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Lady Harvesters claim first ever playoff victory

■ Pampa takes on Seminole Lady Maidens Friday at 6 p.m. in Hale Center.

BY ZACHARY GREEN
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 LITTLEFIELD — The Pampa Lady Harvesters (16-15) traveled to Littlefield to face the Big Spring Lady Steers (16-16) on Tuesday night. This game was for the bi-district round of the playoffs.

“We’ve had a good group of kids and a mindset of bringing back some hardware to Pampa,” head coach Kim Chaffin said. Both teams started the game with nervous jitters as they traded missed shots and turnovers. Senior Taylor Eubank scored

the first points of the game for either team with a three-pointer at the 6:07 mark of the first quarter. Senior Madison Brown added a layup to give Pampa a 5-0 lead early. The Lady Steers scored their first points of the game at the 4:30 mark. Big Spring called a timeout at 4:10, trailing 7-2 after a Eu-

bank seven-footer. Senior Rayna Wall added a bucket at the 3:45 mark after the timeout to give Pampa a 9-2 lead. Eubank hit another jumper with 50 seconds left in the quarter to put Pampa up 11-2. Big Spring added a three late in the quarter. Pampa led 11-5 after the first quarter. **HOOPS** cont. on page 10

Building future leaders one program at a time

■ 4-H offers programs featuring life lessons learned through projects and activities.

BY JOHN LEE
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 The Gray County 4-H is a youth development organization through the Land-Grant University system. Gray County’s 4-H is through Texas A&M, which is through the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. “Each county has a 4-H pro-

gram in the State of Texas and it is advised by the county extension agents in that county,” Joan Gray-Soria, county extension agent for Gray County 4-H, said. “As our youth development organization we are building leaders, that’s our primary goal. To build leadership. And we



Submitted picture
 Coach Chad Epperson looks over as Joshua Lee, Tony Soria, Izaak Lee and Brycen Epperson learn to judge a class of pencils. The activity is part of the consumer education program at Gray County 4-H and helps with deductive reasoning.

CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY BY GIVING TO THOSE IN NEED



Submitted photo
 Presley East recently celebrated her ninth birthday and told her mother that she wanted to share her blessings with others as they prepared for her party. Lauren East called around and found out that the Gray County Child Welfare Board Rainbow Room was in need of items for children. The Rainbow Room is an emergency resource center available to CPS caseworkers to help them meet the critical needs of abused and neglected children. Presley invited friends and family to her party and attached a list of items in need at the Rainbow Room. Presley East is the daughter of Lauren and Britten East of Pampa. Presley is pictured here with her mother Lauren as she donates her gifts to the Rainbow Room. Also pictured is GCCWB Vice President Lisa Blandford and Rainbow Room Coordinator/GCCWB Secretary Chris Kirkpatrick.




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Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 63. North wind 5-10 mph becoming southeast in the afternoon. Sunrise: 7:26 a.m.

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teach life skills.”

The 4-H program does that through different projects, activities and contests.

To take part in the 4-H events, one must become a registered member by going to their website or visiting the Gray County Annex here in Pampa. It costs \$25 to register.

“We typically work with groups that are nine years old (or in the third grade) through 19 years old,” Gray-Soria said. “That is for competition. We believe that developmentally kids need to wait for competition until they are in the third grade. That is when competition 4-H starts.”

There is also a program called Clover Kids, which is for children in kindergarten through second grade.

Some of the programs they have going on in the Spring include: consumer education, dog care, clothing project, photography, horse judging, air rifle, shotgun and archery.

The consumer education teaches students to comparative shop, handle money and look for the best buys.

The consumer kids are preparing for a contest called “Consumer Decision-Making,” which is a judging contest.

The dog care project teaches youth how to train their dogs, care for them and look for diseases. Those youth are training for the state dog show, where they will take their dogs through a rally course.

The clothing project teaches sewing skills, buying skills and prepare for a fashion show. With that will be a “Duds to Dazzle” contest where the team will turn an item into jewelry, clothing, accessory, etc. They also pre-

pare story boards for marketing their design.

The photography course teaches youth how to use their camera.

Through 4-H, youth learn about public speaking and interview skills to develop confidence when speaking in front of an audience.

While the 4-H organization does offer numerous activities and programs, participants don’t have to do all of the projects.

“All of this is going on in the spring and with 4-H you can either do one project or you can do them all,” Gray-Soria said. “My son personally is involved four of them this spring. Some kids are only doing one and that’s perfectly acceptable. It depends on how the family wants to do it. If they want to do one because that’s what they can work into their schedule, that’s great. We don’t require them to do ‘x’ number of projects. They can do what’s best for them and what interests them.”

Some youth may be finishing the show season and are about to purchase their steers for next season. But the Gray County 4-H is also there during the summer.

“We have camps during the summer. That’s what our district and our state offers,” Gray-Soria said. “So we go to a number of camps during the summer. Photography will also continue through the summer.”

Students don’t have to be enrolled in a public school to be a part of 4-H, but are viewed as an extra-curricular activity and is subject to the “Pass to Play” rule.

After they finish the 4-H program, many of the students who go off to college take part in the collegiate 4-H programs.

“If they want to continue with 4-H, they can do that,” Gray-Soria said.

“There are also some international opportunities as well as national. A

number of the kids who were really strong 4-Hers get an opportunity to go back and work at the 4-H center in Brownwood, Texas. They also get the opportunity to work at our national office.

Once they have graduated and are of a minimum age there is also an exchange program that some of them have the opportunity to participate in. 4-H is actually worldwide, it’s not just here in the States.”

The multiple programs offered are offered in conjunction with the programs that 4-H is already known for and very proud of, their livestock side.

“A lot of people think 4-H is just for the livestock kids,” Gray-Soria said. “That’s the big thing people think that is all we have to offer, showing animals. We are very proud of that heritage of showing animals, however that is not all that we are. We are more than cooking, sewing and cows.”

One of the things the 4-H would be capable of if they had a project leader is a robotics program. 4-H begins teaching youth how to interview and public speak at the age of eight. They also teach youth record-keeping and nutrition.

“We work with dual-working families and single-parent families, sometimes those skills are not being taught in every household,” Gray-Soria said. “We have the ability to teach those life skills. We are also teaching them at an early age, when they are working with an animal, whether it’s their dog or a show animal, that animal can’t feed themselves. So we are teaching them that responsibility as well. Something else depends on them to do their job.”

There are 90 youth in the Gray County 4-H right now. Gray-Soria said this is a great time to join the 4-H because a lot of the projects are just starting up or have only met one time.

The Gray County 4-H is supported by the County and through the State on the Land Grant.

“The money from the contests, the kids to compete and the materials that we use, that typically comes from the two fundraisers that we do,” Gray-Soria said. “That is a policy of our county, to try to limit it to just the two fundraisers, our pecan sale in the fall and geraniums in the spring.”

Gray-Soria is very proud of Gray County 4-H and believes it’s one of the very best youth programs available.

“There are so many opportunities for a child to

grow and find their potential through this program,” Gray-Soria said. “Even if I wasn’t a county extension agent, my son would be in the program because I am a firm believer in our program and what we teach.”

