

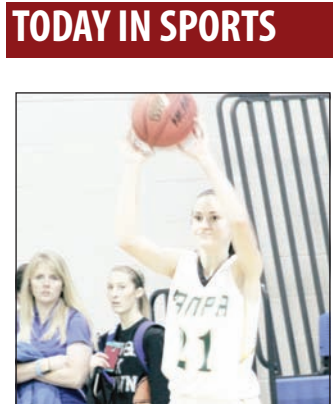
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City Contractors working in alleys

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 PAMPA – The installation phase of the City of Pampa water meter change out program is underway. Customers can expect to see contractors for Sensus meters in alleys changing out all (approximately 6100) residential meters. Crews will be working on this phase of the project for approximately 5 months.
 Customers can expect brief water outages at their home while their meter is being replaced. The normal expectancy for outage is less than ten minutes.
 The change is a result of the City's initiatives to update aging equipment, improve water conservation and provide the data required to manage water usage.
 The installation technicians will be easily identified by their identification badges. They must have access to the water meter box to complete the meter exchange. Technicians will not need to enter your residence.
 The installation technicians will be working from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Saturday. The project is scheduled to be complete by May 15, 2015.

Controlled burn at City of Pampa landfill
 PAMPA — The City of Pampa is conducting a controlled burn at the City of Pampa Landfill property east of town. The controlled burn will begin at 7 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 12, and will continue through Sunday Dec. 14. Citizens can expect to see large amounts of smoke in that area during the burn. The Pampa Fire Department along with landfill personnel will monitor the burn 24 hours a day until extinguished.
 The burn has been approved by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. The goal is to rid the city landfill site of trees and limbs that were brought in following two major storms this past summer. The debris was diverted from the landfill to an approved site for collection, saving large amounts of space in the active landfill cell.
 The City of Pampa would like to thank all of those who have helped with the massive cleanup effort. The landfill has taken in over 600 tons of trees and tree limbs since June of 2014.

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STAFF REPORT
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Downtown Moonlight Madness held tonight

By LINDSEY TOMASCHIK
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 If you have yet to start your holiday shopping, there's no need to worry. You can get everything you need locally as downtown Pampa will be holding its first ever Downtown Moonlight Madness.
 Many of the downtown stores will be participating in this event by staying open late, serving refreshments, having discounts and even doing prize giveaways.

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Heard-Jones contest to help loyal customers



Photo by John Lee

The staff of Heard-Jones welcomes everyone to come and take part in their Very Merry Christmas contest. From left, Stephanie Ontiveros, Chantelle Dencklau, Cerise Pshigoda, Carole Lesly and Abigail Garcia.

By JOHN LEE
 jlee@thepampanews.com

There are several stores and businesses everywhere that have specials and bargains during the holiday season. Black Friday and Cyber Monday are two examples of opportunities for shoppers to earn bargains and businesses to earn an extra buck. At Heard-Jones Health Mart, they are holding a competition which not only helps the store out, but customers as well.
 "When Bill (Hite, owner of Heard-Jones) and I sat down and talked about it, we wanted to do something not only for the store but for the customers," Carole Lesly, manager at Heard-Jones, said.
 "We're still in hard economic times. \$1,000 in here, with prescriptions, it would go a long way to helping somebody."
 It's the Very Merry Christmas \$1,000 Shopping Spree and it runs from Nov. 20 through 2 p.m. on Dec. 20. Each customer gets a punch card. Each card is equal to spending \$100 whether your eating in the fountain, getting prescriptions filled or just buying general merchandise. The

customer gets one of these cards and you punch however much you spend. After that card is filled up then it goes into the drawing. They can have as many in the drawing as they want.
 "We've done something every Christmas," Lesly said. "This year we wanted to do something helps someone out."
 Lesly added whether they use the money on medicine or grocery items, it doesn't matter thanks to the variety of items Heard-Jones carries.
 The regulars have especially enjoyed participating in the contest.
 "They love it," Lesly said. "A lot of them that I've checked out, when I have told them about it they are like, 'Wow that's awesome, what a great idea.' A lot of it's to show appreciation to them."
 Next Thursday, on Dec. 18, Heard-Jones will be staying open until 8 p.m. All day Thursday the customers will be eligible for double punches on their punch card.
 "It gives people an opportunity to fill up some of the

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PAWS receives generous donation from second grade class



Submitted photo

Brandy Walls' second grade class in Miami recently donated 654 items to the Pampa Animal Shelter as part of their social studies unit on community. The students worked for six weeks collecting and organizing the donations.

By LINDSEY TOMASCHIK
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PAWS recently received a donation of goods and food for the animals from Brandy Walls' second grade class in Miami.
 Walls said that her class took donations for six weeks as part of their social studies unit on community.
 "It was their idea to do the animal shelter," Walls said. Throughout the course of the six weeks, Walls' class worked diligently collecting food, towels, blankets and bleach, which were the items the shelter was most in need of when they called.
 At the end of the six weeks, Walls said that they went around and collected from all the other classes and were amazed by how much they were able to come up with.
 "We donated 654 items total," she said.
 Walls added that it turned into sort of a competition to see who would be able to get the most items for PAWS.
 "The goal was for them to learn what a charitable or-

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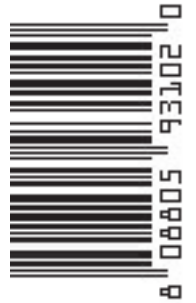
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PAMPA FORECAST

Today	Saturday	Sunday
		
High 62 Low 46	High 67 Low 48	High 57 Low 34

Today: Fog early, then partly cloudy with a high of 62. Chance of rain: 10 percent. Winds south-southeast at 12 mph. Sunrise at 7:45 a.m.

Tonight: Partly cloudy with a low of 46. Chance of rain: 10 percent. Winds south-southeast at 13 mph. Sunset at 5:32 p.m.

Saturday: Mostly cloudy with a high of 67. Chance of rain: 10 percent. Winds south at 17 mph. Sunrise at 7:46 a.m.

Saturday night: Partly cloudy with a low of 48. Chance of rain: 80 percent. Winds south at 17 mph. Sunset at 5:32 p.m.

Sunday: Rain early, partly cloudy in the afternoon with a high of 57. Chance of rain: 90 percent. Winds south-southwest at 18 mph. Sunrise at 7:46 a.m.

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Bowl

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There are just a few simple rules to follow. Here they are:

- Picks must be submitted to The Pampa News Office by 4 p.m., Friday Dec. 19.
- The submissions must be cut out of the paper. We will not accept any electronic copies.
- The Pampa News employees and their families are ineligible to win the prize, but they can participate for fun.
- One entry allowed per person.
- There is no entry fee. It is completely free so why not have some fun? Here is how the scoring will work:
- One point for each correct pick.
- One point for each

National Championship participating team guessed correctly. (The winner of Alabma-Oregon-Florida State plays the winner of Oregon-Florida State.)

- Two points if you correctly guess the National Championship winner. Here are the tiebreakers:
- Whoever guessed the closest to the final score of the National Championship game.
- Most correct guesses between the Orange, Fiesta, Sugar and Rose Bowls.

