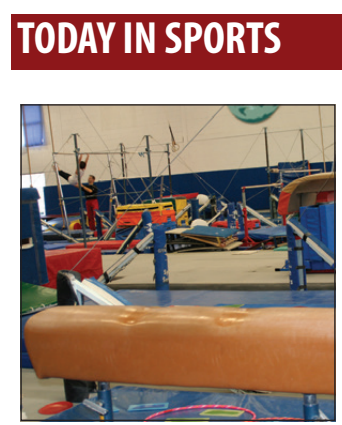


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4 vehicles stolen in Pampa, Lefors



Submitted photo
 A screen capture from a Walmart surveillance video shows a male suspect getting into a white GMC truck owned by Larry Baker Plumbing. The suspect then drove away in the truck. The white van on the left also is reported stolen.

■ White van located Wednesday night by Sheriff's Office.

BY TIMOTHY P HOWSARE
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Pampa Gray County Crime Stoppers needs your help in solving this week's "Crime of the Week" for Feb. 5.
 On Feb. 4, the Gray County Sheriff's Office, Lefors City Marshal's Office and Pampa Police Department all took reports on four vehicles that had been stolen from various locations.
 One vehicle was taken from the Hampton Inn, one from an address in Lefors, one from a residence on Cherokee Street in Pampa and another from Walmart. Investigators believe that all four crimes are connected.
 Surveillance footage from one of the thefts shows what appears to be a tall male suspect exit the pas-

senger's side of one of the stolen vehicles, a white van, and enter into and drive away with the truck parked next to it, stealing it as well.
 The white van was located Wednesday night by the Gray County Sheriff's Office, according to PPD. The stolen vehicle still at-large is described as a 2011 White GMC pickup, Texas tag No. BD25262, with Larry Baker Plumbing written on the side and a ladder rack on top.
 According to the initial report taken by PPD, the white GMC truck was left unlocked and the key was left in the ignition.
 "Thieves often look for opportunities and this was one incident," said Officer Jason Collier, PPD spokesman. "The vehicle was possibly left running due to the cold weather. Thieves look for opportunities like this, and that is why we ask citizens to take extra steps to protect their property."
 Collier said to never leave your vehicle unattended while it is running or leave the keys in the **THEFTS** cont. on page 2

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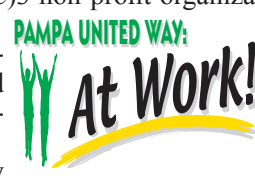


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 No matter the weather, Pampans can always count on Meija's Bakery being open for breakfast, and Thursday morning was no exception. Very little traffic was seen on the streets after the snowfall that came during the night. However, it was business as usual at Meija's. The restaurant and bakery is open for breakfast at 6:30 a.m. Monday through Saturday and at 8 a.m. Sunday.

United Way soliciting applications for 2015

STAFF REPORT

The Pampa United Way now has applications available for agencies to apply for funding that begins in January 2015.
 The deadline for returning applications is Feb. 24. To receive funding from the United Way, an agency must be a 501(C)3 non-profit organization.
 If an agency is approved, then a second process begins to determine allocations.
 Organizations may pick up applications at 200 N. Ballard St., Suite 105, or call 806-669-1001. Those accepted into the budget allocations process will need to pick up another set of forms to be completed for that process.
 Listed below are the 10 most common criteria
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BIRD BABBLE



Local birder shares lifelong admiration of rare birds in the Panhandle. Page 12.

Historic aircraft retires to Amarillo

■ DC-3s revolutionized commercial air travel in first half of 20th Century.

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AMARILLO — If you had as many miles on you as this airplane, you'd want to retire, too.
 A Douglas DC-3 aircraft that is one of three movable items on the nation's National Register of Historic Places (the other movable items being San Francisco's famed cable cars and New Orleans' St. Charles streetcars) is about to complete its nearly seven-decade long career by retiring to a museum in Amarillo.
 On Feb. 11 this stately and historic aircraft will taxi away from Hangar 8 of the Federal Aviation Administration's Mike Monroney Aeronauti-
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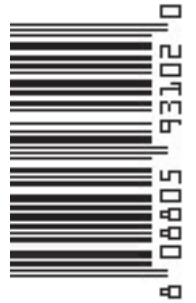
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 The historic DC-3 that will find a temporary home at the Texas Air & Space Museum at the Rick Husband Amarillo International Airport.

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ria used by United Ways to determine funding eligibility of local agencies. These guidelines are broadly stated to provide maximum opportunity for United Ways to review them in a manner that will best serve the interests of their respective communities.

The admission guidelines are:

• **Be incorporated, not-for-profit and IRS tax exempt.**

Explanation: Agencies receiving United Way dollars must be non-profit organizations that have been declared tax exempt by the IRS have a 501(c)3 purpose. Evidence of compliance with state charitable regulations should be provided, where applicable. A copy of the agency's by-laws should also be provided to the United Way.

• **Offers human service programs.**

Explanation: The United Way of America Service Identification System defines various human services and programs that may qualify for funding. Many communities may limit "human service programs" to specifically health, welfare and youth guidance programs. United Way funded

agencies should meet the tests of accessibility (e.g., location of the facility) and availability (e.g., frequency and times of operation). The entity applying must be in service for two full years.

• **Provides community service based on documented needs.**

Explanation: The agency/program should address itself to an identifiable current need, demand, or problem in the community. Services which are supported by voluntary dollars should be clearly defined and their impact documented by the organization. They should be offered to a target population or geographic local not presently served by existing programs.

• **Non-discriminatory.**

Explanation: Discrimination by race, creed, color, sex, age or religion should be prohibited in programs, service, staffing and volunteer areas. A written affirmative action plan for employment of staff would reinforce compliance with the Equal Employment Opportunity Act of 1972.

• **Has an active, rotating, volunteer leadership that represents the diverse elements of the community.**

Explanation: The agency's board of directors of governing body should consist of volunteers who participate in the policy-making processes, represent the diverse

elements of the community, and periodically rotate off the board and meet, at least, quarterly. Members of the volunteer structure should not receive financial enumeration from the programs or services they oversee.

• **Has sound financial and program management.**

Explanation: Demonstrated ability to manage the finances of the programs/services in accordance with generally accepted accounting procedures. The organization should provide a copy of its annual audit using an independent certified public accountant or accounting firm, where feasible.

Many United Ways require additional information from agencies as conditions for funding. These conditions are unique to the United Way funding relationship and are often included in formalized agreements.

• **Agrees to support and cooperate with the United Way in fundraising, planning, communications and allocations.**

Explanation: United Way's relationships with agencies should be one of partnership rather than one of ownership. This relationship revolves around four primary areas: raising voluntary contributions, planning for the needs of the total community, communicating their services to

the public and allocating the funds through an equitable and effective budget allocation process.

• **Agrees to provide timely financial and program information.**

Explanation: Agencies share the responsibility of being accountable to the community for the expenditure of voluntary dollars. Periodic reporting of financial and program data to the United Way on operating costs and income which documents agency expenditures and substantiates their validity.

• **Agrees to inform and seek approval from the United Way for all significant program/staff expansion or reduction.**

Explanation: The United Way should not be expected to assume financial responsibility for any expansion or discontinuation of the agency's operations or facilities without prior approval and discussion of how this action will affect the agency's allocations, if at all.

• **Agrees to obtain prior approval from the United Way before engaging in any supplemental fundraising effort.**

Explanation: Agencies must obtain prior approval from the United Way regarding their capital and supplemental fund raising needs.

Heating assistance available

STAFF REPORT

Panhandle Community Services in Pampa said it has gotten lots of calls for heating bill assistance since the major cold snap hit a few days ago.

So many that it's booked for appointments through next month, said PCS administrative assistance Lisa Poland-Martinez.

To find out if you qualify for utility assistance, apply online at pscvcs.org, call toll-free at 1-855-459-3716 or call the local number at 806-665-0081.

The local gas company, Atmos Energy, will not turn off any customer's power when temperatures drop below 32 degrees anywhere in the Panhandle outside of Amarillo.

The energy company has a program called Sharing the Warmth to help those who need help paying their bills, and you can donate to that effort by checking the voluntary donation box on your Atmos Energy bill.