Gray-Soria even had a couple stories of the success a couple of 4-Hers have had.

“I had a little girl who just wanted to sew, that’s all she wanted to do,” Gray-Soria said. “I took her to our first state contest and we went to the award ceremony and there were kids receiving \$10,000 scholarships and I looked at her and said, ‘You could be one of those kids walking across that stage receiving a \$10,000 scholarship.’ She said, ‘Oh no, not me.’ Not only did she get a \$10,000 scholarship four years later. She has graduated with a bachelor’s degree in fashion design and a master’s degree in business administration. She has been to Paris. She has worked in Canada. She has gone to New York City and she is just an amazing young woman who has been able to do all of these things.”

She would have been a success regardless but I really count a lot of the opportunities she had in 4-H to her success as well.”

Gray-Soria also shared the story of a little girl who grew up and went to interview to get into a college in the East. Gray-Soria said that the girl’s mom called explaining there were girls crying because the interview made them so nervous, while the girl ended up earning a full-ride scholarship to the college.

They contributed that to 4-H teaching kids how to interview.

Gray-Soria said the organization is so special because it is so accepting of anybody.

“I am so proud of the kids we have in this county,” Gray-Soria said. “They have been so accepting of kids that come in and has a challenge. They love them anyways. They are their friends and they accept them to do things with them. The kids we have in our program are accepting and tolerant of the kids who may not be exactly like them.”

Gray-Soria said that the program is very family oriented.

“We accept and invite and want the families at the meetings,” Gray-Soria said. “We think that makes for a stronger program as well.”

For more information on Gray County 4-H, call 806-669-8033 or visit gray.agrilife.org.

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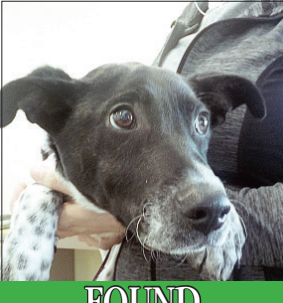

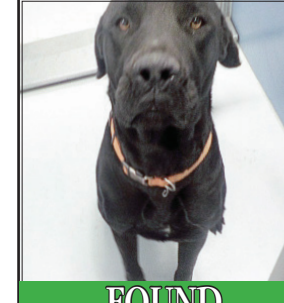



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Oscar spotlight draws attention to industry diversity issue

NEW YORK (AP) — It was a year ago that Lupita Nyong'o, shortly before winning the Academy Award for best supporting actress, gave a speech about what she called "dark beauty."

Nyong'o, who so dazzled Hollywood and the Oscar-viewing public through awards season, spoke tenderly of receiving a letter from a girl who had been about to lighten her skin before Nyong'o's success, she said, "saved me." The letter struck Nyong'o because she recognized herself in that girl: "I remember a time when I too felt unbeautiful. I put on the TV and only saw pale skin."

"And so I hope that my presence on your screens and in the magazines may lead you, young girl, on a similar journey," concluded Nyong'o, accepting an award at the Black Women in Hollywood luncheon.

The Mexican-born, Kenyan-raised actress was a central part last year to an Academy Awards flush with faces uncommon to the Oscar podium. There was Ellen DeGeneres, a proud lesbian, hosting. There was the first Latino, Alfonso Cuaron, winning best director. There was the black filmmaker Steve McQueen hopping for joy after his "12 Years a Slave" won best picture.

What a difference a year makes.

This year's Oscars repeat a stubborn pattern that has plagued the Academy Awards throughout its history: Whenever change seems to come, a frustrating hangover follows. "Every 10 years, we have the same conversation," Spike Lee, a regular witness to the sporadic progress, has said. A year after Chris Rock hosted the 2005 awards show, which featured nods for Morgan Freeman, Don Cheadle, Jamie Foxx and Sophie Okonedo, the '06 nominees followed with only Terrence Howard.

Seldom have such fits and starts been starker than this Oscars, coming a year after a richly diverse Oscar crop. In Sunday's Academy Awards, all 20 acting nominees are white, a result that prompted some to declare that they would boycott this year's ceremony. The lack of nominations for "Selma" director Ava DuVernay and star David Oyelowo were a particular flashpoint, viewed by many as unjust oversights not only because they merited honoring, but because their absences furthered an ignoble Oscar history.

"I was surprised but then I wasn't," said Darnell Hunt, a UCLA professor and director of the Ralph J. Bunche Center for African American Studies, who co-authored a 2014 diversity report on the film and TV industries. "What we saw in terms of the nominations this year was business as usual. What we got was more or less an accurate reflection of the

way the industry is structured and the way the academy is populated."

An Associated Press survey of the academy's voting history since the first Academy Awards in 1929 shows gradual progress but not nearly at a rate to match the ever-increasing diversity of the American public.

In those 87 years, nine black actors have won Oscars, four Latinos and three Asians, a record that doesn't even speak to other categories like best director, where only one woman (Kathryn Bigelow) has won.

The number of non-whites to be nominated for best actor or best actress has nearly doubled in just the last two decades, but the 9.4 percent of non-white acting nominees over the academy's history is about four times less than the percentage of the non-white population.

Not all of this can be laid at the film academy's feet, but some of it can. The 6,000-plus membership of the Academy of Motion Pictures Arts and Sciences was found to be 94 percent white and 77 percent male in a 2012 Los Angeles Times investigation. Since becoming president of the academy, Cheryl Boone Isaacs has worked to diversify the academy's ranks, though change comes slowly considering membership is for life.

"In the last two years, we've made greater strides than we ever have in the past toward becoming a more diverse and inclusive organization through admitting new members and more inclusive classes of members," Isaacs told the AP shortly after nominations were announced. "And, personally, I would love to see and look forward to see a greater cultural diversity among all our nominees in all of our categories."

But the academy is a reflection of the film industry; it can only reward the films that get made. What this year's all-white acting nominees did was lay bare the enormous, hulking iceberg of the movie business' diversity problems.

The UCLA diversity report released last year after eight years of research put numbers to an often amorphous issue. It was arguably the most comprehensive such study, and it found the underrepresentation of minorities and women throughout film and TV, from board rooms to talent agencies.

"White males have dominated things for so long that it's been hard to image an alternative that would produce or be open to producing the types of projects that are likely to enlist more people of color or women. So it becomes a self-fulfilling prophecy, this vicious cycle that produces the same type of stuff over and over again," says Hunt. "It's hard to blame any single institution. It's not all the networks. It's not all the studios. It's not

all the talent agencies. But together, the way they all do business, combines to create this stalemate where we just don't get past where we are right now."

What's particularly galling for many of those working to change Hollywood is that minorities are among its most passionate customers.

According to the Motion Picture Association of America, Hispanics made up 25 percent of moviegoers in 2013, considerably more than their 17 percent share of the population.

"They acknowledge the demographic. They understand our participation rate. They continue to market these projects to the community, but never with the community's identity or building a base of A-list talent," says Felix Sanchez, president of the National Hispanic Foundation for the Arts.

