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Snow and ice reminds area it's still Winter



By JOHN LEE
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While it has been easy to enjoy the mild 70-degree temperatures the Texas Panhandle has been blessed with recently, Old Man Winter reared his frosty head and dropped snow and ice on the area.

After dropping several inches of snow, the snow system has moved on and Tuesday's forecast looks a little less snowy.

"Tuesday looks decent from a precipitation standpoint," Cindy Elsenheimer, forecaster for the National Weather Service, said. "It's going to be a little chilly with highs in the upper 30s. We should see some sunshine in the afternoon."

After a day of rest, it looks like snow will return on Wednesday evening after highs around 47 degrees.

"It looks like a system similar to this one will return Wednesday night and Thursday morning," Elsenheimer said. "Preliminary totals look to be one to three inches."

Temperatures will drop to 26 degrees with a 30 percent chance of snow in the overnight hours of Wednesday. The area won't reach above freezing Thursday as the high is only projected to be 26 degrees.

Snow returns again on Friday evening and Saturday, but this appears to be a more prolonged event. Being still four days away, it is still a little hard to tell the snowfall amounts, but Friday's high is set at 24 degrees.

For more information, contact the National Weather Service at 806-335-1121.

Editor's note: Forecast information taken at noon on Monday. For more up to date forecasts visit www.weather.gov.

Photo by John Lee
 A shot outside The Pampa News' office on Monday afternoon. This was taken just a few minutes after the real heavy stuff stopped. We should warm up today and tomorrow, before snow chances return for the rest of the week.

BLUE TO THE BONE EVENT



Photo by Lindsey Tomaschik
 Blue to the Bone was a fundraiser held Saturday to benefit Sgt. Houston Gass. There was a live auction, silent auction, several promotional booths, live entertainment and activities for the kids such as a bounce house, face painting and movies. The event, which was held at M.K. Brown, also had dinner provided by donations. Gass, right, is pictured with his wife Jessica and three children, Emma, Austin and Harrison.

STANDOFF FRIDAY AFTERNOON



Photo by Lindsey Tomaschik
 On Friday afternoon, Gray County Sheriff's Office was in the process of serving an arrest warrant to 49-year-old Ambrose Jesse Burton in the 1600 block of Williston, when Burton ran into the house after being contacted and barricaded himself inside. From there an hour and a half standoff ensued and a chemical agent was introduced to draw him from the house. Burton did come out of the house willingly and was arrested at that time.

DPS invites current peace officers to become troopers

SUBMITTED
 AUSTIN – The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is now accepting applications for an advanced recruit school designed for current Texas law enforcement officers who are interested in becoming Highway Patrol Troopers. The application deadline is March 25; and the eight-week school will begin June 21.

"We know that there are highly qualified Texas peace officers who may be interested in becoming Highway Patrol Troopers," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "DPS values the expertise and training these professionals possess, and this new recruit school is an excellent opportunity for current law enforcement officers to join DPS."

This particular recruit school provides eligible officers in Texas an accelerated path to becoming a DPS trooper versus the standard course that spans more than 20 weeks. The graduates of this particular class – beginning June 21 – will be assigned primarily to DPS Regions 3 and 4 along the Texas-Mexico border to fulfill current needs in those areas.

An applicant must currently be working as a Texas peace officer with at least two years of patrol experience and hold a current and valid peace officer license issued by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE). The requirement that applicants must have two years' experience performing patrol duties will not be waived. (DPS will also continue to offer its standard recruit classes that do not require applicants to hold a current peace officer license.)

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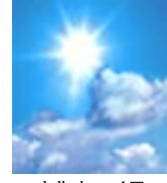

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Today	Wednesday	Thursday
		
High 47 Low 21	High 47 Low 19	High 26 Low 13 20%

Today: Mostly sunny, with a high near 47. West wind 5 to 10 mph becoming north northeast in the afternoon.. Sunrise at 7:21 a.m.

Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 21. North wind 5 to 10 mph. Sunset at 6:35 p.m.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 47. West wind 5 to 10 mph becoming north northeast in the afternoon. Sunrise at 7:20 a.m.

Wednesday night: A 30 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 19. North northeast wind 10 to 15 mph. Sunset at 6:36 p.m.

Thursday: A 20 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 26. Northeast wind 10 to 15 mph. Sunrise at 7:19 a.m.

Thursday night: A 30 percent chance of snow. Cloudy, with a low around 13. East wind around 10 mph. Sunset at 6:37 p.m.