That money goes to Panhandle Community Services to be distributed to those in need. The agency is headquartered in Amarillo, and has an office in Pampa that serves Gray, Roberts and Hemphill counties.

Chartered in 1965 as the Community Council of Potter and Randall Counties, the agency has grown to provide assistance to those in need throughout the Panhandle.

Thefts

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vehicle.

"Vehicle owners should always lock the doors and remove valuables or keep them out of sight," he said.

If you have any information regarding this crime, or know the identity of those responsible, call

Crime Stoppers at 806-669-2222, visit www.pgcstips.com or text "pampa" along with your tip to 274637.

A cash reward of up to \$1,000 is being offered for information that leads to the arrest or filing of criminal charges against the individual or individuals responsible for this offense.

DC-3

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cal Center in Oklahoma City. Two throbbing Pratt & Whitney R-1830-94 radial engines will pull gen-

erations of memories down the runway, into the air and head steadily west, and it will land at the Rick Husband Amarillo International Airport where it will follow taxiway Papa to the Texas Air & Space Museum and shut its engines down one

last time.

The FAA announced that its last workhorse DC-3 must go to a museum in order to make space for a new generation of aircraft that serve the nation. This Douglas DC-3 — built in May of 1945 and affectionately known by its FAA Number N34 — spent its first decade flying worldwide for the U.S. Navy, operated from 1958 through 1981 for the FAA's forerunner the CAA, and, later, served for the FAA as a Flight Inspection Aircraft, a Type II Flight Inspection Aircraft and, lastly, as the FAA's main flight inspection training aircraft. After retirement in 1981, N34

spent years in storage or flying to air shows around the country. Reconditioned in 2002 to participate in the U.S. National Centennial of Flight in 2003, it later flew in 2008 and 2009 to help celebrate the 50th anniversary of the FAA.

Beginning March 1, 2014, this historic aircraft will be available for public viewing at the Texas Air & Space Museum's temporary location, 10001 American Drive, Amarillo. Preparation for a permanent home for this monument to aviation history is in progress. Tax-deductible donations are needed that will help create a unique and special home that properly honors the contribution of this aircraft to development of air transportation throughout the nation and world can be made by visiting buildthedc3athome.org.

The Douglas DC-3, N34 is representative of an aircraft type that revolutionized the commercial airline industry and made a significant contribution to the evolution of military aviation during World War II. First designed and built in the mid-1930s, the first DC-3 flew on Dec. 17, 1935, exactly 32 years after the Wright brothers made the first powered airplane flight. More than 10,000 DC-3s were manufactured but only 410

are still registered in the United States, making this airplane a rare survivor of a once common aircraft type. Registered in at least 159 separate countries, the DC-3s were utilized in a vast array of duties from luxury transcontinental passenger transports to crop spraying.

History

Completed in 1945 near the end of World War II, the Navy used the Douglas DC-3, N34 at various worldwide locations as a transport airplane. Among the assignments were London, Rome, Naples, Paris, Algiers, Frankfurt, Brussels, Oslo, Stockholm, Dublin, Cairo, Kuwait and Baghdad. Later converted to a R4D-6, it was assigned to the U.S. Navy Utility Transport Squadron Four (VRU-Four) from Feb. 26, 1947 until March 1949 when it was detached from the squadron and returned to the U.S. On April 8, 1947, N34 nosed over in the mud while being taxied out of the only parking area available in London, and both engines had to be changed. While not officially assigned to the Berlin Airlift (1948-49), it is highly probable that N34 flew into Berlin in support of Operation VITTLES, as most airplanes in the area during that time were pressed into support of the airlift operation. Sometime prior to 1956 the airplane was put into storage by the Navy.

The Navy loaned the airplane, along with four other DC-3s, to the Civil Aviation Administration (CAA), later the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). The initial FAA assignment as a flight inspection airplane was to

the Southwest Region in Fort Worth, and later to various other FAA regions. This airplane was operational and photographed with its first CAA livery paint scheme on the ramp at Oakland in August 1958.

Retirement

In 1981, N34 was withdrawn from flight inspection and assigned to the training program in Oklahoma City, but was declared excess to FAA needs on Jan. 1, 1983. During the early stages of disposing of the DC-3s beginning in the 1970s (as new jets were taking over their functions), initial efforts by FAA employees to preserve one for its historic value finally culminated in this last FAA DC-3, N34, being reinstated by the FAA Administrator in 1985. Following its 1983 retirement and 1985 restoration, N34 was used in the FAA's aviation educational programs to promote aviation and the FAA's heritage. Restored again in 2002 with the same equipment, furnishings and arrangement that were originally installed in 1957, N34 has participated in the U.S. National Centennial of Flight and has flown to aviation venues around the nation.

About the Texas Air & Space Museum

The Texas Air & Space Museum is located at the Rick Husband Amarillo International Airport in Amarillo. The museum is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization chartered in the state of Texas to inspire young — and once young — individuals from all parts of the state, nation and world to share the wonder of the heavens and the inventions that take us there.



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Saturday: Partly cloudy with a high of 45. Winds west-northwest at 11 mph. Sunrise at 7:38 a.m.

Saturday night: Partly cloudy with a low of 14. Winds northwest at 10 mph. Sunset at 6:19 p.m.

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GI Joe, the world's first action figure, turns 50

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y. (AP) — G.I. Joe is turning 50.

The birthday of what's called the world's first action figure is being celebrated this month by collectors and the toy maker that introduced it just before the nation plunged into the quagmire that would become the Vietnam War — a storm it seems to have weathered pretty well.

Since Hasbro brought it to the world's attention at the annual toy fair in New York City in early 1964, G.I. Joe has undergone many changes, some the result of shifts in public sentiment for military-themed toys, others dictated by the marketplace.

Still, whether it's the original "movable fighting man" decked out in the uniforms of the four branches of the U.S. military, or today's scaled-down products, G.I. Joe remains a popular brand.

"Joe stood for everything that was meant to be good: fighting evil, doing what's right for people," said Alan Hassenfeld, the 65-year-old former CEO for Pawtucket, R.I.-based Hasbro Inc., whose father, Merrill, oversaw G.I. Joe's development in 1963.

But it's Don Levine, then the company's head of research and development, who is often referred to as the "father" of G.I. Joe for shepherding the toy through design and development.

Levine and his team came up with an 11½-inch articulated figure with 21 moving parts, and since the company's employees included many military veterans, it was decided to outfit the toy in the uniforms of the Army, Navy, Marines and Air Force, with such accessories as guns, helmets and vehicles.

Levine, who served in the Army in Korea, said he got the idea for the moveable figure as a way to honor veterans.

But he and his team knew the product wasn't in Hasbro's usual mold,

and it took years of pitches before Merrill Hassenfeld gave it the company's full backing.

"Most boys in the '60s had a father or a relative who was or had been in the military," said Patricia Hogan, curator at The Strong National Museum of Play in Rochester, home to the National Toy Hall of Fame. "Once you've bought Joe, you need to buy all the accessories and play sets and add-ons, which was great for business."

G.I. Joe hit the shelves in time for the 1964 Christmas shopping season and soon became a big seller at \$4 apiece.

It remained popular until the late 1960s, as opposition to Vietnam intensified and parents shied away from military-related toys. Hasbro countered in 1970 by introducing "Adventure Team" G.I. Joes that played down the military connection. Into the '70s, G.I. Joes featured "lifelike hair" and "kung-fu grip" and were outfitted with scuba gear to save the oceans and explorer's clothing for discovering mummies.

Hasbro discontinued production later that decade. In the early 1980s, Hasbro shrank Joe to 3¾ inches, the same size as figures made popular by "Star Wars." It has stuck to that size, with the occasional issue of larger special editions.

Over the decades, G.I. Joe has spawned comic books, cartoons, two movies starring Channing Tatum, and a G.I. Joe Collector's Club and its annual convention — GIJoeCon — held in Dallas in April. But for many G.I. Joe fans of a certain age, the newer products hold no appeal.

"The 12-inch G.I. Joe built that company," said Tearle Ashby, of the New York village of Ballston Spa. "The stuff they put out now is garbage."

Ashby, a psychotherapist who turns 50 in June, played with G.I.

