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## Dale Cole, a new addition to PFD



BY LINDSEY TOMASCHIK  
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Dale Cole is one of Pampa Fire Department's newest hires. Cole started with the department on Dec. 22, becoming a firefighter was sort of a long-lost career goal for him. "It's something I've wanted to do since I was little," he said. "I kinda gave up on it and thought I'd go to college." Cole, originally from Shamrock, ended up getting on with a volunteer fire department, where he met fellow new hire, Martin Castaneda. From that point, Cole decided that he wanted in on the brotherhood environment provided by the fire department, which made him pick this career over going to college. Since making the decision to become a full-time firefighter, Cole has not had any regrets. When asked what his favorite part of the job is, he had a hard time deciding and said that he likes everything about it. "I like being there to help the community," he said. "And the food." Though he enjoys everything about his new career, Cole said that the biggest challenge for him so far has been taking on all the studying he has to do in order to be prepared for anything that may be thrown his way. Being that he is not from Pampa originally, this includes learning the map of the city as well as all the medical terminology required for the job. "It's not as easy as I thought it would be," he said. Cole looks forward to kicking off a long

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## Noguez Imports offers a little of everything to the community

BY LINDSEY TOMASCHIK  
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Angelica and Benigno Noguez moved to Pampa four years ago and opened their store, Noguez Imports, located at 117 N. Cuyler, beside Brandon's Flowers. The couple moved from Amarillo, and they say the most difficult part of their relocation has been leaving all of their family in Amarillo. They have no relatives in Pampa, but decided the move was the best thing for bettering themselves. Benigno works full-time outside of the store to help sustain store expenses, and Angela is the one who runs the store full-time. Noguez Imports sells a little bit of everything, and the Noguezes say that this brings in plenty of customers. Some of the products they offer include furniture, house decor, piñatas and party supplies including those for quinceañeras, weddings, baby showers and first communions. Owners Angelica and Benigno say that they have party supplies for

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Photo by Crystal Arreola  
 Noguez Imports is located at 117 N. Cuyler right next to Brandon's Flowers.

## GCSO investigating a robbery over the weekend

STAFF REPORT



Gray County Sheriff's Office is investigating a strong-armed robbery over the weekend. On Saturday, around 12:30 p.m., GCSO was dispatched to the CEFCO located at 11818 U.S. Highway 60 on a report of a robbery. GCSO said it was a strong-armed robbery and the

suspect got away with around \$200. GCSO is still investigating the event and could not give description of the suspect or the vehicle. Anyone with more information can call GCSO at 806-669-8022.

## Breast specialty care coming to Pampa

STAFF REPORT

TTUHSC is giving women in the rural Texas Panhandle access to breast care and other services by providing outpatient clinic time with our physicians in Pampa. Clinic hours will be held every second Friday of the month in at the PRMC. People interested in receiving care must call (806) 414-9556 prior to Feb. 13 to set up an ap-

pointment. Patients will be able to speak with our experts to discuss matter related to breast cancer, breast health and other topics. Women are encouraged to come to the cafeteria at the PRMC between 10 a.m. and noon on Feb. 13 to determine eligibility for no-cost mammograms, pap tests and HPV vaccinations. No appointments are necessary to determine eligibility.

## AgriLife Extension office moving back to County Annex

STAFF REPORT

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service - Gray County is moving back into the Gray County Annex this week. The office will be

closed on Tuesday for the move. It will reopen on Wednesday. If you are unable to reach us by phone, due to the move, an alternate phone number to call is 806-662-7462.

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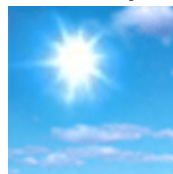
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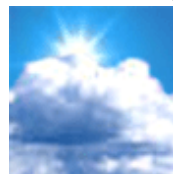
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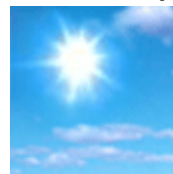
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High 56  
 Low 30



High 55  
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**Today:** Sunny, with a high near 73. South wind 5-10 mph, becoming north in the afternoon. Sunrise: 7:37 a.m.

**Tonight:** Mostly cloudy, with a low around 35. NE wind 5-10 mph. Sunset 6:21 p.m.

**Wednesday:** Partly sunny, with a high near 56. NNE wind 10-15 mph increasing to 15-20 mph in the afternoon. Gusts to 30 mph. Sunrise: 7:36 a.m.

**Wednesday night:** Mostly cloudy, with a low around 30. NE wind 15-20 mph decreasing to 5-10 mph after midnight. Sunset: 6:22 p.m.

**Thursday:** Sunny, with a high near 55. North wind 5-10 mph becoming south in the afternoon. Sunrise: 7:35 a.m.

**Thursday night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 37. South wind 10-15 mph. Sunset: 6:23 p.m.

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## Blue to the Bone to be held Feb. 21

■ A community awareness event and fundraiser for Sgt. Houston Gass.



### STAFF REPORT

Community support for officer Houston Gass continues with the upcoming fundraising event Blue to the Bone

The event will be held from 3 to 7 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 21 at M.K. Brown.

Dinner will be provided by do-

nations and there will be fun for the whole family.

There will also be both a live and a silent auction, live entertainment and guest speakers, including Sgt. Gass, Shawn Dunigan and Dallas Stringer.

All are welcome and encouraged to come out in support of officer Gass for this community event.

## Representative Ken King Appointed to Key Committees

SUBMITTED BY THE OFFICE OF KEN KING

Austin – Wednesday, Feb. 4, Speaker Joe Straus (San Antonio) released committee assignments for the 84th Legislature. Representative Ken King issued the following statement regarding the committees he will be serving on:



U.S. Rep. Ken King

“I am proud to announce that Speaker Straus has appointed me to on the House Administration, Calendars, Environmental Regulations and Public Education Committees. I am honored that the Speaker and leadership have the faith and confidence to appointment me to these key committees. I believe that these appointments put me in a position to continue to fight for rural Texas and House

District 88.”  
 The House Administration is a procedural committee that oversees the administration of the Texas House of Representatives. Calendars is the House Committee that determines which bills will be set on the Calendar to be heard on the house floor. The Environmental Regulations Committee oversees the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality as well as the environmental matters of the state. Public Education is in charge of all matters dealing with public schools and will be a key committee regarding the upcoming resolution of the school finance lawsuit.

## CCSO forced to fire in recent Groom disturbance call

SUBMITTED BY TEXAS DPS

On Feb. 8, at approximately 8:20 p.m., the Carson County Sheriff's Office received a 911 call reporting a disturbance in Groom.

According to the preliminary investigation, shortly after arriving on the scene, a sheriff's deputy shot and injured an armed woman involved in the disturbance.

The woman sustained non-life threatening injuries and was transported by ambulance to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. Texas Rangers are investigating the incident.

## Cole

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career with the department. He says he is most looking forward to the opportunity to move up in the ranks with the department and learning more on the job every day.

When he's not working or studying to become the best firefighter possible, Cole enjoys hunting, fishing and spending time with his family.

The Pampa News welcomes Dale Cole to the community and wishes him the best of luck in his career with the Pampa Fire Department.

## Noguez

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pretty much all occasions. They also rent table cloths and they decorate for weddings and quinceañeras as well.

They believe their store is unique because they also take special orders for such products as clothing for special occasions like baptisms and first communions.

Noguez imports is open from 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Saturdays. For more information on the store and its products and services, call 806-669-9999.

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## Pampa man arrested for DWI

### STAFF REPORT

• Joseph Andrew Beller, 41, Pampa, was arrested Friday by the Pampa Police Department for driving while intoxicated.

• Tommy Walker Abernathy, 30, Pampa, was arrested Friday by PPD for public intoxication.

• Andrew Flores, 48, Pampa, was arrested Saturday by PPD for his second

driving while intoxicated offense.

• Minnie Menefield, 48, Shamrock, was arrested Saturday by the Department of Public Safety for driving while intoxicated, driving while license with a previous conviction.

• Garland Glen Gleghorn, 38, Pampa, was arrested Saturday by PPD for no driver's license, failure to

appear.

• Joseph Nathaniel Jones, 28, Amarillo, was arrested Saturday by DPS for driving while intoxicated — open container.

• Daisy Portillo, 24, Pampa, was arrested Saturday by DPS for failure to display driver's license, theft by check — between \$50 and \$500.

