

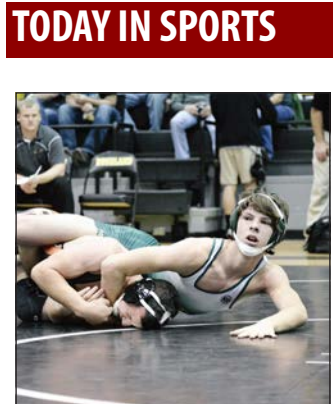
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## CHRISTMAS AT THE OK CORRAL



Photo by John Lee

Wilson Elementary held their 2nd grade Christmas program Tuesday morning and it was themed "Christmas at the OK Corral." The town of Snowy Gulch was threatened by Bubble Gum Bart, who thinks Christmas causes too much ruckus. He told the town if they continued with Christmas he would cover the town with bubble gum goo. The mayor of Snowy Gulch, played by principal Troy Bethley, called Santa Clause, played by assistant principal Zackary Greer, who sent the Candy Cane Kid to stop Bubble Gum Bart. Bubble Gum Bart revealed that he didn't think anyone in Snowy Gulch liked him and that's why he didn't want Christmas to come, the town said they do like him and he agreed to let Christmas happen sticky free.

## FIREFIIGHTERS MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR CHRISTMAS



Photo by Lindsey Tomaschik

The Pampa Firefighter's Association helped out by shopping for Christmas gifts for Tralee Crisis Center and The Salvation Army children. This is a project they take on every year as a way to give back to the community. They shopped for 10 children for the two organizations on Wednesday evening.

## Texas Law Enforcement cracks down on drunk drivers this holiday season

SUBMITTED BY PAMPA PD

PAMPA — Texas law enforcement is ramping up patrols to combat drunk driving this holiday season. Officers statewide will work thousands of extra hours in December to help keep people safe on the roadways. Texas is participating in the national enforcement crackdown sponsored by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), and the Pampa Police Department has teamed up with them on the initiative.

If the Pampa Police Department suspects a driver has been drinking and is impaired, the driver will be pulled over. Thanks to a grant from TX-

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## Poynor appointed PISD AD; Parker to human resources

STAFF REPORT

Pampa Independent School District has appointed head football coach Greg Poynor the athletic director for the district while moving former athletic director Heath Parker to director of human resources.

"We are pleased to announce that Greg Poynor, our head football coach, is going to



Heath Parker

assume the duties of athletic director for the Pampa Independent School District," PISD superintendent, Dr. David Young, said.

"Greg has been a great addition to our community. He brings a lot of enthusiasm to his job each and every day and will



Greg Poynor

do a fabulous job."

Parker, who was the head coach for Pampa High for several years, said it's an honor to work in the school district and live in Pampa.

"It's a big transition for us there's no doubt about that. I am thrilled to work in the school district," Parker said.

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## For public schools, what to watch in next session

BY MORGAN SMITH  
 The Texas Tribune

When Texas lawmakers come back to Austin in January, there will be a new governor who touts public schools as a top priority, and plenty of money in the state bank account. But that doesn't mean everything will go smoothly as the 84th Legislature navigates public education policy.

Here are five things to watch when the legislative session gets underway:

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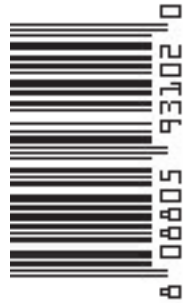
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## PAMPA FORECAST

Today	Saturday	Sunday
		
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High 46 Low 32	High 54 Low 35	High 53 Low 37

**Today:** Cloudy skies with a high of 46 degrees. Winds south at five to 10 mph. 20 percent chance of precipitation. Sunrise at 7:49 a.m.

**Tonight:** Partly cloudy with a low of 32 degrees. Winds south at five to 10 mph. 10 percent chance of precipitation. Sunset at 5:34 p.m.

**Tomorrow:** Sunshine and clouds mixed with a high of 54 degrees. Winds south at 10 mph. 10 percent chance of precipitation. Sunrise at 7:50 a.m.

**Tomorrow night:** A few clouds from time to time with a low near 35 degrees. Winds south-southeast at 10 to 15 mph. Sunset at 5:35 p.m.

**Sunday:** A few clouds early with a high of 53 degrees. Winds S-SW at five to 10 mph. Sunrise 78:50 a.m. 10 percent chance of precipitation.

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## Session

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**Education Committee Shuffling:** Whomever Lt. Gov.-elect Dan Patrick appoints to fill his spot leading the Senate Education Committee — Larry Taylor, Kelly Hancock and Donna Campbell are possible contenders — will wield considerable control over which education bills do and don't get hearings. Patrick could also opt to combine the chamber's higher and public education committees, another move that could affect how quickly and easily legislation makes it through the Senate. The House could also take the single education committee approach. With the departure of Higher Education Chairman Dan Branch, R-Dallas, that would leave current Public Education Chairman Jimmie Don Aycock, R-Killeen, who is expected to continue in that role, to preside over both.

**Pre-K Fireworks:** There's widespread and bipartisan energy building behind a push to boost early education in the state. But there's a catch — a divide exists between those who want to expand half-day programs to a full day and make them better, and others who want to first get a better handle on how the existing programs are working. Count education advocacy group Raise Your Hand Texas in the former camp, and Gov.-elect Greg Abbott in the latter.

**The School Choice Battleground:** In the 2013 session, despite a loud drumbeat leading up to January from supporters including Patrick and Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, legislation that would allow students to receive public money to attend private schools died with

barely a whimper. Now, a skirmish over private school vouchers is brewing again, but it's unclear whether 2015 will see a different outcome. Two areas that may instead become the school choice battleground: a proposal known as an "Achievement School District," which would create a statewide entity to manage underperforming campuses, and efforts to loosen regulation of virtual education.

**How Money Gets Doled Out:** With a school finance lawsuit awaiting arguments at the Texas Supreme Court, the Legislature could easily punt on making any changes to the way the state distributes funding to school districts. But that might be too much of a delay for some lawmakers. State Sen. Kirk Watson, an Austin Democrat, has already filed a slate of bills that he told the Houston Chronicle he hoped would get the "conversation started" on school finance. And regardless of how Watson's bills fare, lawmakers can still tinker around the edges of the school finance system as they make choices in how the budget allocates funding across school districts.

**Revisiting the Big Ticket Items of 2013:** Last time they were in Austin, lawmakers overhauled high school curriculum and scaled back standardized testing requirements. They also approved the first expansion of charter schools in the state since they were established in 1995.

If the interim hearings over the last year on the rollout of those new laws are any indication, expect discussion about improving high school students' access to guidance counselors, and clarifying the process the state uses to close low-performing charters schools.

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"It's a super organization and it's an honor for me. Also more importantly, I feel blessed and excited that we live in the town of Pampa, Texas, as a family. I love seeing my kids go to school here. In this job you never know where your life's going to go but the leadership in this district I am excit-

## Law

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DOT, our department will have extra officers on the street during the holiday season. Because of this, your chances of getting stopped are a lot greater. Impaired drivers who get behind the wheel can expect to be pulled over and arrested. However, it doesn't stop there. In addition to jail time, drivers who are arrested for driving while intoxicated can face fines, fees, and associated costs of up to \$17,000. The legal limit in Texas for intoxication is .08 BAC (blood or breath alcohol concentration). However, when a law enforcement officer has probable cause based on the driver's behavior, drivers can be arrested with a BAC below .08.

"Don't make one bad decision that could ruin the rest of your life — or someone else's life," said Pampa PD's Crime Prevention Officer, Brian Massey. "If you are going out drinking, plan for a sober ride home before you ever leave the house. Even though you may have driven drunk in the past, your luck could very well run out this time, and end with your

ed to work for and learn from them."

Poynor is familiar with the task, as he was athletic director at Lubbock-Roosevelt for six years.

"That's something I have done in the past few years and I am really excited and plan to do a great job for the school district," Poynor said.

Poynor was hired as the head coach of the Pampa Harvesters on Jan. 4 of this year.

arrest, or even worse, someone's death."

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) encourages Texans to give the gift of a sober ride this holiday season. It's a gift that could save a life while also protecting drivers from the formidable legal and financial troubles that can result from drinking and driving.

Driving under the influence of alcohol (DUI-alcohol) can have tragic consequences. According to TxDOT, there were over 2,300 DUI-alcohol traffic crashes in Texas last holiday season (Dec. 1, 2013 – Jan. 1, 2014), resulting in 763 serious injuries and 92 fatalities. Compared to the previous year, there was a 6.6 percent decrease in DUI-alcohol crashes and an 8.9 percent decrease in DUI-alcohol traffic fatalities in Texas. These decreases are encouraging, but there is still a lot of work to be done.

"We hope that increased visibility by law enforcement this holiday season can save lives on the road," said Massey. "That's our goal, and we need your help to achieve it. Give yourself and everyone else on the road the gift of a safe and cheerful holiday-- Plan ahead, and don't drink and drive."

## CITY BRIEFS

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# Amid tension, Texas mulls oversight of urban drilling

BY JIM MALEWITZ  
The Texas Tribune

Turns out, oil and gas drilling makes some city slickers cranky.

The Railroad Commission of Texas is mulling how to beef up oversight of oil and gas operations in cities, aiming to ease tension between the industry and growing numbers of urban Texans who find themselves living next to well pads, compressor stations and disposal wells.

"In current times, we are looking at a state in which drilling does not necessarily occur in less populated, rural areas, as it once did years ago," Christi Craddick, the commission's chairman, said last week. "We have heard the concerns expressed by those living in urban areas where drilling is occurring."

The statements came after Craddick instructed Milton Rister, the agency's executive director, to "explore the potential need for an emphasis on inspections in highly populated, urban areas throughout Texas," in a report due in January.

Precisely what a new policy would look like is unclear, but Lauren Hamner, Craddick's spokeswoman, said "nothing is off the table," and the agency will reevaluate how it handles a range of activities, including oil and gas production and the disposal of oilfield waste.

The move drew mixed responses from those who have voiced concerns about the industry's effects on quality of life.

Oil and gas companies face increased pushback as the industry's footprint extends into cities — particularly those sitting atop the Barnett Shale, which stretches some 5,000 square miles across North Texas.

