 5 a.m.
Hero World Challenge.....	GOLF 11 a.m.
Hero World Challenge.....	KAMR 1:30 p.m.

Soccer

Chelsea at Newcastle.....	NBCS 6:40 a.m.
Teams TBA.....	NBCS 8:55 a.m.
Everton at Manchester City.....	KAMR 11:30 a.m.

Skiing

FIS World Cup.....	KAMR 4 p.m.
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College Hockey

Minnesota at Michigan State.....	FCSA 4 p.m.
Colorado College at Minnesota Duluth.....	FCSA 7 p.m.
Maine at Massachusetts Lowell.....	OLN 7 p.m.

NHL Hockey

Montreal Canadiens at Dallas Stars.....	FSSW 6 p.m.
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NBA Basketball

Golden State Warriors at Chicago Bulls.....	WGN 7 p.m.
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Boxing/Fighting

Hendricks v. Lawler 2 UFC.....	PPV 7 p.m.
Pascal v. Bolonti (lightweights).....	PPV 7 p.m.
UFC Prelims from Las Vegas.....	FS1 7 p.m.
Lemieux-Rosado (middleweights).....	HBO 9 p.m.

High School Football

Oklahoma Class 5A Championship.....	FCSC 7 p.m.
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Watch the Pros - Sunday

NFL Football

Indianapolis Colts at Cleveland Browns.....	KCIT 12 p.m.
Houston Texans at Jacksonville Jaguars.....	KFDA 12 p.m.
Seattle Seahawks at Philadelphia Eagles.....	KCIT 3:25 p.m.
NE Patriots at San Diego Chargers.....	KAMR 7:30 p.m.

College Football

Playoff Selection Show.....	ESPN 11:45 a.m.
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College Basketball

Towson at Georgetown.....	FS1 11 a.m.
Wisconsin Milwaukee at DePaul.....	FS1 1 p.m.
Charlotte at George Washington.....	FCSC 1:30 p.m.
East Carolina at North Carolina.....	ESPNU 2 p.m.
Mississippi at Oregon.....	FS1 3 p.m.
Arkansas at Clemson.....	ESPNU 4 p.m.

NHL Hockey

Dallas Stars at Toronto Maple Leafs.....	FSSW 6:30 p.m.
Tampa Bay Lightning at Buffalo Sabres.....	NBCS 6:30 p.m.
Philadelphia Flyers at San Jose Sharks.....	NBCS 9 p.m.

Soccer

Swansea at West Ham.....	OLN 7:25 a.m.
Leicester at Aston Villa.....	NBCS 9:55 a.m.
MLS Championship: New England at LA.....	ESPN 2 p.m.

Women's Soccer

NCAA College Cup Final.....	ESPNU 12 p.m.
New Mexico at New Mexico State.....	FCS 3 p.m.

Golf

Nedbank Challenge.....	GOLF 5 a.m.
Hero World Challenge.....	GOLF 11 a.m.
Hero World Challenge.....	KAMR 12:30 p.m.

Women's College Basketball

Oklahoma at North Texas.....	FSSW 11 a.m.
South Carolina at Duke.....	ESPN2 12 p.m.
Texas A&M at TCU.....	FSSW 1 p.m.
California at Kansas.....	FS1 5 p.m.

Skiing

FIS World Cup.....	KAMR 4 p.m.
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The PAMPA NEWS Sports Briefs

Girls Basketball

Varsity at Nazareth Tournament.....	TODAY
JV and Freshmen at Miami Tournament.....	TODAY
Varisty hosts Randall.....	6 p.m. - Dec. 9 - McNeely
JV hosts Randall.....	7:30 p.m. - Dec. 9 - Cavalier
Freshman hosts Randall.....	4:30 p.m. - Dec. 9 - McNeely
Junior High v. Bushland.....	5/6:15 p.m. - Dec. 8 - PJHS
Varsity at White Deer Tournament.....	Dec. 11-13 - White Deer

Boys Basketball

Varsity hosts Randall.....	7:30 p.m. - Dec. 9 - McNeely
JV hosts Randall.....	6 p.m. - Dec. 9 - Cavalier
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Varsity at Panhandle Tournament.....	Dec. 11-13 - Panhandle
JV at Fort Elliot Tournament.....	Dec. 11-13 - Fort Elliott

Swimming

3A State Invitational.....	TODAY - Keller
Abilene Invitational.....	Dec. 13 - Abilene

Wrestling

Randall Dual Tournament.....	8:45 a.m. - TODAY - Randall
Tucumcari Dual.....	5 p.m. - Dec. 8 - McNeely
JV at Randall.....	5 p.m. - Dec. 11 - Randall
Girls at R.L. Turner Invitational.....	Dec. 12 - R. L. Turner
Boys at Bushland Brawl.....	Dec. 13 - Bushland
JV and JH at Vernon.....	Dec. 13 - Vernon

