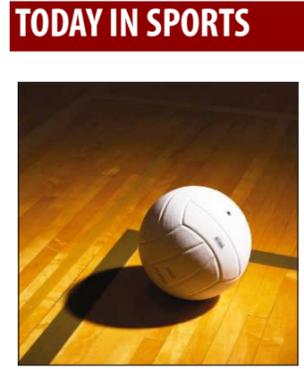


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## 'The Nutcracker' performances this weekend

By JOHN LEE  
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While many TV stations are starting to play Christmas favorites such as "Rudolph: The Red-Nosed Reindeer" and "Frosty the Snowman," the Pampa Civic Ballet has a performance that involves children from right here in our area.

The Pampa Civic Ballet, under the direction of Deanna McGill, will present "The Nutcracker" on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 6 and 7, at 7:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. respectively.

"It's the fifth year under me, Jean Willingham started

doing the Nutcracker sporadically from 1980, then in 1992 we've done the full Nutcracker," Deanna said.

This year's production cast has more than 100 performers.

"We start preparing in September as soon as classes start," Deanna said.

"There is over 100 people in our cast. It takes a lot of effort from parents and our backstage crew and everyone who volunteers their time to make it happen."

Jayci Carroll, who has been doing the play for five years, is playing the role of Clara in this year's rendition of The Nutcracker.

"Being Clara is my favorite part (of being a part of The Nutcracker), because she's the main character," Carroll said.

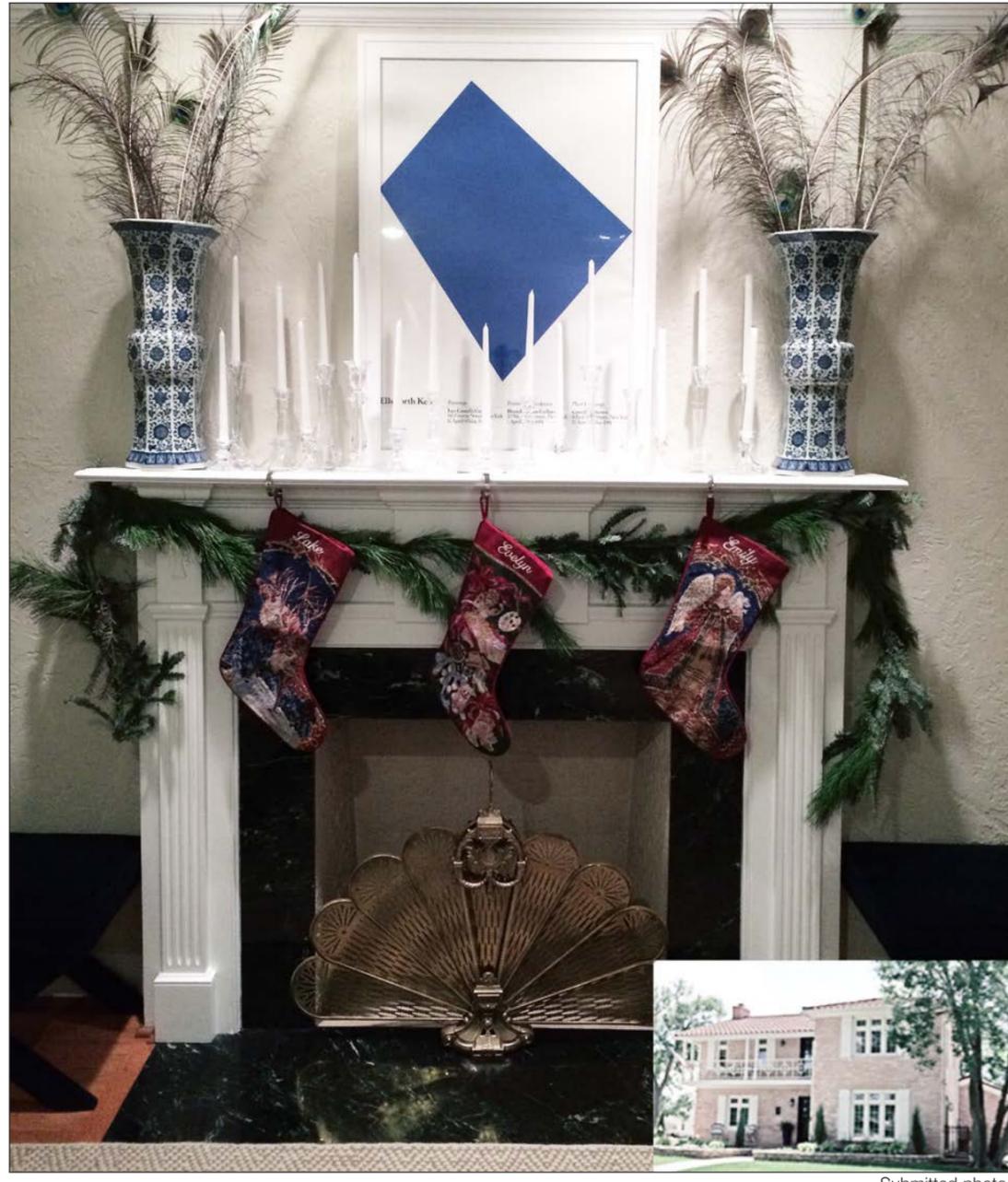
Carroll doesn't get much stage fright, but says knowing the steps in front of a crowd can be difficult.

Playing opposite of Carroll is Richard Daxton Scott, who is playing the role of the Prince and the Nutcracker. Scott enjoys both roles, but leans toward the Prince as his favorite.

"I almost like the Prince more because I am in just

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## Arrington's preparing for first year on Tour of Homes



Submitted photos

The mantel is just one of the things that will be decorated this weekend for the 19th Annual Twentieth Century Cotillion Study Club's Christmas Home Tour. The home is located at 1101 Christine Street. Tickets for the tour are \$10 with proceeds going to The Opportunity Plan, Inc.

By JOHN LEE  
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The 19th Annual Twentieth Century Cotillion Study Club's Christmas Home Tour is from 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 7. Tickets are \$10 and proceeds benefit The Opportunity Plan, Inc. There are three homes on the tour this year and The Pampa News is giving readers a preview of what to expect at each home. Today, we will be doing a preview of the Arringtons' home.

Although their home, located at 1101 Christine St., has been on the tour before, this will be Emily and Lake Arrington's first year on the tour. They were offered to be on the tour last year, but the timing wasn't right as they were doing some remodeling.

"This year when they called us, we were pretty ex-

cited and thought it'd be fun," Emily said. "We definitely needed more Christmas decor and furniture."

The Arringtons will have a lot of fresh garland and two fresh Christmas trees.

"We've always done fresh Christmas trees," Emily said. "We just like the smell and the process of picking them out."

The Arringtons said the only difference from this year and any other year of decorating for Christmas is they started a little earlier.

The Arringtons bought the house from Lisa and Dr. Dan Powell, and said the community will find it a little different than when the Powell's owned it.

"It'll be neat for people to see how we've changed

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## Senior drivers support tougher driving laws for themselves

Latest AAA Foundation Report on aging americans finds surprising results.

SUBMITTED BY AAA TEXAS

IRVING — While senior drivers favor tougher driving laws, from bans on wireless devices to ignition interlocks for first time DUI offenders, an overwhelming majority support greater scrutiny in the license-renewal process for themselves and their peers, according to the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety's latest report on aging Americans. More than seven out of 10 drivers age 65 and older favor policies that require drivers age 75 and older to renew their license in person and also support requirements that seniors pass a medical screening to remain licensed.

The AAA Foundation's report Older American Drivers and Traffic Safety Culture also found:

- Nearly 80 percent of drivers over age 75 favor medical screenings for drivers ages 75 and older.
- Nearly 90 percent of older drivers (65 and older) reported no crashes in the last two years.
- Similarly, 90 percent of older drivers reported no moving violations.
- 65 percent of drivers age 75 and older reported never using a cell phone while driving compared to only 48 percent of the younger "older" drivers (those age 65-69) who never use a phone when be-

**SENIORS** cont. on page 2

## ELF ON THE SHELF WINNER



Photo by Callie Odell

Seen the Elf at businesses around town? Landry Crawford was the winner of The Pampa News' elf name selection. He picked the name Ruby Poinsettia. The Pampa News' staff voted on names suggested by the readers.

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## PAMPA FORECAST

Today	Saturday	Sunday
		
High 58 Low 33	High 51 Low 37	High 56 Low 35

**Today:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 58. WNW wind 10 to 15 mph, becoming N in the afternoon. Gusts as high as 20 mph. Sunrise: 7:39 a.m.