The biggest battleground has been in Denton, which last month voted to become the state's first city to ban hydraulic fracturing, or fracking. But concerns about noise, traffic and the environment have swirled in other city halls. In the past three years, Dallas and suburbs Southlake and Flower Mound have enacted polarizing ordinances that the industry considers de facto bans on drilling. And some residents of Mansfield, emboldened by Denton's move, are calling for similar restrictions.

Meanwhile, other towns including Azle, Irving and Reno have raised concerns about a spate of unexpected earthquakes that have shaken the region — a phenomenon thought to be linked to nearby disposal wells, deep-underground resting places for liquid oilfield waste. In the past year, the Railroad Commission has hired a seismologist and

approved requirements that companies submit more information before drilling disposal wells.

"I'm grateful that they're acting, and if it took us spearheading the charge, I guess that's what it took," Lynda Stokes, the mayor of tiny Reno, said of the agency's latest move. "Bless their hearts. What a job that they have, because they really don't know what to do."

The leader of Denton's grassroots movement against fracking, however, doesn't put much stock in Craddick's announcement.

"To me, it was just kind of a statement to placate us," said Cathy McMullen, president of Frack Free Denton. "I think a lot of Texans have lost faith that any state agency is going to help us."

McMullen said she doubts inspections would do much good, unless the agency also started levying more penalties on operators who break the rules. What's more, she said, Denton's biggest beefs with the industry concern air quality — an area over which the Railroad Commission has no jurisdiction. Those duties fall to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

Though North Texas has hosted the prominent battles between operators and local activists, the Railroad Commission says its initiative — however it might look — would extend across the state.

"It's unfortunate that any Texas community does not feel safe in their own community," Hamner said. "For Denton or any other to suspect we don't care about that is a very serious, unfortunate situation."

State lawmakers will also jump into the fray in the coming session, including some who want to discourage cities from throwing up roadblocks to drilling.

Rep. Phil King, R-Weatherford, on Wednesday filed the session's first pair of bills addressing the issue. One would require cities to get the attorney general's blessing before enacting or repealing any ordinance by voter initiative or referendum, the tool Denton activists used to push that city's fracking ban. Another would require cities that tighten drilling regulations to reimburse the state for any lost tax revenue.

"Everybody needs certainty and clarity," he said. "So we don't have a city-by-city fight."

The debate comes as producers face pressure on another front — the market. Crude prices have tumbled more than 40 percent since June, spurring concerns about idled rigs and plummeting profits in the coming months.

# Obituaries

## Helen W. Philpott

Helen W. Philpott, 99, of Pampa, died Dec. 17, 2014, in Pampa.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 20, 2014, at Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel, with Dr. Lewis Holland, pastor of St. Paul United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will follow in Miami Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Helen was born May 21, 1915, in Henrietta to W.B. and Mary Walker. She came to Miami in 1925 from Henrietta. She married Kint Philpott on April 4, 1931, in Erick, Okla. He preceded her in death on July 20, 2011. Helen and Kint farmed in the

Miami and Pampa areas for many years before moving to Pampa in 1981. She was a member of the United Methodist Church of Miami, the Pampa Senior Citizens Center, and was a homemaker.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; three sisters, Mildred Cunningham, Dortha Airhart and Catherine Fazzi; an infant daughter, Virginia Ann; a daughter-in-law, Barbara Philpott; a granddaughter, Lynn Wright, and a great-grandson, Jason Wright.

Survivors include two sons, Don Philpott of Miami and Marvin Philpott and wife Shirley of Delaware, Ohio; five grandchildren, Janice Monds and husband Benny and Ann Pigdon and husband Bryan, all of Pampa, Sharon Wright of Miami, John Philpott and companion Kim Cobler of San Angelo and Shanna Heilveil and husband Ben of Baltimore, Md.; nine great-grandchildren, Kevin Monds, Joel Monds, Scott Monds and wife Wendy, Cliff Bryant, Nick Bryant and wife Katja, Angela Wright, Erin Heilveil, Noah Heilveil and Megan Heilveil; and 16 great-great grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to United Methodist Church, 201 S. Main, Miami, Texas 79059, or Pampa Senior Citizens, 500 W. Francis, Pampa, Texas 79065.

# For the record

## Borger man arrested for theft

### STAFF REPORT

• Danny Joe Geer, 37, Borger, was arrested Wednesday by the Gray County Sheriff's Office for theft of property — between \$1,500 and \$20,000.

• Sarai Zarate, 18, Pampa, was arrested Wednesday by the Pampa Police Department

for four charges of no driver's license, two charges of failure to appear, two charges of failure to maintain car insurance, running a stop sign.

• Yrelia Tovar Zarate, 45, Pampa, was arrested Wednesday by PPD for theft of services — between

\$500 and \$1,500, failure to maintain car insurance, failure to appear.

• Rodger Dale Daniells, 37, Skellytown, was arrested Wednesday by GCSO for burglary of a building, insufficient bond — burglary of a building.

## Thousands respond to black rhino import request

FORT WORTH (AP) — A federal agency is sifting through thousands of comments regarding a Texas hunter's application for a permit to import the carcass of an endangered black rhinoceros that he hopes to kill.

Since publishing the application request in November, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has received more than 15,000 comments about the hunter's request, as well as petitions with about 135,000 signatures demanding that it be denied.

Although other agency measures have drawn more comments, "I'm not sure we've ever received a petition quite like this one before," said service spokesman Gavin Shire, adding that the permit department normally receives no more than eight comments per application.

Shire said the agency will examine the public comments "for substantive information" as it weighs whether the hunt in Namibia — where 1,800 of the remaining 4,880 black rhinos live — is a form of conservation.

The hunter, Corey Knowlton, bid \$350,000 at an auction last January that the Dallas Safari Club billed as a fundraising effort to save the species.

The club said the hunt is postponed until Knowlton gets permission to import the trophy of one of five black rhinos approved by the Namibian government for culling.

Namibia sold another hunting permit directly to Michael Luzich, a Las Vegas investment manager who also is seeking a permit to bring the trophy into the U.S.

But Luzich has received far less scrutiny than Knowlton, who said in January he hired full-time security because he received death threats after his name was leaked on the Internet.



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## Masters of deceptive persuasion

Democrats are the masters of deceptive persuasion, meaning they will take our attention off



**CHUCK NORRIS**

something they have really screwed up and put it on something that's not quite so bad. And chief among those masters is he who resides at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. in Washington, D.C.

For example, let's look at the bumbling idiot Jonathan Gruber, who has repeatedly said that the key for passing Obamacare was the stupidity of the American people.

When Gruber was called before the House Oversight and Gov-

ernment Reform Committee to explain himself, he ducked and weaved questions, to the point that even Rep. Elijah Cummings, D-Md., couldn't take it anymore. He told Gruber he had just handed the Republicans "a public relations gift."

I was shocked when Cummings said that, because he was more concerned about the production of a Democratic nightmare than he was about getting at the truth of what Gruber had said. That is politics at its very lowest!

So what did the Democrats do to take the people's mind off this PR nightmare? (I can just see the White House and leading Democrats desperately trying to come up with something to distract the

American people. I would have loved to have been a fly on the wall as the panicked Democrats tried to find a solution!)

Voila! Let's release the Senate Intelligence Committee's report about how the CIA misled Congress and was illegally torturing detainees in the war on terror on the very same day as Gruber's congressional grilling!

For those who are living on a political island, it's called wag the dog, a strategy in which a leader diverts negative attention away from a politically damaging issue to an issue of allegedly greater significance, which often builds up his character and reputation while tearing down his op-

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## Governing vs. giving

It's the season for giving. That doesn't mean it's the season for government.



**JOHN STOSSEL**

Government creates loyalty in the minds of citizens by pretending to be Santa Claus, doling out gifts and favors. Politicians claim they help those unfortunates who aren't helped by cold-hearted capitalism.

The truth is, government gets in the way of charity, making it harder for people to help others and for the poor to help themselves. It also gets in the way of commerce, which is what really makes people better off.

When I was in college, President Lyndon Johnson declared "an all-out war on human poverty. ... For the first time in our history, it's possible to conquer poverty." I believed him. But then I watched government poverty programs fail. America spent trillions of your dollars on the poor, and the poor stayed poor.

Actually, the poverty rate did fall after the "War on Poverty" began. But it had already been falling prior to initiation of welfare. Sadly, the poverty rate stopped falling about seven years after Johnson's programs began, mostly because government handouts encouraged people to be dependent.

Simple capitalism does much more for poor people. On my show this week, Marian Tupy, editor of HumanProgress.org, speculates on why people don't appreciate that.

"Our minds evolved tens of thousands of years ago when we lived in small groups of between 50-200 people," says Tupy. "We would go out, kill game, bring it back, share it." The idea of everyone getting an equal share still makes us feel warm and cozy.

"Some of the anti-capitalist impulse goes back to that hunter-gatherer mentality and not comprehending the complexity of the market economy," says Tupy. "The complexity outpaced our ability to understand it."

But even those who don't understand markets should open their eyes and acknowledge its benefits: World-wide, wherever economic freedom is allowed, millions of people have lifted themselves out of stoop labor and miserable poverty.

Of course, not everyone can reap the benefits of markets. The sick, the mentally ill and other truly helpless people need a hand.

But why assume government must provide that help? Government doesn't do anything very well. Why not let private charity handle it?

I once assumed there was too much poverty for private charity to make much of a difference. But now I realize there is plenty of money, and private charity would do much more if government didn't discourage it.

When the welfare state took over poverty relief, it crowded out "mutual aid" societies that the poor ran for themselves.

They were like a cross between private unemployment insurance and "moose" or "elks" lodges that encouraged members to help each other out. They were better at helping the poor because their members, unlike government poverty workers, were free to make judgments about who deserved help and who didn't.

Today, there are fewer mutual aid societies because people say, "Why do it myself when we already have giant welfare bureaucracies? My taxes pay for Obamacare, food stamps, housing vouchers and so on. I'll let the professionals handle it."

But those "professionals" do a poor job.