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Joes as a boy, but few survived, falling victim to encounters with firecrackers and little parachutes that failed to open.

"Casualties of war," said Ashby, who started collecting 12-inch G.I. Joes 20 years ago and now owns about 2,000.

On Saturday, he and other collectors plan to bring their 12-inch G.I. Joes to the New York State Military Museum in Saratoga Springs to celebrate the 50th birthday.

The exact date of G.I. Joe's introduction remains hazy. Ashby and others, including Hasbro, believe it was in February 1964 — but American International Toy Fair organizers say it was held in March that year.

Hasbro said it intends to announce details of its 50th anniversary plans during this year's fair in New York on Feb. 16-19.

G.I. Joe was elected into Toy Hall of Fame in 2004, six years after Barbie was enshrined. Hogan said the hall doesn't have policies prohibiting toy weapons from induction, although all candidates must be deemed safe. The U.S. was in the early stages of the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq a decade ago, so G.I. Joe's induction didn't meet the opposition it might have faced as the conflicts dragged on, Hogan said.

"I suspect," she said, "most people would have acknowledged that G.I. Joe really does belong in the Toy Hall of Fame."

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Man wanted in Texas arrested in Arkansas

FORT SMITH, Ark. (AP) — A man wanted in Texas in connection with the death of two people has been arrested in Arkansas.

The Southwest Times Records reports that 43-year-old Leo George Click Jr., of Victoria, Texas, was arrested Jan. 29 in Mountainburg.

Authorities say Click was driving under the influence along Texas 35 in Refugio County last August when the vehicle crossed the center line and struck an oncoming car. Two people were killed, 45-year-old Nicole Lowenberg and 14-year-old Samuel Stofregen.

The Refugio County Sheriff's Office issued an arrest warrant for Click in November.

Click's girlfriend, 45-year-old Carol Beerwart, was also arrested in Arkansas last week on suspicion of felony hindering apprehension.

Both Click and Beerwart were booked into the Crawford County Adult Detention Center. Click is being held on \$225,000 bond.

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This Land is Our Land To like or not like the government? What Americans say might surprise you

In a column for the Washington Post, Fareed Zakaria wonders if the big shebang about “Obamacare” was



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worse than George W. Bush’s response to Hurricane Katrina. It doesn’t matter, he answers himself, “it’s all evidence of the declining competence of the government and the growing hate that Americans feel for their government.”

Well, dress me in pink and call me Shirley. Do most Americans really dislike their government?

Conservative commentators would certainly like you to think so. For them, hating government is as American as apple pie.

But what do we really think of government?

A story goes that, as he was walking home at the end of the Constitutional Convention in 1787, Benjamin Franklin was asked by a person on the street, “Hey, Ben, so, what type of government did you create?” He replied, “A Republic. If you like it, you can keep it.”

It turns out that our likes or dislikes of government vary tremendously based on how we are asked about it.

For example, when asked about government in general, most Americans often react negatively. According

to a study from 2012 by the Kennedy School of Government, most Americans think that government is inherently wasteful and incompetent. Only 29 percent of those surveyed trust the government to do what is right. And nearly half see government as a threat to their rights and freedoms.

From these kinds of responses it is easy to leap to the conclusion that most Americans really don’t like their government at all.

But, when Americans were asked specific questions about their government they expressed strong – often very strong – support for government and its programs.

For example, if you ask about specific areas of regulation – from automobile safety to health care – Americans are much more likely to say they want more regulation than they are to say they want less. When people consider the specific ways that government programs may lessen dangers and risks for themselves and their families, they become more supportive of government regulation of business and markets.

This stands as a contradiction to the view that America is the land of “rugged individualism” where people would rather go it alone than ever depend on government for anything. Clearly, when we stop to think about what government can do for us in specific areas, we don’t believe that we should be going it alone without any

help from the government.

In addition to disliking “Big Government,” conservative legislators are constantly looking for ways to cut government expenditures on social policies and regulatory programs. But polls show that there is in fact very little public demand that we cut back on government spending.

When asked about specific government programs, large majorities of Americans actually support increased spending in these policy areas. According to The Public Interest Project, a majority of Americans want the government to keep spending at least the same amount, or more, in the areas of the environment, health, crime, drug addition, education, and Social Security.

What this means is that Americans may not like the idea of government, but we do like what it does for us in real life and real time.

The same dynamics arise in the question of taxes; it all depends on how you ask people about taxes. If you ask Americans what they think, in general, about taxes (especially the federal income tax) they consistently report that they are “too high.”

But if the questions about taxes include a reference to the benefits people actually get for paying their taxes, their answers suddenly become much more positive.

According to a report by NPR and **LIKE** cont. on page 5

Left turn in the emerging markets

There’s a new cynical perception among international investors that



LAWRENCE KUDLOW

Brazil is becoming Argentina, and Argentina is becoming Venezuela. But these investors are starting to boycott all the so-called emerging markets, since nearly all of them are moving to the left, abandoning free-market principles, reverting to the bad old days of higher spending and taxing, inflating the money supply, accumulating large trade deficits and letting their currencies go to hell in a hand basket.

In other words, the emerging-market investment paradigm, or the BRIC model, may be over.

Toward the end of last week, the U.S. stock market sold off nearly 500 points. Much of the blame has been placed on the collapse of the emerging-market currencies. Correct. The emerging-market tail was wagging the U.S. stock market dog.

We all know the Fed is playing a role in this as it tapers its bond purchases and injects less new cash into the economy. In recent years, some of that Fed-created excess liquidity has gone into emerging-market investments. But now, as the Fed begins to wind down, it’s as if the tide is going out to sea and revealing all the countries that left their bathing suits behind.

In other words, the left turn of many emerging-market nations is now naked for all to see. High inflation, crashing currencies, trade protectionism and economic redistribution are not the policies that grew these economies over the years and attracted investment. (South Korea, by the way, is a notable exception.)

You can go down the list. Argentina is on the verge of collapse under the left-wing populism of the Kirchner regime. Travelling leftward from Lula to Rousseff, Brazil has built a huge current-account deficit while pulling back on free trade. In India, free-market policies have stalled,

and if the Gandhis return to power, so will their socialist approach. And for various political and cultural reasons, the Erdogan government in Turkey has been moving hard to the left, all while the Turkish economy deteriorates. Turkey’s central bank may defend the lira with higher interest rates, but that tightening will worsen the economy and the political situation.

China, it’s important to note, has a different problem than these other emerging markets. The Peoples Bank of China is cutting back on liquidity and credit in the so-called shadow banking system. And while the Chinese economy is not plunging into recession, its growth has dropped from 12 to 7 percent. China’s slowdown remains a threat to the U.S. as well as the other emerging markets.

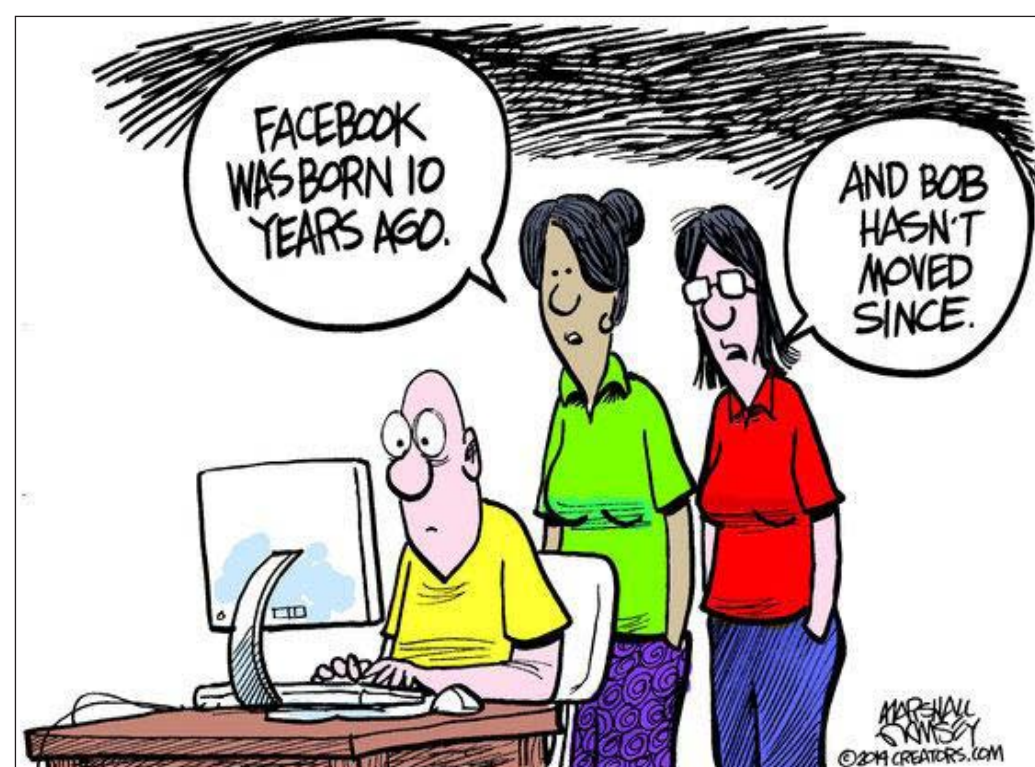
Fortunately, Europe’s economy is beginning to look better around the edges. So is Japan’s, following that nation’s massive monetary pump priming. And while some may disagree, the U.S. economy looks to be getting better, despite tax hikes, Obamacare and new regulations.