**Tonight:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 33. NNE wind 5 to 10 mph. Sunset: 5:30 p.m.

**Saturday:** Partly sunny, with a high near 51. NNE wind 5 mph. Becoming ESE in the afternoon. Sunrise: 7:39 a.m.

**Saturday night:** Mostly cloudy, with a low around 37. ESE wind 10 mph, becoming south after midnight. Sunset: 5:30 p.m.

**Sunday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 56. South wind 5 to 10 mph. Sunrise: 7:40 a.m.

**Sunday night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 35. NNW wind 5 mph. Sunset: 5:30 p.m.

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## Seniors

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hind the wheel. "Even though public perception tends to unfairly characterize seniors as a menace on the road, these findings indicate that older Americans tend to support policies to keep themselves safer behind the wheel, making them key allies in their mission to keep driving—smarter and longer," said AAA Texas Vice President Government and Community Affairs, Linda von Quintus.

Earlier this year, the AAA Foundation also released the Understanding Older Drivers: an Examination of Medical Conditions, Medication Use and Travel Behaviors report that found:

- 86 percent of those age 65 and older still drive.
- 84 percent of Americans age 65 and older hold a driver's license compared to barely half in the early 1970s.

• 68 percent of drivers age 85 plus report driving five or more days a week.

The AAA Foundation and AAA are promoting these latest findings to support Older Driver Safety Awareness Week, which is December 1-5, 2014. Established by the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA), this week aims to promote understanding of the importance of mobility and transportation to ensure older adults remain active in the community and that transportation will not be the barrier stranding them at home. For more information and free resources visit SeniorDriving.AAA.com.

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## NASA scrubs Orion launch; will try again today

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Wind gusts and sticky fuel valves conspired to keep NASA's new Orion spacecraft on the launch pad Thursday, delaying a crucial test flight meant to revitalize human exploration.

NASA promised to try again Friday morning as tens of thousands of disappointed and weary launch guests hustled out. But the weather report wasn't promising: NASA forecasters expected more wind, clouds and rain, with only a 40 percent chance that conditions would allow for a launch.

"I'm running on no hours of sleep, zero, zero hours," said Sarah McNulty, a space educator who was helping NASA escort the several-hundred news media on hand. She said she'd be back

again by sunrise, "bright and early."

NASA's new countdown clock got a workout as problem after problem cropped up in the final four minutes, and the count switched back and forth.

A stray boat in the launch-danger zone kicked things off badly. Then excessive wind twice halted the countdown, followed by valve trouble on the unmanned Delta IV rocket that could not be fixed in time. Declining battery power in the rocket's video camera system reinforced the decision to quit for the day.

## Nutcracker

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about every part," Scott said.

Of course there is more to the ballet than just Clara and the Prince.

Dacie McGill has the challenge of five roles.

"I'm playing five different roles, the harlequin doll, a snowflake, a Spanish chocolate, a reed pipe and the Dew Drop Fairy," Dacie said. "(My favorite is) The dew drop fairy."

While playing the Dew Drop Fairy is her favorite part, Dacie said remembering all the steps is the biggest challenge.

"Just knowing all the steps (is a challenge)," Dacie said.

"Like as a snowflake we all have to be right together and be doing the same step at the same time."

All three of the performers The Pampa News talked to have been performing in ballet for multiple years, but Deanna has the challenge of getting first-year youngsters going as well.

"I think it's just the little Angels, even though all they do is walk across the stage, it's the hardest thing they do; making sure they get across the stage in their allotted amount of time," Deanna said.

"Right after that we

have to open the curtain and the Sugar Plum Fairy is there."

Deanna said her older students having the experience makes it easier when trying to manage the Little Angels.

"It makes it so much easier when they have been experienced," Deanna said.

"With these little ones (the Angels) it's their first year and their parents' first year, so it makes it a lot harder. There are kids who come in and I tell them to get ready and they are already in their places."

As the students continue to perform through the years, they get opportunities to play some of the main characters, including the coveted Clara.

"We try change Clara (and other characters) every year so that all of my students coming up, that's a goal that they get to play Clara (or other characters)," Deanna said.

Come out this weekend to see a Christmas must-have put together by children from this area.

The performances are at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, at the M.K. Brown Auditorium.

Pictures of each group of performers can be found on pages 5-7.

For more information contact the Pampa Civic Ballet at 806-663-9103.

## Home

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the house," Emily said. "Because Dr. Powell last

owned the house with his family and he lived there for almost 20 years, so most people in town had been to his house at one point or another for a party or something."

Lake added they might be surprised at how different the house looks.

"We haven't done a ton of changes, but we painted some and remodeled the bathroom," Emily said.

The Arringtons have lived in the house for 16 months.

The Arringtons said the biggest challenge has been the upkeep of the house.

"No big challenge, really, just trying to keep it clean," Lake said. "Keep it looking nice and orderly."

Emily added keeping the garland and trees looking fresh.

There will be three large fresh wreaths on the outside of the house complimented by bulb garland on the exterior of the house. Since the tour is during the afternoon, the Arringtons focused on inside of the house as far as lighting.

The Arringtons encourage those on the tour to check out their vintage decorations as well.

"I have several vintage decorations," Emily said. "My mom has always been really into decorating for Christmas and she has several older decorations that she packed and passed down to me."

The Arringtons' home is located at 1101 Christine St. The tour is from 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 7. Tickets are \$10 and covers the Arringtons' home as well as the other two homes on the tour: the Ammons' home, located at the 2301 Dogwood, and the Bailey's home, at 12041 Berry Lane (Keller Estates).

## CITY BRIEFS

**BRANDON'S FLOWERS** is offering free delivery of any flower bouquets or arrangements to your favorite "Nutcracker" for Saturday's performance.

**CHRISTMAS HOME** Tour Sunday, Dec. 7th, 1-4pm. The Ammons Home - 2301 Dogwood, The Arrington Home - 1101 Christine and The Bailey Home - 12041 Berry (Keller Estates). Tickets \$10 available at Pampa Office Supply, the Victorian Rose and at the homes.

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# Swisher County Ag Day set for Dec. 16

TULIA — The annual Swisher County Ag Day will be hosted by the Swisher County Ag Committee on Dec. 16 at the Swisher County Memorial Building located at 127 S.W. 2nd St. or State Highway 86 in Tulia.

The program will begin with registration from 8-8:30 a.m.

This event is the largest one-day educational program in Swisher County, providing agricultural information for producers and others employed in agribusiness across the Panhandle, said John Villalba, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service agriculture and natural resources agent in Swisher County.

"The theme for the day's activities centers around the past, present and future of agricultural water use and other current hot button issues which are pertinent to farmers in the area," Villalba said.

A lunch sponsored by Happy State Bank will be served, along with updates from the Texas Sorghum Producers, Texas Corn Producers, Texas Wheat Producers, Plains Cotton Growers and Farm Service Agency.

Topics and speakers include:  
- Fertigation and Drip Irrigation Practices, Trey Hillger, Eco-Drip Inc., Abernathy.

- Weed I.D. and Chemical Modes of Action, Dr. Peter Dotray, AgriLife Extension weed specialist, Lubbock.

- Water Saving Conservation Approaches, Texas Alliance for Water Conservation project director, Lockney.

- Texas Department of Agriculture Pesticide Laws and Regulations Update, Casey Summers, TDA, Dimmitt.

- Texas Water Law and Current Hot Topics, Tiffany Dowell Lashmet, AgriLife Extension ag law specialist, Amarillo.

- 2014 Residual Herbicide Trial Summary, Blayne Reed, AgriLife Extension integrated pest management agent for Hale/Swisher counties, and Villalba.

- UAVs and Emerging Technologies in Agriculture, John Mark Gibson, CropQuest Inc. precision ag specialist, Dodge City, Kansas.

The cost of the program will be \$10 and six continuing education units from the Texas Department of Agriculture and six certified crop advisor units will be offered.

Those planning to attend should RSVP by Dec. 9 to the AgriLife Extension office for Swisher County at 806-995-3726, or for more information, call the same number, Villalba said.

# 5,000-pound bridge stolen in Michigan

FARMINGTON HILLS, Mich. (AP) — A Michigan man says his family's 5,000-pound footbridge has been stolen from his property in suburban Detroit.

WXYZ-TV reports (<http://bit.ly/1yiSQ88>) that Robert Cortis filed a police report Wednesday saying the 40-foot bridge is made of steel and wood, and that it was stolen from his property in Farmington Hills.

Cortis says he discovered the bridge was missing when he stopped by his property near 8 Mile Road with plans to move the bridge this week. He planned to set it up at his catering business as a place to take wedding photos.

Cortis says the bridge has sentimental value because his father built it decades ago. He says whoever has it can return it with no questions asked.

## Wisconsin boys dial 911 in search of Santa

MAYVILLE, Wis. (AP) — Two young brothers from southeastern Wisconsin are likely hoping they haven't landed on Santa's naughty list after police showed up at their doorstep.