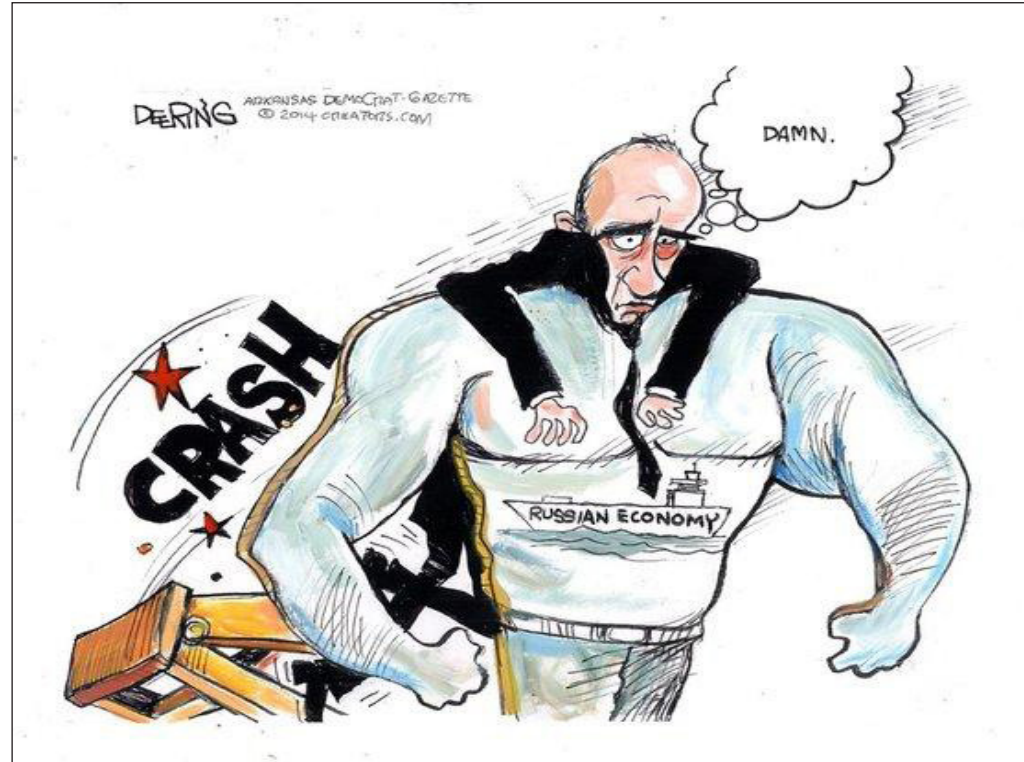
Fortunately, charities still try to do what government cannot do. I give money to the Doe Fund, an organization that helps addicts and ex-cons discover the benefits of work. I give because I can see the results: Doe Fund participants work as caterers, exterminators and street-cleaners, and they do it with a spring in their step.

Somehow, the charity teaches these men (they only work with men) to take pride in work. That pride changes people. Unlike other ex-cons, those who are Doe graduates rarely go back to jail.

If government didn't discourage it, more charities would do even better work with the poor. Human beings don't sit around ignoring the suffering of their neighbors. But we are most likely to neglect these moral tasks when government insists it has everything covered.

Get government out of the way and just watch what we can do.

*John Stossel is host of "Stossel" on Fox News and author of "No They Can't! Why Government Fails, but Individuals Succeed."*



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### Letter to the Editor

## A bridge to nowhere

How many have heard of the bridge to nowhere in Alaska that Congress has voted to spend \$230 million on. (Google bridge to Alaska) Gray County is building their own bridge to nowhere down on Seminole road. It looks like something for the interstate. There is one resi-

dence and three oil leases down that road with maybe half a dozen pickups a day and an oil tanker or pulling unit every month or so. The old bridge was a load limit bridge, so I had the county cut a road around it five or six years ago for access for heavy loads. They put a 24-in. culvert in and

this has served the purpose for years. Why spend millions for a bridge that is not needed? There are several low water crossings on the county road I use every day that serve the purpose. I can hear the excuse about all the state and federal money being used. Well that is our tax money also

and should not be wasted. I thought congress was bad about wasting money but a county with a bridge to nowhere and a city with a million dollar dog pound might be their rivals.

**Floyd Morris  
Pampa**

## The rise of Putinism

"Abe tightens grip on power as Japanese shun election."



**PATRICK BUCHANAN**

So ran the page one headline of the Financial Times on the victory of Prime Minister Shinzo Abe in Sunday's elections.

Abe is the most nationalistic leader of postwar Japan. He is rebooting nuclear power, building up Japan's military, asserting her rights in territorial disputes with China and Korea.

And he is among a host of leaders of large and emerging powers who may fairly be described as the new nationalistic strong men.

Xi Jinping is another. Staking a claim to all the islands in the South and East China seas, moving masses of Han Chinese into Tibet and Uighur lands to swamp native peoples, purging old comrades for corruption, Xi is the strongest leader China has seen in decades.

He sits astride what may now be the world's largest economy and is asserting his own Monroe Doctrine. Hong Kong's democracy protests were tolerated until Xi tired of them. Then

they were swept off the streets.

Call it Putinism. It appears to be rising, while the New World Order of Bush I, the "global hegemony" of the necons, and the democracy crusade of Bush II seem to belong to yesterday.

Narendra Modi, leader of the Hindu nationalist party who was denied entry into the United States for a decade for complicity in or toleration of a massacre of Muslims is now Prime Minister of India.

"Members of the rightwing Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh," the FT reports, "the Organisation of National Volunteers that gave birth to the Bharatiya Janata party headed by Mr. Modi — have been appointed to key posts in the governing party and cultural institutions."

"Nationalists have railed in public against the introduction of 'western' practices such as wearing bikinis on the beach, putting candles on birthday cakes and using English in schools — all to the chagrin of fretful liberals."

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan is another such leader.

Once seen as a model of the enlightened ruler who blended his Islamic faith with a secular state, seeking friendship with

all of his neighbors, he has declared cold war on Israel, aided the Islamic State in Syria, and seems to be reigniting the war with the Kurds, distancing himself from his NATO allies and the U.S., and embracing Putin's Russia.

Not since Ataturk has Turkey had so nationalistic a leader.

And as the democracy demonstrators were routed in Hong Kong, so, too, were the Tahrir Square "Arab Spring" demonstrators in Egypt, home country to one in four Arabs.

With the overthrow of Hosni Mubarak, the Muslim Brotherhood came to power in free elections, but was then overthrown by the Egyptian Army. General Abdul Fattah al-Sisi is now president and rules as autocratically as Mubarak, or Nasser before him.

Thousands of the Muslim Brotherhood are in prison, hundreds face the death penalty. Yet, despite the military coup that brought Sisi to power, and the repression, the American aid continues to flow.

What do these leaders have in common?

All are strong men. All are nationalists. Almost all tend to a social conservatism from which Western democra-

cies recoil. Almost none celebrate democracy or democratic values the way we do.

And almost all reject America's claim to be the "indispensable nation" or "exceptional nation" and superpower leader.

Fareed Zakaria lists as "crucial elements of Putinism ... nationalism, religion, social conservatism, state capitalism and government domination of the media. They are all, in some way or another, different from and hostile to, modern Western values of individual rights, tolerance, cosmopolitanism, and internationalism."

Yet not every American revels in the sewer that is our popular culture. Not every American believes we should impose our democratist ideology on other nations. Nor are Big Media and Hollywood universally respected. Patriotism, religion and social conservatism guide the lives of a majority of Americans today.

As the Associated Press reports this weekend, Putinism finds echoes across Central and Western Europe. Hungary's Viktor Orban has said he sees in Russia a model for his own "illiberal state."

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# Masters

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ponents. The goal is for the attention to the latter to drown out the negative press of the former event.

The classic example happened in 1997, when Tinseltown produced a movie by the same name, "Wag the Dog," about an American president who started a war in the Balkans to distract people from his sex scandal. A little more than a year after its release, then-President Bill Clinton, while facing a sex scandal, actually entered us in a war in the Balkans.

There's no better tail-wagging Washington weasel than the current president himself. Or do you think strokes of deflection just keep coming Barack Obama's way as his administration fumbles and tumbles in its cesspool of ineptness?

You think the Democrats just happened to release a report shredding the CIA and Bush administration (again) on the same day as Gruber's garbage testimony?

And I'm sure it was a coincidence in December 2009 — at the very moment when Obamacare's passing seemed to be in jeopardy in the Senate — that Obama ordered the mission for the U.S. to attack an alleged al-Qaida camp in Yemen that allegedly caused the deaths of civilians, including women and children.

And I'm sure it was just a coincidence a few years into Obama's presidency — when he was being hit hard from Main Street to Wall Street about the skyrocketing price of oil and the failure of his economic stimulus and policies —

that he unilaterally decided it was a good time to start dropping bombs on Libya.

And I'm sure it was just a coincidence that when National Security Agency whistleblower Edward Snowden prompted Obama's scandal about electronic spying on the private lives of almost every voter in America, the president thrust our attention overseas with his surprise decision to provide weapons, ammunition and air power to the Syrian rebels.

And I'm sure it was just a coincidence that when Obama and his Department of Veterans Affairs started to nose-dive over the debacle in the veterans hospital, Obama again lured our eyes abroad by deciding to trade five Guantanamo Bay detainees for Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl.

And I'm sure it was just a coincidence that when the select committee formed to investigate what really happened in Benghazi, Libya, Obama and his cronies drew the world's attention to how much they were concerned for the kidnapped Nigerian schoolgirls. (All that heartfelt concern, yet then-Secretary of State Hillary Clinton refused to declare Boko Haram a terrorist organization.)

And I'm sure it was just a coincidence that when the Islamic State group was hacking the heads off Americans in the Middle East, Obama put people's attention over in Africa, sending 3,000 military personnel to Liberia to help combat Ebola, the Pentagon's No. 1 priority. (Remember Ebola, the virus the White House initially said would never reach the U.S.?)

And I'm sure it is just a coincidence, too, that Obama has utilized the

recent riots and protests over police brutality for his political expediency. (He actually prefers to have others create the wag for him!) As the media and nation focus their attention on race baiting, Obama's executive order about illegal immigration has been pushed out of their minds.

Milwaukee County Sheriff David Clarke, who would make an exceptional secretary of homeland security, even said about Obama: "He built this racial divide. It was a wound that had been healing for a number of years — a number of decades, I should say — and he reopened it with his divisive politics ... (a) divide-and-conquer strategy (that has been) very destructive for America."

Obama has taken past presidents' periodic political manipulation to a new level; all we see is his tail. His foreign policy has been built largely upon wagging the dog to get attention off his failed domestic leadership and policies, including Obamacare. That is what started this recent "wag the dog" show. He wanted to divert the American public's focus from Gruber's testimony about Obamacare, so now there's the Senate report about the CIA.

