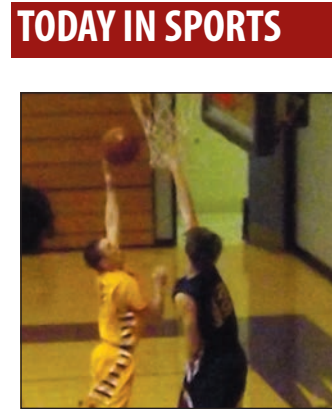


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The Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum is located just south of West Texas A&M University on 4th Avenue in Canyon.

## Canyon museum offers something for everyone



By JOHN LEE  
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CANYON — Set on the south end of West Texas A&M University (WTAMU) is a portal to history that encompasses everything from dinosaurs, to oil's his-

tory in the Texas Panhandle to clothing and automobiles through time.  
 “We are Texas’ largest history museum,” said Stephanie Price, the museum’s marketing and communications manager.  
 “That’s pretty unique because Texas is huge, so being the largest history museum in Texas is a unique facet in itself,” she said.  
 “We have over two million artifacts that you can’t find in other places or anywhere else that are part of  
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## MOVE-IN DAY



Photos by Timothy P. Howsare

By getting a head start on Sunday, Animal Services’ employees and PAWS (Pampa Animal Welfare Society) had all the dogs and cats moved into the new Pampa Animal Shelter by late morning Monday. The shelter opened to the public at noon. Playing with one of the cats is Animal Services worker Tracy Scobee. With her is Faustina Curry, PAWS president, left, and coworker Destiny Terry. Inset is a very adorable female Chihuahua with her 4-week-old litter.



## United Way ‘giving back’ at the gas pumps

STAFF REPORT

Remember the good old days when you could sit in your car while someone else pumped your gas?  
 On Thursday, Pampa United Way volunteers will be pumping gas at the United Supermarkets kiosk and Murphy USA at Walmart.  
 United Way board members and volunteers from the 16 local United Way agencies, like the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, will be at the pumps from 3 to 7 p.m.  
 Executive Administrator Jana Gregory calls the event “A Day of Giving Back.”  
 She said customers at the pumps are not  
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## Former Pampan’s blood marrow saves patient

By TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE  
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When Scott Langford and his wife Sarah signed up to be bone marrow donors during a drive at Scott’s alma mater, Wayland Baptist University, neither one of them thought they’d ever get called. Langford, who grew up in Pampa and graduated from Pampa High School, now lives in Plainview and works at Wayland Baptist.  
 The chances of being matched up with a  
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Submitted photo Scott Langford with his wife Sarah.

## Efforts targeting double dipping could get boost

THE TEXAS TRIBUNE

Government watchdogs swiftly criticized Gov. Rick Perry two years ago after he revealed that he was taking advantage of an obscure perk that allowed a long-serving elected official like him to collect both a salary and pension.  
 But efforts to ban the practice of double dipping, or even require disclosure of it, went nowhere this year in the Texas Legislature.  
 That could change when lawmakers meet again in 2015.  
 Attorney General Greg Abbott, the leading Republican candidate to replace the retiring Perry, is pushing ethics reform and recently told a TV station he wanted to prohibit double

dipping by politicians.  
 His most likely Democratic opponent, state Sen. Wendy Davis of Fort Worth, also supports the ban.  
 The endorsements are welcome news to state Rep. Chris Turner, D-Grand Prairie, who fought a lonely battle this year to prohibit future double dipping.  
 But Republican leaders ignored the bill, and it never got past the committee stage.  
 Turner said he could have used help from Abbott, a close Perry ally, when the bill was up for a debate, and he questioned why Abbott was talking



Greg Abbott



Wendy Davis

about it on the campaign trail now.  
 “He had every opportunity in the last two years to go on record saying that he thinks it’s wrong,” Turner said. “When he had the opportunity to do something, he did nothing.”  
 Matt Hirsch, a spokesman for Abbott, sidestepped the criticism about Abbott’s previous silence and said the attorney general wholeheartedly embraced a prohibition.  
 “Texas is the nation’s shining example for fiscal responsibility, and Greg  
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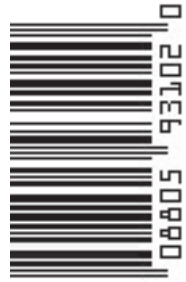
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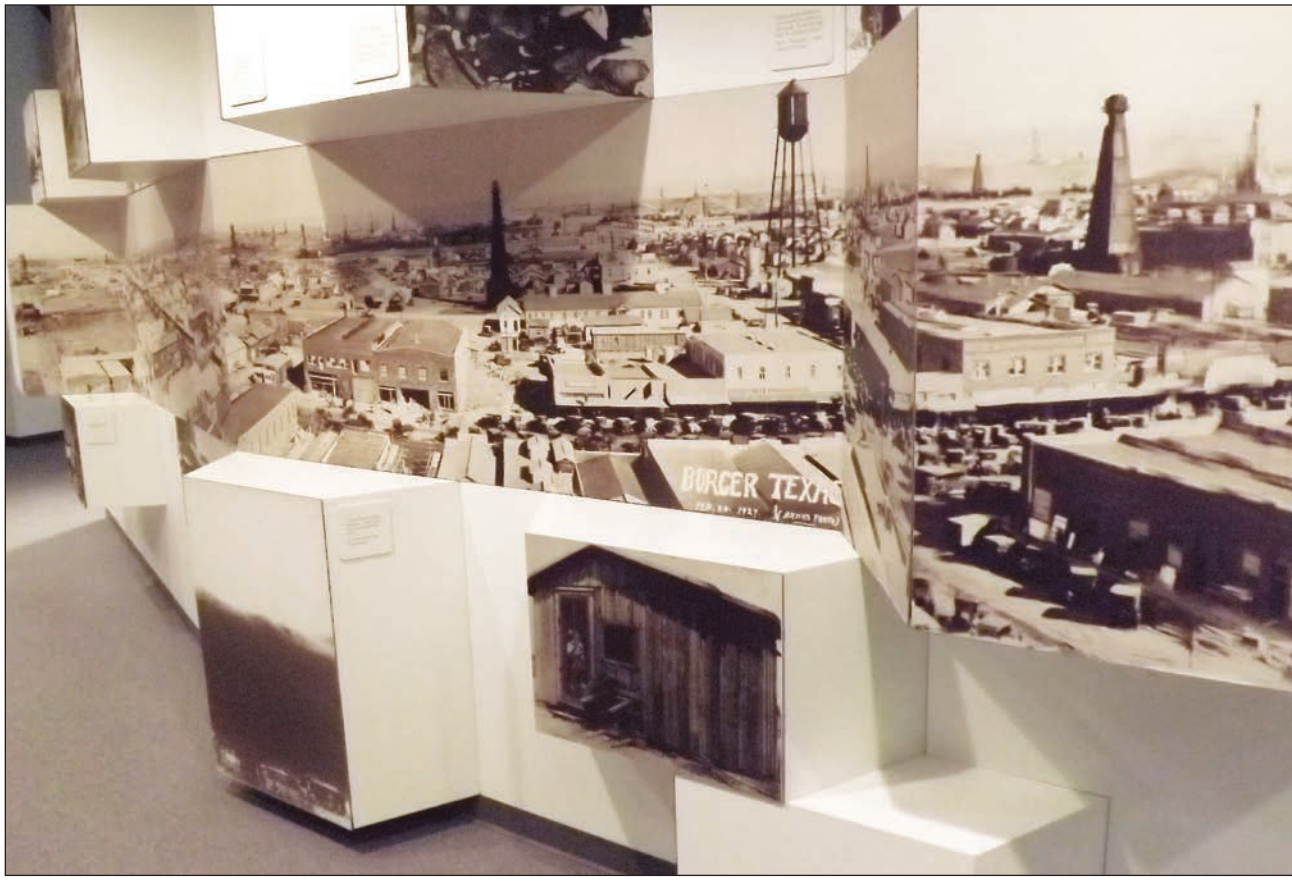