Sanchez has seen "busts of diversity" come and go, like the attention that came and went with Ricky Martin's 1999 Grammy performance. But even though the film industry sits in a town rich in Hispanics, 150 miles from the Mexico border, whites are often cast in top Latino roles. Ben Affleck played Tony Mendez in "Argo" and, more recently, the casting of Catherine Zeta-Jones as a Colombian drug dealer drew criticism.

"Who's in charge of that image making?" says Sanchez. "So much of it is left in the hands of people who don't have any kind of commitment to authenticity to the community at large."

Combating such an entrenched, systematic problem isn't easy; prejudice is nowhere and everywhere at the same time.

"There's no front door to knock on. There's nothing but side doors," says Sanchez. "At some point, either there's change or there's a revolt amongst the viewers of simply not participating with entertainment that's not reflective or inclusive of Latino images in a contemporary way."

Hunt hopes that by studying diversity objectively, the data will reveal "the bottlenecks" that are stifling advancement. That includes findings that show more diverse projects make more money at the box office and earn better TV ratings. He knows the one thing Hollywood will respond to: the bottom line.

But frustration is mounting. Another year's worth of research, to be released later this month by UCLA, Hunt says shows no significant change.

Stacy L. Smith, founder and director of USC Annenberg's Media, Diversity and Social Change Initiative, calls the lack of progress in the industry "egregious." The school analyzed the 500 top-grossing films at the U.S. box office in recent years, finding that in 2013, African Americans represented 10.8

percent of all speaking characters, Hispanics 4.2 percent and Asians 5 percent. Between 2007 and 2012, the 565 directors of the top 500 films included only 33 black filmmakers, and just two of them black women. In the top-100 grossing films each year from 2002 through 2012, only 4.4 percent had women directors.

"Hollywood does not think diversity is commercial," Smith said. "The numbers speak loudly and clearly about who is valued and who isn't."

With studies finding so little progress, Smith proposes the industry adopt a modified version of the NFL's Rooney Rule, which stipulates that teams must interview minorities for vacant coaching jobs, to give greater transparency to the hiring process. She also urges A-list stars to add a rider in their contracts asking for diversity in casts when sensible to the story.

Not everyone agrees. Lionel Chetwynd, an Oscar-nominated writer and an academy member, argued against Al Sharpton's post-nominations call for a task force. (Said Sharpton: "The movie industry is like the Rocky Mountains, the higher you get, the whiter it gets.") "Enforced 'diversity' will undermine the very mission of AMPAS," Chetwynd wrote in an Op-Ed. "As new filmmakers and craftspeople achieve new levels of excellence, the face of the academy will change as it should, to the meter of its time, the pace of its art."

The one thing that is definitely improving is the volume level. The uproar over the Oscar nominations only added to a swelling cacophony in the last year.

"Saturday Night Live" was shamed into diversifying its cast. The Ridley Scott Moses epic "Exodus: Gods and Kings" was slammed for casting white leads as Egyptians. The leaked Sony emails embarrassed executives for jokes about President Obama's presumed taste in movie. Chris Rock, as good a commentator on race relations as we have, penned a thoughtful essay on what he called "a white industry."

"How many black men have you met working in Hollywood? They don't really hire black men," wrote Rock. "But forget whether Hollywood is black enough. A better question is: Is Hollywood Mexican enough? You're in L.A., you've got to try not to hire Mexicans."

Why does all this matter? It isn't just an issue of equal opportunity, though it is that. It's because when people aren't reflected in culture, when they don't see themselves on screens, behind cameras or on the Oscar stage, they feel invisible and voiceless. Hollywood would do well to remember that young girl who wrote to Nyong'o, and hope to inspire a flood of such letters.

Vegas police, family defend mom killed in road-rage shootout

LAS VEGAS (AP) — What police first described as the road rage-inspired killing of an innocent mother of four has morphed into a more complex scenario, prompting tough questions and a backlash against her family.

Tammy Meyers, 44, was shot in the head outside her home in a Las Vegas cul-de-sac shortly before midnight Thursday after confrontations that began when she was giving her 15-year-old daughter an after-hours driving lesson and the girl honked at a driver she felt was speeding, police said.

Those facts haven't changed, police Lt. Ray Steiber said Tuesday at a news conference, where he noted that the mother's life-support was disconnected on Valentine's Day, and insisted that she alone is "our victim."

But the fatal shooting turned out to be a two-way shootout, provoked by an encounter with unidentified assailants, after Tammy Meyers had her daughter rouse her older son Brandon, who grabbed his gun and joined her in a hunt for the driver she had encountered earlier, Steiber said.

"I would never say that anybody went looking for trouble," Steiber said when asked to characterize their five-to-10 minute drive through the neighborhood.

"It is our job, Steiber added, "to ensure that everyone is safe, regardless of what our personal opinions are on certain people's actions. They weren't criminal and I'll leave it at that."

The family spoke at a vigil Tuesday night next to the junior high school parking lot where Kristal Meyers got her driving lesson.

"She didn't deserve this," said Brandon Meyers, 22. "I did what I had to do to protect my family. Everyone can think what they have to think. I did it for a reason. And I'd do it for anyone I love."

No one in the family called police until after the shooting, Steiber said, and initially, investigators had just the comments of the son and daughter to go on.

Meyers' husband, Robert, who was in Southern California at the time, said Friday that his son Brandon told him he believed there were three people in the car, and that he had hit the car at least once with his 9mm handgun.

He called his son a hero, and said his wife panicked when she went back out in search of the driver who frightened her.

"There was mistakes made, like every one of us has made in our lives, but this particular mistake was made to keep a bigger mistake from happening," Robert Meyers said.

He didn't immediately respond Wednesday to a

message left at his business, Auction Stalkers LLC.

Officer Laura Meltzer, a department spokeswoman, said police were still looking Wednesday for the people in the sedan.

A police sketch shows the suspect to be a man in his mid-20s with blond spiky hair and blue or hazel eyes, wearing a white V-neck T-shirt. "All indications to us are that this unknown person fired first," Steiber said.

Kristal Meyers told police that her mother was driving them slowly home from the parking lot when a car sped up from behind, and that she reached over and honked their horn as it passed.

"She figured that this person was speeding, and needed to be corrected. Right or wrong, she beeped the horn," Steiber said.

The man then blocked their car, got out and said "some words" that "frightened Mrs. Meyers and her daughter, at which time Mrs. Meyers sped past him" and went home, Steiber said.

"Here's what happens when she gets home," the lieutenant continued. "Mrs. Meyers is scared, but she's upset. She tells her daughter to go wake up her son, 22, to wake him up and have him come outside and get in the car with her so later they can find who frightened them and her daughter out on the roadway."

"They left the house in search of that person," Steiber said, and found a grey or silver four-door sedan matching the description of the car in the earlier confrontation. She followed the "suspect vehicle," then they broke apart and she drove home. Then the vehicle came into their cul-de-sac.

"There was a volley of rounds fired from that vehicle," and Brandon Meyers "returned fire," the officer said. "When the firing was done, he found that his mother had been struck by gunfire. The suspect vehicle then backed out and sped away. That's what happened. Tammy is a victim."



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Tales from the Final Frontier

■ The Average Joe's way to monitor data usage and avoid exceeding the Internet Service Provider's cap.