• John Sharp, 35, Harri-

son, Ark., was arrested Sunday by DPS for possession of marijuana — less than two ounces, possession of a controlled substance — between four and 200 grams, driving while intoxicated.

• Thomas Nelson, 31, Lubbock, was arrested Sunday by the Gray County Sheriff's Office for capias pro fine — assault.

## Pampa Fire Department call log — Feb. 3-9

### 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.

### Feb. 3

• At 11:21 a.m., to the 1500 block of West Kentucky on a medical assist.

• At 1:18 p.m., to the 2000 block of Charles on a medical call.

• At 3:42 p.m., to the 800 block of East Browning on a medical call.

• At 4:57 p.m., to the 1000 block of South Wells on a medical call.

### Feb. 4

• At 5:32 a.m., to the 2000 block of North Russell on a medical call.

### Feb. 5

• At 4:05 a.m., one unit and four personnel to a medical assist in the 800 block of North Nelson.

• At 7:23 a.m., two units and seven personnel to an odor investigation in the 800 block of North Magnolia.

• At 8:59 a.m., to a medical call in the 2100 block of North Wells.

• At 12:29 p.m., to an investigation in the 1300 block of North Russell.

• At 3:23 p.m., to a medical call in the 2100 block of North Hobart.

• At 7:13 p.m., one unit and four personnel to a list assist in the 1400 block of West Somerville.

### Feb. 6

• At 7:30 a.m., to a medical call in the 2100 block of Chestnut.

• At 7:42 a.m., one unit and five personnel to a medical call in the 1500 block of West Kentucky.

• At 9:27 a.m., one unit and five personnel to a medical call in the 12000 block of East Francis.

• At 11:27 a.m., one unit and two personnel to a grass fire in the 1300 block of Hamilton.

• At 11:44 a.m., one unit and five personnel to a lift assist in the 500 block of North Hazel.

• At 12:03 p.m., one unit and five personnel to

a medical call in the 900 block of South Finley.

• At 2:14 p.m., one unit and five personnel to a medical call in the 900 block of South Varnon.

• At 3:26 p.m., one unit and four personnel to a public service call in the 400 block of North Wynn.

• At 4:27 p.m., one unit and four personnel to a medical call in the 100 block of South Faulkner.

• At 9:28 p.m., one unit and four personnel to a medical call at the intersection of Zimmers and Gwendolyn.

### Feb. 7

• At 10:51 a.m., to a canceled in route call in the 1000 block of Prairie.

• At 3 p.m., to a medical call in the 200 block of North Russell.

• At 4:54 p.m., to an odor investigation in the 400 block of South Graham.

• At 10:54 p.m., to an odor investigation in the 400 block of South Graham.

• At 11:31p.m., to a public service call in the 400

block of South Graham.

• At 11:54 p.m., to a medical call in the 600 block of East Scott.

### Feb. 8

• At 1:01 a.m., to a medical call in the 200 block of West Brown.

• At 2:32 a.m., to a medical call in the 600 block of North Hazel.

• At 8:19 a.m., to a lift assist in the 2300 block of North Beech.

• At 4:40 p.m., one unit and four personnel to a medical call in the 100 block of East Craven.

• At 7:15 p.m., to a lift assist in the 300 block of Canadian.

### Feb. 9

• At 5:17 a.m., to a medical call in the 1000 block of Neal.

• At 6:42 a.m., one unit and two personnel to an unauthorized burn in the 100 South Dwight.

• At 8:03 a.m., to a medical call in the 2300 block of North Christine.

• At 12:11 p.m., to a medical call in the 2200 block of Dwight.

## Jury selection begins for trial over 'American Sniper' death

STEPHENVILLE (AP) — Jury selection began Monday in the trial of the man accused of fatally shooting a former Navy SEAL depicted in the Oscar-nominated film "American Sniper."

More than a dozen people were dismissed first thing Monday morning in Stephenville, Texas, where former Marine Eddie Ray Routh is charged with capital murder in the deaths of 38-year-old Chris Kyle and Kyle's friend, 35-year-old Chad Littlefield.

A key challenge facing authorities is ensuring a fair trial just as the movie based on Kyle's memoir continues to make millions at the box office.

The county's top prosecutor told prospective jurors Monday that he knew many of them will have seen the movie, which depicts Kyle's stories of serving four tours in Iraq.

"It's hard not to have knowledge of this case," Erath County District Attorney Alan Nash said. "It's pervasive."

Seeing the movie or reading Kyle's book won't be disqualifying on its own, according to both Nash and State District Judge Jason Cashon, who will oversee the trial.

Nash asked potential jurors if they were unable to set aside what they'd already heard about the case. No one among about 130 potential jurors in court raised their hand.

Instead of a typical Erath County jury pool of 175,

about 800 jury summonses were sent out, district clerk Wanda Pringle has said. Several hundred people who weren't eliminated due to exemptions or other factors took part in last week's screening. The group was narrowed as potential jurors were dismissed for reasons including some who said pretrial publicity had already led them to a decision in the case.

About 260 potential jurors reported to the courthouse Monday.

Those dismissed right away were by mutual agreement of attorneys, for reasons including illness and answers they gave on a questionnaire last week, Pringle said. About 100 others were told to go home but to check in later to find out if they would be needed Tuesday.

Routh's attorneys plan to pursue an insanity defense. Prosecutors won't seek the death penalty. He faces life in prison without parole if convicted.

Family members have said Routh, 27, struggled with post-traumatic stress disorder after leaving the Marines in 2010. The small arms technician served in Iraq and was deployed to earthquake-ravaged Haiti. Kyle took Routh to the shooting range after Routh's mother asked if he could help her son.

About two hours after they arrived at Rough Creek Lodge and Resort on Feb. 2, 2013, an employee discovered the bodies of Kyle and Littlefield at the remote range.

## Traffic up at Southwest Airlines, down at American

Airline stocks fell Monday after oil prices rose again and Southwest and American each reported weakness in a key revenue figure.

Both airlines indicated that there were more empty seats on planes than a year earlier, which could reinforce concern that airlines might add too many flights for the current level of travel demand.

U.S. crude oil jumped \$1.62 to \$53.31 per barrel in midday trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. That raised the prospect that the recent sharp decline in jet fuel prices might be over. Oil prices are still down more than half from their summer 2014 highs, however, providing a windfall to big energy users including airlines.

Southwest Airlines Co. said Monday that January traffic rose 8.6 percent compared with a year ear-

lier. But that failed to keep pace with a 10.2 percent growth in capacity, and the average Southwest flight was 75.1 percent full, down from 76.3 percent a year earlier.

The Dallas-based airline said that a key figure — revenue for every seat flown one mile — fell about 1 percent compared with January 2014. That closely watched ratio falls when airlines fill fewer seats or charge lower average fares.

American Airlines Group Inc. said that January traffic fell 2.8 percent while capacity shrank 0.2 percent. The average flight was 78.2 percent full, down from 80.3 percent in January 2014. The biggest increase in empty seats on U.S. flights and those across the Pacific.

The Fort Worth, Texas-based company, which owns American and US Airways, expects the key revenue figure to decline

between 2 percent and 4 percent in the first quarter versus a year ago.

The company expects jet fuel in the quarter will cost between \$1.81 and \$1.86 per gallon, versus a previous forecast of \$1.71 to \$1.76.

In midday trading, Southwest shares fell 89 cents, or 2.2 percent, to \$43.25; American was off 86 cents, or 3.9 percent, to \$46.28; United Continental Holdings Inc. fell \$2.66, or 4 percent, to \$64.92, and Delta Air Lines Inc. dropped \$1.27, or 2.8 percent, to



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### Prairie Plains Perspective

## Nostalgic McNeely history, a half century ago

“Want to go to the basketball game?” Twas 2003 when I returned to Pampa and since then a Harvester basketball game has not been on my to-do list. What? I’m not being disrespectful, other stuff has taken precedence. When my friend Joe Cree asked the question, I accepted the invite. I mean, it’s been after doing the math,



**DENNIS PALMIER**

47 years since I stepped foot into McNeely Field House. Besides, my person of interest is presently away from the prairie plains and as Joe succinctly put it, “What would you rather do, stay home and count trains?”

