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Pampa City commission appoints Shane Stokes as interim city manager

By LINDSEY TOMASCHIK
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The Pampa City Commission met on Monday evening for its final meeting of the month of January.

With city manager Richard Morris' retirement on Friday, there was an empty seat at the meeting, and after discussing and taking action on agenda items, the mayor and commissioners went into executive session to consider appointing an

interim city manager.

Assistant city manager Shane Stokes was later announced to be the one to acquire this position.

To start things off in the meeting, the mayor and commissioners heard a public comment from a community member in regards to one of the agenda items that was to consider approving on first reading a resolution approving a grant



Shane Stokes

from the Pampa Economic Development Corporation to Pampa Energy Center in the amount of \$350,000 for improvements on County Road J.

The citizen was concerned about this high dollar amount and wanted a breakdown of what was needed, and an explanation of this came when the mayor and commissioners later arrived to

this agenda item.

Pampa EDC president Gary Sutherland took the podium to explain the proposed project in detail. He stated that there is a new tenant that will be out off of County Road J some time later this year, and before traffic on the road increases significantly.

Attebury Grain and Rampa, Inc. was recently granted a five-year tax abatement with the county,

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Photos by John Lee

While they may not look like much now, by spring the fairways, top, at Hidden Hills will be flourishing with green as roughly 20,000 square feet and sod will replace the previously dirt edges of the fairway. Kenneth Norris and Hidden Hills also re-sodded their tee boxes, pictured right on Hole No. 18, to look like Hole No. 6 pictured left.

Hidden Hills continues innovations on course.

By JOHN LEE
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Golfers who frequent Hidden Hills public golf course this upcoming spring and summer will be treated to a fresh new course filled with re-irrigated greens, re-sodded fairways and even tee boxes.

"The Hole No. 14 fairway was always real, real steep and didn't have a lot of grass on it," Hidden Hills golf course manager David Teichmann said. "So what we have done is re-irrigated and re-shaped that fairway and re-sodded about half of the fairway."

The course has also re-irrigated and rebuilt all of the tees on Hole No. 18. In 2014, they redid the tees on Hole No. 10 and Hole No. 13. They have also re-irrigated the right side of Hole No. 13's greens, left side of Hole No. 16's greens, re-irrigated the left side of Hole No. 10, rebuilt Hole No. 8 and Hole No. 6 tees. Much of the work was either re-sodding, re-irrigating, rebuilding or just reshaping. All of the work has been done since November of 2013.

Teichmann said the course plans to do Hole No. 3, Hole No. 11 tees and Hole No. 2 fairway in the next month.

Depending on money raised, donated and the money budgeted by the city for the golf course, Teichmann hopes to get their goal of improving the entire courses irrigation.

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Golden Nail Awards seek nominations

Former winners include Pampa residents and organizations.

STAFF REPORT

Golden Nail Awards Gala planners are now seeking nominations from a 12-city area of those who have provided extraordinary support for the fine arts in the Texas Panhandle during 2014. The Golden Nail Awards is sponsored by the Amarillo Convention and Visitor Council Arts Committee.

Recipients of the Golden Nail Awards include individuals, businesses, and foundations that will

be honored at the ceremonies held on Thursday, April 23, 2015 at the Amarillo Civic Center in the Grand Plaza Ballroom.

Established in 1982, the purpose of the Golden Nail Awards is to honor those who financial, in-kind and volunteer contributions to the fine arts in Amarillo and the Panhandle area are of such magnitude that the impact on the arts is significant.

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Salute The Uniform, Inc., announces benefit for Sgt. Houston Gass

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Salute The Uniform, Inc., which honors and supports those who wear or have worn a uniform in support of others, particularly military and first-responders, announces a benefit dinner to honor Sgt. Houston Gass and assist his family to defray medical and other expenses resulting from his severe injuries suffered in a recent shooting while in the line of duty.

Co-Sponsors include Brandon's Flowers, Granny's Restaurant, Kerry Parsley and La Cueva Res-

taurant. Additional sponsors are all welcome to participate.

The buffet dinner will be held at La Cueva restaurant from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 29, 2015, with a Texas-style menu of catfish, calf fries, hush puppies, beans, fries and cole slaw. Recommended dinner donation is \$12, but larger donations are welcome.

All proceeds go to Sgt. Gass and his family. Please come enjoy dinner while helping in this time of need, or drop by to leave a donation.



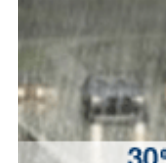
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Today: Sunny, with a high near 70. Southwest wind 10 to 15 mph. Sunrise at 7:47 a.m.

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 38. North wind 5 to 10 mph. Sunset at 6:08 p.m.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 54. North northeast wind 10 to 20 mph. Sunrise at 7:47 a.m.

Thursday night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 32. Northeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming southeast after midnight. Sunset at 6:09 p.m.

Friday: A 30 percent chance of rain. Cloudy, with a high near 41. South southeast wind 5 to 10 mph. Sunrise at 7:47 a.m.

Friday night: Rain and snow likely. Cloudy, with a low around 29. South southeast wind 5 to 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60%. Sunset at 6:10 p.m.

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and one of the conditions of the abatement is that they must repair the road. Sutherland proposed that the money from this grant would fund the pavement of 2,600 feet of County Road J.

Some may remember that County Road J was paved when Celanese was out there, but they took up the pavement when the company left.

The new, six-inch-thick road, if approved, is predicted to last 15 to 20 years and will be maintenance free for the first seven years, when it will require a seal coat. After the first five years, it will be the responsibility of the county to maintain the road.

Attebury and Rampa approached Pampa Energy Center about helping

with paving the road, as it is not currently in the county budget to cover these contingencies.

"We won't advance any money outside of the cost," Sutherland said.

Commissioner Chris Porter expressed mixed feelings about taking city money and putting it toward a county project and suggested that the agenda item be tabled until after a public hearing is held with the county commission in regards to the abatement.

Commissioner Robert Dixon felt that Attebury and Rampa would not be happy about a delay in making a decision on allotting these funds since the company has already broken ground on a grain elevator on the property.

Clarification was then provided saying that nothing would be delayed by tabling the agenda item at this point because construction on the road

is not set to begin until mid-April.

The mayor and commissioners voted unanimously to table the agenda item for a later meeting.

Another agenda item that the mayor and commissioners spent some time on was in regards to a resolution approving a grant in the amount of \$25,338.99 for a mobile vision server upgrade and DVR units for police cars. Pampa Police Chief Kelly Rushing said that this is a federal grant opportunity that comes from the Governor's office and requires a 50 percent match from the city.

He added that the police department is required to keep its camera footage for a certain amount of time and the current server is on its last leg.

The approval of the resolution would enable Rushing to show PRPC and move forward with the grant process.

Porter then asked about body cameras on officers and if every officer has one, and Rushing said that while the department does use some of them and they work well, that there are not enough for the whole department at this time, but he feels that may be something to come up down the road to increase the safety of the city's officers.

The mayor and commissioners approved this agenda item unanimously.

The following agenda items were also discussed and approved unanimously:

- Approving the minutes of the Jan. 12 regular commission meeting as presented.
- Excusing the absence of commissioner John Studebaker from the Jan. 12 regular commission meeting.
- List of disbursements dated December 2014.
- Consent agenda.

Golf

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"Our goal is to have all the tees redone and re-irrigated," Teichmann said. "And to get every area that doesn't get adequate water new sprinklers. That's quite a project. But we have already done a lot of areas and it is just a continuation project."

Teichmann said there are 24 new benches on the way. They should be in by April 1 and Teichmann said every

hole will have a bench and there will be four benches around the building, and two each on the driving range and putting green.

Teichmann said his regulars are excited about the changes and eager to test out the newly irrigated and sodded grounds.

"Everybody likes improvements," Teichmann said. "People want to see areas fixed and the only way to fix them is to get more water to them, especially in drought years."

Kenneth Norris, the superintendent at Hidden

Hills public golf course, took The Pampa News around the course to demonstrate first-hand the work that has been done on the course.

"We try to work on our projects in the winter starting in the fall and get them done in the winter time cause that's typically when our play is down," Norris said. "It's the dirt work and irrigation is what we're having to do."

The irrigation took a little more than a month, depending on weather.

Hole No. 18 has three

new large tee boxes. Hole No. 14 added 20,000 square feet of sod to a side that used to be made up of dirt which will now be comprised of rough and added fairway. They also added several new sprinkler heads to the hole which will allow for more irrigation throughout the fairway.

In case you didn't hear, Hidden Hills public golf course was ranked the No. 4 Best Economy Course in Texas.

For more information on Hidden Hills golf course, call 806-669-5866.

Awards

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Past winners from Pampa include Thelma Bray in 2002, R.L. Franklin, 2006, Lilith Brainard, 1989, 2006, 2014, Sena Brainard, 2013, Cabot Corporation, 1984, Cree Companies, 1988, Citizens Bank and Trust, 1990, Celanese, LTD, 2001, M.K. Brown Foundation, 1986, 1991, 1993, 2005, David and Nona Payne Foundation, 1998,

Pampa Art Foundation for Outdoor Art, 2000, Gray Pampa Foundation, 2003, Gerald Sanders, 1991, Marion Stroup, 1992, Darlene Birkes, 1993, Curt Beck, 2002, Jack Reeve, 2006, Jeanne Willingham, 2009, 1999 Artrain, 1999, Pampa News, 1991, Focus Magazine, 2007, Pampa Tribute to Woody Guthrie, 1993, "Gray County Adventure", 1995, Gray County Historical Commission, 1996, and "Act I", Veterans Patriotic Tribute, 2007.

Nominations are invited from individuals as well as

organizations. Nomination forms are available at the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce office, 1000 S. Polk in Amarillo. The deadline for the nominations is February 16, 2015

The Golden Nail Award categories include the Individual, Business, Foundation, Distinguished Volunteer and Up and Coming Distinguished Young Volunteer.

Each year, a Summit Award goes to an individual for lifelong support to the arts. Special awards are presented when warranted.

Golden Touch Awards are also presented for innovative arts events.

Golden Nail Committee members are the members of the Amarillo Convention and Visitor Council Arts Committee: Melody Alexander, Sherman Bass, Ann Crouch, Chip Garrison, Angela Knapp-Eggers, Carol Lovelady, Gaynelle Riffe, Kathy Sheldon, Bobby Steele, and Becky Zenor, Chamber Staff.

For more information, please contact Becky Zenor at 806 342-2010 or becky@amarillo-chamber.org.

Texas inmate tied to 5 slayings set for execution Wednesday

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — A Texas death row inmate linked to five killings is asking the U.S. Supreme Court to halt his sentence a day before his scheduled execution.

Garcia White faces lethal

injection Wednesday for fatally stabbing twin 16-year-old girls at a Houston apartment where their mother also was killed.

The 1989 deaths went unsolved until White confessed following his arrest

in 1995 for the killing of a Houston grocery store owner. Prosecutors also linked him to a prostitute's death.

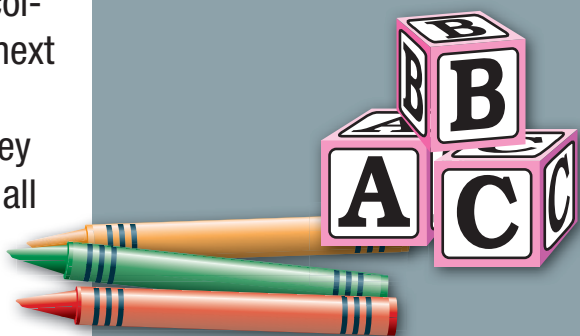
In their appeal, Garcia's lawyers say the lethal injection procedure may be

unconstitutional because Texas refuses to say where it gets its execution drug. They also question whether White was mentally competent to waive his right to a lawyer during interrogations.

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Obituaries

Jacque "Nanny" Jouett

Jacque "Nanny" Jouett, of Pampa, passed away Jan. 23, 2015, in Pampa.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 28, 2015, at Hobart Baptist Church with Pastor Mike Watson, officiating. Burial will follow in Memory Gardens Cemetery, with Justin Jouett, her grandson, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Jacque Ann Johnson was born on Dec. 7, 1935, in Giles to Alice and B.C. Johnson of Hedley. She attended Hedley High school. She married her longtime sweetheart Wallace Jouett in 1953 and he preceded her in death on June 24, 2014. They celebrated 61 years together. She was a devoted wife and mother who will be missed greatly. She was an Order of Eastern Star member and also a member of Hobart Baptist church. She had been a resident of the Pampa community for more than 50 years.

Jacque was preceded in death by her parents, Alice and B.C. Johnson; a daughter, Vickie Maxey; a daughter-in-law Terry, and by a grandson, Zackary Jouett.

She is survived by a son, Ronny Jouett of Pampa, by a sister, Barbara Baggett of Pampa, seven grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-granddaughter.

The family will have a visitation at the funeral home on Tuesday, Jan., 27, 2015, from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Donations may be made to Make-A-Wish Foundation, 411 South Fillmore Street, Amarillo, TX 79109.

Please sign the online register at www.carmichael-whitley.com.



Jacque "Nanny" Jouett

She graduated high school at Reydon, Okla. She married her high school sweetheart Billy Eugene (Gene) White of nearby Crawford on Nov. 23, 1960, at Cheyenne, Okla. He preceded her in death on May 1, 1995. Gene and Mary lived and raised their two children in Mobeetie. After Gene's passing, Mary moved to Pampa. She worked several years in the banking and insurance industries, and most recently worked as a house parent at the Genesis House Youth Home where she retired in 2008.