Photo by John Lee

A mural in the petroleum history area of the museum highlights Borger to illustrate oil boom and bust towns during the 1900s.

## Museum

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our (PPHM) society's collection. We have everything from beautiful art to lots of murals done by Mr. H.D. (Harold Dow) Bugbee, the artist who decorates our Pioneer Hall.

"We have an entire wing devoted to petroleum that was donated by Don and Sybil Harrington. We have our own life-size Pioneer Town where, when you step into that, you feel like you stepped into a 1900s town. That's just a small sampling of what we have here, but there is everything about the Panhandle's history here from classic cars to dinosaurs to really everything you can imagine."

### How history starts

The museum was a vision of WTAMU professor Dr. Hattie Anderson, who collected donations during The Great Depression.

"She was able to do that (raise money for the museum), which was amazing because people brought bricks, chairs, whatever they could along with money to open the museum. The museum was the size of Pioneer Hall (which is where you walk in at the

front)," Price said.

Since opening its doors in 1933, the museum has grown to more than three floors. The museum is the beneficiary of donated artifacts. A portion of the museum's funding comes from WTAMU through a private partnership with the university. The rest is by public donations and memberships.

The PPHM covers two full-sized floors and two smaller floors, one of the latter used for research.

### A tour through time

The entrance is called Pioneer Hall, walking north from there takes you to the "People of the Plains" exhibit that features various technologies and how peoples' attires have changed over time. Continue to head north into the popular Pioneer Town, where visitors can walk into buildings and feel like they are in a western film, or east into the Paleontology Wing, which features dinosaurs of the plains.

"We hear the most about our dinosaurs, people love our dinosaurs," she said. "They are a huge deal, kids love them. Kids like to talk about how they came face-to-face with this tall, larger than life animal and they're just amazed by it," Price said of their prehistoric rel-

ics.

"We also hear a lot about Pioneer Town, we get a lot of wonderful compliments about it. It's been renovated for about a year now, we took everything out and redid it from the ground up. It's a lot more interactive, people can go into the buildings, play cards in the saloon, mess with the piano. It really gives them an interactive experience.

"Of course the things they can touch are our copies, but it still gives them a feeling of being there during that time period. That's what we really want, for

people to have that immersion experience."

Following the paleontology section, the museum stretches into geology, windmills and automobiles. After that, it's time to take the stairs.

A major feature of the second floor is the oil and petroleum history of the Panhandle. There are numerous art galleries on the second floor, with a textile production history sprinkled in. The third smaller floor features guns and other tools that have changed over time in the Panhandle, along with more art.

"I am a huge art fan," Price said. "I would have to say that (my favorite piece is) this gorgeous painting in our Texas gallery where there is a ranger who stole a cub with the mama bear coming out. You see this altercation but it is done so beautifully and well. It's one of my favorite pieces."

Price, whose family settled in Pampa in the early 20th century, also loves Pioneer Town because she can see how her great-grandfather lived upon settling in the Panhandle.

### Exhibits that continue to stay fresh

The museum has multiple rotating and special exhibits to keep the museum fresh. The museum's director, Guy C. Vanderpool, believes, "The worst thing you can hear is 'the museum is always the same.'"

"We are the stewards of the collections of the museum," Price said. "What good is a collection if it just sits? So we rotate out exhibits every six months."

Currently there is the Susan Janney Allen collection, which is a collection of Native American artifacts.

Allen was one of the first major donors of the PPHM. She and a friend went across the United States, starting in San Francisco in 1917, collecting Native American artifacts such as baskets, pottery and other Native American objects. Their four-month journey ended in Moorestown, N.J.

Coming up in 2014, PPHM will have series it has named "The Year of the Woman." This series will



Stephanie Price

feature six exhibits centered around women who helped pioneer the Panhandle.

### The facts

Admission into the museum is \$10 for adults, \$9 for seniors and groups of 20 or more, and \$5 for children. Members of the museum and students of WTAMU get in free.

From June to August, the museum is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday. From September to May, the museum is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday.

The museum is located at 2503 4th Ave. in Canyon.