Once inside McNeely, first thing I did was look up. Nope I thought to myself, they’re not

there. What wasn’t there were the 10 stories high (had to be!), secured to the rafters, two-inch thick ropes required for men to climb in order to pass high school physical education. Those 47 years in the yore, during Harvester basketball games the ropes were tethered to the field house walls. Nostalgia...and yes, I climbed those damned things and suffered in descending, the rope burns. Could I climb one today? No. Would I climb one today? No. Second thought, were Coach Pete Erwin suddenly to appear and yell “Palmitier, shimmy up that rope or else!” I’d climb.

History, like nostalgia, is important for the soul. Next thing I looked for was the basketball state championship years emblazoned on the court. They are there, making five for Dear Ole Pampa High, tied for third

most in the state. Made me feel good, for if there is one common denominator no matter where my travels in Texas take me, once a person or persons know (they will) from where I hail, Pampa High’s basketball success indubitably comes to mention.

Shaking my head in reminiscence, it’s been almost a half century for yours truly since climbing ropes, running up and down bleachers, doing push-ups, side straddle hopping, running gym sprints, grunting through pull-ups, same for sit-ups and squirming while sitting through assemblies in McNeely Field House. Third thing I noticed was the fold down with back rest seating on the court side bleachers. Nice. With the football stadium’s tortuous aluminum seating in my

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## Eric Holder’s sorry sense of justice



**DEBRA SAUNDERS**

Thursday morning’s “Building community trust” roundtable discussion in Oakland, California, with Attorney General Eric Holder, local law enforcement, elected officials and community leaders was designed to “build trust between law enforcement and the communities they serve.” After brief remarks, Holder and company dismissed the press corps.

It is a courtesy, a Department of Justice spokesman explained, to allow participants to speak more candidly. And I knew that was the plan. Still, it was painful to watch as Holder spoke in favor of “body-worn cameras” for law enforcement officers who put their lives on the line and then effectively turned off media cameras that might have recorded any real dialogue, mayhap, of public officials whose polished images are on the line.

According to an email, Oakland police Chief Sean Whent “shared some of the Oakland Police Department’s ongoing public safety efforts and crime strategies including the (Operation) Ceasefire violence reduction strategy, Procedural Justice training, and (the department’s) involvement in youth mentoring programs.” Oakland Mayor Libby Schaaf later told me, “It was a dialogue about the issue of community trust, particularly with law enforcement.” A black Oakland police officer talked about growing up in Oakland. A Berkeley High student spoke about “white privilege.” Schaaf said she suggested that camera use during police training might help “to uncover people’s unconscious bias.”

But I missed all that, so let me vent about Holder. As he readies to step down from his Cabinet post, America’s top lawman will be remembered most for his skill at putting partisan politics first. Sure, he likes to don a mantle of social justice, but he doesn’t walk the walk.

Holder’s big hurdle to win confirmation as President Barack Obama’s head enforcer in 2009 was rooted in his actions as deputy attorney general to President Bill Clinton. Holder infamously gave Clinton cover to issue his 177 out-the-door presidential pardons Jan. 20, 2001. Holder even gave a “neutral, toward leaning posi-

tive” recommendation to a pardon for Marc Rich, who fled the country after the feds indicted him in 1983 for evading \$48 million in income taxes and illegally buying oil from Iran during the 1979 hostage crisis. Ex-wife Denise Rich was a prominent Democratic donor. The pardon wiped clean charges for which the fugitive evaded trial.

As attorney general, Holder has had a chance to atone for his bad pardon recommendations by pushing commutations for low-level federal inmates who don’t have cozy connections with Democratic heavyweights. But he has been slow to use the pardon attorney’s office to champion relief for low-level drug offenders — many of them minorities — sentenced to decades behind bars thanks to the excesses of federal prosecutors. Holder can be brutal when black communities charge racial profiling by beat cops, who don’t work for Washington, but not on overzealous federal law enforcement under his own jurisdiction.

In his first term, Obama issued one commutation. Finally, in December 2013, Obama commuted the sentences of eight crack offenders serving draconian federal mandatory minimum terms. That was great. But then in April, Holder announced a clemency initiative for nonviolent low-level drug offenders who had served at least 10 years and stayed out of trouble. There have been 11 commutations since then — which makes the new initiative a cover for the administration’s paucity on pardons and commutations.

That’s par for the course for Holder. Rep. Barbara Lee, a Democrat who represents Oakland, asked his Department of Justice to examine possible civil rights violations related to the Jan. 1, 2009, Bay Area Rapid Transit police officer shooting of Oscar Grant III, an unarmed 22-year-old African-American. She asked for the probe in 2010 after a jury convicted BART cop Johannes Mehserle of involuntary manslaughter. Jurors could have convicted Mehserle of voluntary manslaughter or second-degree murder but apparently bought the cop’s contention that he meant to shock Grant with his Taser but mistakenly shot off his gun.

Lee asked for that probe 4 1/2 years ago. As of last month, The Washington Post reported, the Department of Justice hadn’t re-

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### Just a Thought

## Will you be my Valentine, now and forever?

The elderly couple was driving down the country road in their old pickup truck when



**RICK KRAFT**

a they saw a young couple in a shiny new pickup coming towards them from the other direction. The young man was driving and the young lady was sitting right next to him, almost in his lap. He had his left hand on the steering wheel and his right arm was behind her neck resting on her shoulder. She was looking at her man with adoration, giving him all of the attention that any young lady could possibly give.

As the two pickup trucks passed, the elderly lady looked at her husband of fifty years from across the front seat and with a grin said, “Would you look at that! Do remember when we used to travel like that?” He turned his head and looked at her somewhat uncomfortable and unsure just how to respond. Then he smiled and said, “I haven’t moved!”

This week couples across our community will celebrate Valentine’s Day. To many Valentine’s Day means something totally different this year than it did last year. Some have different Valentine’s today than a year ago. Some have lost their Valentine over the past year. This will be the last

Valentine’s Day for some in our community to celebrate long relationships. They will loose their cherished spouse of many decades in the year ahead.

Some will celebrate their first ever Valentine’s Day with someone special this week. Some relationships are falling apart at the seams and the Valentine that they have today will be long gone before Feb. 14 rolls around next year.

Valentine’s Day is an opportunity to recognize that someone special who adds value to your life. I believe that God made us to live our lives as couples. One man and one woman. A husband and a wife. Studies have shown that individuals who are married live longer than those who aren’t. This does not surprise me.

It is a secure feeling to know there is someone in this world who is thinking of you and is there for you to return to. When my children were young, as I headed out the door for work I often jokingly said, “I love you kids. Have a great day. Daddy has to go out and slay some dragons today!” No matter what difficulties I have with the dragons that I encounter each day, I know the stress of the day will end and I have a special lady to return to at the end of the day.

To keep the same Valentine year after year takes a couple growing together. This is the challenge for every couple.

Growth. Growth together. Often people change Valentines because one or both choose not to grow. Sometimes one or both choose to grow apart, not together.

Each summer for many years our daughter Kelsey went to Kanukuk, a Christian athletic camp outside Branson, Mo. She attended as a participant, then she returned several years as a counselor. The camp’s director is author and speaker Joe White. Many summers ago as my family sat out in the beautiful forest, Dr. White told us a story about two trees. He told us about an elm tree and a box elder tree that have grown just outside his mother’s front porch there in the woods of Missouri. Two trees that are very different.

He described how the 80-year-old trees have grown tall and strong, twisted together and intertwined. Through the years they have grown together and have in essence become one, both leaning on the other as they grew. His analogy was that if all goes according to God’s plan, a husband and a wife will grow together, with both leaning on each other as they grow.

He also talked about how sometimes our trees are cut short. This happens in the event of the death of a spouse or a divorce when the couple is young. He explained how tough it is to go it alone.

analogy. Two different trees growing together, relying on each other as they grow. Both growing at the same pace as they live their lives, but together growing as one into the sky.

I got engaged on Valentine’s Day 31 years ago. When I proposed to Tanya it was a special evening; the only time that I have asked a woman to be my wife. On the porch of Tinnie Mercantile in Tinnie I dropped to one knee and opened the box with the ring inside. I was as nervous as a guy could be. This became clear when I tried to open the box to show her the ring and it went flying. But I was also in love.

I remain in love 31 years later. My Valentine in 1984 is my best friend today. I pray that we will be able to enjoy Valentine’s Days together for thirty more years ahead. We shouldn’t take Valentines Day for granted as we never know the future. Many special people experience Valentines Day this year alone having lost their valentine of many years. Visiting a grave is nothing like a smile, a hug, a kiss, a squeeze of that someone special’s hand.