The bowl picks can be found in today's paper on page 11. They will also be in Saturday's and Tuesday's papers. Pick up a copy today and get your picks in to us! If there are any questions email me at zgreen@thepampanews.com or call me at the paper, 806-669-2525.

Downtown

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The grand prize giveaway will be at 8:30 p.m. in front of The Sparrow's Nest. At this time, there will be a drawing, and the winner will receive 500 DBA bucks that can be used at any participating DBA merchant. Participants must be present to win this drawing, so stick around and spend the night shopping under the downtown Christmas lights after entering for the drawing with purchase at either Carousel Expressions, Shabby creek, Brandon's Flowers, The Sparrow's Nest or The Christmas Shop.

Downtown Moonlight Madness will be held tonight from 5 to 10 p.m. Coupons can be found in The Pampa News, and store specials are as follows:

Carousels: 25 percent off one clothing or Christmas item.

Brandon's Flowers: Discounts and giveaways throughout the store.

Shabby Creek: Buy a printed legging, get one free; buy one get one free on selected scarves; all children's apparel 10 percent off and purse giveaways and specials.

The Sparrow's Nest: 20 percent off one clothing item with coupon; 10 percent off Kopa Naturals bath and body products; 10 percent off Christmas decor and other discounts and giveaways.

The Christmas Shop: Gourmet food tasting; registration for giveaways and check out all store specials.

Khaki's Korner: Christmas sale and drawing.

The Victorian Rose: Christmas ornaments and store-wide 15 percent off.

Contest

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cards they haven't filled up," Lesly said.

Lesly is very grateful for the Pampa community accepting Heard-Jones over the years.

"The people of Pampa are so kind," Lesly said. "The people in this town are so generous. It would not surprise me if the person that won the \$1,000 didn't help someone else out."

Lesly wants to reward the

loyal customers, including some of the generational customers.

"We've got generational customers whose great-grandmother came to us," Lesly said. "We've got loyal customers and that's something you want to reward, too. The people who helped us stay in business for as long as we have. I've gotten to know a lot of people at the store and there are a lot of good people in this town."

Heard-Jones Health Mart is located at 114 N. Cuyler. They can be contacted at 806-669-7478.

PAWS

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ganization is, what they do and how they could help," Walls said. "They did everything. I was just there for encouragement. They came up with the whole thing."

Walls said that the project had a positive impact on her students. They were able to see what a difference a small group of people is capable of making, and they got to see how the whole thing works firsthand by organizing everything on their own.

"The Miami community supported them 110 percent," Walls said.

The project ended up being such a success, that she plans on bringing it back annually. She said that her students were pleased with their results, and she is excited to make this something the community looks forward to doing every year.

For more information on how you can help the Pampa Animal Shelter by volunteering your time and finding out what item donations they need currently by calling 806-669-5775 or by stopping by during regular business hours.

CITY BRIEFS

BABY'S FIRST Christmas- put your baby's picture along with names of parents, siblings & grandparents, in the Pampa News for free!! Picture of baby only please. Deadline is Wed. Dec. 17 by 5pm. You may also email it to classified1@thepampanews.com, please call Beverly to confirm the photo was received, 669-2525.

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State sued for “Stifling the Texas Craft Beer Renaissance”

By **REEVE HAMILTON**
The Texas Tribune

Three Texas breweries filed a lawsuit against the state on Wednesday seeking to overturn a 2013 law they say violates the Texas Constitution by forcing them to give away their territorial distribution rights for free. In their complaint, filed in state district court in Austin, the heads of Live Oak Brewing in Austin, Peticolas Brewing Company in Dallas and Revolver Brewing in Granbury say that were it not for Senate Bill 639, they would be expanding. Instead, their plans to bring their beer to new markets around the state have been put on hold.

In the suit, they accuse the law of “stifling the Texas craft beer renaissance.”

“This law is like the government forcing authors to give the rights to their books to publishers for free,” said Matt Miller, managing attorney of the Texas office of the Institute for Justice, a Virginia-based law firm representing the brewers. “It is unconstitutional for Texas to force brewers to give distributors property that they never earned and don’t deserve.”

The law says that brewers may not accept payment for the right to deliver beer in certain areas. Supporters said it would “protect the independence of distributors,” according to an analysis of the bill by the House Research Organization.

The Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission and its leaders are the defendants in the suit. On Wednesday, a spokeswoman for the TABC declined to comment on pending litigation.

There are three “tiers” in the alcoholic beverage industry: brewers who make the beer, retailers who sell it, and distributors who pick it up from the former and bring it to the latter.

Prior to 2013, craft brewers could negotiate payment from distributors for the exclusive rights to deliver their beverages in a certain area. But the law, authored by state Sen. John Carona, R-Dallas, prohibited the sale of these territorial rights.

Carona was not immediately available for comment on Wednesday. He told the Dallas Observer in 2013: “What happens when the large manufacturers decide to require payment from a distributor for the right to distribute their brand? We could be back where we started from, with those who won’t pay to play getting muscled out of the marketplace.”

Distributors are not prohibited from selling territorial rights that they have acquired to another distributor. The craft brewers’ complaint says, “A distributor is thus able to receive territorial rights for free and re-sell them for a profit.”

This strikes the brewers at Live Oak, Peticolas and Revolver as unfair — and in violation of the state’s constitution, which says that a person’s property can not be taken without consent unless it is for use by the public or an entity granted the power of eminent domain. Miller said it was likely that other craft breweries will join the lawsuit.

These territorial rights are “a valuable piece of property” that brewers should be able to sell in order to generate revenue for the growth and expansion of their companies, the lawsuit says.

“I’m proud to have been a part of the Texas craft beer renaissance,” Chip McElroy, president of Live Oak Brewing, said in a statement. “When Texas passed this law, not only did it give away part of what my employees and I built — it took my beer off the shelves in Dallas-Fort Worth, San Antonio and other parts of Texas where Live Oak beer would otherwise be available.”

According to the complaint, McElroy has existing agreements to distribute his beer in Houston.

However, he is unwilling to give away his territorial rights for free, and so has not entered into any new agreements.

He intends to self-distribute — which he can do because the company produces fewer than 125,000 barrels of beer annually — until his operation reaches a production level where that is no longer legally allowed.

Obituaries

Hazel O. Gray

Hazel O. Gray, 102, formerly of Pampa, entered the Gates of Heaven on Dec. 10, 2014, in Mansfield.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, 2014, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel in Pampa, with Pastor Jimmie Cole of First Church of the Nazarene of Pampa, officiating. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery in Pampa, under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Hazel was born May 28, 1912, in Clark County, Ky. She had been a resident of Pampa from 1931 until moving to Mansfield in 2011. She married Eddie Lee Gray on July 12, 1931, in Pampa. He preceded her in death on June 6, 2000, after 69 years of marriage. She was a member of First Church of the Nazarene in Pampa for 76 years where she served as the church organist, a Sunday school teacher and various other church positions.