Mary White Price

Mary is survived by two children: her daughter, Linda Dyson and husband Jerry of Panhandle, and her son, Carroll White and wife Debbie of Mobeetie; three grandchildren, Libby Dyson of Houston, Dusty White of Amarillo and Clay White of Mobeetie; two great-grandchildren, Myles and Lila White of Amarillo; two sisters, Jessi Lee Brown of Arnett, Okla., and Nancy Allen of Crawford, Okla.; and three brothers Joe Hartley of Phoenix, Ariz., Tom Hartley of Oklahoma City and Roy Hartley of Reydon, Okla.

Memorials can be made to Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ, 1342 Mary Ellen Street, Pampa, TX 79065.

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Gilbert; a granddaughter, BeLinda Brookshire; and a great-grandson, Phillip Hendricks.

Survivors include two sons, Martin Guy Brookshire of Pampa and Johnnie Lee Brookshire of Jacksonville, Ill.; a son-in-law, Danny Gilbert of Lefors; five brothers and sisters; two grandchildren, Melissa Newton and husband Curtis and Rebecca Hopson and husband Edward, and a great-grandson, Damyane Gilbert.

Memorials may be made to Interim Hospice, 2217 Perryton Parkway, Pampa, Texas 79065.

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Mary Elizabeth Brookshire

Leroy Madison Thacker

Mr. Leroy Madison Thacker, age 66 of Pampa, died Saturday, Jan. 24, 2015, at his residence. He was born Dec. 15, 1948, in Borger to parents Robert Madison and Julia May (Haruff) Thacker Franks, they have preceded him in death.

Mr. Thacker attended Spring Creek School and graduated from Borger High School. While living in Pampa, he managed the Catalina Club, later moving to Port Aransas. He managed an R.V. park for several years. Later he moved back to Pampa in 1996. He owned and operated The Hickory Hut, later retiring. Mr. Thacker was survived by his daughter, Lanay Everett of Amarillo; his three sons, Brad Thacker of Port Aransas, Bryan Thacker of Pampa and Greg Thacker of Amarillo; a sister, Kathy and husband G.D. Murphy; a niece, Tiffany Hoover; two great-nephews; a great-niece and five grandchildren and a host of dear family and friends.

Cremation arrangements were entrusted to the care of Winegeart & Eldringhoff Funeral Home of Pampa. Private memorial services will be held at a later date. The family wishes memorial contributions to be made to the American Cancer Society, in care of the funeral home at 303 N. Frost, Pampa, Texas 79065.

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Leroy Madison Thacker

Mary Elizabeth Brookshire

Mary Elizabeth Brookshire, 71, died Jan. 25, 2015, in Pampa.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 29, 2015, at Memory Gardens Mausoleum, with Rev. Jim Yates, Interim Hospice chaplain, officiating. Burial will follow in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Brookshire was born Sept. 22, 1943, in Chickasha, Okla. She married Martin Ray Brookshire on April 12, 1961 in Anadarko, Okla. He preceded her in death on Feb. 24, 1997. She was a Baptist and enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren.

Mary was preceded in death by a daughter, Katherine

Mary White Price

Mary White Price, 73, of Pampa, passed away Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2015, at Childers Place Hospice in Amarillo.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31, 2015, at her long-term church Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ in Pampa, with Keith Feerer, her beloved pastor, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mary was born on Jan. 11, 1942, in Wheeler to Jess and Mary Gardner Hartley. She was one of eight children.

Pampa Fire Department call log — Jan. 23-Jan. 26

STAFF REPORT

The Pampa Fire Department responded to these calls for the following dates. One unit with three personnel responded to each call, unless otherwise indicated.

Jan. 23

- At 10:31 a.m., one unit and four personnel to a medical assist in the 600 block of North Price.
- At 10:31 a.m., to a medical call in the 300 block of East Foster.
- At 12:00 p.m., two units and six personnel to a false alarm in the 2500 block of Perryton Parkway.
- At 1:27 p.m., to a medical call in the 1300

block of East Francis.

- At 3:58 p.m., to a lift assist in the 1300 block of East Francis.
- At 4:05 p.m., to a medical assist in the 500 block of Kiowa.
- At 5:49 p.m., two units and eight personnel to an electrical short in the 1800 block of Hamilton.

Jan. 24

- At 10:36 a.m., to a medical call in the 1400 block of South Barnes.
- At 2:44 p.m., to a medical call in the 2600 block of North Hobart.

Jan. 25

- At 12:51 p.m., to a medical call in the 900

block of Campbell.

- At 11:17 p.m., to an odor investigation in the 1500 block of North Christy.

Jan. 26

- At 2:24 a.m., to a medical call in the 1800 block of Hamilton.
- At 7:17 a.m., to a medical call in the 2300 block of North Beech.
- At 1:37 p.m., one unit and four personnel to a HAZMAT in the 100 block of North Cuyler.
- At 3:10 p.m., to a medical call in the 200 block of West 28th.
- At 3:10 p.m., one unit and four personnel to a medical call in the 3000 block of North Perryton Parkway.

American Airlines interested in offering flights to Cuba

Add American Airlines to the list of carriers that want to take you to Cuba.

An airline executive said Tuesday that American already operates about 20 charter flights a week to Cuba and would like to add regular flights from Miami. "We don't have anything to announce today," the airline's president, Scott Kirby, said on a conference call with analysts and reporters, "but we will be anxious to start serving Cuba as soon as it's legally allowed."

Delta Air Lines, United Airlines and JetBlue Airways have expressed interest since President Barack Obama announced last month that the U.S. would establish diplomatic rela-

tions and expand trade and tourism with Cuba. Southwest Airlines CEO Gary Kelly said last week that his airline is interested too, although he said Southwest has 50 potential destinations beyond the U.S. mainland, and Cuba "will just be one more."

New U.S. government rules issued this month relaxed travel restrictions that have stood for 54 years since the communist revolution in Cuba. Licenses are no longer required, but trips are limited to 12 categories including visiting close relatives, humanitarian missions and educational tours. Tourism is not an approved reason to visit — yet.

JetBlue and Sun Country

also offer charter flights to the island.

Also on Tuesday, American Express Co. said it will start doing business in Cuba after the Obama administration lifted a ban on U.S. banks and credit card companies operating on the island. The New York company did not say when people could use American Express cards in Cuba, where it currently has no terminals set up or merchant relationships.

MasterCard Inc. last week became the first major U.S. credit card company to say it would start handling U.S. card transactions in Cuba. Visa Inc. did not immediately respond to a request for comment on Tuesday.

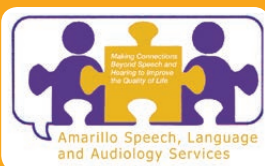
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VIEWPoints

Forty-two years later

It has been 42 years since the United States Supreme Court held in *Roe v. Wade* that the right to decide whether to go forward with a pregnancy, prior to viability, belongs to a woman, in consultation with her doctors.



SUSAN ESTRICH

Forty-two years of marches and debates and occasional, horrible violence later, Roe remains the law of the land. But constitutional law is scant comfort when there is nowhere to get an abortion in your area — which, last time I checked, was true of more than 40 percent of the counties in the United States. The choice movement may have saved Roe in the courts, but on the streets, the access fight continues, sadly.

The politics of abortion have changed even more. For the first few decades after Roe was decided, abortion was, frankly, a problem for many Democrats. The polls were equivocal, the right to life movement was expanding everywhere, and Democrats were carefully phrasing their “personal” opposition to abortion notwithstanding the Roe decision.

These days, it’s the Republicans who are squirming about abortion, and not very discreetly. They made all kinds of noise about voting on a bill on Thursday, Roe’s anniversary, to ban all abortions after 20

weeks. Of course, that would be unconstitutional on its face under Roe, but that wasn’t the reason the Republicans dropped the idea.

They dropped it because even some members of their own caucus wouldn’t support a bill that would deny a rape victim an abortion unless she reported it to the police — even though rape is one of the most underreported crimes. Unable to pull together a majority to pass a symbolic unconstitutional view, the Republicans settled instead for having a meaningless vote on an old bill that bars public funding of abortion, a bill that has no chance of ever being signed by the president.

You might think, with all the problems we face, the House of Representatives would have better things to do than sit around having symbolic debates and passing symbolic bills, but frankly that’s never stopped them, and it didn’t stop them now. What did was the change in politics.

“There was a lot of discussion in our retreat (last week) about this, and some of the new people did not want to make this the first bill they voted on, because the millennials have a little bit of a different take on it,” Republican Rep. Ted Yoho of Florida told the press. “But you will see it come back, because the American people agree with it two to one. It’s a hideous practice. It needs to stop.”

Sorry, Ted. The two-to-one number is meaningless. The ques-

tion isn’t whether you’re for or against abortion; the question is who gets to decide: the woman, with the advice of her family, her doctor, her minister, or the government. Ask the question that way, and the government loses, hands down. It isn’t just the millennials who think the government should keep its nose out of the gynecologist’s office. The millennials want to keep getting elected. The old timers seem bent on refighting the old battles.

Forty-two years should be enough time to spend debating symbolic bills and litigating unconstitutional laws.

The Republican bill doesn’t help teen mothers. It doesn’t address maternal health. It won’t reduce infant mortality rates. There is so much we could and should do that we all agree on. Let’s take care of the wanted babies; let’s help women have healthy babies; let’s spend our energy figuring out how to help prevent teen pregnancy. Let’s talk about how we’re going to educate these kids, which is a public responsibility, and leave the gynecologists and their patients alone. With so much to be done, and so much that we do agree on, lawmakers playing games with symbolic bills should be ashamed of themselves.

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Sniper-smearing in Hollywood

Clint Eastwood’s movie “American Sniper” dominated the box office race over the long Martin Luther King weekend with a gross of \$103.5 million. That’s more than

twice as high as the previous January opening weekend record. It received a rare “A+” CinemaScore from people who saw it, suggesting word-of-mouth will be wildly positive.

This movie wasn’t very controversial — until, that is, the film earned six Oscar nominations and had that amazing weekend at the box office. That’s when the hostility erupted from leftist Hollywood types on Twitter, hell-bent on pushing back against the wave.

Radical director Michael Moore slammed American snipers in general on Twitter: “My uncle killed by sniper in WW2. We were taught snipers were cowards. Will shoot u in the back. Snipers aren’t heroes.” Moore hasn’t made a real movie in six years. He sounded almost desperate for attention.

Moore added to his smear campaign on his Facebook page, connecting it to the MLK holiday: “Lots of talk about snipers this weekend (the holiday weekend of a great man, killed by a sniper) ... Hopefully not on this weekend when we remember that man in Memphis, Tennessee, who was killed by a sniper’s bullet.”

Actor Seth Rogen — so recently lionized for being at the center of a free-speech fight with North Korea over his comedy “The Interview” — showed he was no First Amendment hero. “American Sniper kind of reminds me of the (Nazi propaganda) movie that’s showing in the third act of *Inglorious Basterds*.” Quentin Tarantino’s World War II movie featured a fake film about a German sniper killing Allied soldiers from a clock tower.

This knee-jerk liberal tendency to compare our bravest, most dedicated soldiers to Nazis reminds us of NBC “Parenthood” star Dax Shepard’s Twitter rant about the 2012 movie “Act of Valor,” a movie that starred actual Navy

SEALs. He cracked: “Saw ‘Triumph of the Will’ tonight, oh wait, I mean ‘Act of Valor.’ great action.”

The network news reported on the furor with alarming “objectivity,” considering the nature of the smears, but some network stars praised the movie. CBS morning host Gayle King said, “I really loved the movie and at the end of the day he saved a lot of lives. Chris Kyle saved a lot of lives.” On MSNBC, Mika Brzezinski praised the movie, saying veterans told her it was a very accurate reflection on the difficulties veterans and their families go through.

Faced with the hornet’s nest they kicked, Moore and Rogen quickly backtracked, lamely claiming their comments were taken out of context, which they weren’t. Live by the tweet, die by the tweet. Moore said he wasn’t directly referring to the new movie, which is a bald-faced lie.

Rogen protested that he actually liked the film and wrote a new tweet Monday saying he wasn’t directly comparing “American Sniper” with a satire of Nazi films. “Big difference between comparing and reminding,” he wrote. “Apples remind me of oranges. Can’t compare them, though.” Earth to Rogen: If you had said Martin Luther King “re-minded” you of a communist, you couldn’t dig out of it by saying you were just comparing apples and oranges.