Price encourages everybody to come out, get away from electronics and create a meaningful relationship with the past.

"Museums are all about having an experience with the people you bring with you," Price said. "So, I would encourage parents and grandparents to bring their children and grandchildren and have a learning experience."

"There are very few places where you can go that are going to leave a memorable impact on your family. But a museum is one of those. Step into that Pioneer Town and watch your family interact and get that experience."

For more information on PPHM, call 806-651-2244 or visit their website at www.panhandleplains.org.



Photo by John Lee

The saddle shop is a building in Pioneer Town that shows an example of life in the early 1900s.

## Marrow

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patient are slim. Many people are on a donor list for decades without ever getting called.

But not so in Langford's case.

The young man got a call in August saying he was a match. He made preparations to travel to the Carter Blood Care Center in Fort Worth, though the day of his procedure would only be two weeks before his wedding.

"He was told he would have flu-like symptoms but he was still willing to go forward," said his mother,

Sandra Langford.

Though the name of the patient is not known to Landford, he does know it is a 63-year-old man with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. The disease affects the development of white blood cells that fight disease and infection.

Sandra said in November her son received a letter stating the patient was doing well.

"He has been dismissed from the hospital and the cells are growing in the man's body and he shows no sign of rejection," she said.

Sandra calls her son a hero. "He donated blood marrow to a complete stranger."

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# Obituaries

## Dr. Raymond Wayne Laycock

Dr. Raymond Wayne Laycock died peacefully at his home on Dec. 6, 2013, eight days after celebrating his 95th birthday. At his request, Dr. Laycock donated his body to the Willed-Body Program at Texas A&M Health Science Center in College Station. Memorial services will be announced at a later date by Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.



**Dr. Raymond Laycock**

Dr. Laycock was born in the Abra community, Collingsworth County on Nov. 28, 1918 to Wayne and Lillie Laycock. He graduated from Shamrock High School in 1934 and from the Texas A&M University Corps of Cadets Infantry Regiment in 1940. He then entered the regular army as a Second Lieutenant.

Dr. Laycock commanded a company of the 23rd Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division at Normandy Beach on June 6, 1944, and throughout five European campaigns. He received five battle stars, the Silver Star, the Combat Infantryman's Badge, Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster, Purple Heart, the French and Belgian Croix de Guerre, the Distinguished Unit Citation and other decorations.

Dr. Laycock left active duty as a Major shortly after V-J Day in 1945 and entered the University of Tennessee College of Medicine at Memphis. After graduation, he did postgraduate work at Hotel Dieu and Charity Hospital in New Orleans. In 1952, he retired from the U.S. Army Reserves as a Lieutenant Colonel. Dr. Laycock practiced family medicine in Pampa from 1950 until his retirement in 1995. He served as Chief of Staff at High-

land General Hospital in 1952 and 1962, and Coronado Hospital in 1982. He was a member of the Board of Trustees of Coronado Hospital from 1978 until shortly before his retirement in April 1995. He was a member of the American Medical Association, Texas Medical Association, and Top O' Texas Medical Society.

Dr. Laycock was a member of the First Baptist Church, Everyman's Bible Class and Downtown Kiwanis Club. He was one of the "ol' Aggies" who saluted when appropriate and played the ball as he found it.

He is survived by his daughter, Chris Laycock Lemons and husband Don of New Braunfels; a granddaughter, Erin Rae Osenbaugh of Philadelphia; a grandson, Jeff Lemons of New Braunfels; brothers Dr. Kenneth Laycock and Dr. Royce Laycock, both of Dallas; stepson, Charles P. Butler, Jr. of Greenville, S.C.; and stepdaughters, Betty Butler Heath of Hickory, N.C. and Julia Butler Eakes of Washington, D.C. He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers Huelyn, Guyron and Robert; sister Mary; wife Mildred Butler Laycock and former wife Roby Kraus Laycock.

The family wishes to thank Maria Vasquez for her loving, compassionate care of Dr. Laycock the past four years, especially during his final days. Appreciation is owed to her family, who supported her work, as well as her niece, Cecilia Kennedy, who also cared for him in his home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to Don & Sybil Harrington Cancer Foundation to assist patients at BSA Hospice, 1600 Wallace Blvd., Amarillo, Texas 79106, scholarship programs at Texas A&M University, First Baptist Church, P. O. Box 621, Pampa, TX 79066-0621 or a favorite charity.

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**Wednesday:** Sunny with a high of 36. Winds north at 14 mph. Winds north at 14 mph. Sunrise at 7:44 a.m.

**Wednesday night:** Clear with a low of 17. Winds south-southwest at 8 mph. Sunset at 5:31 p.m.

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• Larry Lee Jackson, 29, Lefors, was arrested Saturday by GCSO for possession of a controlled substance.

• Trevor Jay Graham, 35, Pampa, was arrested Saturday by GCSO for violation of probation — criminal mischief.

• Efran Guerrero Torres, 20, Pampa, was arrested Sunday by the Department of Public Safety for driving while intoxicated.

• Louis Black, 53, Pampa, was arrested Sunday by GCSO for violation of a protective order.

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# Dipping

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Abbott believes hard-working taxpayers deserve transparency from their elected officials," Hirsch said.

"That's why, as governor, he would support legislation that bans double dipping."

While Texas legislators are considered part-time state employees and

make only \$600 a month in salary, they have uncommonly generous pensions. A legislator can get one after just eight years and, with 12 years of service, can begin receiving a guaranteed annuity at age 50.

And the pension is not tied to a legislator's meager salary but rather to the pay of a state district judge, now set at \$140,000.

It gets even better for long-serving members of

the "elected class." Those who meet the longevity requirements can "retire" and keep their state salaries without leaving office.

That's what Perry did, quietly, in early 2011.

As a result, he immediately increased his take-home pay by \$92,000. He kept his job and the \$150,000 salary that goes with it.

Perry has said that he would be "foolish" not to take advantage of the

provision, which has been on the law books at least since the early 1990s, when Bob Bullock, a Democrat, then the lieutenant governor, did.