Hazel was preceded in death by her parents, John W. and Ella Haggard Epperson; her son-in-law, Jim Howard, and four siblings.

Survivors include her daughters, Bonnie L. Howard and Marilyn May and husband Tom, all of Mansfield, and Dorothy A. Edgerton and husband Howard of Yukon, Okla.; 11 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Sat-

urday, Dec. 13, 2014, at Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Home in Pampa.

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

George Holmes

Memorial services for George Holmes, 83, Bullard, are scheduled for 10 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 13 at Emerald Bay Community Church.



George Holmes

Mr. Holmes passed away Dec. 9, 2014, in Tyler.

George Delles Holmes was born Nov. 27, 1931, in Pampa to the late George Delles Holmes and Vollie Ann Jonas Holmes. He served in the US Navy and worked as an executive in both the semi conductor and medical technology fields. He was a member of Emerald Bay Community Church, Emerald Bay Club Board, Gorilla Society at Pittsburg State Univ. Pittsburg, Kan. and Texas Tech Univ. Matador Society.

Survivors include his wife, Marijann F. Holmes of Bullard; two children, George B. Holmes and wife Luann of Austin and Libby Holmes Coapman and husband, Gregg of Prosper; four grandchildren, Carson Coapman, Lucas Coapman, Addison Holmes and Georgia Holmes.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Emerald Bay Community Church, 160 LaSalle Drive, Bullard, TX 75757 or to Hospice of East Texas Foundation, 4111 University Blvd., Tyler, TX 75701.

For the record

Pampa woman, Gray, arrested by PPD for Dec. 6 shooting

STAFF REPORT

• Shauna Lynn Gray, 25, Pampa, was arrested Wednesday by the Pampa Police Department for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

• Felishia Jean Vanderpool, 26, Pampa, was arrested Tuesday by the Gray County Sheriff’s Office for nonpayment of court fees.

• Sheila Grays Evans, 50, Pampa, was arrested Tues-

day by GCSO for failure to appear, possession of drug paraphernalia.

• Alejandro Vargas, 20, Pampa, was arrested Wednesday by GCSO for violation of probation — driving while intoxicated.

• Jeremy Lee Fondren, 32, Pampa, was arrested Wednesday by GCSO for two charges of bond surrender — forgery of a financial instrument, bench warrant — possession of a controlled substance.

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Crippling children by selling them racism

The recent “rash” of police officers killing blacks is prompting “civil rights activists” to describe America — despite the election and re-election of a black president — as still a simmering caldron of racism. Never mind that according to the CDC, in 2012 (the most recent year with available data) 140 blacks were killed by cops —



LARRY ELDER

versus 386 whites killed by cops. This dreary movie scene comes from a film about inner-city black teens called “Menace II Society.” A black high school teacher speaks to two former students: “Being a black man in America isn’t easy. The hunt is on, and you’re the prey! All I’m saying is ... all I’m saying is — survive! Alright?” In case the identity of the alleged “hunter” is unclear, we hear a police siren in the background. Cops are out to get young black men. Ridiculous.

But that gloomy narrative tracks closely with Attorney General Eric Holder’s assertion that America suffers from “pernicious racism.” And a few weeks after the George Zimmerman/Trayvon Martin shooting happened, the Rev. Jesse Jackson said, “Blacks are under attack.” Absurd.

In 1997, CNN and Time conducted a poll that asked white and black teens about “racism.” Question: Is racism a major problem in America? Both black and white teens said, “yes.” But when black teens were asked if racism is a “big problem,” a “small problem” or “no a problem at all” — in their own lives — 89 percent called racism a “small problem” or “not a problem at all” for themselves.

In fact, 17 years ago, not only did black teens see racism as an insignificant problem in their own lives, but nearly twice as many black teens than white teens called “failure to take advantage of available opportunities” a bigger problem than racism. What damage do “activists”

inflict by convincing young black men that cops — or, for that matter, Republicans, tea party members and black conservatives — are out to get them? This emotion-based paranoia has real-world consequences. Fear and paranoia hurt potential and careers.

In the ‘60s, University of Pennsylvania professor Martin Seligman developed the theory of “learned helplessness” — when a person learns to believe and act helpless when, in fact, they do have control over their own negative circumstances but fail to exercise it. He then devoted most of his studies to “positive psychology” and the effect of happiness and optimism in people’s lives. He produced an equation, H=S+C+V, where a person’s genetic capacity for happiness (S), plus their circumstances (C) and factors under their voluntary control (V) equal their happiness (H).

His extensive research discovered that a low “C” — adverse circumstances like poor health

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The high cost of fast track

Obama received a thundering rejection to his attempt to make the November Congressional election a referendum on his policies. And the biggest Republican majority elected



PHYLLIS SCHLAFLY

in more than 60 years promised to bring new life to Congress. But instead of offering a conservative agenda to the people who elected them, Congress is dallying with a plan to give even more power to Obama. It’s called “fast track,” and it’s a scheme to authorize the president to negotiate with officials of foreign governments in secret and then bring their agreement to Congress for an up-or-down vote within a limited time period, practically without debate or chance for a filibuster.

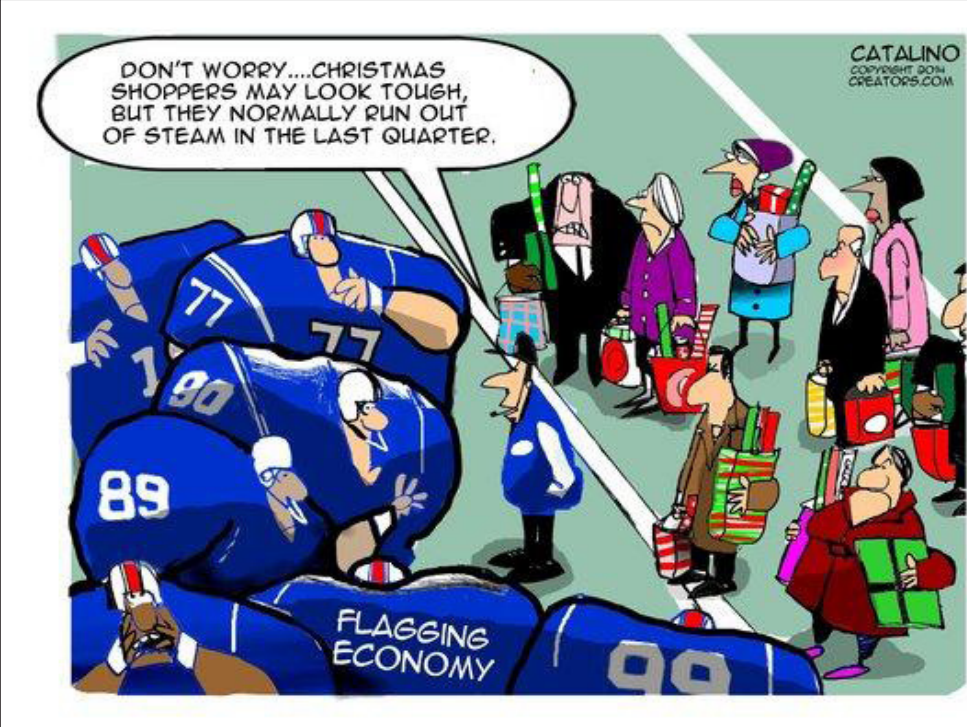
Senator Elizabeth Warren (D-MA) let the cat out of the bag when she admitted in a speech this year, “They have to be secret, because if the American people knew what was actually in them, they would be opposed.” So Obama and Congress are expected to cave in to heavy lobbying by Wall Street, multinationals and outsourcers, all of whom have a financial stake in a free-trade deal. It makes no sense for the Republican Congress to turn unrestricted negotiating power over to a president who has already demonstrated that he has no regard for the rule of law, constitutional restraints or the separation of powers. The last fast-track deal, which gave us the Free Trade Agreement with South Korea, has been a total failure. We were told it would “support 70,000 jobs from increased exports alone,” but U.S. exports to South Korea have actually declined, while imports have risen. Obama has achieved one of his globalist goals — the end of American superiority — and maybe that will be his principal legacy. Communist China’s economy just overtook the U.S. economy to become the largest in the world and, for the first time since Ulysses S. Grant was president, America is not the No. 1 power on planet

