

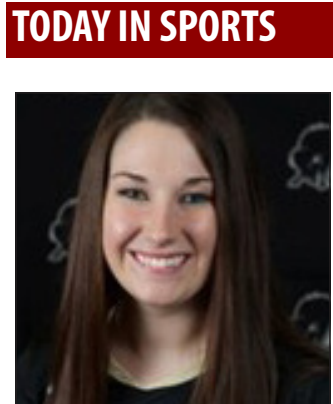
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## Buy your Christmas tree locally

**STAFF REPORT**

Residents interested in purchasing a real Christmas tree, rather than the artificial type, should look no further than Davis Christmas Tree Farm, which is located just outside Pampa city limits.

The tree farm is located three and a half miles north of Pampa Regional Medical Center on State Highway 70. At that mark visitors should then take a left and head west on County Line Road for a half mile. Owner Debbie Davis says the farm is located on the same land as her house and there will be a sign at the half-mile mark for the tree farm. If you have any trouble finding her place or would like more information, she can be reached at 806-663-9453.

The tree farm opens on the first Saturday after Thanksgiving each year and will remain open until Dec. 22. The farm is only open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday's and 1 to 5 p.m. on Sundays.

Davis says the trees are Scotch Pine, with natural shapes. There is no shaping done to her trees.

"Because they are cut fresh, they will stay fresh until the first of the year just by adding water each day," Davis said. "The trick is to not let them run dry. The bottom of the trunk will seal off if it runs out of water."

Davis says in 2010 they started donating \$5 from each tree purchase to a local organization. She said some customers will add an extra donation themselves. Here are the following organizations they have donated to:

- In 2010 - Gray County Relay for Life.
- In 2011 - JDRF.

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Submitted photo  
 The mild temperatures the Texas Panhandle have experienced lately may have caused residents to forget how beautiful the Davis Tree Farm is when frosted over as pictured here.

## Wilson Elementary School put on lock down as safety protocol Monday afternoon

■ Male subject was a delivery man; lockdown 'precautionary measure.'

**SUBMITTED BY PAMPA PD**

On Monday, Dec. 8, at approximately 12:05 p.m., a Pampa Police Department School Resource Officer was notified by Wilson Elementary of a possible unauthorized person inside the school. School officials reported that an unknown adult male subject was observed running down the hallway by a staff member. He was then seen exiting one of the hallway doors.

The staff member notified the Principal and the school was placed on lockdown as a precautionary measure. The Pampa Police Department responded and began searching the building and grounds.

After further investigation, it was determined that no student or staff member was ever in danger. The subject was a delivery person who was rushing through the school to make a delivery, and had gotten turned around

inside. It was later determined that he had checked in with office prior to entering the school, however that information was not known until after the lockdown was initiated. At approximately 12:27 p.m. the all clear was given and the lockdown was lifted.

While this incident turned up being false alarm, our agency, and the PISD, responded according to protocol. In these types of situations, seconds count.

When we receive a report of an unknown person running through a school, our first priority is to protect the students and staff, and a lockdown, or shelter in place, is the easiest and quickest way to do so.

Once that is in place, our officers can then clear the building. If no immediate threat is found, then we can sort out the details, which is what was done in this case.

## SOUP WITH MRS. CLAUSE



Photo by Lindsey Tomaschik  
 Mrs. Claus was at Altrusa's annual Soup with Mrs. Claus event Saturday, Dec. 6 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Pictured with Mrs. Claus (Mary McDaniel) is her Elf helper, Tucker Bruce.

## Amarillo Area United Family stores kick off 'Together We Can' food drive



**SUBMITTED BY THE UNITED FAMILY**  
 AMARILLO - Amarillo area United Supermarkets, Market Street and Amigos stores will accept food and monetary donations as part of the annual "Together We Can" food drive, with all proceeds benefitting the High Plains Food Bank.

The joint effort between United Family team members and store guests runs through Sunday, Dec. 14 and will contribute to hunger relief for families served by the High Plains Food Bank.

"With the winter months and holiday season upon us, this is the time of year when our Amarillo area food pantries need the most support," said Shelby Crews, senior manager of community relations for The United Family®. "We are grateful to our guests for sharing their ongoing support to the community each year in this effort, and are confident together we will make a difference for many families in need."

During the drive, guests may drop donations of nonperishable food at

any United Supermarkets, Market Street or Amigos location in the Amarillo area, or purchase a can mobile for a cash donation of at least \$1 during checkout.

Participating stores include all Amarillo city locations, along with Borger, Canyon, Childress, Dalhart, Dumas, Pampa and Perryton.

Needed items include canned products such as meats, soups, fruits,

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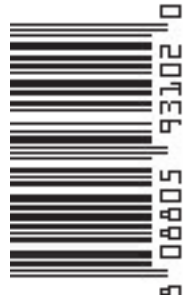
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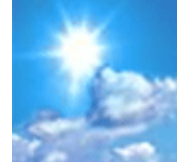

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## PAMPA FORECAST

Today	Thursday	Friday
		
High 60 Low 43	High 63 Low 42	High 65 Low 47

**Today:** Partly cloudy with a high of 60. Winds south-southwest at 5 to 10 mph. Sunrise at 7:43 a.m.

**Tonight:** A few clouds with a low of 43. Chance of rain: 10 percent. Winds south-southeast at 5 to 10 mph. Sunset at 5:32 p.m.

**Thursday:** Partly cloudy with a high of 63. Chance of rain: 10 percent. Winds south at 10 to 15 mph. Sunrise at 7:44 a.m.

**Thursday night:** Clear skies with a low of 42. Chance of rain: 10 percent. Winds south at 10 to 15 mph. Sunset at 5:32 p.m.

**Friday:** Partly cloudy with a high of 65. Chance of rain: 10 percent. Winds south at 13 mph. Sunrise at 7:45 a.m.

**Friday night:** Partly cloudy with a low of 47. Chance of rain: 20 percent. Winds south-southeast at 15 mph. Sunset at 5:32 p.m.

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## Trees

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- In 2012 - Paint This Town Red.
- In 2013 - VFW Freedom Museum.

This year the tree farm will be donating to Paula's Bears. That organization is collecting new teddy bears to send to chemo patients over in Amarillo. They are going to donate the bears to Harrington Cancer Center and the pediatric section of Texas Tech.

Team Travis Class started coming to the tree farm four years ago as a field trip.

"We donate a tree for their classroom and have treat bags for each stu-

dent," Davis said. "Their teacher, Gail Mertz, and her family have been loyal customers since we opened."

With each tree purchase, each child will receive an ornament, candy cane and hot chocolate.

"We also have hot cider and cookies for everyone," Davis said.

Another neat fact about the tree farm is that they have donated the tree that sits in front of the Gray County Courthouse each year since 2010. Verde Landscape Company has already been out this year to cut the tree and set it up. The Downtown Business Association hosts the lighting of the tree every year on the same night as the Christmas Parade.

## Food

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juices and vegetables, as well as dry products such as rice, macaroni and cheese, Hamburger Helper®, Rice-A-Roni®, instant potatoes, cereals and peanut butter.

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The company is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Albertson's LLC. For more information, please visit [www.unitedtexas.com](http://www.unitedtexas.com).

## Navy returns NASA's Orion spacecraft after test flight

SAN DIEGO (AP) — NASA's new Orion spacecraft returned to dry land in Southern California after a test flight that ended with a plunge into the Pacific Ocean.

A Navy ship, the USS Anchorage, delivered the capsule to Naval Base San Diego and unloaded the 11-foot-tall cone around 10 p.m. PST Monday.

Orion made an unmanned flight Friday that carried it 3,600 miles above Earth to test the spacecraft's systems before it carries astronauts on deep space missions. During re-entry into the atmosphere, the spacecraft endured speeds of 20,000 mph and temperatures near 4,000 degrees Fahrenheit.

It parachuted into the ocean about 600 miles southwest of San Diego, where the ship picked it up.

NASA recovery director Jeremy Graeber called the mission a "great success" and said the recovery from the ocean was "flawless."

"It was quite a thing to see, because it was chal-

lenging to get to that point, and to see the orchestration work exactly as we laid it out was priceless," he said.

NASA and contractor Lockheed Martin Corp. assisted in Orion's recovery.

The spacecraft may one day carry astronauts to Mars, but its next trip will be on a truck that will carry it back to Cape Canaveral, Florida, in time for Christmas.

The next Orion flight, also unmanned, is four years away, and crewed flights at least seven years away given present budget constraints. But the Orion team — spread across the country and on the ocean, is hoping Friday's triumphant splashdown will pick up the momentum.

During the flight test, all 11 parachutes deployed and onboard computers withstood the intense radiation of the Van Allen belts surrounding Earth. Everything meant to jettison away did so as Orion soared into space. It landed just a mile from its projected spot off Mexico's Baja Peninsula.

## WRECK AT PERRYTON PARKWAY AND 23RD



Photo by Lindsey Tomaschik

The Pampa Fire Department, EMS and Gray County Sheriff's Office all responded to a wreck at Perryton Parkway and 23rd in Pampa at 11:38 a.m. on Monday morning. Thankfully there were no injuries reported from the accident.