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NFL Football

Atlanta Falcons at Green Bay Packers.....	ESPN 7:15 p.m.
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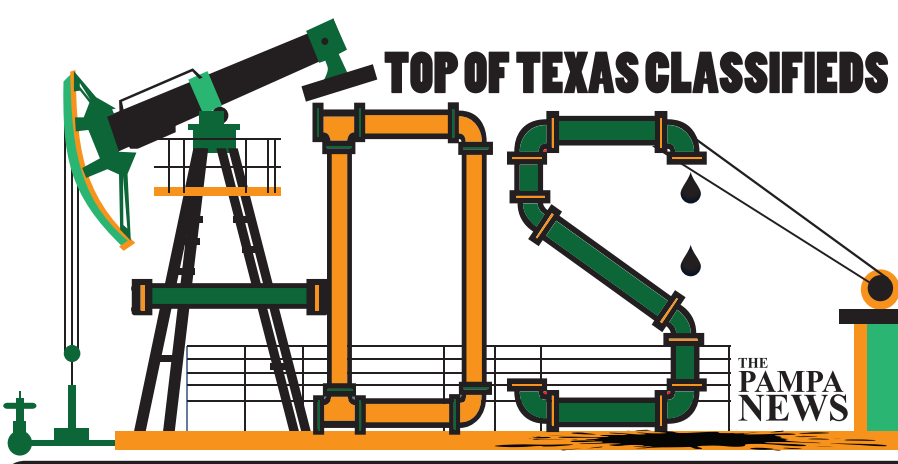
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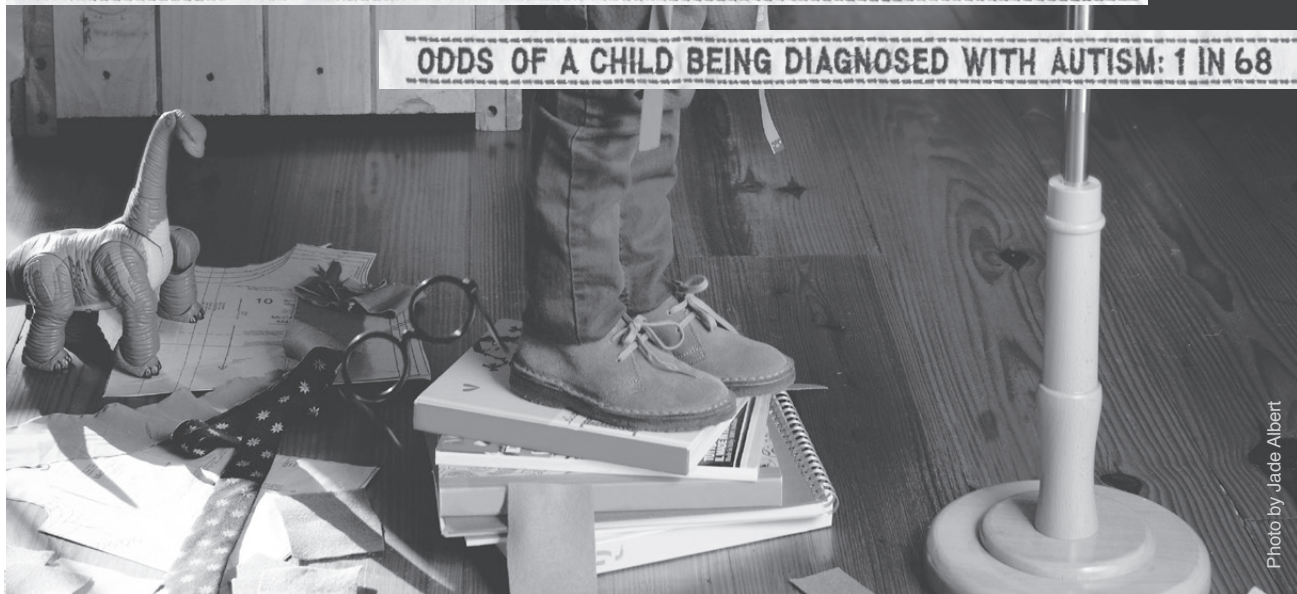
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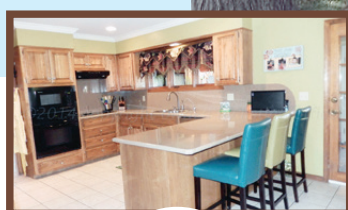
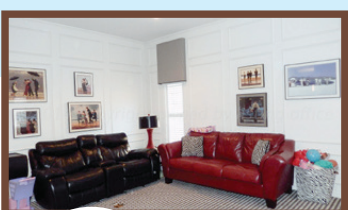