earth. In global calculations, economic supremacy is the basis of political clout. It’s a radical change in global relationships that the country with the most economic power is controlled by doctrinaire Marxist Communists instead of a country that respects the rule of law. Republican members of Congress support fast track in the name of free trade, ignoring the polls showing they are on the unpopular side of this issue. The Pew Research Poll found that while most Americans agree that “trade is good,” only 1 in 5 Americans believes that “trade creates jobs.”

By more than 3 to 1, 73 percent to 23 percent, Americans say that outsourcing (which Pew defined as “more U.S. companies setting up operations overseas”) hurts our economy. In a funny but unsurprising aside, Pew Research asked members of the Council on Foreign Relations the same question and found that 73 percent of CFR members think outsourcing is good. That’s the view of the globalists who want to force us to compete with the low-paid and even slave labor in other countries. Robert E. Scott, director of research for the liberal Economic Policy Institute, explained why rosy estimates of job growth from free trade are badly flawed: they count jobs from exports but ignore job losses from imports that usually increase faster. “Unless free trade agreements reduce our too-high trade deficits, they won’t have a net positive effect on U.S. employment” Scott said, adding that this view “isn’t a radical stance on trade — it’s textbook economics.”

The Pew poll is a warning to Republicans. It found that white working-class voters oppose free trade agreements by a 2-to-1 margin and see so-called free trade and amnesty as two sides of the same problem. They are pressed by competition from foreigners at home through immigration and from abroad by free trade, and they don’t like the squeeze. A vote for fast track

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A Russophobic rant from Congress

Hopefully, Russians realize that our House of Representatives often passes



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thunderous resolutions to pander to special interests, which have no bearing on the thinking or actions of the U.S. government.

Last week, the House passed such a resolution 411-10. As ex-Rep. Ron Paul writes, House Resolution 758 is so “full of war propaganda that it rivals the rhetoric from the chilliest era of the Cold War.”

H. R. 758 is a Russophobic rant full of falsehoods and steeped in superpower hypocrisy.

Among the 43 particulars in the House indictment is this gem:

“The Russian Federation invaded the Republic of Georgia in August 2008.”

Bullhockey. On Aug. 7-8, 2008, Georgia invaded South Ossetia, a tiny province that had won its independence in the 1990s. Georgian artillery killed Russian peacekeepers, and the Georgian army poured in.

Only then did the Russian army enter South Ossetia and chase the Georgians back into their own country.

The aggressor of the Russo-Georgia war was not Vladimir Putin but President Mikheil Saakashvili, brought to power in 2004 in one of those color-coded revolutions we engineered in the Bush II decade. H.R. 758 condemns

the presence of Russian troops in Abkhazia, which also broke from Georgia in the early 1990s, and in Transnistria, which broke from Moldova. But where is the evidence that the peoples of Transnistria, Abkhazia or South Ossetia want to return to Moldova or Georgia?

We seem to support every ethnic group that secedes from Russia, but no ethnic group that secedes from a successor state.

This is rank Russophobia masquerading as democratic principle.

What do the people of Crimea, Transnistria, Georgia, Abkhazia, South Ossetia, Luhansk or Donetsk want? Do we really know? Do we care?

And what have the Russians done to support secessionist movements to compare with our 78-day bombing of Serbia to rip away her cradle province of Kosovo, which had been Serbian land before we were a nation?

H.R. 758 charges Russia with an “invasion” of Crimea.

But there was no air, land or sea invasion. The Russians were already there by treaty and the reannexation of Crimea, which had belonged to Russia since Catherine the Great, was effected with no loss of life.

Compare how Putin retrieved Crimea, with the way Lincoln retrieved the seceded states of the Confederacy — a four-year war in which 620,000 Americans perished.

Russia is charged with using “trade barriers to apply economic and political pressure” and interfering in Ukraine’s “internal af-

airs.”

This is almost comical. The U.S. has imposed trade barriers and sanctions on Russia, Belarus, Iran, Cuba, Burma, Congo, Sudan, and a host of other nations.

Economic sanctions are the first recourse of the American Empire.

And agencies like the National Endowment for Democracy and its subsidiaries, our NGOs and Cold War radios, RFE and Radio Liberty, exist to interfere in the internal affairs of countries whose regimes we dislike, with the end goal of “regime change.”

Was that not the State Department’s Victoria Nuland, along with John McCain, prancing around Kiev, urging insurgents to overthrow the democratically elected government of Viktor Yanukovich?

Was Nuland not caught boasting about how the U.S. had invested \$5 billion in the political reorientation of Ukraine, and identifying whom we wanted as prime minister when Yanukovich was overthrown?

H.R. 578 charges Russia with backing Syria’s Assad regime and providing it with weapons to use against “the Syrian people.”

But Assad’s principal enemies are the al-Nusra Front, an al-Qaida affiliate, and ISIS. They are not only his enemies, and Russia’s enemies, but our enemies. And we ourselves have become de facto allies of Assad with our air strikes against ISIS in Syria.

And what is Russia doing for its ally in Damas-

cus, by arming it to resist ISIS secessionists, that we are not doing for our ally in Baghdad, also under attack by the Islamic State?

Have we not supported Kurdistan in its drive for autonomy? Have U.S. leaders not talked of a Kurdistan independent of Iraq?

H.R. 758 calls the President of Russia an “authoritarian” ruler of a corrupt regime that came to power through election fraud and rules by way of repression.

Is this fair, just or wise? After all, Putin has twice the approval rating in Russia as President Obama does here, not to mention the approval rating our Congress.

Damning Russian “aggression,” the House demands that Russia get out of Crimea, South Ossetia, Abkhazia and Transnistria, calls on Obama to end all military cooperation with Russia, impose “visa bans, targeted asset freezes, sectoral sanctions,” and send “lethal ... defense articles” to Ukraine.