The boys, ages 3 and 6, thought the best way to get in touch with the North Pole was by phone. And for youngsters of that age, their Christmas lists could be considered an emergency.

So, the brothers used their Dad's cellphone to place a 911 call, hoping to be connected with the North Pole and the big guy himself.

The Beaver Dam Daily Citizen (<http://bit.ly/1zj7Nce>) says that brought police to their Mayville home where officers gave the boys some advice. If you want to talk to Santa, do it in person.

Vermont State Police say a 48-year-old man drove his pickup truck off the road, piloted another off the road trying to pull the first one out and then drove an ATV, all while intoxicated.

Police on Thursday said Dwayne Fenlason was charged with driving under the influence after the Nov. 30 incident in Pomfret.

They say Fenlason drove his truck off the road Sunday evening then went home to get his other pickup to haul out the stranded vehicle.

He was on his way back when the second truck ended up off the road. He went home again and got his ATV to try to pull out the trucks.

Police say his blood alcohol content was 0.30 percent, nearly four times the legal limit of 0.08 percent.

# Obituaries

## June Thacker



June Thacker

June Thacker, 82, of Pampa, died Dec. 3, 2014 in Pampa.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, 2014, at Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel with Rev. Richard Bartel, associate pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will follow in Memorial Heights Cemetery in Lefors, under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Thacker was born April 26, 1932 in Phoenix, Ariz. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1967. She married Jack Thacker on October 12, 1967

in Amarillo. He preceded her in death on June 19, 2003. She was the bookkeeper for Jack's Oilfield Service for 29 years, retiring in 1997. June was a former member of First Baptist Church in Lefors, and was a current member of Calvary Baptist Church in Pampa.

She was preceded in death by her son, O.C. Akins; a daughter, Leona Gail Freeman; a brother, James Hill; and a grandson, Cody Freeman.

Survivors include two sisters, Beneva Adams of Pampa, and Marie Skaggs of Memphis; two nieces, Kim Blythe of Pampa and Lequeta Logan of Amarillo; a stepson, Robert Thacker of Lefors; three stepdaughters, Sue Todd of Lefors, and Connie Parks of Pampa and Meledy Story, of Del Norte, Colo., ten grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Sign the on-line guest register at [www.carmichael-whatley.com](http://www.carmichael-whatley.com).

# Pampa Fire Department call log — Nov. 29-Dec. 4

## STAFF REPORT

### Nov. 29

- At 7:21 a.m., to a medical assist in the 1600 block of North Charles.
- At 10:03 a.m., to a lift assist in the 7700 block of Highway 70.

### Nov. 30

- At 1:41 p.m., two units and six personnel to a call that was canceled en route in the 1300 block of Starkweather.
- At 7:27 p.m., to a medical call in the 1000 block of Neal.
- At 11:05 p.m., to a medical call in the 100 block of South Cuyler.
- At 11:08 p.m., medical call in the 300 block of North Faulkner.

### Dec. 1

- At 12:48 a.m., to the 1200 block of Christine on a medical assist.
- At 2:46 a.m., to the 2700 block of Navajo on a medical assist.

- At 5:04 a.m., to the 1000 block of North Wells on a medical assist.
- At 10:44 a.m., one unit and four personnel to the 400 block of North Russell on a medical assist.
- At 1:22 p.m., one unit and four personnel to the intersection of Lincoln and Banks on a public service call. Flow tested two fire hydrants.
- At 2:19 p.m., to the 200 block of North Nelson on a medical assist.
- At 2:23 p.m., one unit and four personnel to the 1600 block of West Kentucky on a false alarm.

- At 2:27 a.m., to the 800 block of East Scott on a carbon monoxide check.
- At 10:39 a.m., to a medical assist in the 600 block of Powell.
- At 12:14 a.m., to a medical call in the 1300 block of North Hobart.
- At 2:25 p.m., to a medical call in the 1800 block of Davis.
- At 7:29 p.m., to a motor vehicle accident at the intersection of Cuyler and Brown. One patient was transported to PRMC with injuries.

- At 12:24 p.m., to the 800 block of North Nelson on a medical assist.
- At 8:05 p.m., two units and six personnel to the 1000 block of North Sumner on a stove fire.
- At 9:58 p.m., to the 2000 block of Mary Ellen on a lift assist.

- At 2:09 a.m., five units and nine personnel to a structure fire in the 600 block of North Nelson. It was a fireplace fire that spread outside the chimney.
- At 8:35 a.m., to a medical assist in the 1300 block of West Kentucky.
- At 11:08 a.m., to a lift assist in the 2300 block of Charles.

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# Cat survives trip in moving box across the ocean

SUFFOLK, Va. (AP) — A cat has used up at least one of its nine lives after surviving a monthlong trip in a moving box with no food or water.

Ashley Barth tells WAVY-TV her cat Mee Moowe disappeared in September as movers packed her family's belongings for a move from Suffolk, Virginia,

to Hawaii.

Thirty-six days later, the boxes arrived in Hawaii.

Barth says she heard a faint "meow" as the boxes were unloaded. Mee Moowe was in one of the boxes.

Barth says the cat had lost half her body weight and could barely walk.

WAVY says a veterinarian office in Hawaii that treated Mee Moowe reported the cat exhibited classic symptoms of starvation.

State veterinarian offices in Virginia and Hawaii told WAVY it's unlikely a cat could survive 36 days without food or water, but not impossible.

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## Insurance Insight

### The start of open enrollment season two

On Nov. 15, the health insurance marketplaces opened up for business in all 50 states. Given that day was a Saturday, there were unsurprisingly few “glitches” involved with the website. Based on commentary from the White House, one would suspect that website to be vastly improved from the first week of last year’s botched rollout. We were told we’d have a fully-functional, albeit imperfect, website, shorter wait times, and more options to choose from. We were also told premiums would be lower by \$2,500 per family per year. So in year two, which promises have been kept, and which promises have been broken?

HealthCare.gov looks great on paper. In actuality, it still needs work. Now, in an article I wrote several weeks ago, I discussed how the website was more sleek, quick, and efficient than anything we saw last year. I raved about the updated format and the eight-minute enrollment process. Well, it turns out that the federal website failed to carry the newer, condensed website over to households with more than one individual. If you file a tax return on yourself only, you have access to the

new website that takes 10 minutes to enroll. If you have one or more dependents, including a spouse, you are taken back to the former website, the original website. When this was discovered, I was completely disheartened knowing that enrollments would proceed to take up to 30 minutes to complete the application in some cases.

Moreover, the glitches that were rampant last year have yet to cease completely. Now, I have not seen the infamous screen noting that there are too many people currently using the website, but I have had the website encounter a “system error” that immediately kicks me back to the home page. The federal website is night and day better than it was last year. However, for \$2 billion, this website should be perfect. There is no question about that.

Now, once you complete your application, whether through the newer version of HealthCare.gov or the original version, you must select a health plan that best fits your needs. That makes me laugh. There is no such thing anymore. The health plan that best fits your needs does not require you to carry maternity or pediatric dental. That’s for another day. Selecting a health plan is actually much easier now than it used to be. The reason why is because the Affordable Care Act

has limited choices so much that it’s black and white now. You either can afford the premium or you can’t. When the President promised that competition would increase, thus bringing premiums down, he was subscribing to the fiscally conservative principle of free-market capitalism. In theory, this is accurate. In reality, we couldn’t be further from the truth. We have gone from six competitors in previous years to two. There are only two viable carriers to choose from on the individual side. There are three carriers that currently have plan options offered through HealthCare.gov, but one carrier has not been competitive in years. So, as far as options go, we have narrowed choices down to two carriers. Moreover, annual rate increases are a rite of passage in this business. Insurance companies raise rates to compensate for added claims, increased administrative costs, and many other factors. Due to this, several insurance companies have installed a Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) in order to provide a lower cost health insurance plan. These plans have limited networks of providers, but they have less monthly cost associated with them also. Not only have these plans been well-received by the public,

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JAY CLABORN

## Place your bets

Did you bet on last night’s NFL game between Chicago and Dallas? I

wanted to. News-papers and websites all over America told their readers that Dallas was favored by three points.

That’s the “spread” posted by bookies. Millions were bet on that game, and billions will be bet on other games this weekend — college football, NBA games, NHL matches, UFC events...

Most of these bets are illegal. This is not a good thing.

Recently, National Basketball Association commissioner Adam Silver became the first major professional sports commissioner to endorse legalizing sports betting.

In the New York Times, he wrote, “Gambling has increasingly become a popular and accepted form of entertainment in the United States. Most states offer lotteries.”

They do, and states give worse odds than bookies. Silver writes, “There is an obvious appetite among sports fans for a safe and legal way to wager.”

But bills to legalize betting go nowhere in Congress. Casinos oppose them because they don’t want competition. They are joined by people who consider gambling immoral.