We only have a fixed number of Valentine’s Days to celebrate during our lives. And we have only one opportunity to celebrate Valentine’s Day in 2015. Who is that special person in your life?

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# Dennis

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mind, I was pre-game concerned just how long my boney arse would last sitting on hard wood bleachers?

I noticed on the top most row two empty seats. I asked the young woman if the seats were taken and with a smile she promptly said no they weren't, that I and Joe could sit there. Changes have occurred; one being those fold down with back rest seats are purchased and sat in by Harvester basketball season ticket holders. Right nice of you, Mrs. Engle, right nice of you! I did at the end of the game see a tear in your eye. Two clutch game winning free throws by her son, Cade. It was good to see you Dr. Sieck. And same to you Mayor Pingel! Yup, nothing better than ring

side seats!

Pampa versus Borger. Rivalry. History. Nostalgia. Pampa 64, Borger 62. A great ending to a game between two pretty well matched teams. There were, however, a couple of issues with the game that piqued my interest that I feel worthy of comment.

It should be instinctual. Has to do with respect. The right thing to do. Men and women have died protecting it. It was disconcerting to see so many high school students with nary a right hand over their hearts looking flag-ward, instead jawing away with one another or fiddling with a cell phone while the National Anthem was being played. Simply not a good show. What's this with four, count 'em four coaches sitting with the Harvester players?!? There is the head coach, the assistant coach, the junior high coach and the freshman coach. By

my thinking, the young men have moved on and up from junior high and freshman coaching. Four mouths talking game instruction is two too many.

The man I went to the game with, Joe Cree, was a basketball star for Pampa High. If you love history, value nostalgia, you can't help but think about about coaches Clifton McNeely, Terry Culley and their student athletes who over the years made Pampa Harvester basketball so great. Coyle Winborne, Jim Bond, Sam Condo. Bill Brown, Mert Cooper, Gary Griffin, Ken Hinkle, E. J. McIlvain, John Neslage, Randy Matson, Kenneth McWilliams, Steve "Orange Head" Williams and George Bailey, just to name (from my generation) a few.

History, nostalgia are not only quintessential in one's life, but athletic competition as well. A

winning tradition begets continued winning programs. Pampa High School will always be known for it's basketball successes. Winning is everything! Beating Borger for the matter, was too.

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# Eric

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leased an official finding. Last month, The New York Times reported that Department of Justice lawyers would not recommend filing civil rights charges against former Ferguson, Missouri, police Officer Darren Wilson in the August shooting of 18-year-old Michael Brown. How is it that the department hasn't released a finding on the 2009 BART shooting? Fellow passengers captured

Grant's end on video. "The facts of that case are not hard to figure out," Kent Scheidegger of the Sacramento-based Criminal Justice Legal Foundation observed. I can only guess that when there is no partisan play to be made, the outgoing attorney general is happy to watch high-stakes criminal justice matters dangle in the wind.

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# Kraft

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Do you take them for granted? What drew the two of you together? If there were sparks when you met, what is preventing there from being sparks today? Are you growing together as one?

My challenge to you today is to take the time to celebrate Valentine's Day with your special someone. Remember the days that you courted. Remember the sparks that were flying; the look in his or her eyes. Realize you and your Valentine saw something in each other back then or else you wouldn't have

gotten together. Rekindle the flame. You can do it.

Be sure there is growth in your relationship. Growth together like the trees in the forest. Take responsibility yourself for where your relationship is today. Do what you can to improve the relationship. Be the person you want your spouse to be. Don't be like the elderly man in the pickup. Don't just sit there and say, "I haven't moved."

Just a thought...

*Rick Kraft wishes his best friend and special Valentine Tanya a Happy Valentines Day. To submit comments, contributions or ideas, e-mail to rkraft@kraftandhunter.com or write to P.O. Box 850, Roswell, NM, 88202-0850.*



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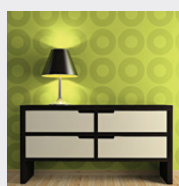
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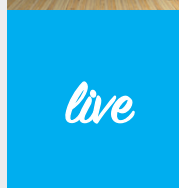
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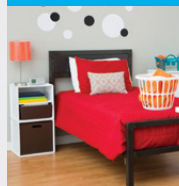
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The following is a list of support groups that meet regularly each week in Pampa. Information for each meeting is submitted to The Pampa News office and may not be completely updated or accurate. Please notify the newsroom if a change is necessary.

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.

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■ **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.

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■ **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.

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# PAMPA Sports

## PAMPA WRESTLERS SEND 13 TO REGIONALS WITH DISTRICT PERFORMANCE



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The Pampa wrestling teams traveled to Borger for their district tournament over the weekend. The following wrestlers will be advancing to regionals: Miranda Foreman, placed first in 110 weight class. Shiann Regalado, placed first in 119 weight class. Savannah Chaney, placed fourth in 128 weight class. Juana Salazar, placed fourth in 165 weight class. Cheyenne Williams, placed second in 185 weight class. Jaycee Garth, placed third in 215 weight class. For the guys, Jordan Archibald, placed fourth in 113 weight class. Cy Wood, placed fourth in 132 weight class. Isiah Baggett, placed fourth in 160 weight class. JT Belcourt, placed second in 170 weight class. Shalor Sokolosky, placed second in 195 weight class. Austin Hernandez, placed third in 285 weight class. The wrestlers will have to place in the top four at regionals this weekend to advance to the state tournament. Above left, Miranda Foreman. Above right, Shiann Regalado. Below left, Austin Hernandez. Below right, Cy Wood. Middle left, Isiah Baggett. Middle right, Jaycee Garth. Bottom, Jordan Archibald.



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The Booster club will purchase team shirts for players only.

## Pampa swimmers at regionals

### STAFF REPORT

The Pampa swim teams traveled to Andrews for regionals this past weekend. No player advanced to state but head coach Colby Dennis was excited.

"We did better than last year which I'm super happy about. If I counted right last year they had four relays get top 16, two individuals, and four alternates," Dennis said. "Guys got 15 out of 23 teams and girls got 14 out of 19 last year."

Dennis also wanted to thank Frank Phillips College for letting the Pampa swimmers use their pool three days a week for the past two months.

"You can see what these kids got this year, especially with no pool to practice in," Dennis said. "They (Frank Phillips) were a huge help."

The guys team placed 14th out of 23 teams this year with 27 points. The



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The 2014-15 PHS swimmer seniors are Esteban Alonzo, Mackenzie Parks, Gabriela Valenzuela and Samantha VanHouten. Congratulations!

girls team placed 12th out of 24 teams with a score of 39.

In the girl's 200-yard medley relay, Pampa had a team finish 12th with a time of 2:24.21.

The team was Alexis Stuart, Kinley Aiken, Breezie Keeling and Elaine Nava.

The guys also finished

12th in that event with a time of 1:59.21. That team was Gerrek Watson, Jonah Munsell, Esteban Alonzo and Nolan Price.

Jonah Munsell took 15th in the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 2:09.46.

Breezie Keeling came in 16th in the girl's 100-yard freestyle. Her time was 1:06.90.

The girl's 200-yard freestyle relay team took 13th with a time of 2:04.23. That team was Samantha VanHouten, Lynn Herron, Mackenzie Parks and Breezie Keeling.

Jonah Munsell placed ninth in the 100-yard backstroke for the guys. His time was 1:11.55.

The girl's 400-yard freestyle relay team took 13th with a time of 4:47.51.

That team was Lynn Herron, Mackenzie Parks, Elaine Nava and Samantha VanHouten.

The guy's 400-yard freestyle relay team placed ninth with a time of 3:50.09. That team was Jonah Munsell, Esteban Alonzo, Nolan Price, Gerrek Watson.

Congratulations to all of the PHS swimmers on a great season and improving on times despite no facilities to practice in.

Best of luck to the seniors in their future endeavors.

## Pampa Tennis teams at Andrews

### STAFF REPORT

Pampa played in the Andrews Tennis Tournament this weekend.

"Overall we played some pretty good tennis we placed fifth as a team," head coach Sarah Corse said.

Individually, Pampa had Lane Terry and Genevieve Zavala finish third in mixed doubles.