But the biggest challenge of our time is not income inequality or taxing the rich. It’s economic growth for the long run. Looking globally, the challenge is maintaining the liberal economic order, with free markets and free trade at the center.

But now we’re seeing developing countries such as India, Brazil, Argentina and Turkey move away from free markets and free trade, and from the very principles that attracted capital, ignited their growth and stabilized their currencies.

In the last couple of decades, hundreds of millions of the ultra-poor were lifted into the middle class as developing nations around the world moved towards free-market capitalism. But right now I must warn investors: Stay out of the emerging markets. They’re going the wrong way.

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Reputation versus regulation

Do you like to cook? Throw dinner parties? Many people enjoy that,

but paying for the food, plus accessories, is expensive. Would you host more often if you could get your guests to cover the costs?

Or suppose you’d like to go to a dinner party to meet new people in your neighborhood. Or maybe when you travel, instead of eating at restaurants, you’d like to see how the locals live.

Good news! Today both cooks and diners can get what they want. A new Internet business brings them together.

Bad news: Bureaucrats and the media worry that the dinner parties are not regulated.

Here’s how the business works. On the website EatWith.com, people who want to throw parties post pictures of their homes and the kinds of things they like to cook. “I really reminisce back to the days when friends would get together for a dinner party and then, maybe meet new friends,” said a hostess who let us watch one of her events. “Magical things

happen around the table when you sit people with food and alcohol.”

Eight people were eager to try her hospitality. Each chipped in \$39 (other hosts charge as little as \$23 for a simple pizza gathering or as much as \$150 for an elegant dinner with wine). All her guests said they had a wonderful time. Some exchanged phone numbers with new friends.

EatWith.com founder Guy Michlin got the idea for this business after an experience he had on a trip to Greece.

“After many tourist traps, I happened to be invited to a local family’s home. It was such a profound and amazing experience. And when I’m back home, I said, OK, let’s share this moment with millions around the world. And just build this platform called EatWith.” Now, Michlin takes a 15 percent cut of the cost of every dinner party.

What makes such businesses work is the power of reputation. Guests use the EatWith platform to rate homes and cooks. Hosts can decline guests if they don’t feel comfortable with their profiles.

Government, always slow on the uptake, barely knows services like this exist. But when it finds out, odds are it will panic

and regulate them. Fools in my profession will encourage that. WCBS-TV in New York, the TV station that gave me my first consumer-reporting job, aired a breathless report on “underground” dinner parties with ominous narration about “strangers” and a meal that was “completely unregulated!”

Oh, my goodness. Completely unregulated. Strangers in a home. The TV “investigators” brought in a hidden camera! Like this was a crime?

“Restaurants are regulated,” say the nannies. “Caterers, too.”

True. But most of the regulation is useless. It’s the need to maintain one’s reputation that does most to keep us safe — especially today, with instant feedback from the Internet. No clumsy government regulation is needed. Government (so far) doesn’t micromanage private dinner parties. Charging a fee shouldn’t make a difference.

EatWith guests don’t just count on reviews for their safety. The website vets each host in hopes of excluding any who might embarrass the company. Businesses like EatWith protect their investments by buying insurance in case someone sues.

In fact, the precautions

encouraged or dictated by insurance companies are usually more rational than the ones cobbled together by the political bureaucracy because private insurance companies really have to avoid losing money. They set rational rules that encourage clean kitchens and proper food handling.

The main reason businesses must do things well is to maintain their reputations. The hope of repeat business — for EatWith and for hosts using it — means it’s important to be hospitable and crucial not to poison your guests. Word gets out if you poison the guests.

EatWith continues to grow. Prospective hosts from more than a hundred companies have applied for listings. It’s a new and terrific part of what’s called the “sharing economy.”

Government pretends it must have a place at the table, but free people ought to be able to eat without government permission.

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the Kaiser Family Foundation, 84 percent of Americans say that they “don’t mind paying taxes because my taxes contribute to making sure we have public schools, clean streets, public safety and a national defense, and a cleaner environment.”

This is a pretty extraordinary situation. Not only do most Americans appreciate that government provides vital government services that they all enjoy, they also don’t resent paying for it.

In the end, the evidence shows that the conventional wisdom promulgated by conservatives, that Americans uniformly hate government, is simply not true. Our specific views on government clearly show the opposite.

Sure, on the surface we are cynical about government. After all, the founders created a system of government based on deep distrust of the power of strongly centralized government.

But underneath we know that government is central to our well-being as individuals and as a nation. Now, a better explanation as to government resentment might be that Americans deeply dislike government when “the other party” is in charge. And that’s okay. Deep ideological resentment and distrust in America is comparable to other developed countries.

Only by understanding the origins of our seemingly-divisive republican system can we interpret the world at present and plan for the capricious nature of the future.

We can blame Ben

Franklin and his buddies. They didn’t create, nor want, a direct democracy. Instead, they gave us a republican, representative democracy or the so-called “majority rule.”

It is true that Americans continue to confront a series of problems related to just how much (and in what ways) we should trust our government. But, I personally think that, if we brought Ben Franklin “back to the future” in a broken-down DeLorean, he would say, “Well, heck, I guess they liked this republic well enough to keep it this long.”

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Wendy Davis supports open carry law

AUSTIN (AP) — The Wild West tradition of openly carrying your six-shooter on the street has long been banned in Texas under state law. But the next governor could change that.



Wendy Davis

Rising Democratic star and gubernatorial candidate Wendy Davis has joined her top Republican rival in supporting a proposed “open carry” law. It would allow people with concealed handgun licenses to wear a pistol on their hip, in full view, while in public.

Davis has said she supports expanding gun rights in Texas. In a statement to The Associated Press, she said that includes open carry — a position that puts her at odds with her own party but could keep her from alienating gun rights advocates in a deeply conservative state where the Second Amendment is sacrosanct.

Davis’ position now aligns her with her Republican gubernatorial rival, Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott, marking her latest effort to eliminate it as a wedge issue in the campaign.

The state senator from Fort Worth said such a law should allow private property owners to determine whether weapons could be openly carried on their property.

She also said background checks and training requirements would “help ensure that only mentally stable, law-abiding citizens may carry, whether concealed or open.”

But her party and influential Democratic colleagues,

including a fellow state senator running for lieutenant governor, disagree.

“There is little or no public safety justification for open carry,” said Emmanuel Garcia, spokesman for the Texas Democratic Party. Kellye Burke, who leads the Texas Chapter of Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America, also opposes Davis’ position. She said the open carrying of firearms, whether rifles or pistols, “is meant to be a sign of intimidation. It’s not about protection.”

“I don’t think people are aware of it. They just haven’t seen it yet. People are completely shocked how strange and lawless it looks to have that kind of firepower in our daily life,” Burke said.

History suggests that Davis’ position is a pragmatic one. Former Gov. Ann Richards, a Democrat, vetoed a concealed handgun measure, but Republican George W. Bush made it a major campaign issue when he defeated Richards for governor in 1994. Texas passed its concealed handgun law the next year.