That is one more reason I believe that Obama deserves an Oscar for his role as "Master of Deceptive Persuasion"!

Franklin D. Roosevelt hit the political nail on the head when he said decades ago: "In politics, nothing happens by accident. If it happens, you can bet it was planned that way."

Follow Chuck Norris through his official social media sites, on Twitter @chucknorris and Facebook's "Official Chuck Norris Page." He blogs at <http://chucknorrisnews.blogspot.com>.

# Community Calendar

## City Commission meetings

The Pampa City Commission meets at 5:30 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. The meetings are held on the third floor of City Hall.

## School board meetings

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

## Immunization clinic three times a month

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

## PAWS meets first Tuesdays

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

There is a desperate need for more members. PAWS members are needed to work at the shelter from 3 to 5:30 p.m. each day and to work adoption days or take animals to the vets when needed, but mostly people are needed to love and work with the animals where they will be more adoptable.

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

## County Commission meetings

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

## TOT Republican Women's Club

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

## Jam sessions every Friday night

The Woody Guthrie Folk Music Center has a jam session every Friday night starting at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to

play or listen. The center is located at 320 S. Cuyler St. For more information, call 806-664-0824.

## Meredith House presents live music

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

## 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.

## Church of the Nazarene

The community is invited to our Christmas Eve service at 6 P.m. There will be Christmas carols, reading of the Christmas story from the Bible, and candle lighting to go with the program. Come experience "Why Jesus came" at 500 N. West St. For more info please call 669-3144. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. God Bless one and all.

Editor's note: Email submissions to [jclee@thepampanews.com](mailto: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.

# Rise

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Marine Le Pen wants to bring France into a new Gaullist Europe, stretching "from the Atlantic to the Urals," with France seceding from the EU superstate.

"Of the 24 right-wing populist parties that took about a quarter of the European Parliament seats in May elections, Political Capital lists 15

as 'committed' to Russia," writes the AP.

These rising right-wing parties are "partners" of Russia in that they "share key views — advocacy of traditional family values, belief in authoritarian leadership, a distrust of the U.S., and support for strong law and order measures."

While the financial collapse caused Orban to turn his back on the West, says Zakaria, to the Hungarian prime minister, liberal values

today embody "corruption, sex and violence," and Western Europe has become a land of "freeloaders on the backs of welfare systems."

If America is a better country today than she has ever been, why are so many, East and West, recoiling from what we offer now?

Patrick J. Buchanan is the author of the new book "The Greatest Comeback: How Richard Nixon Rose From Defeat to Create the New Majority."

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# 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 hand-out 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.

The church is hosting a gospel meeting on Sunday Dec. 14 with brother Jack Evans Jr. speaking at the morning bible class, worship and evening worship services. Anyone from the community is welcome to come hear him speak.

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.*

# 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.

# Cheniere lands 20-year natural gas deal in Portugal

HOUSTON (AP) — Cheniere Energy landed a 20-year contract to supply natural gas in Portugal, sending shares up 8 percent in early trading.

The natural gas boom in the U.S. has led to a rush by major producers to put into place the infrastructure to ship overseas.

Companies such as Exxon Mobil and Sempra Energy are seeking federal permits for more than 20 export projects that could handle as

much as 29 billion cubic feet of natural gas a day.

Only one license has been issued in the U.S. to build a liquid natural gas export terminal, however, and Cheniere owns it.

The contract announced Thursday, through Cheniere subsidiary Corpus Christi Liquefaction, will be sold to the utility company EDP Energias de Portugal S.A.

EDP also has electricity and gas operations in Spain and distributes gas and gener-

ates electricity in the Iberian Peninsula.

EDP agreed to buy 770,000 tons of liquefied natural gas per year once operations begin at the third train of the LNG export facility being developed by Cheniere near Corpus Christi, Texas. A train refers to a company's liquefaction and purification facility. The Corpus Christi liquefaction project is being designed and permitted for up to three trains. Deliveries from the third train are

expected to occur as early as 2019.

The agreement is subject to the Corpus Christi liquefaction project receiving regulatory approvals, obtaining the necessary financing arrangements and making a final investment decision to build the project's third train.

The deal has an extension option of up to 10 years.

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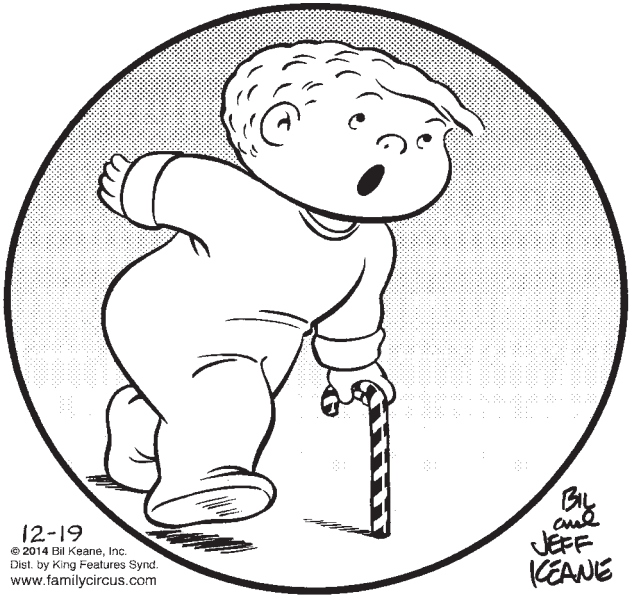
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"I think the elves made this cane to fit them, not me."

## Non Sequitur



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## Nest Heads



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## daily horoscope

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Saturday, Dec. 20, 2014:  
This year you often say one thing but do another, which confuses the people around you. You might not even be aware of this behavior, but others will be quick to mention it to you. If you are single, this issue could have caused you difficulties with relating in the past. The right person will not be thrown off, and he or she will understand you. If you are attached, your sweetie is used to your behavior. Dote on him or her a little more than usual, as you could be unusually self-centered this year. A fellow SAGITTARIUS really challenges you.

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

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19)  
★★★★ Your mind might be on those at a distance whom you care about. Some of you might be putting last-minute gifts in the mail, while others could be taking off to visit a special friend. Let the good feelings flow. Tonight: Check out a fun holiday happening.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)  
★★★★ You and a friend might decide to combine forces to finish up some holiday shopping. You could decide to stop for a hot toddy or an eggnog along the way. You easily could end up having your own holiday party together. Tonight: Get into the moment.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)  
★★★★ A friend or loved one seems to want to command plans. Let this person take the reins, and go along with his or her ideas. Return a call that is full of exciting news. Friends will play a considerable role in what is about to happen. Tonight: Go with the flow.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)  
★★★★ You are the sign of family and home. You could be busy wrapping presents, decorating trees or preparing a buffet for friends. You feel good when you show your generous side. Tonight: Give a loved one the attention he or she deserves.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)  
★★★★ You naturally will get into the mood of the moment. You might have a lot of parties to go to or many homes to make deliveries to. Remember that time is on your side. Take some time for yourself and a loved one if the opportunity appears.

Tonight: Put on your dancing shoes.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)  
★★★ Tension builds, especially if you are out getting holiday errands done. A loved one really wants your company, even if it is just to wrap a gift together. Let the good times happen naturally. Tonight: Cupid might push you and a friend under the mistletoe.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)  
★★★★ Express your feelings in such a way that someone else can easily respond to them. If you flirt too much in general, this person might have a difficult time believing you. Actions speak louder than words. Expect the unexpected. Tonight: Be naughty and nice.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)  
★★★★ You suddenly could become a little too concerned with your finances and wonder which way to go. Remember the true nature of this holiday. Not all gifts have to be expensive items. Remember that it is the experience that counts. Tonight: Paint the town red.

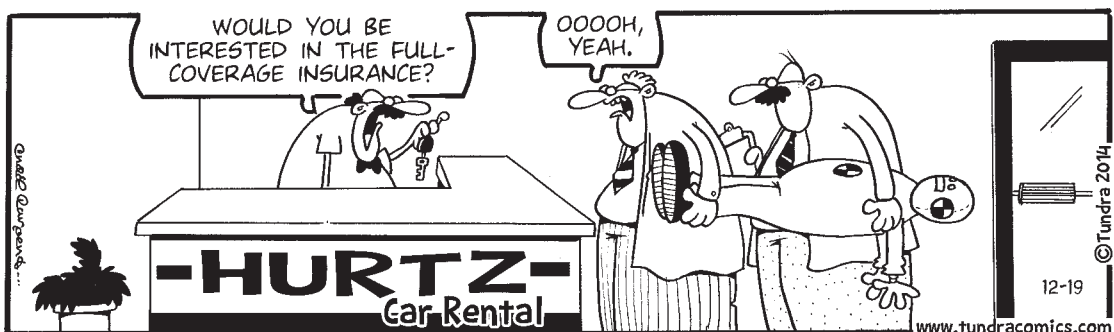
**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)  
★★★★ You will be full of enthusiasm; however, you could run into a neighbor or relative who seems grumpy and somewhat out of sorts. Make time to visit this person. You might need to revise your budget if you are doing too much shopping. Tonight: Go with spontaneity.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)  
★★★ You will want to pull back and slow down some. Take an hour or two off from everything that is going on. Afterward, take another look at your to-do list. You might be able to condense certain tasks to make the next few days easier. Tonight: Play it low-key.

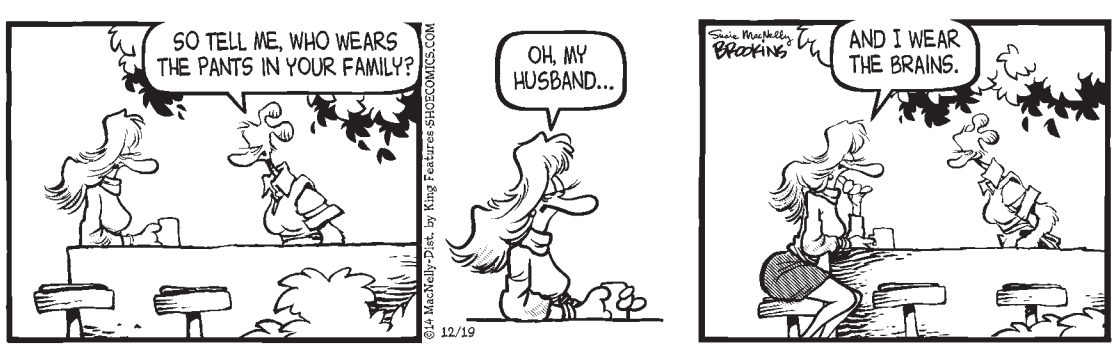
**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)  
★★★★ Bring friends together for a spontaneous gathering. You even might start sharing some presents. You will need to check with others' schedules. Whether you decide on a breakfast gathering or a late-night party, it is your call. Tonight: There is no stopping you now.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)  
★★★★ You will want to slow down, but you could have a hard time saying "no" to invitations. Trust that you will be able to squeeze in a nap at some point. A parent might be challenging, but he or she will understand that you have your hands full. Tonight: In the limelight!