Already, Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson, a Republican, is pledging to use the law to increase his pay if he gets elected lieutenant governor in 2014.

Otherwise, he said, he could not afford to take the job, which pays the same paltry sum legisla-

tors get.

With 23 years of elected service credit, Patterson, a former state senator, could collect as much as \$74,000 a year in the elected class. He said he would donate his annual legislative salary to charity if elected.

Lax Texas ethics laws do not require politicians to disclose pension income, so it is unclear who else might be taking advantage of the provision.

Perry's double dipping

unexpectedly came to light during his unsuccessful run for president, thanks to more stringent federal disclosure laws.

The lack of transparency in Texas prompted legislators from both parties — including Davis — to file or support legislation that would add pensions to state disclosure forms.

But like Turner's proposed ban, the idea of shedding more light on double dipping got no traction at the Capitol.

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Prairie Plains Perspective

# Mayor, commissioners must pass plastic bag ban

Outside at present, the temperature is a balmy 10 degrees. That nasty ol' wind chill factor, has made it feel like, -5 degrees. So, how is Al Gore's global warming theory working for you? While you're mulling fatso's emission of hot air, I'll be up north of Pampa on the Canadian River escarpment with hopes of curtailing this chill by adding another strand or six of barbed wire to the north-40 fence. And, I won't have to worry about locating where I need to go, for the plastic shopping bags caught and aflapping on the barbed wire will not lead me astray.

Winter is indeed upon us — we the meek. And with these cold temps and even colder wind chills having bared trees of all their greenage, Pampa's requisite city flag has been exposed for all to see and salute. Everyone please stand, place your right hand over your heart, and pledge allegiance to the

white plastic shopping bag! Upon reading such, I'm willing to bet the ranch some of you folks are thinking, "Oh no, he's on the anti-plastic bag thing again!" For the record, I've never stepped off that soap box. I still think, I know, the plastic bag will be a blight upon mankind for generations and eons to come.

A few years back, I stepped up to the podium before city council and gave a three-minute spiel requesting our mayor and commissioners consider placing a ban within our fair burg on retail use of plastic shopping bags. I mean, if Brownsville, Texas can do such, certainly Pampa can do the same. My reasons for the ban are obvious, and quite frankly, if you cannot grasp those reasons, please let me introduce you to my eye doctor.

Upon entering the council chamber, Mayor Brad Pingel greeted me and mentioned he had researched such bans and explained to me pursuing a plastic bag ban would not be an easy endeavor. My answer to the lack of any "ease" per a plastic bag

ban is the fact other cities large and small across our nation have enacted plastic shopping bag bans. Why should Pampa's City Commission enacting the same be any different? Pampa indeed has a litter issue. Plastic shopping bags are without a doubt the single most abundant part of our city's litter crisis.

There is no precedent being set here. As an initial step, all our city attorney would need is to read up on other Texas cities successful bans, their legislation and how they were able to get to the point of enactment. Once discovery is accomplished, evidence on the issue would be needed. Not rocket science here. All the evidence City Fathers need is a simple step out City Hall's front door. By doing so, the plastic bag litter issue would hit council square in the face!

In the same conversation, Mayor Pingel mentioned as well the difficulty with enactment of such a ban. That statement tells me he is more worried with what, allow me this stab, Walmart and other Pampa retail establishments might think of a plastic bag banning ordinance. Why, if such

an ordinance did pass, the world's largest corporation by revenue would have to, by Pampa city law, start using paper bags for customer purchases, as they have already done because of similar laws passed across the country. And yes, doing away with plastic bags won't stop littering, however, paper bags left to Mother Nature do one thing plastic bags cannot, and that is, deteriorate into top soil.

Brownsville, Austin, Fort Stockton and San Antonio (the later with an 18-month pilot program) have passed and instituted plastic bag bans. Austin, in passing its legislation, tallied up its costs for plastic bag cleanup at \$850,000 a year. I wonder what Pampa's costs for plastic bag cleanup would be?

It is time Mayor Pingel and City Commission pass a plastic bag ban. Start cleaning up this fair burg!

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# PampaSports

## Harvesters finish 1-2 in Canyon tournament

■ Harvesters outscore Patriots 30-11 in third quarter to win game.

BY JOHN LEE

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CANYON — After losing to Canyon 56-36, and Hereford narrowly beating them 33-30, the Pampa Harvesters needed to defeat the San Jacinto Patriots, for the second time in less than two weeks. They did just that with a 83-60 victory over San Jacinto Christian Academy Saturday morning.

“Honestly, there wasn’t a whole lot to say other than challenge them to be good ball players,” head coach Matt Embry said. “You take everything we have been good at this year and we have played 2 1/2 games in this tournament without it. I challenged them to go back and really do the things we have been preaching all winter and all fall to get us going.”

“They accepted this challenge and got together as a group and spoke to each other, without me. Sometimes that is all it takes. The guys coming together and saying ‘it’s time.’ It was good. A 30-point quarter is a good deal.”

The game started very similarly to their pre-Thanksgiving meeting. With Pampa leading 10-6 early in the first quarter, the Patriots spread the ball around between their players and went on a 10-0 run

over the Harvesters to take a 16-12 lead. Senior Ryan Powell connected on two straight 2-pointers, followed by a 2-pointer from sophomore Kambrin Scott, then another 2-pointer from Powell following a 3-pointer from San Jacinto to pull within one of the Patriots at 18-17. The quarter ended with another Powell 2-pointer and another 3-pointer from Merrick Tipps of the Patriots to make the score 21-19.

In the second quarter, the Harvesters that everyone has become accustomed to took over. After a 2-pointer from junior Jonathan Stevens, Powell scored six unanswered points to give the

Harvesters the lead at 28-24. SJCA then had seven points scored from James Stinnett and Tipps to put them back in front at 31-28. The game went back and forth, with the Harvesters and Patriots each scoring three points in the waning seconds of the half with the Patriots leading 37-34.