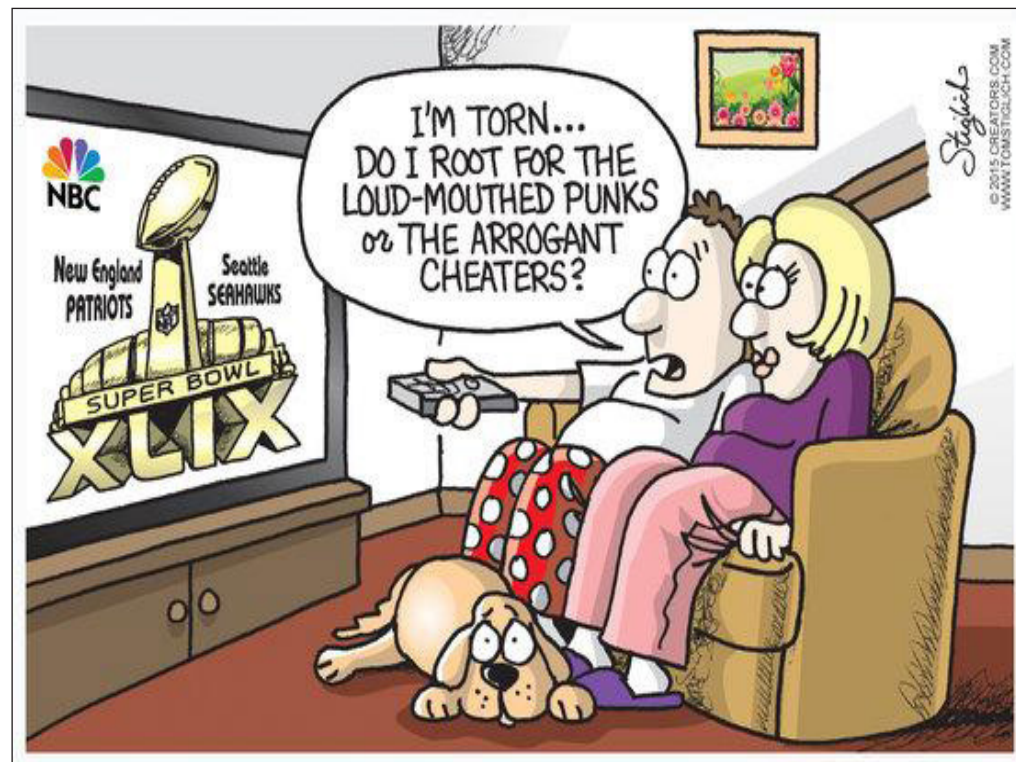
Movies raging against the Iraq war have failed, dud after dud after dud. But it should be no shock that American audiences like movies about American heroes, complete with their highs and lows. “Zero Dark Thirty” and “Lone Survivor” opened in the same post-Christmas slot in 2013 and 2014, respectively, and they grossed \$95 million and \$125 million at the box office.

“American Sniper” is now expected to surpass \$200 million in ticket sales, demonstrating that the American public has a lot more gratitude for the sacrifices our troops make for freedom than the loudest mouths in Tinseltown.

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Hump Day with Humphrey

Snow days with Humphrey

Although any traces of last week’s snow have since melted off due to the weather that I enjoy much more anyway, this week’s column will be about how much I enjoyed taking Humphrey outside while the snow remained.



LINDSEY TOMASCHIK

Now, Humphrey was around for last winter, and we did see some snow, but this was much more than anything he had ever seen before.

I inconveniently happened to forget my phone every time I took him outside, so I wasn’t able to take any pictures or videos, but I sure got a good laugh watching him swim through the snow drifts.

It actually looked like he was trying to dog paddle in

slow motion, and I could tell that he wasn’t enjoying it, yet he still drifted off into the deep areas to try and find areas with little to no snow covering them.

Humphrey’s short, stubby legs were not built to carry him through large amounts of snow, so when the majority of it melted off on Sunday afternoon, he was more than happy to be able to run around in the grass, which eventually meant that he was muddy and needed to have his paws dried before going inside, which is another thing he is not a big fan of, but I spared him a bath for now.

I’m looking forward to warmer temperatures this week as I will not have to battle with Humphrey when it comes to his window while we’re in the car.

For some reason he doesn’t care whether it’s 20 or 70 degrees outside, that boy will throw a fit if

he doesn’t get to stick his head out the car window.

He is able to bring a smile to almost anyone’s face when he does that, though. He attracts a lot of attention when he’s propped up and hanging out of the window in the backseat. I get a lot of people waving at me and pointing at Humphrey at red lights, and people come up to my car if we’re parked just to pet him.

He loves the attention, and most of the time he just looks at me afterward as if to say “Look mom, these are my people.”

He has been especially stubborn lately, too. Getting him to come inside has been like pulling teeth the past couple of days, but I always try to stay patient when dealing with Humphrey.

After almost a year and a half of dealing with him, I’ve become pretty accustomed to the fact that my

hound is set in his ways.

It looks like we could be seeing some more snow over the weekend, so maybe I will be able to get some pictures of him dog paddling through the drifts.

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Community Calendar

City Commission meetings

The Pampa City Commission meets at 5:30 p.m. the second and fourth Monday of each month. The meetings are held on the third floor of City Hall.

School board meetings

The Pampa Independent School District board meets at 5:45 p.m. on the fourth Monday of each month at the new administration building on North Hobart Street.

Immunization clinic three times a month

The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) hosts an immunization clinic in Pampa three times a month. The clinics are held from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and from 1 to 3 p.m. on the first three Wednesdays of each month. The first 10 people in line for the morning and first 10 in the afternoon will always receive shots. However, if there are more than 10, they still may be able to accommodate the patients, or ask them to come back at another time. The Department of State Health Services can be reached at 806-669-5323 and is located at 121 S. Gillespie St. in Pampa.

PAWS meets first Tuesdays

Pampa Animal Welfare Society meets the first Tuesday of each month at the Pampa Animal Shelter, 811 S. Hobart St. The meetings are at 6:30 p.m. and are

open to the public.

There is a desperate need for more members. PAWS members are needed to work at the shelter from 3 to 5:30 p.m. each day and to work adoption days or take animals to the vets when needed, but mostly people are needed to love and work with the animals where they will be more adoptable.

For more information, call the shelter after 3 p.m. at 669-5775 and ask for the PAWS volunteer.

County Commission meetings

The Gray County Commission meets at 9 a.m. on the first and 15th of each month. If the date falls on a Saturday, the meeting will be held on Friday. If the date falls on a Sunday, the meeting will be held on Monday. The meetings are held on the second floor of the Gray County Courthouse.

TOT Republican Women's Club

Top O' Texas Republican Women's Club meets at noon on the third Wednesday of every month at the Pampa Senior Citizens Center, 500 W. Francis St. For more information call 806-669-1990.

Jam sessions every Friday night

The Woody Guthrie Folk Music Center has a jam session every Friday night starting at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to play or listen. The center is located at 320

S. Cuyler St. For more information, call 806-664-0824.

Meredith House presents live music

Meredith House, an assisted-living facility at 812 W. 25th Ave., has a band performing at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday and Saturday night. Join them for Western music, gospel and the classics. For more information, call 806-665-5668.

Monday night dance club

The Monday night dance club meets from 7 to 9 p.m., the second Monday of each month, in the Pampa Chamber of Commerce building on the corner of Ballard and Kingsmill. Admission is \$3.50. Cold drinks and coffee are offered. The club plays country music. For more information, call Della at 806-663-1136.

PPQG Meets fourth Thursdays

Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild meets the fourth Thursday of each month, January through October, at the Pampa Senior Citizens Center at 500 W. Francis St.

The meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. and membership is open to adult quilters of all ages. Dues are \$15 annually. Meetings consist of a short business discussion followed by a program featuring quilting techniques. For more information, call 806-662-2909.

Pampa Post VFW meetings

Pampa Post VFW, Men's Auxiliary, and Ladies Auxiliary meet the second and fourth Tuesday of every month. There is a social hour with meal at 6 p.m. and the meetings begin at 7 p.m. For questions, call Danny Martin at 806-662-4367.

CASA of the High Plains

CASA of the High Plains will be open from 6-7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of every month for persons interested in becoming a CASA Volunteer. The CASA office is located in the Brown Alliance for Children at 315 N. Ballard Street in Pampa.

CASA volunteers are appointed by a Judge to represent the Best Interest of children who have been removed from their homes due to abuse and neglect. Volunteers are crucial to positive outcomes for children in the foster care system.

You may contact CASA at 806-669-7638 for more information.

Editor's note: Email submissions to jcllee@thepampanews.com. Submissions should be 100 words or less and written in the third person. Please include the title of the event, the date and time, physical address, the admission cost or whether it is a free event and a contact number and/or email address for the public.

Area Support Groups

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

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

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

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

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

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

■ **Alcoholics Anonymous** Primary Purpose meets daily at noon and 8 p.m. at 112 W. Foster Ave.

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

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

■ Accolade Home Care sponsors a **Parkinson's Support Group** the second Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. The group meets at Accolade at 1313 N. Hobart St. They also have an **Alzheimer's support group**, which is held on the third Monday of each month at First United Methodist Church, located at 201 E. Foster, at noon. For more information, call Lindsey Presson at 806-665-9700 or 806-324-3230.

Jury selection begins in Texas veterans parade crash trial

MIDLAND (AP) — Jury selection has begun in a civil trial involving people who were hurt or had family members killed when a freight train struck a veterans parade float in Midland two years ago.

The selection of jurors is scheduled to continue Tuesday at the Midland County Courthouse. It's not clear when opening statements will begin in the trial featuring 17 plaintiffs.

The plaintiffs are sepa-

rate from 26 others who earlier this month settled their lawsuit against Union Pacific Railroad.

The settlement is confidential but Kevin Glaheen, the lawyer who represented families that settled, said at the time the families were "very satisfied."

Families of two of the four veterans killed in the November 2012 crash were part of the agreement.

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Executive: No guarantee BP will help pay subsidiary's fines

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — An executive for the BP subsidiary that faces billions of dollars in possible fines for the 2010 Gulf of Mexico oil spill says it is uncertain whether other BP entities would step in to

help pay a steep penalty. Richard Morrison, chairman of the board for BP Exploration and Production, said parent corporation BP PLC would have to consider numerous factors, including the current low

price of oil. Morrison testified Tuesday as BP attorneys sought to convince a judge that BP should pay far less than the estimated \$13.7 billion maximum penalty for the 2010 disaster. Justice Department attorneys want a stiff penalty.

Also testifying Tuesday was a University of North Carolina toxicology expert who disputed government experts' studies of potential environmental harm to the Gulf from the spill.



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PJHS CHOIR COMPETES IN UIL CONTEST



Submitted photo

This is a photo of the seventh and eighth Grade Pampa Junior High School Choir members who competed in the UIL Solo and Ensemble Contest on Saturday, Jan. 24. All ensembles received the highest rating of one. All solo's received ratings of ones and twos. Pictured Left to Right, front row, Kiarra Terrell, Julianna Silva, Callin Burleson, Natalia Renteria, Ashlyn Hill, Alexis Waycaster, Audrey Cotton, Jasmine Bolch, Mariah Campos, Breana Burton and Devin Hieronymous. Second row, Dejah Burnley, Micah Rich, Natalie Winborne, Bethany Jo Roden, Lesslie Ruiz, Winter Back, Taylor May and Alyson Chisum. Third row, Halley Pate, Paige Richards, Gretchen Puentes, Jana Shults, Taylor Jefferies, Stori Stribbling, Sholby Reeve, Chae Ward, Jackson Young and Ethan Rushing. Back row, Estrella Longoria, Carolyn Golleher, Annelea Anderson, Angelina Martinez, Mercedes Gonzales, Ryan Mayberry, Caleb Rich, Caleb Dorn and Jakan Reeves.

WindSync to Perform in Borger

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Streets, on Thursday, Feb. 12 at 7:30 p.m. Single tickets for this event are \$30; \$5 for students. Season tickets to Tri-City Music Concert Association's 2014-2015 series are now available; subscriptions to the four-concert lineup

are \$40 (adults), \$35 (seniors), and \$100 (family). For more information, please call 806-274-4981 or visit www.tricityconcerts.org.

The Tri-City Music CCA will also sponsor a student outreach performance (underwritten by Xcel Energy Corporation) by WindSync as part of their ongoing commitment to support arts education in the community.

Houston-based WindSync appears to be in the business of blowing away boundaries for wind ensembles, and classical music in general. The group plays from memory and incorporates theatrical elements in their performances, such as costuming and choreography. In addition to the CAG honors, WindSync is the 2012 Sylvia Ann Hewlett "Adventurous Artist Prize" winner. These successes have provided opportuni-

ties to perform in prestigious venues such as the Chautauqua Institution and Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall. Arts education and outreach plays a prominent role in WindSync's approach. The group is a regular contributor in their hometown where they are praised for their "extraordinary ability to connect with students..." They have also participated in high profile outreach events with the Seattle Symphony Orchestra and at Stanford University; as well as master classes at Drexel University and Idyllwild Arts Academy. The ensemble has enjoyed two summer residencies at the Grand Teton Music Festival. Follow this link to view a video featuring WindSync.

The Tri-City Music Concert Association has been presenting nationally acclaimed artists to Hutchinson County and

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Senate GOP unveils budget with \$3B in property tax cuts

AUSTIN (AP) — Tax cuts promises from Republicans began taking firmer shape Tuesday when Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick unveiled a draft Senate budget that would deliver \$3 billion in property relief to Texas homeowners.

Still missing are the details on how the Senate would pull that off — and how much it might actually knock off the average property tax bill. When the Legislature last made sweeping tax cuts in 2006, about \$7 billion in annual property tax relief was passed, which experts say shaved about 20 percent off the average bill.

Those cuts blew a massive hole in the budget and property taxes in economically booming Texas have kept ballooning. That has made tax relief a priority from Republican Gov. Greg Abbott on

down, including among some Democrats.

The House didn't include tax relief in its first spending plan, but a surplus of \$7.5 billion has left lawmakers with spending flexibility.

"I believe the House wants tax relief. We just spelled it out very clearly," Patrick said.

Despite falling oil prices in a state heavily dependent on energy production, Texas' comptroller has predicted economic growth will continue and offered a relatively sanguine estimate of state revenues over the next two years, which is the basis for both the Senate and House budgets.