This is the sort of ultimatum that led to Pearl Harbor.

Why would a moral nation arm Ukraine to fight a longer and larger war with Russia that Kiev could not win, but that could end up costing the lives of ten of thousands more Ukrainians?

Those who produced this provocative resolution do not belong in charge of U.S. foreign policy, nor of America’s nuclear arsenal.

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Wall, Lady Harvesters hang on to beat Crutchfield, White Deer 53-50

■ It was game one of the White Deer Tournament.

By ZACHARY GREEN
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The Pampa Lady Harvesters (6-9) played the White Deer Does (4-6) on Thursday morning in their first of five games at the White Deer Tournament. Pampa hung on to win the game 53-50, but they had a 10 point lead in the fourth quarter.

Pampa started the game with a 5-0 run that forced a White Deer timeout at the 6:50 mark of the first quarter. The Does didn't score until the 5:06 mark, but they quickly went on an 10-0 run to take the lead 10-5. The first quarter continued to go back and forth when senior Ty'Randa Archie-Johnson hit a three pointer to tie the game at 10. The run continued for Pampa as they took the lead 12-10 before a late White Deer basket tied it at 12 to end the quarter.

Senior Rayna Wall had a basket in the quarter. Archie-Johnson went one for two from the line and had four points in the quarter. Senior Madison Brown added a layup and sophomore Elise Kennedy had four points in the quarter.

White Deer took the lead early in the second, 16-12, after a 4-0 run. Pampa came back with a 4-0 run of their own, but still trailed 19-18 with 5:04 to go in the half. Pampa called a timeout at the 3:48 mark.

The first half continued with the back and forth runs with White Deer leading 20-18 before sophomore Montaisha Brown hit a three-pointer to give the Lady Harvesters the 21-20 lead. Senior Taylor Eubank added a layup to make the run 5-0 for Pampa. The Does went down and hit a three to tie the game at 23.

Wall, Brown and Johnson each had buckets as Pampa went on a 6-2 run to end the half. Pampa led 29-25 at the half.

Wall, Eubank and Mad. Brown had four points each in the second quarter. Mon. Brown had three points in the quarter.

Pampa was held scoreless for nearly the first three minutes of the third quarter before Wall hit a layup at the 5:10

mark. Eubank added a shot to make it a 4-0 run and Pampa led 33-28 with 3:23 to go in the quarter. Eubank and the Lady Harvesters beat the press with a layup to go up 35-30. Once again Pampa beat the press and this time Wall had a layup to go up 37-30 and force a White Deer timeout with 2:23 to go in the quarter. This timeout came after the 4-0 Pampa run. The run was 10-4 to end the quarter before the Does had a late three to make the score 43-37 at the end of the quarter.

Wall had eight points in the quarter. Eubank added six points in the quarter.

White Deer cut the lead to 43-40 early in the fourth with a three-pointer. Pampa had a couple of offensive rebounds to keep their possession alive before calling a timeout at the 6:41 mark. Mon. Brown added another three at the 4:24 mark to take the 49-41 lead. This forced another Doe timeout with 4:24 to go. Pampa called a timeout with 3:25 to go with the score 51-43. They called another timeout at the 3:17 mark. Pampa was able to beat the press with a Wall layup at the 2:10 mark.

White Deer went on a 7-0 run to cut the lead to 53-50 after a three-pointer with 11 seconds left in the game. Pampa called two consecutive timeouts to avoid a five second call on the in-bounds pass. The timeouts came at the 10.9 mark and 10.2 second mark. White Deer fouled Mad. Brown and she went to the free throw line for a one and one. If she made just one it would ice the game. Mad. Brown missed the front end of the one and one and White Deer's heave from 50 ft was way off the mark and Pampa took the game 53-50.

There were more than a few questionable calls in the game but head coach Kim Chaffin said that doesn't matter.

"To me, no matter the adversity with the refs or not that should have been a game where we should have dealt with it handily. We were up by 10 points and let them sneak back into the game," Chaffin said. "You've always gotta prepare for that (questionable calls)

when you go into a tournament and you're playing the host team. We gotta take care of business regardless of if the refs are calling it our way or not."

Chaffin was impressed with the first three quarters of play by Pampa.

"Our press break looked absolutely smooth for the whole first portion of the game. Then we got towards the end and we had to be conservative on the offense end and I guess we thought that meant to be conservative the entire length of the floor," Chaffin said. "So we were a little bit timid instead of just being aggressive. But that will come."

Wall had four points in the quarter. Mon. Brown had three points. Mad. Brown had two points and Eubank had one point.

With the win, Pampa improved to 6-9 on the season. They played Fritch Thursday afternoon after press time. Look for results of that game as well as the Sunray game from Friday morning in Saturday's edition of The Pampa News. The Does fell to 4-6 on the season. They play Boys Ranch, River Road, Randall JV and West Texas High in the remainder of the tournament.

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Rayna Wall had 18 points. Taylor Eubank had 11 points and went 1-4 from the charity stripe. Madison Brown, Ty'Randa Archie-Johnson and Montaisha Brown each had six points. Montaisha Brown had two three pointers. Archie-Johnson had one three-pointer. Elise Kennedy finished with four points.

As a team, Pampa was 2-7 from the line and had three three-pointers.

WHITE DEER

Cassidy Crutchfield had 20 points. She was 1-4 from the free-throw line and had five three-pointers. Jaden Freeman had two three-pointers and eight points. Chancie King had two three-pointers and six points. Angela Parsley was 3-6 from the charity stripe and had five points. Merrit Mitchell finished with four points. Destany Periman finished with two points. Skylar Freeman and Courtney Barrow each had one point as they both went one for two from the line.

As a team, White Deer was 7-16 from the line and had nine three-pointers.

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Above left, Rayna Wall powers her way for a layup past Karlee Vigil of White Deer. Above right, Elise Kennedy goes up strong for a layup. Below left, Ty'Randa Johnson attempts a three-pointer over Chance King of White Deer's outstretched arms. Below right, Montaisha Brown puts up a three-pointer during the game Thursday. Pampa won 53-50 and improved to 6-9 on the season.



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Texas Tech beats Fresno State 73-56

LUBBOCK (AP)—Texas Tech's halftime adjustments worked Wednesday night.

The Red Raiders used a strong second-half defense to earn a 73-56 home win against Fresno State. The Bulldogs scored 25 second-half points and shot 9 of 25 (36 percent) after halftime.

"We made some adjustments in our zone to keep the ball out of the middle and forced them to shoot it outside," Red Raiders coach Tubby Smith said. "The zone was very active."

Devaugntah Williams led the Red Raiders with 17 points, and Marvelle Harris produced a team-high 17 points for the Bulldogs.

The Bulldogs (3-7) trailed by just three, 34-31, at halftime. A Harris jump shot with 17:20 remaining in the game trimmed their deficit to 34-33.

But then their offensive drought began. Their next point came on a free throw with 14:22 left and their second field goal of the second half didn't come until 7:42 remained in the game. The latter shot only trimmed Texas Tech's lead to 55-39.