“Well, he (Tipps) wasn’t in the game plan, he didn’t score a single point last time we played him. He hit six 3-pointers, I think. Ended up scoring 25 points. Obviously kudos to him, but once we made our adjustments we shut him down.”

In the third quarter, the Patriots had no answer for this high-powered Pampa

offense. Sophomore Cade Engle opened up the quarter with two 2-pointers, followed by a 3-pointer from senior Brandon Stokes, the Harvesters’ first of the game, to give them the lead 43-41. The Harvesters then laid it down on the Patriots, outscoring them 13-3, with four points from senior Cory Ponce, and multiple points from Stevens and another 3-pointer by Stokes. Powell closed out the quarter, scoring six points. The Harvesters outscored the Patriots 30-11 in the third quarter, giving them the 64-48 lead heading into the final quarter.

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Professional athletes are overpaid.

Why do children grow up saying they want to be a professional athlete? One word, money — and lots of it.

It used to be children wanted to be a firefighter, policeman, doctor, join the military or a career



ZAC GREEN

of the like that doesn't get paid enough for their hard work and dedication to communities.

But now, that has all changed with the invention of the television,

iPhones, Internet and social media. All of those outlets have hyped up the sports world beyond reason. I even find myself at times watching too many sports on television, but it is there and readily accessible.

Children are monitoring these steroid pumping, cheating, lack of any moral athletes instead of their local policeman, fireman or military personnel.

What got me started on this rant was the contract signed by Robinson Cano this past week to play for the Seattle Mariners. The contract is for 10 years and Cano will earn \$240 million during those 10 years.

In 2012, Albert Pujols bolted St. Louis for Los Angeles with a 10-year, \$240 million contract of his own.

Perhaps the most infamous of them all was the 2007 contract signed by Alex Rodriguez to play for the Yankees for 10 years, \$275 million.

My question is: why? Why are the athletes always hungry for money and more of it. Why are they never content? Is it that once they sign that first professional contract, their sense of where they came from goes out the window? Is it because they have money, but they make stupid decisions? Whatever the case may be, they are living well outside of their means.

Just one of those athlete's above salaries for one year is \$24 million. I don't know about you, but it is probably safe to say that if you are reading this you aren't making six figures a year. But as an example it would take 240 people making \$100,000 a year to equal the salary that ONE of those athletes makes in a year.

Maybe we should start taking the athletes' salaries and swap them

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## Athletes

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with the salaries of the military, police, fire and medical personnel. Then maybe those people who work hard to fight for our freedom, to save lives and to protect us, can maybe make a salary that might compensate them a little for what they do. (No salary will equal the price paid by those people who have given their lives for others)

Unfortunately with the way society is, these contracts are only going to get more ludicrous. I just read an article today saying that in the near future \$3 million per year

for a Southeastern Conference (SEC) football coach will be a middle of the conference salary, meaning that the top coaches will make nearly \$7-10 million a year. If the coaches' salaries are going to go up that high, just try envisioning what the athletes' salaries will do.

I will leave you all with one thought for this week. What do these athletes and coaches do to earn their salaries? They PLAY a game to ENTERTAIN people. That is it, no lives are risked and no lives are saved by their work but yet they continue to be grossly overpaid.

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## Tourney

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"Obviously anytime we play San Jacinto I hope they can stay on the schedule for Gabe (Garcia's sake)," Embry said.

"It seems like he always plays well against San Jacinto. Gabe went to school here at San Jacinto before he came to Pampa, so he really likes to play those guys.

Trey Miller, the stats don't show, but he is a leader in the locker room and a leader on the bench. He was a very big part of that third quarter. I am very proud of Trey Miller."

The Harvesters did not let up in the fourth quarter. Scoring a 2-pointer from

Engle and a 3-pointer from Stevens. Senior Alex Marufo scored two points on a free throw, followed by a 2-pointer from senior Gabe Garcia. The Harvesters went on a 13-4 run to close out the game with the 83-60 victory.

Cory Ponce had a double-double, with 14 points and 10 rebounds. Senior Brandon Stokes led the team in scoring with 15 points, followed by Ryan Powell at 13 points and Jonathan Stevens at 11 points. Cade Engle, who is becoming more involved in the game-plan with every game, was named most outstanding player for the Harvesters during the tournament.

"It's exciting for him (Cade Engle getting most outstanding player for

Pampa)," Embry said. "The thing he is starting to realize is the more trust he has in his teammates and his big men, the better it is for him. The more it gets them involved, the more it opens him up.

His passing this tournament and against Morton was phenomenal. He stuck some big shots in that third quarter also."

The Harvesters return to the court on Tuesday to take on the Randall Raiders outside of Amarillo. The game is at 7:30 after the junior varsity team plays. Embry says the Raiders' size will be an issue for the Harvesters.

"Boxing out, they are bigger than us. We are going to have to get a run on them too," Embry said.

"They like to play a

close game. They like to finish their games in the 50s and 60s and we like to finish them in the 70s and 80s. Hopefully we can keep them from slowing us down too much. Obviously their size is going to be a factor in that, but hopefully we can go over there and get a win."

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# Arizona State, Texas Tech to play in Holiday Bowl

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Pac-12 South Division champion Arizona State and Texas Tech have accepted invitations to play in the Holiday Bowl on Dec. 30 at Qualcomm Stadium. It will be the fourth appearance for Arizona State (10-3) and the second appearance for Texas Tech (7-5).

Arizona State lost to Stanford 38-14 in the Pac-12 championship game Saturday night.

**No. 22 Duke-No. 20 Texas A&M in Chick-fil-A Bowl**  
ATLANTA (AP) — Johnny Manziel might play his

final college game in the Chick-fil-A Bowl.

No. 20 Texas A&M, led by the 2012 Heisman Trophy winner, will face No. 22 Duke in the first-ever meeting between the schools on New Year's Eve

at the Georgia Dome, officials announced Sunday night.

Manziel is a third-year sophomore, making him eligible to enter the 2014 NFL draft.

He hasn't revealed his

plans for next season after guiding Texas A&M to a disappointing 8-4 record, with all four losses coming against fellow Southeastern Conference teams ranked among the top 14 in The Associated Press poll.