Unfortunately cell phone companies and Internet Service Providers (ISPs) have figured out, through typical supply and demand, that they can put a cap on our data limits.



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Guess what? Most of us will go ahead and pay for larger caps.

Obviously smart phone users know a way around that, simply log on to the wi-fi of oft-visited places. Locations such as your work, home and coffee shops have wi-fi for you to log

into which prevents you from using your cell phone data plan.

Well many ISPs, commonly a cable company such as SuddenLink, are starting to charge for more data.

When SuddenLink first introduced

this plan, users on the 10 megabytes per second plan which allows 150 gigabytes of data a month could watch, roughly, 30 standard definition movies and 10 high definition movies. They could also watch 100 hour-long TV shows and 600 one-minute long YouTube videos or download 600 songs to listen to on an MP3 device. All of this is according to an article ran on KCBD's (a station in Lubbock) website in February of 2012.

Recently, SuddenLink offers numerous data plans depending on how much download speed you need. Pretty much the more you pay the more data you get.

I recently have had to keep an eye on mine because a couple months in a row my household went over. Thankfully SuddenLink won't charge until the third time of exceed-

ing the data. I was immediately concerned so I tried to figure ways to make sure out how to reduce data usage. I was also concerned that maybe some new neighbors hacked into my wi-fi at home and that may have been driving my data up.

That was the first thing I checked. I downloaded some software on my computer which makes it easier for me to see who is on my bandwidth at that very moment. There are many more ways to check, do like tech people and Google it.

Fortunately, my neighbors weren't the culprits. So my Amarillo neighbors, I apologize for blaming you.

Here are some other ways to monitor or minimize your data usage:

1. Turn off software auto-updates — A lot of software and even some hardware, such as PlayStation

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Randolph Barnes Marcy

Randolph Barnes Marcy, United States Army General and Western explorer, was born on April 9, 1812, in Greenwich, Mass.



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On July 1, 1828, he entered the United States Military Academy at West Point, where he graduated 29th in the class of 1832.

In March 1852, Marcy was assigned the command of a 70-man exploring expedition across the Great Plains in search of the source of the Red River and directed to "collect and report everything that may be useful or interesting."

Second in command of the Marcy expedition was Capt. George B. McClellan, who later became his son-in-law and during the Civil War his commander. Among Marcy's scouts was Jim Ned, a Delaware Indian whom Marcy called "the bravest warrior and the most successful horse thief in the West."

Between May 2 and July 28, 1852, Marcy's party crossed a thousand miles of previously undocumented Texas and Oklahoma territory, discovering numerous valuable mineral deposits as well as twenty-five new species of mammals and ten of reptiles. Marcy also recorded a prairie dog town that covered 400,000 acres. He reportedly discovered the sources of both forks of the Red River, as well as the Palo Duro and Tule canyons, which he became the first white man to explore. The expedition encountered and documented the little-known Wichita Indians and compiled the first Wichita dictionary.

It also returned with information on Cynthia Ann Parker. Eastern newspapers falsely reported that Marcy died at the hands of the Comanche. Marcy's 1852 expedition has been called the most significant of his career and "the best organized, best conducted, and most successful" venture into the region to that date.

It was the first to locate the headwaters of the Red River, which Zebulon M. Pike, Stephen Long, and Thomas Freeman had all previously searched for and failed to find. Marcy's report on his expedition, Exploration of the Red River of Louisiana, In the Year 1852...With Reports on the Natural History of the Country, supplemented by a handsome collection of lithographs, was published in 1853. It quickly became a classic of Western Americana.

For more information about the museum's current exhibits, visit the White Deer Land Museum in downtown Pampa. Regular tours are offered Tuesday through Saturday from 1-4 pm. If you would like to schedule a special or group tour, please call or email the museum at (806)669-8041 or courtney.oxley@graycch.com.



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Honoring our Presidents

The headline that caught my attention on Presidents Day could not have been starker, colder: "Intense Republican Hate Is Skewing Obama Polls."

It's ironic because only a few days before, a number of pollsters had shown the president actually doing better in the popularity contest, even reaching 50 percent approval. But as we all know, these numbers don't really mean much, especially when he's not running for reelection.

No, it was the hate part that stopped me in my tracks. How can one compare the evil in the world — Boko Haram, ISIS, the murdering of innocent women and children — with President Obama's health care policy? Have we so cheapened the meaning of evil that we've forgotten that disagreement and debate are at the core of democracy? Are we teaching our children that if we don't like a bill that's passed, then we have the right to hate the people who voted for it?

Words have power. To hate the president of the United States is not just about Barack Obama;

it's about the rule of law, the system under which we live that allows us to live in harmony even and especially when we disagree. It's easy to turn on a microphone and rant and rave about how you hate this one and that one, as if it's mere fodder for humor. But democracy depends on trust — trust that we will play by the rules, win or lose.

Adults teach their children good sportsmanship: Shake hands; it's a game. But the game we're playing now is fueled by nuclear power and Islamist extremism, and to pretend that somehow our president is nothing more than one of those haters endangers not only the president, but all of us.

It's not President Reagan we were celebrating on Monday, or President Kennedy or President Johnson or President Obama.

We were celebrating a country that lives under the rule of law, follows decisions even if it disagrees with them and recognizes that some issues may not be resolved, but always maintains respect for the final judgment.

Who are these Obama "haters"? Who else do they teach their children to hate? What do they think their children understand when they hear such talk of hate? With so many dangers

in the world, gratuitous viciousness not only increases the threat to our president, but to our society.

Many years ago, I was invited to serve on a panel for the presidency at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library. I was the only Democrat. Tough spot. The first question out of the box for me was did I respect Ronald Reagan as a great president. My answer was simple: I disagreed with Reagan on many issues, but I respected him as a man of integrity and considered him to be my president. Most of the audience booed when I said that. Mrs. Reagan sent me flowers — a class act then, as always.

I'm sure there were instances in which my liberal friends loudly chanted their hatred for George W. Bush. It wasn't right then, either. Maintaining a stable democracy may look easy, but when you look around the world, you realize just how difficult it is. It stands on the goodwill and decency of all of us who gathered Monday in support of all of our presidents.

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Church Calendar

Bake sale at Macedonia Baptist

Macedonia Baptist Church will be holding a bake sale starting at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 21. There is no charge for the event but the church will be accepting donations. The church is located at 441 Elm St. in Pampa. For more information, contact Darlene Williams at 806-661-9619.

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 handout 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 Bilingual 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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4 and Xbox One, have several updates. Some taking up to 500 MB or more. Turn off auto updates that way you can approve when it updates.

2. **Scale down your usage of VoIp and Webcams** — These services such as Skype and the phone function of Facebook messenger are fun and make it neat. But they also take a ton of data. Don't use it too much.
3. **'Bandwidth vampires'** — Device such as security

4. **Turn your computer**

off — Sometimes we get lazy and leave our computer on and it still has programs running or may be infected with viruses and spyware applications can generate Internet traffic. They could be going while your computer is sitting left on. Turn it off to ensure no programs

are running without your knowledge. 5. **Check your bill and usage** — SuddenLink, and I am sure others do too, has a way for users to go on their account and check their daily or monthly usage. It's a good way to make sure your proactive with your data.