Fresno State played just three reserves, to Texas Tech's nine.

The Red Raiders (6-1) built leads of 20 points three times over the remainder of the game, and the Bulldogs couldn't trim the deficit to less than 14 points in that span.

After winning their last two games by a combined three points, the Red Raiders cruised.

The first half was much more closely contested.

The Red Raiders built a 17-9 lead with 14:19 remaining in the first half, but the Bulldogs responded with five consecutive points to trim the deficit to three points, 17-14.

After Texas Tech built a nine-point lead with 4:08 left in the first half, the Bulldogs cut their deficit to two points, 29-27, with 2:03 left.

They scored four of the next nine points for the 34-31 deficit at halftime.

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will depress Republican turnout among these crucial voters. A poll by the non-partisan Pew Research Center reveals that 50 percent of Americans recognize that jobs are destroyed by this kind of so-called free trade, which would be facilitated by giving Obama fast track authority. Nearly half — 45 percent — of Americans understand that this type of trade results in lower wages in the United States. It is shocking that Congress would adopt a policy that destroys jobs and decreases wages when a record number of Americans

continue to be out of work. More than 92 million Americans are without jobs and have given up looking for one, and that number is 12 million people larger than when Obama took office. But the Chamber of Commerce and wealthy donors to both parties are pushing for fast track in Congress's lame duck session. Only a relatively small group of people on Wall Street or in corporate executive offices benefit from increased free trade.

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or poverty — matters very little if a person has a high "V," a positive, optimistic outlook and a belief in himself. For example, he found that an upbeat wheelchair-bound factory worker often leads a happier life than a robust, wealthy CEO. Psychologists called this the "emotional quotient" factor, or EQ: a measurement of a person's ability to monitor his or her emotions, cope with pressures and demands, control his or her thoughts and actions, and one's ability to assess and affect situations and relationships with other people. Salesmen, for example, with "high EQ" for a strong positive out-

look outsold those with higher traditional aptitude, but with lower EQ. High EQ people engage in positive behavior, which leads to positive results. George Foreman, the former heavyweight boxing champion, is one of the most successful pitchers of our generation. A spokesperson for products ranging from Meineke mufflers and Doritos to his own low-fat indoor grill, which earned him \$138 million when he sold the grill's naming rights in 1999, Foreman has an estimated net worth of \$250 million. A high school dropout, Foreman recently wrote this about the value of optimism: "This life, this country, is about HOPE. "My first two jobs were about selling: Four

hours of putting out sale papers, on doors, cars and handed out. Then at a fruit stand. Texas watermelon season was the best. Competition was great — we had to (as boys) have a variety of melons and a lot of charm. "The ability to sell is about the best asset one can pass on to a generation to come. And the most critical and influential product anyone can deal or trade is 'Hope.' "No matter who we lose, every young doctor is optimistic we will win this one. And many a time we do. Not a whole lot is new, just the same old Hope. ... When things go wrong in this life our sole obligation to our children is to sell them on Hope. Sure, beating our head against the wall is an option. But time

and life must proceed. Anger and disappointment bring more dark clouds. Oh, but HOPE is the sunshine that every child needs for play. ... Teach them Hope. And BELIEVE there is Hope. "It's our duty."

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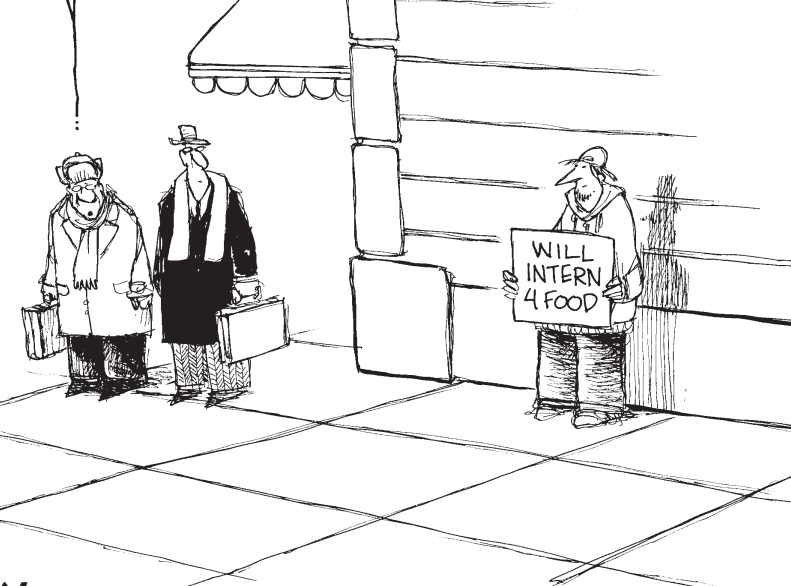
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, Dec. 13, 2014:
This year you bask in the limelight, and others can't help but notice you. As a result, you will have less time for the personal side of your life. You will take on new responsibilities, and you'll gain a better sense of direction. If you are single, your love life will be a roller-coaster ride. Strap on your seat belt! If you are attached, your relationship adds a new quality to your life. You will find yourself in a period of excitement and romance. You could opt to let this bond evolve to a new level. VIRGO appreciates what you have to offer.

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

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★★★★ You might choose to be active by playing cards or a board game with a friend. Your need for action and excitement is likely to be fulfilled in an unexpected way. You won't appreciate someone else's implicit demand for attention. Tonight: Try to chill out.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Your desirability draws many people to you, especially if you are single. You could be juggling several different concerns. Ask yourself what you really want. A lonely loved one definitely seems to need some of your time. Tonight: Plan a night out on the town.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You might feel as if someone is testing your limits. Rather than respond, you could opt to screen your calls and cocoon at home. You will be in the mood for a change of pace, or perhaps you'll want to spend time with a special loved one. Tonight: Hang close to home.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Reach out to a loved one at a distance. Your feelings will allow greater give-and-take with this person. Note how controlling a friend can be. Consider what it might be like to relate to this person a one-on-one level. Tonight: A quiet dinner becomes a fun night out on the town.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You might be more adventurous than you have been in a while. You could be tired of the status quo. Take a hard look at your finances before you take a leap of faith. See how much give you have. Let go of a need to keep a rigid schedule. Tonight:

Make it your treat.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You'll open up to a new possibility, even though a personal or domestic matter could be a source of stress. Tap into your creativity rather than become controlling, which ultimately will get you nowhere. Others tend to be unpredictable. Tonight: Make it exciting.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★ The extrovert in you will disappear as you become quiet and more reserved. Some of you even might decide to cocoon at home. Others could take this behavior personally. Nevertheless, expect a loved one to reach out to you. Tonight: The vanishing act continues.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Friends surround you. Plan to join a pal who likes to get involved in games and sports. You will forget any present woes if you hang out with this person. The unexpected could occur, and it might add to your energy and unpredictability. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