## CITY BRIEFS

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# Obituaries

## Daniel Vandigriff Bond

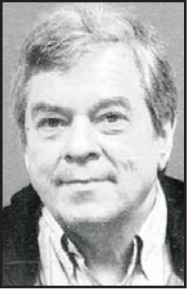
Daniel Vandigriff Bond, 63, of Irving, died of congestive heart failure on Nov. 11, 2014. Daniel was born June 15, 1951, to Elaine and D.W. Bond, Jr. in Ville Platte, La. He was predeceased by his parents, and younger brother, James. He is survived by his daughter, Sarah Bond, his sister and brother-in-law, Suzanne and Mark Anderson, and his two grandsons, Daniel Gremer and Noah Gremer.

As a toddler, it became apparent that Daniel had a quick mind and instinctively knew about cars and engines. His grandfather would delight in having Daniel recognize every vehicle which passed by his line of sight, with never a mistake. Daniel had a lifelong passion for music, and he loved to play the guitar. A graduate of Pampa High School, Daniel consistently medaled in track and field while in junior and senior high schools. He attended Austin College, San Jacinto Junior College, Odessa College and North Texas University. After many years at Harley Industries, he worked at Lightbourn Equipment for 20 years, until retirement.

His friends remember him for his spot-on acerbic wit and keen memory. Daniel adored his daughter and grandsons, and was very proud of them. He was devoted to his church, The Fairview Church of God, grateful for the comfort of that community, which sustained him through his illnesses.

The family would like to thank Tommy Rush, Roberto Sanchez, Lightbourn Equipment and the doctors, nurses, therapists and staff at Presbyterian Hospital, Baylor Medical Center Irving, Pate Rehabilitation and Ashford Hall.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, Jan. 10, 2015, at 11 a.m., at Calvary Funeral Home, 624 East 2nd Street, Irving, TX, 75060. In lieu of flowers, the family requests any donations be sent to Lion Hospice, 2208 N. Highway 121, Suite 180 Bedford TX 76021, or the Dallas Amputee Network, 1303 Green Meadow, Richardson, TX 75081.



Daniel Bond

Pleasant Ridge Church of Christ in Arlington. Interment will be at Pioneer Memorial Cemetery, Wagoner, Okla.

## Donna Kay Phelps

Donna Kay Phelps, 55 of Kingston, Okla., passed away Sunday, Dec. 7, 2014, at her home in Kingston. Donna was born on Jan. 8, 1959, in Pampa to Howard Eugene Winegeart and Von Winegeart. She was raised in McLean, where she graduated from McLean High School. Donna later attended Clarendon College where she received an associate's degree. She worked in construction traveling all over and in 2008 moved to Kingston. Donna married Robert James Phelps on Jan. 8, 2011, in Kingston. She was affiliated with the Lighthouse Methodist Church in Kingston and she enjoyed carpentry, shopping, decorating, crafts, drawing and riding in the golf cart.

She is survived by her husband, Robert James (Bob) Phelps of Kingston, Okla.; children, Jayson Smith and wife Amy of Lone Grove, Okla. and Benjamin Smith and wife Kacey of McAlester, Okla.; grandchildren, Keira, Kenndi and Blayde; her mother, Von Winegeart of Kingston, Okla.; her brother, Johnny Winegeart and wife Kim of Pampa and sisters, Barbara McLerran and husband Clay of Fritch and Angela Beck of Kingston, Okla.

Donna was preceded in death by her father and a brother, Jimmy Winegeart.

Services will be Thursday, Dec. 11, 2014, at 10 a.m. at the Lighthouse Methodist Church, Kingston, Okla. Pastor Terry Thomas will officiate the services. Services will be under the direction of Watts Funeral Home, Madill, Okla. Condolences may be sent to wattsfuneralhome.com.



Donna Kay Phelps

## Rae Jeane Pinckney Bratcher

Rae Jeane Pinckney Bratcher, 88, of Pampa, died Dec. 8, 2014 in Pampa.

Rosary will be at 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 11, 2014, at Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel, with Rev. Christopher Schwind, parochial vicar of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, officiating, and funeral mass will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 12, 2014, at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, with Rev. John Valdez, pastor of St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church in Amarillo, officiating. Burial will follow in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Bratcher was born May 28, 1926 in Mission City, Neb. She married Billy James Bratcher on Aug. 22, 1949. He preceded her in death on July 30, 1988. Jeane had been a resident of Pampa since 1957, and had been a hospice volunteer for 18 years. She was a very active member of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church. Her love of the Lord was evident in her service to the church, and the love she poured out to her friends.

Survivors include two nieces, Sharla Bratcher Tauzin and John Calvert of Plano and Cindy Bratcher Rainey and husband James of Picayune, Miss.; two nephews, Wayne Bratcher and wife Barbara of Rockwall and David Bratcher; four great-nieces and great-nephews, Amy Cagnolati, Tony Cagnolati, Traci Tauzin Houpt and Tami Tauzin Cook and special friend, Chrys Smith of Pampa.

Sign the online guest register at [www.carmichael-whitley.com](http://www.carmichael-whitley.com).



Rae Jeane Bratcher

## Darla Jean Brown Morgan

Darla Jean Brown Morgan (July 24, 1939 - Nov. 5, 2014) was born the 10th of 14 children in Sipe Springs, Texas, to Norman Earl Brown and Nellie Mae Howard Brown.

Darla was a graduate of Pampa High School in 1957.

Darla was preceded in death by her parents, Norman and Nellie; her husband, Howard Morgan; her son, Ricky Seitz; a grandson, Michael Seitz; six sisters, Maxine Jeffers, Nellie Ingram, Myrtle McBride, twins: Wanda Gail and Linda Dale Brown, and Shirley Waner; and three brothers, Earl, Ray and James Brown.

She is survived by a son, Tracy Bob Seitz of Denton; daughter, son-in-law and grandson: Tammy Seitz Bratton, Terry Bratton and Cole Bratton of Arlington; a grandson, Chris Seitz and great grandson, Logan Seitz of New Jersey. Also surviving are four brothers: William Brown of Dickens, Texas; Byron Brown of Spring Branch, Texas; Leonard Brown of Lubbock and Howard Brown of Lewisville, Texas; and two sisters: Earlene Brown Massie of San Antonio; and Betty Byrom of Midland. Darla was loved by all of her brother-in-laws, sister-in-laws, nieces and nephews, cousins and a huge circle of friends. Before retirement, Darla was employed by the City of Lewisville, Texas. Funeral services will be held Saturday, Nov. 8, at 9:30 a.m. at



Darla Morgan

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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## Hump Day with Humphrey

# Humphrey the car dog

Humphrey and I took a trip this past weekend, and while in the car I got to thinking about how grateful I am that he's a good car dog.

Aside from the occasional window battle between my skilled

hound and I, there's really no other complaints I have about him on long trips.

He's come a long way from the puppy that constantly had to be in my lap and looking out my window while I was driving. I'm also grateful that he's too big to still be able to do that, though it took him awhile to come to terms with it.

Now, he has claimed the back seat as his own. He lays down for the most part while we're on the highways with high speeds because I don't let him have the window down unless we are traveling through towns. He doesn't chew anything up, feel the need to constantly hop from the front seat to the back seat,

or while when we're in the car for too long, so I like to think he's a pretty good car dog.

I also enjoy the fact that I don't have to worry about him in the car if I have to run into a convenience store or something.

The only thing that I have to make sure is that I either have the keys with me, or if I decide to leave the car running for him on days of extreme cold or hot weather, that I at least leave a window partially down in case he locks me out. I'm still convinced that the time he locked me out in Colorado was on purpose.

I have yet to put Humphrey in his Christmas sweater. I've been storing Christmas gifts in the closet that it's in so that I don't have them as a constant reminder that I need to wrap them, but that means that I haven't been looking at the sweater either. Maybe one day this week I'll remember it's in there.

I wound up buying Humphrey some new toys last week, and it didn't take him but one day to destroy both of them. Luckily, I've

learned to steer clear of the stuffed toys, so clean-up was pretty minimal after Humphrey the Destroyer was finished with them. That boy is a headache with those toys.

It seems like the longer a toy is able to withstand his bite, the nicer he is to it, though, so he has some toys that have been around since the early days.

I took the cutest picture of him last week cuddling with his Santa toy from last year. That's what this week's picture is. Moments like that make him seem a lot more like a human than a dog.

We've been spending a

lot of time together lately, and since we have had some pretty mild weather, he has been able to go places with me. I'm sure that's enjoyable for both of us.

Other than that, there really hasn't been much else to report. He's been pretty well-behaved since he realized that he doesn't have quite as much energy as he did for the holidays last year. I'm not complaining though, he's been a lot more affectionate, which I don't mind.

Reporter Lindsey Tomaschik can be reached at lktomaschik@thepampanews.com.