"They played really good for their first tournament together looking

forward for them to only get better," Corse said. Kindle Hunt also placed third in girls singles and Corse said it was a very tough draw and she played great tennis.

Pampa also had the mixed team of Kaycee Sellers and Cooper Anderson do well.

They played the No. 1 seed and lost but then went on to win their next three matches and win the consolation draw.

Other players finishes: girls doubles Zoe Hulsey and Copper Horton seventh; Kristi Klusmeyer and Katilyn Hart eighth; boys doubles Chase Cree and Jordan Moore 13th; girls singles Kami Ware 13th; boys doubles Chance Douglas and Shattner Reeve 14th; boys singles Christian Ulrey 15th.

Pampa's next tennis tournament is this weekend at the Randall Tournament in Amarillo

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**HONORABLE MENTION**

Ty Hooper, who recently signed with Hardin-Simmons, was named to the Texas Sports Writers Association honorable mention team. TSWA released their class All-State teams for the entire state and Hooper made the honorable mention. Congratulations Ty on a great season.

**Pampa travels to Bushland tonight**

By ZACHARY GREEN  
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The Pampa Harvesters and Lady Harvesters basketball teams will travel to Bushland tonight.

For the girls, it is their last game of the regular season.

If they win, they will end the regular season at 15-15 and 5-3 in district play as well as finishing second in the district.

If they lose, they will still make the playoffs, just as the third seed from the district.

For the guys, it is their second to last game of the regular season.

It is still a very crucial game for seeding.

They can finish in a tie for first place if they win out and Bushland loses to Pampa, Perryton and Borger.

Second place is still wide open as well.

With a win, the guys would improve to 22-4 on the year and 4-3 in district play.

Stay tuned to @jcl1987 on Twitter for updates. Zac Green will be covering the soccer games in Pampa, he will try to tweet updates as well when possible.

You can listen to Donny Hooper with the play-by-play on KGRO-KOMX.

The girls game will start at 6 p.m. The guys will start around 7:30 p.m.

Stay tuned to The Pampa News' Facebook page and future editions of The Pampa News for updates on details for both teams' playoff games.

Good luck Harvesters in your games tonight and beat Bushland!

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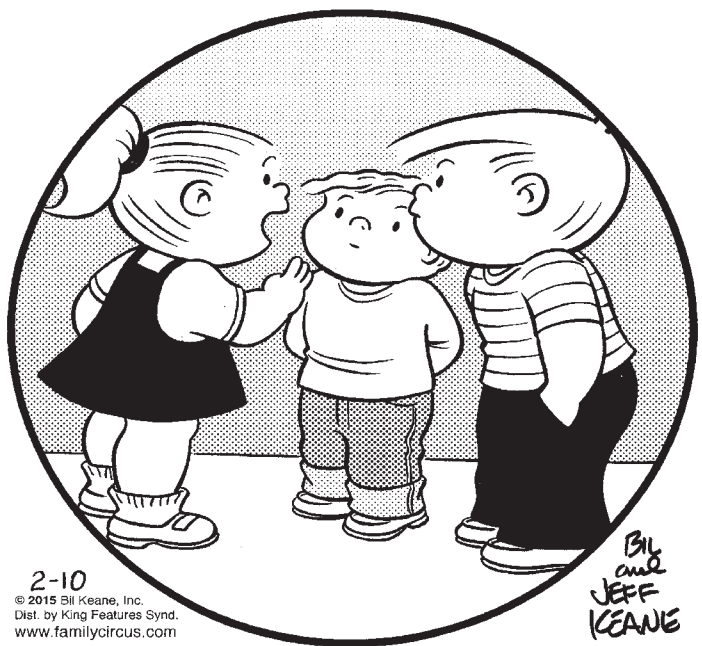
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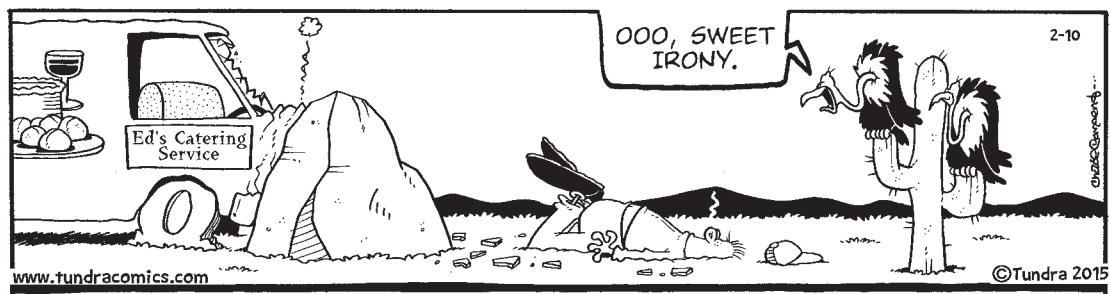


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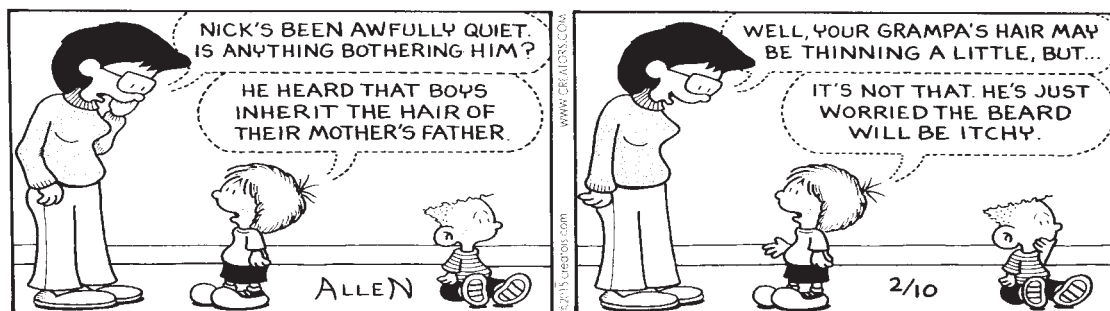
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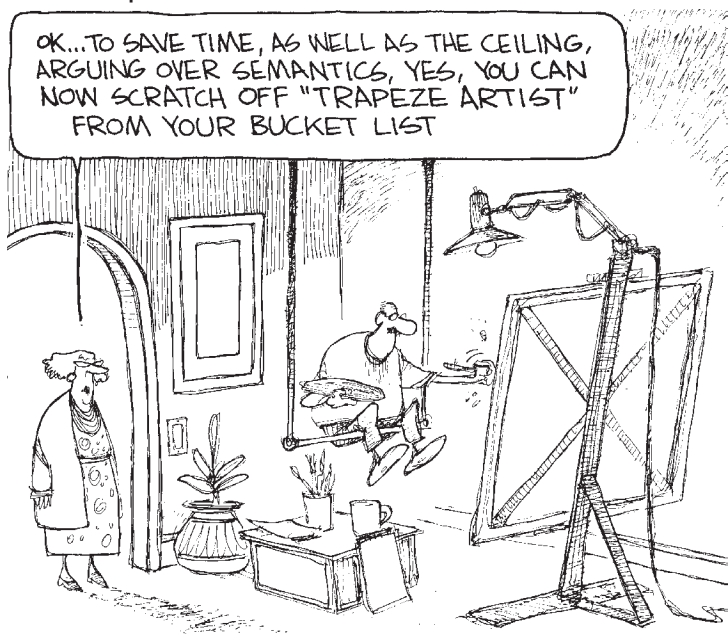
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# DAILY Horoscope

A baby born today has a Sun in Aquarius and a Moon in Scorpio.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2015:

This year you will be more aware of your professional status and community role than in past years. You also will be willing to spend more money on your personal image. Others are drawn to you, sometimes for superficial reasons, which has more to do with them than with you. If you are single, a romantic tie is likely to enter your path this year. Don't worry -- you'll know when you have met this person; there will be no question in your mind. If you are attached, remember that a relationship is a two-way street. You could opt to make a major purchase together, or make a change in your lifestyle. This period will be exciting. SCORPIO can be far too pushy for your taste.