“Bootleggers and Baptists” is what economist Bruce Yandle called these coalitions. Bootleggers got rich off Prohibition.

Just as Prohibition created Al Capone, bans on betting create crime. They also deprive Americans of useful information, such as who is likely to be the next president.

The pundits don’t know. In 2012, conservative pundits confidently predicted a Romney victory. This year, Democrats predicted they’d keep the Senate. We in the media try to rely on “scientific” polls. Except they aren’t so great either.

In Maryland, most polls had the Democratic candidate for governor up by double digits, but the Republican won. On average, polls underestimated Republican performance by 4 percent.

Pollsters and pundits rarely suffer much penalty for being wrong. People figure these expert guesses are the best anyone can do.

But they aren’t. When politicians allow people to put their money where their mouths are, bettors do a better job predicting future events. Bettors are better.

Last month, I wrote about how U.S. regula-

tors shut down Intrade, a site that allowed people to bet on all sorts of things. Before elections, Intrade’s bettors consistently out-predicted the pundits.

In 2012, Intrade gave Obama a 90 percent chance of winning, while pundits still said the race was “too close to call.” Gallup predicted a Romney win.

Although American regulators killed Intrade, the British online prediction market Betfair still operates. It gave 89 percent odds that Republicans would win the Senate.

By the way, Betfair now gives Hillary Clinton a 40 percent chance of being the next president. Prediction markets like Betfair, PredictIt.com and Predictious.com allow bettors to predict everything from the gender of England’s next royal baby to the winner of the next Nobel Peace Prize.

The Iowa Electronic Markets has outperformed political polls 74 percent of the time since 1988. Why?

First, although individual bettors are no more enlightened than any one pundit, a large and diverse group of bettors usually is.

Second, people are more realistic when betting than when answering a survey. Polls suffer from a “self-reporting bias,” where participants say what they think they should rather than what they actually feel. With money on the line, forecasts are more accurate.

So allowing betting helps us make better predictions about the future.

Luckily, the U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission recently gave New Zealand’s University of Wellington permission to run a prediction market in the U.S. The site, PredictIt.com, allows users to bet on elections, court cases, regulatory decisions and more.

Unfortunately, regulators will allow no more than 5,000 traders to make bets on a given contract (that is, a predicted outcome), and each trader can bet no more than \$850. That will limit the site’s prediction ability, but at least America will allow one site that will generate real predictions, instead of just hot air.

Legalization efforts might get farther if we stopped thinking of betting as a vice and instead recognized that it’s a useful part of rational decision-making.

There’s knowledge to be tapped in people’s heads about what will happen next, and markets, as usual, are the best way to unleash that wisdom.

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## What voters don’t know (yet) about Jeb Bush

Whenever the deep thinkers of the Republican establishment glance at their bulging clown car of presidential hopefuls — with out-there Dr. Ben Carson, exorcist Bobby Jindal, loud-mouth Chris Christie and

bankruptcy expert Donald Trump jammed against Sens. Rand Paul and Ted Cruz, to name a few — they inevitably start chattering about “Jeb Bush.”

Never mind that his father was a one-term wonder of no great distinction or that his brother is already a serious contender, in the eyes of historians, for worst president of the past 100 years. And never mind that on the issues most controversial among party activists — immigration and Common Core educational standards — he is an accused “moderate.”

Lacking any especially attractive alternative, powerful Republicans are pushing Bush to run in 2016. And he seems to be on the cusp of a decision. Besides, more than a few Democrats agree that Bush, however damaged his family brand, would

be the most formidable candidate available to the GOP. They, too, whisper about him as “the only one who could beat Hillary Clinton.”

Perhaps he could, although nearly all the polling data so far suggest Clinton would trounce Bush. But it is far too early to tell — in part because Bush, a politician who has been around for more than 20 years, is so little-known to the American public.

Most voters are ignorant about Bush’s record in Florida, where he was an exceptionally right-wing governor. They either don’t know or don’t remember, for example, how he signed a statute enabling him to intervene in the case of Terri Schiavo, a woman in a persistent vegetative state, despite her husband’s wishes. Florida’s highest court later voided that law as unconstitutional — and the conservative majority on the U.S. Supreme Court likewise rejected an appeal.

If Bush runs, extremism and corruption in the Sunshine State during his tenure will provide ample fodder for investigative reporters and primary opponents, as will many episodes in his long business career.

Five months after he left the governor’s mansion in

2007, he joined Lehman Brothers as a “consultant.” No doubt he was well-compensated, as reporters may learn if and when he releases his tax returns someday. The following year, Lehman famously went bust — and left the state of Florida holding about \$1 billion worth of bad mortgage investments. (A Bush spokeswoman said, “His role as a consultant to Lehman Brothers was in no way related to any Florida investments.”)

There are many equally fascinating chapters in the Jeb dossier, rooted in his declaration three decades ago that he intended to become “very wealthy” as a developer and, yes, a “consultant.” His partners back then included a certain Miguel Recarey, whose International Medical Centers allegedly perpetrated one of history’s biggest Medicare frauds. (Connection to Medicare fraud seems to be a prerequisite to becoming governor of Florida, at least among Republicans; see Rick Scott and the Columbia/HCA Healthcare scam.) Indicted by the feds, Recarey fled the country — but not before Jeb placed a call on his behalf to his presidential dad’s health and human services secretary, Margaret Heckler. For serving as the flunky of a crook, he

received a generous tip of \$75,000 from Recarey, a mob associate.

He performed a similar service, with more success, on behalf of the Cuban militant Orlando Bosch, for whom he sought a presidential pardon from his father. The boastful murderer of dozens of innocent people — and a prosecution target of the U.S. Justice Department — Bosch deserved a pardon about as much as the worst jihadi in Gitmo. But his sponsors were the same Cuban-Americans in Miami who had fostered Jeb’s real estate business there, so he ignored the Republican attorney general’s denunciation of Bosch as an “unreformed terrorist.”

If Jeb runs for president, it will be fascinating to see whether the mainstream press, which vetted his brother George W. so inadequately during the 2000 presidential race, performs any better this time. But one way or another, American voters are going to learn much more about front-runner Jeb than they know — or remember — today.

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# Claborn

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they are, far and away, the most popular with the subsidized crowd. So, we've been told the website is fully functional, sleek, and quick. That is only true if you do not have children or a spouse. For everyone else, it's back to square one. Secondly, we have been promised more choices. We have less, and among those

lesser choices, we have fewer doctors and hospitals than we did prior to the Affordable Care Act. Now, what about premiums? What do they look like now since we weren't able to see them until after the mid-term elections? Premiums have become second mortgages for many people. I had a client tell me that her mortgage was less expensive each month than her health insurance plan. There is no getting around the fact that health insurance is more expensive today than it

ever has been. That trend will not be bucked any time soon. Overall, the process of enrolling is much less stressful this year. The government has updated and corrected the website enough to be functional without having the headaches of the first year. However, I would argue more importantly that the foundation of the Affordable Care Act — lower premiums and more choices — gives way to quicksand. The word "unsustainable" continues to flicker in my

mind, and I feel that it is a matter of time before the entire system comes crumbling down because the premiums continue to rise, while enrollment numbers continue to slide. Jay Claborn is a licensed, certified health insurance broker that specializes in individual and small group health insurance. He has been published by various online magazines and periodicals around the state on the continuously evolving Affordable Care Act. He is a member of the Lubbock Area Association of Health Underwriters, as well as, the National Association of Health Underwriters.