# UC's new motto: Take the money and run

When California Gov. Jerry Brown was pushing Proposition 30 in 2012, he sold it with the promise that the income and sales tax increases in his measure would put off sharp tuition

increases in the UC and CSU systems. Sacramento increased state funding for the University of California and California State University by 5 percent annually for two years and then 4 percent annually for the next two years. Budget documents heralded a four-year deal that would keep tuition flat.

Two years into the deal, UC solons say there never was a deal to freeze tuition for four years. At the urging of UC President Janet Napolitano, the UC Board of Regents voted last month to raise tuition substantially — by up to 28 percent over five years — because there never was a meeting at which university officials pledged not to raise fees.

UC took the money. Now the regents are running from the understanding.

If the regents' case of amnesia strikes you as cheesy, you are not alone. At last month's meeting of the Board of Regents, Lt. Gov. Gavin Newsom observed that no one at UC spoke out when politicians and newspapers were reporting there would be no tuition increases. "I don't know of any formal correspondence we sent to clarify and correct that," he hectorated. CSU just passed a budget that kept tuition flat. And: "I don't recall any op-eds we put out. I don't recall anyone standing up here in the last two years saying, 'We never, sir, agreed to that, Mr. Governor.'"

Regents by virtue of their elected positions, Brown and Newsom both voted against the tuition increase.

Regent Richard Blum, a wealthy financier married to Sen. Dianne Feinstein, voted in favor of the tuition increase because he wants to retain star academics. "I have, in the last year, funded a chair for somebody at Berkeley who was dramatically underpaid," Blum explained, "one of our superstars who was going to leave."

Blum has been a generous patron to the UC system, but I think he's wrong to contribute to the academic pay spiral. At the most recent regents meeting, Brown countered that he finds top talent willing to

take pay cuts to serve on the California Supreme Court and in his government.

At some point, Brown warned, there will be another recession, and UC's failure to contain costs won't be a benefit.

Freshman Republican Assemblywoman Young Kim shrewdly sees an opening. Shortly after being sworn in to office Monday, The Sacramento Bee reported, she introduced a bill to freeze tuition at UC and CSU while the Proposition 30 temporary tax hikes remain in effect. Likewise, Democratic state Sen. Ricardo Lara has introduced a constitutional amendment to put UC decision-making under the Legislature's control.

This is where the Democratic Legislature should tell UC to keep tuition steady for the next two years — or watch Sacramento yank the \$120 million in funding increases slated for each of the next two years. Instead, state Senate President Pro Tem Kevin de Leon rewarded Napolitano's gambit by proposing a \$75 million increase for both UC and CSU. Assembly Speaker Toni Atkins, a regent who also voted against the tuition hike, wants to raise UC's budget by an extra \$50 million.

That leaves Brown to play the role of adult in the room by steering the Legislature toward the light or using his line-item veto to send the message that when a California governor makes promises to the voters, he keeps them.

"I think (Brown) has the moral high ground," former Gov. Gray Davis told me. "The promise of Prop 30 was, 'If taxes are raised, tuition will not be.'" Davis doesn't like to watch the system treating "students as (ATMs) and constantly extracting more money." Some Sacto insiders think Napolitano has the edge in this fight, but Davis noted, "I never think it's a good idea to bet against Jerry Brown."

Napolitano argues that her higher tuition will help families by making university costs "as predictable as possible." But her actions show that the only predictable thing about UC is that whatever voters and Sacramento allot for higher education, UC biggies will demand more.

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# Climate catastrophe

People argue about whether the "consensus" of scientists is that we

face disaster because of global warming. Instead of debating whether man's greenhouse gasses will raise temperatures,

we should argue about how we gauge disasters.

If you take most environmentalists and climate scientists at their word, the Earth heated up about 1.4 degrees Fahrenheit over the past century, not much more than it heated up the century before that. Warming may increase, but no one can be certain of that.

Let's agree for the sake of argument that this recent warming was partly caused by humanity. Let's also agree that there are some negative effects, including more frequent coastal flooding or longer droughts.

If we agree that those are costs, shouldn't we also look at the benefits? Much of modern civilization owes its existence to our use of the fossil fuels that produce the greenhouse gasses.

I don't see that civiliza-

tion as misfortune. I wish climate alarmists would weigh its accomplishments against the relatively small downsides of climate change. One of industry's biggest accomplishments is creating a world where far fewer of us are likely to die because of weather.

Alex Epstein's book "The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels" documents the rapidly shrinking number of human beings killed by storms, floods and other climate events thanks largely to ever-growing industry, fueled mainly by oil, natural gas and coal.

On my show this week, he argues that if we compare conditions a century ago to conditions last year, we shouldn't obsess about how much carbon dioxide is in the air — or whether earth is warming — we should look at how much safer life became.

In 2013, "Climate-related deaths were at a record low — in supposedly the worst climate in history — under 30,000," says Epstein. In 1931, bad weather killed 3 million people.

You can argue that we get some things wrong as a civilization, but thanks to our use of fossil fuels, we get something very right.

Epstein points out that

humanity owes its current ability to survive harsh winters, arid deserts and other naturally dangerous environments to the same fuels that activists now condemn: "We have the luxury of being able to absorb a certain amount of climate-related damage so we can live in all of these cool places."

His argument is unusual because environmentalists spread the idea that, without human interference, the planet is perfect.

But by what standard? "If you went to someone 300 years ago and asked them, do you have a perfect climate?" they would think you were crazy, says Epstein. "They were terrified of climate, because climate doesn't give you the resources that you need. It doesn't give you water when you need it. It doesn't give you the temperature when you need it."

It was once common to say that humans change their environment. That shouldn't offend people today, says Epstein. We should be thrilled that humans "create technology to master climate. ... That's why so few people today die from climate."

Epstein correctly says that instead of talking about "climate change" — of which there will always

be some, with or without human influence — we should focus on "climate catastrophe," weather that actually kills people. Those catastrophes, measured in lost lives, are getting rarer.

Most of the changes humans make to our environment are desirable changes that help us live longer and more comfortably. "The dogma that man is ruining the planet rather than improving it is a religion, a source of prestige and a career for too many people."

If we regard nature as pristine and think it must never be altered, we will have big problems. We will die young and lead miserable, difficult lives.

I think of industry as something that is mostly very good for us, with a few minor side effects that aren't. Fossil fuels are a little like antibiotics, says Epstein. It's good to draw attention to minor side effects, but it would be crazy to abandon all treatment because of them.

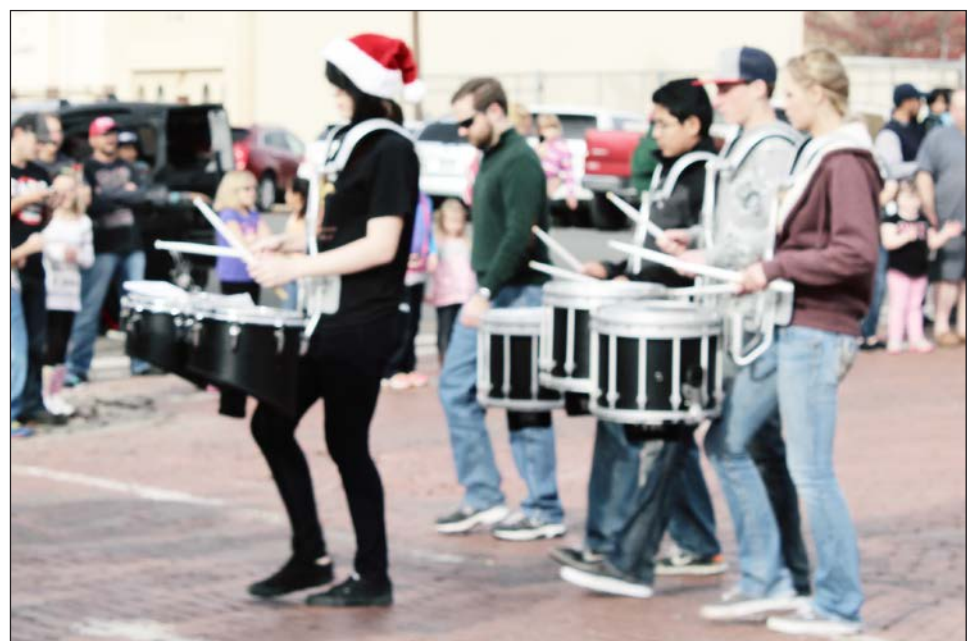
Fossil fuels are no catastrophe. They contribute to health and a better life.

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# PampaSports

## ReDonn wins college football staff picks

### STAFF REPORT

ReDonn Woods, publisher of The Pampa News, took home first place in The Pampa News' college football staff picks this season. She finished with a record of 180-59. Zac Green, sports editor, came in second at 178-61. Lindsey Tomaschik, reporter, came in third at 176-63. John Lee, editor, came in last at 169-70.

Look in Friday and Saturday's paper for our special bowl edition contest. That's right you can cut out the picks and make your own picks to see how you do against us. There will be a \$100 prize to the winner. None of the The Pampa News staff will be eligible to win that prize, but we will be making our picks.