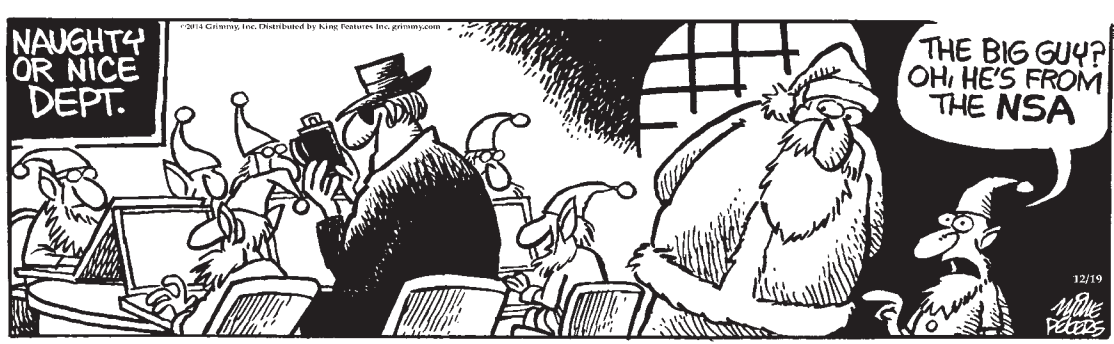
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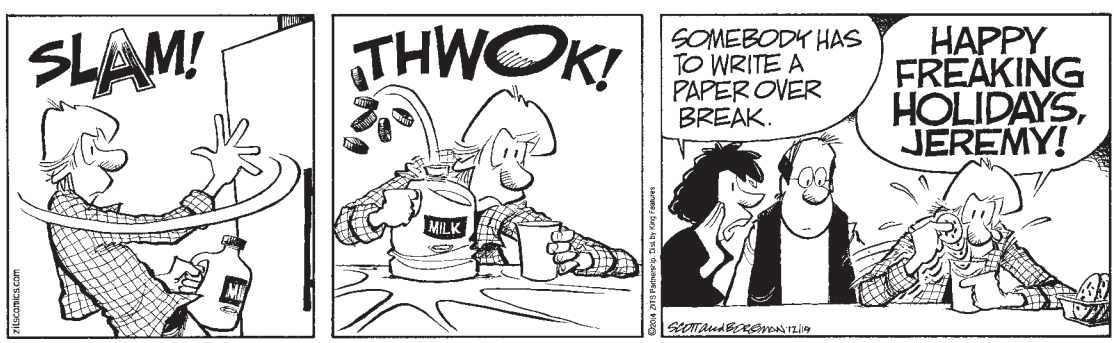
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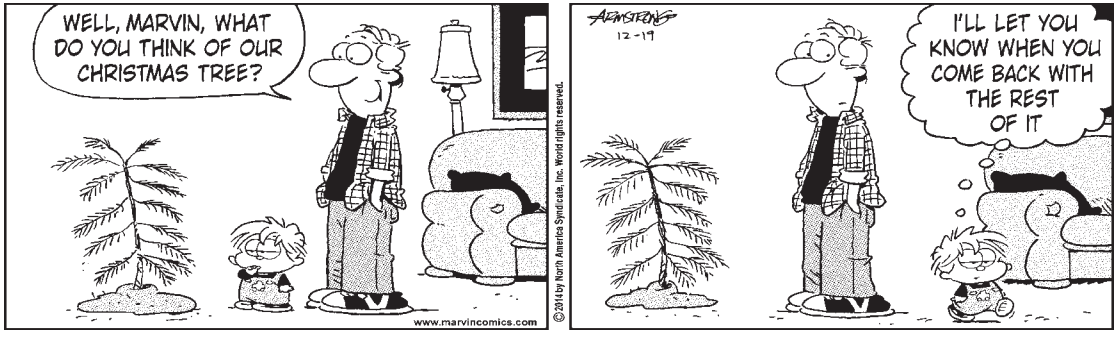
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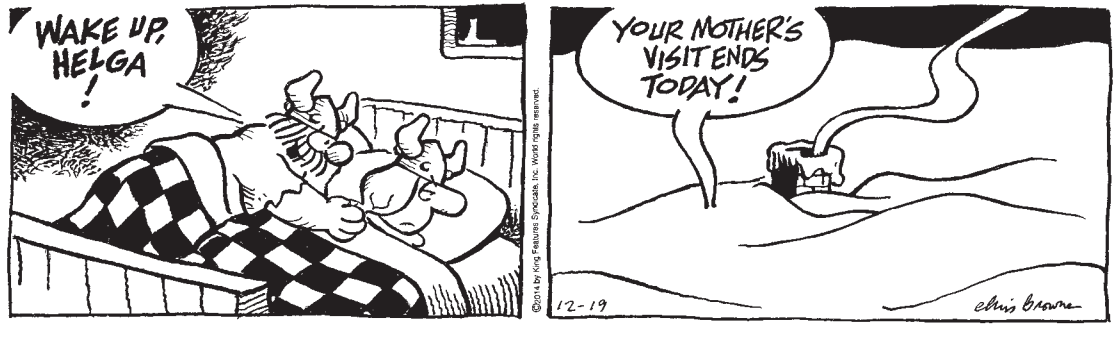
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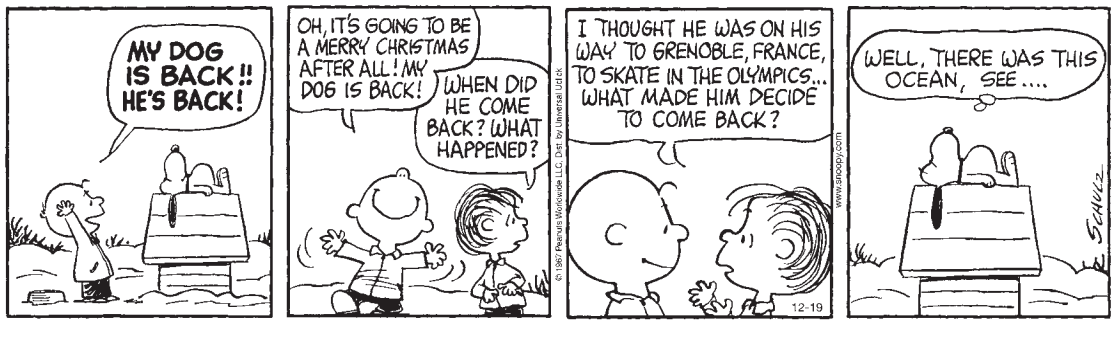
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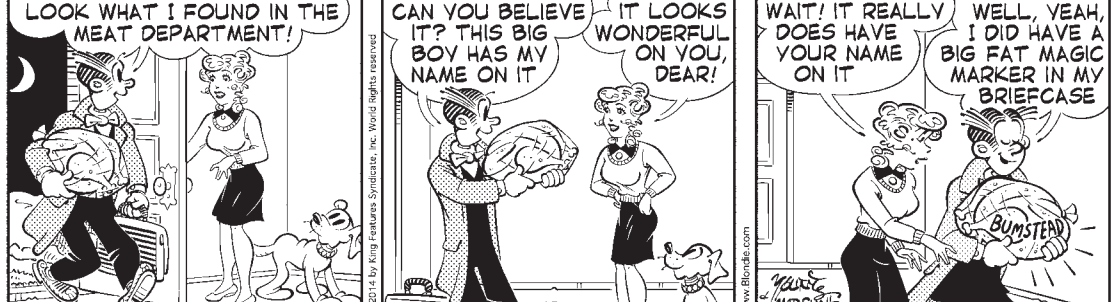
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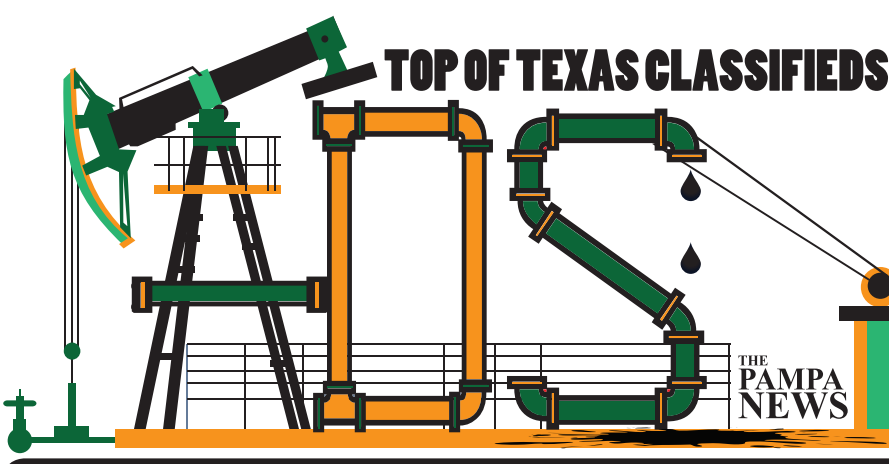
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By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I have been divorced for more than a year and recently started dating a very nice man, "John." My eldest daughter and her children live with me. I'd like to be able to invite John over to our house, but my daughter doesn't want "strange men" around her kids, which I understand. I tried suggesting that she meet John before assuming that he is a strange man, but she's hesitant about meeting him.

Abby, I'd like to be able to spend some nights at home with him instead of always going out. It hurts because I have allowed the father of her children to live with us, yet I can't have someone I care about visit me at the home I work hard to pay for.

Please, Abby. I need advice on how to make my relationship with him and her work. — STRESSED IN THE MIDWEST

DEAR STRESSED: I wish I had more information about your daughter and her attitude. Did she disapprove of your divorce from her father and harbor hopes that you will reconcile? Could she be worried that if you and John become serious, she will have to find another place to live? That she'd refuse to even meet him seems peculiar.