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# Lady Harvesters dominate Kress

BY JOHN LEE  
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The Pampa Lady Harvesters defeated the Kress Lady Roos 75-29 on Thursday night for their second win in the tournament.

When the Lady Harvesters defeated San Jacinto, they were battling an opponent who had a slight edge with size. Thursday, the Lady Harvesters were bigger than the Lady Roos.

"It kind of happened in both games today, we got a lead early," head coach Gene Valentine said.

"That's what I told them. I wanted to come out and establish ourselves early.

We have a tendency to work ourselves into the game, but tonight I wanted us to come out and be the aggressors, and we did that. We've got some playing time for those kids who don't get playing time often, get them some confidence, in case we ever need them."

The Lady Harvesters outscored the Lady Roos 11-7 in the first quarter with junior Madison Brown putting up 7 points.

In the second quarter, junior Carrigan Niccum read what the offense was doing and took it away from the offense multiple times to lead the Lady Harvesters on a 16-3 scor-

ing run. All eight of her total points came from take-aways in the second quarter. Junior Raven Neal came off the bench in the second quarter and made her presence felt in the paint, scoring four points during the run.

"Been trying to stress to them this morning that people are running what they're calling short corners on them," Valenine said.

"She (Carrigan Niccum) started to read that backside and they tried to skip the ball over and two or three times in a row she read it and was able to score from that, which is good for them to adjust to

what the opposing offense is trying to do."

The avalanche of points continued in the third quarter, when the bench of the Lady Harvesters continued to control the ball. Junior Keisha Daniels and Neal, along with fellow junior McKinli Thomas connected and helped the Lady Harvesters go 11-7 in the third quarter.

The Lady Harvesters went on to win the game 75-29 in a convincing win.



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Carrigan Niccum (14) drives the ball across the court to the opposing goal.

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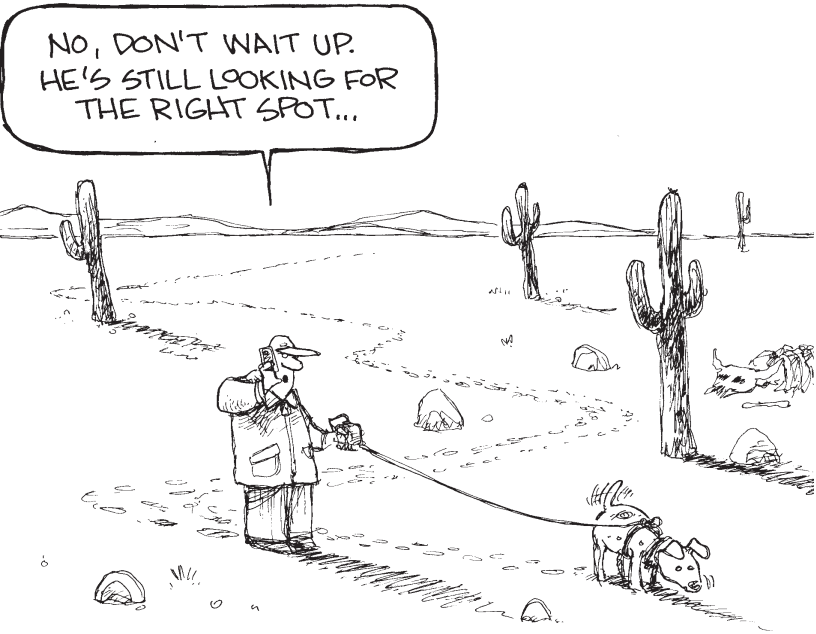


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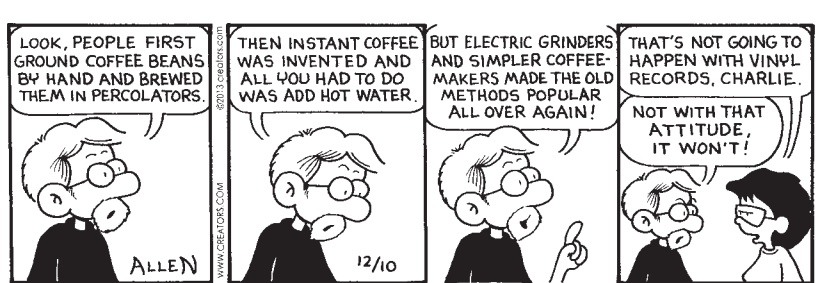
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### Nest Heads



# daily horoscope

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2013:  
This year you open up to many plausible changes. You seem to go with the flow rather than fight the inevitable. Your creativity grows in bursts. Some of you will seek new avenues of self-expression as well. If you are single, you could meet someone who might serve as a muse. You will love the poetic tie here, but take a hard look at the relationship and its possibilities. If you are attached, the two of you might start acting like newfound lovers. You also might choose to update your mutual responsibilities; both of you have changed. Count on ARIES for excitement.

**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)**  
★★★★ Others don't hesitate to challenge you. You might feel as if you need to adapt to an authority figure's wishes. You could go overboard in your response. Don't worry; this person anticipates that you will stand firm in support of your beliefs. Tonight: All smiles.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**  
★★★★ When given some perspective, you might think someone's idea is hogwash. You can be sure that, regardless of whether you say anything, the other party can see your facial expressions and/or hear the tone in your voice. Be diplomatic. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**  
★★★★ You work well with people in general. You'll find out how caring certain associates can be. Thanking someone for his or her support will mean more than you realize. Express yourself in a way that others will identify with you. Do not act like a boss. Tonight: Where people are.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**  
★★★ Tension increases no matter what you choose to do or how you try to change your thoughts. You could be a little too tolerant of someone who makes heavy demands on you. Know the possibilities, and realize that you need to relax in order to think clearly. Tonight: Could be late.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**  
★★★★ Keep reaching out to a dear friend. Once you connect, you can relax. You might have been worried about a situation involving this person. Recognize how fortunate you are, especially with interpersonal matters. Tonight: Let your

imagination go wild.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**  
★★★★ Use your intuition when dealing with a person who is fundamental to your well-being. You might need to have a discussion with him or her involving your welfare. Opportunities pop up out of the blue that encourage this talk. Remain optimistic. Tonight: Be a duo.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**  
★★★★ Others will be challenging. You could have a strong initial reaction, but that will pass. You might be too concerned about a personal matter. For the time being, remain on topic and trust that the right time will come to work through this issue. Tonight: Return calls and emails.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**  
★★★★ Emphasize cooperation rather than willfulness. You often get caught up in wanting things to go a certain way. You could hear news that initially might not make you happy. Give yourself some time and you will react differently. Tonight: Try to clear off your desk.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**  
★★★★ Let your fiery side emerge, and it will bring you a better sense of direction. At first, a conflict might seem inevitable between you and someone else. A sudden change will encourage a resourceful solution. The pros and cons of a risk need some thought. Tonight: Say "yes."