## Pampa Swim teams compete at 4A State Invitational

### STAFF REPORT

The Pampa swim teams traveled to Keller this weekend for the 4A State Invitational.

This is not UIL State Tournament but it is listed as 4A State Invitational because it is a championship for some teams.

Pampa finished sixth overall with a score of 333.

The women finished sixth with a score of 167 and the men finished fifth with a score of 166.

Pampa finished sixth in the girls 200-yard medley relay with a time of 2:26.30. The relay team was Alexis Stuart, Mackenzie Parks, Jenna Bonner and Samantha VanHouten.

The boys took fourth in that same event with a time of 2:01.63. Gerrek Watson, Jonah Munsell, Esteban Alonzo and Nolan Price were the swimmers for that relay team.

In the girls 200-yard freestyle, Madison Floyd took 11th with a time of 2:42.61. Elaine Nava was 12th with a time of 2:46.03. Jennifer Price came in 15th with a time of 3:00.72.

Esteban Alonzo took 11th in that event for the boys with a time of 2:18.99. Nolan Price took 12th with a time of 2:20.07.

Mackenzie Parks took 12th in the 200-yard individual medley with a time of 3:08.73.

Breezie Keeling came in eighth with a time of 29.60 in the girls 50-yard freestyle. Samantha VanHouten placed 14th in that event with a time of 30.71.

Gerrek Watson placed seventh for the boys with a time of 25.27 in that same event. Jonah Munsell came in 10th with a time of 25.16.

Jenna Bonner finished eighth with a time of 1:27.66 in the 100-yard butterfly. Esteban Alonzo came in sixth with a time of 1:14.21 for the boys in

that same event.

Samantha VanHouten placed eighth in the 100-yard freestyle. Her time was 1:08.10. Alexis Stuart came in 13th with a time of 1:12.40.

Mackenzie Parks took ninth in the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 7:15.88. Madison Floyd finished 10th with a time of 7:22.41.

Nolan Price took eighth in that same event for the boys. His time was 6:26.46.

Samantha VanHouten, Lynn Herron, Jenna Bonner and Mackenzie Parks took seventh in the 200-yard freestyle relay with a time of 2:08.90.

Mathew Foreman, Aaron Owen, Mathew Harvill and Brent Salazar placed ninth for the boys' relay team in that same event. Their time was 2:19.19.

Alexis Stuart took eighth in the girls 100-yard backstroke with a time of 1:18.42. Elaine Nava took 15th with a time of 1:25.45.

Gerrek Watson took sixth in that same event for the boys. His time was 1:06.55.

Lynn Herron took 10th for the girls in the 100-yard breaststroke. Her time was 1:30.80. Jonah Munsell took second place for the boys in that same event. His time was 1:13.19. Mathew Foreman came in 13th with a time of 1:26.07.

The girls took home ninth place in the 400-yard freestyle relay. The relay team was Alexis Stuart, Elaine Nava, Jennifer Price and Madison Floyd. Their time was 5:10.83.

The boys' relay team took fourth place. The team was Jonah Munsell, Esteban Alonzo, Nolan Price and Gerrek Watson. Their time was 3:54.13.

The teams will be back in action this weekend when they head to Abilene for the Abilene Invitational.

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Fleas are agile wingless insects 1/16 to 1/8-inch long). They are usually dark colored (for example, the reddish-brown of the cat flea), with tube-like mouth-parts adapted to feeding on the blood of their hosts. Their legs are long, the hind pair well adapted for jumping. Fleas can settle in a person's hair in less than ten minutes, causing soreness and itching. Flea bites generally cause the formation of a slightly raised, swollen itching spot with a single puncture point at the center. Combating a flea infestation in the home takes patience because for every flea found on an animal, there could be many more developing in the home.

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# PampaSports

## Boys wrestling at Randall duals

### STAFF REPORT

Pampa traveled to Randall over the weekend for a dual tournament. The first match Pampa had was with Tascosa. Pampa lost 66-24. J.T. Belcourt pinned his opponent, 0:43 into his match at the 182 weight class. Shalor Sokolosky also pinned his opponent, 1:15 into his match at the 220 weight class. Austin Hernandez pinned his opponent in 1:48 at the 285 weight class. Cy Wood pinned his opponent in the 132 weight class, two minutes into his match. Pampa lost their next match to Boys Ranch, 45-33. Jordan Archibald at 113, Brayden Turner at 120 and Tacoma Matthews at 126, all won their matches by forfeit. Cade Ferguson pinned his opponent in 2:48 at the 138 weight class. Belcourt won his match by decision, 5-4. Sokolosky pinned his opponent in 1:25. Pampa defeated Lubbock Monterey, 51-30, in match three. Isaiah Baggett pinned his opponent

in 2:45 in the 160 weight class. Kaylor Kitchen defeated his opponent by decision, 12-8, in the 170 weight class. Belcourt pinned his opponent in 2:45. Sokolosky won via forfeit. Hernandez pinned his opponent in 1:31. Archibald pinned his opponent in 2:59. Turner pinned his opponent in 3:52. Matthews pinned his opponent in 3:01. Wood pinned his opponent in 3:39. Pampa advanced from the pool play into the championship bracket. In match one of the bracket, Pampa beat Lubbock High, 56-24. Baggett, Belcourt, Archibald, Wood and Matthews all won their matches via forfeit. Kitchen pinned his opponent in 1:49. Sokolosky pinned his opponent in 1:27. Hernandez pinned his opponent in 3:22. Turner won by decision, 7-2. Ferguson won by technical fall, 16-1. In the quarterfinals, Pampa lost to Randall, 43-31. Kitchen and Hernandez won via forfeit. Yilmar Ponce also won via forfeit in the 195 weight class. Belcourt won by decision, 4-2. Mat-

thews won by major decision, 10-2. Sokolosky pinned his man, 0:41 into the match. Due to the loss to Randall, Pampa found themselves in the consolation round two. Pampa defeated Lubbock Estacado, 56-12. Neither team had a wrestler in the 152 or 113 weight classes, which meant a double forfeit. Baggett, Kitchen, Ponce, Archibald and Matthews all won via forfeit. Ferguson pinned his man 5:40 into his match. Belcourt won via technical fall, 15-0. Sokolosky pinned his man in 0:20. Hernandez pinned his opponent in 1:10. Wood won by decision, 4-0 in his match. Pampa lost in the consolation semifinals, 54-27, to Caprock. Turner won via forfeit. Matthews won by decision, 9-4. Belcourt pinned his man in 2:36. Sokolosky pinned his opponent in 1:31. Hernandez pinned his opponent in 3:57. The boys were back in action last night against Tucumcari. Look for results in future editions of The Pampa News.

### Watch the Pros

#### NBA Basketball

New Orleans Pelicans at Dallas Mavericks.....ESPN 7 p.m.  
Miami Heat at Denver Nuggets.....ESPN 9:30 p.m.

#### College Basketball

Columbia at Kentucky.....ESPN2 6 p.m.  
High Point at Ohio State.....ESPNU 6 p.m.  
Kansas at Georgetown.....FS1 6 p.m.  
Wisconsin at Wisconsin Milwaukee.....ESPN2 8 p.m.  
Fresno State at Texas Tech.....FSSW 8 p.m.  
Utah at BYU.....ESPNU 8 p.m.  
Washington State at Gonzaga.....ESPNU 10 p.m.

#### Women's College Basketball

Minnesota at North Dakota.....FCSP 7 p.m.

#### NHL Hockey

Toronto Maple Leafs at Detroit Red Wings.....NBCS 7 p.m.

#### Golf

Australian PGA Championship.....GOLF 7 p.m.

#### Soccer

Sporting Club de Portugal at Chelsea.....FSSW 1:30 p.m.  
Manchester City at Roma.....FS1 1:30 p.m.  
Paris Saint-Germain at Barcelona.....FS2 1:30 p.m.

#### Horse Racing

Horse Racing: From Hong Kong.....TVG 4:30 a.m.  
International Racing.....TVG 9 a.m.

\*Game times and channels are subject to change.\*

## Pampa JH teams against Bushland

### STAFF REPORT

Monday night the junior high teams played Bushland. Head girls coach, Jeanna May said the 8th grade "A" and "B" teams lost their games and learned a lot. The "B" team lost 27-13. Pampa's top scorers were Emily Burks, Brittney Cuevas and Eliana Urretia all with four points each. The "A" team lost 37-28. "This was a very physical game that two players fouled out during," May said. "The girls did not have a lack of hustle, as they were sprinting everywhere." The top performers were Madison Davis and Callin Burleson with eight points. Bethany Roden shot great from the free throw line, making a total of six points. Audrey Hopkins also made six points for the team. **JH boys** Last night, the boys JH basketball teams went 3-1 against Bushland. The 7th grade "B" team won 56-18. Leading scorers were Tommy Esparza with 10, Jaydon Burnley

with nine and Evan Vasquez with eight. Trae Long led the team in steals. Jeremiah Avila also had a great game, and Isaiah Velasquez drew two charges. The 7th grade "A" team won 54-20. Chase Landers and Derrius Williams led the team in scoring with 15 each. TJ Conley also chipped in 10 points. Joey Hill played great defense and led the team in steals. Tucker Bridwell played solid on defense as well. Both teams are now 3-0 this year. The 8th grade "B" basketball team lost a hard fought game to Bushland 34-19. Nahum Nunez led the team with 11 points and Reid Smith had seven points. Tanner Mathias made some great plays on defense and led the team in rebounds. The 8th grade "A" basketball team had a great game and beat Bushland 42-24. Robert Botello led the team with 15 points and Ethan Lemke had 11 points. Nelson Garcia led the team in rebounds and played a good game on defense. Cader Powell led the team in steals. The B team is now 1-2, and the A team is 2-1.

