

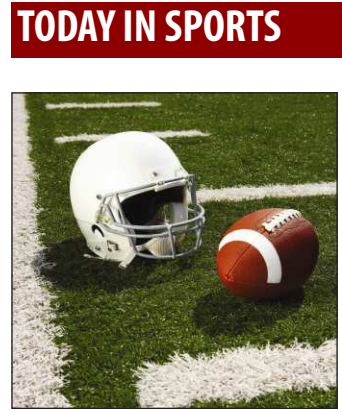
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Photo by John Lee
 Those driving into Pampa over the last couple weeks may have noticed a couple of flags serving like beacons coming into town. B & G Power Equipment recently erected two flags up 70 feet into the air. The flags are 15' X 25' and took two days to install. Doug Youree, manager of B & G Power Equipment, said that the motivation behind putting the flags up came from the popularity of their large flag usually used at rodeos and the Pampa Independent School District Veterans Day program. "We have our great big one and people really like it," Youree said. "So we decided to put a couple of large flags out in front of our business." Youree also said the reception from the community has been great as they have received several emails praising them for the flags.

At alma mater, Perry hints at 2016

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COLLEGE STATION — Like many college graduates, outgoing Gov. Rick Perry is looking for a job, and he allowed on Thursday that he's willing to travel, specifically to Iowa, New Hampshire and South Carolina — three states crucial in the presidential primaries. Quips were as close as Perry, who's considering a 2016 presidential run, came to shedding more light on his intentions during



Rick Perry
 a speech at a convocation of Texas A&M graduates. "I got started early on my resume," said Perry. "Under objective I wrote: Highly motivated professional, seeking a position as chief executive of a large enterprise with good benefits and a really large personal jet." He also told the crowd he had experience overseeing "people who bicker a lot, otherwise known as legislators" and had a "well-worn veto pen." Perry addressed December graduates from his alma mater, praising Texas A&M's traditions

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United Supermarkets launches gift card trade-in program

SUBMITTED BY UNITED FAMILY
LUBBOCK— The United Family has launched a new service just in time for the post-Christmas gift return season. Trade In, Cash Out is a gift card exchange service available in all United Supermarkets, Market Street, Amigos and Albertsons Market stores designed to let recipients of unwanted gift cards trade them in for their choice of cash or grocery store gift cards. "It is estimated that \$750 million in gift cards will go unused in 2014," said Kris Burdis, center store business manager.

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AAA Texas offers tips to prevent backover collisions with children

SUBMITTED BY AAA TEXAS
IRVING — Children across the Lone Star State will soon be on new bicycles, tricycles, battery powered and pedal riding toys, scooters, and roller skates. So, AAA Texas offers reminders for drivers and parents to ensure kids enjoy new toys but remain safe in their communities. There are only rough estimates of backover collisions because many happen on private property and are not recorded in state or federal crash databases. But according to NHTSA, backover crashes cause more than 180 deaths each year and between 6,700 and 7,400 injuries annually. "With the joys of the season, it's crucial we not forget about safety," said AAA Texas/New Mexico Representative Doug Shupe. "We remind drivers to watch out for excited children on new riding toys and encourage parents to go over traffic safety tips before letting their kids enjoy the new gifts."

As an advocate for the safety of travelers, AAA Texas offers the following advice to motorists and parents:

- Drivers**
 Check your blind spots including the blind spot behind your vehicle that you cannot see in the rear or side view mirror. Always assume children could be present and carefully check streets, driveways and areas around your vehicle before backing out. Always look behind as you back out SLOWLY with windows rolled down to listen for children — and BE PREPARED TO STOP.
- Parents**
 Teach kids not to play in, under or around vehicles. Avoid making your driveway a "playground." If you allow children in this area, make sure it's only when vehicles are not present and separate the driveway from the roadway with a physical barrier to prevent cars from entering. Never leave a vehicle running and lock all cars and trucks, even in driveways and garages, to prevent curious children from putting a vehicle in gear.

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ELF ON THE SHELF HUNT WINNERS



Photos from Facebook

Above, Lynsee Green and Candace Kirby were the winners of the The Pampa News' Elf on the shelf contest. The Pampa News held a scavenger hunt for the elf, Ruby Poinsetta, and readers were encouraged to find the elf and take a picture of them with her. Above right, Kirby's little girls with their elf. Green was the winner of \$100 and Kirby was the winner of the Elf on the Shelf.

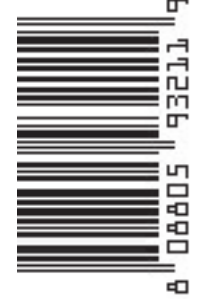
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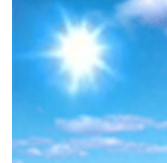

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Today: Sunny, with a high near 32. North wind 5 to 10 mph. Sunrise at 7:53 a.m.

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 18. North wind 5 to 10 mph. Sunset at 5:39 p.m.

Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 46. Southwest wind 5 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph. Sunrise at 7:53 a.m.

Sunday night: Mostly clear, with a low around 22. South southwest wind 5 to 10 mph. Sunset at 5:39 p.m.

Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 35. North northeast wind 10 to 15 mph. Sunrise at 7:53 a.m.

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Democrats optimistic on 2016 presidential chances

ATLANTA (AP) — Republicans crowded in 2004 that freshly re-elected President George W. Bush had established a “permanent governing majority” for the GOP. Eight years later, Democrats were louting the enduring power of the “Obama coalition” to keep their party in the White House.

But Democrats couldn’t sustain that coalition for this year’s midterm elections, leading to Republican gains in Congress, governorships and state legislatures nationwide.

“The notion of demographics as destiny is overblown,” said Republican pollster and media strategist Wes Anderson. “Just like (Bush aide Karl) Rove was wrong with that ‘permanent majority’ talk, Democrats have to remember that the pendulum is always swinging.”

So how will it swing in 2016? Is the path to 270 electoral votes so fixed that one side just can’t win? Will President Barack Obama’s limited popularity be a burden for the Democratic nominee in the next race for the White House? Or will an increasingly diverse electorate pick a Democrat for a third consecutive presidential election for the first time since Franklin Roosevelt and Harry Tru-

man won five straight elections from 1932 to 1948?

Despite Democrats’ midterm shellacking and talk of a “depressed” liberal base, many in the party still like their starting position for 2016. Ruy Teixeira, a Democratic demographer, points to a group of states worth 242 electoral votes that the Democratic presidential nominee has won in every election since 1992. Hold them all, and the party is just 28 votes shy of the majority needed to win the White House next time.

Obama twice compiled at least 332 electoral votes by adding wins in almost every competitive state. He posted double-digit wins among women, huge margins among voters younger than 30 and historically high marks among blacks and Latinos.

As non-white voters continue to grow as a share of the electorate, a Democratic nominee who roughly holds onto Obama’s 2012 level of support across all demographic groups would win the national popular vote by about 6 percentage points and coast to victory in the Electoral College, Teixeira estimates.

“Could a Republican win? Sure,” Teixeira said. “But they have to have a lot of different things happen.”

What if the GOP is able

to continue its gains among non-white voters? Obama, after all, lost ground in 2012 among most demographic measures, compared to his 2008 performance. Those slides helped make him the first president since World War II to win re-election with a lower popular vote total than he got in his initial victory.

A GOP nominee such as the Spanish-speaking Jeb Bush, former Florida governor, could make a difference. He is a proponent of comprehensive immigration reform who has the potential to capture significantly more than the 27 percent of the Latino vote that Mitt Romney claimed in 2012. Meanwhile, Republicans hope African-Americans make up a smaller share of the electorate with Obama no longer atop the ballot.

“We’re not talking about winning those groups, but these elections are fought on the margins, so improvements here and there can make a difference,” Anderson said.

Republicans acknowledge that demographic shifts make it more difficult than in years past for the GOP nominee to depend mostly on white voters, who cast 87 percent of presidential ballots in 1992 and just 72 percent

in 2012. At the same time, Democrats have watched white voters, particularly those without a college degree, move away from the party during Obama’s presidency — and not just in the conservative South. Obama lost this group by about 26 points in 2012, according to exit polls and other analyses. By this November, his Gallup approval rating among the group stood at 27 percent.

Extending that trend into 2016 could push Ohio, Wisconsin, Iowa and New Hampshire into the GOP column. Whites also could tip Florida, Virginia and Colorado, although non-white voters in those states hold more influence than in the Midwest and Northeast. Those seven states, plus all those won by Romney in 2012, would give the GOP a winning total of 295 electoral votes.

It should be noted that the path to 270 requires any potential GOP president to win Florida, with its 29 electoral votes. And while it’s mathematically possible for a Republican to win without Ohio’s 18 electoral votes, no GOP nominee has ever done so, and Republican strategists widely acknowledge the state as essential.

Perry

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and advocating for affordability in higher education. Perry said Texas needed more ideas like the \$10,000 degree plan.

“Join in the cause to

keep Texas A&M affordable and accessible for the next generation of Texans,” Perry said. “I think ideas that make college more affordable to students should not be a prohibited thought process.”

Perry also addressed an offer from the Texas A&M University System Board of Regents to rename one

of the school’s oldest and most iconic buildings after him, an issue that had stirred up some controversy. Earlier in the day, Perry had announced he was declining the honor.

“There are places on this campus, like our most cherished traditions, that transcend any one individual,” Perry said.

“The point of service, whether as a governor or a teacher, is not to make a name but to make a difference.”

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Talk with neighborhood parents about back-over incidents and ask them to talk with their children as well.

AAA along with the Automobile Club of Southern California’s Automotive Research Center recently evaluated 17 vehicles from 11 manufacturers that had different body styles and included both factory –installed and aftermarket rear-view camera systems. Researchers found rear-view camera systems improved rear visibility an average of 46 percent in AAA tests. This shows rear-view cameras are a great supplement for drivers and are especially helpful for viewing the first 10 feet behind the vehicle, which are the most dangerous in terms of backover risks for kids.

NHTSA says automakers

must begin fitting vehicles with a rear view image system starting in May 2016, with full compliance by May of 2018. But rear-view cameras do not show 100 percent of the space behind the vehicle. So, AAA Texas encourages drivers to always walk around the vehicle to make sure nothing is behind it first, before using the rear-view camera as they back out. Also keep the lens clean because rain, snow or slush can cause blurry images.

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Nebraska surgeon could face state disciplinary action

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — The Nebraska attorney general's office is seeking disciplinary action against a Lincoln orthopedic surgeon and former Huskers football player who is accused of practicing medicine while impaired.

The petition filed this week alleges that Dr. Scott E. Strasburger arrived at work Nov. 26 in an impaired state that prevented him from performing surgeries that day. Strasburger, 51, refused to submit to a drug test and has a documented history of drug use, according to the petition. The exact drug wasn't specified.

"The defendant's conduct on or about November 26, 2014, involving the practice of medicine and surgery while impaired is grounds for discipline," Suzanna Glover-Ettrich, a special assistant attorney general, wrote. A phone message left at Strasburger's office wasn't immediately returned. A listed home phone number rang unanswered.

Strasburg could face a range of penalties, including public censure, financial penalties, probation or having his license suspended or revoked, Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services spokeswoman Marla Augustine said.

The decision is made by the state's chief medical officer, unless the parties reach an agreement. Augustine said no hearing date has been set.

The petition says Strasburger tested positive for an unspecified controlled substance during an October 2013 screening requested by his previous employer, Nebraska Orthopedic and Sports Medicine in Lincoln.

Strasburger, who worked at that clinic since 1997, was placed in a residential treatment program in November 2013. He completed it the following month and went through outpatient treatment that ended in January.

In July, Strasburger took another drug test at Phelps Memorial Health Center in Holdrege and again tested positive for an unspecified controlled substance. His surgeries and clinical appointments were all canceled, according to the petition, and he resigned.

Strasburger was a defensive end for the Huskers from 1981-1984, being named a third-team All-American and a two-time All-Big Eight selection. He was drafted by the Dallas Cowboys in 1985, but online NFL records don't show his player statistics.

He received his bachelor's degree from Nebraska in 1990, and his medical license in Nebraska in 1996. Strasburger attended the Nebraska Medical Center School of Medicine and did his residency at the University of Tennessee College of Medicine in Memphis. He received advanced training at the American Sports Medicine Institute in Birmingham, Alabama, according to his biography on his clinic's website.

In February, he announced that he was opening his own clinic, Strasburger Orthopaedics. According to his website, Strasburger specializes in shoulder and rotator cuff issues, knee replacements and other sports injuries.

Obituaries

Roy Julius "Deck" Woldt

Roy Julius "Deck" Woldt, 95, died Dec. 25, 2014, in Pampa.

Memorial services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.



Roy Julius "Deck" Woldt

Mr. Woldt, also known as Coach Woldt, was born Oct. 22, 1919, in Egg Harbor, Wis. to August "Dick" and Ann Herbst Woldt. He attended high school at Sturgeon Bay, Wis., where he played several sports. Deck joined the Army Air Force during World War II and served as a radio operator on Solomon and Fiji Islands in the South Pacific in the 35th Fighter Control Squadron.

During the years of 1946-1954, he played on several minor league baseball teams. While attending Southwestern University in Weatherford, Okla. to earn his teaching degree, the Pampa Oilers ball team offered him a signing bonus during the 1950 season. He married Dorothy Eloise Hall Bowen on March 20, 1953 at Zion Lutheran Church in Pampa. After graduating from college, Deck played his final season with the Oilers in 1955.

Coach Woldt was hired to teach school and coach football, baseball and golf for the Pampa ISD before retiring in 1985. Some of the many honors he received over the years were Baseball Coach of the Year in the Texas Panhandle Sports Hall of Fame in 1965, and Door County League Hall of Fame in Door County, Wis. in 1993. Deck was an active member of Zion Lutheran Church where he served as church elder.

Deck was preceded in death by his parents; his wife in 2006; a stepson, Russell D. Bowen in 1999; a brother, Roland "Fritz" Woldt, and three sisters, Myrtle Woldt Patza, Clara Woldt Becker and Elizabeth "Betty" Woldt Baster, all of Door County, Wis.

Survivors include his stepdaughter, Sandra Bowen Cox Wright and husband Lee of Seattle; a grandson, James Roy Cox and wife Melissa of Seattle; a granddaughter, Kelli Wright Shea and husband Jeff of Seattle; two great-granddaughters, Janyssa Cox Kester and Payton Cox, both of Seattle; a great-grandson, Spencer Shea of

Seattle; sister-in-law: Corrine Schneider Woldt of Sister Bay, Door County, Wis., and several nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials to Odyssey Hospice, 6900 I-40 West, Suite 150, Amarillo, Texas 79106; Shephard's Crook Home Health Care, 916 N. Crest Road, Pampa, Texas 79065; or Zion Lutheran Church Helping Hands, 1200 Duncan, Pampa, Texas 79065.

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

Walter "Walt" Cota

Walter "Walt" Cota died Dec. 25, 2014.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 29, 2014, at Cox Funeral Home Benton Chapel with Rev. Richard Bartell officiating. Burial will be at Llano Cemetery.