It was generous of you to allow her children's father to live under your roof. (Has he left yet?) Notice that I said "under YOUR roof." If you want to entertain a guest, as the person who pays the mortgage, that should be your privilege. If that makes her uncomfortable, perhaps it would be better if she took the children to their father's or another relative's place for the evening.

You are entitled to live your life without your

daughter controlling you, but it appears that may be exactly what she's trying to do.

DEAR ABBY: I am a very good swing dancer. I'm 22 and have been doing it since my sophomore year of high school. When I dance I feel alive and free.

My boyfriend of two years, "Jonah," whom I love dearly, isn't good at it. But he says he wants to learn so we can dance together.

We're going dancing this weekend and, truthfully, I don't want to go with him. When I asked him if it would be OK if I danced with some other dancer friends as well as with him, he said he was insulted and hurt by the question, and it would make him too jealous. I explained that I want to help him learn when we take lessons, but in the meantime, I want to dance freely.

I have ignored this issue for two years because I knew it would lead to a conflict. Should I suppress my love of dancing until Jonah is at my level or follow my heart and dance my socks off? — BALL-

ROOM BETSY

DEAR BALLROOM BETSY: How is Jonah doing with those dancing lessons? Has he even started? What if it turns out he has two left feet?

That he can't stand the idea of you dancing some of the dances with anyone else is a sign of insecurity. Are you willing to give up swing dancing to please him? If the answer is no, it may be time to change partners.

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Yesterday's Answer: MARCHED, IDEALLY, DESCENT 12-19

## CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS  
1 Melting snow  
6 Less than right  
11 Spotted horse  
12 So far  
13 Accessory  
14 Skier's spot  
15 Tied up  
17 Reduced amount  
18 The going rate  
20 General Bradley  
22 Weaver's creation  
23 Pope since 2013  
26 Make blank  
28 Movie action  
29 Kilt patterns  
31 Numbered rd.  
32 Simple  
33 School event  
34 Witch creation  
36 Yarn  
38 Like some eclipses  
40 Lively dance  
43 Texas player

44 Mink's cousin  
45 Snappish  
46 Tough puzzle

### DOWN

1 Restful resort  
2 Pot part  
3 Bras and briefs  
4 Burner setting  
5 Give an edge  
6 Pac.'s counterpart  
7 Engine fluid  
8 Suggestions  
9 Clothing  
10 Flock females  
16 Negative link  
18 Stew  
19 Mystique  
21 Church event  
23 Dread  
24 Fond of  
25 Rose part  
27 "Rear Window" star  
30 Court divider  
33 Student of Socrates  
34 Raucous sound  
35 Trick  
37 Resting on  
39 Singer Orbison  
41 "My word!"  
42 Bruins legend

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### Yesterday's answer

10 Flock females  
16 Negative link  
18 Stew  
19 Mystique  
21 Church event  
23 Dread  
24 Fond of  
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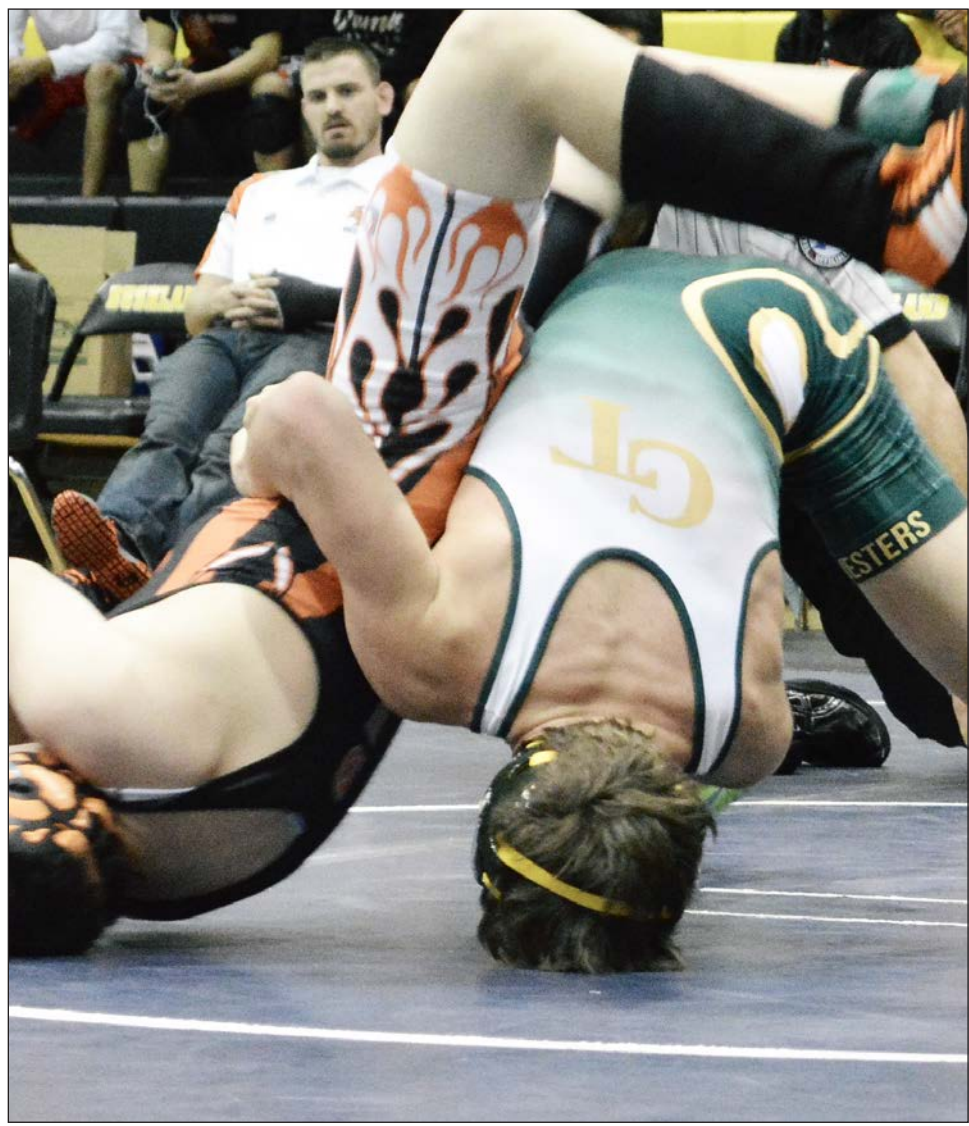
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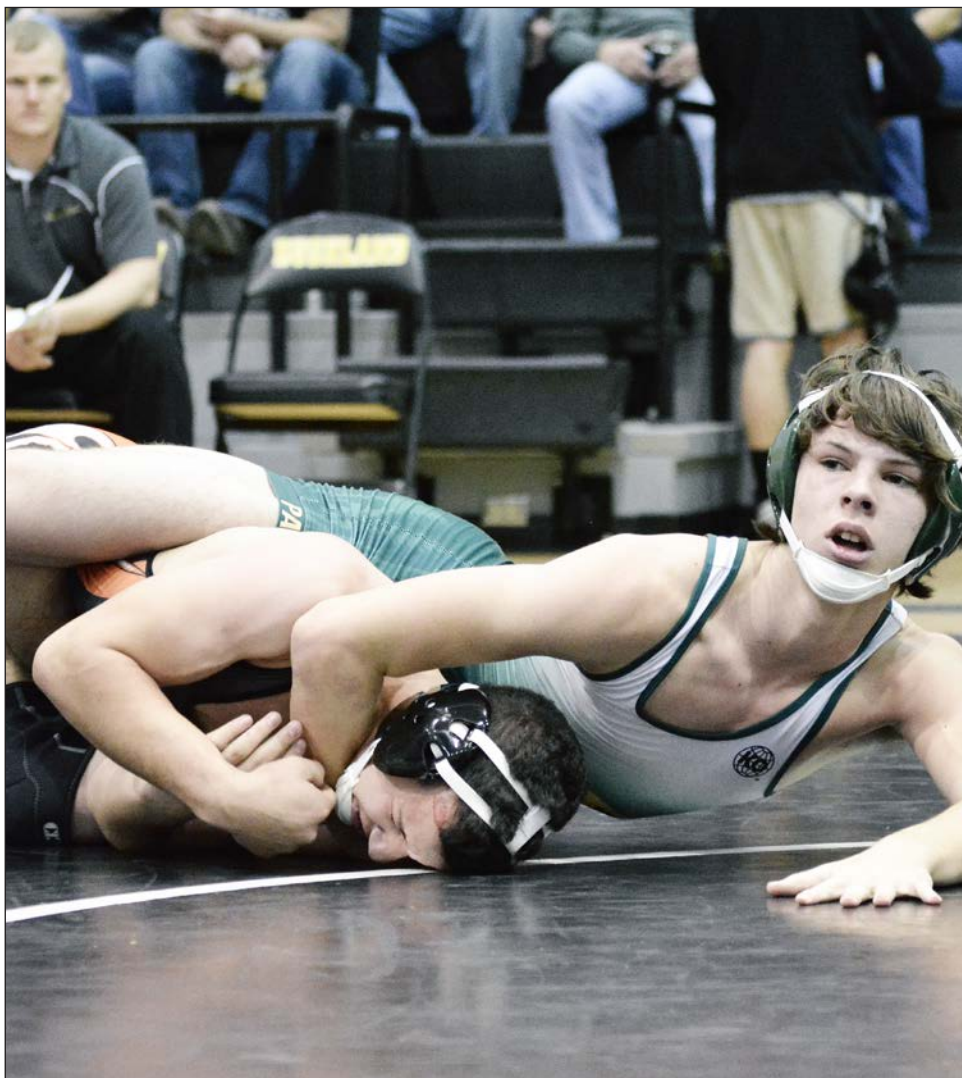
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## PAMPA HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLERS IN ACTION



Photos courtesy of Jenn Belcourt

These pictures are from the Bushland Brawl last weekend. JT Belcourt took first place in the 170 weight class. Shalor Sokolosky took first in the 215 weight class. Austin Hernandez took first in the 285 weight class. Brayden Turner took second in the 120 weight class. Kyler Kitchen took second in the 182 weight class. Tacoma Williams took third in the 126 weight class. Cy Wood took third in the 138 weight class. JT Belcourt was named Most Outstanding Wrestler of the tournament. Above left, Austin Hernandez tries to flip his man for a pin. Above right, Brayden Turner is really close to pinning his opponent. Below left, Cy Wood has control over his opponent. Below right, JT Belcourt pins his man during a match. Bottom left, Shalor Sokolosky is in a battle but has control over his opponent. Bottom right, Yilmer Ponce spars with his opponent. The wrestlers will host the Pampa Pindown New Year's Bash on Jan. 3 in McNeely.