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**  
★★★★ Stay on top of a difficult situation. You might want change involving a personal matter. Trying to force what you want will not work. Allow someone some time to understand where you are coming from. At that point, this person will be more receptive to you. Tonight: At home.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**  
★★★★ Communication excels and allows greater give-and-take. At the same time, an opinion of yours is transforming. You could be surprised at how off a snap judgment might be. Use your high energy to get some holiday shopping done. Tonight: Get together with a friend.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**  
★★ Take time to go over your holiday gift list. You will be much happier if you honor the amount you can spend on each item. You also could come up with a creative idea that might be more fun than a present would be. Follow your imagination. Tonight: Shop, then join a friend.

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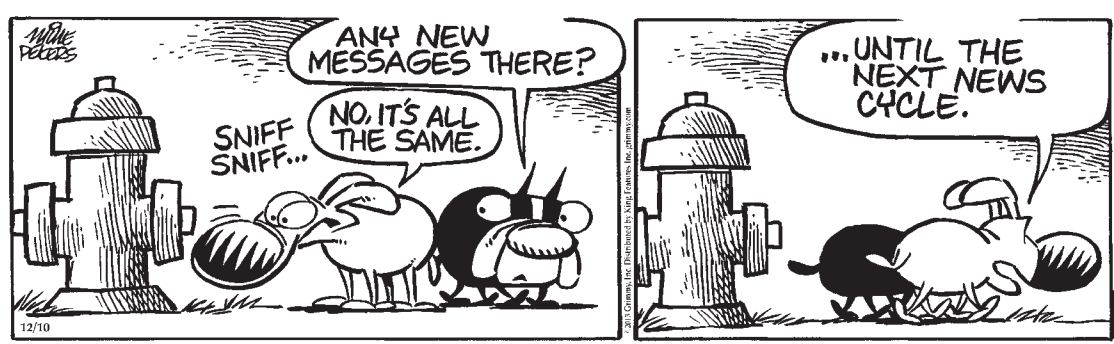