Walt was born on Dec. 30, 1953, in Oceanside, Calif. to Harold and Patricia Cota. He was raised in Pampa, before moving to Reno, Nev. He graduated from Proctor R. Hug High School as Valedictorian, an accomplishment he was especially proud of. Walt then enlisted in the United States Navy in 1972, where he proudly served until his honorable discharge in 1975. He then attended Rutgers University in New Jersey, where he received his Bachelor's Degree in Accounting. He was employed with the State of New Jersey for more than 30 years when he retired. Walt was an avid Dallas Cowboys fan, even while living in New Jersey. Most of all, he was devoted to his family and especially loved his nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his mother, Patricia.

He is survived by four brothers, Jim Cota of Fernley, Nev.; Harold Cota and wife Kathy of Pampa, Bob Cota and wife Becky of Amarillo and Chuck Cota of Pampa; nieces and nephews, James Cota and wife Catherine, Angela Cota and Chris, Misty Alvey and husband Todd, Michael Cota, Brian Cota, Brandi Cota and fiancé, Tanner Leach, and Katelyn and Bethany Muggleworth; great nieces and nephews, Sarah and Dominique Cota, Paige Pritchett and husband Austin, Payton Alvey and fiancé Seth Foster, Patterson Alvey, Preslee Alvey, and Sawyer and Jameson Smith; father, Harold H. Cota; Aunt Betty Kinikin of Abilene; close family member, Doris Robbins of Pampa; and many special cousins, whom he loved greatly.

For the record

Pampa man arrested for assault

STAFF REPORT

- Jose Guadalupe Nava, 52, Pampa, was arrested Wednesday by the Pampa Police Department for assault to cause bodily injury to a family member.
- Zachariah Grecken, 35, Pampa, was arrested Monday by PPD for vio-

lation of probation — criminal trespassing.

- Ronald David Dodd, 41, Pampa, was arrested Tuesday by the Gray County Sheriff's Office for insufficient bond — possession of a controlled substance, insufficient bond — credit or debit

card abuse.

- Michael James Bal-langer, 31, Pampa, was arrested Tuesday by PPD for simple assault.

- Evan Ashley Pintzuk, 44, Encinitas, Calif., was arrested Wednesday by the Department of Pub-lic Safety for possession

of marijuana — less than two ounces, possession of drug paraphernalia.

- Jacob Paul Johnson, 20, Parker, Ariz., was arrested Thursday by DPS for possession of marijuana — less than two ounces, possession of drug paraphernalia.

Cherokee copy of Lord's Prayer given to Smithsonian

TAHLEQUAH, Okla. (AP) — A copy of the Lord's Prayer written in Cherokee that was carried by a Cherokee World War II veteran has been donated to the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of the American Indian.

The late Woodrow Roach of Tahlequah fought for the U.S. Army from 1944-45 and believed the prayer was his good luck charm while serving in Italy and

the Philippines. Roach's family donated the prayer as a way to honor their patriarch's sacrifice.

"Our family has so much respect for veterans and the sacrifices they all make," Roach's granddaughter Della Boyer, of Denton, Texas, said in a news release. "We just wanted to share a special piece of our family history with others from around the world."

"I know there will be

many veterans and families that can relate to my grandfather carrying this prayer with him during the war. Many soldiers needed that one thing that gave them comfort and security during very trying times," Boyer said.

Roach was 32 when he went to war — even though the Army said he could opt out since he had three young children. He completed his basic training at Fort Chaffee near

Fort Smith, Arkansas, and then joined the fight in Italy.

While serving there, an Army road grader came under fire and blocked the path of Roach and the other men. Roach crawled to the grader on his stomach and moved the machine so the men could proceed down the path and fight back.

Roach was then sent to the Philippines and transferred to an engineering

company that built bridges since he was able to operate heavy machinery.

After completing his service, Roach worked for the Bureau of Indian Affairs and taught at Sequoyah High School.

The National Museum of the American Indian is located in Washington, D.C., and possesses an expansive collection of Native American artifacts, photographs and other objects.

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Bouncin' Around My love of the jazz era

We recently watched one of my husband's favorite movies, "High Society," starring Bing Crosby, Frank Sinatra, and Grace Kelly, and released in 1956. The movie is a remake of the 1940 movie, "The Philadelphia Story," which starred Kathryn Hepburn and Cary Grant and is set at the first Newport Jazz Festival. The original Festival began in 1954.

It's sometimes difficult for us jazz lovers living here in Texas because if we want to listen to our favorite jazz music, we have to play a CD or tune into one of the jazz stations on our Sirius radio. Ron and I are eclectic in our musical tastes—he prefers jazz and old show tunes, while I lean more toward classical and jazz.

According to Wynton Marsalis, renowned trumpeter, "New Orleans had a great tradition of celebration. Opera, military marching bands, folk music, the blues, different types of church music, ragtime, echoes of traditional African drumming, and all of the dance styles that went with this music could be heard and seen throughout the city. When all

of these kinds of music blended into one, jazz was born."

"High Society" also features the famous Louis Armstrong, one of my favorite performers since I was a child. At the beginning of the movie, Armstrong and his band are riding on a chartered bus which drops them off at the front entrance of the mansion where Grace Kelly is about to marry; her former husband, played by Crosby, has invited Armstrong and his band to play at the first Newport Jazz Festival.

According to Wynton Marsalis, "Louis Armstrong was one of the most influential artists in the history of music." Born in New Orleans on Aug. 4, 1901, he began playing the cornet at the age of 13. Armstrong perfected the improvised jazz solo as we know it. Before Armstrong, Dixieland was the style of jazz that everyone was playing. This was a style that featured collective improvisation where everyone soloed at once. Armstrong developed the idea of musicians playing during breaks that expanded into musicians playing individual solos. This became the norm.

Affectionately known as "Pops" and "Satchmo," Louis was loved and admired throughout the world. He died in New York City

on July 6, 1971." Armstrong really did play Newport on many occasions, though he was subject to the same segregation as other African-Americans at that time. Hitler tried to deal a fatal blow to jazz music in Germany, considering the American jazz musicians one of the "inferior races."

Ken Burns' PBS special, "Jazz" gives a great history of the music and its musicians. I have music by several jazz artists on the iPod I use when taking my daily walks. Scott Joplin, Dave Brubeck (walking in time to "Take Five" can be a challenge!), Dizzy Gillespie, Vince Guaraldi ("Linus and Lucy"), Sade, Acoustic Alchemy, Ramsey Lewis (whom we met personally), Chuck Mangione... I could go on and on, but you get the point.

The jazz tunes share space on my iPod with Celtic Thunder, James Galway, Sousa, and Strauss. If you see me walking, wearing my pink headphones, I may be listening to "Wade in the Water" and walking along briskly, or I may be cooling down with a slower tune like Sade's "Smooth Operator" or Louis Armstrong's "What a Wonderful World." In any case, I will be smiling!

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New years resolutions

It's almost 2015. It's hard to believe another year has passed.



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I don't actually stay up till midnight anymore. I did that in my 20s and have come to realize it will still come whether I stay up or not. So, I enjoy spending time with my husband and children until about 10 p.m. and then go to bed.

I try to participate in making a new years resolution. Anytime you can do something to improve yourself it's always a good idea. Even if it only last a couple of weeks. Here is a list of the most common new years resolutions that I got from usa.gov: lose weight, volunteer to help others, quit smoking, get

a better education, get a better job, save money, get fit, eat healthy food, manage stress, manage debt, take a trip, reduce/reuse/recycle and drink less alcohol.

I believe they are common because no one can do them.

So, I have decided to make some resolutions that I might accomplish:

- 1.) Finish reading all the books that I bought and never find time to read.
- 2.) Clean my children's fish tanks before the water turns colors.
- 3.) I will start reading the manuals before I try to put it together and lose some of the screws.
- 4.) I will reduce my Internet time to only one hour a day
- 5.) I will try harder to beat Zac in my football picks.

Well, that's a start. Hope you have a safe and happy new year.



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Spy vs. DiFi

The needle already was in the haystack. That essentially is the message embedded in the Democrats' Senate Select Committee on Intelligence report on CIA interrogations

and detentions, approved with one lonely Republican vote, that of former Sen. Olympia Snowe of Maine, and released by committee Chairwoman Dianne Feinstein of California. Three former CIA directors contend that enhanced interrogation techniques, approved under President George W. Bush and prohibited by President Barack Obama, yielded key information that saved lives and led to Osama bin Laden's compound in Abbottabad, Pakistan. These claims go against Democratic rhetoric about what President Obama calls "the false choice between our security and our ideals." Democrats need to believe that what Feinstein calls "torture" doesn't actually yield information. So in 2009, the Senate Intelligence Committee voted to study CIA interrogations. Feinstein has urged critics to read the 500-

page executive summary and finished with more questions than answers. It was like reading a bureaucratic version of Mad magazine's onetime cartoon "Spy vs. Spy." Clearly, there are rifts in the intelligence community. There was the FBI vs. the CIA — part turf war, part mission divide. Within the CIA, there were officers who believed in rapport building and officers who believed that shows of force deliver the goods. My guess is that both methods work, although one can be faster. Each side of that divide thinks its approach teased out the information that led to bin Laden.

The committee, to its discredit, chose to tarnish the tough guys. The CIA, the report notes, "determined from its own experience with coercive interrogations, that such techniques 'do not produce intelligence,' 'will probably result in false answers,' and had historically proven to be ineffective. Yet these conclusions were ignored." If information was gleaned without the now-banned techniques and later a detainee offered it up during or after a harsh interrogation, the report deliberately ignored the harsh-sourced tidbit. The commit-

We all know that the American energy revolution, led by the new technologies of hydraulic fracturing and horizontal drilling, has created a flood of new shale-oil and natural-gas production that has overwhelmed world markets and driven prices down by roughly 40 percent. End-of-week crude oil closed near \$57 a barrel, and the national average gasoline price finished at \$2.60.

No matter what the naysayers are trying to sell, the new energy reality is unambiguously good for the U.S. and global economies. There may be some dislocations among countries, sectors or companies, but the overwhelming impact is positive. In fact, the U.S. economy is already getting better. Recent numbers on jobs, retail sales, consumer confidence, small-business confidence, ISM's, and business investment point to a 3 percent growth rate rather than the tepid 2

percent pace of the prior five years.

And it's likely that oil prices will stay low or drop a bit lower.

The International Energy Agency's new forecast for 2015 shows a global reduction in demand growth of 900,000 barrels a day versus a previous projection of an increase of 1.1 million barrels a day. But U.S. production is expected to increase by 685,000 barrels a day next year. So besides American technological breakthroughs, this oil-price-drop story is a triumph of the free-market forces of supply overwhelming demand — all while the OPEC cartel dissolves before our eyes.

As economist John Ryding puts it, "The oil supply curve is shifting outward at a faster pace than the oil demand curve, which argues against a rebound in oil prices in 2015."

But there is another important angle to this story: Looming behind the falling price of oil is the return of King Dollar.

Since the middle of 2011, the dollar has appreciated by over 20 percent. Year-to-date it has gained 10 percent.

Meanwhile, gold has fallen nearly 40 percent since 2011, and oil has dropped 40 percent in the past six months.

Since the U.S. dollar is the world's reserve currency, commodities are priced in dollars. Hence a strong greenback generates lower commodity prices — oil, gold and everything else. This was the case during the Reagan 1980s and the Clinton 1990s. But when the dollar collapsed during the Bush 2000s, gold, oil and other hard assets like housing exploded upward to the detriment of the economy.

Now, however, as King Dollar seems to be on the mend, commodity prices are falling and the purchasing power of money for consumers and businesses is going up. Those greenbacks in your wallet or bank account are worth more and can buy more on the open market. Inflation stays low. Global capital flows to America.

Regrettably, neither the Bush nor Obama administrations particularly cared about the plight of the dollar. However, at a recent conference at the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, Paul Volcker, the greatest

American central banker since World War II, argued that the main goal of the Federal Reserve is to defend the dollar's stability. He also said he doesn't understand why the Fed has adopted a 2 percent inflation target. He asked, "Do we want prices to double every generation?"

(It's important to note that while the Fed can print excess money, the U.S. Treasury Department has statutory authority over dollar buying-and-selling operations. But then again, it's crucial to note that the U.S. Congress has constitutional authority over the value of our money.)

When Volcker was undersecretary of the Treasury during the Nixon years, he argued against the inflationary dollar devaluation that occurred when the U.S. broke the Bretton Woods link to gold. Though he never publically said it, there is ample evidence that when Volcker ran the Fed, he was targeting (or carefully watching) the movement of gold, broad commodity indexes and the dollar as he restrained the money supply to conquer infla-

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tee waded through 6.3 million documents. You could see how a CIA officer working in a warehouse of data might not see a phone number's significance until a detainee lied in a way that signaled its import. The committee deliberately ignored any breakthrough revelations.

The summary dismisses enhanced interrogation techniques because detainees subjected to them were known to provide fabricated information. Hello, Republicans counter, detainees not subject to harsh measures also fabricate answers. The CIA mocked the committee's credulity in generally accepting "at face value detainees' accounts that they lied under enhanced techniques and told the truth" afterward.

The GOP minority report slams the committee's failure to interview anyone at the CIA. The committee blames an Obama Department of Justice investigation of the CIA, expanded in 2009, for allowing brass to not require that staff be interviewed. No worries, quoth the committee: "The CIA's own documents provided a robust, contemporane-

ous, and firsthand record of the EIT program."

To feed the outrage meter, the report reveals that the CIA paid \$81 million to a contracting firm started by psychologists James E. Mitchell and Bruce Jessen, who convinced the government that it could get more information by instilling in detainees a sense of "learned helplessness."

Other than that, the report is heartbreaking. Suspected Islamic extremist Gul Rahman died on a cold concrete floor — wearing only a sweatshirt and shackled to a wall — probably from hypothermia. I don't know what to make of allegations of rectal feeding — if they are even true. But I do know that the procedure was not an authorized interrogation technique. Techniques such as sleep deprivation surely preyed on agency interrogators, as well as detainees. It was ugly work. I understand why some officers recoiled from the methods.

The report cost taxpayers \$40 million — for which Team DiFi blames the CIA. The outcome was predetermined. Feinstein maintains that waterboarding and sleep deprivation are "torture" that failed to produce crucial information obtainable by other means. CIA chief John Brennan

wouldn't use that word. He told reporters last week it is "unknowable" whether the CIA would have learned what it needed to know without harsh measures. "But for someone to say that there was no intelligence of value — of use — that came from those detainees once they were subjected to EITs?" Brennan said. "I think that lacks any foundation at all."

"If it were not clear before, the Feinstein report shows that Democrats do not have the stomach for the tough policies necessary to prevail," John Yoo, the former Bush lawyer who wrote memos authorizing the use of enhanced interrogation techniques, opined in National Review. "Because they cannot deny their involvement, they must claim that the CIA lied."

For all the many offenses cataloged in the Feinstein report, the Justice Department investigation concluded in 2012 without finding any prosecutable offense. That tells me the wrongdoings alleged in the report aren't remotely solid.