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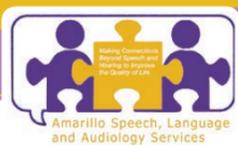
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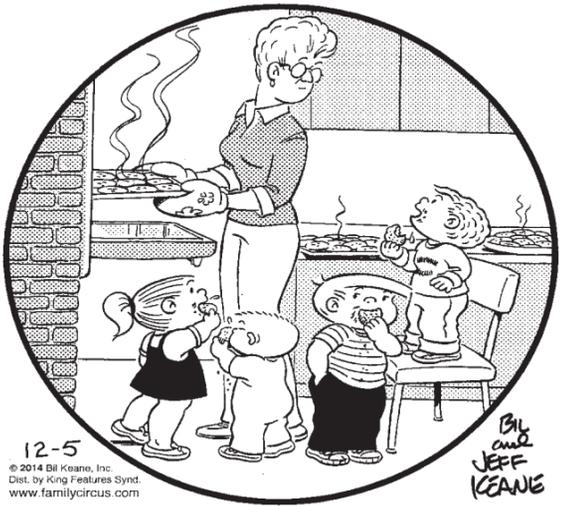
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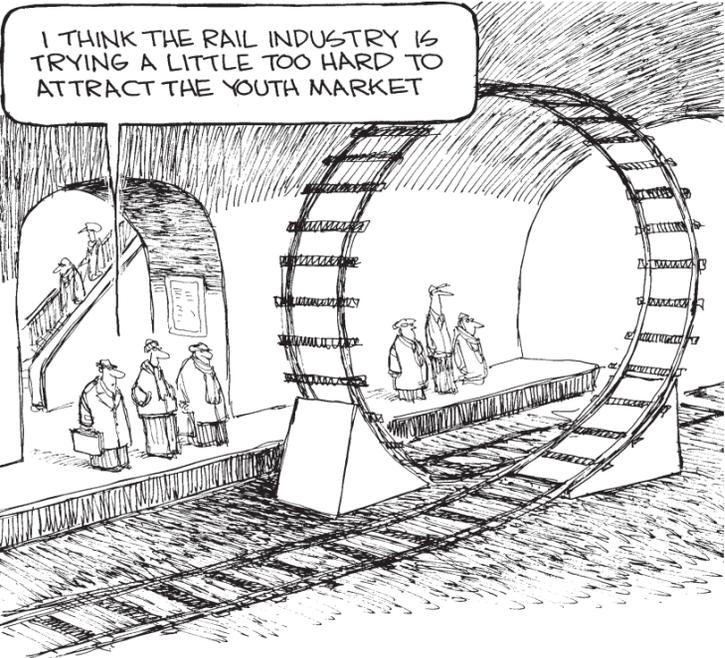


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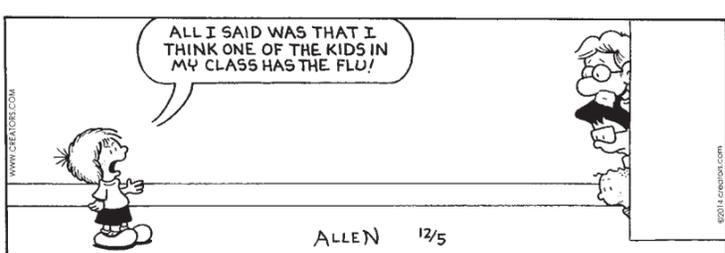
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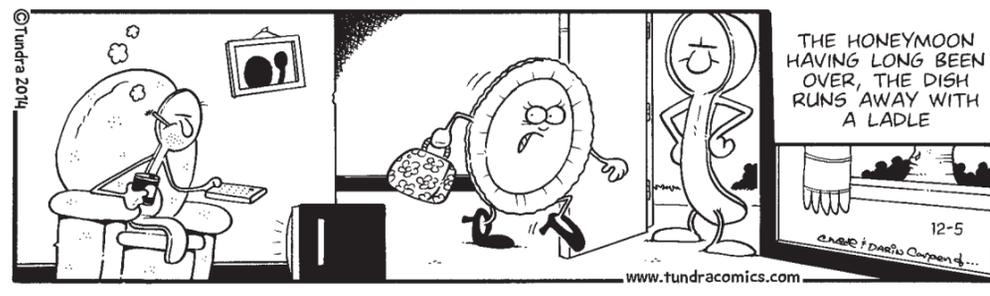
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**ARIES** (March 21-April 19)  
★★★★ Listen to others' plans and see if you are inspired to join anyone. You could be just as happy curling up with a great book, or going out for a late brunch with a loved one. You have a lot of news to catch up on. Don't forget your holiday cards! Tonight: Be present in the moment.  
**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)  
★★★★ Your more possessive side is likely to emerge when doing some holiday shopping or making plans with friends. You could feel stressed out by gift-buying and just getting into the holiday spirit. A friend might have a helpful suggestion. Tonight: Allow others to treat.  
**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)  
★★★★ Your charming personality allows you to get past others' barriers. You will discover that many people want time with you. Trying to squeeze everyone in might be challenging, but you'll be able to pull it off. Your upbeat personality serves you well. Tonight: Bask in your popularity.  
**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)  
★★ Pull back some. You'll need some personal time by yourself. You could feel pulled in different directions when deciding what you want to do for a loved one. As a result, you could decide to head out and do some holiday shopping. Tonight: Not to be found.  
**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)  
★★★★ Reach out to a friend and see what he or she is up to. You might decide to join this person, as he or she seems to be full of adventure. Juggle different concerns without making a decision about what is more important.

Tonight: The more people, the merrier.  
**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)  
★★★★ You could be invited to join a loved one or family member who likely wants to show you off. You might feel awkward and somewhat resistant to being part of this experience. Do it for the other person, but have a discussion about it later. Tonight: A must appearance.  
**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)  
★★★★ Break away from your normal patterns with the holiday festivities. Figure out what you would like to do, and know that excitement will be packed into every activity. Convincing someone else to go along with these plans will take skill. Tonight: Hang the mistletoe.  
**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)  
★★★★ A partner will take on a bigger role in making plans than he or she typically does. Make it your pleasure to stand back and go along with his or her decisions. You might like this change of pace for the moment. Use care with financial agreements. Tonight: Be spontaneous.  
**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)  
★★★★ You'll make it your pleasure to allow others to take the lead. As a result, you could have some free time to dedicate to whatever you choose. Be sure that you are on the same page as others when making plans. Tonight: Go for a spontaneous happening.  
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★★★★ Be willing to express what you want from someone. Don't hedge; just ask. Even if this person says that he or she can't do what you ask, it doesn't mean that you're being rejected -- it just means that he or she can't do it right now. Go with the flow. Tonight: Go to a holiday concert.  
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★★★★ You can't seem to calm down your high energy, which could delight the people around you. Your laughter and optimism seem to be contagious. Whatever you do, you'll do it 100 percent. Tonight: Love the company you're with, and be in the moment.  
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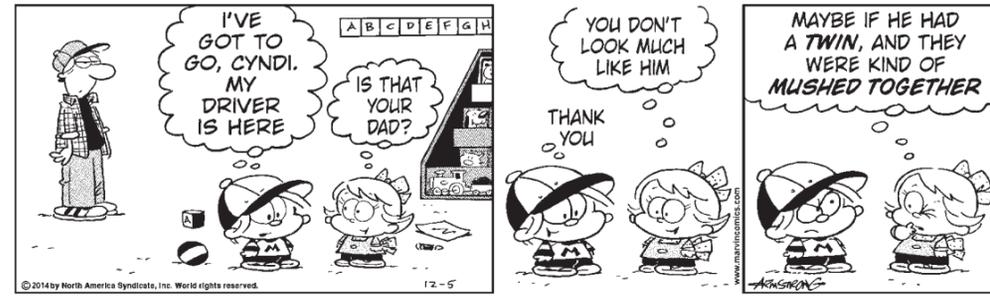
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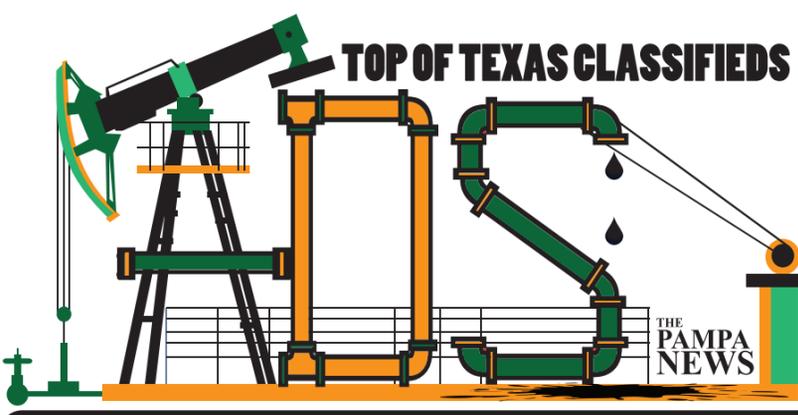


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# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I divorced because of another woman. I took it hard, but after a year or so, I was OK.

Fast forward to 2013: He shows up on my doorstep, needing food and shelter, so I took him in (he's still the father of my children). Now I can't get rid of him!

He's trying to show me he's changed. If I didn't know him, I'd think he wasn't the same man at all. I need to know if this is an OK situation for me to be in, because well-meaning friends and family tell me he won't change; he'll leave again. (I say, "As long as he abides by the terms of the divorce, so what!")

I don't care if he sees other people; he's my EX. As far as I'm concerned, he's just renting a room in my house. But I need to know — am I hurting the kids by letting him stay? He seems to get along better with them now than he ever did, and I'd be renting that room to someone else if it wasn't him. As far as I'm concerned, better the devil you know than the one you don't.