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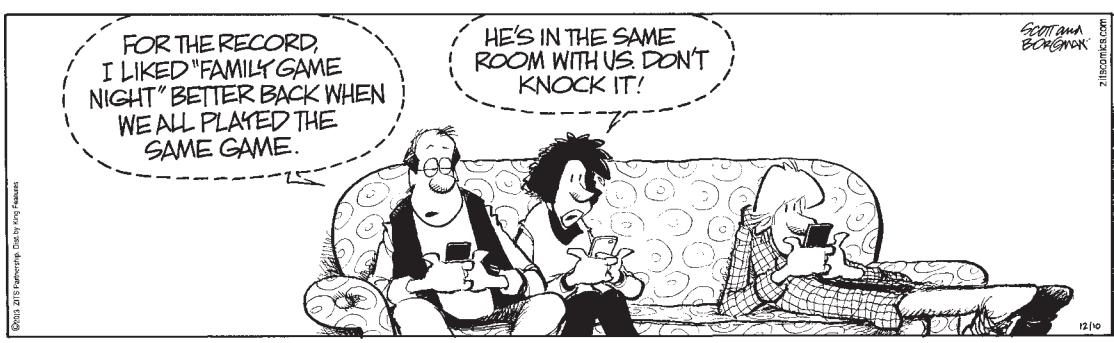
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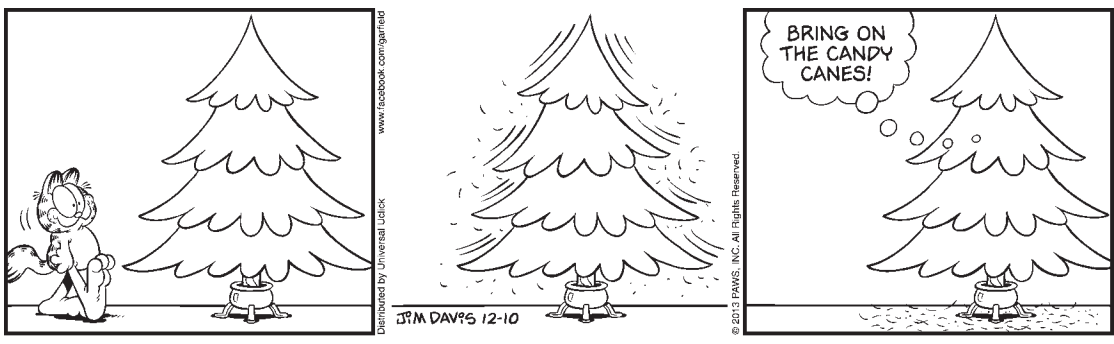
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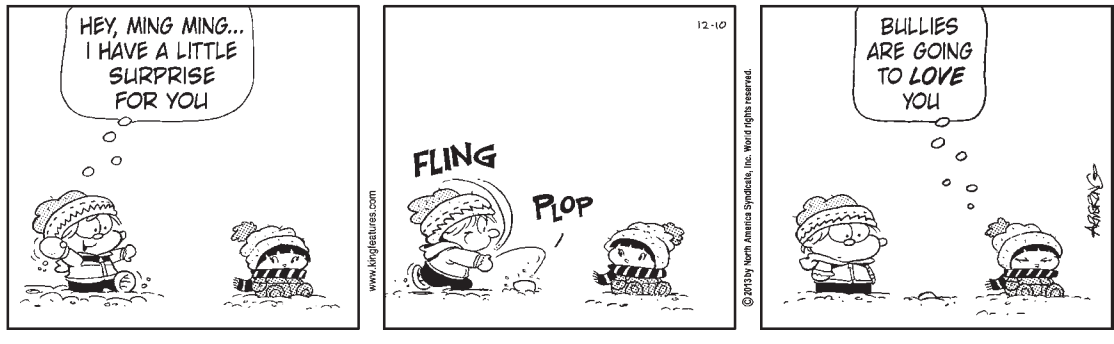
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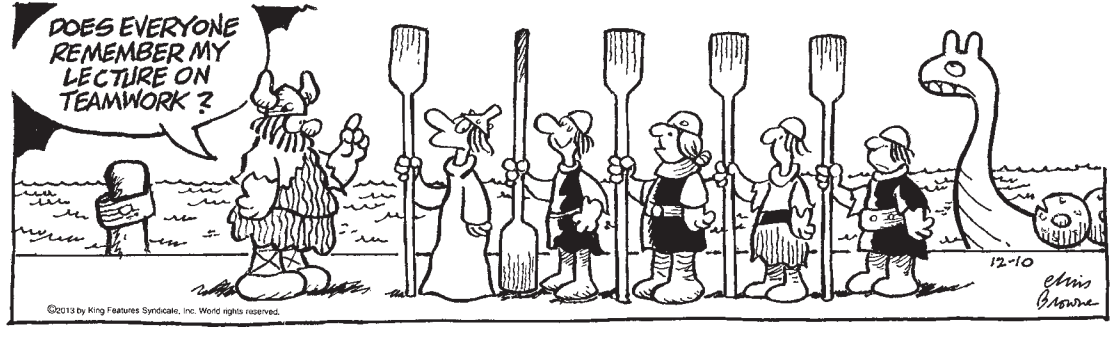
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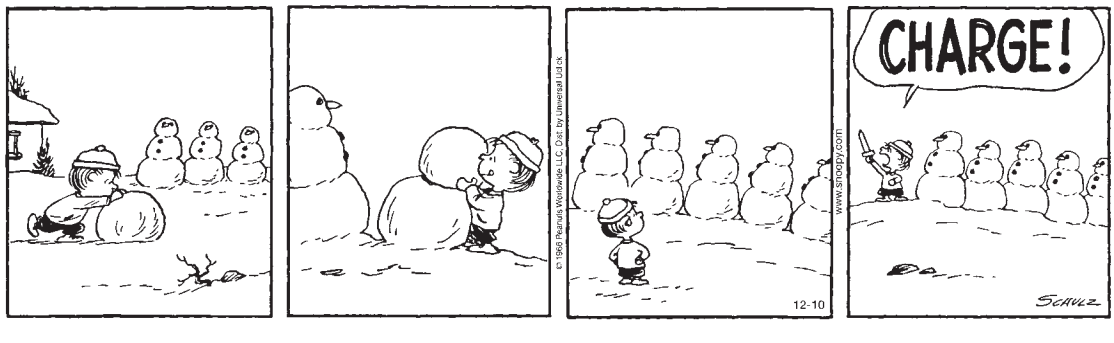
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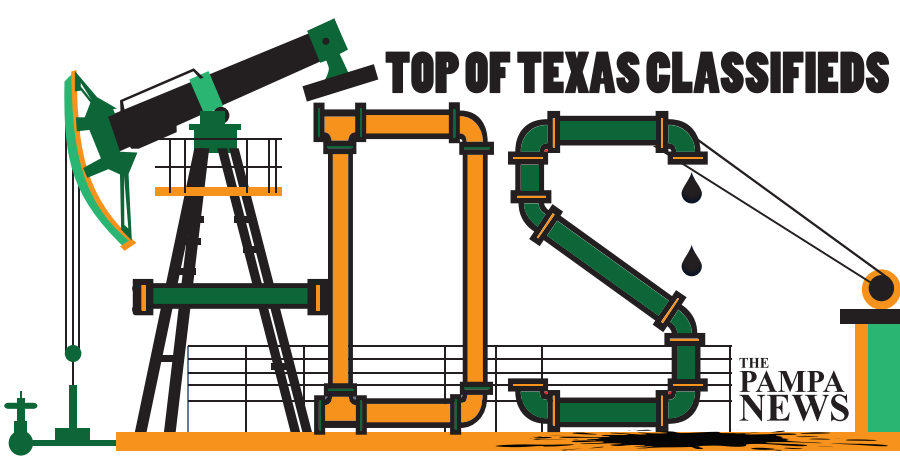


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## O CHRISTMAS TREE



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Getting ready to cut down their Christmas tree are Kennedy, Autumn and McKenzie Woods. Davis Tree Farm is on State Highway 70 3.5 miles north of Pampa and half a mile west on County Line Road. The farm is open 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturdays and 1-5 p.m. on Sundays until Christmas. The business is donating \$5 from each tree purchase to the Freedom Museum this year.

## FIRST BAPTIST'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM



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On Sunday, Dec. 8, the children's choirs at First Baptist Church put on their annual Christmas program. The choirs were joined by a cast including Mary played by Julia Allen, Joseph played by Seth Smith, B.A. Countable played by Jackson Young and Shepherds played by Benjamin Langford, Mason Zamudio and Matthew Ortnet.

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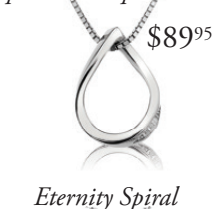
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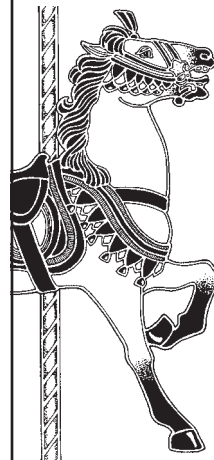
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