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officer license.)

All applicants must meet other eligibility requirements, including being a U.S. citizen and be at least 21 years old by the time they graduate

from the academy. Additionally, applicants will be required to successfully complete a physical fitness test, written examination, a polygraph examination, background investigation, board selection interview, psychological examination, physical/vision examinations, and a drug screen.

For more information about the minimum requirements or to apply, applicants can visit www.JoinDPS.com and click on "Advanced Commissioned Trooper Trainee School." Individuals can also contact a regional DPS recruiter by calling 1-866-898-7667. After submitting an on-

line application, applicants will be notified by email if they are selected to continue to the testing phase. Applicants must submit all required forms and documentation prior to March 25, 2015, and have completed all required testing by March 31, 2015. DPS is an equal opportunity employer.

Austin Elementary Book Fair this week

STAFF REPORT

Austin Elementary is hosting their book fair this week. The hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. today. 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesday. 6:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Thursday. And 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday.

There is a family night from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. today. Tomorrow will be Lunch with Grandparents.

They ask that you provide a note to your child's teacher if you will be buying extra lunches.

Munchies with mom will be tomorrow from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Donuts with Dad will be from 6:30 to 8 a.m. Thursday.

Austin Elementary wants to remind you that if you come to an event during school hours, you will need your driver's license for admittance to the school.

BOOK SIGNING WAS HELD SATURDAY AT HASTINGS



Photo by Lindsey Tomaschik

Inspirational writer, McKade Marshall, held a book signing Saturday afternoon at Hastings Entertainment in Pampa. Marshall has been doing his book tour primarily with Hastings Entertainment and Pampa's was his 29th book signing. "Tasting the Goodness of God: 31 Daily Devotionals for Everyday Living" is Marshall's first book which he wrote with the intention to inspire people every day and to help them get their day going.

Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce 85th Annual Citizen and Business of the Year Banquet

Saturday, February 28
7:00 pm

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Speaker: Karl Rove

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Karl Rove

former Deputy Chief of Staff to President George W. Bush, is the author of "Courage and Consequence." There will be a book signing at 5:30. Tickets are available at the chamber.

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OBITUARIES

Floyd Lee Lynch

Floyd Lee Lynch, 86, of Pampa, died Saturday, Feb. 21, 2015, in Pampa.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24, 2015, at Central Baptist Church with Rev. Norman Rushing, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery. Arrangements are by Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.



Floyd Lee Lynch

Mr. Lynch was born Nov. 26, 1928, in Hobart, Okla. to William George and Bertie Mae Bass Lynch. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving from 1946-1948 in Guam. He was a member and a lifelong supporter of VFW Post #1657 in Pampa.

Floyd met and married Sidney Lancaster of Mobeetie on April 23, 1949, in Hereford. They moved to Pampa in 1953. Floyd worked for Beaver Motor Company of Hereford and worked at the Hughes Building after moving to Pampa. He then worked for Cabot Machinery Division, Ingersoll-Rand, and National Oilwell/Varco and retired in January of 1991 after 35 years of service. He was honored to be able to go to China and work for five weeks. Floyd was very active in Central Baptist Church where

he served as a deacon for many years. For several years, he was involved in Church Builders of Texas where he helped build churches in Texas, Oklahoma, Missouri and Nevada.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a stepfather, two sisters and a brother.

Survivors include his wife of 65 years, Sidney Lynch, of the home; a daughter, Beverly Morse and husband Larry of Pampa; two sisters, Inila Jordan and husband Tah of Amarillo and Izetta Billington of Ardmore, Okla.; two grandsons, Jason Reed and wife Jamie of Bushland and Preston Reed and wife Sara of Amarillo; five great grandchildren, Brayden and Addilyn Reed of Bushland, and Korbyn, Livia, and Kalei Jones, all of Amarillo; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to Central Baptist Church, 513 E. Francis, Pampa, TX 79065.

Sign the online register book at www.carmichael-whitley.com.

Cleta Husted

Services for Cleta Husted, 87, of Shallowater will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 25, 2015 at the First Baptist Church Shallowater, with Rev. Mitch Wilson officiating. Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery in Pampa under the direction of Sanders Funeral Home.

She is survived by her husband, Leonard, of the home.

FOR the RECORD

Pampa man arrested for theft

STAFF REPORT

• Karl Wayne Crow, 54, Pampa, was arrested Friday by the Pampa Police Department for theft of property.