Am I doing the right thing? And if so, how do I get well-meaning people to stop lecturing me? — LANDLADY IN CALIFORNIA

**DEAR LANDLADY: I can't see how your ex living in the house would hurt the children — unless he suddenly disappears from their lives again. His presence there, even as "only a renter," may lessen your chances of finding a serious romance again, because few if any men welcome courting a woman under these circumstances.**

**However, if you are happy with things just as they are, then when the unwelcome lectures start, all you have to do is tell the well-meaning lecturers that you know what you're doing and to please pipe down. The arrangement you have with your ex may work better for both of you than the marriage did because it appears he is always on his best behavior.**

DEAR ABBY: I'm pregnant with my first baby. I use Facebook to update my family in another country about

my pregnancy and the little milestones that have happened. But when I do, my cousin "Rita" takes it upon herself to turn every status I post into something about her and her daughter. I feel like she's trying to one-up me or divert attention away from my child. We come from a big, tight-knit family and until now, her daughter was the baby of the family.

Rita has been doing this for months now, and I'm starting to get annoyed. How can I tell her politely to please stop stealing my thunder and turning everything into something about her? — ANNOYED IN THE WEST

**DEAR ANNOYED: Whether she's doing it consciously or not, it does appear that Cousin Rita is competitive with you. It would be interesting to know if she has always been this way.**

**You can't stop her from competing, but you can develop a sense of humor where she's concerned. Her bids for attention are really rather sad, and once your baby arrives, he or she will be the baby of the family — until Rita becomes pregnant again, that is. (I'm tempted to start the countdown now.)**

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## VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAMS ACTION FROM TUESDAY



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Left, Madison Brown looks to go up strong against a Hereford defender on Tuesday. Right, Kambrin Scott is in mid air as he goes up for an attempt at a three-pointer against Highland Park. The girls are at a tournament in Nazareth that runs through Saturday. The boys are in Dallas playing at the American Airlines Center today at 1:30 p.m. against Emory Rains.

### Watch the Pros

- College Basketball**  
 Texas at Kentucky.....ESPN 6 p.m.  
 Wyoming at SMU.....ESPN 6 p.m.  
 Florida at Kansas.....ESPN 8 p.m.  
 Missouri at Oklahoma.....ESPNU 8:30 p.m.
- College Football**  
 Bowling Green v. Northern Ill.....ESPN2 6 p.m.  
 Arizona v. Oregon.....KCIT 8 p.m.
- High School Football**  
 Oklahoma Class 6A D-1 Champ.....FSSW 7 p.m.
- Women's Soccer**  
 Virginia v. Texas A&M.....ESPNU 4 p.m.  
 Florida State v. Stanford.....ESPNU 6:30 p.m.
- Golf**  
 Nedbank Challenge.....GOLF 5 a.m.  
 Hero World Challenge.....GOLF 1 p.m.
- College Hockey**  
 Boston University at Merrimack.....FCSA 6 p.m.  
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## Pampa High School volleyball team reflects on season

By ZACHARY GREEN  
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The 2014 Pampa High School volleyball team celebrated their season on Wednesday night in the commons area of the high school. The team wanted to start the banquet off by thanking the booster club, especially Angie Hancox, who was the president.

They also wanted to thank the fans for coming out, the custodial staff for getting the gym ready each gameday and the bus drivers for driving them all season.

The team didn't stop there as they also wanted to thank the trainer, Athletics Department and PISD.

They gave a special thank you to Brad Pingel for doing the senior night announcing on a late notice and a thank you to Charla Shults for taking photographs all season.

The freshman coach, Hugo Aguillon, got up and announced the freshman team and had a few comments on their season. Aguillon said they had a great season and he sees room for improvement in the coming years and wished them best of luck.

Next up was coach Stephanie Cameron for the junior varsity. She said it was a learning experience and the JV has a lot of expectations put on them.

"They rose to the occasion," Cameron said. "We are very demanding but they practiced hard and listened, which you can't coach that. They were hard working and never complained."

Next up was head coach Brooke Sanford to introduce the seniors and the rest of the varsity team. Sanford wanted to echo the sentiments of her players by thanking the school district once again.

"It's a joy to come to work everyday. I am thankful for them," Sanford said.

Sanford also thanked the assistant coaches and said it couldn't be done without them. She also expressed thanks to her family for being patient with her and even traveling to games with her during the season.

Autumn Dencklau and Tori Robles were the managers this year. Sanford said both put in a lot of long hours doing some not so fun jobs. Dencklau made the season



Photo courtesy of Charla Shults

The 2014 PHS seniors stand in front of the bus before heading to their playoff game against Big Spring, which happened to be their final game together. The seniors were, from left, Allison Noble, Taylor Eubank, Genevieve Zavala, Kirstin Hood, McKinley Hancox, Madison Brown and Caragan Niccum. The Pampa News wants to wish the best of luck to each one of you seniors in your future endeavors.

highlight video which played during the meal.

Sanford then talked about the team and said the girls bought into everything this year and the seniors and her built relationships over the last three years.

Each year, Sanford said she picks a team motto and this year's was "Be Magnificent," mirrored after the 1996 USA Olympic team that won seven gold medals. With the seven seniors for the team this year she said it was only fitting.

"With the seven seniors you have seven different leaders and they had to mesh with one another," Sanford said. "They learned what it was to be a friend and teammate, on and off the court."

Sanford talked a little about the season and was excited to reflect on the fact that the team beat Dalhart in Dalhart and it was Sanford's first win against the Lady Wolves as Pampa's coach.

Sanford praised the team for not being scared when they played Bushland three times this season. Bushland was No. 1 in the state most of the season.

"We never gave up against Big Spring. I am very pleased we played very competitively," Sanford said. "I am going to miss you seniors. You led well this year and did a good job. You made the program better."

Sanford finished her speech by saying it was a very good season and she was blessed to be a part of it.

Next up was the awards segment. Here are the following award winners.

- Offensive player of the year - Caragan Niccum.
- Defensive player of the year - McKinley Hancox.
- Harvester Heart award - Jacie Studebaker.
- Hustlin' Harvester award - Kirstin Hood.
- Most Valuable Player - Taylor Eubank.

The following names made the Academic All-District team: Madison Brown, Brittney Gonzalez, Caragan Niccum, Jacie Studebaker, Ariel Cambren, Allison Noble, Kami Ware, Kirstin Hood, Taylor Eubank, Cameron Schaub and Genevieve Zavala.

Kami Ware and Allison Noble each made the All-District second-team. Madison Brown and Caragan Niccum made the All-District first-team. Taylor Eubank was awarded setter of the year for the district.

Taylor Eubank also was honorable mention for the Amarillo-Globe News Super Team and made the Texas Girls Coaches Association's All-State team for Class 4A. Only 40 players in the entire Class 4A were awarded this honor.

Allison Noble, Taylor Eubank, Caragan Niccum and Kirstin Hood each made the Texas Girls Coaches Association's Academic-All State team.

The senior tribute was next as the players said there were so many memories made and they were not just a team, but a family.

After that the senior legacy was next. The senior representative talked about how the seven of them had been through so many things from their first practice three years ago, right up until the last game against Big Spring.

They said they wouldn't have made it without all of the seniors pushing each other.

The seniors also encouraged the underclassmen to pass the legacy on and to form a bond together.

The senior slideshow closed out the banquet. It was a video made by Erik Vizcaino and Coach Byron May.

The Pampa News would like to congratulate all of the players on a great season and wish the seniors the best of luck in their future endeavors.

## Body of work' for TCU and Baylor in playoff chase

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There is a significant gap between TCU and Baylor, even with their identical 10-1 records and both in position to share the Big 12 title.

With one game left before the playoff selection committee sets the matchups Sunday for the new four-team playoff, the Horned Frogs are ranked third. Baylor is sixth, even with a 61-58 victory over the Horned Frogs.

Chairman Jeff Long has repeatedly said that the committee looks weekly at each team's "body of work" to that point.

"The committee is increasingly impressed by TCU's resume," Long, the Arkansas AD, said after the release of this week's rankings, when the Frogs jumped two spots and ahead of undefeated defending national champion Florida State.

TCU has won six in a row since that loss at Baylor on

Oct. 11, when the Frogs blew a 21-point lead in the fourth quarter. Baylor lost by two touchdowns at West Virginia the following week, but has won its last four games.

Here is a look at some of each team's "body of work":

**WHAT'S LEFT:** TCU is a big favorite at home Saturday against last-place Iowa State. Baylor plays at home that night against ninth-ranked Kansas State, which is tied with the Bears and Frogs for the Big 12 lead.

**VS. RANKED TEAMS:** TCU is 4-1 against AP Top 25 teams, the lone loss to Baylor. The Bears have won both games against ranked teams, their only wins against teams currently with winning records.

"That's certainly discussed. That's part of their strength of schedule," Long said. "It's part of their body of work, and the committee

is certainly aware that (the Bears) have two top-20 victories, and those are the only teams that they've beaten with winning records."

Baylor's Top 25 wins are against TCU and 48-14 at Oklahoma, which was ranked fourth before that in a 37-33 loss at TCU.