Davis, who said she keeps a gun at her home for protection, supported legislation last year to allow college students with concealed handgun licenses to keep their weapons in their cars. She also voted for reduced training requirements to get such a license.

Still, gun rights advocates were skeptical. Texas State Rifle Association spokeswoman Alice Tripp noted Davis’ previous calls for more restrictions on gun show sales and past votes against allowing concealed license holders to carry their guns in classrooms and buildings on college campuses.

“Wendy Davis has a very bad record as far as gun

owners go,” Tripp said, calling Davis an “opportunist.”

Abbott spokesman Adviel Huerta expressed a similar sentiment.

“Sen. Wendy Davis’ new pro-gun stance may help improve her low grade with the NRA, but it won’t help her (be) a straight shooter when it comes to the facts of her anti-gun record,” Huerta said, noting that Abbott supported an open-carry bill in the 2013 legislative session.

But veteran Democratic consultant Harold Cook said Abbott supporters have already tried to portray Davis as anti-gun.

“If the issue isn’t important to you, then it would be smart to take it off the table by saying, ‘Me, too; now let’s go back to talking about education and how we fund road building and the stuff the mainstream of Texas is really concerned with,’” he said.

Open carry is specifically allowed in 17 states, according to the National Conference on State Legislatures. Many others leave it up to cities and counties to impose restrictions.

But laws in five states — including Texas — and Washington, D.C. specifically prohibit open carry of handguns, according to the gun rights advocacy group OpenCarry.org.

Texas does allow open carry of long firearms, such as rifles and shotguns, with virtually no restrictions. In recent months, rifle-toting Second Amendment advocates have held public demonstrations at the Alamo in San Antonio and near the Capitol in Austin.

Texas has about 600,000 concealed handgun license holders, who must be at least 21, pass criminal background checks and go through a training course.

Accolade to have heart screenings

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In an effort to detect heart health, Accolade Home Care and Accolade Hospice are offering confidential heart health screenings to Pampa and surrounding area residents from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Feb. 14 at Pampa Senior Citizens’ Center, 500 W. Francis Ave.

Accolade screenings take roughly five to ten minutes and will include a five panel screening that will measure: blood pressure, O2 saturation, weight, cholesterol and BMI. Each screening is administered by a qualified healthcare professional and the results from the screening will be made available to the participant. Accolade will also provide individuals with informational sheets explaining their numbers from the screenings.

Each year in the U.S. 6 million people are hospitalized due to cardiovascular disease. The number of excess deaths from Coronary Heart Disease is projected to rise from 59 in 2020 (an excess of 9 percent) to 3,600 in 2035.

Dr. Arunava Ray, a Texas cardiologist said, “Our patients are educated about their disease in our office or

through home health. Home health care has reduced readmissions into the hospital by a good fifty percent.”

“The simplicity of the monitor made things easier and also provided more personal care. It gave me a feeling of comfort that someone would look at my husband daily,” Weaver McKamie, wife of a Accolade Home Care patient said.

Telemonitoring has proven to be one of the best ways to manage cardiac patients in their home. Accolade was one of the first agencies in the country to use home telemonitoring to better care for their patients. The monitor is used easily by the patient to transmit vital signs to include blood pressure, heart rate, weight and oxygen saturation, daily to a team of specialized nurses. This daily transmitted information allows Accolade to provide more proactive care.

“Like most agencies we utilize the monitors on our cardiac patients. With the monitor, we are able to detect subtle changes in the patients’ conditions earlier, thereby reducing unnecessary hospitalizations and ER visits. This type of care empowers the patient to better manage their condition,”

Maureen Kratzer, registered nurse with Accolade Home Care said.

Based in Denton, Kindstar Corp. DBA Accolade Homecare’s Management, has served Home Health and Hospice patients for more than 20 years. Accolade has 33 locations throughout Texas, New Mexico and Oklahoma. Nurses and therapists visit patients in their homes to evaluate symptoms and provide treatment.

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Mandy Lynn Thomas Medley



Mandy Lynn Medley

Mandy Lynn Thomas Medley, 34, was granted her angel wings on Feb. 1, 2014 in Houston, with her family by her side.

Memorial services will be at 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8, 2014 at Cornerstone Baptist Church with Mr. Don Summers, family member, and Rev. Rodney Weatherly, interim pastor, officiating. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Mandy was born Dec. 15, 1979 in Pampa to her loving parents, Timo-

thy and Debbie Thomas. She graduated from Pampa High School in May of 1998 and married Jeremy "Newt" Medley on July 4, 1998 in Pampa. She was the manager of Jay's Drive Inn for 12 years. Mandy was preceded in death by her grandparents, Joy and Vesta Thomas; great-grandmother, Clarabell Williams; father-in-law, Bill Medley; aunt, Caroline Smith; God daughter, Lynny Standerfer; and cousin, Bethany Caviness.

She is survived by her husband, Jeremy Medley of the home; daughter, Korina Dean Medley of Pampa; parents, Timothy and Debbie Thomas of Pampa; brother, Clint Thomas and wife Jessica of Pampa; grandparents, Alvin and Wilma Helms of Pampa; mother-in-law, Jeannette Medley of Pampa; and several aunts, uncles, cousins and nieces.

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

Rare owl stolen from Washington bird sanctuary

SELAH, Wash. (AP) — Investigators are seeking the public's help in finding out who stole a rare owl from a central Washington bird sanctuary.

The 14-year-old tawny owl was taken Friday from a building on the Raptor House property in the small Yakima Valley city of Selah, the Yakima County sheriff's office said.

Shannon Dalan, who helps run the sanctuary with his wife, Marsha, said it was obvious the owl didn't fly the coop on his own: Someone took off a lock to the building, removed latches and unhooked the leash holding the owl, named Sherman.

The bird is glove-trained and frequently is displayed in classes, the sheriff's office said. Sherman weighs less than a pound and has reddish-brown feathers and pink eyelids.

The tawny owl is native to Europe and Asia, not North America, and Sherman could be worth \$3,000 to \$4,000 on the black market, Shannon Dalan said Tuesday.

"This bird is rare," he

said. "They knew what they were looking for. The person who stole it walked past other, native birds."

The Raptor House is home to about 20 birds, including other owls, hawks, falcons and eagles. Some are being rehabbed for return to the wild, and others that can't be released are used for education.

The tawny owl arrived about five years ago from a sanctuary in St. Louis. Shannon Dalan started calling him Sherman after ball-hawking Seattle Seahawks cornerback Richard Sherman.

Gas price average drops by 2 cents

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Filling up at the pump in the Lone Star State will cost drivers an average of \$3.07 a gallon, according to the AAA Texas Weekend Gas Watch. That price is two cents less than last week and 30 cents less than one year ago. The statewide is 20 cents less than the national average of \$3.27 a gallon. Of the major metropolitan areas surveyed in Texas, drivers

in El Paso are paying the most at \$3.13 and drivers in Amarillo are paying the least at \$2.98.

Recent history has seen pump prices charge higher to start the year, however cold temperatures across much of the country have led to weak demand and kept prices flat to begin 2014. Despite the quiet start to the year, AAA analysts expect the national average to move higher in the coming weeks and months due to the same

seasonal factors that have historically led to rising prices during the first quarter of the year.

As temperatures warm up, people travel more and the demand for fuel increases. Also, scheduled refinery maintenance which often begins in February as well as the mandated switchover to summer-blend gasoline before May, can result in sharp temporary price increases for areas supplied by affected facilities.

"It's around this time of year when we start reminding drivers about ways they can maximize their fuel efficiency," said AAA Texas/New Mexico Representative Doug Shupe. "To get the most mileage from their dollars, drivers should keep vehicles maintained according to manufacturer recommendations, keep vehicle loads light, avoid aggressive driving and speeding, and combine errands into fewer trips."

GOLD STAR WINNER



Photo by Lindsey Tomaschik

Eight-year-old Arieon Keller was the winner of this week's The Pampa News' "Treasure Hunt." She found the gold star and won the \$150 for this week. Check back in next Wednesday's publication for the next set of clues. The first person to come to The Pampa News office by 4 p.m. the Tuesday following the contest with the star will receive \$150. The star will be engraved with the words "Pampa News Treasure Hunt" and there will be different clues in each ad in the campaign each week.