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 have an opportunity to tap into your creativity. A problem surrounding communication and a day-to-day matter could emerge and cause pressure to build. Focus your energy on a partnership, and that will ease your anxiety. Tonight: Chat over dinner.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Defer to a partner or friend. You might not think that this person understands what you want, but you do know that he or she will find the best path to reaching a goal. You could be pushing others more than you realize. Go for a walk, if need be. Tonight: Just don't be alone.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)

★★★ You might want to throw an offer right back in the other person's face. Your fuse is short, and you know when you've had enough. Before you take action, make sure that it really will serve you. An authority figure could push you hard. Tonight: Say "yes" to an older friend.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ You could see a situation differently from how others see it. Tap into your intuition, and you'll see an opportunity emerge. You'll be fortunate to have the help of a partner when you hit an obstacle. Let this person know how much he or she is appreciated. Tonight: Hang out.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ Anchor in, and know what you want or expect from a domestic matter. You could be quite tired and drained from recent events. A change in your schedule will be

most beneficial in allowing you more flexibility. Tonight: Opt for some quiet time at home.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Express what is on your mind. Your ingenuity will emerge when dealing with a child or loved one. You seem to revitalize yourself through this interaction. Tune in to your sixth sense and discover its power. A partner could be touchy. Tonight: Accept an offer.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ You might want to restrain yourself from going overboard. You could be processing a personal matter that is near and dear to you. An emotional connection between you and a supportive friend will grab your attention. Use your energy well. Tonight: All smiles.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ You might feel as if you're unstoppable, on a certain level. Others will be observing your responses to different situations. Examine what is happening with a key project. You might think you know, but verify just to be sure. Tonight: Use your imagination well!

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ Maintain a low profile, and be more of an observer and listener in various situations. You might be somewhat combative or difficult toward someone with whom you work closely. Understand how much frustration you seem to be swallowing. Tonight: At home.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Maintain your focus, and you will succeed in accomplishing exactly what you want. You could feel as if someone is stepping on your turf. There are many ways to handle this issue, so consider what you want from this bond before taking action. Tonight: Zero in on what you want.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Many people feel that you are driven, and in many ways you are. Be careful with spending, as you could be eyeing an expensive purchase for a loved one. You might decide to go ahead with it anyway, but take note of how this will affect your budget. Tonight: In the moment.

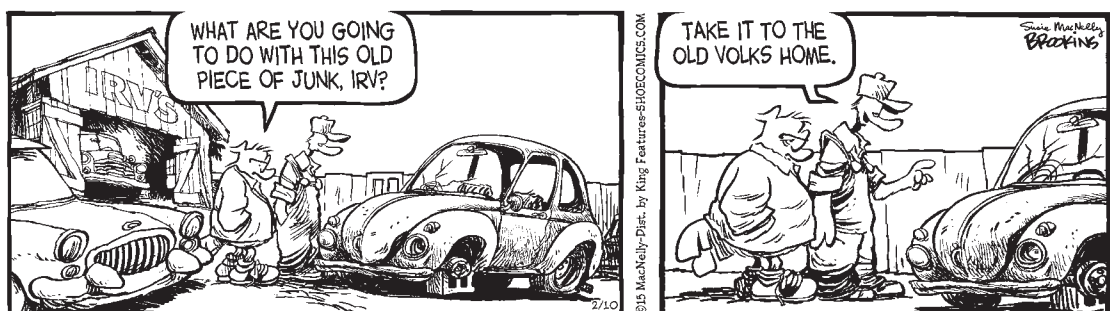
**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ You are emotional in general, but you also have a strong intuitive side that encourages your creativity. This combination will emerge today, and it will allow you to move through a situation with ease. Tonight: Think "vacation plans."

## BORN TODAY

Singer/songwriter Sheryl Crow (1962), inventor Thomas Edison (1847), actress Jennifer Aniston (1969)

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## Mother Goose and Grim



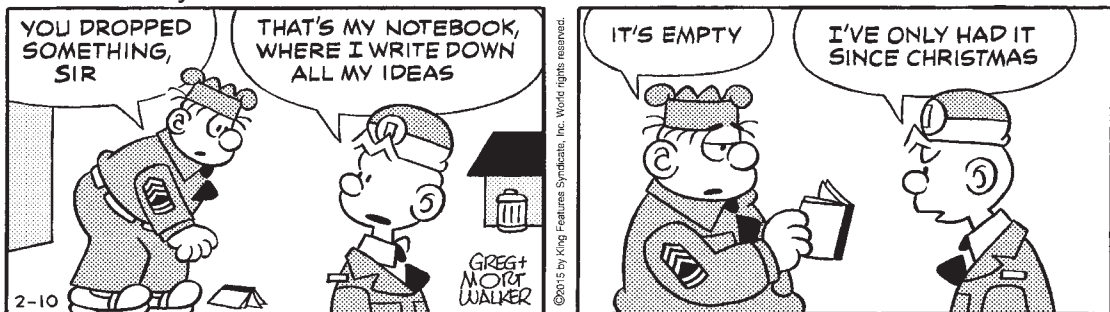
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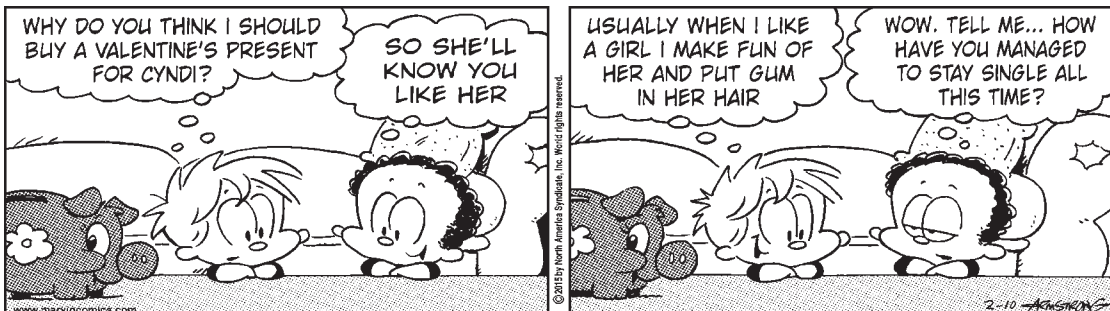
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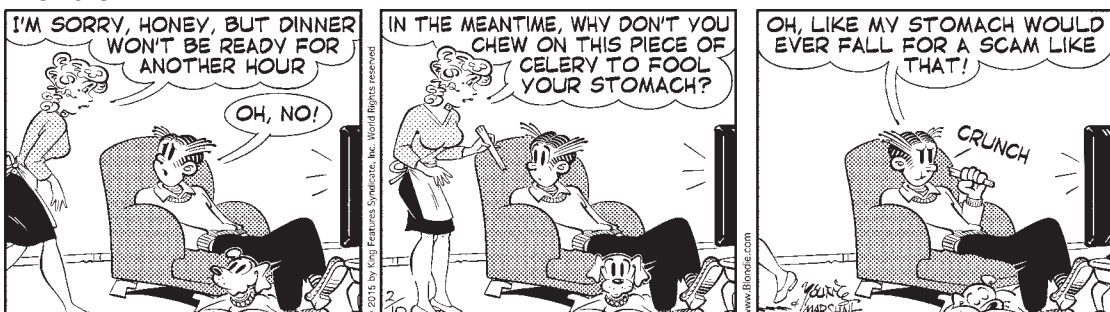
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### ■ Pampa winter sports coming to end.

This time of the year pulls at my heart strings because, as many of you know, I am a huge baseball fan.



**ZACHARY GREEN**

I was very impressed to see the swimmers improve on last year's regional times despite not having a pool to practice in most of their season. Great job swimmers! Wrestling did really well at district and will send six girls to regionals. Two of our girls, Miranda Foreman and Shiann Regalado won district in their weight classes.

On the guy's side, Pampa will send seven to regionals. Best of luck in the regionals this weekend wrestlers and here's to many of you making state!

Soccer isn't near the end but I want to give them a shoutout as well because most of their games are played on basketball nights, making it hard for me to get to both.

The Lady Harvesters have shown a ton of improvement by beating Dumas and Palo Duro pretty handily, both teams they struggled to beat in previous years. The Harvester soccer team has shown a lot of improvement as well and one game they won was 10-0 against River Road. The basketball teams have had great success this year and hopefully they don't end soon.

The girls will play at Bushland tonight and if they win they will finish second in the district. They have already secured no worse than third

place in the district so they will be headed to the playoffs.

One of head coach Kim Chaffin's goals at the start of the season was to bring the first gold ball back to Pampa by winning a playoff game. The team will have that chance to do it this year.