The Horned Frogs beat Kansas State by three touchdowns in their last home game. The other ranked teams they beat were Oklahoma State and West Virginia, both unranked when they lost to Baylor.

**TECH DISPARITY:** TCU and Baylor both beat Texas Tech, but the games were drastically different.

TCU had the Big 12's highest-scoring conference game ever, and Trevone Boykin threw a school-record seven touchdowns in an 82-27 victory over the Red Raiders on Oct. 25.

Baylor held on for a 48-46 win in the season finale Saturday for 4-8 Tech. The Red Raiders erased almost all of a 25-point deficit before a failed two-point conversion after their fourth consecutive TD pass of at least 40 yards with 1:42 left.

**OUT OF CONFERENCE:** Much has been made of Baylor's non-conference schedule, but TCU also had a lopsided shutout against winless SMU and beat an FCS team.

The difference is TCU's 30-7 win over Minnesota, a Big Ten team with eight wins. Baylor won 63-21 at Buffalo, a Mid-American team that finished 5-6 and changed coaches.

**Texas Tech pulls off 46-44 win over Auburn**

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Devaughntah Williams made the most of his first start this season.

He made the game-winning layup with one second remaining in Texas Tech's 46-44 home win against Auburn on Wednesday night in the SEC/Big 12 Challenge. Williams scored all four of his points in the final 41 seconds of the game.

Williams came off the bench during the Red Raiders' first five games but replaced Justin Gray, who suffered a right hip injury in Sunday's game against Air Force, in the starting lineup.

Auburn (3-3) couldn't get a shot off before time expired following Williams' shot. Tigers coach Bruce Pearl then walked onto the court, away from the handshake line, but declined to comment on why he did so.

Williams sparked the Red Raiders' rally, making consecutive free throws to even the score at 44 with :41 remaining — his only free throw attempts.

On the Tigers' ensuing possession, Toddrick Gotcher blocked a K.T. Harrell layup with 15 seconds remaining, and Williams gathered in the loose ball. Red Raiders coach Tubby Smith called timeout and told Williams to attack the basket.

Williams' layup was just the third for the Red Raiders (5-1) over the final 11:52.

Texas Tech needed an improved second-half defense to beat Auburn, which scored just 20 points in the second half on 8 of 23 shooting (34.8 percent).

The Red Raiders forced three turnovers and Auburn missed three shots over the first 3:22 after halftime.

A Zach Smith layup gave the Red Raiders a 25-24 lead with 16:38 remaining in the second half, and Gray extended their lead with a steal and a dunk 13 seconds later. The Tigers called timeout, but Robert Turner added a jumper for a 29-24 lead with 33 seconds later.

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## Arias nombrada presidenta general de Children's Shopping Tour

Jil Arias ha sido nombrado presidente general de los 2014 de el shopping Tour de niños.  
 El tour se llevará a cabo el 13 de diciembre, comenzando en el gimnasio Optimist a las 8 am con registro de voluntarios que ayudarán a llevar el carrito de niños.  
 "Estamos esperando tener 75 a 100 niños que vayan con nosotros en el Tour de este año," dijo Arias. "Esperamos poder servir por lo menos 350 miembros de la familia, incluyendo a los ni-

ños que hacen las compras."  
 Arias nació en Los Ángeles, Cali., Y se graduó de West Texas A&M University en 2008. Llegó a Pampa en junio de 2009, a trabajar por la ciudad de Pampa. Más tarde fue promovido a la posición de ingeniero de la ciudad. "Siempre he querido hacer ingeniería municipal", dijo Arias. "Tengo la suerte de estar en una posición que me gusta y que me permite hacer un impacto en la comunidad."  
 Como un miembro del Club Kiwanis

Downtown Pampa, Arias ha trabajado en el Kiwanis Golf Scramble y ha sacado las banderas durante varios días de fiesta. Este es su primer año de estar involucrados en el Infantil Shopping Tour. Arias y su esposa, Carolyn, han estado casados casi cinco años. Ella se emplea como asistente de maestro en el Distrito Escolar Independiente de Pampa.  
 "Lo que más me ha impresionado acerca del Shopping Tour es que los niños no compran regalos para sí, sino

para los miembros de su hogar", dijo Arias. "El propósito del proyecto es enseñar a los niños el verdadero significado de la Navidad. Mi esposa y yo estamos muy contentos de ser parte de ella."  
 Cada año, entre 35 y 40 organizaciones en el área de Pampa trabajan juntos para planificar y llevar a cabo el Tour. Este año será el año 52 del proyecto. Se necesitan voluntarios para llevar a

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## Las Noticias de Pampa esta aceptando cartas para Papa Noel de los niños

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Las noticias de Pampa ha comenzado a aceptar cartas de Santa, y este año, Santa planea enviar cartas de retorno a todos los que personalmente correo en cartas a la oficina de prensa.  
 Por desgracia, no va a ser capaz de obtener cartas de respuesta a cada una de las letras de la escuela-presentado, pero todos los que envíen a 403 W. Atchison recibirá una respuesta personal del hombre grande.  
 Presentaciones de letras ya han comenzado y se continuó a ser aceptado hasta el lunes, 15 de diciembre La fecha límite para que las escuelas presenten sus cartas es 12 de diciembre, para que puedan ser publicados en la sección especial anual.  
 Para obtener más información sobre las presentaciones de cartas de Santa, pase por la oficina de prensa, que se encuentra a 403 W. Atchison, o llame al 806-669-2525.  
 La Noticias de Pampa espera que todos han sido buenos niños y niñas de este año y usted y los suyos unas felices fiestas desea.

## Fuego planeado para el área de Lago Meredith

ENVIADO POR EL LAGO MEREDITH

Fritch - Lago Meredith Área Recreativa Nacional llevará a cabo múltiples quemaciones prescritas en el extremo norte del parque en las áreas de: North Canyon, Spring Canyon, the Stilling Basin, la Autoridad del Agua, Cañón del Sur, Sanford Yake, y Cedar Canyon y en el Sur terminar en las áreas de Alibates Flint Quarries Monumento Nacional y Mullinaw Crossing entre las fechas de 15 de diciembre 2014 y 31 de marzo de 2015.  
 El propósito de las quemaciones prescritas es reducir combustibles peligrosos en el parque alrededor de las comunidades de Fritch, Sanford, y Bugbee y también la zona Mullinaw. La cantidad de humedad recibida en los últimos seis meses ha provocado un crecimiento superior a la media de la hierba, lo que resulta en varias áreas de preocupación. Estas áreas serán quemados para reducir los peligros asociados con los incendios forestales catastróficos que podrían poner en peligro la seguridad pública y bombero y comunidades o ranchos locales. El Servicio de Parques Nacionales utilizará fuego para reducir la carga de hierba y crear una condición más segura entre el parque y las comunidades.  
 Las quemas prescritas se llevarán a cabo como un esfuerzo cooperativo entre el Servicio Nacional de Parques, Fritch VFD, Borger FD, Stinnett VFD, Hutchinson Condado VFD, Amarillo FD, Potter Condado VFD, y Randall Condado VFD.  
 Durante la quema prescrita algunas áreas del parque pueden estar cerrados al público. Los viajeros deben proceder con cautela en cualquier momento hay humo presente mediante la reducción de la velocidad del vehículo y encender sus faros. Aunque pueden ocurrir

**LAGO CONTINÚA EN LA PÁGINA 2**

## The Grooming Shop abre en Pampa



Foto por Lindsey Tomaschik

Los empleados de tienda de la preparación se representan de izquierda a derecha. En primera fila, Kelly Carey y Ashley McLaughlin. Fila de atrás, LeeAnn Cocinas y Robyn McLaughlin. La tienda y mascota boutique situados en 316 Somerville.