• Roy Brent Burnett, 44, Pampa, was arrested Friday by the Gray County Sheriff's Office for non-payment of child support.

• Ambrose Burton, 49, Pampa, was arrested Friday by GCSO for insufficient bond — possession of a controlled substance, insufficient bond — manufacturing or delivering a controlled substance, insufficient bond — possession of a prohibited

substance in a correctional facility, evading arrest, resisting arrest, possession of a controlled substance.

• Teresa Gail Mundell, 40, Pampa, was arrested Friday by PPD for theft of property — between \$50 and \$500.

• Kole Steven Miller, 18,

Pampa, was arrested Friday by GCSO for theft of property — between \$50 and \$500.

• Alley Jo Fuentes, 18, Pampa, was arrested Saturday by the Department of Public Safety for hindering apprehension or prosecution.

What to know about new research on babies, peanut allergies

Children at high risk of developing peanut allergies are far less likely to do so if they are given peanut-containing foods before they turn 1, finds a major study that is expected to quickly change dietary advice to many parents.

Food allergies often are inherited, but also can develop during life, and age of exposure may matter. In recent years, doctors have wondered whether avoiding certain foods in infancy does harm or good.

until age 5, or to regularly eat them, usually as peanut butter or a peanut puff snack.

At age 5, peanut allergies had developed in 3 percent of peanut eaters versus 17 percent of abstainers.

WARNINGS TO PARENTS

Don't try this on your own. Babies in the study were tested to ensure they didn't already have a peanut allergy before they were fed peanut-based foods.

Also, whole peanuts pose a choking risk. Doc-

tors recommend peanut butter or other peanut-containing foods instead.

WHAT'S NEXT?

Food guidelines may change. The American Academy of Pediatrics used to recommend against giving children peanut-based foods before age 3 but dropped that advice in 2008 because there was no evidence it prevented allergies. Now, most parents introduce peanut-based foods when other solid foods are added unless a child is known to have a peanut allergy.

Perry lawyers: Prosecutor alleging facts not in indictments

AUSTIN (AP)—Former Texas Gov. Rick Perry's legal team again argued Monday that felony abuse-of-power charges against their client should be tossed, saying that a special prosecutor's attempts to modify the original indictment seek to "substitute his own version of the facts."

Perry was indicted in August on charges stemming from a 2013 veto of state funding for a public corruption division within the office of Travis County District Attorney Rosemary Lehmburg. Special prosecutor Michael McCrum earlier this month modified a charge of coercion of a public servant in response to an order by judge overseeing the case, Republican Bert Richardson.

In 30 pages of filings Monday, Austin attorney David Botsford states that McCrum "should not be allowed to take inconsistent positions and insert facts not found by a grand jury into an indictment."

The filing also says that if it's allowed to stand, another charge Perry faces, abuse of official capacity, should be converted to a misdemeanor. That's because, the filings argue, the case centers on the veto, not the state funding. It therefore had no monetary value — and any action worth less than \$20 doesn't constitute a felony in Texas.

The charges Perry faces combined carry a maximum penalty of 109 years in prison.

Richardson refused the defense team's prior string of motions to have the case dismissed on constitutional and technical grounds, but he suggested last month that McCrum should clarify the coercion charge.

Perry's attorneys responded to the modified count Monday by saying McCrum's fixes were "woefully deficient." They argued that with the new language, McCrum attempts "to substitute his own version of the facts" and yet still fails to accuse Perry of a crime.

The filing goes on to argue that the special pros-

ecutor never established sufficient grounds for either count, and therefore the entire case should be thrown out.

Perry was indicted by a grand jury in Austin, a liberal enclave in mostly solidly conservative Texas. The charges stem from Perry's publicly threatening, then carrying out a veto of \$7.5 million state funding for Lehmburg's public corruption division. That came after Lehmburg, whose county includes Austin, rebuffed Perry's calls to resign following her drunken driving conviction.

Perry left office last month. He is expected to announce a 2016 presidential run as soon as May. He has repeatedly called the case against him politically motivated.

Not addressed in his legal team's latest filing are specific allegations McCrum made in the Feb. 13 brief modifying the coercion charge, which shed light on what a trial might look like. Those included that Perry didn't approve of the district attorney's management "and therefore wanted to coerce Ms. Lehmburg into resigning her elected position and/or stymie or obstruct the continued operation of the Public Integrity Unit."

McCrum did not immediately respond to messages for comment Monday.