What are some ways you know of to keep your usage at a minimum. Share with me and I may do a follow up story.

John Lee is the editor of The Pampa News and a self-proclaimed nerd. He can be reached at jclee@thepampanews.com.

At summit, Obama aims to broaden world approach to extremism

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama gathered police leaders, lawmakers and members from around the world Wednesday to address the threat of violent extremism at a White House summit that was far from what Obama originally envisioned. Planned for last October, the summit never happened before the midterm elections. In the months since, the situation has just gotten worse, with the Islamic State group metastasizing and European cities learning firsthand that extremism's reach is not confined to the Middle East. "In just a very short period of time we've come a long way in terrorist organizations' ability to communicate," Homeland Security

Secretary Jeh Johnson said Wednesday as he opened the second day of the three-day event. "They have the ability to reach into our communities and attempt to recruit and inspire individuals who may turn toward violence right here in the homeland." As crises boil over in Yemen and Libya, Obama is asking Congress to take a tough vote backing his military plan to defeat IS extremists in Iraq and Syria. But U.S. military action has so far proven the wrong tool to combat a robust social media and propaganda operation whose success at recruiting fighters and jihadists from western communities like Denver and Chicago has been alarmingly impressive. With that threat in mind, Obama is hop-

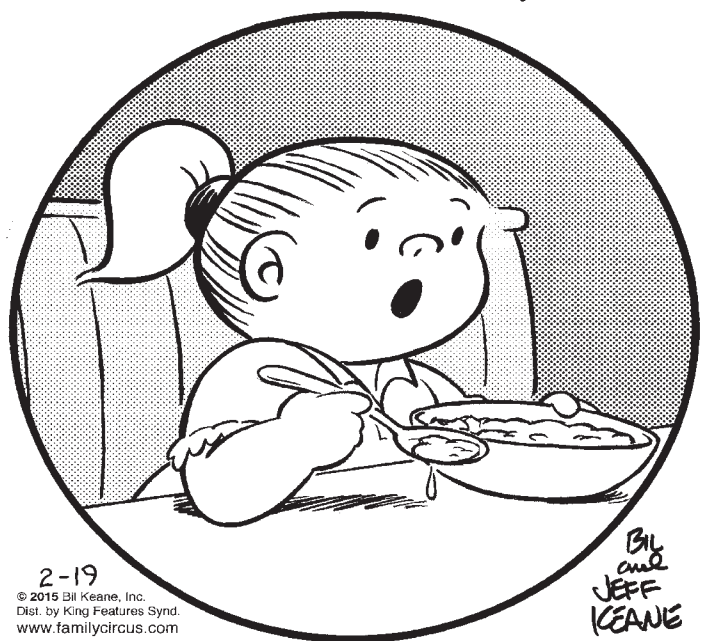
ing to concentrate the world's focus on the need to combat the underlying ideologies that entice otherwise modern individuals — including many disaffected youth — to behead a non-believer, kidnap a schoolgirl or shoot up a synagogue. During the three-day conference, Obama is working to highlight local models for preventing radicalization that could be replicated in other communities. "Groups like al-Qaida and ISIL exploit the anger that festers when people feel that injustice and corruption leave them with no chance of improving their lives," Obama wrote in an op-ed article Wednesday in the Los Angeles Times. "The world has to offer today's youth

something better." The White House finally put a date on the calendar for the summit last month, in the wake of a shooting at a Paris newspaper that shook Europe to attention and earlier attacks in Canada and Australia. In the weeks since, Obama and top U.S. officials have sought to portray the U.S. as at a lower risk because of what they call an American tradition of making immigrants feel like full members of their new society. "We haven't always gotten it right," Vice President Joe Biden said Tuesday as he opened the summit. "But we have a lot of experience integrating communities into the American system, the American dream."

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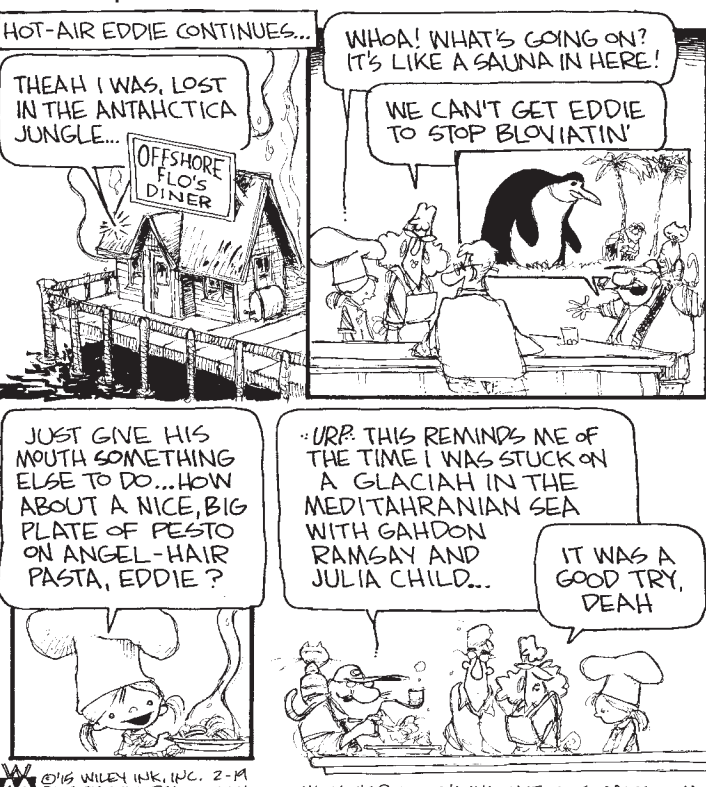