Stay tuned to The Pampa News for details on when this playoff game will occur and where.

The guys have already won more than 20 games and will hope to add to that total. They started off a little rough to start district play, but have now evened their record before this showdown with Bushland tonight.

The baseball and softball season's will be getting underway very soon.

Golf and tennis have already started for the spring and had some success.

The track teams will start their season on Feb. 27.

The "crossover" season is an exciting time, but also a busy time for sports writers as there is so many things to get to at once.

I am really excited at the direction athletic director Greg Poyner and PISD superintendent Dr. David Young are taking our athletic program.

We have made big leaps this year and will continue to make many more in the coming years.

As always we welcome photo submissions of events as we can't always make it to everything.

Send them to me or just bring them by the paper!

Good luck Harvesters!

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### The PAMPA NEWS Sports Briefs

#### Basketball

Boys/Girls at Bushland.....4:30/6/7:30 - TODAY - Bushland  
Boys at Dalhart.....4:30/6/7:30 p.m. - Feb. 13 - Dalhart  
Girls playoff game.....Details TBA  
Guys playoff game.....Details TBA

#### Wrestling

Regional Tournament.....Feb. 13-14 - TBA

#### Soccer

Boys v. Tascosa.....5/7 p.m. - TODAY - Pampa  
Girls v. Borger.....5/7 p.m. - Friday Feb. 13 - Pampa  
Boys at River Road.....7 p.m. - Friday Feb. 13 - Amarillo  
JV Boys at Dumas.....4 p.m. - Saturday Feb. 14 - Dumas

#### Golf

Girls at Borger.....Feb. 13-14 - Borger

#### Softball

Scrimmage at Plainview.....Thursday Feb. 12 - Plainview  
Scrimmage at Burkburnett.....Saturday Feb. 14 - Burkburnett

#### Baseball

Alumni Game.....1 p.m. - Saturday Feb. 14 - Pampa

#### Tennis

At Randall.....Feb. 13-14 - Randall

\*Game times and locations are subject to change. Please refer to the Pampa ISD Athletics Department website for an updated schedule. You can reach it by going to [www.pampaisd.net](http://www.pampaisd.net) and then clicking Athletics Department under the departments tab. \*

### Watch the Pros

#### College Basketball

Kentucky at LSU.....ESPN 6 p.m.  
Notre Dame at Clemson.....ESPN2 6 p.m.  
Memphis at East Carolina.....ESPNU 6 p.m.  
Georgetown at Seton Hall.....FS1 6 p.m.  
Wisconsin at Nebraska.....ESPN 8 p.m.  
Kansas at Texas Tech.....ESPN2 8 p.m.  
Arkansas at Auburn.....ESPNU 8 p.m.  
Xavier at Marquette.....FS1 8 p.m.  
New Mexico at Colorado State.....ESPNU 10 p.m.

#### NHL Hockey

Dallas Stars at Boston Bruins.....FSSW 6 p.m.

#### NBA Basketball

Houston Rockets at Phoenix Suns.....TNT 7 p.m.  
Denver Nuggets at LA Lakers.....TNT 9:30 p.m.

#### Soccer

Tottenham at Liverpool.....OLN 1:55 p.m.

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## Noguez Importaciones ofrece un poco de todo a la comunidad



**POR LINDSEY TOMASCHIK**  
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Angélica y Benigno Noguez trasladaron a Pampa hace cuatro años y abrieron su tienda, Noguez Imports, ubicada en 117 N. Cuyler, al lado de las flores de Brandon. La pareja se mudó de Amarillo, y dicen la parte más difícil de su reasentamiento ha sido dejando toda su familia en Amarillo. Ellos no tienen parientes en Pampa, pero decidieron que la medida era lo mejor para mejorar sus vidas. Benigno trabaja tiempo completo fuera de la tienda para ayudar a sostener los gastos de la tienda, y Angela es el que dirige la tienda a tiempo completo. Noguez Imports vende un poco de todo, y los Noguez dicen que esto trae un montón de clientes. Algunos de los productos que ofrecen incluyen muebles, decoración de la casa, piñatas y cosas para fiestas incluyendo los de quinceañeras, bodas, baby showers y primeras comuniones. Proprietarios Angélica y Benigno decir que tienen fuentes del partido para casi todas las ocasiones.

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## Dale Cole, una nueva adición a Pampa Departamento de Bomberos



**POR LINDSEY TOMASCHIK**  
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Dale Cole es uno de los nuevos empleados del Departamento de Bomberos. Cole comenzó con el departamento el 22 de diciembre, convirtiéndose en un bombero era una meta de la carrera para él. "Es algo que he querido hacer desde que era pequeño," dijo. "Yo un poco renuncié a ello y pensé que iría a la universidad."

Cole, originario de Shamrock, siguió adelante con un departamento de bomberos voluntarios, donde conoció a nuevo empleado compañero, Martín Castañeda. A partir de ese punto, Cole decidió que quería en el entorno de la hermandad proporcionada por el departamento de bomberos, lo que le hizo elegir esta carrera por ir a la universidad. Desde tomar la decisión de convertirse en un bombero de tiempo completo, Cole no ha tenido ningún remordimiento. Cuando se le pre-

guntó cuál era su parte favorita del trabajo es, que tenía un tiempo difícil decidiendo y dijo que le gusta todo lo relacionado con ella. "Me gusta estar allí para ayudar a la comunidad," dijo. "Y la comida." A pesar de que goza de todo sobre su nueva carrera, Cole dijo que el mayor desafío para él hasta ahora ha estado tomando sobre todo el estudio que tiene que hacer con el fin de estar preparados para cualquier cosa

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## Pampa esta en el 20 por ciento bajo de ciudades Seguras en Tejas

**INFORME DEL PERSONAL**

En un estudio reciente clasificando las 210 ciudades más seguras en el estado de Tejas, Pampa ubicó en el lugar número 194. El estudio, realizado por Value Penguin, se presentó a Las Noticias de Pampa de esta semana, y los analistas se llevó el más reciente informe del crimen del FBI para determinar qué tan seguras son las ciudades de Tejas con respecto al otro. Se excluyeron del estudio Ciudades que tienen poblaciones de menos de 10.000 habitantes. Las 210 ciudades variaron en la puntuación de 175 a casi 4,400, y la calificación de la Pampa en la lista era 2,760. El número se determinó tomando la población de cada ciudad, por el número de crímenes violentos por 100,000 y el crimen de propiedad por 100,000 ya partir de ahí el número se ajustó. En general, las grandes ciudades clasifican peor que las ciudades con menor número de habitantes, después de considerar la población. La capital del estado clasificado en la parte 20 de abajo Houston fue el último. El número uno de la ciudad más segura en Tejas? Murphy, que es una ciudad con una población similar a la de la Pampa del situado al noreste de Dallas. Aquí están los números de algunas de las ciudades de los alrededores en el Panhandle y en todo el oeste de Texas:

- No. 16 Cañon
- No. 87 Dumas
- No. 110 Hereford
- No. 117 Plainview
- No. 147 Levelland
- No. 192 Amarillo
- Nº 193 Borger
- No. 200 Lubbock

Para obtener una lista de los resultados completos, visite <http://www.valuepenguin.com/2015-safest-cities-texas-study>.

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# Sgt. Gass más que agradecido por el apoyo de la comunidad



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Hay muchas palabras que vienen a la mente al describir los agentes de policía. De todos los adjetivos que aparecen, héroe es el que resuena con la gente más a menudo que no. Y, sin embargo, esta es una de las últimas palabras de los hombres y mujeres en esta línea de trabajo ingrato usarían para describirse.

Sargento de Patrulla Oficial Houston Gass es uno de los que entra en esta categoría de personas.

El Nombre de Gass 'ha estado en los medios de comunicación mucho a lo largo del mes pasado en todo el Panhandle de Tejas. Como los ojos de muchos han estado observando y orando para ver su camino hacia la recuperación después de que una disputa domestica se convirtió en un tiroteo involucando un oficial que se llevó a cabo el 6 de enero, Gass ha sido nada menos que impresionado con la gran cantidad de apoyo de la

gente de la comunidad .

Familia Gass 'incluye a su esposa, Jessica, y sus tres hijos, Emma, de siete años, Austin, cuatro, y Harrison, tres.