No murder charge for man who shot deputy

DALLAS (AP) — A Central Texas man who shot and killed a sheriff's deputy entering his home will not be charged with capital murder, attorneys said Thursday.

A local grand jury declined Wednesday to indict Henry Goedrich Magee for the Dec. 19 death of Burleson County Sgt. Adam Sowders, who was part of a group of investigators executing a search warrant for Magee's rural home.

Sowders and other officers entered the home about 90 miles northwest of Houston without knocking just before 6 a.m. Authorities were looking for guns and marijuana.

Magee's attorney, Dick DeGuerin, said his client thought he was being burglarized, reached for a gun and opened fire.

DeGuerin has acknowledged his client had a small number of marijuana plants and seedlings, as well as guns he owned legally. The grand jury did indict Magee for possession of marijuana while in possession of a deadly weapon, a third-degree felony.

"This was a terrible tragedy that a deputy sheriff was killed, but Hank Magee believed that he and his pregnant girlfriend were being robbed," DeGuerin said in

an interview Thursday.

"He did what a lot of people would have done," DeGuerin added. "He defended himself and his girlfriend and his home."

The longtime defense attorney said he could not immediately remember another example of a Texas grand

jury declining to indict a defendant in the death of a law enforcement officer.

Magee is still in custody in neighboring Washington County, but should be soon released on bond since he only faces a marijuana possession charge, DeGuerin said.

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TUMBLING AROUND LEVELLAND



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Gymnastics of Pampa team members competed at the Levelland Invitational Trampoline and Tumbling meet in Levelland this past weekend. The gymnasts had a solid first competition of the season with multiple athletes taking home first place medals. Team members range in age from six to 12-years-old and train at Gymnastics of Pampa under coaches Kristi Petty, Christie Demetriades and Christa Perry. They compete in three disciplines, tumbling, trampoline and double-mini trampoline, and are all members of USA Gymnastics' Junior Olympic program. Pictured are, front row from left, Carsyn Hunt, Madison Swearingem, Saylor Stribling and Emma Perry. Second row, Quin Billingsley, Cassie Stubblefield and Ashley Perry. Third row, Olivia Flores, Haley Fossett and Peyton Demetriades. Back row, Katie Smith, Jordan Demetriades and Natalie Monds.

Results from the Levelland Invitational Trampoline and Tumbling Meet

6-year-olds
 Quin Billingsley — Level 1 Tumbling- first place, Level 1 Double Mini- fourth place, Level 1 Trampoline- fourth place

7-year-olds
 Emma Perry — Level 2 Tumbling- second place, Level 1 Trampoline- second place, Level 1 Double Mini- third place
 Carsyn Hunt — Level 1 Double Mini- second place, Level 1 Trampoline- third place, Level 2 Tumbling- fifth place

8-year-olds
 Saylor Stribling - Level 4 Double Mini- first place, Level 4 Tumbling- second place, Level 3 Trampoline- third place

9-year-olds
 Cassie Stubblefield — Level 2 Tumbling- first place, Level 1 Trampoline- first place, Level 1 Double Mini- first place
 Ashley Perry — Level 2 Trampoline- first place, Level 2 Double Mini - second place, Level 3 Tumbling - fourth place

10-year-olds
 Katie Smith — Level 4 Double Mini- first place, Level 3 Trampoline- fourth place, Level 3 Tumbling- fourth place
 Natalie Monds — Level

3 Double Mini- third place, Level 3 Trampoline- fourth place, Level 4 Tumbling- fifth place

11-year-olds
 Peyton Demetriades — Level 4 Double Mini- first place, Level 4 Tumbling- second place, Level 4 Trampoline- sixth place
 Haley Fossett — Level 5 Double Mini- second place, Level 4 Tumbling- fourth place, Level 4 Trampoline- fourth place

12-year-olds
 Olivia Flores — Level 3 Double Mini- first place, Level 3 Trampoline- second place, Level 4 Tumbling- fifth place
 Jordan Demetriades- Level 4 Trampoline- first place, Level 4 Tumbling- first place, Level 5 Double Mini- third place

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third in the Gold Division of the 12-years-old and under class at the Panhandle Volleyball Players Tournament in Amarillo. In January, they finished fifth in the Gold Division at the J.E.T. Volleyball Tournament in Amarillo. Also in January, they finished third in the Silver Division at the Regional Bid Qualifier Tournament, a large tournament that was held in multiple venues in Amarillo, Canyon and Bushland.



Submitted photo

Front row from left, Hallie Sieck (5th grade), Chandler Petty (5th) and Shelbi Burrows (5th). Back row, Celest Ostercamp (5th), Kambry Smith (6th), Maggie Hernandez (6th), Ally Gutierrez (6th) and Klaire Cambren (5th). (Not pictured: Georgie Osborne-6th)

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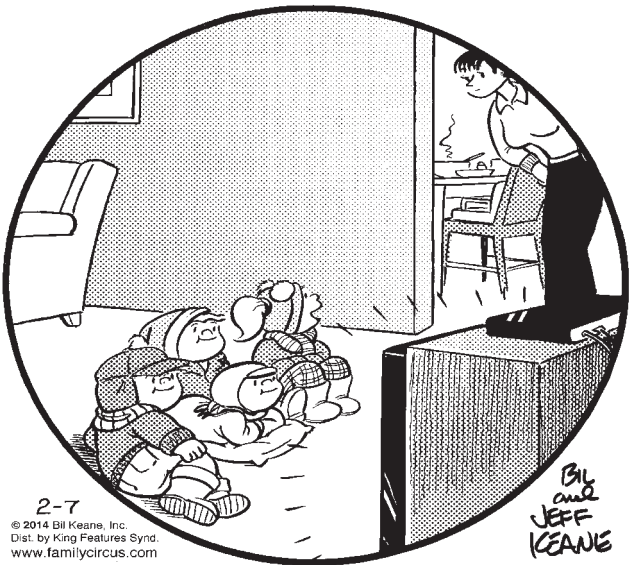
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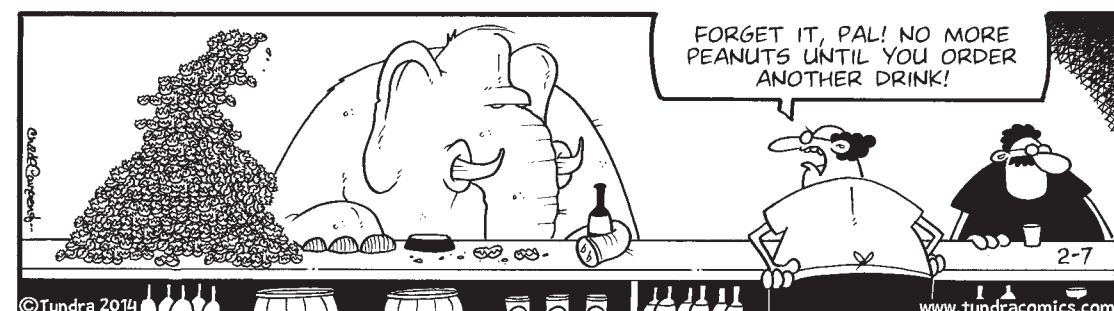


daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, Feb. 8, 2014:
This year the unexpected amuses you rather than upsets you. Go with the natural flow of situations. Your calmness helps others let go of their need to control situations. In a sense, you become a role model of levelheadedness. Tap into your creativity, and allow your spontaneity to emerge more often. If you are single, you will have a circle of admirers. You could meet someone of significance after June 2014. This person could become even more than an admirer. If you are attached, the two of you have so much fun together that you often feel like two kids again. GEMINI makes you laugh despite yourself.
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)
★★★★ Try to accept that your expectations regarding your plans and choices might not pan out. You could be overwhelmed by a partner who is very moody and controlling. Express your caring in a way that he or she can understand. Tonight: Chat with a friend.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Your intuition could reveal a new perspective. Be more forthright about what is happening around you. Don't be upset by any awkwardness between you and someone else. This phase won't last forever. Reach out to someone whom you care a lot about. Tonight: Your treat.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You could be taken back by someone's words. This friend always has a surprise or some unpredictable element to his or her thinking. Be aware of a close loved one's gestures, as he or she is not as expressive as you are. Acknowledge this person's kindness. Tonight: All smiles.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You need to be more direct in handling a personal matter. The other party might act as if he or she does not understand you, which actually might be the case. Try to explain what you are thinking in a different way. Tonight: Let others imagine where you are.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Join friends. You might be planning a special trip together before you know it. Make a point to call a special friend at a distance. You might be seeing this person sooner than you think. Relax with friends, though you could feel somewhat on edge. Tonight:

Only where the fun is.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You might want to meet certain responsibilities first, before you get into more fun plans. A loved one could resort to manipulation in order to get your attention. Manage to squeeze in some time for your special loved ones -- they obviously need you. Tonight: Not at home.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Your imagination takes you to places that might not be realistic. You might feel ill at ease with a family member who is acting very differently. You'll wonder what is going on. Ask, and then listen. Tonight: Try a new experience, a new type of cuisine or a different social scene.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You might want to see a personal issue resolved, yet no matter what you do, the other party seems unwilling. For now, just let this person work through his or her issues. You don't need to take on any more problems. Tonight: How about a good old-fashioned date?
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You could see a matter differently from how a close loved one sees it. Though there might be momentary tension, remember that differences lead to growth. Be aware of the implication of a gift to a loved one. Tonight: Go along with already established plans.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Your workaholic side takes over and pushes you to finish up a project. Several people who miss you might make an effort to distract you. The question remains: When will you give in? Try not to make a loved one wait too long. Tonight: Make some calls before you decide.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Be more playful, and express your innate childishness. You delight others when you are spontaneous and emotional rather than strictly intellectual. Your instincts will guide you in making a gift choice for a loved one. Tonight: Help others enjoy themselves.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Your efforts will make a big difference to a friend. You even might affect a get-together in a positive way. People know where you stand, as you are open about your feelings. You could feel awkward around an older person. Don't make a big deal about it. Tonight: Out on the town.

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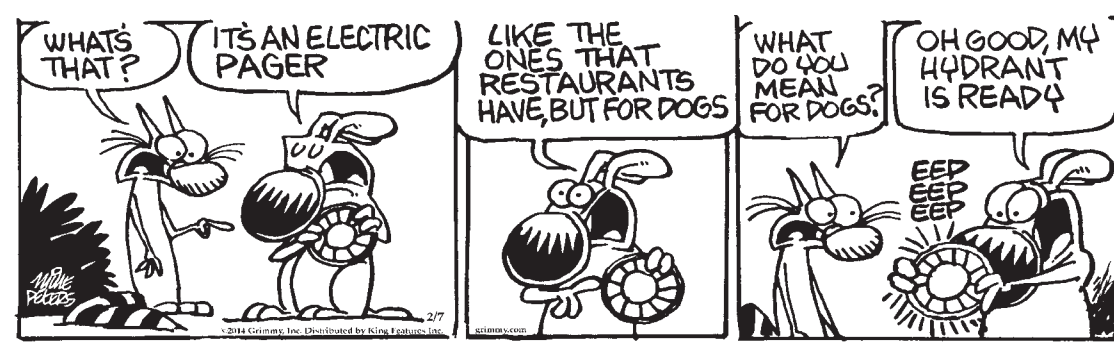


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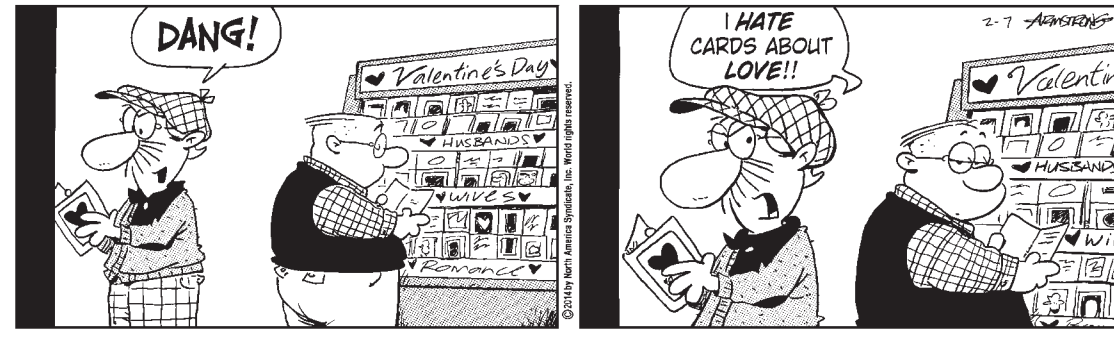
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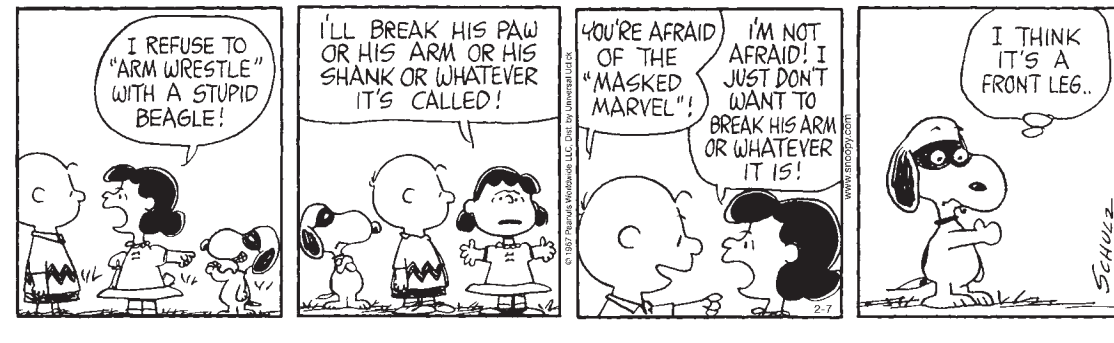
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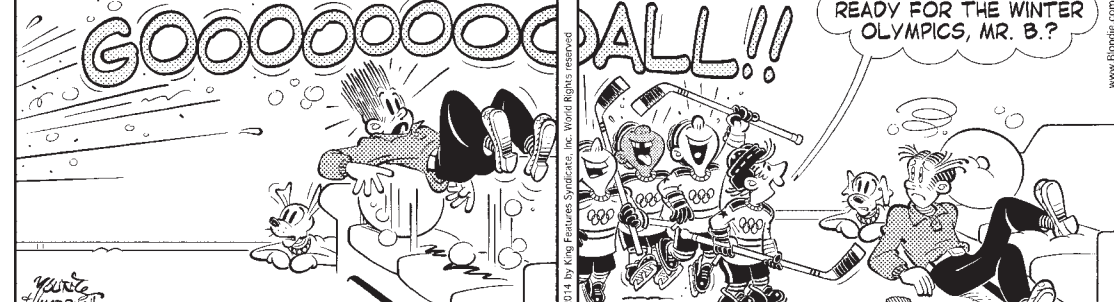
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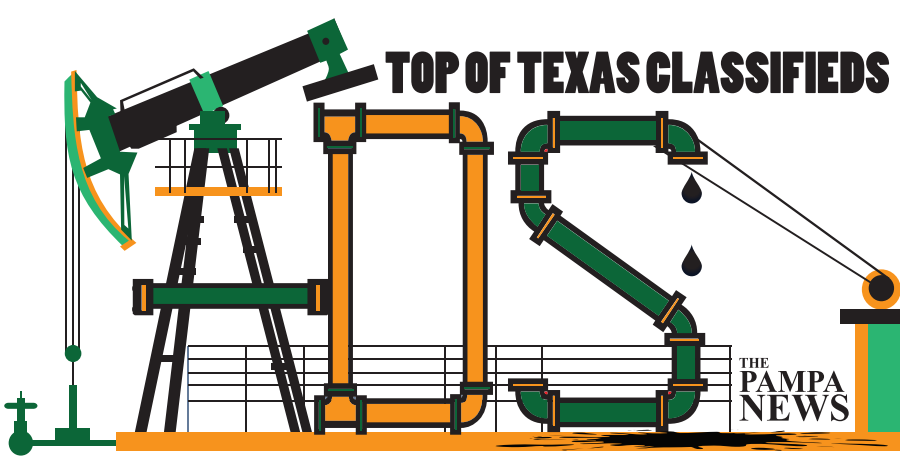


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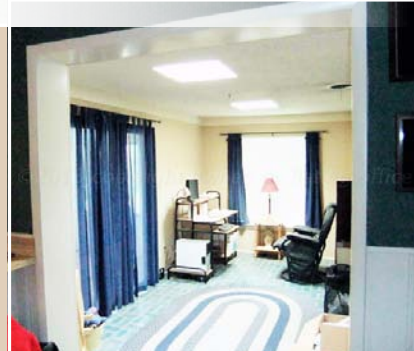
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DEAR ABBY: I have been dating someone for about six months. We fell in love very quickly and spend almost every second together.