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Creator of 'Tail! Spin!' talks about power, truth

NEW YORK (AP) — One had a "wide stance" and another was "hiking the Appalachian Trail."

Those were some of the excuses put forward by politicians caught in recent sex scandals. Mario Correa, a political junkie who worked on Capitol Hill in high school and college, has turned them into comedy gold.

Correa, a co-host of Entertainment Weekly's daily "News & Notes" program on SiriusXM, stitched together four such sad tales to create "Tail! Spin!" at the Culture Project starring "Saturday Night Live" alumna Rachel Dratch. It closes Jan. 4.

The show skewers former U.S. Sen. Larry Craig of Idaho, former U.S. Rep. Andrew Weiner of New York, former U.S. Rep. Mark Foley of Florida and former South Carolina Gov. Mark Sanford, who is now a congressman. All were ensnared in sex scandals and initially feigned innocence.

The script uses only the public comments, tweets, statements, instant messages, emails and text messages from the disgraced politicians. The Associated Press asked Correa about the play's deeper meanings.

AP: How much were these four men representative of the politicians you encountered?

Correa: To me they were outliers. They fascinated me because, in my eyes, they had it all. I mean, what an amazing honor it is to be a member of Congress or to be a U.S. senator and have all this responsibility in your hands. And then to go and

do these stupid things, it always struck me as 'Why?' AP: Some of the texts and messages in the play are pretty lurid.

Correa: There's worse and there's more. We had to keep it rated R and not NC-17. There's no dearth of material when it comes to congressional sex scandals. AP: You even incorporated cooking recipes, TV appearances, Clinton-era voting records and speeches. How hard was it to dig?

Correa: I sometimes say Google is my collaborator. I fell into a lot of Internet wormholes. One thing will lead you to another. You'll find a strange Larry Craig recipe somewhere and it will lead you to a link of him somewhere at a Spanish-American cook-off. It was so clear to me watching his behavior that something more fundamental was happening there and I tried to juxtapose that with his public persona in a way that I hope works.

AP: Beyond the humor, what can we take away from the play?

Correa: What I take away from it is: The truth in politics comes out, whether you're talking about a substantive policy issue or whether you're talking about sex lives that are very

different in private than someone's voting behavior. I think in any political situation, the truth will come out.

AP: In each case, the fumbled cover-up was more excruciating than the hypocrisy. You're exploring more than just randy politicians, right?

Correa: I do think the play is about power more than it is about sex. We make dumb choices in our personal lives. I know I have. What I saw in these guys is that they thought their power would protect them. So when Larry Craig hands a cop a U.S. Senate business card in the airport men's room, he really honestly thought he was going to get away with it.

AP: It might sound like a naive question, but do you think we'll have more such scandals?

Correa: I think we'll have many more of these and other scandals because politicians have to come to grips with the fact that power is not the ultimate protector — it's a responsibility. When they do think it's a protector, then they will continue to make bad choices. They will think that giving a guy a business card will get them out of it.

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tion. Alan Greenspan often talked publically about the significance of gold as an inflation proxy during his first three terms as Fed chair. But unfortunately he gave up the discipline in his last years at the Fed.

And today, no one in U.S. officialdom is talk-

ing gold, commodities or the dollar. But the Fed has actually been tighter than people think, because only a small fraction of its QE bond buying and reserve creating circulated through the economy. And now it's given up QE altogether. And next year it will begin to cautiously raise its target rate on the long road to normalization. This all helps King Dollar.

And with a new Republican Congress,

there's the enhanced prospect of lower business taxes, which would grow the economy faster. More support for the dollar.

So I will argue simply that a strong dollar and lower oil prices are unambiguously good for the economy. Naysayers be gone.

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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.

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.

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Area Support Groups

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

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

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

■ **Narcotics Anonymous — The Pampa**

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

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

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

■ **Alcoholics Anonymous** Primary Purpose meets daily at noon and 8 p.m. at

112 W. Foster Ave.

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

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

■ **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.

Report: \$34M in repairs needed at Texas college

EL PASO (AP) — A report conducted by two architectural firms says more than \$34 million in repairs and upgrades are needed at a West Texas community college.

The firms will create a master plan to prioritize the needs at each of the five campuses of El Paso Community College. The plan also will detail services needed for a new campus the college intends to build at the Fort Bliss Army post.

The El Paso Times reports the assessment comes as the college projects enrollment to grow to 45,000 students in 12 years. The school has about 29,000 students now.

Officials say campuses lack gathering space for students, have small classrooms, outdated heating and cooling systems, and other problems.

The college has not yet developed a plan to pay for the improvements.

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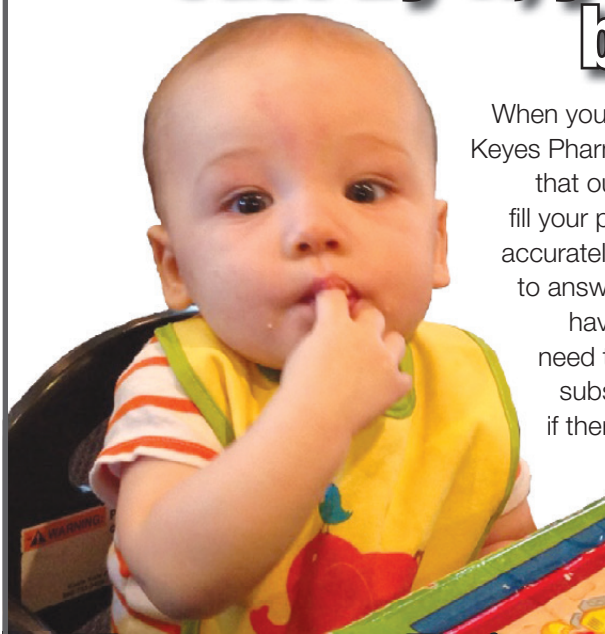
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Church Calendar

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 handout pages that will supply each student with a significant notebook for continued study. I will also be recording each class so that everyone can have the audio in case they want to review something later."

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

Cornerstone Baptist Church

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

New Life Assembly of God

New Life Assembly of God is located at 1435 N. Sumner Street in Pampa. New pastor, Sergio Urrutia, said their mission is "New life Assembly of God is committed to fulfilling a four-fold mission. Our primary reason for being is to evangelize the lost, worship God, disciple believer and to show compassion, to build a multi-ethnic body of believers.

New life commits to reaching out to Pampa in all areas of the township with special emphasis to our

Latino brothers and sisters. Our worship will be a reflection of our multi-ethnic mixture of disciples including Christian Latino music, contemporary music as well as the traditional hymns and songs of the church. Outreach will have as its goal to produce new believers who in turn are able to witness effectively and make disciples who will in turn continue this cycle. This will be effected through small group bible studies, both Bi-lingual services, and bibles."

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

Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ

Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ is located at 1342 Mary Ellen St. Corner of Mary Ellen and Harvester. Right across from the high school.

Bible Classes start at 9:30 a.m. with Sunday Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.

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

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

For more information call 806-665-0031.

First United Methodist Church

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

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

For more information call 806-669-7411.

McLean Cowboy Church

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

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

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

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

For more information, call 806-779-0260.

Southside Church of Christ

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

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

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

Texas movie set used by John Wayne fading away

BRACKETTVILLE, Texas (AP) — Time and Mother Nature are threatening to dismantle the Alamo. Not the original, but the replica 18th-century Spanish mission and Old West movie set John Wayne built for his Oscar-nominated 1960 movie and that for decades was a tourist mecca and film production site.

"It's not just something that represents history to a movie set — it is now history for sure," says Rich Curilla, the one-man curator and custodian of the now-closed Alamo Village.

Alamo Village, a 400-acre plot of land about 120 miles west of San Antonio, was carved out of a large ranch in the late 1950s for Wayne's directorial debut. Starring Richard Widmark as Jim Bowie and Wayne as Davy Crockett, "The Alamo" had an estimated \$12 million budget, huge for its time.

The 4-foot-thick Alamo facade was modeled off a 1936 map of the historic building — drawn up for the Texas centennial that year — and set construction took nearly two years.

Unlike the real Alamo, which is dwarfed by taller buildings in the heart of San Antonio, the view from Wayne's Alamo offered a panorama of iconic Texas and Western images.

"To Hollywood, a movie set is just a means to an end," said Curilla, a film and Alamo historian who spent his summers in college during the late 1960s at the site and began working there full-time in 1988. "I think Wayne was cognizant of building a monument and not just a movie set."

In its heyday, Wayne's Alamo hosted Jimmy Stewart, Dean Martin, Raquel Welch and even Willie Nelson. It's where James Arness reprised his famous Matt Dillon role in a "Gunsmoke" TV movie.

In all, nearly 40 major film and TV productions, plus hundreds of commercials, documentaries and music videos were shot at Alamo Village. And musical shows, comedy skits and staged gunfights drew hundreds of tourists daily.

"It was magical," said Penny Loewen, who was 18 in 1979 when she ar-

rived from tiny St. Francisville, Illinois. She stayed for three years, getting paid \$350 a month to sing and perform six days a week, 11 hours a day.

"We would do just about anything," the 55-year-old retired Nashville songwriter who remained involved with movie productions for 20 years said. "That was the most fun I ever had in my life."

Business at Alamo Village began to wane in the 1980s when traffic along the main east-west route through South Texas shifted north with completion of Interstate 10. It closed to the public after the last remaining owner died in 2009 and the property was divided among heirs. The land now primarily is used for cattle grazing and hunting.

In recent years, a large crack has developed on the front of the Alamo facade. A tree grows inside. Other walls and structures that have been replaced or redone are failing.

At the main entrance to the ranch, only an abandoned ticket booth and a weathered sign telling visi-

tors they're entering the world's largest outdoor movie set hint at its storied past.

"The weather and elements are taking a toll on it," Texas Film Commission Director Heather Page said. "I think it would be disappointing to lose something like that."

Corpus Christi businessman David Jones, 74, envisions saving Alamo Village as a Texas version of Old Tucson, a thriving Old West theme park in southern Arizona.

Jones, who describes himself as a lifelong friend of the former owners, says he's close to raising the \$8 million he believes is necessary to buy the property and ready it for visitors. The remote location won't be a deterrent, Jones says, noting that Big Bend National Park, some 200 miles to the west, typically draws more than 300,000 visitors a year.


"The place really needs to be more than preserved," he said. "It needs to be rehabilitated. ... It has two icons, John Wayne and the Alamo, known to everybody all over the world."

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Top business stories of 2014: US grows, world slows

NEW YORK (AP)— This year showed how sheltered the U.S. economy is from geopolitical and health crises around the world. The global economy sputtered, but the U.S. powered ahead. Employers are finally hiring enough to lower unemployment. A plunge in gas prices and a rising stock market has Americans feeling richer and spending a bit more.

Those are some of the top business stories of 2014, as chosen by business editors at The Associated Press. Others include massive product disasters: A string of auto recalls after faulty ignition switches from General Motors Corp. and air bags in many car models caused injuries and deaths. Hackers stole personal information from millions of people in a wave of breaches at stores, banks, a movie studio and other organizations.

We're also becoming increasingly dependent on our phones and tablets, using them to communicate, play and pay.

Janet Yellen became the first woman to head the Federal Reserve and U.S. workers won higher pay as cities and states across the country raise the minimum hourly wage.

Corporate deal-making was also in the spotlight. Companies acquired each other at a level not seen since 2007, the year the Great Recession began, while a burst of businesses went public.

The top 10 business stories of 2014:

1. U.S. GROWS AS WORLD SLOWS: After a freezing winter put a chill on buying and selling, the U.S. economy has posted its best six months since 2003. But the rest of the world hasn't been as lucky. Japan has fallen back into recession. The 18 countries that make up the eurozone are barely growing and fear a dangerous drop in prices. Major developing nations aren't faring much better. China's growth has dropped to a five-year low of 7.3 percent. Western sanctions and dropping oil prices have decimated Russia's currency. Brazil just edged out of recession. What's helped the U.S. is its relative insulation. American consumers, not exports, are the main drivers of the world's largest economy.

2. JOBS ARE BACK: Millions of Americans still struggle with low pay and fewer hours of work than they want, and millions have given up looking for a job entirely. But five years after the recession ended, the U.S. job market is looking healthy. The unemployment rate is below 6 percent. Employers added nearly 3 million jobs, the most since 1999, as shoppers and businesses spend more. As a result, the Federal Reserve ended its recession-era stimulus program in October and is edging closer to lifting interest rates. The Fed has kept rates near zero since 2008 to

spur lending and investment.

3. SECURITY BREACHES: The theft of 40 million credit and debit cards and 70 million personal records from Target last fall turned out to be just the beginning. Home Depot Inc. hackers nabbed 56 million cards and 53 million email addresses. There were breaches at Kmart, Dairy Queen, and Albertsons. JPMorgan Chase & Co. said hackers stole information covering 76 million households and 7 million small businesses. Sony employees' private information and emails were posted online. The consequences? Sony Pictures Entertainment canceled the mass release of "The Interview," a comedy about assassinating the North Korean leader, after hackers threatened to attack movie theaters. Target Corp. replaced top executives. Shops, card companies and banks sped up card security improvements.

4. OIL PLUNGE: Global crude prices have fallen to around \$56 per barrel from this year's high of \$115 because of more production, especially in the U.S., while slowing economies in Europe and Asia crimp demand. A rapid decline in the second half of the year pushed gasoline to about \$2.30 a gallon in the U.S., the lowest price in nearly five years. Americans are pocketing \$15.4 billion more a month than when gas was at its 2014 high of \$3.70. Cheaper crude is also pumping up auto sales and saving airlines money on jet fuel. But drilling could slow in North Dakota's new boomtowns and other regions, hurting businesses that have cropped up. And governments in energy producers Russia, Venezuela and Iran are being squeezed, increasing the likelihood of political upheaval.

5. AUTO RECALLS: In the U.S. alone, automakers recalled more than 60 million cars and trucks. That far surpasses the previous record of 30.8 million in 2004. The bulk of those come from two problems that have led to nearly 50 deaths and dozens of injuries. Japanese air bag supplier Takata, whose air bags can inflate too fast and spew shrapnel, has fought regulators' demands to expand recalls. And GM was fined the maximum \$35 million by U.S. safety regulators for dragging its feet — for a decade — over replacing faulty switches that can shut down car engines. The U.S. Justice Department is investigating both companies.

6. MOBILE MOMENTUM: PC sales are slumping, but mobile phone subscriptions are expected to reach 7 billion this year — the same as the world's population. Phone makers are launching cheaper smartphones aimed at developing countries, which could get billions more people online. Already, more than a billion people check Facebook on their phones and tablets. The

social media giant spent \$22 billion on a phone messaging app, WhatsApp. Uber, a hail-a-cab app, is valued at \$40 billion. Apple Inc., the iPhone and iPad maker, launched a payment system that sidesteps cash and plastic.