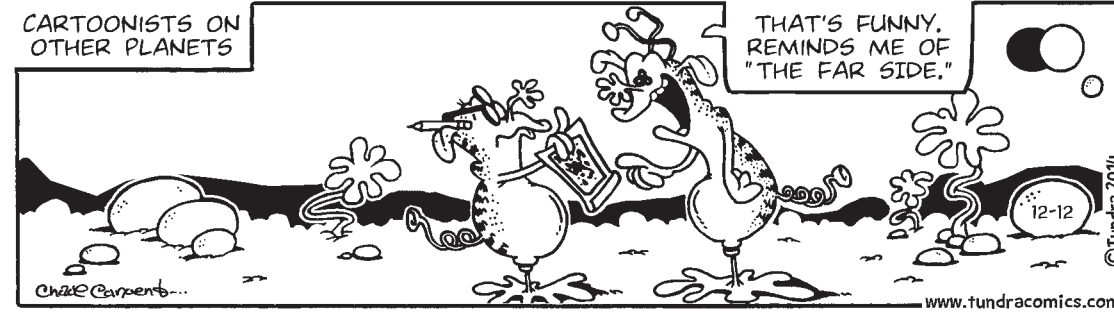
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ You will try to put your best foot forward. A problem could ensue that takes away from the pleasure of an easy day. Responsibility calls, as a parent or older friend is likely to make demands. Your creativity will open up new solutions. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ You might be holding yourself back more than usual. You could feel as if some matters would be best left undisclosed. Detach from an immediate problem and welcome a change of pace. A movie will take you to a more relaxing and interesting space. Tonight: Be unique.

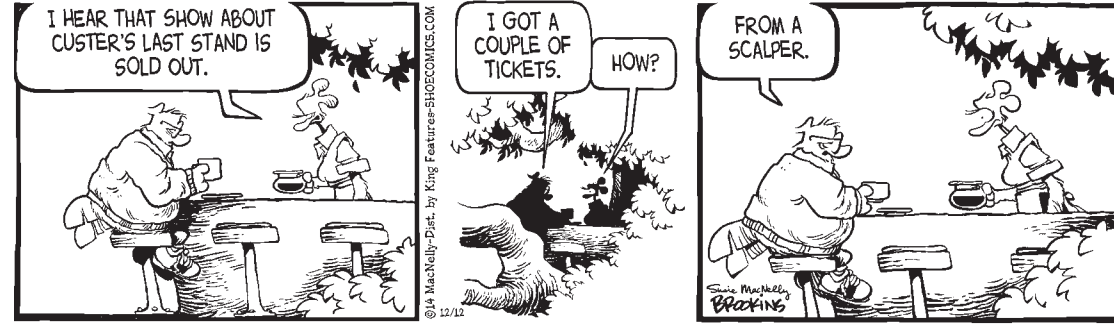
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You'll see someone else from a whole new perspective. A discussion with him or her could reveal your ability to move matters to a new level. You inadvertently are likely to teach this person the art of reframing. Tonight: Go along with a surprise.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Make a point of accepting someone's goodwill. Unexpected developments with your finances could prove to be provocative. You easily might hit the lottery yet lose your winnings on the way home. Be careful. Tonight: Go along with a friend's suggestion.

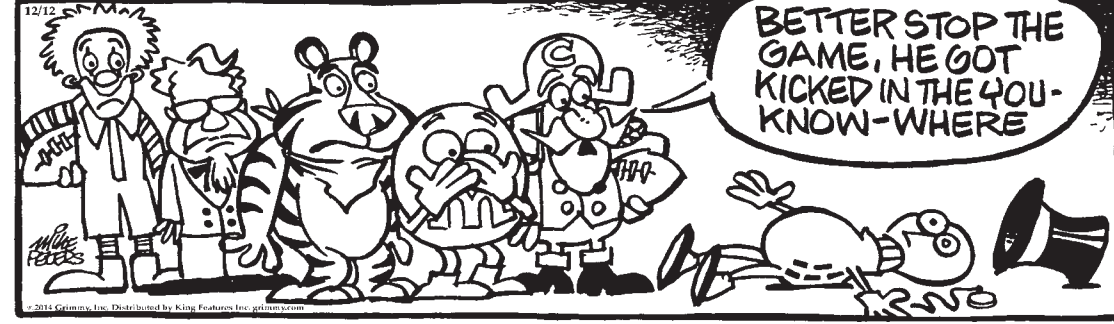
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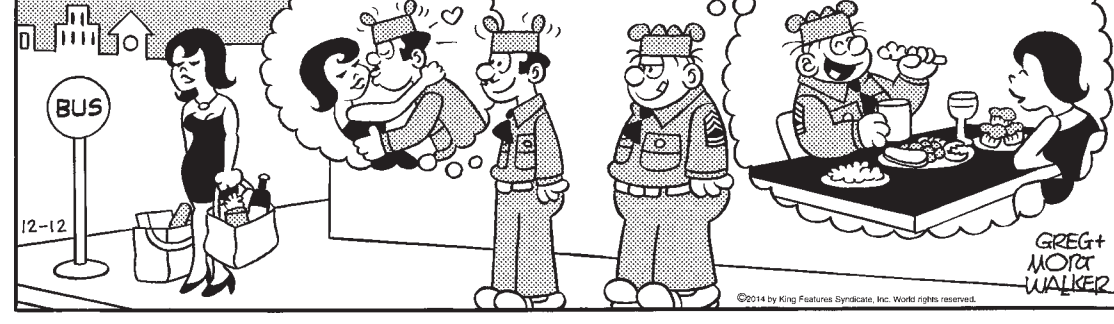
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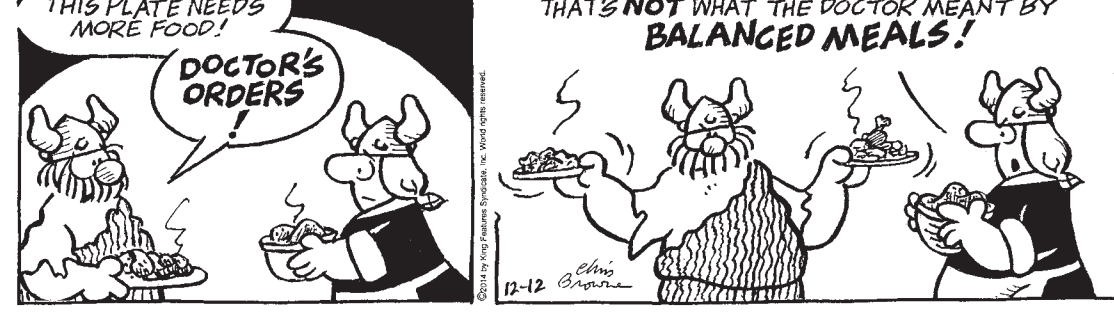
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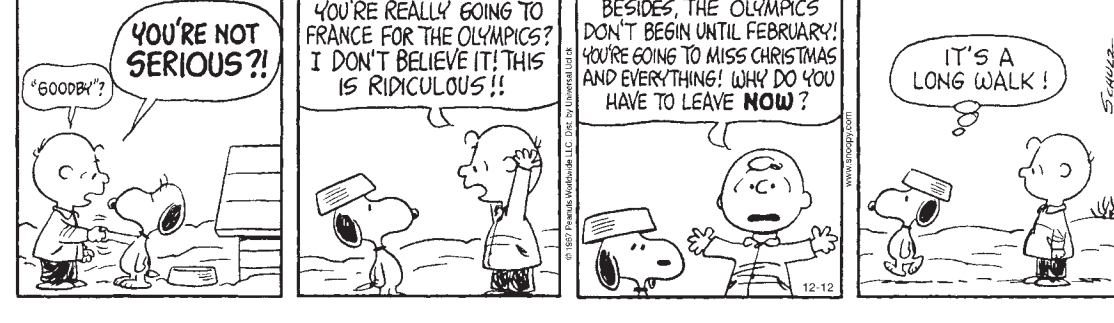
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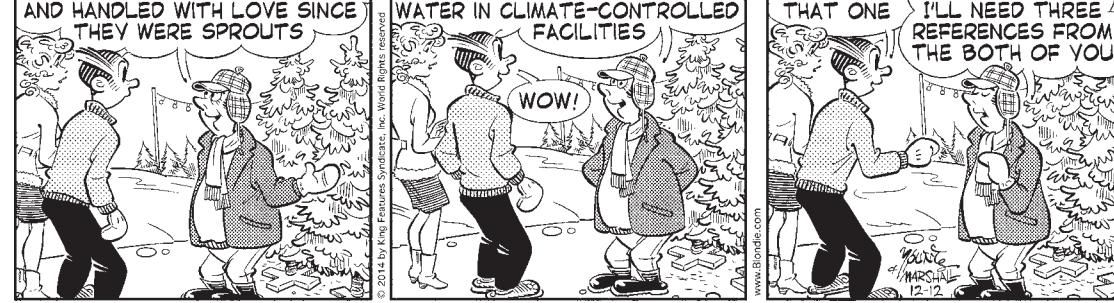
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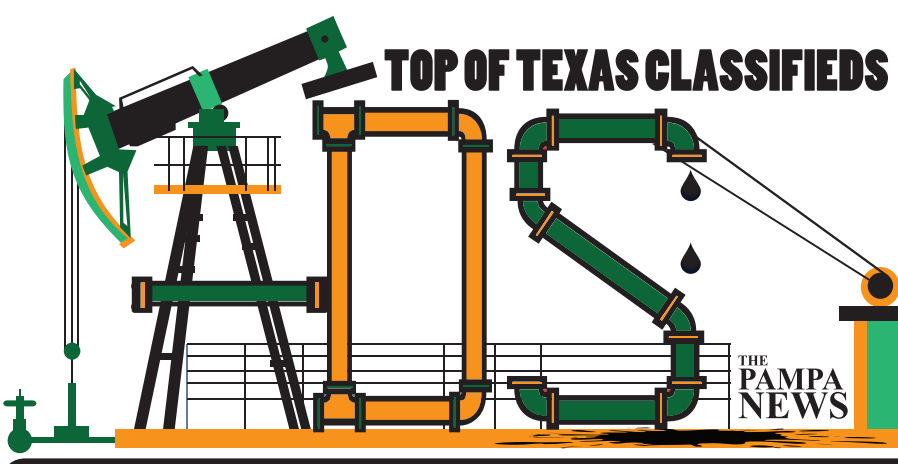