# PampaSports

## Girls wrestling team finishes 2nd at tournament

■ Regalado, Williams, Foreman, S. Zarate place in top 3 of their weight classes.

### STAFF REPORT

The Pampa girls wrestling team finished second at the Paul Aubrey Varsity Girls Christmas Tournament over the weekend. Pampa finished with 108.0 points. The winner had 151.5 points. Head coach Clint Wood said this was a tough tournament and the girls did great to come in second.

Pampa had no wrestler for the 95 weight class.

Sophomore Alondra Zarate placed second in the 102 weight class. She pinned her opponent in the quarterfinals in just 3:11. In the semifinals, she pinned her opponent in 0:27. In the championship she battled, but was pinned in 0:52.

Pampa got a bad draw in the 110 weight class. Senior Miranda Foreman and freshman Amelia Rodriguez had to battle in the second round. Foreman had a bye first round, but Rodriguez won via the pin in 1:15. Foreman defeated Rodriguez via pin in 1:24. Foreman then lost in the semi-finals via major

decision, 13-2.

Foreman's loss put her in the consolation semi-finals. She won via pin in 1:00 and then won the third-place match via pin in 0:22. Rodriguez lost in the second round of consolation via pin in 0:31.

Freshman Destiny Young lost via pin in 1:46 in the opening round of the 119 weight class. The loss placed her in the second round of consolation where she lost via the pin in 1:00.

Junior Shiann Regalado blew through opponents in the 128 weight class to bring home the championship. She had a bye round one. In the semi-finals, she won via pin in 0:54. In the championship, she won via pin in 0:38.

Senior Sarai Zarate had a bye in round one of the 138 weight class. She battled but lost via pin in the semi-finals. She pinned her opponent in the semi-finals of the consolation round in just 0:50. Zarate won the third-place match.

Junior Kenda Young had a bye for

round one and lose via pin in the quarterfinals of the 148 weight class. She had a bye in the consolation round before losing via pin in the second round.

Sophomore Juana Salazar had a bye in round one in the 165 weight class. In round two she won via pin in 1:02. She lost via pin in the semi-finals. She fought hard but lost via pin in the semi-finals of the consolation rounds as well.



Senior Cheyenne Williams had a bye in round one of the 185 weight class. In the quarter-finals, she won via pin in 1:26. In the semi-finals, she won via pin in 2:22. Williams took the championship via pin in 1:03.

Sophomore Jaycee Garth lost via pin in the first round of the 215 weight class. She had a bye for round one of the consolation bracket, but lost via pin in the second round.

The girls will take a break for the Christmas holiday, but be back in action on Jan. 3 for the Pampa Pin Down New Year's Bash.

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## Pampa Junior High at Vernon

### STAFF REPORT

Pampa Junior High wrestlers had a tournament in Vernon over the weekend. Here are the results.

Ethan Bailey placed first in the 120 weight class. Emma Gill placed first in two girls 100 weight class brackets. Brock Ferguson took third in the 89 weight class. Dakota Helfer placed third in the 175 weight class. Cameron Soto placed third in the 200 weight class. Roscio Garcia placed third in the 100 weight class. Logan Wood placed fourth in the 80 weight class. Vincent Garcia placed fourth in the 120 weight class.

Davey O'Brien, Ethan Rushing, Carlos Gonzales, Sam Fox, Roy Soto, Dakota Wagers and Marcus Ryan all placed fifth in their weight classes.

The team finished third overall against nine schools.

The Junior High teams will take a break for the holidays before heading to Hereford on Jan. 8 for the Mini Rumble.

## Golf Tips of the Week

■ Thank you and happy holidays to valued Country Club Members.

It's my last newsletter for the year and I want to send out a special thank you to you, our valued member.



**TIM STADLER**

Thank you for being part of our community and for supporting us this year. It's been inspiring to see you enjoying your golf.

Now is the time to ask yourself some key questions about your golf in 2014.

Did you get in as much golf as you wanted to this year?

What was it that stopped you playing more golf in 2014?

And is there anything we can do to help you to get out on the course more often?

Was your golf up to the standard you wanted in 2014?

Did you set yourself improvement targets and did you reach them?

Or, for some reason, did you experience a decline in the standard of your golf?

Contact us about making 2015 the best golf year ever. In the meantime, let's make this the best Holiday Season ever.

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

### Merry Christmas



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## GIRLS WRESTLERS IN ACTION



Photos courtesy of Pampa Wrestling Facebook page

Pictures are taken from the Pampa Wrestling Facebook page when the girls took on Caprock Tuesday. Above, Shiann Regalado spars with an opponent. Below, Miranda Foreman has control of her opponent and is looking to turn her over for a pin.



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## Niños Tour de compras recuerda el motivo de la Navidad



Fotos de John Lee  
 Top, Robert Benyshek y Bill Kindle Chequiando y emnolsando artículos durante Infantil Shopping Tour. Abajo, Tom Kokoska y envoltura Brenda Donaldson envuelven regalos con los niños que con chaperones en Children's Shopping Tour. El tour de los niños se celebró el sábado y comenzó con la llevar a los niños a Walmart donde seleccionaron regalos para los miembros de su familia. Con los niños de compras para su familia y no a sí mismos, Santa Claus sí mismo se dio cuenta y les entregó un regalo al final de la gira. En el 2013, el proyecto benefició a 248 miembros de la familia, incluyendo 69 niños que fueron a la gira. Este año el Tour se espera que sirva de 350 miembros de las familias.

## Los comisionados del condado de Gray aprueban reducción de impuestos durante cinco años con condiciones

■ Rampa, Inc., y Attebury Grain, LLC., reciben reducciones con la condición de construir una carretera en la carretera del condado J.

Por JOHN LEE  
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La Corte de Comisionados del Condado de Gray se reunió en el segundo piso de la corte del condado en la mañana del lunes para su segunda reunión del mes. Los comisionados aprobaron la reducción de impuestos para la Rampa, Inc., y Attebury Grain, LLC. Pero las reducciones vienen con una condición.

El movimiento de las solicitudes se consolidaron en un solo movimiento.

Las reducciones son por cinco años, y ambas compañías, pero construir una carretera en County Road J, debe cumplir con las especificaciones del condado y deben mantenerse durante cinco años.

Las empresas pueden buscar su propio financiamiento para el proyecto.

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“DPS está insistiendo a los tejanos para asegurarse de que sus vehículos y pertenencias son seguros con el fin de evitar posibles hurtos y robos durante las fiestas”, dijo el Director de DPS Steven

DPS CONTINÚA EN LA PÁGINA 2

## Comisión de la Ciudad mantiene definitiva

Reunión 4 p.m.

■ El 12 de enero 2015 reunión será el primer lugar en la nueva época, 17:30

Por LINDSEY TOMASCHIK  
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La Comisión de la Ciudad de Pampa se reunió el martes por la tarde en su última sesión 16:00 para discutir una agenda completa.

Para empezar las cosas, se celebró una audiencia pública para discutir la posibilidad de permitir a la ciudad de gravar bienes muebles tangibles clasificados como en tránsito, que de otra manera exentos. Esto se refiere a los bienes que se pueden producir en un solo lugar, pero luego transportados y almacenados en algún lugar que no sea propiedad de la persona o empresa que los produce. Anteriormente, estos bienes no pudieron ser gravados si el dueño de la propiedad almacenada había presentado para la exención.

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# Ciudadanos por un mejor Pampa explicaron

■ Nuevo grupo ciudadano que trabaja con la comisionados de la ciudad para mejorar la ciudad de Pampa.

**POR JOHN LEE**  
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Durante el otoño, la ciudad de Pampa tuvo su parte justa de la controversia con los cambios propuestos a los impuestos, las enmiendas de la ciudad y, más recientemente, horarios de las reuniones del consejo de la ciudad.

Desde entonces, varios grupos de ciudadanos han formado, cada uno con su propia agenda y preocupaciones sobre cómo está funcionando el gobierno de la ciudad.

Los ciudadanos de un mejor Pampa, lanza encabezada por Dale y Phillis Garner, quieren usar métodos positivos y la comunicación para hacer oír su voz en la comisión de la ciudad.

“Creo que todo empezó con el pie izquierdo (en el otoño)”, dijo Phillis.

Dale dice que los miembros de la comisión le dijeron que querían oír más cosas al público para que puedan estar más informados sobre lo que quiere el público.

“Nos dijeron que por los comisionados y el alcalde, que no saben realmente lo que la gente quiere, si no hablan”, dijo Dale. “Creo que así es como finalmente terminamos donde estamos ahora.”

Ambos Garners comenzaron su participación después de la controversia fiscal en septiembre, pero se dan cuenta ahora de que la controversia de impuestos fue un malentendido, no un engaño.

Se les invitó a unirse a los

Ciudadanos Preocupados del grupo Pampa Facebook, pero no se sentía que era el grupo adecuado para ellos.

Así que comenzaron un grupo de los suyos, los Ciudadanos para un mejor Pampa, que han estado trabajando en mejorar a la ciudad al tiempo que colaboran con los comisionados de la ciudad.

“Pero creo que mucha gente se engañó con la desinformación, especialmente en el reparto de impuestos y gobierno de la ciudad en general”, dijo Dale. “Así que parece que estamos descubriendo un montón de cosas que no es exactamente la forma en que se percibe a ser.”

Phillis agregó que ella y Dale tratan de evitar la política, sino que es impor-

tante educar a la gente sobre las operaciones del gobierno de la ciudad, por lo que se creó el grupo Ciudadanos por un mejor Pampa.

“Crecí aquí, me encanta esta ciudad”, dijo Phillis. “Creo que podría ser una mejor ciudad si las personas se reunieron y Comenzaron a trabajar juntos y se estimulan entre sí. Eso es lo que nuestro grupo está haciendo. Estamos tratando de educar a nosotros mismos.”