7. STOCK MARKETS SOAR: Another year, another record. The end of the Federal Reserve's bond-buying stimulus program stressed investors this fall, but U.S. stocks kept rising, extending the bull market run to nearly six years. More companies acquired each other and big companies bought up more than \$400 billion of their own stock, helping to put the Standard & Poor's 500 index on pace for a 13 percent gain in 2014. And despite the end of the Fed's bond purchases, which was expected to weigh on markets, bond prices rallied and rates dropped.

8. MINIMUM WAGE GROWTH: Inequality has been rising, and median household incomes have fallen since the recession began in late 2007. But the federal minimum hourly wage has remained at \$7.25 since 2009. Labor organizers, fast-food workers and Wal-Mart Stores Inc. employees have campaigned for higher pay across the country. Congress hasn't acted, but cities and states — and President Barack Obama — have. Obama raised pay by executive order for government contractors, to \$10.10 an hour. By Jan. 1, 29 states and Washington, D.C. will have a higher minimum wage than \$7.25. Seattle approved an increase to \$15 an hour, the highest rate in the country.

9. JANET YELLEN: The Federal Reserve had been led exclusively by men for a century. Then Janet Yellen, a 68-year-old former economics professor and the No. 2 at the Fed, became the first woman to lead the central bank. Plainspoken, with a trace of her native Brooklyn in her speech, Yellen criticizes inequality, focuses on jobs growth and has tried to demystify the moves of the notoriously opaque Fed. She has also tied the failure of most economists to predict the damages wrought by the financial crisis to a lack of diversity in the field. She says that increasing diversity is a priority at the central bank.

10. LET'S MAKE A DEAL: Higher stocks and confidence lifted global mergers and acquisitions volume to highest level since 2007. With a few days to go, global deal volume has risen 20 percent to \$3.41 trillion,

including debt. Climbing markets make it easier to do stock deals, and borrowing is cheap. Meanwhile, initial public offerings had their biggest year since 2000. Health care companies made up 37 percent of all IPOs in

the U.S., nearly double the level in 2013. And the biggest IPO ever, that of China's e-commerce behemoth Alibaba Group Holding Ltd., raised \$25 billion in September.

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College sees small, big benefits with loan promise

ADRIAN, Mich. (AP) — When it came time to pick a college, Abby Slusher leaned toward a private school near her southeastern Michigan home for the small campus and class sizes. Her mother pushed Adrian College for another reason: A new program guaranteeing every graduate would make more than \$37,000 or get some or all student loans reimbursed.

Adrian is among the first colleges to take out insurance policies on all incoming freshmen and transfer students who have student loans and at least two years of school remaining.

"She said, 'Look at me, I'm still trying to pay my student loans off

— this would be great. I don't want you in this situation,'" said Slusher, 18, who is studying to become a social worker. "And seeing her in this situation, I don't want that."

The idea has been around for a few decades at Yale Law School and for specific programs elsewhere, such as seminary and social work degrees. Some small, religious schools started offering guarantees to all new students in recent years, but Adrian President Jeffrey Docking is taking it further by framing the program as a solution to skyrocketing tuition costs and student loan defaults. His crusade has gotten the attention of U.S. law-

makers and education officials.

"Obviously, we feel like this is a big solution to a big problem — maybe the biggest problem right now in higher education," Docking said. "We felt like we needed to make a grand statement."

Adrian paid roughly \$575,000 this year, or \$1,165 per student, to take out policies on 495 students. For those who graduate and get a job that pays less than \$20,000 a year, the college will make full monthly student loan payments until they make \$37,000 a year. With a job that pays \$20,000 to \$37,000, the college will make payments on a sliding scale.

There's no time limit for the payment plan, but the college caps total loan payments at \$70,000 per student. Adrian's annual cost of tuition, room and board is about \$40,000 before any forms of financial aid.

The school has 1,700 students.

Docking already sees benefits: The entering freshmen class is up about 50 students to 570; to break even, the school determined it needed about two dozen new students who took out loans. He credits the program in part for the enrollment increase but says other efforts, like launching a varsity bass fishing team, have served as a lure.

About 35 miles northwest of Adrian, Spring Arbor University, a small Christian institution, offered a similar guarantee to every incoming freshman in fall 2013. A con-

versation with Spring Arbor's former president inspired Docking.

Although Spring Arbor officials see value in the program, they're likely to scale it back next year.

"For the vast majority of students, it's not a deciding factor in choosing Spring Arbor," said school spokesman Malachi Crane. "Is there a way to better tailor it to students who really need it and have the desire to have that option? For us, it makes more fiscal sense not to automatically assign it to each and every student."

Both programs were made possible by the Loan Repayment Assistance Program Association, a Bloomington, Indiana-based organization that works with U.S. colleges and universities.

Peter Samuelson, the organization's president, said some schools "have ramped up, ramped back down and ramped back up again" with loan programs, but overall results are positive.

"There's much more likelihood they're going to complete college successfully," Samuelson said.

To get word out about the program, Docking met with other university presidents and testified last year before a U.S. House higher education subcommittee. Retiring U.S. Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., made a floor statement last June praising Adrian's program as a model for other colleges.

Docking said federal education officials told him at a meeting in August that they are exploring ways to promote the program. Education Department spokeswoman Denise Horn said officials commend the college for its "creative approach" to helping students manage their loans.

"We're talking about this far and wide because we hope other colleges do it as well," Docking said.

Mark Kantrowicz, publisher of edvisors.com, a college planning and financing website, said such programs have grown as school administrators become more concerned about rising discount rates, or the percentage of gross tuition given back to students in the form of grants. He calls it an "arms race in recruiting students," and schools are trying to find ways to stop the discount rate from increasing.

"Obviously, loan repayment assistance provides assistance after the fact, and that has value," he said. "But it would be better to charge less in

the first place."

Israel: Palestinian stabs 2 border police

JERUSALEM (AP) — A Palestinian man on Friday stabbed and lightly wounded two Israeli paramilitary border policemen at the entrance to Jerusalem's Old City on Friday, Israeli police said.

The attacker stabbed an officer in the neck, and in an ensuing struggle stabbed another in the arm before fleeing, said police spokeswoman Luba Samri. Police are searching for the attacker.

The stabbing took place at the Lion's Gate in east Jerusalem shortly after morning prayers at the Al-Aqsa mosque compound, the third most sacred place in Islam. There has been a wave of attacks in Jerusalem amid heightened tensions over the compound, which is considered the holiest site in Judaism because it is where the biblical Hebrew temples stood.

Meanwhile, an Israeli hospital in Jerusalem said it was continuing treatment for a Palestinian boy who was wounded this week during a clash between Israeli border police and Palestinian demonstrators in east Jerusalem.

The 5-year-old boy, Mohammed Obeid, was returning home from kindergarten when a rubber bullet shot by Israeli police struck him in the face, said his grandfather, Ibrahim Obeid.

Police spokeswoman Samri said Palestinians threw fire bombs and fireworks at border police, who responded with "riot-dispersal means." She said she did not know if the boy was injured during the incident but that police are investigating.

At the Israeli border with the Gaza Strip on Friday, Israeli troops shot a Palestinian who was climbing on the border fence, the army said. Troops shot him in the lower part of his body and took him for medical treatment and questioning, the army said.

Israel's supreme court meanwhile ordered authorities to demolish one of the oldest and most contentious Jewish settlement outposts in the West Bank. The court said the hilltop outpost of Amona must be evacuated within two years.

Amona was established in 1995 on private Palestinian land without Israeli government permission. In 2006, Israeli police demolished nine homes at the outpost, setting off clashes pitting settlers and their

supporters against police and soldiers. Several dozen trailers have remained.

The government put off dismantling the rest of the outpost despite court deadlines. Settlers say they have bought some of the land where the outpost sits, but the Palestinian landowners say some of the sales were fictitious.

Conflicting reports of Ukraine prisoner exchange

DONETSK, Ukraine (AP) — A major exchange of war prisoners was embroiled in controversy Friday, with some reports saying it has been completed and others saying it had been pushed back a day.

Russia's Interfax news agency said the exchange had been completed successfully on neutral ground between the sectors controlled by the insurgents and the government forces, but the ITAR-Tass news agency quoted separatist rights ombudsman Darya Morozova saying that the exchange was pushed back until Saturday.

The conflicting reports couldn't be independently confirmed.

The pro-Russia rebels had been set to release 150 Ukrainian prisoners in exchange for the Ukrainian government releasing 222 captives, Ukrainian and rebel officials said.

Russia's state television showed Ukrainian war prisoners boarding buses in the main rebel stronghold of Donetsk before being driven to a location north of the city where the exchange took place.

The exchange had been tentatively planned for earlier this week, and the failure to conduct it pushed back another round of Ukraine peace talks in the Belarusian capital, Minsk, which was set for Friday but was adjourned indefinitely.

Fighting in eastern Ukraine between government forces, volunteer battalions and pro-Russia separatists has claimed more than 4,700 lives since last spring.

Previous rounds of talks in September produced a cease-fire and an agreement to pull back heavy weapons, but both sides have failed to agree on a line of division and fighting continued.

Hostilities have diminished in the past weeks amid renewed peace efforts, but mutual suspicions and distrust have stymied progress.

Ukraine's parliament vote earlier this week to abandon the country's non-aligned status, a first step toward a possible bid for NATO membership which is anathema to Moscow, also has hampered talks.

Amid the tensions, Ukraine on Friday suspended train and bus services to the Russia-annexed Crimean Peninsula, citing security concerns.

Russia annexed the Black Sea peninsula in March following the ouster of Ukraine's former Moscow-friendly president after months of protests.



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sunday horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, Dec. 28, 2014:

This year you have a lot of excitement in your life, especially involving your loved ones. You never know what you will walk into next, and for the most part, you like it that way. You have a tendency to withdraw and sometimes overanalyze situations. Don't put yourself in a situation where you are not comfortable. If you are single, take your time getting to know someone. This person might be very different from what you think. If you are attached, the two of you can be argumentative. Understand that a fight is the surest way to put distance between you. **ARIES** can really make you angry!

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult
ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ You could be very content, yet at the same time feel rather restrained. You might

find that a friend at a distance seems to be rather quiet once you start sharing. Find out why. Someone else is likely to let you know that he or she admires how you handle yourself. Tonight: Out late.

This Week: Use Monday for meetings and running around.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ You'll feel more restrained with a certain person than you normally do. What occurs will be much subtler than you might realize. In fact, you could miss out on the true symbolism of a conversation altogether. Later, you'll have an unexpected realization. Tonight: A must show.

This Week: Think about your New Year's resolutions.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ Focus on your friends, who often are far more indulgent of your whims than you might realize. One friend could act in a most unexpected way. You are likely to remember this person's wild behavior

for a while. A partner opens up. Tonight: A must appearance.

This Week: By midweek, a lot of confusion surrounds you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Be willing to assume more responsibility right now. You will enjoy bringing others together, no matter what the excuse. Lighten up a bit more. A loved one could be very controlling. Know that you don't need to react to that behavior. Tonight: Say "yes."

This Week: Organize and prioritize your life on Monday.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Your spontaneity will take you down a new path, though you might feel somewhat restricted by a loved one. Break past your judgments, and new ideas will emerge. You know that you are your own biggest obstacle. Tonight: Dinner for two.

This Week: Take Monday off if you can.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ You could decide to let some-

one else take the lead on making plans. You know that this person will make choices that would please you. An unexpected conversation reveals a weakness in your bond. Don't worry — it can be corrected. Tonight: Avoid a power play.

This Week: You might decide to go away for New Year's Eve at the last minute.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ You have a way of getting what you want. Encourage others to make the final decision, and everyone will get more of what he or she wants. A family member could become demanding, and he or she might rain on your parade. Tonight: Have a long-overdue chat.

This Week: Resolve to deal with others' pet peeves.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Your ability to read a situation correctly will emerge. You might be rethinking an awkward interaction that you had with a loved one. Understand what this person is

feeling. Sometimes, it is as simple as asking a question. Tonight: Ever playful.

This Week: Focus on what must be done early.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ You are likely to be a little more stern or serious than you typically are. You could be weighing the pros and cons of continuing on the course you have chosen. You might decide to take a creative leap in a different direction. Tonight: Don't push so hard.

This Week: You have a lot to get done, so do it quickly.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Your smile is a sure-bet winner, and it frequently draws in what you want. You seem to be in conflict with a family member, or a situation at home could be irritating you. Go with the unexpected when dealing with this person or matter. Tonight: Order in.

This Week: Once you rest up Monday, you are ready for celebration again.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ You might seem rather ornery as you go out during the day. Whether you're at the mall returning items or hanging out with a friend, you seem less than pleased. A surprise might force you to revise your plans. Tonight: Don't make a big fuss, please.

This Week: Make important calls Monday.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ You could become exhausted just by balancing your checkbook after the past few weeks. You tend to enjoy yourself wherever you are, as long as there are other people around. Curb a tendency to have things go your way. Tonight: Make it your treat.

This Week: Prepare yourself for some company.

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Cowboys seek to find meaning in finale vs Redskins

LANDOVER, Md. (AP) — Any given Sunday, one NFL team can tie another.

If you're the Dallas Cowboys, that's one of your top motivations for playing Tony Romo and DeMarco Murray, and otherwise giving your all in the season finale against the Washington Redskins.

For the Cowboys-Redskins outcome to have any significance in the playoff picture, at least one other game Sunday has to end in a draw. The Cowboys have already clinched the NFC East and will earn a first-round bye with losses by Seattle and Arizona — regardless of what they do against their division rival.

But they can also get a bye through multiple other scenarios. For example, a Dallas win and a Detroit-Green Bay tie would do the trick. Add in a loss or tie by Arizona, and the Cowboys would become the No. 1 seed in the conference.

So, even though Romo could probably use a week off to rest his nagging back, and even though Murray broke his hand two weeks ago, look for both to be out there.

"There's a playoff scenario with us winning the game that will give us an opportunity to get a first-round bye," Dallas coach Jason Garrett said, "so we're going to take advantage of what we can take advantage of."

It's quite the contrast from seasons past, when the Cowboys didn't care what happened elsewhere. Three years running, they needed a win on the final weekend of the regular season to clinch a playoff berth — and failed each time.

Now they're in with a week to spare, and the last thing they want to hear is that their game might be meaningless.

"I think really you think about momentum," tight end Jason Witten said. "This game is a crazy game. You want to play well every opportunity you get. For one, there's still stuff out there for us. And then, two, you want to be playing well going into the playoffs. You never want to back door your way into it. I think this team has been playing well, and we want to continue to do that."

Here's more that's in store Sunday as the Cowboys (11-4) and Redskins (4-11) wrap up the regular season:

RECORDS TO BREAK: Another reason for playing Murray is his pursuit of Emmitt Smith's franchise rushing record. Murray leads the

NFL with 1,745 yards and needs 29 to surpass Smith's mark of 1,773 from 1995.

Also, Romo has a chance to finish with one of the five best passer ratings in NFL history. He's sixth right now at 114.4, and a stellar game would move him past Peyton Manning's 115.1 last year with Denver.