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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I work with a wonderful, good-hearted young woman who holds a low-paying job. She's raising three children alone, and I know she struggles to provide the necessities. I have learned that the holidays at their home are pretty meager. My husband and I have been discussing the many frivolous indulgences at our family Christmas and would like to suggest to our grown children that this year we pool our resources and send the money anonymously to this family a week or so before Christmas. Would it be rude to ask our kids for the money in advance? Unfortunately, there may be a couple who would prefer to receive gifts. How should we handle this? — TENNESSEE READER

DEAR READER: Your impulse is generous. Start now by telling your grown chil-

dren, "You know, I've been thinking ..." then discuss what you're considering and the reasons for it. Make participation in the project voluntary so that those who wish to can contribute the money they would have spent on gifts for you to the fund. Write (small) checks to those who would rather receive gifts than donate to your co-worker. You can't "force" others to be generous, and frankly, you shouldn't try. DEAR ABBY: When visiting friends I usually prefer to stay in a hotel, but my friend insisted I stay at her place so we could have more time to visit and make the most of our weekend together. On my last day, I woke up to find a note on my bedroom door instructing me how to clean the bedroom and bathroom in a specific manner before my departure.

I was mortified, not only by the request but by the way the note was written, requesting that I wipe down the shower walls and tub, and bag my trash. I complied with her request, but I wasn't happy. I left the bathroom in a cleaner condition than it was when I arrived. When I got home I sent my hostess a thank-you note for her hospitality. I haven't spoken to her since. Over the years, I have entertained many guests in my home. I have always provided them with meals, drinks, towels and a clean room. I have never left a note for anyone to clean. Is there a new etiquette policy for guests that I don't know about? — STILL UPSET IN SEATTLE

DEAR STILL UPSET: I have never heard of any rule of etiquette that says this was OK. However, the night before you were scheduled to leave, you should have asked your hostess how she would like the room left. I have "houseguest-

ed" in homes in which I was asked to strip the bed and leave my used towels in the laundry room when my visit was over. And as a polite guest, I happily complied. However, I have never been told to scrub a bathroom or been issued instructions on how to do it. If you choose to speak to this woman again, you have nothing to lose by telling her how you felt after reading her note — and I think you should.

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Kansas tops Georgetown

WASHINGTON (AP) — The play was a new one, called "Ear," and there's not much to hear about it because it broke down quickly.

So, instead, Kansas did what had been working already.

Landen Lucas set a screen, and Brannen Greene hit the shot that made him 5 for 5 from 3-point range, a big down-the-stretch bucket Wednesday night in the No. 10 Jayhawks' 75-70 win over Georgetown.

Greene scored 16 of his career-high 19 points in the second half, including a pair of free throws in the final minute as the Jayhawks (7-1) won their sixth in a row.

Joshua Smith scored 20 points to lead the Hoyas (5-3), whose other losses came against No. 4 Wisconsin and No. 15 Butler.

Before the Jayhawks made their basketball statement with a win over a top team in the Big East, the Hoyas' players made a bold statement of their own. Georgetown's entire roster emerged for warmups wearing black, short-sleeve T-shirts with the words "I CAN'T BREATHE" in white.

The players kept the T-shirts on during the national anthem and pregame handshakes. They became the latest notable athletes to display the message on warmups or other equipment in recent days, echoing the last words spoken by Eric Garner as police were attempting to arrest him in New York in July. A grand jury decided last week not to indict the officers involved in his death, spurring protests across the country.

"We didn't wear the shirts to say that the cops were wrong or the system was wrong," Smith said. "We just wore the shirts just to show our condolences to the family because no matter how you look at it, we don't know who was right or wrong, but they still lost somebody. And they won't get that person back."

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