"Mi esposa Jessica ha sido una piedra en esta situación," dijo Gass. "Ha sido la mejor enfermera que cualquiera podría pedir. Ella ha sido tan fuerte, y ella no ve eso. Yo trato de recordarle eso todos los días. Amo a mi esposa con todo mi corazón, y amo a mis hijos, también. La primera vez que llegué a abrazar a mis hijos fue probablemente uno de los mejores días de mi vida porque tengo la suerte de estar vivo "

Como muchos han visto en el transcurso del mes pasado, no había un solo bloque en Pampa que podría ser impulsado hacia abajo sin ver una serie de luces del porche azules en apoyo del propio agente herido de Pampa.

"Ha sido abrumador," dijo Gass. "Ha sido una bendición. Ciertamente espero que la comunidad sigue así porque siento que si podemos mantener eso como comunidad, nos convertiremos en una mejor ciudad y llegar a donde todo el mundo puede confiar en los demás. Vaya, es realmente inspirador ver todo eso. "

Gass fue capaz de dar la vuelta y ver todas las luces azules a su regreso a Pampa. Él también estaba sorprendido por la acogida de nuevo a la pequeña ciudad que recibió.

"Oh, Dios mío, nunca habría esperado eso," dijo. "Todo el camino desde White Deer a Pampa, la autopista 60 estaba alineado con simpatizantes y personas que eran simplemente orgulloso de ver que estoy vivo, y han sido de apoyo de mi familia y todo, y yo simplemente no puedo decir gracias lo suficiente. La ciudad se ha unido a mi familia en un número de maneras que realmente nos han ayudado, y simplemente wow "

En la parte superior de la bienvenida, Gass también vino a casa a ver los planes de renovación que él y su esposa Jessica tenía para su cocina habían vuelto a la vida. Él dijo que los miembros de la comunidad y miembros de su iglesia se unieron después de ver los planes de reformas cuando una caseta de perro estaba siendo traído a su bulldog, Tator.

"Tienen Jimmy Chaney Construcción involucrado," dijo. "Había un montón de voluntarios de mi trabajo de la iglesia y Jimmy Chaney y su tripulación. Realmente hicieron mina y el sueño de mi esposa se hagan realidad. Ha sido una bendición increíble ver lo que han hecho y cómo se han transformado mi cocina. Nos fuimos por encima y más allá de lo que nunca imaginamos "

Rasco construcción también tenía una mano en la remodelación de la donación de las ventanas de la cocina. Las buenas acciones gotearon otra vez durante el proceso de las reformas cuando se descubrió que el calentador en el hogar Gass salió.

"Llamaron a Rob Hampton, que es dueño de Halls, Heating and Air, y que iban a haberle arreglarlo. Bue-

no, se dieron cuenta de que no era realmente vale la fijación. Rob Hampton donó un nuevo estado de la calefacción arte y sistema de aire. Tengo que él y su empresa gracias por lo que hicieron. Las personas que han ayudado, están orientadas hacia la comunidad. Ellos estaban dispuestos a venir y ayudarme en un momento en que no podía ayudarme a mí mismo, y cada vez que mi familia no estaba muy seguro de lo que el futuro. Yo no siento que me merezco lo que hicieron, pero al mismo tiempo, que era una bendición que Cristo escogió para bendecir a mi familia con, y estoy muy agradecido por todos los involucrados. "

A lo largo de su camino hacia la recuperación completa hasta el momento, Gass no se ha olvidado de contar sus bendiciones.

"Me siento como que soy el hombre más bendecido en el Panhandle de Tejas, y sé que mi familia se siente de la misma manera," dijo. "Me siento muy bendecido de vivir en Pampa en este momento, de verdad. Este es probablemente el mejor lugar para vivir de cualquier parte del mundo a causa de las personas y la forma en que se unen y que reunir a su alrededor cada vez que surja una mala situación "

Una de las cosas que hace a Gass una inspiración para muchos es el hecho de que ya está hablando de volver al trabajo, a pesar de que todavía tiene en cualquier lugar a partir de ocho meses a un año antes de que pueda hacerlo. También cantó las alabanzas de los médicos que han estado tomando el cuidado de él.

"Tengo que asegurarse de que la mandíbula se cura hasta tan bueno como se puede ser porque había un montón de trauma a la cara, pero tengo algunos médicos de primer nivel que están cuidando de mí," dijo . "No estoy muy preocupado por eso porque yo estoy diciendo, hombre que tiene los mejores médicos y estoy muy agradecido por eso."

Cuando se le preguntó lo que él está buscando más adelante a por volver de turno, Gass dijo que está listo para ser de nuevo trabajando codo a codo con sus oficiales de policía compañeros, a los que se refiere como sus hermanos.

"También a servir a los ciudadanos de Pampa de nuevo el camino que he hecho," agregó. "Hay veces que ha sido duro y horas en que ha sido bueno habido. Ha habido más buenos momentos que malos tiempos, obviamente. Me encanta el departamento que la que trabajo. Me encanta la gente con la que trabajo."

Gass también dijo que el amor que siente por la gente que trabaja no se refiere únicamente a los del departamento de policía, sino también a los bomberos, el cesme, la oficina del Sheriff, DPS y todos los demás organismos con los que trabaja habitualmente.

"Todos somos una gran familia, y es genial para llegar a servir con esa gente y llegar a servir a los ciudadanos de esta comunidad," dijo.

Después de hablar con Gass, una cosa que se hace

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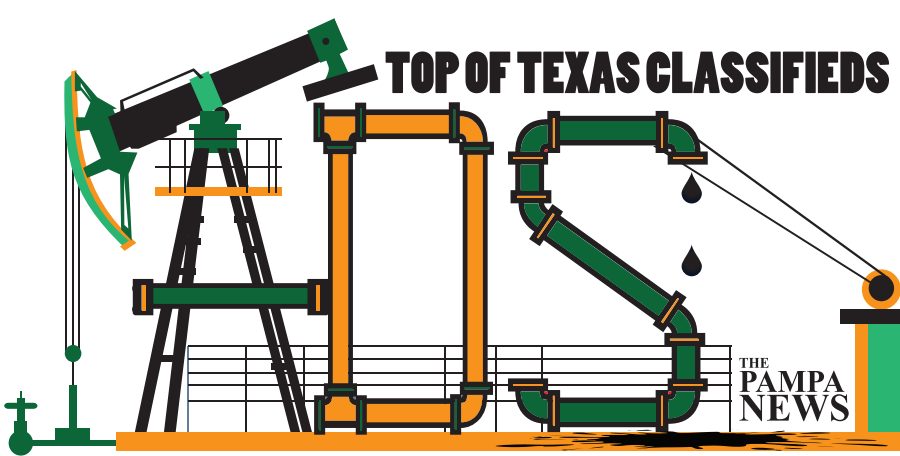
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<p><b>Carpentry</b></p> <p>CUSTOM Building &amp; Remodeling: Kitchens, Bathrooms &amp; Additions. Shawn Deaver Construction, 662-2977</p>	<p><b>OVERHEAD DOOR REPAIR.</b> Kidwell Construction. Call 669-6347, 806-663-0192.</p>	<p><b>Wanted to Buy</b></p> <p>NEED Money NOW? We Buy &amp; Sell Houses &amp; pay TOP \$\$\$ Call today! 665-1875</p>	<p><b>Unfurnished Apts.</b></p> <p>1 bdr. apt., for mature renters. \$500 mo., some utilities. Call 665-8525</p> <p><b>\$350/mo and up.</b> Large 1 bdr. apts. w/ app. are in walking distance to things you need. 665-4274, 881-8518</p>	<p><b>Business Rent. Prop.</b></p> <p><b>DOWNTOWN PROPERTIES BUDGET RENTS AVAILABLE NOW!!</b> Service Station Retail Space Restaurant/Bar (fully equipped) Garage Space 806-665-1875 806-881-8518 806-665-4274</p> <p>OFFICE space for rent. Ask about 3 months free rent. 669-6841</p>	<p><b>Got A Sports Story or Photo?</b> Send them to jcllee@thepampanews.com or bring it to the paper!</p>	<p><b>Have an Event?</b> Call us 669-2525 or Email us jcllee@thepampanews.com</p>		
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This home has so many things to love. Raised flower beds, large above ground pond, 10' privacy fence, and lovely detail work on driveway, sidewalk and entry. Heating and Air were replaced a few years ago. Newer carpet, texture, and paint. Granite countertops, stove, microwave and dishwasher!

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