Both the Senate and House budgets are mere starting points for negotiations over the next five months. A two-year budget is the only bill that the Texas Legislature is constitutionally required to

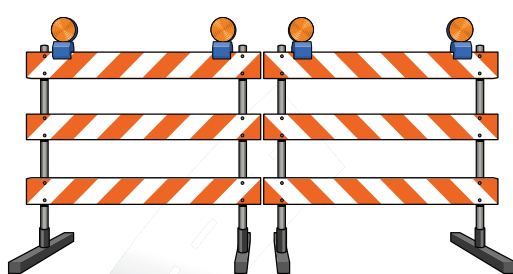
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Patrick is also running up a big border security tab in his first session presiding over the Senate. His budget calls for \$815 million in spending on everything from SWAT team expansions to a \$10 million high-altitude plane with infrared cameras.

Conspicuously missing from the Senate budget: money for anti-public corruption prosecutors in the state's Public Integrity Unit. Former Gov. Rick Perry vetoed state funding for the unit in 2013 when Travis County District Attorney Rosemary Lehmberg refused to resign following a drunken driving arrest.

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Grandpa's two hand-carved fishing lures

One of them was red and the other one was blue, both very similar to Heddon's "torpedo" fishing lure that you could buy in almost any tackle shop. What made these two fishing lures special was that they were hand-carved by my grandpa Sublett, J. W. "Red" Sublett. The last time I saw both of those lures together was one of the saddest times in my life.

It was July 1963 when my grandpa had a heart attack at the annual Sublett family reunion held each summer at Tucker Hollow Park on Bull Shoals Lake in Arkansas. I had ridden to the reunion with my grandma and grandpa in their white 1957 Chevy station wagon, in pristine condition. Grandpa had those old plastic covers on the seats, so everything inside was like new.

We had gone down early so that grandpa could spend some extra time with his brother, my uncle Neal Sublett, his wife Gladys and their daughter Linda. Linda and I always had a ball playing at their backwoods home. One day that summer grandpa was fixing a flat on his wagon and had a heart attack. He was in the

hospital there in Arkansas a few days before they shipped him back to Bridgeport, Texas. He died there in July of 1963. Almost the whole clan came together for his funeral and sadly we never had another Sublett reunion.

After most of the family had headed home, it was time to go through grandpa's things. I was standing near the kitchen doorway watching my grandma, uncle Jack, aunt Mary and dad go through everything. The first item placed on the kitchen table was a set of keys to the 1957 Chevy wagon. Uncle Jack said since he was the oldest he would take the wagon. Grandma didn't drive so she certainly didn't need it. I was a little surprised that my dad didn't say anything when that happened, but he didn't. In order of their birth, each of the three children would choose the next item. Grandpa didn't have much.

At one point grandma reached into a box on the floor and pulled out two hand-carved fishing lures; one red, the other blue. The second grandma



MIKE SUBLETT

lifted her hand so that everyone could see what they were, uncle Jack grabbed one of them and told my dad and aunt Mary that they could decide which one got the other one. I've had never seen my dad that angry before. Dad pushed his chair back and stood up as tall and hard as a California Redwood.

Fairly calmly, almost scarily so, my dad told uncle Jack that since he had taken the only thing of real worth (the Chevy) that he could either put that lure back on the table or he would drag him outside and *****. I also had not ever heard my dad talk like that before. No one else at the table said a word. Reluctantly uncle Jack placed the lure back on the table. Then my dad turned to his sister and said, "Mary, you take whichever one you want and I'll take the other one." Mary took the red one and dad took the blue one. I was glad that no one got hurt that day and that my dad didn't get hauled off to jail.

Looking back on that day always

reminds me of just how attached we humans can become to something that is connected to someone we love. It wasn't the wood or the paint or the hooks or the spinners that made those lures worth almost fighting over. Rather it was the love that each of those three children felt for their dad, my grandpa. The same is true in your family. So learn a lesson from my grandpa. If you have three kids, then carve three lures. With me and my kids it won't be lures, but probably my Bibles. I only have two of them left, one was lost at a youth rally years ago. So one of my priorities has to be to transfer all of my notes into another Bible before I die. That way there will be three Bibles for three children. I don't want there to be a moment after I am gone when my kids have troubles with each other over some possession of mine. So what do you need to tend to so that you can help your family live together peacefully when you are gone? God bless. Mike

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St. Vincent de Paul Church Holy Week Schedule 2015

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Holy Thursday April 2

7:30 p.m. Bilingual Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday April 3

1:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross in Spanish

3:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Celebration of the Lord's Passion

6:30 p.m. English

8:00 p.m. Spanish

Holy Saturday April 4

9:00 p.m. Bilingual Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday

9:30 a.m. English Mass

12:00 p.m. Spanish Mass

Easter Egg Hunt Easter Sunday 10:45 a.m.



Church Calendar

Hi-Land Christian Church

Wednesday nights, Pastor Mike Sublett teaches 2 special advanced classes at Hi-Land Christian Church.

From 7 - 8 p.m. The Judges and Kings of Israel (broken people, faithful God); from 8-9 p.m. 1-2 Corinthians (Jesus and His messy people).

Pastor Sublett said, "Both classes are advanced in that they have a weekly reading assignment and weekly hand-out pages that will supply each student with a significant notebook for continued study."

I will also be recording each class so that everyone can have the audio in case they want to review something later."

The classes are open to anyone interested in learning more about their Bible.

Child care will be provided for anyone who is attending either class.

Cornerstone Baptist Church

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

For more information call the church at 669-6509.

New Life Assembly of God

New Life Assembly of God is located at 1435 N. Sumner Street in Pampa. New pastor, Sergio Urrutia, said their mission is "New life Assembly of God is committed to fulfilling a four-fold mission.

Our primary reason for being is to evangelize the lost, worship God, disciple believer and to show compassion, to build a multi-ethnic body of believers.

New life commits to reaching out to Pampa in all areas of the township with special emphasis to our Latino brothers and sisters.

Our worship will be a reflection of our multi-ethnic mixture of disciples including Christian Latino music, contemporary music as well as the traditional hymns and songs of the church.

Outreach will have as its goal to produce new believers who in turn are able to witness effectively and make disciples who will in turn continue this cycle.

This will be effected through small group bible studies, both Bi-lingual services, and bibles."

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

Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ

Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ is located at 1342 Mary Ellen St. Corner of Mary Ellen and Harvester.

Right across from the high school.

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

Sunday Evening Worship is at 5 p.m. and Ladies Bible Class Wednesday 10 a.m.

Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ also offers Wednesday Bible Class at 7 p.m.

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

For more information call 806-665-0031.

First United Methodist Church

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

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

For more information call 806-669-7411.

McLean Cowboy Church

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

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

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

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

For more information, call 806-779-0260.

Southside Church of Christ

Southside Church of Christ is located at 11923 W. McCullough Ave. in Pampa.

The church extends an open invitation to all to come and worship where the gospel, "God's Word," is always taught and preached.

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

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

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PAMPA Faith

CHURCH SPOTLIGHT

Strong in you strong in them!

■ Five insights to help your family grow in faith.

By **RICHARD HAWTHORNE**

Several years ago my wife and I took our daughters to a high school football game. As we walked through the gate they made visual contact with the most important structure in the whole football complex, the concession stand.

“Dad can we have a coke?”
“Dad can we have some candy?”

“Dad I am starving and I am going to die if I do not get something to drink.”

If you have kids I am sure you have been through this at some point in life. I was able to put them off until half time. I took them to get a drink. We walked back to our seats and before the third quarter was underway the drinks were gone.

Not long after that the moaning started again. “Dad we are so thirsty we are going to shrivel up like grapes.” I finally told my oldest daughter that we would get something to drink on the way home. And that, so I thought, was the end of it.

We did not arrive back in our home town until after 11 p.m. To tell you the truth, I was not even thinking about what I said about the drink.

As we made the final turn down the road toward our house I heard the following statement from my oldest daughter in the back seat. “Mom, do you trust dad?” Right then it hit me what I had done. I knew I had made a promise that I did not keep. My wife responded, “Yes, I trust your dad!” Then from the back seat I hear, “Well I don’t!”

OUCH! That hurt. I had, without really thinking about it, broken the trust of my oldest daughter. That trust is very important and I never wanted to break it.

I tell you that story to tell you this, your kids have an amazing bluff detector. They can sense and understand how sincere and honest you are with them. Here is the even scarier thing, they may never tell you that they know the truth about you. And then, they become a reflection of you, if not a mirror image of you.

What is it they are becoming? The better question might be, who are they becoming?

I would like you to focus this question particularly in the area of faith. Are your kids seeing you become



RICHARD HAWTHORNE

more like Christ every day? Or are they seeing you become more like something else? Are they hearing you say you follow Christ on Sunday but then they see you live differently at home?

These are tough questions to ask. It is tough to be honest about how we live. But make no mistake, your kids know the truth.

As parents you want to see your kids develop a strong faith and begin to live that out. For that to happen, you must be growing.

Here are five things that you can start doing today to help your faith grow and become more like Christ. Not just for your sake but for the sake of your kids.

1. Navigate the Bible.

Find a Bible reading plan. A plan will help you stick to reading the Bible. There are many plans out there so just search out a plan, start it and stick to it.

2. Personalize Scripture

This is where you begin to memorize and apply the Scripture. Take a verse or two a week and begin to commit it to memory and to heart. This will naturally lead you to application. Your life will begin to reflect the verses you commit to memory.

3. Dialogue with God

Pray in private and in public. It is important that your kids hear you pray. This will be the main way that they learn to pray. Don’t just do the standard “Thank you for this food” dinner prayer. Let them hear you pray what is on their heart. They may not appreciate it now but they will in the future.

4. Articulate Faith

Begin sharing what you learn. Teach your kids what you are learning. Tell your spouse and your coworkers what you are learning. Nothing helps you to better articulate your faith than to try and explain it to another person.

5. Worship with Your Life

Faith is about a relationship and it expresses itself throughout life. As you begin meeting with the Lord you will find new and exciting ways to express your love and joy to Him.

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Success for 2015

It is God’s desire that we prosper and succeed in the plans He has for us. Joshua was told, “This book of the law shall not depart out of your mouth; but you shall meditate therein day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then you shall make your way prosperous and then you shall have good success.”



DAVID BOULTER

Let’s talk about a success plan for 2015.

1. **Let God Guide You.** Get yourself out of the way and let the great creative mind of God give you directions. Have faith in His will and plan for you.

2. **Establish a Faith Building Time.** Set aside each day at least thirty minutes to engage in Bible reading, prayer, meditation and planning.

3. **Clarify Your Goals.** Decide on the specific goals you want to achieve and keep them before you each day. Break them down into bite size portions.

4. **Make a Plan of Action.** Develop a blueprint of achieving your goals. Determine what it will take to reach these goals and set a date for their accomplishment.

5. **Develop a Burning Desire.** Build a passion for the things God wants you to do. Passion will give you the drive and the enjoyment to keep you in action.

6. **Believe in Yourself.** You can accomplish anything God wants you to do if you believe. Philipians 4:13 says, “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.” You have God-given talents and abilities, use them!

7. **Never Quit.** Success comes to persistent people. Think of Joshua and the walls of Jericho, David and the giant, Noah and the Ark. Success will come to a person of faith in spite of the pressures and adversities.

It may require changing your life. Putting Jesus Christ and His will first, but, remember, successful men and women do things that failures never get around to doing. May 2015 be a great year for you.

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Role of confirmation sponsors

The Sacrament of Confirmation is a significant step in the life of young Christians, representing the final component to the Sacraments of Initiation. Sponsors are often chosen to guide would-be confirmands on their spiritual journeys. While the expectations for confirmands may be well explained through their religious education classes and teachings from the parish, sponsors may be less certain of the roles they play in young people’s lives.

According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, a Confirmation sponsor is to “continue to help the candidate along the road of Christian life, to safeguard and develop the grace given at Baptism and now sealed with the Holy Spirit.”

A Confirmation sponsor should set a good example to the confirmand. He or she must be a practicing member of the faith and guide the candidate in the ways of the church. In the Roman Catholic Church, a sponsor must have received all of the Sacraments of Ini-

tiation: Baptism, Holy Eucharist and Confirmation. If married, he or she should also be married in the eyes of the church. The sponsor’s own children should be receiving religious formation training, and the entire family should be members of a parish and active participants in weekly mass.

In addition to leading by example, the Confirmation sponsor supports the candidate as he or she moves toward full membership in the faith. This may require fielding questions about God or religion or providing reassuring words if the candidate is unsure of what to expect. What’s more, the sponsor may be required to attend certain religious classes with the candidate, as dictated by the parish.

Confirmation candidates often select a close friend or family member as their sponsors. Depending on the guidelines established by specific churches, the sponsor may have to be the same gender as the confirmand and the sponsor must meet an age requirement, typically 16 and older. The

honor should fall to someone the adolescent feels comfortable with and trusts to guide them throughout their life as a Christian.

Those who have been selected as sponsors can prepare for the Confirmation ceremony by attending confession to ensure they are in a state of grace. They can also speak with a priest to get some pointers on how to become a better Confirmation sponsor.

On Confirmation day, the sponsor will be asked to stand with the confirmand as he or she receives the Bishop’s blessing and is addressed by his or her chosen saint’s name. Afterward, the sponsor generally celebrates with the newly confirmed and ensures the confirmand that he or she will be available to provide future spiritual guidance.