Then there's Dez Bryant, who leads the league with 14 touchdown catches and needs one to tie Terrell Owens' franchise record from 2007.

OH, IT'S YOU AGAIN: The Cowboys-Redskins

rivalry loses much of its sting when one or both of the teams are struggling, but Washington's signature victory in an otherwise tough season was a Monday night win at Dallas in October.

One of the oldest one-liners in D.C. is that it's permissible for Washington to go 2-14 if both wins come against the Cowboys. The Redskins wouldn't be far off the mark with a victory on Sunday.

"I know we are 4-11, not a whole lot of excitement after this game happening," Washington coach Jay

Gruden said. "But, still, to beat Dallas, to play Dallas is a great opportunity for a lot of guys to get more work and go against a heck of a football team. That's always great."

HISTORY LESSON: In 2007, the Cowboys had already clinched a playoff spot when they sleepwalked through a 27-6 loss at Washington in the final weekend of the regular season. That Dallas team was 13-3 and appeared poised for a Super Bowl run, but it lost to the New York Giants in its first playoff game.



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Lifestyles

Bad Santa? 5 tips to tackle your holiday gift returns

As anyone who's received a drugstore cologne gift set well knows, even Santa Claus gets it wrong sometimes.

Friends and relatives? Yes, them too.

Hence the throng of customers who flock to shopping malls soon after the holidays to exchange or return less-than-ideal presents. Retailers generally try to accommodate their wishes, or provide store credit. But it's not always easy.

A recent National Retail Federation survey of 60 merchant loss-prevention executives estimated that fraud related to returned items this holiday season will cost the industry \$3.8 billion. That's one reason many retailers are increasingly asking for identification and restricting how long a customer has to return an item, among other measures.

Likely to end up on the gift return queue in a few days? Here are five tips to consider before you head over to the mall or attempt to swap out that unwanted item purchased online:

1. KEEP GIFTS IN GOOD CONDITION

Retailers will resist taking back a purchase that's not in good condition or in the original packaging.

Whether it's clothing or consumer electronics, make sure the item is free of wear, and that you have all of the parts.

"The biggest problem is when you don't have accessories like a remote control or a battery," said Mike Abt, co-president of Glenview, Illinois-based Abt Electronics, one of the largest independent retailers of electronics and appliances in the country.

But what if you lost part of an item and want to return it? Try offering to pay for the lost accessory. That'll make it more likely that the merchant will take the item back and issue you a refund or credit, Abt said.

And don't think a retailer won't open the box and take an inventory of the parts. Abt notes he's had customers bring back a box that looks like a recent purchase, but the contents were different.

"One time we found a bottle of Windex and a tomato soup can," he said.

2. DON'T STRESS THE RECEIPT

Having a gift receipt handy in case it's needed for a return is ideal. But don't worry if you've misplaced it. Odds are your ID will do. Nearly 71 percent of retailers now require customers who are returning an item without a receipt to show identification, according to the NRF.

Target requires a receipt for all returns and exchanges, but in most cases, within 90 days, it can verify purchases made using credit, debit cards and other electronic payment

methods.

If you're being met with resistance, ask to speak with a manager. Often pleading your case to a store manager in person will be enough.

"Most retailers will comply with wishes to return merchandise," Abt said.

3. HEED RETURN DEADLINES

Be aware of how much time you have. It's not uncommon for certain items, like cameras and other electronics, to have a limit of 15 days for refunds or exchanges.

That's partly because some consumers will buy some items, like a GoPro camera or a TV, for a one-time use. Then they will attempt to return it for a refund. The practice is known as "wardrobing," which alludes to a similar scenario: When someone buys clothing to wear for one night and then returns the item in exchange for a refund.

"Retailers can't afford to be too lenient with certain products," said Kathy Grannis, a spokeswoman for the National Retail Federation.

Check the store's policy online or the gift receipt for details on when the return window closes.

4. SELL THAT UNWANTED GIFT CARD

Got a Starbucks gift card? Not a big coffee drinker?

Several websites will pay for your gift card in cash.

There's a catch, though: You'll receive less than the face value of the card.

During a recent look at Giftcardexchange.com, a \$25 gift card for Starbucks brought up cash offers from companies such as GiftCards.com, Cardpool.com and eBay, among others. The offers ranged from \$17.25 to \$18. At best, that's a 28 percent fee to wring some of that coffee credit into cash.

5. ONLINE PURCHASE? GO TO THE STORE

If you received a gift that was purchased online, the return process typically means mailing back the item and waiting for a response, whether it's to give you a credit, cash or a replacement item.

For presents bought online, but through a merchant with a brick-and-mortar store nearby, skip the shipping and take the item to the store. Most will accept items that were originally delivered by mail.

Wal-Mart, for example, will let shoppers return items bought on the company website or at one of the retailer's big-box stores to its smaller, neighborhood markets, said Sarah McKinney, a Wal-Mart spokeswoman.

"If you don't have a receipt, if it's under \$25, we'll give you the cash," she said. "Over \$25, you get it back on the Wal-Mart gift card."

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Swedish meatballs over noodles, lima beans, carrots, applesauce
TUESDAY, December 30
Chicken spaghetti, garlic bread, mixed vegetables, pineapple
WEDNESDAY, December 31
Pancakes/sausage, eggs, hash browns, Jell-O
THURSDAY, January 1
CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY
FRIDAY, January 2
Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes, broccoli, mixed fruit

Pampa Senior Citizens Center

MONDAY, December 29
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TUESDAY, December 30
Sausages & kraut or chicken breast/wild rice, flame roasted potatoes, turnip greens, baby carrots, black eyed peas, slaw, tossed salad, Jell-O, black forest cake, blackberry cobbler, fruit cup, hot roll, cornbread
WEDNESDAY, December 31
Roast beef brisket/brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, peas, California bend, butter beans, slaw, tossed salad, Jell-O, ugly duckling cake, butter-scotch icebox pie, fruit cup, hot roll, cornbread
THURSDAY, January 1
CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY
FRIDAY, January 2
Cod fish filets or beef stew, potato wedges, broccoli casserole, beans, slaw, tossed salad, Jell-O, brownies, peach pie, fruit cup, cornbread, hot roll.

More 'Help Wanted' signs up at small businesses

NEW YORK (AP) — If you're looking for signs that the U.S. economy is growing and that the job market is improving, just talk to small business owners.

After cutting back on spending for years, people are splurging again. That's evident at Lady M Cake Boutiques.

Revenue is up 40 percent this year at the New York-based company with more customers paying \$60 to \$85 — three or four times what a supermarket cake costs — for confections made of paper-thin pastry dough and flavored with ingredients like green tea and chestnuts. Business is so good that owner Ken Romaniszyn, who has two locations in Manhattan and one in Los Angeles, plans three or four next year in New York, Boston and Charlotte, North Carolina. He'll hire 60 new employees to staff the stores, adding to Lady M's current staff of 145.

His cakes, which once appealed mostly to the wealthy are now attracting a wider range of customers, Romaniszyn says.

"The middle class, they can afford to make a special occasion a little more special," he says.

The U.S. economy is growing at a solid pace. This week, government figures showed that consumers and businesses drove growth to a sizzling 5 percent annual rate last quarter. Fewer Americans are applying for jobless benefits. In the first 11 months of this year, employers have added 2.65 million jobs. That already makes 2014 the best year for hiring since 1999.

A good chunk of the good news can be attributed to improvements at small

companies. Reports from payroll company ADP and software maker Intuit show small business hiring has gained momentum since the summer. The trend looks to continue — surveys by Wells Fargo & Co. and the National Federation of Independent Business show more owners plan to bring in new employees in the coming months.

With revenue up 11 percent this year at her four Squeeze In restaurants in Reno Nevada and near Lake Tahoe, owner Misty Young plans to add nine people to her staff of about 90 next year. She'll also open a fifth restaurant next month in Redwood City, California, and hire 25 employees there.

Diners are spending an average 35 cents more per meal. When multiplied by the 270,000 people Young serves a year, it gives her an extra \$94,500 in annual revenue, she says. Customers are ordering some of the most expensive items on the menu, like a \$22 crab omelet. They're willing to pay a few dollars more

for a premium vodka like Grey Goose in their Bloody Marys.

"People are in this 'I deserve it' mentality. They've worked hard and they want to play hard," Young says.

The healthier economy is luring customers back to Spa Lamar for massages, facials and pedicures. Owner Heidi Lamar, who has 35 employees, is hiring to bring her staff back up to 50, the level before the recession.

Customers visit the Scottsdale, Arizona, spa more often, and they're asking for more services. The average bill has soared this quarter to \$122 from \$98, Lamar says. She needs more staff-

ers to handle the increased workload.

"The group we have is getting to the point where they're maxed out," she says.

The increase in business has encouraged Lamar to add new services such as massages for couples. She's also renovating and painting the spa.

Some of the pickup in revenue comes from snowbirds, people who come to Arizona to escape the cold. But area residents are splurging on themselves again, she says.

"They say, 'we've really missed you. It's good to be coming back again,'" she says.

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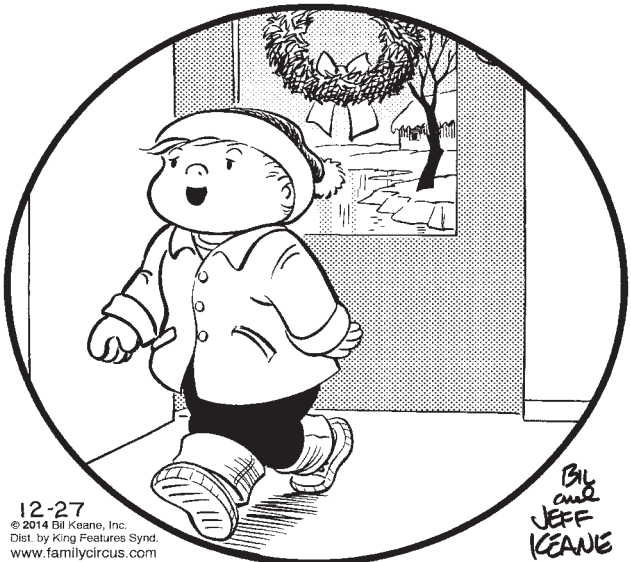
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"I was just over at Spencer's house. I know what I want for Christmas next year."

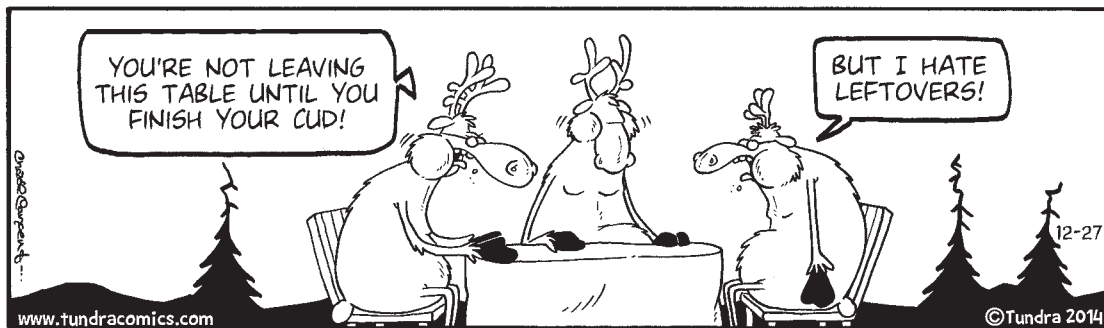
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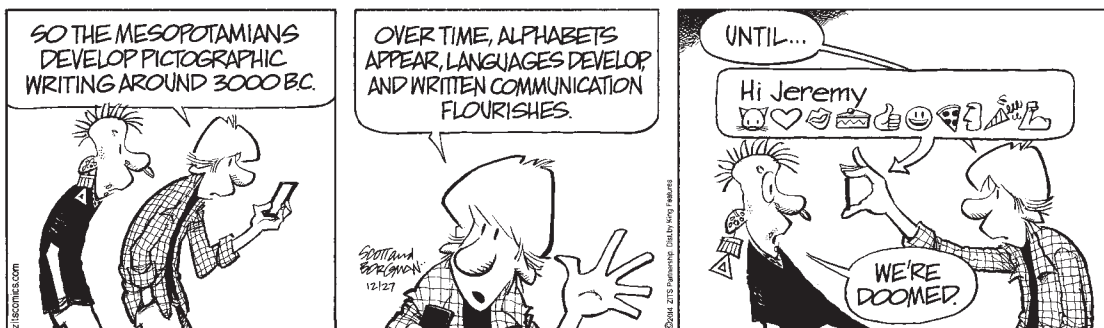
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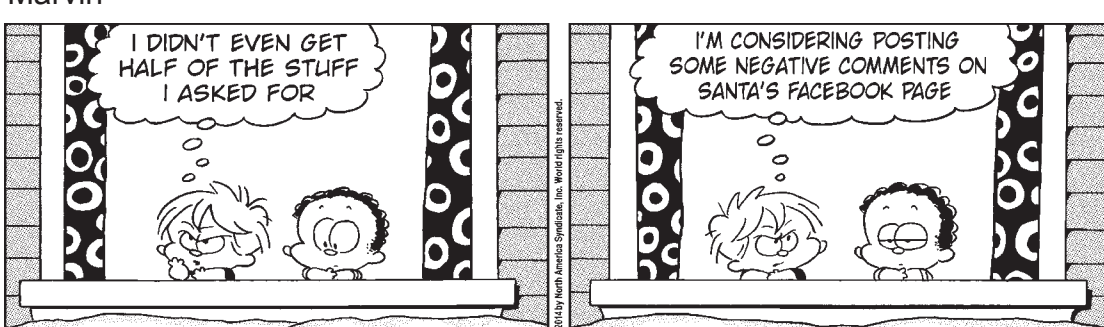
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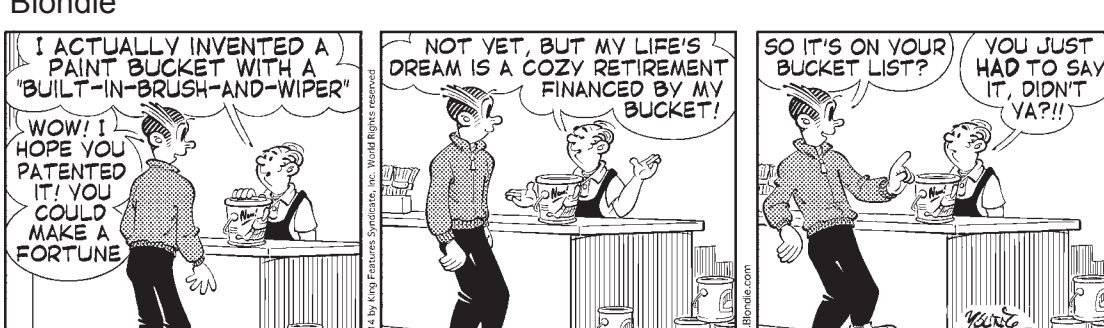
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daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, Dec. 29, 2014:
This year you are likely to encounter an obstacle or two, especially when dealing with personal or domestic issues. Finding a meeting point in conflicts could be difficult, as you and others say one thing but mean another. If you are single, you could meet someone quite significant to your life before the end of summer 2015. If you are attached, the two of you act like two peas in a pod. You might make a major change in how you structure your lives together. **ARIES** knows how to trigger 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)
★★★★ If you wake up with a battle cry in your head, know that you probably were in the midst of a power play for control in your dreams. As a result, you might react quickly when encountering a similar situation today. Tonight: Happily focus on the better parts of your life.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ It is always good to listen to your inner voice to see which direction you should head in. You might feel pushed by a powerful person in your life. You could become irritated and confused as a result. Tonight: Postpone what you can for as long as you can.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You'll blissfully walk into a situation that might be more intense than you had expected. If you use logic to sort out the real issue, productive conversations are likely to result. Make a point of understanding where an associate is coming from. Tonight: Communication flourishes.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ You could be somewhat withdrawn in the morning. A loved one might decide to pick an argument with you in order to draw you in closer. You tend to not agree with this person a lot, particularly about this or her style of communication. Tonight: Just don't be alone.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ If you can manage to bypass some of the mental grenades that surround you, you will be a lot happier. Be careful as you attempt to maintain a steady course, because others might act as if you are off-kil-