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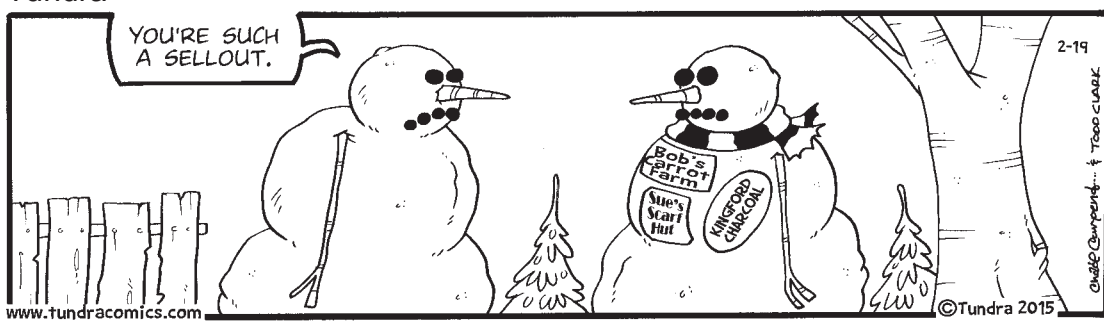
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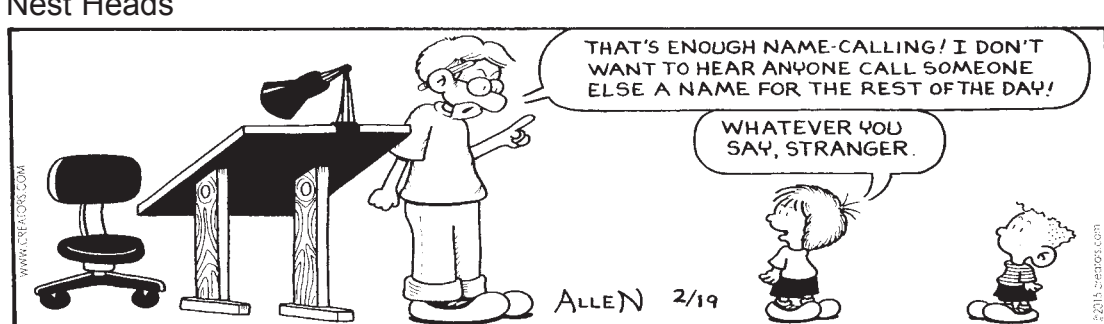
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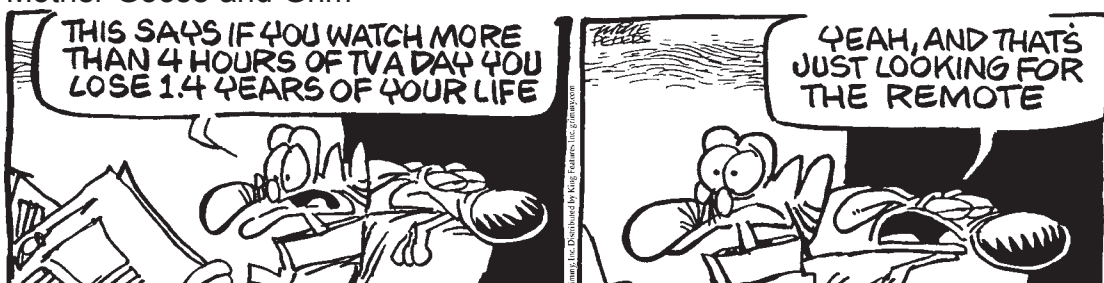
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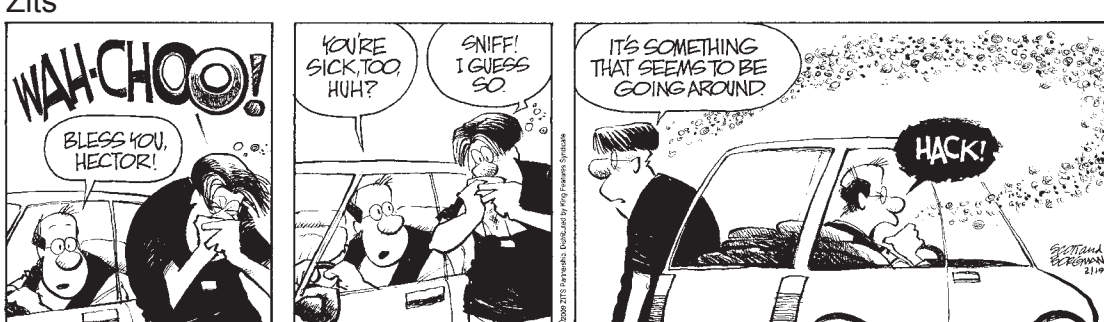
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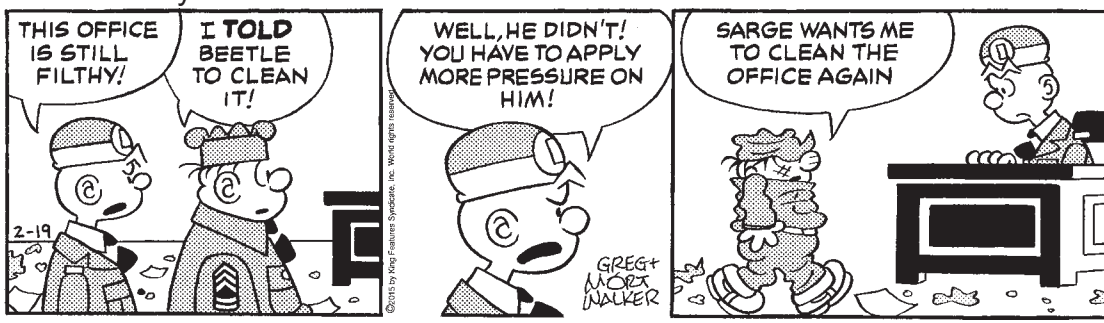
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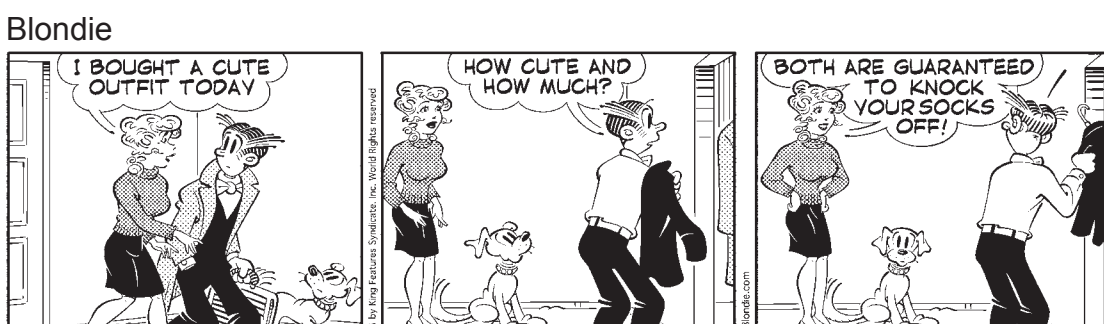
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DAILY Horoscope

A baby born today has a Sun and Moon in Pisces if born before 3:13 a.m. (PST). Afterward, the Moon will be in Aries.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, Feb. 20, 2015:

This year you tell it like it is, and tend to get strong reactions as a result. You don't do anything halfway -- it is all or nothing. Passions run high no matter what your status is; however, if you try to sit on your feelings, you could experience a backfire. If you are single, look toward the end of summer and beyond to meet someone who gives you a case of the butterflies. This relationship will be important. If you are attached, the two of you often have arguments about how much you put into this or that. Why argue? Accept each other rather than criticize. ARIES often stirs up strong feelings.