To ensure that a Confirmation sponsor will be available, it is wise to choose a person who is close to the family. This is not a popularity contest, and care should be given to select a sponsor who exemplifies what it means to be a Christian.

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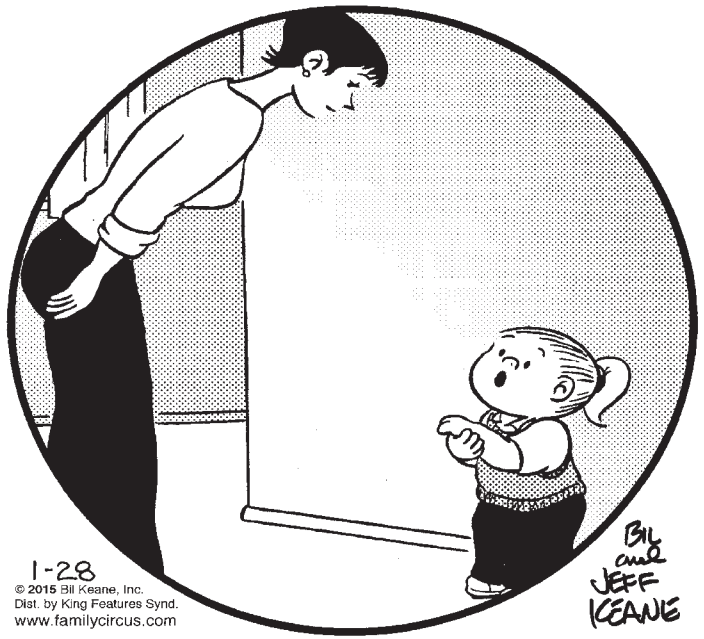
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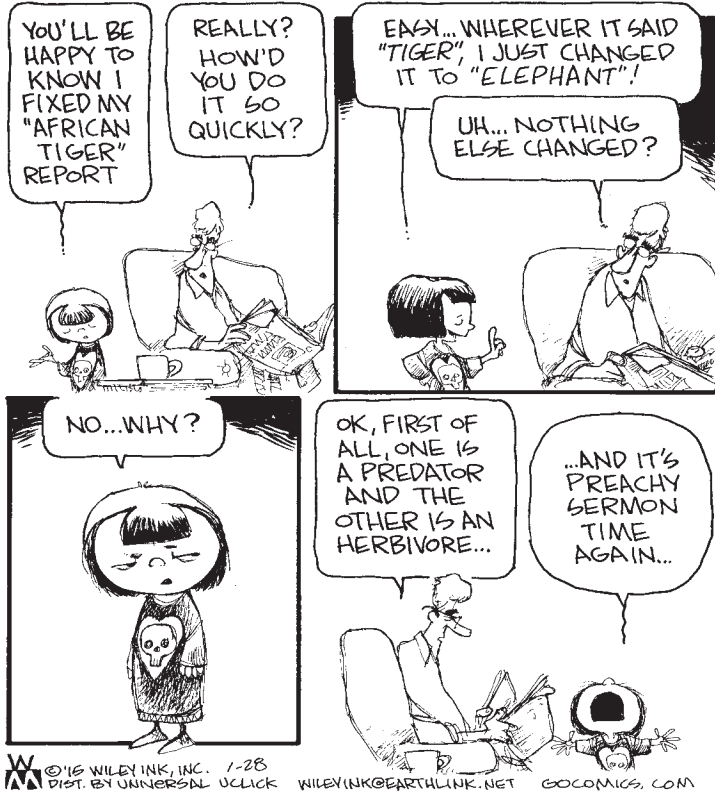


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DAILY Horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Jan. 29, 2015:

This year you have the ability to act with unusual quickness and clarity. Often, you will make exactly what you feel is the best, or most efficient, decision. Some people could distance themselves from you because of this unpredictable behavior. You also can be rather direct in conversations. If you are single, you are likely to meet someone who makes your heart throb. You will need to understand what exists between you. If you are attached, the quality of your home life becomes more important, as you both will enjoy spending quality time together. Do not lose the playful quality in your life that your sweetie adores. GEMINI makes you feel silly and free.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ You'll make sense out of what is unclear to others. People seem relieved to hear what you have to share. Be careful, as someone around you might be acting in a provocative manner, possibly behind the scenes. Your instincts will initiate a talk. Tonight: Chat time!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ You might be more possessive than you realize. You also might veil your actions by emphasizing the friendship that lies between you and another person. The real issue seems to be determining what kind of friendship you want. Tonight: Do something just for you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ You tend to work with vague instructions well. You do what you want in situations that are confusing. Still, you might need to explain the hows and whys to a contemporary. A friend might continue to act strangely. Observe more and judge less. Tonight: As you like it.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ Pressure builds, but you are unlikely to express what ails you. You might suppress much of what is going on, but a loved one will pick up your nonverbal signals. Don't just assume that your thoughts are cloaked; you will find out otherwise soon enough. Tonight: Not to be found.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ Zero in on your priorities, and don't let others distract you. You could seem confused to those who don't understand your focus. The unexpected continues to add excitement, be it through a per-

son at a distance or through your own explorations. Tonight: Among friends.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ You seem to have very high expectations for yourself. You also tend to assume a leadership position in situations. Your style might be different, but it's effective. You know when to break a pattern and when not to. Others observe your confidence. Tonight: Out late.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Keep your focus when dealing with a friend or loved one at a distance. Your conversation could stray all over the place, as this person tends to be unpredictable. Stay on topic and help this person do the same. If you succeed, you both will be happier. Tonight: All smiles.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ Togetherness remains a theme between you and a special person. How much you choose to share with others will be up to you. Your imagination could distort a situation. Try to eliminate an emotional response for now. Tonight: Opt to work as a team.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Defer to a very dominant friend or associate. This person tends to come up with morsels of information that you cannot ignore. His or her mind works very differently from how yours works. Know when to call a halt to a cyclical conversation. Tonight: Ask provocative questions.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ You will remain on top of a personal matter and draw unusual results if you follow a hunch. Use caution with your funds, and try not to make any financial commitments right now. You could be surprised by a situation involving your home. Tonight: Try slowing down.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Your imagination seems to affect your actions as well as others' responses. Be aware of how you could be coloring many different situations, and don't make any formal decisions. Someone who knows you well could surprise you. Tonight: Be naughty and nice.

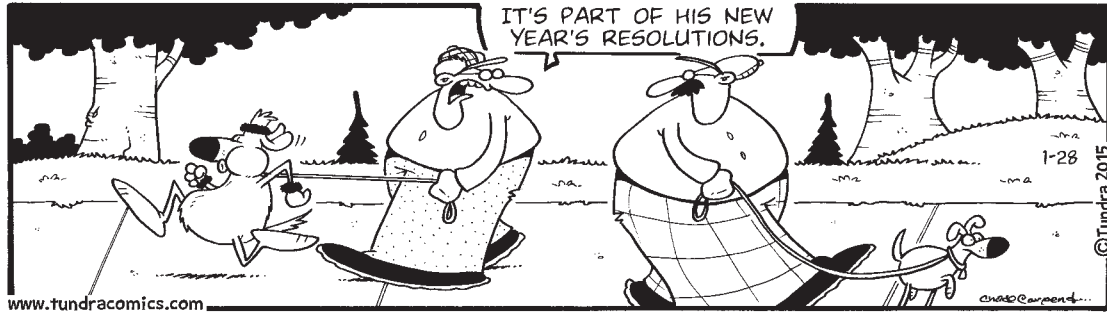
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★★★ You might be stuck in your own head, rather than participating in the actual events happening around you. The issue you are attempting to resolve remains significant, at least to you. Listen to your sixth sense, and you'll gain a surprising insight. Tonight: At home.

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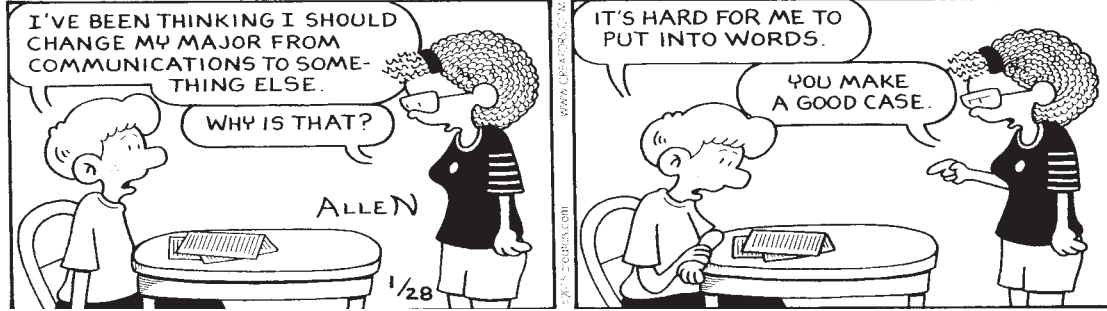
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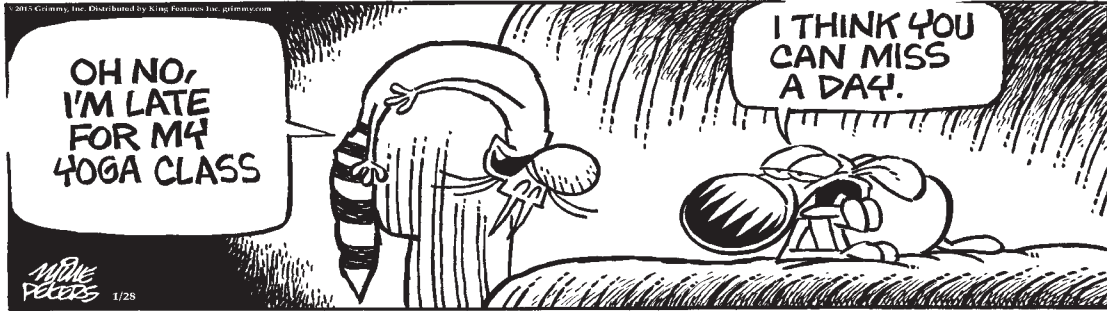
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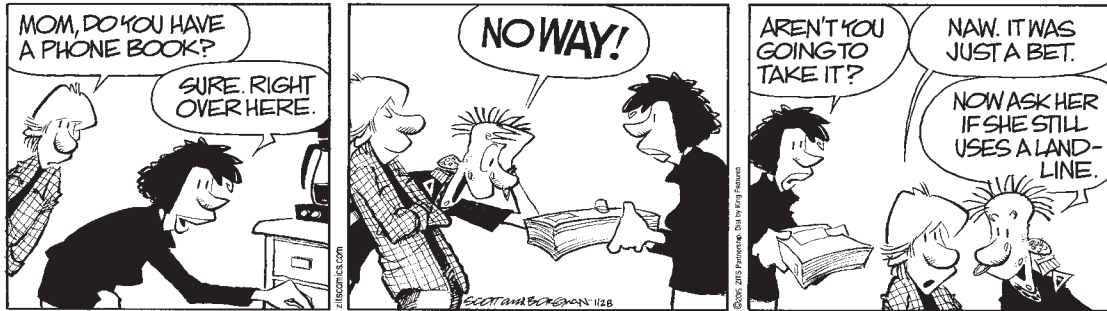
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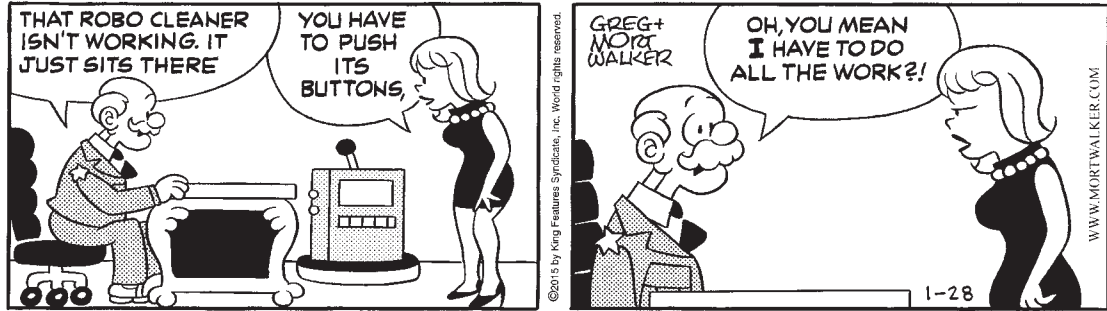
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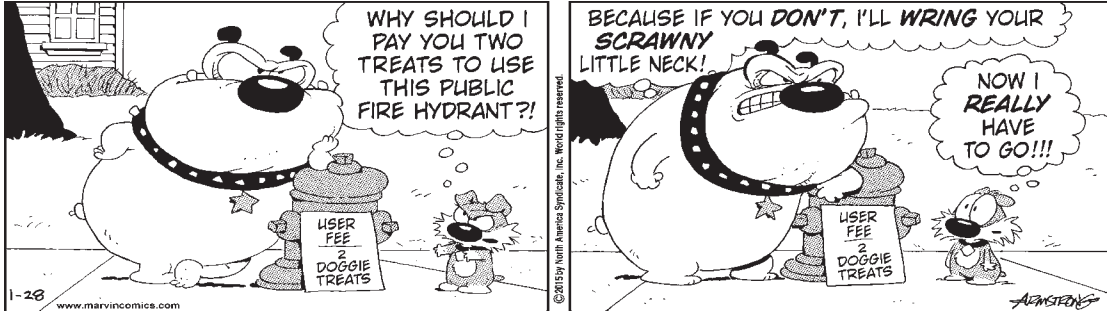
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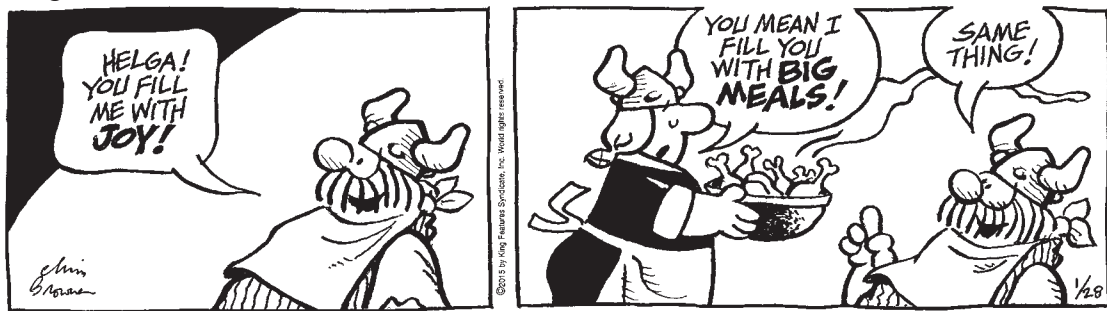
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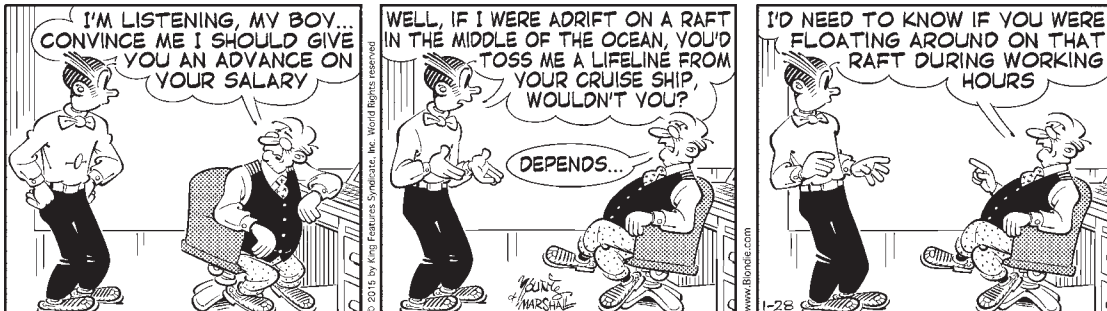
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JUNIOR VARSITY BOYS IN ACTION AGAINST BUSHLAND