## EXTRA INNINGS

You can have a feeling of euphoria and moments later a feeling of misery.

Sports can be a cruel, cruel world sometimes. I don't know about you, but last weekend my favorite college football team had an amazing comeback win against rival Oklahoma.

That was followed

up Sunday by my favorite NFL team losing on a last second Andrew Luck touchdown pass.

Fans of TCU and Baylor know what I am talking about as well. They both took care of business over the weekend by beating the teams they should rather easily.

Sunday, both teams found themselves out of the college football

playoff race. Sometimes it is really hard to be a fan when you see your team making questionable calls.

I am talking about Cleveland Browns head coach Mike Pettine's decision to not bring in Johnny Manziel, despite Brian Hoyer's pathetic showing all game long.

Pettine's excuses on Monday were "well we had a lead." Yes Pettine you did, but 17 points came from the defense via the fumble in the endzone, the pick six and the interception that was ran back to the Colts 25 yard-line.

Here were the Browns second half drives: Punt. Punt. Punt. Punt. Field goal (thanks to the defense setting them up in FG range). Punt. Interception.

Pettine says not once did

it cross his mind to bring in Manziel. Really? In the third quarter the Browns had 11 yards of offense on three straight three and outs.

In the fourth quarter, the Browns had 59 yards of offense. Not to mention the fact that Hoyer overthrew a wide open wide out not once, but twice!

Not only did the persistence to keep Hoyer in cost Cleveland the W, it also puts their playoff hopes in

a big bind. The Browns now must win out AND get help from some other teams.

It is clear that Brian Hoyer will never be a reliable NFL starter. The Browns drafted Manziel in the first round for a reason.

Pettine says he is ready to play, so why not? You have nothing to lose at this point in the season when it will take nothing short of

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**Sunday School**  
9:15 a.m.

**Sunday Worship**  
10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.

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### Parent Involvement Activity

#### Do A Dash of Dishes

**Description:**  
Children practice doing dishes.

**Materials:**  
Plastic or non breakable dishes  
2 Plastic wash bins  
Dish drying rack  
Dish towel  
Smocks (optional to keep clothes dry)

**Setup:**  
Place the dishes in one bin (these are your "dirty" dishes). Next to that place water and a small amount of child-safe soap in the water. Next to that place the dish drying rack. Place the dish towel on the table near the drying rack.

**Steps:**  
During free exploration time encourage children to practice washing dishes. They may have seen their families wash dishes and will mimic these activities. If not, you may demonstrate for them taking a "dirty" dish and washing it with your hands in the water, drying it and placing it in the drying rack.

**Notes:**  
Monitor the children carefully to ensure they are safe around the bin of water.


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# PAMPA FAITH



## Christina: thank you and the chalkboard

Our daughter, Christina, has almost always been a very obedient child. Stories that we would hear from other parents hardly ever fit her. However, there were two encounters during her first years that reminded us that she was capable of being totally normal.



**MIKE SUBLETT**

Manners were very important in our home. Terms like please, thank you, you're welcome, yes ma'am, yes sir, no ma'am, no sir were part Christina's early vocabulary.

One day before she turned two years old, I got something for Christina out of the refrigerator. When I handed it to her she immediately started to walk out of the kitchen. I carefully grabbed the back of her shirt with my finger and thumb and asked her, "And?" She said nothing. That was very unusual. She loved saying thank you. So I asked her, "Christina, isn't there something you want to say to me since I got you your drink?" She was silent again. Hummmm?

Now I really didn't think that this was an occasion for a spanking, but I also knew that this was NOT the time to drop this one. I gave her several more opportunities to say "thank you" and all I got was silence. That is when I drew a line. "Now Christina, you are not leaving this kitchen until you tell me thank you." Silence again.

So I got a little stool, sat it in the middle of the kitchen facing my office desk (in kind of a breakfast nook) and sat her on it. "Now, you are not leaving that stool until you say thank you." The line had been drawn; the next one to blink lost. I prayed that it wouldn't be me.

By this time Shari had heard what was going on in the kitchen and asked for an update. Neither of us could figure out what suddenly had changed inside our compliant daughter. Now it's funny, but it surely wasn't that day.

Christina never tried to get down. I knew that eventually her feet

or legs or both would start to fall asleep and surely she was say thank you then. But nothing, just silence. Once I looked over and saw that she was starting to get sleepy. That concerned me because I didn't want her to fall off of the stool and hurt herself. So I picked up one of the heavier books on my desk and dropped it on to the floor. BAM! Christina jumped and almost slipped off of the stool, but thank goodness didn't.

I was beginning to think that I was going to lose this battle of wills. It had been 45 minutes (seemed like two to three hours) and she had not uttered a word. I would ask her every few minutes if she was ready to say thank you. Silence was all I received in return.

Finally, the faintest of voices mumbled, "thank you." It was hardly audible. Shari was in the kitchen so I asked her, "Shari, did you hear somebody say something?" "I don't know." So I asked Christina, "Sweetheart did you say something?" Now the silence was accompanied by an 20-month old glare.

A few moments later we got another mumble, this time almost audible. I told her that wasn't loud enough. So finally she actually said the words, "Thank you." WHEW! Finally the war of wills was over. I was glad that was never going to happen again. LOL! I was so naive.

Within about a month Christina and I had round two of that contest. This time it was on a Sunday evening in front of the whole church where I was youth minister, right before I was to teach a class.

I was putting some notes on a large chalkboard while Christina was having a ball scribbling on the bottom of the board. When it was time to start I told Christina to go sit with her mom. When she put the chalk on the bottom shelf it was too much on the edge and therefore fell on to the floor.

Again, I carefully grabbed the back of her dress with my finger and thumb and after showing her where the chalk had fallen told her,

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## CHURCH SPOTLIGHT

## Christmas gifts

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem, during the rule of King Herod, wise men (magi) from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has



**DAVID BOULTER**

been born King of the Jews? We saw His star in the east and have come to worship Him... When they arrived and saw the child with His mother Mary, they bowed down and worshiped Him. They opened their treasures and presented Him with gifts of gold and of frankincense and of myrrh." (Matthew 2:1-2,11).

With all the gold commercials on television, everyone knows that gold is one of the most sought-after treasures on earth. A gift of gold meant that the person who received that gift was a loved one or a person of very high standing. To give gold to a baby would be unheard of, unless that baby was a king. The wise men had been given divine insight into the future work of Jesus Christ to be moved to present the child with such a gift. Their gold would be used to support the most important work the world would ever know.

The wise men also brought frankincense, which was an important symbol of worship, thus implying that they knew

this child was a central figure in God's plan. Frankincense was made from the sap of the frankincense tree and was a major ingredient in the oil used for religious anointing of the priest. This gift foreshadowed the priestly mission of Jesus Christ on earth and before God for man.

Myrrh, was a resin used in burial ceremonies. It was rare and very costly. What a strange gift to present to a baby. It was called the "death sprue." This gift was a sign the wise men understood that this special child, the Son of God, had come to die for the sins of mankind.

Most people today trace the practice of giving gifts on Christmas Day to these three gifts given by the magi to Jesus. Today shoppers spend more than four billion dollars per Christmas shopping day, or about two million dollars per minute in the United States alone. Some stores survive on Christmas spend.

Remember the real reason for Christmas and the wonderful gift of eternal life offered to man through the sacrificial deed of Jesus Christ. Give your gifts this year to honor Him, endeavor to help someone, or a ministry helping others in His name.

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# 2014 CHRISTMAS PARADE

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## Sublett

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“Now please pick up the chalk.” She always did what she was told. But this time NO WAY! And in front of the whole church.

I recognized the look in her eyes. After all, I had seen that same look about a month earlier in the kitchen. This time we didn’t have 45 minutes to wait for the stubborn will to bend.

I got down on her level and told her again to pick up the chalk and put it on the shelf. Again she just stared at me.

So I leaned over and told her, “Christina, if you don’t pick up that chalk, I’m going to swat you.” I was sure that would do the trick. NOT! I got the glare again. So I swatted her one time. She began to whimper and tear up and the audience began to contemplate lynching the youth minister, especially the older women. But still nothing from my daughter.