ter. Tonight: Try some exotic cuisine.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You might try to form something solid out of nothing more than loosely related facts and/or feelings. You would be well-advised to pursue your original course. A creative venture with a child could prove to be ultimately frustrating. Tonight: Use your sixth sense.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You often seem to be in the wrong place at the wrong time. The nature and strength of your support system will determine what happens in any given situation. Back away from someone who seems a bit off. Tonight: Hang out with a close pal.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You tend to wonder what might be the best course of action. Today, everyone will give you an earful as to what he or she thinks is right and will work. Once you center yourself, you will be able to find an appropriate response. Tonight: Avoid a warring faction.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You seem to have incorporated a little more serenity into your life as of late. You might not be so spontaneous. You'll actively continue seeking out relevant and important answers to a dilemma that faces you. Tonight: Do not back off. Reach out to an important friend.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Pressure seems to build around a matter that you must deal with. You might want to nix any spending for now. You could feel as if a lot is out of your control and that your words are falling on deaf ears. Tonight: A situation on the domestic front demands your attention.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ Know that your responses could be slightly off. You might want to clobber someone today for an off-hand statement, when you typically just might laugh it off. You will try to explain your thoughts, but the message might not be clearly received. Tonight: Try to clear the air.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You will work best with a friend when trying to plan a budget or decide on a gift. However, you might not be speaking the same language right now, as you could have different objectives. Tonight: Take a hard look at your budget, and be sure to count your change.

Mark Wahlberg rolls the dice with new type of role

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Mark Wahlberg admits he's not Hollywood's go-to guy for teacher roles.

In "The Gambler," out on Christmas Day, he plays the brilliant but troubled English professor Jim Bennett. The role gave Wahlberg particular anxiety.

The 43-year-old actor-producer dropped out of school after the eighth grade, and he only recently went back to get his diploma.

"As much as (director) Rupert (Wyatt) wanted me to transform physically, to me, being a believable literary professor was the most important challenge," said Wahlberg. "These parts don't come my way that often."

To prepare, he visited lectures at UCLA and USC and watched videos of the late David Foster Wallace. One particular lecture on "Beowulf" stood out as the most memorable for its energy and the way UCLA students responded.

He also asked some of the professors to read the script with him. Screenwriter William Monahan's language "is so different. Having these pretty uptight literary professors read it was hilarious," he laughed.

Eventually he came to a sort of peace with the fact that performing a lecture in front of students isn't all that different from performing for a camera, and he was set.

"The Gambler," a remake of a 1974 Karel Reisz film starring James Caan, is a bit of a passion project for Wahlberg. He'd seen the original as a kid with his father, but it wasn't until he read Monahan's update of the slow-burning thriller about a privileged professor who's gotten in over his head with gambling debts that he knew this was something special.

Monahan and Wahlberg have a long-standing and fruitful professional relationship going back to "The Departed," for which Wahlberg received his first Oscar nomination. (Monahan won for his adapted screenplay.) Wahlberg trusts his scripts and his judgment. The two recently wrapped the psychological thriller "Mojave," which Monahan also directed, and Monahan is writing the script for a new project, "American Desperado."

For Wahlberg, stepping into the self-destructive shoes of a mostly despicable guy was the perfect change of pace after "Transformers: Age of Extinction."

His character, Jim, is "trying to be the underdog as opposed to the underdog trying to do the impossible," he said.

"At one point we were thinking about making him more likable and giving him more redeeming qualities, but we felt that would take away from who he really was and how we really interpreted the material," explained Wahlberg. "But, we also didn't want to make it so dark that peo-

ple weren't willing to want to see it. We were never going to make him the most likable guy in the world, but at least people should find him interesting enough that they would want to go on the journey with him."

It's quite a journey to the bottom as Jim borrows and gambles away

his and others' money. To prepare for that aspect, Wahlberg and Wyatt went to gambling dens, "high-stakes private poker games" and college sporting events.

Beyond the excitement of making the movie and stretching as an actor, Wahlberg is a businessman. Art and commerce

are tied together in how he thinks about the films and projects he's producing, and he's not shy to discuss everything from tax incentives to release strategies.

Wahlberg knows that roles in blockbusters like "Transformers" help make films like "The Gambler" possible.

"That's part of doing bigger commercial movies," he said. "You then get the opportunity to do a smaller one that you're more passionate about."

"The goal for us was to make a movie that as many people will see as possible. It's great that the studio had the guts to make this kind of movie,

but the only way they're going to keep making more of them is if they can make a profit," he said.

Wahlberg said he wants to be involved on every level and may even go behind the camera, if he finds the time. "I'd rather have as much control as possible," he said.

Tips for dealing with Social Security

TOM MARGENAU
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If you are thinking about applying for Social Security now or in the near future, here is a holiday gift from me to you: six tips that will make your Social Security experience easier.

Tip No. 1: File online.

It is so easy to file for most Social Security benefits online. Go to the Social Security Administration website at www.socialsecurity.gov and just follow the simple instructions. It's probably best if you start the process about two months before you want your benefits to begin. Both my wife and I filed online. The claim took less than a half hour and within a couple weeks, we received our "award notice" in the mail. And about a month later, the checks started rolling in to our bank accounts.

Tip No. 2: Don't file online.

OK, so how do I justify this second bit of advice following my first tip, which says just the opposite? Well, this second tip applies to anyone planning to employ one of the Social Security maximizing strategies that are so popular today. I've written about these strategies many times in this column. The most common strategy is usually called "file and restrict." That's when, at age 66, you file for benefits on a spouse's Social Security record and delay taking your own retirement benefits until age 70, in order to claim a 32 percent delayed retirement bonus. Another strategy is called "file and suspend," and is usually employed at age 66 by people who want a spouse with little or no Social Security of his or her own to claim benefits on their record while delaying their own benefits until 70 to get that aforementioned bonus.

These and other maximizing strategies are way to complex for Social Security's online computers to handle. So for these kinds of claims, you need to talk to a human being. You do so by calling SSA at 800-772-1213 to make an appointment.

Tip No. 3: Call late.

One of the biggest gripes I hear from my readers

is that they have a hard time getting through to SSA's 800 number. Even though the Social Security Administration is a government agency, it's like a business.

It has its busy days and times, and it has its not so busy days and times. For SSA, the busy times tend to be early: as in early in the day, early in the week and early in the month. So if you can, I suggest trying to call them late: as in later in the day, later in the week and later in the month.

Tip No. 4: If you detect inexperience, ask for a supervisor.

As I've mentioned often in this column, these maximizing strategies are a fairly new phenomenon. And they are now all the rage amongst seniors pushing retirement. And frankly, it's put SSA at a bit of a disadvantage. Just when they have been gearing so much of their resources into their online systems, and cutting back on personal, one-on-one service, these different and complicated ways of filing for Social Security come along, most of which often require rather intense person-to-person communication.

Sadly, I have heard from more than a few readers who tell me that when they talk to SSA clerks about employing a specific maximizing strategy, they are met with blank stares. Or even worse, they are sometimes given misinformation. That's why I'm always telling my readers that if they are uncomfortable with the representative they are initially assigned to, then ask to speak to a supervisor.

Tip No. 5: When in doubt, insist on filing a claim.

This might be my most important tip. People frequently tell me that they contacted SSA to find out if they are eligible for a certain kind of Social Security benefit. It might be a guy who was inquiring about a possible disability claim. It might be a woman who

was wondering if she was due benefits from an ex-husband's Social Security account. And lots of times an SSA clerk simply tells them, "You're not eligible" — and that's that. And the inquirer is often left wondering if they got bad advice.

That's why I'm always reminding folks that they have every right in the world to file any Social Security claim they want to file. By insisting on filing a claim and taking the time to fill out the necessary paperwork, they are ensuring that they get a legal decision about their eligibility, and not just the (possibly incorrect) opinion of the SSA clerk they happened to talk to when they first contacted the agency.

And by the way, that same message applies to the advice I give. People are always emailing me and asking me if I think they are eligible for one kind of Social Security benefit or another. I try to give the best answer I can based on the information they gave me. Although I sometimes forget, I usually tell them to contact SSA and file a claim — and not just take my word for it.

Tip No. 6: If you're not satisfied with a decision, file an appeal right away.

I am constantly hearing from readers who tell me they disagree with something SSA has done. For example, I just got a typical email from someone who said he thinks his benefit was figured incorrectly. Problem is: The guy is 72 years old and has been getting benefits for a half dozen years now. The time to complain (to SSA,

not me) was six years ago, when the benefits first began.

Every decision SSA makes comes with appeal rights.

Whenever you get a letter from SSA advising you of something about your Social Security benefits (usually involving a change in the benefit amount), that letter has a

paragraph explaining your right to appeal if you disagree with what they did.

You always have six months to file that appeal. Don't wait for six years — and then expect me to fix things!

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

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Every NFL season offers much to marvel at or laugh about, and plenty of chances to shake our heads in befuddled wonderment.

That final description certainly fits the mind-numbing off-field news that plagued the league this year, beginning in the preseason with the Ray Rice case. For anyone who hasn't had enough of that stuff, look elsewhere.

These offbeat awards will recognize the good, bad and ugly on the field. **BEST GAME:** Green Bay 26, New England 21, in a possible Super Bowl preview.

Aaron Rodgers outdueling Tom Brady, although the difference might have been the Packers' defense. On the Patriots' final series, rookie safety Ha Ha Clinton-Dix blanketed Rob Gronkowski on a deep pass on second down.

Brady was sacked on third down, Stephen Gostkowski missed a 47-yard field goal, and the host Packers ran out the clock.

Runner-up: San Diego 38, San Francisco 35. In Week 16, the Chargers rallied from a 21-point hole in the second half. Philip Rivers hit Malcolm Floyd for an 11-yard TD to tie it, and Nick Novak kicked a 40-yard field goal in overtime after a Niners fumble.

WORST GAME: Atlanta 56, Tampa Bay 14. A nationally televised Thursday night debacle in September, the worst performance by the Buccaneers, which is saying something considering they are 2-13 now. The Falcons led 35-0 before the Buccaneers picked up a first down.

Atlanta's offensive starters left after Steven Jackson's 3-yard touchdown run made it 49-0 before the midway point of the third quarter.

Runner-up: Jets 16, Titans 11. The only such final score in NFL history.

Hopefully the "action" from this game will quickly be forgotten.

BEST PLAY OF THE YEAR: It didn't win the game, and wound up being not particularly impactful in the grand scheme for his team.

Yet Odell Beckham Jr.'s phenomenal three-fingered touchdown catch while falling backward into the end zone against Dallas can't be topped.

"When I'm standing on the sidelines, I'm rooting for him all the way," coach Tom Coughlin said. "When I get to Monday, sometimes I run it back an extra time."

Runners-up: This one did win a game. Vikings rookie LB Anthony Barr chased down Bucs TE Austin Seferian-Jenkins, stripped the ball and took it 27 yards for a touchdown in overtime and a 19-13 victory.

And "Beast Mode 2," Marshawn Lynch's sensational 79-yard touchdown run for Seattle against Arizona in Week 16.

WORST PLAY OF THE YEAR: Figures it would be the Raiders. WR James Jones fumbled twice on one play vs. Houston.

He lost the ball, picked it up and started running again, only to be stripped a second time and the Texans recovered.

Runner-up: A tie between Chicago DE LaMarr Houston and Detroit LB Stephen Tulloch. Each tore an ACL on sack celebrations.

BIGGEST SURPRISE (PLAYER): The Ravens were in a dire situation

after Rice's suspension and injuries/mediocre play by his replacement, Bernard Pierce. In stepped a true journeyman, Justin Forsett, and he's been magical, juicing up the Baltimore offense with a combination of the steady and the spectacular.

Runner-up: Detroit safety Glover Quin, like Forsett a former Texan and like Forsett, a journeyman who has found a home, solidifying the Lions secondary.

BIGGEST SURPRISE (TEAM): Only because they were expected to head directly south from their recent string of 8-8 finishes, it has to be the Cowboys.

Rather than plummet despite an undertalented defense and questionable coaching, Dallas has surged to the NFC East title, possibly a first-round playoff bye.

Runner-up: Buffalo. No, the Bills won't snap their league-high streak of non-playoff seasons, now at 15. But they won't have a losing record, either, and made their future look brighter for once.

BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT (PLAYER): Redskins quarterback Robert Griffin III, although we very much want to give him some slack. Griffin still doesn't appear fully recovered from his knee woes, and other injuries have slowed him. That said, RG3 struggles with too many fundamentals, including footwork — odd for a guy with Olympic running skills.

Runner-up: Saints safety Jairus Byrd, their top offseason signing, had no interceptions through four games and then went on injured reserve (knee).

BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT (TEAM): Da Bears.

Dysfunctional as they come, the Bears were the fashionable pick as a rising team this season.

Instead, they flopped so badly a total housecleaning could be in order.

Runner-up: San Francisco, which because of front-office discord is about to lose the best coach it has had since Bill Walsh.

BEST PLAY-BY-PLAY ANNOUNCER (TV): Mike Tirico, ESPN. We should just rename this award for the top, by far, play-by-play guy on TV, regardless of the sport. Tirico especially shines on the NFL, where his understanding of the game and, especially, its nuances and rules — from the obvious to the obscure — serves the viewer.

So does his brutal honesty, something rare among NFL broadcasters.

Runner-up: Kevin Harlan, CBS. Also give a listen to him on Westwood One's radiocasts of national games. He's so descriptive you feel as if you are in the stadium.

BEST ANALYST (TV): Rich Gannon, CBS. Want to know how and why something happened? Gannon provides it.

Who messed up and who performed above and beyond? Gannon provides it.

Some humor? That, too.

And he works Sunday games with Harlan — a duo worthy of being the network's top team.

Runner-up: Now that both of them are willing to criticize when it's called for, Jon Gruden (ESPN) and Troy Aikman (Fox) deserve recognition for their strong work.