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 Above left, Brandt Logan looks for a man to pass to. Above right, Nick Stevens is in midair for a jumper. Below left, Kolton Jefferis shoots in the game. Below right, Enrique Villanueva powers up for a layup.



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Junior High girls hosted Borger

STAFF REPORT

The junior high girls basketball teams hosted Borger last night. The eighth "B" team won 23-21 in a close game the entire game. The top scorer was Sheylah Arreola with nine points and Jaqueline Vaquera had eight steals.

The seventh "B" team lost 24-13. Avery Sprinkle led the team with five points followed close by Halie West with four points.

The seventh "A" team beat Borger 38-18. Maggie Hernandez had another double double leading the team with 15 points and 10 rebounds, Kambry Smith was not far be-

hind with 12 points and six steals, Ally Gutierrez scored nine points with six rebounds, and Emma Gill stole the ball six times and scored two points.

The eighth "A" team won 48-31. This was a great team effort were everyone on the team scored points. Callin Bureson was our top performer with 10 points and seven steals; Madison Davis had nine points; Bethany Roden scored eight points and stole the ball five times; Audrey Hopkins made six points; Kiara Terrell scored five points; Avery Hoganson and Mikaela Gonzalez both had four points; and Jacey Baten scored two points.

Watch the Pros

College Basketball

Duke at Notre Dame.....ESPN2 6:30 p.m.
 Wake Forest at Florida State.....FSSW 6 p.m.
 Texas Tech at Oklahoma.....ESPNN 6:30 p.m.
 SMU at South Florida.....ESPNU 6 p.m.
 Drake at Bradley.....FCSC 7 p.m.
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NBA Basketball

New Jersey Nets at Atlanta Hawks.....ESPN 7 p.m.
 Washington Wizards at Phoenix Suns.....ESPN 9:30 p.m.

NHL Hockey

Pittsburgh Penguins at Washington Capitals.....OLN 7 p.m.
 Chicago Blackhawks at Los Angeles Kings..NBCS 9:30 p.m.

Soccer

United States v. Chile.....FS1 5 p.m.

Horse Racing

From Hong Kong.....TVG 5 a.m.

Golf

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Tennis

Australian Open Quarterfinals.....ESPN2 2 p.m.
 Australian Open Women's semis.....ESPN2 8:30 p.m.

Game times and channels are subject to change.

Junior High boys at Borger

STAFF REPORT

Monday night the Pampa basketball boys traveled to Borger.

The seventh B team won 42-12. Evan Vasquez led the team in points with 10 followed by Tyson Crain with nine. Dylan Booth and Trae Long led the team in steals. The B team is now 9-2 with one game remaining.

The seventh A team thumped Borger 61-15. Chase Landers led the team in scoring with 16 points, and TJ Conley followed with 15. Michael Tollerson also added 10 points, including two three-pointers. Joey Hill and Derrius Williams led the team in steals and assists.

The highlight of the night came from a cross court alley-oop pass from Evan Boyd to Hill for a bucket. The boys are now one step closer to mak-

ing school history. If they beat Bushland next week, they will be the first undefeated team since 1999-2000.

The eighth B team won 38-23. Gabriel Diaz led the team with 13 points, and Nahum Nunez and Reid Smith both added 11. Zach Scarlett and Tanner Mathias led the team in steals and rebounds.

The eighth A team lost a heart-breaker, 30-29. Pampa maintained the lead for most of the game, but Borger hit a last second shot to go ahead for the win.

It was a tough and physical game, but the boys fought and played extremely hard to the end. Hugo Quezada led the team with 11 points. Ethan Lemke and Braydon Oxley led the team in rebounds. Lemke also led the team in steals.

SUDOKU

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I have been married for quite a while, and our intimate life became monotonous and unimaginative a long time ago. Over the years I have suggested we try things like role-playing and other non-extreme variations during intimate times. My suggestions were met with rolling eyes and retorts like, "I'm your wife, not a hooker." I finally gave up and try to be content with what we have together.

Then one evening she surprised me and did one of the things I had suggested. It was very nice and she seemed to like it, too. I didn't know what to say to her. "Thank you" somehow seemed condescending. We have done nothing like it since.

I doubt if the answer is in the etiquette books. What should I have said to her to let her know how much I appreciated her loosening up and hope it will perhaps make her more comfortable spicing things up in the future? — ETIQUETTE ADVOCATE IN SAN DIEGO

DEAR ADVOCATE: Praise is a powerful incentive. Flowers would have been nice. But since you didn't send any, try this: Invite your wife out to dinner at a nice restaurant. Tell her how surprised and delighted you were with the special surprise she gave you. A small gift to commemorate the occasion couldn't hurt either.

A satisfying sex life is all about communication, and if my mail is any indicator, if more wives were uninhibited in the bedroom, there would be a lot less business for the "professionals."

DEAR ABBY: I have been dating a wonderful man for two years and am in hopes of getting a proposal soon. We are both committed to staying pure before marriage and have not been

intimate. My question to you is, do I have to tell him, now or ever, that I have had breast implants? I did it several years ago, and it greatly improved my self-esteem. I'm glad I did it.

Since he has never felt any breasts, if I tell him, my fear is he will get hung up on the thought, "I wonder what REAL breasts feel like." On the other hand, if I don't tell him and sometime in the future he finds out, he may be like, "I can't believe you kept that from me." What would you advise? — RETICENT IN KENTUCKY

DEAR RETICENT: Many women have breast enhancement surgery so their figures will be more balanced. For the reason you have mentioned, you should tell your boyfriend. It should make no difference to him. However, if it does, it's better that you know now before you spend any more time on someone who measures the worth of a woman by how "real" her breasts are.

P.S. If he wants to know what "real" breasts feel

like, tell him to go hug his mother.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: I'll pass along this pithy sentiment shared with me by former California Gov. Gray Davis. In a commencement speech to students graduating from Columbia Law School, Davis told them: "School is fair. Life is not. Just get used to it."

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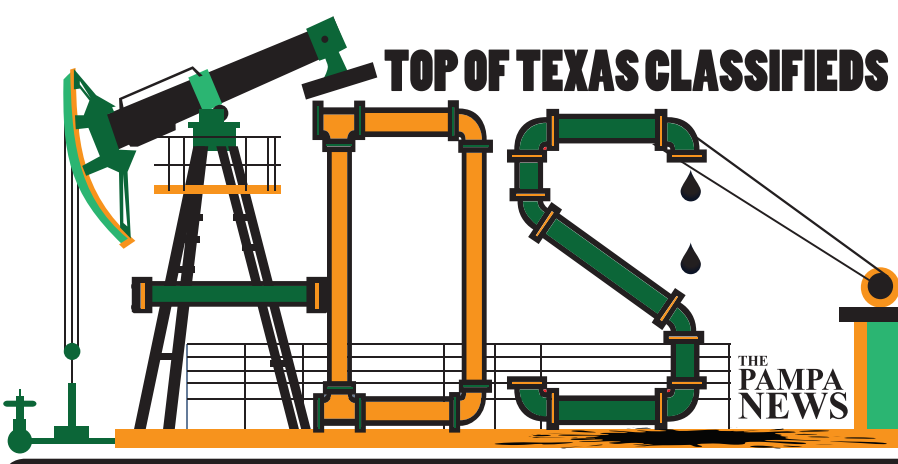
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Yesterday's Answer:

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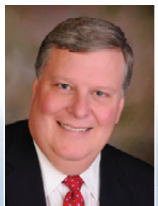
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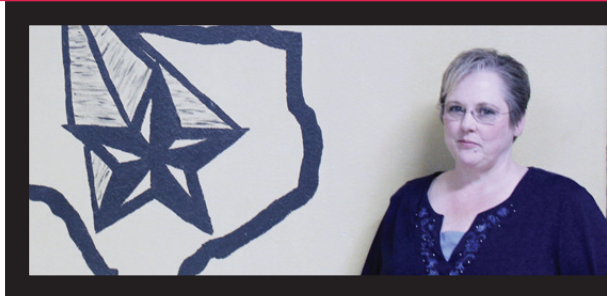
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Brenda Guess finds second career in insurance

By JOHN LEE

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When Brenda Guess was laid off from Verizon, she was considering retirement. That was until Farmer's Insurance persistently pursued her to start working for them as the owner of Guess Insurance Agency as an Farmer's Agent.

This was a interesting transition for Guess moving from cell phones to insurance.

"It was different, I will tell you that," Guess said. "It was a different set of people, something different to sell."

Now 65, Guess is very grateful that she doesn't have to travel as much.

"With Verizon I traveled a great deal. I traveled probably 75 percent of my job," Guess said.

"But with this I don't travel. I get to see new people every day and I get to see my old people every day. People that have been with Farmers for years, we get to see them and help them. It's something I have really enjoyed the past four or five years."

Guess said that the conditions the Texas Panhandle is exposed to every day can make the job challenging.

"If we have bad, catastrophic things that happen here, tornado, hails; that affects the cost of insurance," Guess said. "When we have things like that we cringe because those costs have to be recouped."

Texas has had fires, hail, blizzards and tornadoes which all of the elements affect insurance.

Guess' future plans includes building a new office.

"We've kind of outgrown this

building and it's getting to the critical point of getting a new building," Guess said.

The growth of her office can be attributed to making the Farmer's Championship and Top of Club awards, which Guess is most proud

of in her career.

"I've got wonderful staff, and they are both licensed," Guess said.

Guess was born and raised in Pampa, grew up in Pampa and both

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Rene Garrison: Born into an industry

BY JOHN LEE

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While most people decide on a career either in their teens or after changing their major multiple times, Rene Garrison of Bob Douthit Autos Parts, Auto Sales, & Wrecker Service was born into her industry.

“It’s my dad’s business, I was born into it,” Rene said. “Dad started it and we came out to help.”

Rene’s father worked for EnerGas and ran the car lot after hours. Eventually it grew into what it is today: Bob Douthit Autos Parts, Auto Sales, & Wrecker Service. The business now has a dozen employees and Rene herself has been working for her family business for more than 25 years. Rene likes being able to work with her family.

“I love getting to work with my family,” Rene said. “We all work together, they know what to expect.”

Rene said the Bob Douthit Autos Parts, Auto Sales, & Wrecker Service has started buying equipment for more heavy duty towing and wreckers.

Rene has lived in Pampa since she was less than two years old. Her father, Robert Douthit, was in the military and when he got out, settled his family in Pampa. Rene has lived here her entire life and loves the community.

“I think people here are friendlier here than most places,” Rene said.

Rene and Bob Douthit Autos Parts, Auto Sales, & Wrecker Service is involved with the community.

“We try to support locally first like: community projects, first responders, police, DPS, ambu-



lance, Hoover FD” Rene said. “Like we did the bicycle rodeo and a lot of other fundraisers.”

Rene and her husband Rick are also founders of the Southwest Tow Operators, which works with legislation in passing laws to help towing services.