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)
★★★★ The planets will encourage you to return to the friendly yet direct Aries who everyone knows and likes. You feel most comfortable when you're being straightforward. A conversation with someone at a distance could have you rethinking a matter. Tonight: Out and about.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ You'll want to express what is on your mind, but a certain vulnerability could stop you. Understand that you will miss an opportunity if you are not clear. On the other hand, you might be more content keeping your feelings to yourself. Tonight: Vanish.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You are more visible than you realize. Wherever you go, you make a strong impression. Some people will instantly trust you, whereas others can't seem to get away from you quick enough. Stay where you are best accepted. Tonight: Where your friends are.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You might feel as if you are on top of a problem. However, someone else could tell you in no uncertain terms that he or she thinks you are on the wrong path. Listen to this person's comments and slow down. Ask others for their feedback. Tonight: Take the lead.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Your fiery ways add flair to whatever you do, especially this afternoon. Know that the dramatic way in which you present yourself will have an effect on others. Today

you will be able to see beyond the here and now when making an important choice. Tonight: TGIF!
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ You could feel guilty for not having met a partner halfway. As uncomfortable as it might be, take advantage of an opportunity to clear the air. This person has a very strong sense of what he or she wants and expects from you. Tonight: Join friends to welcome the weekend.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You know that you need to have an important conversation. If you don't move quickly, the other party will be the one to initiate this chat. Listen to how much this person has to offer and pay attention to how composed he or she is. Tonight: The only answer is "yes."
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ Your mind is likely to drift to different thoughts. By midafternoon, you'll realize what you need to do. What you can accomplish could be beyond what you originally had thought. Eliminate all your internal chatter, and you'll have much more free time. Tonight: Join a friend.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Your fiery personality is likely to take a back seat, as you have been practicing self-discipline as of late. A child or loved one's actions will make you smile and encourage you to go with the flow. Do yourself a favor and don't overthink it. Tonight: Be a little wild.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You could find that your interest now points you in the direction of security, real estate and your domestic life. You might try to calm down or mitigate a disagreement. Know that there are deep feelings on both sides about the matter at hand. Tonight: Try something cozy.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You'll be direct with others. Be careful, as you could be met with a very powerful response. How you see what is going on might change as a result of an intense conversation. Do not push others away just because you are angry right now. Tonight: Hang out.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Weigh the pros and cons of a financial agreement. You might be pushed to commit before you are ready. Ask questions and talk to someone who has been in a similar situation before agreeing to anything. Tonight: Treat a friend to munchies.

BORN TODAY
Singer Rihanna (1988), musician Kurt Cobain (1967), actor Sidney Poitier (1927)

Community Calendar

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 build-

ing 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 5-6 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.

Citizens for a Better Pampa Meetings

The Citizens for a Better Pampa meetings are scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 1925B North Hobart. The group is made up of individuals who want to work with our city commissioners and the city government/employees to help make Pampa a better place to live for all Pampa residents and visitors. All who have concerns, positive ideas, suggestions, and solutions for concerns are encouraged to attend these meetings.

Group members attend the City Commission meetings, then grab a bite to eat and meet at the office conference room (1925B North Hobart) to get acquainted and visit before starting.

For more information, please contact Dale or Phillis at (3 Par Ranch office), 806-665-0805.

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VALENTINE'S DAY BARREL RACE



Submitted photos Moore County Arena said a new pattern record of 14.503 was set by Heather Leeper. Billy Klapper, legendary bit and spur maker was in attendance at the Valentine's Day barrel race. He and his granddaughter won the "Sweetheart Barrel Race." Post Time Productions said the competition and quality of horses was phenomenal Saturday. They said there were the fastest times ever at dumas. Kasey Etbauer had a 14.507 right behind Leeper's record time.

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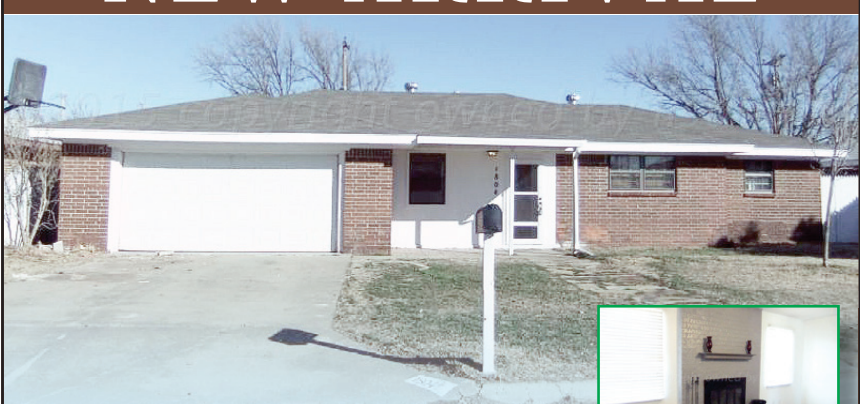
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Eubank had seven points in the quarter. Brown and Wall each had two points.

Brown committed a foul with 7:31 to go in the first half. She had to sit the remainder of the half with three fouls. Senior Keshia Daniels hit a bucket with 7:32 remaining to put Pampa ahead 13-5. Eubank added another trey at 6:23 to put Pampa up 16-5. The run continued as senior Ty'Randa Johnson hit a three with 5:49 left. Big Spring called a timeout at that point, trailing 19-5. Senior Raven Neal-Landers hit a pair of free throws at 4:59 to increase the lead to 21-5.

Wall joined in on the three parade at the 4:20 mark to put Pampa ahead 24-5. Pampa's defense continued to prevent the Lady Steers from scoring.

Daniels hit a fadeaway jumper from seven feet to put Pampa ahead 26-5 with 3:09 to go in the half. Eubank added another three to give the Lady Harvesters a commanding 29-5 lead with 2:43 to go in the half. Pampa started the second quarter on an 18-0 run. Big Spring would just add three points before half, all from the foul line. The Lady Steers did not score from the field in the second quarter.

Pampa led at the half, 29-8.

Eubank was 1-1 from the line with six points. Daniels had four points. Wall and Johnson each had three in the quarter. Neal-Landers was 2-2 from the line with two points.

Big Spring came out on the defensive end in the third quarter and held Pampa to no points from the field in the quarter. The Lady Steers outscored Pampa 14-4 in the third quarter.

Pampa's only action in the quarter was seven free throw attempts and they made four of them.

Pampa led 33-22 after three quarters.

Wall was 2-2 from the line with two points in the quarter. Neal-Landers was 2-4 from the line with two points.

Big Spring cut the lead to nine at 33-24 with an early bucket in the fourth at 7:42 remaining in the game. This put Pampa a little on edge, but it was the closest the Lady Steers would get to coming back in the game.

Eubank hit Wall on a fastbreak to put Pampa ahead by 13 at 37-24 with 6:28 left in the game. Big Spring called a timeout at 3:57 with Pampa

leading 37-25.

Eubank hit a basket with 3:28 to go and to give Pampa a 39-26 lead. Brown iced the game with a bucket with 56 seconds left to put Pampa ahead 42-29.

Pampa won the game 43-33.

Eubank had four in the quarter. Wall was 1-2 from the line with three points. Brown had two points and Kennedy was 1-3 from the line with one point.

"We had a really good first half, I felt like our second half kinda fell off a little but you know it's okay," Chaffin said. "We saw some good things early on. We're gonna work on things we didn't do as well at. We'll come back stronger than ever tomorrow (Wednesday)."

Taylor Eubank was 1-1 from the line, with two threes and 17 points. Rayna Wall was 3-4 from the line with one three and 10 points. Madison Brown and Keshia Daniels each had four points. Ty'Randa Johnson had one three-pointer and three points. Elise Kennedy was 1-3 from the line with one point.

Pampa will travel to Hale Center Friday night for a 6 p.m. tipoff against the No. 16 Seminole Lady Maidens.