Estamos tratando de aprender cómo funciona el gobierno de la ciudad. Estamos tratando de estar involucrado con el gobierno de la ciudad en cuanto a la comunicación con nuestros comisionados.”

Los Garners entienden que no todo el mundo se comunica con los comis-

ionados de la ciudad y que algunos incluso piensan que los comisionados deben saber qué decidir debido a la posición en que se encuentran.

“Ellos son personas como nosotros”, dijo Dale. “No son los políticos, son personas como nosotros que quieren ver que mejorar.”

Ciudadanos por un mejor Pampa también quiere alabar le a la Ciudad de Pampa cuando hacen un buen trabajo en un proyecto.

“El supervisor y varios de sus empleados de la ciudad se reunieron y dijeron que podían fijar la línea de alcantarillado de ir sobre el arroyo cerca de sí mismos en el centro,” dijo Phillis.

Dale agregó que se guarda la Ciudad de Pampa dinero y tiempo. Este es otro aspecto

de los Ciudadanos para un mejor Pampa.

Los Garners de acuerdo en que una cosa importante para los ciudadanos a recordar es que el gobierno de la ciudad de Pampa no es corrupto como los gobiernos más grandes.

“Creo que la gente percibe nuestro pequeño gobierno de la ciudad tan corrupto como el gobierno de Estados Unidos”, dijo Dale. “Aquí, en este día y la hora, yo no conozco a muchas personas que hablan positivo al respecto.”

Para obtener más información sobre los ciudadanos para un mejor Pampa, con alguna de los Garners en el 3-par Ranch en 806-665-0805 o envíe un correo electrónico a 3parranch@gmail.com.

## Ciudad

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Se aclaró que no se esté utilizando la exención, lo que permitirá que la ciudad de gravar esta propiedad ahora sería únicamente proteger el futuro base imponible.

No hubo comentarios del público durante la audiencia, y cuando el alcalde y los comisionados llegaron a este punto del orden del día, que fue aprobado en primera lectura por unanimidad.

Otro punto de la agenda que fue aprobada en primera lectura era para una resolución que aprueba una subvención de la Corporación de Desarrollo Económico Pampa en Hidden Hills Golf Course en la cantidad de \$50,000 para mejorar al campo de golf.

Manager y profesional de golf David Teichmann dijo que este dinero será utilizado para re-césped y riego de varias áreas del curso en necesidad de mejora, así como una nueva camiseta senior de uno de los agujeros. Se decidió dónde aplicar los fondos recién adquiridos sobre la base de un sistema de clasificación Teichmann utiliza para determinar las áreas que necesitan la mayor cantidad de mejoras.

Teichmann también se refirió a las mejoras adicionales que tiene la intención de ver se realizan en el curso. A él le gustaría ver tees expandieron, camisetas de la señora se trasladó hasta una distancia más apropiada a los agujeros. Director asistente de la ciudad Shane Stokes luego habló ante los comisionados votaron para aprobar este

tema del programa por unanimidad en primera lectura.

“David y su personal hacen un trabajo maravilloso con lo que tienen que trabajar”, dijo Stokes. “Le apreciamos, David, y apreciamos la EDC para esta subvención.”

Una sesión especial se llevó a cabo el miércoles al mediodía para aprobar estos temas del programa en segunda y última lectura.

Durante la reunión del martes, el alcalde y los comisionados también escucharon el informe de fin de año de Pampa Corporación de Desarrollo Económico. Presidente de la Junta Gary Sutherland estuvo presente para resumir el informe. Habló brevemente sobre el Centro de Energía de Pampa y Pampa Plaza de Las Vegas.

Sutherland dijo que el nuevo signo de Pampa Plaza Las debería estar dentro de los próximos 60 días.

Agregó que Steele se cierre, que fue una decisión corporativa, y ellos han estado buscando un inquilino de reemplazo para el espacio recién renovado. El director ejecutivo Clay Rice asistió recientemente a una feria ICFC en Dallas e hizo con-

tactos para nuevos inquilinos potenciales.

Sutherland también dijo que los ingresos fiscales de ventas para el año 2014 era sólo más de un millón y medio de dólares.

En cuanto a los planes futuros, dijo que un nuevo techo de Cine 4 está por venir.

El alcalde y los comisionados aceptaron el informe y alcalde Brad Pingel agradecieron Pampa EDC por sus servicios y apoyo.

Otro punto de la agenda del alcalde y los comisionados pasaron algún tiempo discutiendo vino cuando llegó el momento de decidir sobre la adopción de una resolución que autoriza la negociación, ejecución y entrega de un contrato de arrendamiento con opción de compra entre la Ciudad y TCF Equipment Finance para el arrendamiento de las segadoras.

Director de obras públicas Donny Hooper dijo que este es el arrendamiento con opción de compra de tres segadoras, una de 16 pies, 11 pies y 6 pies, que se utilizará además con cortadoras de la ciudad más utilizados, tres de 10 pies y uno de 16 pies.

Agregó que el 16-pie de

página que la ciudad utiliza actualmente es de cuatro años, y las cortadoras de 10 pies son mayores que eso. El arrendamiento de las nuevas cortadoras será recortar el tiempo de mantenimiento de cortadoras porque los 10-pies de página en la actualidad requieren aproximadamente la misma cantidad de tiempo para el mantenimiento como el tiempo de uso.

Hooper añadió que este contrato de arrendamiento es el mismo David Teichmann utiliza en el campo de golf, y Teichmann también dijo que este es el camino a seguir.

En cuanto a las lecturas segunda y finales durante la reunión del martes por la tarde se fueron, el alcalde y los comisionados votaron por unanimidad aprobar una ordenanza de rezoificación de Agricultura (A) a Comercial (C), Tracto ZC del Bloque 3, Sección 116 de la Internacional y Gran Ferrocarril del Norte Sociedad de Estudios, comúnmente conocido como 2013 W. Avenida 23.

Los siguientes temas del programa también fueron aprobados por unanimidad

en la reunión:

- Aprobar el acta de la 25 de noviembre 2014 Audiencia Pública / Reunión Ordinaria de la Comisión tal como se presenta.
- reelección Glennette Goode, Ken mayo y Bob Williams a la Junta de Desarrollo Económico de Sociedades Pampa de Administración por períodos de dos años a partir 01 de enero 2015 y termina 31 de diciembre 2016.
- Entrar en un contrato de arrendamiento de dos años con Clarendon College por la propiedad ubicada en 820 E. Foster.

Esta propiedad ha sido utilizada para las clases de soldadura y de climatización en el pasado, y el administrador municipal Richard Morris dijo que la universidad ha sido el responsable de los servicios públicos, mientras que dejó vacante el espacio y continuarán haciéndolo.

- Cancelación del 23 de diciembre 2014 Reunión de la Comisión Ordinaria.

La próxima reunión de la Comisión de la ciudad se llevará a cabo Martes, 13 de enero 2015 en el nuevo tiempo de 17:30

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Los comisionados también reconocieron secretaria del distrito Sandra Burkett, quien se jubilará a finales de año. Jo Mays va a tomar su lugar.

Los comisionados también aprobaron los siguientes puntos:

- Pagar las facturas y sueldos aprobados por el Auditor del Condado.
- Considerar el informe del Secretario del Condado.
- Considerar la petición del Distrito Clerk para

cambiar los nombres de las cuentas efectiva 01 de enero 2015 banco.

- Considerar la petición de Distrito Secretario de contratar empleados.
- Considere la compra de mesas Gray County anexo.
- Reconocer Asesor de Impuestos y Director Adjunto de Impuestos Asesor y Recaudador de educación continua.
- Reconocer Comisionados educación continua.

Los comisionados se reunirán de nuevo el 31 de diciembre a las 9 am en el segundo piso del Palacio de Justicia del Condado de Gray.

## DPS

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McCraw. “Diciembre es uno de los meses más ocupados para el robo de autos, y durante esta temporada de compras navideñas, es importante que todos los objetos de valor en un vehículo están fuera de la vista.”

En diciembre de 2013, 5,395 automóviles, camionetas y motocicletas se registraron robados, por lo que es el tercer mes más alto de los robos de vehículos que año tras meses de julio y agosto. Además, se registraron más de 13,100 robos de vehículos y \$ 12,2 millones la propiedad robada en diciembre pasado.

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- Nunca deje su auto funcionando sin vigilancia, incluso para una visita rápida a un negocio o tienda.
- Nunca deje las llaves en el coche o ignición, dentro de un garaje cerrado o en ocultar una llave cajas.

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Nunca deje a los documentos personales, título de propiedad del vehículo o tarjetas de crédito en su vehículo.

Siempre mantenga los objetos de valor o propiedad escondido fuera de la vista o bajo llave en el maletero.

Si su vehículo es robado, repórtelo a la policía inmediatamente. DPS también alienta a las personas a mantener una copia de su número de identificación de la matrícula y el vehículo a la mano en caso de robo, ya que la policía necesitarán esta información para tomar en un informe.

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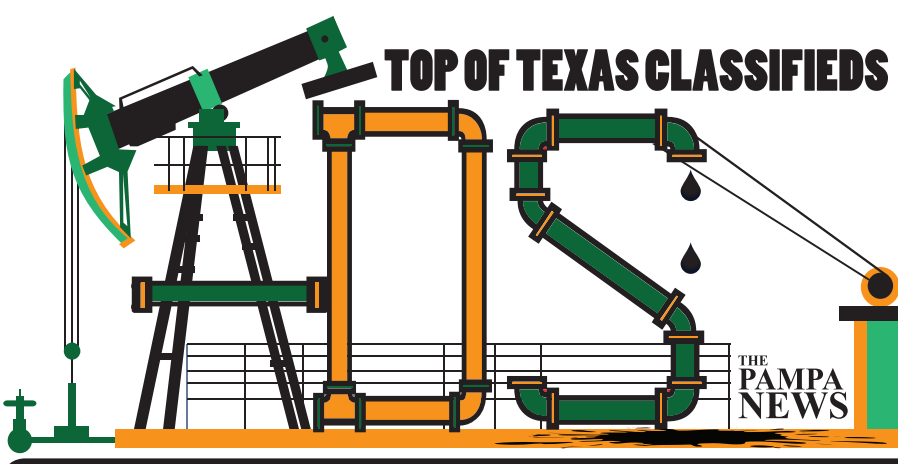
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