**POR LINDSEY TOMASCHIK**  
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El martes por la mañana, The Grooming Shop abrió oficialmente sus puertas para negocio en 316 Somerville.  
 La empresa es una combinación de estética de Robyn y Bow Wow Boutique, LeeAnn Kitchens grooming and boarding "y Aseo de Kelly Carey. Tener el edificio más grande también permitió una expansión de los servicios.  
 Además de proporcionar los servicios de aseo y de embarque, también hay productos disponibles para su compra. Estos incluyen correas para perros, collares, tratar y comederos y bebederos, champús, camas para

mascotas, juguetes, ropa para mascotas y mucho más.  
 Kitchens ha estado proporcionando sus servicios de aseo y de embarque a la comunidad Pampa durante 32 años ahora, y ella está muy entusiasmada con la nueva ubicación. Ella también se enorgullece de anunciar que va a tener garra cubre a la venta.  
 "Muchas veces, aunque nos videoclip y el archivo de las uñas, todavía cero", dijo Kitchens. "Las cubiertas de garras son piezas de plástico que van sobre las uñas para que no hagan nada."  
 Duena del negocio Robyn McLaughlin añadió que también se toman en consideración las peticiones del cliente para una mayor expansión de la mercancía,

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## Nursing Center Pampa adopta residentes para los regalos de Navidad

**POR LINDSEY TOMASCHIK**  
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El Pampa Nursing Center ha comenzado una nueva tradición este año para las fiestas. Debido a un error de papeleo y vencimiento del plazo, el centro ha perdido sus fondos de vacaciones para abastecer regalos para sus residentes. Esta bendición disfrazada alentó al personal a unirse y llegar a la idea de adoptar un residente de derrochar en esta Navidad.  
 La Directora de Rehab Nicole Satterwhite dijo que los miembros del personal y de la comunidad han sido muy acogedor a este cambio.  
 "Una gran parte del personal ha di-

cho que es bueno ser capaz de hacer algo especial y darles algo de vuelta", dijo. "Ellos son la razón por la que tenemos un trabajo.  
 Desde que comenzó a anunciar los patrocinios para los residentes, Satterwhite agregó que muchos de los residentes ya han tenido en cuenta, pero siempre hay espacio para más miembros de la comunidad que quieran ayudar.  
 "Pueden adoptar un residente y luego gastar alrededor de \$ 40 a darles regalos," dijo ella.  
 Ella también pasó por y entrevistó a cada uno de los residentes para averiguar lo que quieren para la Navidad de este año.

Algunas de las ideas generales de regalo que sugiere son calcetines, dulces, cepillos de dientes, mantas, pequeños rociadores para el cuerpo y lavados. Básicamente cualquier golosinas que puedan llamar a su propia será suficiente, ya que no tienen una gran cantidad de espacio en sus habitaciones para artículos más grandes.  
 Satterwhite dijo que han tenido una acogida tan positiva a este proyecto que muchos miembros del personal incluso han dicho que planean sobre cómo hacer esto de nuevo el próximo año, a pesar de que también planean

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que es como la idea de vender las cubiertas garra produjo. Ella también dijo que ahora son capaces de hacer cepillarse los dientes con spray aliento fresco, coloración de la piel y la puesta plumas elegantes en la piel del animal. Groomers también harán virutas de gatos, aunque no se bañan estos animales. Cuando se le preguntó

lo que trajo en este movimiento a un edificio nuevo y expansión de los servicios, Kitchens, dijo que la clientela creció y había una necesidad de más espacio. Asimismo, añadió que la nueva ubicación es más de una ubicación céntrica en la ciudad, lo que debería hacer su creciente base de clientes felices.

Cuando se le preguntó cuál es su parte favorita de la prestación de sus servicios a Pampa es, las tres mujeres coincidieron en que se trata de los clientes

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Habrán refrigerios disponibles y todos son bienvenidos a pasar por, ir de compras y visitar la nueva tienda y la ubicación.

El concurso Suéter feo de la Navidad será a las 11 am del mismo día. Los premios serán de, Veterinario del Condado de Gray Gebo y Bow Wow Boutique.

El gran premio será de un año de aseo gratis (sólo una cita al mes durante un año).

La cuota de inscripción para el concurso es de \$ 5 y todo lo recaudado será donado a PAWS.

## House rebukes Obama on immigration

WASHINGTON (AP) — Emboldened House Republicans issued a stern rebuke to President Barack Obama over immigration Thursday, passing a bill declaring his executive actions to curb deportations “null and void without legal effect.”

Outraged Democrats, immigrant advocates and the White House said the GOP was voting to tear families apart and eject parents.

“Rather than deport students and separate families and make it harder for law enforcement to do its job, I just want the Congress to work with us to pass a commonsense law to fix that broken immigration system,” Obama said ahead of the vote.

Even supporters acknowledged that the bill by Rep. Ted Yoho, R-Fla., which says Obama was acting “without any constitutional or statutory basis,” was mostly meant to send a message.

It stands no chance in the Senate, which remains under Democratic control until January, and faces the veto threat from Obama.

The real fight may lie ahead as conservatives push

to use must-pass spending legislation to block Obama.

For now, Republicans insisted they must go on record denouncing what they described on the House floor as an outrageous power grab by Obama.

“The president thinks he can just sit in the Oval Office and make up his own laws. That’s not the way our system of government works,” said Rep. Steve Scalise, R-La. “This legislation says you can’t do that, Mr. President. There is a rule of law.”

The vote was 219 to 197, with three Democratic “yes” votes and seven Republican “no” votes. Three Republicans voted “present.”

Obama’s executive actions last month will extend deportation relief and work permits to some 4 million immigrants here illegally, mostly those who have been in the country more than five years and have children who are U.S. citizens or legal permanent residents. He also reordered law enforcement priorities and expanded an existing deportation deferral program for immigrants brought illegally as kids.

Compounding the GOP’s anger, Obama’s executive action came barely two weeks after Republicans trounced Democrats in the midterm elections, winning control of the Senate and increasing their majorities in the House.

Democratic lawmakers rallied behind the president Thursday, and immigrant advocates warned Republicans would be alienating Latinos heading into 2016 presidential elections in which the Hispanic vote is expected to be significant.

“They should remember that this is not a fight between Republicans and the president,” said Clarissa Martinez de Castro, of the National Council of La Raza. “They will be picking a fight with the millions of American families who will finally find some relief.”

Even as emotions ran high in debate on the bill, many involved acknowledged it was mostly a sideshow as Republicans struggled to find some way to undo what Obama has done — not just register their disapproval. Party leaders acknowledged their options were limited given Obama’s veto pen, and no clear solution beckoned.

The Yoho bill was part of a two-part strategy by House GOP leadership to appease conservative immigration hardliners without risking a government shutdown. Their hope was that after approving it, Republicans would move

on next week to vote on legislation to keep most of the government running for a year, with a shorter timeframe for the Homeland Security Department, which oversees immigration. The idea is to revisit Homeland Security early next year when Republicans will control both houses at the Capitol and have more leverage. The current government-funding measure expires Dec. 11 so a new one must pass by then.

But that approach doesn’t go far enough for some immigration hardliners, goaded on by outside conservative groups and tea party senators including Ted Cruz of Texas. They say the only real way to stop Obama is to include language in the upcoming spending bill to block any money for his actions on immigration.

“I didn’t come back here to just play games,” said Rep. Matt Salmon, R-Ariz. “Our voters who sent us back here in a resounding way in the majority, and retaking the majority in the Senate, expected us to be a little more forceful in our fight.”

Republican leaders fear such spending-bill language could court an Obama veto and even a government shutdown. That’s something they’re determined to avoid, a year after taking a political hit for provoking a 16-day partial shutdown in an unsuccessful attempt to overturn Obama’s health care law.

## Nursing

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solicitar su subvención anual para ayudar hacia fuera también.

“Algunas personas incluso se han unido para adoptar múltiples residentes,” dijo ella.

Todas aquellas personas interesadas en el patrocinio de un residente esta temporada de vacaciones se les anima a pasar por el Centro de Enfermería Pampa, ubicado

en 1321 W. Kentucky, y hablar con el administrador Drew Potter, director de la actividad Suzanne Oliver o director rehabilitación Nicole Satterwhite o llamar y hablar con uno de ellos al 806-669-2551.

Todos los regalos deben ser presentadas a tiempo para la fiesta de Navidad anual del centro, que se llevará a cabo a las 2 pm el 17 de diciembre Este evento está abierto al público, y se anima a los patrocinadores residentes de conseguir y ver los vecinos abren sus regalos.

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## Lago

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inconvenientes temporales durante la quema prescrita, el resultado será, en última instancia mejorar la seguridad y las oportunidades recreativas para el público.

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## Arias

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los niños que hacen compras y ayudarles a envolver los paquetes para sus familias.

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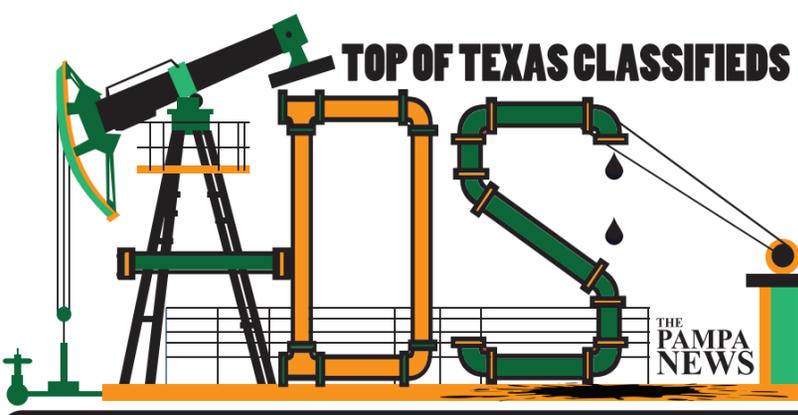
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