“It’s a non-profit organization,” Rene said. “But we are the ones that got the ‘move over’ law to include wreckers. They fight the laws against towing. There are a lot of laws concerning towing, some of them good and then some of them bad. We try to stop the bad ones and

get the good ones through. Then they help other towers and educate them.”

Now at 54 years old, Rene is proud of what her business does every day.

“I’m proud every day,” Rene said.

“My drivers do a good job and I am proud of everybody out here. Our men go out on wrecker calls and help people all the time. We get numerous letters from people thanking us for helping them.”

Rene is married to Rick Garrison and they have three children and four grandchildren.

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Janna Bentley chooses a different path

BY LINDSEY TOMASCHIK

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Janna Bentley is President and CEO of Cabot & NOI Employees Credit Union. She has worked for the credit union for 14 years now and worked her way up to her current position.

Working there was not always Bentley's plan. She attended West Texas State University after graduating from Pampa High School for some time for accounting, but dentistry is something that always interested her.

"I wound up here, and I loved being helpful to people who needed something," she said.

Bentley enjoys the work environment of the credit union over a bank, and throughout the years, her work has become her passion.

"It's really just people helping people," she said. "We are a family organization, and we help even past financial products."

She also loves spending time with her family, including her husband, Harold, and children, Heath and wife Angela, Hudson and Jennifer. She also has four grandchildren, Aamori, Kaydence, Kambri and Kynleigh.



The whole family resides in Pampa, which makes it easy for the Bentleys to get together and do things on a frequent basis.

Bentley is also an active member of the Pampa community. She is an Altrusan, a member of the Salvation Army Board, she

was involved with Junior Service League, has done Meals on Wheels, volunteers at her church, Briarwood, when she can and helps out at Briarwood every fifth Sunday of the month working with the kids pastor.

When she's not at work or helping out via her community involvement, Bentley said that she enjoys spending time with her grandchildren, taking trips to the mountains, doing yard work and gardening, reading when she has time, and being in the company of her family.

As for her future business plans and goals, Bentley plans to stick around and see the credit union continue to grow. She said they are constantly striving to continue to be relevant. Recent changes have been a new website, the upcoming addition of mobile banking and even Apple Pay some time in the future.

"We are always looking for ways to grow in the community," Bentley said.

Cabot NOI also looks to help support the community by partaking in various projects and partnerships as often as possible.

"We like to make it fun for our members with promotions and prizes and that sort of thing," she said.

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Maxine Watson reenters the workforce to take it by storm

BY LINDSEY TOMASCHIK
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Maxine Watson re-entered the full-time workforce a mere eight years ago after several years of putting all her time into being a stay-at-home mom.

When she made the decision that it was time for her to go back to work, Watson knew she wanted to do something that would allow her to have a flexible schedule so that she could still attend all of her kids' events, so that is what fueled the decision to get into the real estate business.

"Real estate is something that always interested me when I was going through the process of buying homes," Watson said. "I felt that I could provide that service to other

people and really listen to their requests to find the best possible match."

She started out working at Keller Realty and switched over to Quentin Williams in 2007, where she is now part owner after purchasing half of the business in February of 2014.

"I felt that it was the ideal time to go to the next level," Watson said about the purchase.

She also said that she loves to work with people, and her favorite part of her line of work is the problem-solving process.

"I love what I do," she said. "I like the people I work with, both in town and in the office.

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Dr. Kalamani Dharma: Delivering new future Pampa



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When Dr. Kalamani Dharma got into the field of medicine, she was an anesthesiologist.

“I did it for quite some time, and I was in California, I practiced it for 10 years,” Dr. Dharma said. “But I sort of missed the patient contact and I also had an interest in doing some surgical procedure and I was young enough that I decided to be an OBGYN.”

Dr. Dharma had dealt a lot with the labor and delivery process when giving expectant mothers an epidural. Then decided that being an OBGYN, you have a little bit of everything.

“You have the surgery, you have office visits and deliveries,” Dr. Dharma said. “It was a little bit of everything in my opinion.”

Dr. Dharma likes that there is a primary care aspect while still being a specialist.

Dr. Dharma said her proudest moment in her career is knowing her positive outcomes outweigh

the negative ones. Being 53 years old with a child of her own, her favorite part is delivering the babies.

“It’s just a happy environment,” Dr. Dharma said.

Dr. Dharma does live in Dallas for personal reasons, but is in Pampa on Thursdays and Fridays and loves the reception from the community.

“People are very real and very authentic,” Dr. Dharma said.

“And medicine here is kind of what it used to be. You practice medicine and you don’t have to refer to 10 people to make sure everybody gets a cut of the pie. You are really focusing on the medical care and not the politics of medicine.”

Dr. Dharma said the most challenging part of her career is the emergency aspect that gives her little time to get ready.

Dr. Dharma’s would like to have a stable OBGYN group here in Pampa.

“I would like to have a group that stays here whether it’s full time or half time,” Dr. Dharma said.

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Kim Dyer joins the family restaurant business

BY LINDSEY TOMASCHIK

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Dyer's Bar-B-Que has been open in Pampa since 1967.

Kim Dyer and her husband Brent bought into the business 20 years ago.

"My husband has worked here all his life, so it was really a no-brainer for him," Dyer said of the family business.

She has been working at the restaurant for six years now, previously having worked at the junior high for 11 years.

Along with her husband Brent, Kim has two children, Nicholas and Nichole.

Nicholas has joined the family business as well and runs the Amarillo location of the restaurant, while Nichole is a nurse. Dyer also has five grandchildren all between the ages of one and eight.

The Dyer family takes their time together very seriously, and Kim said that every Monday without fail, the entire family gets together.

"The weekends are the busy time for us at the restaurant, so we



get together as a family on Mondays," she said.

Although Dyer was born in Amarillo, she has lived in Pampa since 1970 and says it's all she can remember.

As for her community involvement, Dyer said that the restaurant frequently lends a hand by donating to causes in need,

including the trail ride for the Sheltered Workshop in town. The restaurant also caters for various events.

When it comes to her hobbies, Dyer enjoys camping, riding four-wheelers, spending time with her children and grandchildren, boating on the lake and traveling.

"We take a family vacation for a week every summer," she said.

She and her husband are always looking for new ways to accommodate the ever-changing desires of the customers.

"We want to keep moving forward and think of ways to stay up with our customers," Dyer said.

She also said that they like adding new items to the menu and taking customer requests, such as the recent menu additions of mashed potatoes and fried okra, into consideration as well.

"The key is to not be stagnant in menu choices while still keeping the classics," she said.

They have also added new cobbler flavors and occasionally have specials.

"We try to do things that interest people and keep them coming in," she said.

In the future, Dyer said that they plan to keep the business in the family and as things start to slow down, the business will be handed down to their son, Nick.

"We will always be here somewhat," Dyer said.

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Shaping the lives of our future leaders

By ZACHARY GREEN
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Jennifer Studebaker is the principal at Travis Elementary school in Pampa. She is married to John Studebaker and they have two children; a daughter, Jacie, 16, and a son Jack, 12. Studebaker went to Oklahoma Christian University and graduated with a B.S. in Education in 1994. She obtained her Master's at West Texas A&M University. Studebaker has been with PISD for 20 years. Sixteen of those years were in the classroom where she taught World Geography. She spent two years as an assistant principal at the high school and is in her second year as the principal at Travis. "We consider Pampa home," Studebaker said.

"We lived here when I grew up from fifth to tenth grade before we moved but Pampa is home. We have been here 20 years." Studebaker said she never thought she would be in administration. "I am thankful I am, I love the school and experience," Studebaker said. "I just want to be where I am supposed to be and where God leads me." Her goal in life is to be a good mom and raise strong and healthy children and in the future grandchildren. "I am honored and a little shocked to be a part of the women in business," Studebaker said. "I hope that people see that the work I do is very valuable and the work at Travis is good." Studebaker loves that students she had in class

are bringing their children to Travis and she is getting to see the future of students she had. "I hope that I built positive relationships," Studebaker said. "Now I get to see them as parents and get to know their kids." Studebaker says Pampa is a great place to raise her kids. "PISD is doing great things," Studebaker said. "I love that we have a solid community." She loves that she spent 18 years at the high school and now gets to see education from the elementary perspective. "It gives me a good look at the education system," Studebaker said. "I love the foundation we build here at Travis."

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Providing one of life's essentials in Pampa

BY ZACHARY GREEN
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Sue Fatheree, pictured in the middle, and her husband Tim have owned the Culligan on Starkweather street in Pampa since 2001. The Fatheree's have two daughters, Jenny and Rebecca who were both Pampa High School graduates. They also have three grandchildren. Sue grew up right here in Pampa and graduated from PHS. Tim grew up in Miami. The couple has lived here most of their lives other than a year at West Texas A&M University.

One of her goals as a company is



to deliver a quality product at a reasonable price.

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tomers quality of life," Fatheree said. "I also hope to provide a good place for our employees to

work."

A personal goal for Sue is to live her life in a way that is pleasing to God.

"I am honored to be a part of the women in business," Fatheree said. "Many women are in Pampa that have been in business longer than I have. I am humbled."

Fatheree went on to say that she couldn't do it without her team. "It's like the quarterback in football, you need others there as well," Fatheree said. "I want the employees to feel honored as well."

Fatheree said that business classes

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Being there during times of grief

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Jeanna Zuniga and her husband Daniel own Memory Gardens cemetery on Price Road in Pampa. The couple have two children. A daughter Danielle will graduate from the University of North Texas in May. A son, Adam is a junior at Pampa High School. Jeanna went to PHS and graduated in 1981. She was born and raised in Pampa. She attended West Texas State (WTAMU) and majored in business. The couple moved back to Pampa after 14 years in Canyon and have been in Pampa for 38 years.

“We moved back to run the Mr. Gatti’s in Pampa,” Zuniga said. “We owned the Yummies Pizza in the mall before the mall closed.” After the mall closed, Zuniga worked at Memory Gardens. She has been there for 13 years and the couple has owned it for seven and a half years.

“A couple in Indiana owned Memory Gardens along with many other cemeteries,” Zuniga said. “They called us one day and asked if we would be interested in buying it and the rest is history.”

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Wendy Castanon and her husband Mike purchased what is now Mikey's Liquor six years ago in June. Wendy and her sister-in-law Cinthia Cepeda are the store's leading ladies.

Big changes have come to the store both inside and out, as they have been working diligently to better both its appearance and service provided to the community since taking over. During the course of the past year or so, many have seen the redone outside of the store as well as the light-up sign that has been added.

Both from out of town, Castanon and Cepeda have been living in Pampa for three and a half and two and a half years, respectively. Since they no longer have to commute to come to work, they have been able to dedicate more time to the business and look forward to continuing to see it grow as they serve the area.

Castanon and her husband have two children, Jaxten and Linely, while Cepeda and her husband, Froilan, have a four-year old daughter, Kate-lynn.

When she's not busy running the store, Castanon says that she enjoys sports and spending time with her children. Cepeda enjoys spending time with her daughter and does a lot of reading in her spare time.

Mikey's Liquor is located at 1222 North Price Road.



Tips for female entrepreneurs

Starting a business is no small task. But as the 21st century progresses, more and more female entrepreneurs are embracing the challenge of starting their own businesses. Though each entrepreneur has his or her own motivation for starting a business, the chance to be your own boss and turn an idea into a successful business is a driving force for both male and female entrepreneurs. And though male and female entrepreneurs face similar hurdles when starting a business, many female entrepreneurs might be more hesitant to set out on their own, fearing that old stigmas about women in the workplace might affect their chances at success by making potential investors or financial institutions wary of women setting out on their own. Though such concerns unfortu-

nately are legitimate, women should not assume that such stigmas prevail. The continued success of female entrepreneurs has shed new light on just how successful female entrepreneurs can be. The following are a few tips for women looking to start their own business.

* Seek out a mentor. Many female entrepreneurs have blazed the trail you are about to embark on, and such women can prove an invaluable resource as you begin your journey. Find a female business owner you can connect with and ask her for any advice she can offer. She might not be able to help you with any specifics regarding your business, but she can very well share stories of what you can expect as a woman setting out to start her own business.

* Have an airtight business plan. As unjust as it is, a stigma about women in the workplace still exists in the minds of some professionals. This means women must be especially diligent and detailed when creating their business plan. One helpful hint is to act as if you are pitching yourself. Look at your business plan and ask if you would invest in yourself. Ask yourself the questions you would ask a fellow entrepreneur if he or she approached you with the same business plan you just developed. There's no harm to be done by using every resource at your disposal, especially your own business savvy and experience.

* Don't expect to finance the business entirely on your own. Unless your business is going to be especially small, you're going to need capital to

start your business. If you think you can finance the business on your own, you might want to reconsider. A business loan or investors can help you plan for the unexpected. If you attempt to go it alone, open your business and then find you need a business loan, the lending institution might find your brand has already been damaged and is less likely to succeed. That can make it harder to secure a business loan. Though it's possible to finance your business entirely out of your own pocket, it never hurts to partner up with a bank or a handful of investors.

* Rely on your support system. Many women with business experience might feel they need to prove some-

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Networking tips for working professionals

Networking plays an integral role in professional growth. Men and women who can nurture relationships within their fields are more likely to be in tune with what's going on in their professions, and a network of fellow professionals can help men and women advance their careers.