"I've told them this matchup might be possible (Seminole). This is my old high school coach, he coached me all growing up," Chaffin said. "It's one of those opportunities you don't get too often. This man's been coaching for a long time and a lot of the things I've learned, I learned from him. It's gonna be a tooth-and-nail fight. We're gonna get after them. They're a lot like us, Bushland and Dalhart all thrown into one. Without the girls really knowing it, we've kinda been preparing for them on the side. So it's a good thing for us and we're gonna hit the practice hard tomorrow (Wednesday) and be prepared no matter what."

The Pampa News' editor John Lee commented on the historic win.

"As someone who covered this team some the last two years it is certainly exciting to see how far they have come. I had all the confidence in the world that this team would succeed this year, but I was a little worried when their leading scorer last year, Hayley Burnett, graduated last year," Lee said. "At a Kiwanis meeting where she was hosting the program, Coach Chaffin told me not to worry about it and it'll be a team effort. It definitely has been. I am very impressed with Coach Chaffin and this team. Congratulations, ladies!"

The Pampa News' contributor and longtime Pam-

pa sports photographer Charla Shults was very excited to see the girls get this win.

"I am excited about this historical win for our Lady Harvesters, setting a new standard always does well for any program, it just gives them a new goal for each new team to accomplish every year," Shults said. "Pampa High School Sports in general is really shining right now. I am so proud of all these kids."

The Pampa News' sports editor Zachary Green also brought his congratulatory remarks.

"Even when I took my brief hiatus from the paper, I followed all the Pampa teams including this one," Green said. "I knew from the moment I first interviewed Coach Chaffin in the preseason that she was going to do special things in Pampa. Congratulations to her and the Lady Harvesters for buying into Chaffin with hard work. Hard work pays off. But we aren't done yet girls. Go get Seminole on Friday night!"

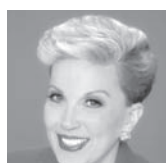
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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I need help! I have shoplifted several times. I was caught and have a police record. I am a grandparent. I know it's wrong, and I don't do it all the time. Is this a mental disorder, or am I just being stupid? If I know this is wrong, why do I keep doing it? And where do I start to look for help? — STICKY FINGERS

DEAR STICKY FINGERS: Some people shoplift because they are criminals, some do it for "thrills," and others do it to make up for something else that is missing in their lives. Because you know what you are doing is wrong, would like to understand your compulsion and want to stop, the person to discuss this with is a psychologist. Your physician can refer you to one, or contact your state psychological association to find someone in your area.

DEAR ABBY: My girlfriend and I have called it quits after three years. Distance was the main reason. It wasn't a bad breakup, but it's still a difficult transition for both of us. She would rather we not see or speak to each other for a while to let things heal.

Her birthday is coming up soon, and I don't feel right not acknowledging it. Her special day means a lot to her, and I still love and respect her for who she is. Is sending a card and gift appropriate, or should I just leave her be? — DISTANCE WAS THE REASON

DEAR DISTANCE: Send a birthday card and tell her that because the day is special, you couldn't let it pass unacknowledged. It shouldn't be neces-

sary to send a gift in light of the fact that you are no longer a couple.

DEAR ABBY: My daughter is getting married in September. In June, she's planning to have a bachelorette party in Mexico.

My husband and I have never been to Mexico and thought, "Why not kill two birds with one stone?" Because I'm afraid of flying, I want my husband and son to also go to Mexico, but stay at a different resort. The party is only for three days, so when everyone else goes home, my husband and I will extend our stay.

I have gone on girl vacations to Las Vegas before, where my husband has traveled with me and then gone and done his own thing. We would meet up after the girl vacation. I don't see a problem with his traveling to Mexico, but my daughter absolutely objects. What do you think? — NO PROBLEM IN COLORADO

DEAR NO: Could this be a telltale warning sign of a budding bridezilla? Your daughter appears to be making a problem where none exists. If your husband and son will stay at a different resort, they might as well be back in the states. That they are in Mexico shouldn't inconvenience or inhibit your daughter at all. *****

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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PAMPA Sports

LADY HARVESTERS GET FIRST GOLD BALL IN PROGRAM HISTORY TUESDAY



Photos courtesy of Charla Shults

Top left, Taylor Eubank shoots a three in Tuesday's game. Top right, Ty'Randa Johnson powers for a layup. Above left, Madison Brown reaches out to block a Lady Steer shot. The Lady Harvesters had a block party in the game. Above right, Keshia Daniels shoots a jumper.

Pampa golf at Borger



By ZACHARY GREEN
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"I was very impressed with the way the girls played this weekend. Every one of them improved from last week, and four of the five shot their personal best. They have been doing a great job at practice, and they have time and effort is really starting to pay off," Poyner said. "I do expect us to keep getting better. Not every tournament is going to have perfect conditions like we played in this week, but I do think that we can steadily get better and hopefully be playing our best golf by the time we get to district. We talk about it all the time, our goal is to bring home a district championship and if we continue to get better we will have a shot at that."

Here are the results from Pamp's last golf tournament at Borger. First day was played at Borger Country Club, second day was at Phillips Golf Course.

"We played much better. Ended up fourth as a team only behind Amarillo High, Canyon Randall and Dumas (beat us by 1 shot overall)," head coach Brian Poyner said.

Gracie Little shot 88 and 94. McKinley Hancox shot 89 and 94. Alli Hampton shot 92 and 96. Sarah Gordzelik shot 98 and 91. Adeline Little shot 117 and 118.

Tennis action at Randall Tournament

STAFF REPORT

The Pampa Harvester tennis teams played in the Randall Tournament over the weekend.

"Again we played great," head coach Sarah Corse said. "We finished fifth as a team."

The team of Lane Terry and Genevieve Zavala continued to play some good tennis they had a big win against the No. 1 Borger team and then made the finals and played a great match finishing second.

In girls doubles Zoe Hulsey and Cooper Horton had a good tournament also they won the consolation bracket and are starting to come together as a team.

Also in girls singles Kami Ware won the consolation bracket. Kindle Hunt continued to play good by finishing sixth in girls singles and the team of Chase Cree and Ajay Mitchell in boys doubles finished eighth.

Other finishers that also played good: Kaycee Sellers and Cooper Anderson, 10th, Katilyn Hart and Madi Bolch, 12th, and Chance Douglas and Christian Ulrey, 14th.

The next tournament will be in Amarillo.

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MCLEAN LADY TIGERS ARE BI-DISTRICT CHAMPS



Submitted photo
The McLean Lady Tigers defeated Ft. Elliott Lady Cougars 46-36 in Panhandle for the Bi-District championship Tuesday night to advance to the Area Round against defending state champion and No. 1 ranked Nazareth Swiftettes. The game will be played at Amarillo High Friday night at 6 p.m. Pictured front row, from left, Bailey Herring, Charlie Webb, Samantha Long, Jasmine Montoya and Madison Jones. Back row, from left, Sarah Richardson, Callie Crockett, Kearston Tolleson, Savannah Acuna, Rachel Soto, Jacey Steel, Tessa Buckholts and coach Braydon Barker. Barker is a former Pampa High School graduate and first year head coach at McLean. Not pictured are assistant coaches Lacey Hayes and Lacy Wilson.

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