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Harvesters head into break at 11-1

BY ZACHARY GREEN

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The Pampa Hustlin' Harvesters basketball team headed into the winter break at 11-1 after beating Caprock on Dec. 19. The Harvesters will be headed to the Snyder Tournament on Monday morning to play four games.



Matt Embry

Water Valley is Pampa's first opponent. Head coach Matt Embry said they won state last year in Class 1A and will be a tough test for Pampa.

Merkel is the second team that will face Pampa. Embry said he doesn't know much about them other than they have struggled early on so far this season.

Albany is Pampa's third opponent. Their football team just lost the state championship in 2A. Embry said he expects them to be athletic and physical.

Pampa finishes the tournament against the host team, Snyder. Embry expects them to be the four or five seed in their district and for Pampa to be the one or two seed. He said this could be a potential playoff matchup in round one.

"Our schedule is down compared to previous years," Embry said. "A lot of that is due to players graduating. We only returned two players that played significant minutes during district from last season."

Embry added that when you play with the previous year's junior varsity team, scheduling can be tricky.

"You don't know if it will take time for them to get together and mesh. We had a really good fall that helped play



Photo courtesy of Charla Shults

The Hustlin' Harvesters gather at halfcourt before the Caprock game.

into our fast start," Embry said.

Embry mentioned that it helps when seven guys are averaging over five points a game.

"Our second leading scorer, Shonaha Bridges (11 ppg), comes off the bench. Cade Engle (12.5 ppg) leads the team," Embry said. "Engle averages six assists and two steals per game. His assist to turnover ratio is 2.5 to 1. A good point guard has a ratio of 2 to 1."

Embry continued to praise Engle saying that every game teams are trying to stop him because he made the cover of the Panhandle Plains Basketball magazine.

He also made the first-team Panhandle Plains Super Team as a junior. Most players don't make it until their senior seasons.

"He's been great and very unselfish," Embry said. "He gets other guys going

early and then when they (Jett Gibson and Johnathan Stevens) start getting the attention it opens up his style of play later in the games.

Embry said a recurring theme of late has been when Stevens and Gibson are attacking the basket it leads to Pampa's success.

"It forces the other team to give up easy baskets or foul us," Embry said. "When they start getting in foul trouble and have to bring their backups in, then we can start running on them."

Embry praised Bryson Burrell, Bridges and Kambrin Scott.

"All three of those guys can play at the three spot and do a great job at it. It is great to have so much depth across the board," Embry said. "We can play Burrell and Bridges together even if Burrell is having a good night."

Another thing Embry loves is what he calls a three-headed monster at point guard.

"Brandon Sieck, Engle and Brendon Woelfle make up the three-headed point guard," Embry said. "This is the deepest team I've been a part of since coming to Pampa."

Embry said Adam Zuniga is so diverse and plays the game one step ahead of his opponent. Embry mentioned he can play the three or the five spot, which makes him a valuable asset.

"Dante Jordan's energy and tenacity on the defense disrupts the rhythm of opposing offenses," Embry said. "We can't leave out Calven Webb. His defensive presence and help on the boards have been beneficial to us when Johnathan and Jett get into foul trouble."

Embry hopes to come back to Pampa from Snyder with a 15-1 record.

The Harvesters will play Childress, Fritch and Dumas before they start district play Jan. 16 against Perryton.

Sports games to remember from 2014

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They kept us on the edge of our seats and brought us to our feet.

They sent us into joyful celebration or left us in anguished disbelief.

When we look back at 2014, these are some of the games — not to mention stock car races, tennis finals and golf rounds — we'll remember the most.

IRON MAN BUMGARNER

So much for pitch counts and pampered arms. Madison Bumgarner almost single-handedly pitched the San Francisco Giants to their third World Series title in five years with three masterful performances against the upstart Kansas City Royals. He won the opener with seven innings of one-hit ball and pitched a four-hit shutout with 117 pitches in Game 5. But the drawling left-hander will be remembered most for his performance in Game 7, when he threw five innings of scoreless relief on two days rest for a decisive 3-2 victory. The last of his 68 pitches came with the potential tying run at third, resulting in a series-ending popup. "You know what?" he would say about a half-hour later. "I'm

a little tired now."

SHOOTOUT IN SOCHI

T.J. Oshie was one of the last choices to the U.S. Olympic hockey team, but he sure came up big in Sochi. Facing the Russians and their screaming hometown crowd, including President Vladimir Putin, Oshie scored on four out of six chances in a shootout to give the Americans a thrilling 3-2 victory. Oshie scored in the first round and the shootout was still tied after three attempts by each team. At that point, under international rules, the same shooter can be used over and over again. The Americans kept turning to Oshie, five times in a row, before he put a forehand through the goalie's legs for his fourth goal in six chances. "At some point, you think, 'Does he have any more moves left?'" U.S. captain Zach Parise said.

BRAZIL BLOWOUT

For a soccer-mad nation hosting the World Cup for the first time since 1950, it was championship or bust. Oh, what a bust it was. Brazil was blown out by Germany 7-1 in the semifinals, the biggest rout ever that far along in the tournament. The Germans were

unstoppable, scoring five goals in the first half-hour — four of them in a seven-minute span. "It was very important to stay calm, cool and courageous in facing Brazilian passion," said the winning coach, Joachim Loew, whose team went to capture the title that was supposed to go to the home team. For Brazil, there was nothing but heartache, a nation plunging into mourning at the unimaginable result. "We apologize to all Brazilians," defender David Luiz said.

WILD NIGHT IN WACO

In a Big 12 showdown, neither team played a lick of defense until Marcus Mallet returned an interception 49 yards for a touchdown with 11 1-2 minutes remaining, giving TCU a seemingly comfortable 58-37 lead over Baylor. Turns out, no lead was safe against Bears quarterback Bryce Petty. He led three lightning-quick touchdown drives to tie the game, then drove Baylor into position for Chris Callahan's 28-yard field goal as time expired for a beyond-improbable 61-58 victory. "I just knew looking at guys' faces that we were going to come back in that game," Petty said.

"Twenty-one points isn't a big deal for us."

COLTS COMEBACK

Speaking of comebacks, the Colts pulled off a memorable one of their own in an AFC wild-card playoff game. Kansas City led 38-10 early in the third quarter, but Indianapolis scored 35 second-half points for the second-biggest rally in NFL postseason history. Andrew Luck threw for 443 yards and four touchdowns, shaking off three interceptions. He also scored a touchdown on a fumble recovery. The teams combined for 1,049 yards, a playoff record. Not enough, it turned out, for Kansas City to end a 20-year drought since its last playoff win.

SHOCKERS SHOCKED

Wichita State had not lost since the previous year's Final Four and took a 35-0 record in its third-round game against Kentucky, a team that had underachieved after starting the year ranked No. 1. The game went back and forth the entire way, the margin never more than five points over the final 18

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Texas A&M v. West Virginia.....ESPN 1 p.m.
Oklahoma v. Clemson.....ESPN 4:30 p.m.
Arkansas v. Texas.....ESPN 8 p.m.

College Basketball

Toledo at Duke.....ESPN2 6 p.m.
North Texas at Texas Tech.....FCSC 7 p.m.
Alice Lloyd at Western Kentucky.....FCSP 7 p.m.
San Francisco at St. Mary's California.....ESPNU 8 p.m.

Women's College Basketball

Duke at UCONN.....ESPN2 8 p.m.

College Hockey

Great Lakes Invitational.....FCSA 2:30 p.m.

Soccer

Swansea at Liverpool.....NBCS 1:55 p.m.

NHL Hockey

New York Rangers at Dallas Stars.....FSSW 7:30 p.m.
Detroit Red Wings at Boston Bruins.....NBCS 6 p.m.

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UAB at North Carolina.....	ESPN2 3 p.m.
Gonzaga at BYU.....	ESPN2 5 p.m.
Brescia at Western Kentucky.....	FCSA 7 p.m.
San Diego Christian at San Diego State.....	FSCP 9 p.m.

High School Football

Eastside Catholic v. Trinity Christian.....	ESPNU 11 a.m.
Bothell v. Miami Central.....	ESPNU 3 p.m.
Bingham v. Booker T. Washington.....	ESPNU 7 p.m.

College Football Bowls

Cincinnati v. Virginia Tech.....	ESPN 12 p.m.
Arizona State v. Duke.....	KFDA 1 p.m.
Miami v. South Carolina.....	KVII 2:30 p.m.
Boston College v. Penn State.....	ESPN 3:30 p.m.
Nebraska v. USC.....	ESPN 7 p.m.

NHL Hockey

Dallas Stars at St. Louis Blues.....	FSSW 7 p.m.
Wash. Capitals at Pittsburgh Penguins.....	NBCS 6:30 p.m.
San Jose Sharks at LA Kings.....	NBCS 9 p.m.

Horse Racing

Arima Kinen.....	TVG 11 p.m.
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Watch the Pros - Sunday

NFL Football

Dallas Cowboys at Washington Redskins.....	KCIT 12 p.m.
San Diego Chargers at Kansas City Chiefs.....	KFDA 12 p.m.
Detroit Lions at Green Bay Packers.....	KCIT 3:25 p.m.
Oakland Raiders at Denver Broncos.....	KFDA 3:25 p.m.
Pittsburgh Steelers at Cincinnati Bengals.....	KAMR 7:20 p.m.

College Basketball

St. John's v. Tulane.....	FS1 11 a.m.
Long Beach State at Syracuse.....	ESPNU 1 p.m.
Morgan State at Marquette.....	FS1 1 p.m.
Florida Gulf Coast at Xavier.....	FS1 3 p.m.
Wake Forest at Richmond.....	NBCS 3 p.m.
Belmont at Butler.....	FS1 5 p.m.
UCLA at Alabama.....	ESPNU 5:30 p.m.

Women's College Basketball

East Carolina at South Florida.....	ESPNU 11 a.m.
Temple at Memphis.....	ESPNU 7:30 p.m.

Soccer

Manchester United at Tottenham.....	NBCS 5:55 a.m.
Chelsea at Southampton.....	NBCS 8 a.m.
Everton at Newcastle.....	NBCS 10:10 a.m.

College Hockey

Quinnipiac at Princeton.....	ESPNU 3 p.m.
Michigan v. Michigan Tech.....	FCSA 2:30 p.m.
Michigan State v. Ferris State.....	FCSA 6 p.m.

From the Press Box

Teams who could make some noise in the upcoming NFL playoffs.

First off I want to wish everyone a belated Merry Christmas. As you recover from your food-induced comas, we have one more week left in the NFL regular season.



JOHN LEE

All but two spots are filled, now teams are playing for seeding. One of the wild card spots are up for grabs.

In the AFC, the No. 6 seed is still available. If San Diego wins at Kansas City, they're in. If they lose and Baltimore wins, Baltimore is in. If both the Chargers and the Ravens lose, Houston gets in. And if all three of them lose, Kansas City is in.

Clear as mud? What about the NFC, well the NFC South is still up for grabs and it's between the 6-8-1 Carolina Panthers and the 6-8 Atlanta Falcons. That's right, a team below .500 will make the playoffs. Parity sometimes creates parody.

The NFC North is also up for grabs as Detroit will travel to Lambeau Field to take on Aaron Rodgers and the Packers, whose offense is limping into the playoffs.

On that note, let's look at the teams who could make some upsets in the playoffs.

This will probably come back to haunt me but I am discounting

San Diego because they are really banged up on offense, including at quarterback. Philip Rivers is playing with a bulging disc in his back.

The Chiefs don't scare me because they have "Captain Checkdown" Alex Smith at quarterback. The Chiefs still don't have a touchdown pass to a wide receiver. In today's NFL, with all the rules meant to help the offense, that is pathetic.

A case could be made for the Texans, but they need too much help and the odds aren't in their favor. But if they make the playoffs, Arian Foster Top-3 running back in the NFL, and that Houston defense could carry them to a win.

The Baltimore Ravens concern me the most. Joe Flacco is having his best year, beside his Super Bowl year. They may have finally found their Anquan Boldin replacement with Steve Smith, Sr. Who needs Ray Rice, they have Justin Forsett.

Depending on what Cincinnati does Sunday night against Pittsburgh, they could also get hot and make a run and finally shut the critics up. The same could be said about Pittsburgh as well.

In the NFC, if the Detroit Lions beat the Packers on Sunday, they could possess the No. 2 seed in the NFC. That gives them a first-round bye and hosting a playoff game. If Green Bay has to travel during the playoffs, it could be troublesome for them. They are averaging 41 points

at home, versus just 21 on the road.

The Arizona Cardinals are the San Diego Chargers of the NFC this year. They are just so banged up at seemingly every position. But they could get an easy first-round game against Atlanta or Carolina. But if they win Sunday and the Seattle Seahawks lose, they regain the No. 1 seed. That would be huge for them as it would give quarterback Drew Stanton another week to recover.

Many people are wondering how the Cowboys are going to do in the playoffs. I personally think it depends on who the Cowboys face in the first round. Right now it looks like it will either be Green Bay or Detroit traveling to Jerry World in the first round of the playoffs.

If the Cardinals and the Seahawks happen to lose this weekend, Dallas earns a first-round bye, which would be huge for running back Demarco Murray and quarterback Tony Romo.

I personally don't think Dallas could win a shootout against Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers, but like I mentioned earlier, at least they will be hosting the Packers.

Either way it's going to be a great set of games to watch in the playoffs.

Everyone be safe and have a Happy New Year!

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Games

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1-2 minutes. The Wildcats finally went ahead for good, 73-71, when James Young knocked down a 3-pointer with less than 2 minutes to go.

The Shockers had a chance to win it and stay on course to be the first unbeaten national champion since Indiana in 1976. Fred VanVleet's 3-pointer bounced off the side of the rim as the horn sounded. Kentucky 78, Wichita State 76.

DURANT BRINGS THE THUNDER

Memphis had a 98-93 lead in Game 2 of the NBA playoffs with just

under 20 seconds remaining. But Oklahoma City had Kevin Durant, who came up with what might be shot of the year — a towering 3-pointer from the corner as he was tumbling out of bounds. Nothing but net. Plus, he was fouled by Marc Gasol and knocked down the free throw to complete a four-point play.

The Thunder wound up sending the game to overtime, but the Grizzlies bounced back from the shock of Durant's amazing shot to win handily, 111-105.

WIMBLEDON CLASIC

Novak Djokovic was on the verge of finishing off Roger Federer in the fourth set of the Wimbledon final. The 33-year-old Swiss star would not go that easy. With Djokovic serving for the match at 5-3, Federer broke for the first time all day. He would go on to win five straight games, forcing a decisive set that pushed this one into classic territory.

Djokovic held on after nearly four hours of momentum shifts, winning 6-7 (7), 6-4, 7-6 (4), 5-7, 6-4 to deny Federer his record eighth title at the All-England Club. "I respect your career and everything you have done," Djokovic told Federer afterward. "And thank you for letting me win today."