So I swatted her again, this time a little harder. The whimpering turned to sobbing and the teardrops turned into a trickle. By that time I’m positive that bitterness and hatred filled the hearts of every older

woman in the pews.

What a nightmare and right before I was to speak. What was needed was that I needed to be rescued by my daughter. After the third swat Christina finally picked up the chalk and placed it on the shelf. However, by now the sobbing was crying and the trickle was a flood. I’m positive murder was being considered by two or three of the older women.

When Christina returned to sit with Shari, I stood up to begin teaching. What a waste. I should have just dismissed the service. Nobody was thinking about the class, not even me.

I can honestly say that those were the only two times that my daughter ever actually picked a fight with her dad. Oh, we had a few other bumps in the road, but these were the most memorable. In later years I have seen that strong, but obedient will come in handy for her as a teacher, a youth leader and a mom. God loves and uses strong wills as long as they are surrendered to Him. Love you, Christina; more than words could ever say. Dad

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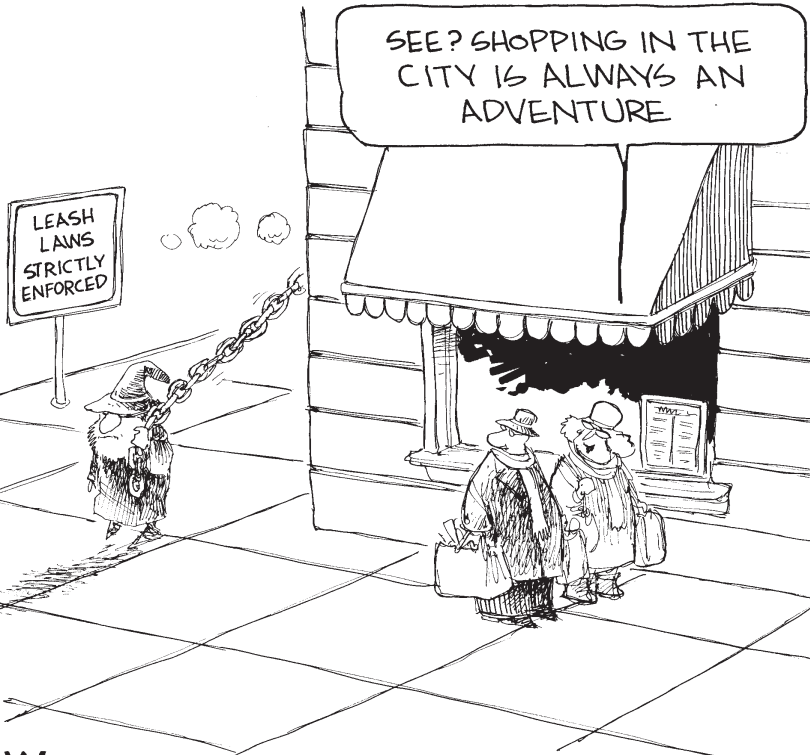
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"Wouldn't it be easier if we just TEXTED Santa our wish list?"

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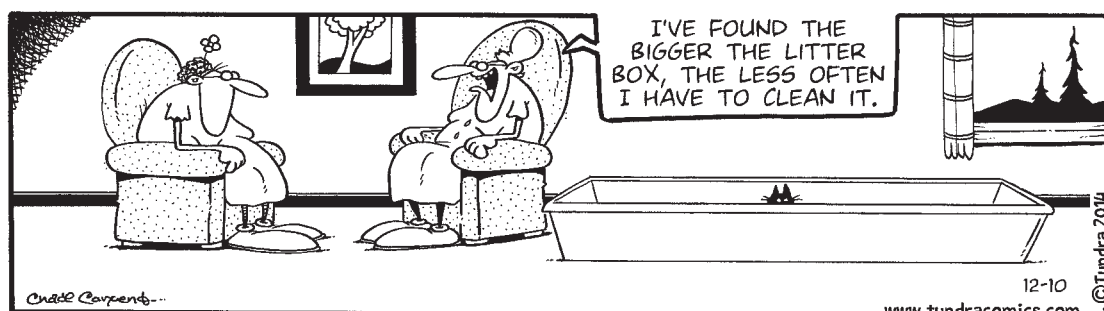


## daily horoscope

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Thursday, Dec. 11, 2014:  
 This year you open up to having more compassion for others. You are likely to develop a stronger relationship with your friends and family as a result. You might be stunned when you see the difference that accepting love can make. If you are single, you are likely to go through several different relationships before you find someone you can respect who knows how to love well. If you are attached, the two of you will spend more and more time together. You often act like two teenagers in love. LEO knows how to make people relax and smile.  
**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)  
 ★★★★★ Holding back and thinking before you act might not be as successful as you had hoped. Actually, you are better off being impulsive. Someone could offer a different perspective. You intuitively will know which way to go. Tonight: Add a little spice to a relationship.  
**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)  
 ★★★ Emphasis seems to be on your personal life. A partner or loved one might make a suggestion that could affect your financial situation, but you could be quite attached to the status quo. Try to open up to different perspectives. Tonight: Happiest at home.  
**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)  
 ★★★★★ Be willing to break a stand-off and make an important phone call. You might not be happy about making the first move, but ultimately it will be for the best. A friend might be unusually expressive. Try to understand what is happening. Tonight: The only answer is "yes."  
**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)  
 ★★★★★ You might want to take a hard look at your finances and decide what would be best to do. Look at a situation more carefully in order to understand what is happening with an associate. This person's optimism might not be realistic. Tonight: Relax with friends.  
**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)  
 ★★★★★ Someone could be a little too contentious for your taste. You might respond to this person's mood with a knee-jerk reaction, so be careful. Someone is likely to misread your intensity and your natural charisma as being something else! Tonight: Ever

playful.  
**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)  
 ★★★ Be aware of your limits, and recognize that you just might not be up to snuff. It happens to everyone. Take a day off from your normal patterns and/or schedule. Create a special 12 hours for you. Do you know what that would look like? Tonight: Not to be found.  
**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)  
 ★★★★★ Zero in on what you want, and don't allow someone to push you too far. If this person's interests are similar enough to yours, you'll have an opportunity to work together. Dreams and practical matters are likely to be discussed. Tonight: Found among the crowds.  
**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)  
 ★★★★★ You could be wondering what the best way to handle someone would be. How you present what you want will make a big difference in the outcome. Money could be a key issue. Discuss this matter openly rather than let it go undiscussed. Tonight: A must appearance.  
**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)  
 ★★★★★ You know where to head to get more information. Don't hesitate to go past that level and find an expert. You could be emotional when discussing various scenarios, but you will make the right choice regardless. Do not jump to conclusions. Tonight: Paint the town red.  
**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)  
 ★★★★★ You relate well to others, especially if they are authentic and clear. As conversations continue, you will want to consider what you are hearing before drawing any conclusions. Let others know what you are thinking. Tonight: Find a favorite person.  
**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)  
 ★★★★★ Others are likely to have a lot to say. Keep an open mind, and be willing to listen and learn from them. You might have the whole situation played out in your head, but choose not to share your judgments just yet. Tonight: Go along with someone else's plans.  
**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)  
 ★★★★★ You might be taken aback by all the possibilities that surround you. Think about what would be the best way to complete what you must do. If you do, you will be more relaxed with what serendipity presents in your life. Learn to flex. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