Our relationship has hit a rough patch ever since he found out that I have dated African-American men. He can't seem to get over it, but he keeps saying he wants to try to make it work. He says cruel things sometimes when he gets mad, and it seems to be on his mind constantly. I don't know what to do or how to make this better. We fell in love, but it seems to be spoiled because of my past.

This isn't a big deal to me. I have always dated people I thought were good people. He seems to view it as disgusting. I thought he was my soul mate because we connected so well on everything else, but I'm afraid he will never get past this issue and I may be wasting my time. What should I do?

— ROCKY ROAD IN THE SOUTH

DEAR ROCKY ROAD: Give him a hug and let him go. You are the sum total of your experiences and your upbringing, and the same is true of your boyfriend. He comes from a background of racial prejudice. When a person is raised that way, the mindset can be very difficult to change.

As much as you might want to, you can't fix this man; only he can do that. And

from your description of him, I don't think he's capable of that kind of growth.

DEAR ABBY: I'm writing to you in the hope that you will share something with your readers. When I travel, I stay in hotels and it never ceases to amaze me how inconsiderate my fellow travelers can be. Late at night, the drunken party animals carry on, often until the sun rises. Then families with small children invade the halls, and the kids race up and down the halls screaming.

Behind every one of those closed hallway doors there may be a person who is trying to sleep. Fellow travelers, please be considerate! Walk softly and talk quietly in the halls.

And parents, please teach your children manners. This includes not playing noisily where people are try-

ing to sleep. — SLEEP-LESS NEAR SEATTLE

DEAR SLEEP-LESS: I have experienced the same difficulties that you have while traveling. Here's how I deal with it: I pick up the phone and notify the front desk or security if there are rowdy drunks keeping me awake after 10 p.m. — and the same goes for neighbors who have the volume on their television sets turned up so high I can't sleep. If the problem persists, I ask to be moved to a quieter room.

As for the screaming children chasing each other in the hallways — I have been known to poke my sleepy head out the door and ask them to please quiet down. Maybe I have just been lucky, but they usually do.

BANANAGRAMS!

There is one letter, not counting S, that when added to all of the six-letter words below can be used to form new seven-letter words. Find the letter that works, add it to each word, and then rearrange each set of letters to form a new word.

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Yesterday's Answer: OMELET, BUTTER, ENTREE 27

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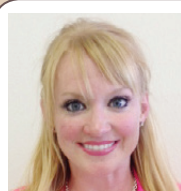


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TALES from the TOP OF TEXAS

Feathery creatures

Local birder shares with readers lifelong fascination with birds in the Panhandle.

BY DENNIS PALMITIER
Special to The Pampa News

Avifauna, or per the layman, birds, have, since my earliest recollection been my companions, my best friends. Courtesy of a blessing from my parents and maternal grandfather with early childhood excursions into Mother Nature, over my lifetime a passion for birds has remained and still grows within me.

Actually, all God's wild creatures are reason for me to take notice, but my fascination with feathered creatures is first and foremost my favorite past time. What could be any better for a birder than to live in the Texas Panhandle, a region chock full of indigenous and seasonal avifauna?

When a child, the Palmitier homestead was not air-conditioned, that is unless you want to call a swamp box "air conditioning." Ahem. On hot summer nights my bedroom was cooled by nothing but the wind, when there was a wind, blowing through raised windows. With their constant nighttime chortling and chirping, 'twas mockingbirds and western kingbirds that would sing me to sleep.

I have loved, thanks to those lullabies, their songs ever since. And, nothing to me is funnier than watching a territorial western kingbird dive bombing a hapless cat!

Folks, this coming spring, pick any a nighttime, raise if you can your bedroom window, lie down and wait. I guarantee you'll here a western kingbird singing its night song. The mockingbird? Well, nowadays to hear one will require living on Pampa's outskirts or well into the country, for an avian nemesis befalling a goodly portion of the United States keeps Texas' state bird away from cavorting and nesting in town.

One of my thrills about first winter then spring is the migration of water fowl into the Texas Panhandle, which sits squarely in the middle of the central flyway of avian migration patterns.

There are three migration flyways covering America — the Atlantic coast flyway, the central flyway and the Pacific coast flyway. The past couple of months, Pampa has been blessed by thousands of Canada geese darkening our skies as they fly back and forth between harvested corn fields and water sources. Stopping my walk and bringing a smile to my face happens when I hear the honking and

raucous goings on of a V-formation of Canada's, flying overhead!

The central flyway affords a birder great opportunities to see migrating sandhill cranes, Canada's and other water fowl. Pinging the birding interests of yours truly, there is also many a species of migrating raptors that follow along with the water fowl. Peregrine falcons and Bald Eagles love to munch on geese, and what could be better for the two than more than a quarter of a million wintering geese here in the Panhandle?

I've witnessed the following many a time. There is something extraordinary about watching a Peregrine falcon rocketing downward at more than 200 mph out of the sky in what is called a stoop with talons stretched wide impacting a flying goose followed by an eruption of feathers and down, with the falcon emerging out of the cloud of feathers with goose in talons! Dinner time! Hang on, for I've a favorite bird that every migratory season I will take great pains to find and view. I am talking about *falco mexicanus*, the prairie falcon.

The Panhandle is on the eastern and southern edge of the prairie falcon's migratory reach, which makes the little killing machine a somewhat rare sighting indeed. The prairie falcon will attain speeds similar to the Peregrine's when zeroed in on its prey, but goes about such by a totally different approach.

Opting to perch upon a high point, the prairie falcon after sighting its prey, usually a bird or rodent up to a cottontail rabbit, will dive off its perch and rocket parallel to the earth before impacting its prey!

I have written about the following birds in past essays.

The grackle. There are two species of grackle now seen throughout the lower 48 states — the common grackle and the boat tailed grackle. I don't like grackles for any number of reasons. One is the fact by their sheer numbers alone, the pests have displaced mockingbirds from within rural city limits. Grackles will raid other birds' nests and take eggs or hatchlings for food. Another is the fact they thrive off human litter. Hang around Sonic drive-in and you'll understand such.

A good indicator of climate change here on Mother Earth, not human derived but rather the change which is naturally occurring, the two species of grackle are an excellent case study.



Submitted photos

Top, a Peregrine falcon descends for the attack. Above a quail. Below, a prairie sunset.



In the 1970s, the farthest north grackles could be seen in America was in the Rio Grande Valley of South Texas. The birds are now common well into Canada and the upper northwest of North America. What's worse, some idiot bureaucrat sitting at a desk at the Department of Interior in Washington D.C. placed the two grackle species on the migratory bird list (they are anything but) rendering it against the law to kill the pests.

The latest rare bird alert shows an unusual southern migration of snowy

owls into the southern half of the United States. This is very rare because the birds are indigenous to northern climates. I will certainly be on the lookout for one in the Texas Panhandle.

Why not, parents? Get your children interested in birding. Get them a book on birds and a pair of binoculars. Turn off that TV and toss the little buggars out the back door with bird book and binoculars in hand. There is a fascinating world out your doors that is so much more lasting than those infernal video games.



Submitted photos

Clockwise from above, prairie falcons like to perch on top of utility poles. A stately sandhill crane in flight. Boat-tailed grackles get no respect from this writer. A mockingbird. And, last but not least, a hawk.