WINNING IN THE GLOAMING

After golf's first three majors failed to produce much drama, the PGA Championship turned out to be a pure theater with an All-Star cast. Rory McIlroy, Phil Mickelson, Rickie Fowler and Henrik Stenson all held a share of the lead on the back nine. The final two hours were filled with eagles and birdies, with tension and chaos. Finally, with darkness threatening to push the finale to the next morning, McIlroy knocked in a 10-inch putt that gave him a one-stroke victory over Mickelson. It was Boy Wonder's second

straight major title and fourth overall, making him just the fourth player in the last century to win that many before his 26th birthday. The other three?

Tiger Woods, Jack Nicklaus and Bobby Jones. Not bad company.

RACE FOR THE TITLE

While it may seem a bit like pro wrestling in the way it tries to manipulate the results, NASCAR got what it was looking for in the latest version of the Sprint Cup championship. Kevin Harvick pulled off a relentless dash through the field, going from 12th to first over the final 15 laps to claim his first title in the final race of the year at Homestead. He beat three other drivers also seeking their first titles: Denny Hamlin, Ryan Newman and Joey Logano. "If you want to win the championship, you're going to have to figure out how to win races," Harvick said. "In the end, that's what it came down to."

Lions and Packers meet with NFC North title and bye at stake

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — The Detroit Lions are so close to ending a two-decade stretch without a division title.

The Green Bay Packers have been so good that it's a surprise when they don't win the NFC North.

Upstarts vs. standard-bearers.

Tackle Ndamukong Suh and one of the league's top defenses against quarterback Aaron Rodgers and the potent Packers offense.

The winner of Sunday's showdown between Detroit and Green Bay at Lambeau Field takes the NFC North championship and a first-round bye in the playoffs.

Both teams (11-4) are already guaranteed postseason berths. But the loser gets relegated to a road game next week as a wild card.

The winner gets some needed rest and a guaranteed home game in two weeks. That's considered a huge advantage in the post-season.

"Yeah, there's a lot on the line. It's an opportunity to win our fourth straight division title, which would be pretty sweet. We get a chance for a bye, which would be great to get some rest for all of us," Rodgers said. "A home playoff game is the most important thing; that's what we play for every year."

According to the Packers, this will be the first time that teams each with 11 wins will play in a regular-season finale to determine a division champion since Dallas and the New York Giants met in 1993. The Cowboys won that game — and went on to win the Super Bowl.

That year is also the last time Detroit won a division title. This often-forgotten franchise has been to the post-season just once since 2000, a 45-28 loss to New Orleans in the wild-card round in the 2011 campaign.

"One of the things that we talk to them about is the fact that this doesn't happen very often," Lions coach

Jim Caldwell said when asked Sunday's game will mean to his players.

And he's just talking about the playoffs.

If Detroit wins the North, it would have earned the title by snapping a 23-game losing streak against Green Bay in Wisconsin. The last time the Lions left the state happy was a 21-17 victory at Lambeau on Dec. 15, 1991.

That's so long ago that Hall of Famer Barry Sanders was still Detroit's running back, gaining 85 yards.

So forgive the Lions if they're more pumped up than usual this weekend.

"The guys have fought some real battles and have done a tremendous job and we've got a great opportunity ahead of us," Caldwell said. "And do you expect them to be a little off the ground here in the next couple of days in intensity and focus? Absolutely, because obviously we're playing a great team in a historic place."

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High-scoring offenses create longer college games

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Bear Bryant said offense sells tickets, and he was right. College football is enjoying immense popularity in an era of record scoring.

But is there too much of a good thing? All that scoring caused this season's average length of game to hit 3 hours, 23 minutes in late November, according to the NCAA. That was up from 3:17 last season. Games are, on average, 14 minutes longer than in 2008. By comparison, this season's NFL average is 3:07.

"I think it's trending in the wrong direction, and it is a concern," American Athletic Conference commissioner Mike Aresco said.

Administrators are wary of turning off fans, especially young ones who crave faster action and represent future ticket buyers. They also are mindful of the risk of injury to fatigued players who are on the field longer and for more plays.

The NCAA Football Rules Committee expects to discuss the issue when it meets in February, secretary-rules editor Rogers Redding said.

"The 14-minute increase has been gradual" since 2008, he wrote in an email to The Associated Press, "but the cumulative effect has generated some concern among some stakeholders so that it is probably something that the committee will want

to take a look at."

Increasing game lengths prompted rules changes in 2008. One shortened the interval between when the clock stopped and restarted on plays that end out of bounds. Another required the 40-second play clock to start right when the previous play is blown dead.

No changes are imminent for 2015, but a number of ideas have been proposed. They include shortening halftime from 20 to 12 minutes and keeping the game clock running while the chains are moved after first downs. Another idea is to allow the quarterback and one defensive player to have earpieces in their helmets to allow for radio contact with coaches and streamline communication, as in the NFL.

Mid-American Conference commissioner Jon Steinbrecher, who chairs the College Football Officiating Board of Managers, said it's imperative to keep the average game under 3:30. That figure coincides with the typical window TV networks allot for a game.

"A shorter game is better than a longer game. That's painting with a broad brush," Steinbrecher said. "If a game is exciting, I suppose it doesn't matter how long it takes. We ought to probably be in that 3:15 to 3:20 range."

Baylor's 61-58 win over TCU on Oct. 11 — at 4 hours, 25 minutes — was

the season's longest game that didn't go overtime or wasn't delayed by weather, according to STATS. Temple's 59-0 win over Delaware State on Sept. 20 — at 2:40 — was the shortest.

Video reviews and the demands of television play a role in game times, but they are secondary to the increased scoring, administrators said.

The average number of game stops for the replay official to review a play has held steady at 1.7 to 1.9 a game. The average duration of those stoppages is down to 1 minute, 15 seconds this season from a high of 1:22 in 2011.

Television agreements vary by conference and network, but generally there are three or four commercial breaks of differing lengths per quarter.

"In this world, you always want to make sure that if a TV commercial break is 2 minutes, 30 seconds, it's 2 minutes 30 seconds and not three minutes," Big Ten senior associate commissioner for television administration Mark Rudner said. "TV has a stake in it, too. The last thing TV wants to do is have a game that goes too long and miss a game that is coming up."

ESPN senior vice president Burke Magnus said as long as the average game doesn't extend past 3 1/2 hours, his network sees no problem.

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401 Twister, Wheeler	\$495,000	4/2.5/2 2356SF/WCAD +/-1.69Ac
119 Walnut Dr	\$369,900	3/2.5/3386SF/GCAD
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1929 Lea St	\$210,000	4/2.5/2 2556SF/GCAD
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2306 Fir St	\$187,000	4/2/2 2277SF/GCAD
11953 McCullough	\$175,000	3/2/2 1344SF/GCAD +/-21.3 Ac
1608 Pecan Av, Panhandle	\$149,500	3/1.75/2 1633SF/CCAD
2301 Christine St	\$142,500	3/3/ 2193SF/GCAD
1913 Zimmers St	\$135,000	4/2.5/1 1863SF/GCAD
300 E Wichita St, Miami	\$131,000	3/75 2w/ 1738SFLevel 1 Bsm 1632SF/RCAD
1318 Lions St, Miami	Pending \$124,900	2/1.75/1 1880SF/RCAD
1616 Maple Av, Panhandle	\$105,000	3/2/2 1415SF/CCAD
2109 Zimmers St	\$98,000	3/1.75/2 1128SF/GCAD
708 Bradley Dr	Pending \$95,000	3/1.75/1 1538SF/GCAD
2104 Lynn St	\$94,900	3/1.75/2 1466SF/GCAD
1527 N Sumner St	\$72,500	3/1.75/2 1028SF/GCAD
501 S Horn St, WD	\$64,600	4/1.75/2 2136SF/CCAD
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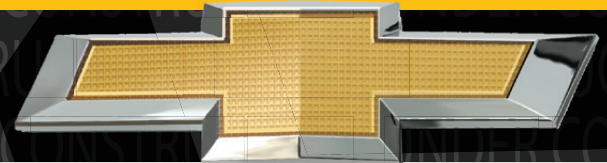
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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: Is nitpicking a poor trait to have? I see it as a positive thing as long as matters are brought up in a helpful way. If you want a healthy relationship with the person you live with, isn't it best to tell her what you think should be done and how?

Two examples: My girlfriend likes to take her socks off when she's lying on the couch. She rolls them off her feet with the opposite foot and they sometimes end up in the corner of the couch, but most of the time on the floor. Also, dishes never get rinsed off, washed or put away on time. The sock thing is gross, and the dishes end up stinking or the food gets stuck on them. Also, the dishes sit in the strainer, not the cupboard. My girlfriend thinks I go overboard and bombard her

with these suggestions. I'd like to know how you and your readers feel about nitpicking. —LIKES THINGS NEAT IN LOUISVILLE

DEAR LIKES THINGS NEAT: I find it interesting that you used the term "nitpicking." Is that what your girlfriend calls it when you tell her she's doing something that bothers you? Nitpicking encompasses more than asking someone to pick up her socks or not leave the dishes in the sink or on the counter. (If she washes them, shouldn't YOU put them into the cupboard?)

There are a few things that a neatnik finds more upsetting than living with someone who is disorganized. You and your girlfriend appear to have some very basic differences. If you're planning

to make this romance a lifelong commitment, I'm warning both of you in advance that you can't change another person. Got it?

DEAR ABBY: I've been doing my mother-in-law's hair for the last seven years. I became very busy with clients and had her double-booked in between clients because she wasn't a paying customer. She felt "shuffled around" and decided to text me, telling me she will go to another hairdresser.

I'm hurt and don't understand why she wouldn't communicate this to me directly so we could have worked something out. What's the best way to handle this? —HAIRDRESSER IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR HAIRDRESSER: Talk with her directly. Tell her you received her text and the snub wasn't intentional. One would think she'd realize you were doing her a favor by working her in, but if she can't understand that,

then perhaps it's better she see another stylist. Accept it and move on.

DEAR ABBY: My daughter calls me (hands-free) when she is driving in her car. We have lively conversations and I enjoy her calls. However, she is always either running errands or on her way to work when she calls. I can be in the middle of a sentence when she announces, "Oops, Mom, I've reached my destination. Gotta go. Love you!"

Am I wrong to feel she is "fitting" me in? Or should I just be happy for the call? —A MOM IN CONNECTICUT

DEAR MOM: It may seem like your daughter is "fitting you in," but at least she ends the conversations with an expression of love. If her schedule is busy, her drive time may be the optimum time for her to talk privately. So be happy — it's better than never hearing from her at all.

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Saturday's Cryptoquote: FOOTBALL IS FOOTBALL AND TALENT IS TALENT. BUT THE MINDSET OF YOUR TEAM MAKES ALL THE DIFFERENCE. —ROBERT GRIFFIN III

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Each of the two-letter groups below may be extended both on the right and the left to form a six-letter word. Drawing from the tiles directly above each group, fill in the blanks.

LEVEL

B C I L O R T
A G
A C E H M O W
E H
A D G O P U W
L O

Yesterday's Answer: Common P; CAPTURED, LADYSHIP, UPGRADED, MISPLACE

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Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

9	4	3	5	6	7	8	1	2
1	7	6	3	2	8	5	4	9
5	8	2	9	1	4	7	6	3
4	1	5	8	9	2	3	7	6
3	6	7	4	5	1	9	2	8
8	2	9	7	3	6	4	5	1
7	5	1	6	8	9	2	3	4
2	9	4	1	7	3	6	8	5
6	3	8	2	4	5	1	9	7

Level: Advanced

Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

5	8	6	1	4	7	2	3	9
4	9	7	5	3	2	1	8	6
1	2	3	9	6	8	5	7	4
8	6	4	2	5	1	3	9	7
9	7	5	4	8	3	6	2	1
3	1	2	6	7	9	4	5	8
6	4	9	8	2	5	7	1	3
7	5	1	3	9	4	8	6	2
2	3	8	7	1	6	9	4	5

Level: Beginner

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ACROSS

- 1 Believers
- 5 Goes downhill
- 10 Opera's Callas
- 12 Runway worker
- 13 Conspicuous
- 14 City on the Mohawk River
- 15 Pres. Day mo.
- 16 Chick holder
- 18 Kayo count
- 19 Wall art
- 21 Type-setting choice
- 22 Place to go downhill
- 24 Sad sack
- 25 Machine at 22-Across
- 29 "— Gone" (Hall and Oates song)
- 30 Set upon
- 32 Glutton
- 33 Writer Tarbell
- 34 Bond, for one
- 35 Oscar or Tony
- 37 After a while
- 39 Necessary

DOWN

- 1 Parting words
- 2 Thrifty folks
- 3 His job's in "Jeopardy!"
- 4 Knight's title
- 5 Self-satisfied
- 6 Auction buy
- 7 Paper worker
- 8 Respectable
- 9 Bias
- 11 Admitted an error
- 17 Cracks up
- 20 Farm sights
- 21 Setting items
- 23 Natural seasoning
- 25 Act the usher
- 26 Make void
- 27 Spring holiday
- 28 Best for picking
- 29 Barber-shop offering
- 31 Harp's ancestors
- 33 Without basis
- 36 Zodiac animal
- 38 Discoverer's cry

Yesterday's answer

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ACROSS

- 1 China flaw
- 5 Smart-phone downloads
- 9 Trailblazer Daniel
- 10 Pub projectiles
- 12 Wear away
- 13 Horse sound
- 14 Last
- 16 Phone bill addition
- 17 Golf pegs
- 18 Buff buff
- 21 Melancholy
- 22 Lets on
- 23 Feel blindly
- 24 Toasting word
- 26 Orange seed
- 29 O'Neill works
- 30 First-rate
- 31 Unrefined
- 32 Salad green
- 34 Be patient for
- 37 Bygone auto
- 38 Move on the ice
- 39 Exact copy
- 40 "The King and I" setting

DOWN

- 1 Eye part
- 2 Like cobras
- 3 River of Pakistan
- 4 Gaze
- 5 Spots on TV
- 6 Skillet
- 7 Bottom line
- 8 Emphasize
- 9 Borscht base
- 11 Proofreading mark
- 15 Sign, as a check
- 19 Baseball officials
- 20 Spotted cube
- 22 Region
- 23 Tiara
- 24 Goes on all fours
- 25 Mauna Loa
- 26 Arsenic, for one
- 27 Dream up
- 28 Key's comedy partner
- 29 Pull along
- 30 Confuse
- 33 Adam's apple spot
- 35 Writer Tarbell
- 36 President pro —

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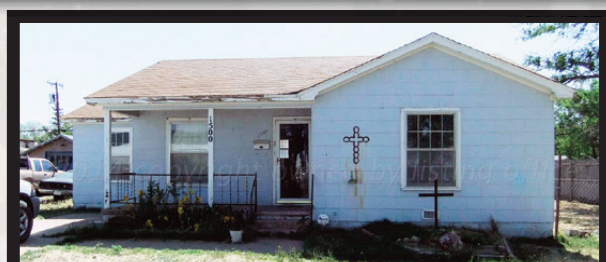
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