But networking often falls by the wayside for today's busy professionals, many of whom simply can't find the time in their hectic schedules to foster relationships with professional colleagues. But the benefits of networking are numerous, and it behooves men and women to make an effort to build

and maintain strong professional networks.

- Recognize the benefits of networking. Networking not only benefits individuals but also the companies those individuals own or work for. While many people view networking as a means to one day finding a new job, networking is much more than that. When you foster a professional relationship, the other person in that relationship will be quick to think of you when they need a given service or are asked for a referral. That can benefit business owners' bottom lines, but even men and women who don't own a business can benefit, as their bosses will no doubt recognize the role they played in bringing in new

business.

- Make networking a priority. Once professionals recognize that networking is about more than just building a web of contacts who can help them find their next job, they can begin to prioritize networking so it can help them in their existing jobs. Make an effort to keep in touch with current and previous clients and any other contacts made over the years. Something as simple as an email to catch up or an inquiry to see if there's anything fellow professionals need will help you stay on their minds, which can help you bring in new business or learn about new opportunities down the road. Maintaining and building a professional network

does not always require a lot of work, as even seemingly small gestures can pay big dividends if men and women prioritize such efforts.

- Revisit your network from time to time. A network is only beneficial if it remains current. Keep

track of the professionals in your network so you know when and where to reach them should you need to do so. A professional networking site such as LinkedIn is a great way to stay on top of what

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A how-to guide starting a small business

Starting their own a business is a dream for many men and women. Instead of reporting to a boss and following the particular hierarchy of a company, entrepreneurs can set their own rules and hours.

But starting a business does not just involve putting an open-for-business sign in the window. It involves preparation to ensure the business succeeds and is in accordance with laws and guidelines set by the local government. The first step in starting a business is to figure out what the business hopes to accomplish. It is a wise idea to draft a business plan that clearly states your goals and what you hope to accomplish on a daily basis. According to the U.S. Small Business Administration, a busi-

ness plan should include a listing of how the business will be marketed, who your expected competition will be, the names of your expected personnel, and the amount of available start-up capital at your disposal. A business plan is a good document to have and one that is often necessary for prospective owners who hope to secure a small-business loan from a bank or private investors.

Once the business plan has been developed, take advantage of any free training and counseling services that might be available. Such services offers strategies for a successful business, and established business owners might even participate by offering advice and answering questions. Learn from their successes

and failures and when establishing your own business.

It's also imperative that prospective business owners decide which type of legal entity their business will be. These include sole proprietorship, partnership, limited liability company (LLC), corporation, S corporation, nonprofit, or cooperative. An attorney who specializes in business law can help you establish the legal structure that will be the most beneficial to you.

You also will have to find a business location. While there are brick-and-mortar businesses opening every day, a large number of

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Tips for starting a business

Starting a business and being your own boss is a dream for many working men and women. Whether you have a great idea for a startup business or want to branch out on your own in your current line of work, starting a business from scratch can be a risky, yet rewarding, undertaking.

One of the biggest concerns for many startup businesses is finding the money to get the business off the ground. Finding investors for a business idea often involves patience, resolve and a strong belief in your idea. Few startups can survive without some investment capital from outside sources, and the following are a few tips to help today's entrepreneurs find financial backing for their ideas.

- Know what you need. Once you've explained your idea, a potential investor, whether it's a venture capitalist, a trusted friend or even a family member, will want to know exactly how much money you need. The more money you need, the more people you're likely to have to approach. If the amount of capital you need is relatively small, then you can seek the help of friends and family members. This might prove especially rewarding should your business eventually succeed, as you will have raised investment capital from the people you trust and rewarded that trust with a healthy return on their investments.

Keeping things in the family defi-

nately has its benefits, but it can also cause problems, especially if the amount of capital you need to raise is substantial. In such instances, seeking the help of a venture capitalist might be your best bet. Venture capitalists not only invest in ideas for a living, but also if you work with a venture capitalist, your relationships with family and friends won't grow strained if your idea or plan falters and the returns on investment are less than expected.

- Invest in yourself, but don't overdo it. Letting potential investors know you've invested your own money in the project can help, but you don't want to overdo it. Potential investors might hesitate to invest with someone who sank their entire savings into an idea. Such hesitation occurs because investors don't want decisions affecting the company to be made by someone who is concerned about losing their entire nest egg. Such decisions are not always rational, and they can affect how you approach the business. So while it's good to invest in yourself and your idea, don't overdo it to the point where potential investors might see your business as a red flag instead of a worthwhile investment.

- Develop a detailed plan. Potential investors will want to see a detailed business plan that includes how the business will be run and how their money, should they ultimately choose to invest, will be used. In-

clude a forecast of expenses, which includes materials needed as well as what you expect to pay in rent for office and manufacturing space. This plan should also include an earnings projection, which can point to when an investor can reasonably expect to start seeing some return on his or her investment. If you have no experience in developing a business plan, then you might want to consult a business advisor. This will cost you money, but it might make the difference between finding solid investors or sitting on your idea.

- Be enthusiastic about the future. Enthusiasm is important when seeking investors. Potential investors already have money, and they won't want to invest in an idea with a goal of breaking even. Explain to potential investors that you have a

long-term vision

for your business, one that isn't just for survival but, ideally, expansion. You don't want to go overboard here, as you don't want to make it appear as though you're putting the cart before the horse. But you don't want to project a lack of confidence in your ideas or a lack of vision for how you want your business to grow, either. Enthusiasm about the future can pique a potential investor's interest, whereas an investment opportunity that doesn't figure to yield much of a return will turn investors off.

Building a business is no small feat, and entrepreneurs should work as hard at convincing potential investors to invest as they did at developing their initial ideas.



Sue

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in high school and college were very helpful in getting her where she is today.

“We do a lot of continuing education in the water industry as well,” Fatheree said. “That is very important. Also the best teacher there is has to be the experience, but I am still glad I had the classes and training.”

An accomplishment Fatheree reached was to take and pass a rigorous test

to become a certified plant manager. An accomplishment the company reached was that they help in the community.

“We want to try to help organizations and people in the community by water donations,” Fatheree said. “We mainly help here in times of crisis but we also helped when Oklahoma had the tornado last year. Being able to help is important.” Sue said she loves the Pampa community.

“I love the people, love the industry,” Fatheree said. “It’s where I grew up. It’s home. It is a beautiful area.”

What Fatheree likes most about her career is helping people improve their quality of life.

“I love the customers and work with really great people,” Fatheree said. How did the Fatherees come to owning Culligan?

“We were at a point in life where we needed a career change and we knew Weldon Holley (the previous owner),” Fatheree said. “We prayed and feel the Lord blessed us with the opportunity.”

Something that makes the career challenge is regulations.

“The regulations ensure that we have a good product,” Fatheree said. “The cost of doing business is going up.” The Fatherees future plans are to spend time with grandkids, garden and spend time with mother and the ranch.

“We have a great team and those

things will come with time,” Fatheree said. “We will never stop learning to do things more efficiently and how to prioritize time to do things we want and need to do.”

Fatheree has a lot of things she is involved in with the community. Previously she has been on the PISD School Board, the Museum Board and the Caring Communities for Christ Board.

Right now she is a member at Faith Bible Church and a part-time Sunday School teacher. She is a member of the 21st Century Foreign Study Club. She is also a member of Moms in Prayer, a weekly meeting where moms meet to pray for kids.

Watson

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There are a lot of good people in this industry locally.”

When she’s not at work, Watson spends time at home with her husband of 22 years, Ben, who works at Edward Jones Investments, and her children, Dakota, a sophomore in business college at Texas Tech, and Paden, a senior at Pampa High School, who plans to major in agriculture business at Texas Tech in the fall.

Watson is a PHS graduate herself, having graduated in the class of 1988. After high school, she spent two years at a Dallas secretarial junior college and has taken classes with Kaplan College for her real estate licensing education.

When it comes to her community involvement, Watson has quite the list of extracurriculars. She is an Altrusan, has participated in several booster clubs within the school system, serves on the SPRC board, First United Methodist

Church board, a member of the Top O’ Texas Stock Show and Gray County Junior Live Stock Show Association, Gold Coats, Pampa Board of Realtors, is a member of Texas Association of Realtors and the National Association of Realtors.

With all those activities on her plate, Watson has little free time after balancing her family and community involvement, yet somehow she still finds time to have some hobbies.

In her spare time, Watson enjoys cooking, do it yourself projects around the house and traveling with her family “I’ve been fortunate enough to go to a lot of foreign countries,” Watson said.

As far as her future plans and goals go, Watson said that she is interested in seeing Quentin Williams continue to grow and flourish.

“We also want to take the agency to the technological age,” she said.

Quentin Williams was established in Pampa in 1952 and is the longest operating realty office in town.

“We want to maintain the legacy and make it grow in the future,” she said.

Zuniga

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Her life goal is to help get both children to through college and started on their careers.

“We want to also stay healthy enough to travel and be with our kids wherever they go,” Zuniga said.

“We always have done everything with our kids.”

Zuniga said it is pretty cool to be selected in the women in business.

“Because of our location we only see people that are coming in,” Zuniga said. “We don’t get a lot of traffic coming through every day.”

Her favorite moment is helping people.

“God knew who to put in a position like this,” Zuniga said. “I can now relate to people since

I have lost both of my parents.” Zuniga went on to say it is a flexible job and she likes being able to be available.

“What makes it challenging is helping people recognize it is better to pre-arrange funerals rather than when you have to,” Zuniga said.

Zuniga really enjoys being a Pampa Harvester.

“I love that our kids can go to PHS,” Zuniga said.

“I want to continue helping families and be there with our children and grandchildren.”

Zuniga is a member of the PHS basketball and baseball booster clubs. She is the current president of the Pampa Optimist Youth Club.

She has been teaching the high school seniors Sunday School at First Baptist Church for 19 years. She is also a member of the North Texas Parent Association.

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new businesses begin on the Internet. It is very difficult to determine just how many online businesses there are since the reach of the Internet is so vast. However, the low overhead of an online business and the increasing propensity for individuals and shoppers to spend time online makes the Internet an attractive venue for a business start-up. Small business owners also must register their businesses with their local governments. To do so, you will first need to apply for an identification number. (In Canada, you would apply for a business number from the The Canada Revenue Agency.) This identification number is a 15 character identifier of your business. In the United States, the Internal Revenue Service will issue an employer identification number, or EIN, also known as a tax ID number. Much like a social security number identifies an individual,

an EIN identifies a particular business. Once you have this number, you will be able to open up bank accounts in the business' name as well as register with your local government to pay payroll taxes and any sales tax necessary. If permits or licenses are necessary for your business, you will have to apply for those as well. Prospective business owners within the United States can visit www.sba.gov/licenses-and-permits to determine which documents they will need. Prospective small business owners can also apply for a business credit card and open up a business bank account. These accounts will help you keep your business funds separate from your personal funds. They are necessary to establish business credit as well as to purchase supplies and make payroll payments. Starting a business can be a rewarding venture and help individuals become their own boss. Not every business will become a success, but starting out on the right foot can help.

Networking

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your network is up to, and such a site also is a valuable tool when you want to update your network with any new information about yourself. Revisit your network a few times each year, updating with any new information so you aren't left scrambling for email addresses or phone numbers when the time comes to get back in touch with your contacts.

- Avoid networking only when you need something. You can likely name a few of your fellow professionals who only seem to contact you when

they want something. You don't want to earn a similar reputation among your own contacts, so don't forget to make periodic contact with your colleagues even when you don't need anything. A simple email to catch up and to offer some unsolicited help if any is needed can be enough to prevent you from earning a reputation as a me-first contact and put you in a positive light that can benefit you throughout your career. Networking can easily be seen in a negative light. But professionals who network the right way will find that their efforts pay dividends for themselves, their companies and even their professional colleagues.

Guess

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of her kids graduated from Pampa High School.

"Of course I am partial to Pampa because I was raised here," Guess said. "But I love that we support our first responders. I like the fact that it is very easy to know a lot of people in Pampa. The community supports our schools and they're also aware of the people that need help. They support the Salvation Army, the Children's Shopping Tour and others."

Dharma

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"I think that's what Pampa needs, a group that is stable."

Dr. Dharma grew up in Chennai in India, which was an experience in itself.

"I went to an all girls school

Guess says it is very nice to be recognized and was surprised to be selected for the Women in Business section.

Guess is also involved in the community as a member of Altrusa and is a member of the board for Altrusa. She is a member of the board of directors for the American Heart Association in Pampa. She has also served on the Salvation Army and Tralee Crisis boards of directors.

of only 19 in my class," Dr. Dharma said.

"So I grew up in a very sheltered environment. But in terms of interacting with people it's just like here in Pampa, people are very genuine."

Dr. Dharma actually grew up near where the movie "Life of Pi" was filmed, Poincherry.

Future

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Studebaker said she got into education because both of her parents were educators. "Education was really the only thing I thought I would do," Studebaker said. The biggest challenge in her profession, Studebaker says is factors they cannot control. Studebaker's future plan is to stay in Pampa and be where

she is effective and called to be.

"Another goal is to make what I do second nature," Studebaker said. "I want to keep learning and growing. I want to impact lives and have value in what I do to contribute to people." Studebaker said her job and her kids being in sports really keeps them busy. She is a member of Briarwood Church and the softball booster club.

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thing to themselves when starting their own business and need to do so entirely on their own. While that's great motivation,

underestimating the value of your support system, including your spouse, children and even your mentor, is a mistake. Rely on these people who all want you to succeed, and turn their support into extra motivation.

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