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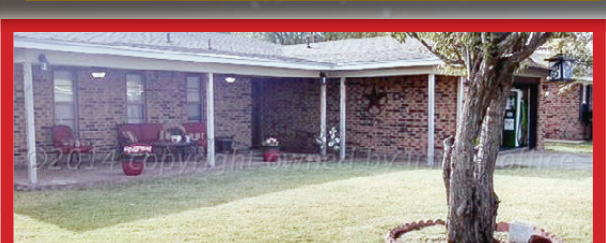
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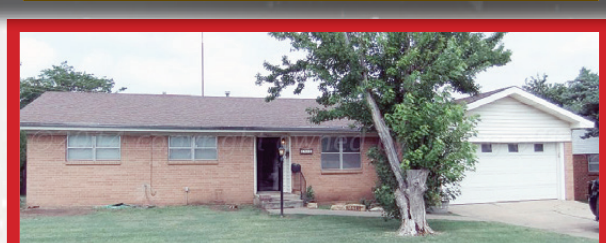
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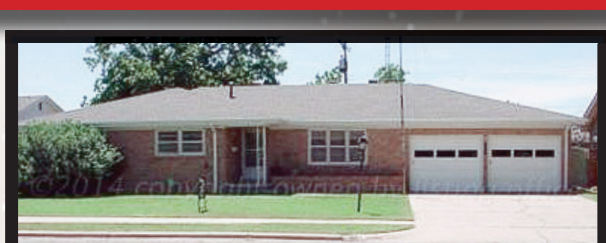
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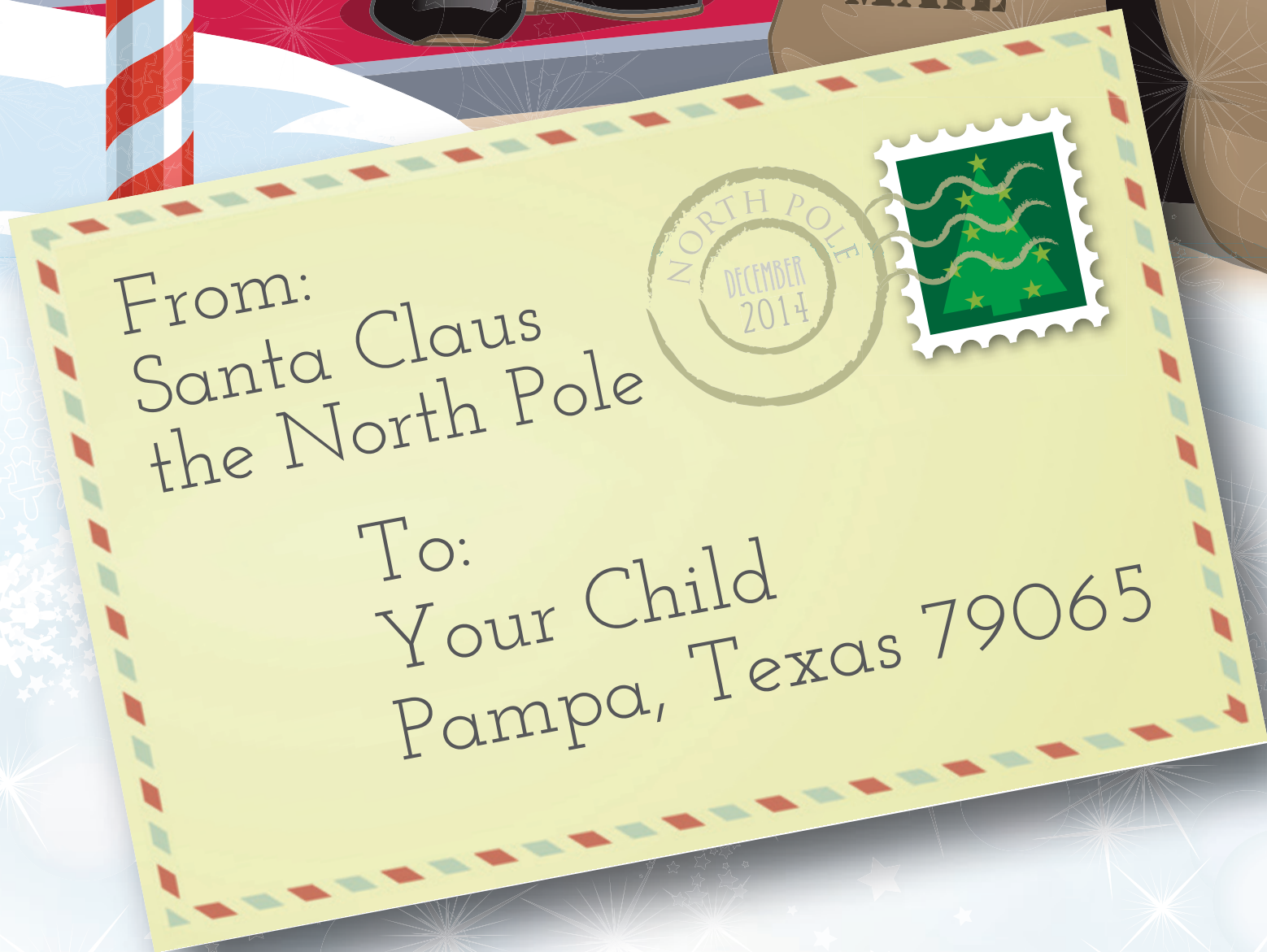
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