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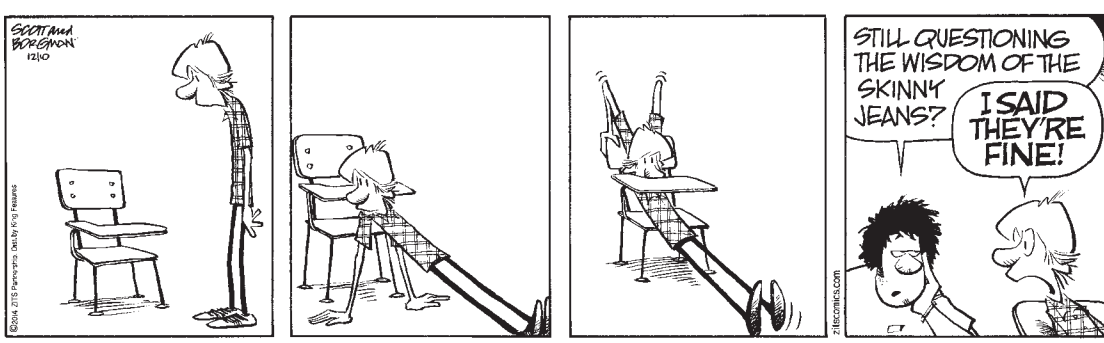
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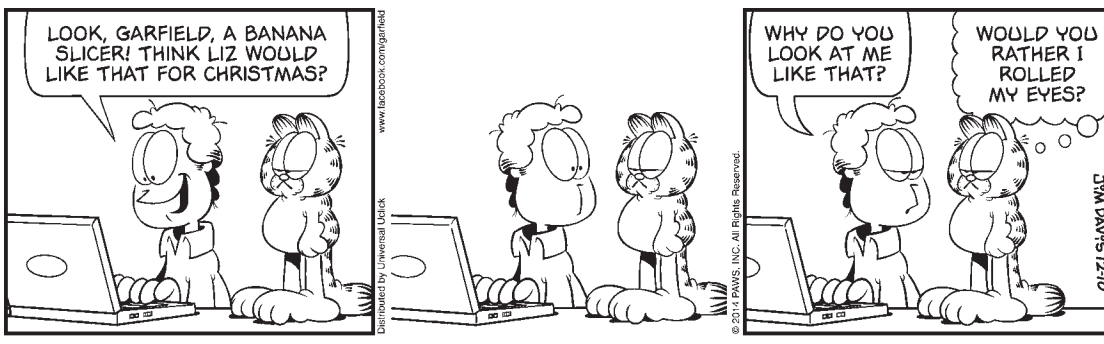
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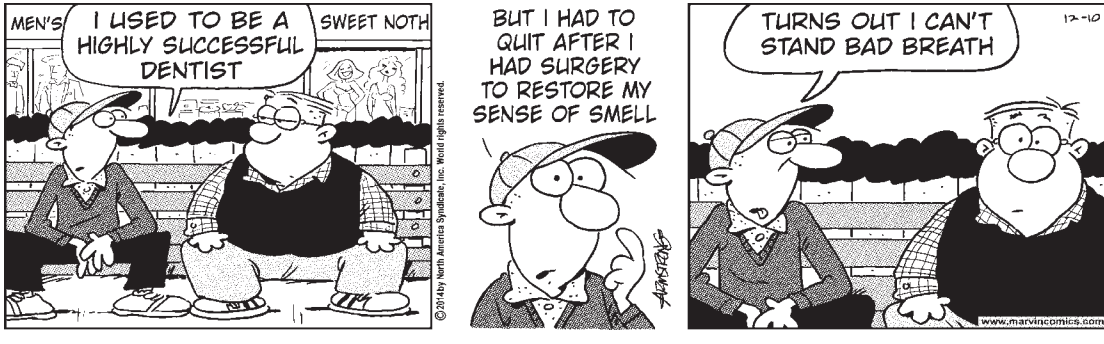
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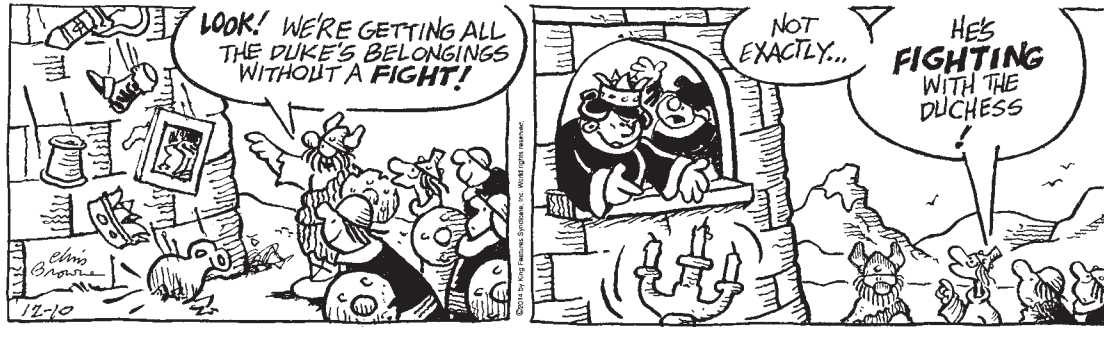
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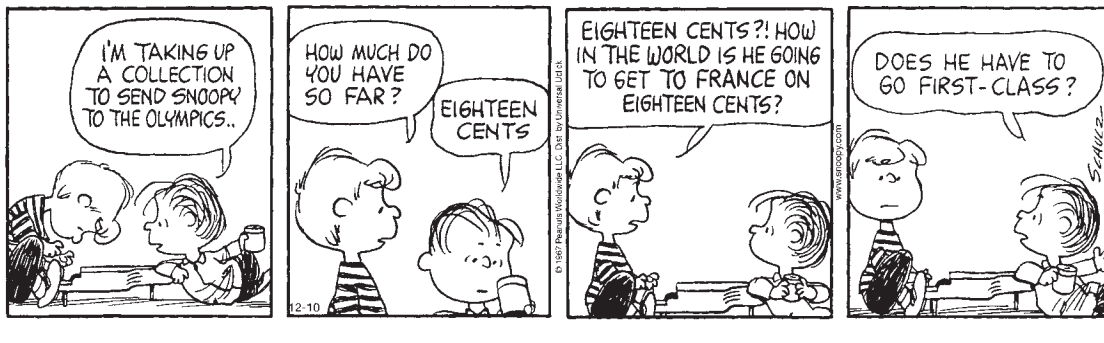
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### Hagar The Horrible



### Peanuts



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# AT THE LOCAL CLUBS



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Above, county commissioner Jeff Haley was the speaker at the Rotary Club meeting last week on Dec. 3. Below, Debbie Weaver, second from right, of Pampa Junior High School was presented as the Lion's Club teacher of the year. From left, Dr. Jay Johnson, Shane Stokes, Debbie Weaver and Dr. David Young.



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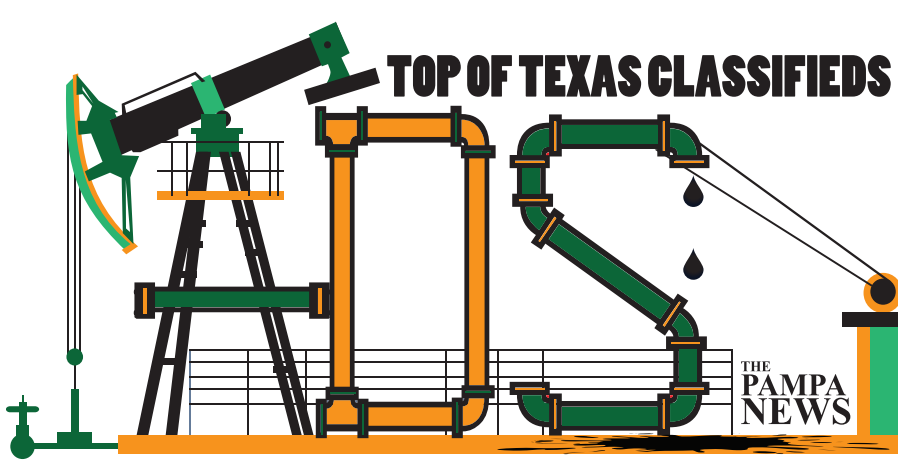
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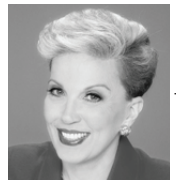
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**Dear Abby...**

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: A few months ago, I turned 50 and my co-workers held a small celebration. When we celebrate birthdays, we all have agreed to re-gift an item (usually a gag gift).

One of my presents was a black leather miniskirt and matching vest. I never planned on wearing it, but my husband, "Tom," and I were invited to an "80s-themed Halloween party and I didn't want to spend a lot of money on a costume, so we decided to go as a rock star and his groupie.

I left work early to get ready for the party. When Tom arrived home, he couldn't keep his eyes or hands off me. We never made it to the party and had the best sex we'd had in years. Before that night, our love life had been practically nonexistent.

Abby, please remind readers to always keep intimacy in their relationships. Apparently, Tom and I just needed to be creative and spice things up a little. — HAPPIER

**IN PENNSYLVANIA**

DEAR HAPPIER: That's a great suggestion. Now I know why your jack-o'-lantern was smiling.

DEAR ABBY: I was married for six years and had three children with my husband. He always said he hated people who cheat on their spouse, but then he had an affair with a married co-worker, a woman who had three kids. We had a huge argument about it. I called her names and he beat me up. I called the police, he was arrested, jailed, and I filed for divorce.

It has been six years and I have moved on, but I'm still angry over their cheating. They got married and invited mutual friends who knew of their affair. All of them attended the wedding.

When I questioned a few of them about why they didn't tell me he was cheating on me, they said it was "none of their business." (Oddly enough, those people thought nothing of socializing with the cheaters.)

I'd like to know how many of your readers would tell someone their spouse was cheating. I know I would, because affairs aren't innocent fun.

Just to add to the end of my story, my ex and his trophy wife are now divorcing after three years of marriage. The reason? He caught her cheating! — THE EX-MRS. IN ILLINOIS

DEAR EX-MRS.: These "friends" may not have told you because they either didn't want to get involved, or they had already chosen whose side they planned to be on.

I suspect many readers will want to chime in on your question. And I also suspect that, unlike years ago when folks opted to remain silent, the majority will say they feel the spouse has a right to know because

they would want to be told.

DEAR ABBY: Please provide advice on hugging a woman without it seeming like I am more interested in experiencing a free feel of her breasts than in just hugging her. Any help or suggestions will be appreciated. — HEALTHY AMERICAN MALE

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Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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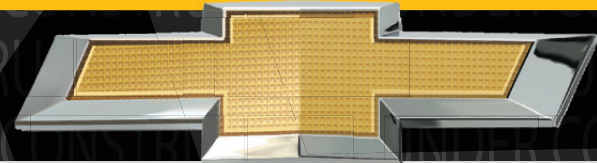
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# PampaSports

## Taryn Eubank's senior season at Harding University

### STAFF REPORT

The following are articles on Pampa High School graduate, Taryn Eubank, who is a senior at Harding University in Searcy, Ark. this year.

They were written by Nathan Looney of the Harding sports staff. Dates mentioned have already passed.

The Pampa News would like to congratulate Eubank on her outstanding performance as a college athlete and wish her the best of luck in her future endeavors.

### Harding set for GAC Tournament

SEARCY – The Harding volleyball team is set to play Ouachita Baptist at 7:30 p.m., in the first round of the Great American Conference Tournament on Thursday in Hot Springs, Ark.. The Lady Bisons head into the tournament as the No. 4 seed after going 10-4 in conference play this season.

The Lady Bisons will be looking for their second GAC Tournament title this weekend. Harding won it in 2012 after it hosting the tournament in Searcy.

The Lady Bisons hold a 7-2 record in the GAC Tournament with both of their losses coming against Arkansas Tech in the Finals.

Harding (19-8) will be the No. 4 seed in its conference tournament for the first time since it joined the NCAA in 1997. In the GAC Tournament, Lady Bisons have been the No. 1 seed twice and the No. 2 seed once.

Harding will be looking for its 20th win on Thursday. It would be the third straight year the Lady Bisons have won 20 or more matches in a season. Since joining the NCAA in 1997, Harding has had 15 seasons they have won over 20 matches.

Harding is coming off a 3-1 loss at Ouachita Baptist last Thursday in its final regular season match. The Lady Bisons were led by senior outside hitter Marindia Turner who captured a double-double with 14 kills and 10 digs. Senior middle blocker Liv Savage had 13 kills and five blocks for Harding.

The Lady Bisons are led on the season by Turner who averages 2.99 kills per set ranking ninth in the GAC. She is 10 kills away from 300 on the season and four



Taryn Eubank

away from 900 in her career.

Harding ranks second in the GAC in hitting percentage (.214) and has three players that rank in the top 10. Sophomore middle blocker Sara Smith ranks second, hitting .302. Savage ranks sixth, hitting .283 and senior setter Taryn Eubank ranks seventh, hitting .281.

Eubank, who has been battling an injury, ranks third in the GAC in assists averaging 10.09 per set. She has had 16 double-doubles this season. Against Southern Arkansas in Searcy, Eubank was one dig away from getting a triple-double. She had 10 kills, 29 assists and nine digs. Eubank needs eight assists to become the fourth player at Harding to have 3,000 career assists.

Savage ranks fourth in the GAC blocks, averaging 1.12 per set. She had a career-high 12 blocks against Arkansas Tech in Searcy. Savage needs four blocks to get to 350 in her career. She also ranks third in the GAC in service aces, averaging 0.46 per set. Savage had over four a match three times season and had five at Northwestern Oklahoma.

Sophomore defensive specialist Anna Leigh Cargile leads the Harding defense ranking seventh in the GAC in digs, averaging 4.33 per set. She has had over 10 digs in a match 22 times this season and has had over 20 digs six times, including a career-high 28 at Arkansas Tech. Cargile needs 19 more digs to get to 500 in her career.

As a team, Harding ranks first in the GAC in digs averaging 18.21 per set. The Lady Bisons rank second in kills (13.19), assists (12.11) and hitting percentage (.214).

Harding is coached by Meredith Fear who is in her third season and has a 74-22 record.

### Eubank named to All-Conference

RUSSELLVILLE, Ark. – The Harding volleyball team had four players named All-Great American Conference on

Wednesday. Seniors Taryn Eubank and Liv Savage were named 1st Team All-GAC, and senior Marindia Turner and sophomore Anna Leigh Cargile were named honorable mention.

It is the third straight year Harding has had at least four players named All-GAC.

Eubank, a setter from Pampa, Texas, picked up her second All-GAC honor. Last year she was named 2nd Team All-GAC. Eubank quarterbacked the Harding offense this season and averages 10.09 assists per set, ranking third in the GAC.

Savage, a middle blocker from Amarillo, Texas, received her third straight All-GAC honor. She was named 2nd Team All-GAC the last two season. Savage ranks fourth in the GAC in blocks (1.12 per set). She and third in the GAC in services aces, (0.46)

It was the second straight year Turner, an outside hitter from Wylie, Texas, has been named All-GAC. She leads the team and ranks ninth in the GAC in kills, averaging 2.99 per set.

It is the first All-GAC award Cargile, a defensive specialist from Frisco, Texas, has earned in her career. Cargile played every set at libero. She ranks seventh in the GAC in digs, averaging 4.33 per set.

Harding will be back in action on Thursday as it takes on Ouachita Baptist at 7:30 p.m. in the first round of the GAC Tournament held in Hot Springs, Arkansas

### Lady Bison Advances to Semifinals with Win over Ouachita Baptist

HOT SPRINGS, Ark. – Senior outside hitter Marindia Turner had 15 kills and 18 digs to lead the Harding volleyball team over Ouachita Baptist 3-1 (25-19, 19-25, 25-22, 25-19) in the first round of the Great American Conference Tournament on Thursday at Bank of the Ozarks Arena.

The Lady Bisons advance to the semifinals and will play Arkansas Tech at 6 p.m., on Friday.

It is the fourth straight season Harding has advanced to the conference semifinals. The Lady Bisons are looking for their second GAC Tournament Championship. Harding won the tournament in 2012. Friday's match against Arkansas Tech, who is the No. 1 seed, will be the first time the

teams have met in the GAC Tournament outside of the finals.

Harding picked up its 20th win of the season on Thursday. It is the third straight year the Lady Bisons have won 20 or matches in a season. Since joining the NCAA in 1997, Harding has had 16 seasons they have won over 20 matches.

Harding had 57 kills and hit .215 in the match. Middle blockers Sara Smith and Liv Savage each had 11 kills. Turner picked up her 900th career kill in the match.

Senior setter Taryn Eubank captured her 35th career double-double with 50 assists and 11 digs. Eubank picked up her 3,000th career assist in the match and currently ranks fourth all-time at Harding.

Harding had three other players in double-figure digs besides Turner and Eubank. Senior outside hitter Erica Heim led the Lady Bisons with 19 digs.

Sophomore defensive specialist Anna Leigh Cargile had 14 and junior defensive specialist Bianca Trevino had 11.

Ouachita Baptist (16-10) was led by Kori Bullard who had 12 kills.

The Tigers had 94 digs in the match led by Ashley Wake who had a match-high 23 and Jayme Shell who had 21.

Trailing 16-14 in the first set, Harding went on an 8-1 run to lead 22-17. A Lady Bison kill and a block gave Harding the set 25-19.

The Lady Bisons took a 9-4 lead in the second set before Ouachita Baptist battled back on a 6-2 run to pull within one, 11-10. The Tigers then went on a 6-0 run on five kills to lead 18-13. The teams exchanged points the rest of the way as the Ouachita Baptist lead proved to be too much for Harding to overcome as the Tigers took the set 25-19.

The Lady Bisons jumped out to an 11-5 lead in the third set before giving up a 10-4 Tiger run to tie the set at 15.

Harding scored the next four points to lead 19-15 and held onto the lead the rest of the way to take the set 25-22.

The fourth set was close until Harding broke away on a 12-5 run to lead 16-11. Ouachita Baptist tried to battle back but Harding had four kills and service ace to close the set and take the match.

## Extra

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miracle to even sniff playoffs.

Since the first game in November, Hoyer has thrown 10 interceptions to just four touchdowns.

What other stats do you need, Pettine?

A solid defense in CFB or NFL is hard to come by these days of the spread offenses but the Browns have one this season.

It would be a shame to ruin the stellar defensive performance because the offense can't get it together.

Some may say well Manziel won't do any better.

Yeah that is true he may

not, but until he gets his shot how are we ever going to know?

If he does come out terrible in the final three games then the Browns can look at some quarterback options in the offseason.

Otherwise, the Browns will have to wait until the 2015 offseason to look for other options if Manziel doesn't play until then.

I would rather them not wait.

I don't like Manziel's attitude but he seems to be cleaning up his act a little.

It is time Cleveland for Johnny Football.

By the way, in the short time Manziel has played this season he is 5-9 for 63 yards through the air.

He has two rushes for 13 yards and a touchdown.

Overall, his QB rating is

77.5. Hoyer's rating? 76.4.

A perfect score is 158.3.

By the time this article runs Manziel could in fact be named the starter already, or it could be Hoyer.

The ball is in Pettine's court now. He needs to make the right decision or he could find himself on the hot seat quickly.

Tell me about some head scratching moves your favorite team makes or doesn't make.

Or tell me about a time where you went from elated to depressed in a time span of just a few short hours.

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