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Prairie Plains Perspective 50 shades of a sad state of affairs



DENNIS PALMITIER

Ever since it was released, I had been wondering, dreading if Ann (my woman friend in a relatively new relationship) was desirous of watching the movie “50 Shades of Grey.” With nary a mention the entire week, I decided while eating dinner to broach the subject. What I got for an answer was first a laugh, then a smile followed by, “No, I’ve yet to get over ‘Last Tango in Paris,’ besides, if I wanted to see it, and I don’t, that’s a movie I’d go see with girl friends.” Hearing her words, I started to relax when, with suddenly knitted brows she shot back, “Do you?”

Twas my turn to laugh over her “Last Tango in Paris” comment, for I too have never gotten over that movie. I shared my ‘Last Tango’ thoughts then added, “No, I’m not in to, never have been for the matter and definitely not interested in any movie with scenes of BDSM.” Ann fessed up by telling me she as well had wondered about my thoughts over the movie, was thinking how to approach it with me. Once again I started to relax, thinking ain’t love grand, when her “I’d go see with girl friends” statement betwixt my ears did register. An explanation from her I did request.

Before I relate Ann’s profundity about “50 Shades of Grey,” I’ll delve into some cinematic history. “Last Tango in Paris,” starring Marlon Brando, was a movie released back in 1972. The movie had a really violent sex scene that sent censors, parents and lay folk into a tither. I won’t go into a critique of “Last Tango,” but suffice to say when the violent sex scene came to view, my date and I got up and left. The movie

grossed a phenomenal \$100 million. By 1972 standards, that was a boatload of money, but when you think about it, sex sells, always has, sadly always will.

Wikipedia - The BDSM initialism. BD is bondage and discipline. DS is domination and submission. SM is sadism and masochism. “50 Shades of Grey” theme is centered around a rich young entrepreneur, an inquisitive young woman writer along with the man’s appetite for, BDSM. That was enough for yours truly to have no interest in the flick. What’s that? I’m a prude? Nope folks, I am (if you know me) light years from that descriptive noun. I’ve better things to do with my time and money. I was truly relieved that I and Ann would not have to venture to see such a movie, but was quite curious why Ann would see it only with girl friends?

“When it comes to sexual topics, women are more objective, men are just dogs,” she said with a grin. I barked in agreement then heard, “I read the book, it’s been out for four years. My thinking is, it’s the money attraction the woman Anastasia has with Mr. Grey. Women often fantasize what it would be like having no financial worries, the ability to be able on a whim to jet off someplace exotic with Mr. Right and his American Express Black Card. Sex, even for some women if the act becomes deviant and violent, is acceptable. I think and it upsets me to say, that is why many more women than men have read the book and are seeing the movie.” Ann added a rather poignant ending to her intuitive take on “50 Shades of Grey.” The book by E.L. James and movie release to date have grossed \$500 million. It is a trilogy, there’s two more. Sex and the mystique there of, sells.

Aside from the BDSM thing, I’ve two issues with “50 Shades of Grey.”

Both are a prevalent political theme used by liberal progressives and Democrats that since 2009 has gotten them via an obliging press, considerable mileage. Democrats first stop on their contribution gathering campaign trail is Hollywood. From adoring, sympathizing stars, starlets and movie moguls the Clinton’s and Obama, mentioning just three, have reaped millions of dollars.

Wasn’t, isn’t there still per progressives and Democrats a “War on Women?” With “50 Shades of Grey” I’m thinking the total hypocrisy of such. My other issue is with all you NOWers (National Organization of Women) and feminists out there, ranting and raving these days over your misguided conceptions about societal rolls for women. Where is your disgust? Why not any news releases or articles opining your indignation, condemnation over the degradation of women portrayed in “50 Shades of Grey?”

Politically astute I am. With “50 Shades of Grey,” a goodly portion of America is rife with hypocrisy. A psycho-therapist I’m not, but it doesn’t take a degree in such to know there is nothing whatsoever normal and everything wrong with BDSM. It’s not about love, respect or a relationship. For a woman or a man to willingly accept humiliation, degradation and pain for the security of wealth speaks volumes. For humankind to stand in long lines waiting to see “50 Shades of Grey” speaks volumes as well.

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Just a Thought Which appetite are you working on today?

More, more, more... each day we get up we live life with one objective...to satisfy our appetites. From the time we get up until the time we go to bed at night, our lives are an effort to get more.

There are many needs we all have: food, sleep, love, family, financial security, sex, time, success, power...and the list goes on and on. When we identify needs that we have, the question arises, “How much do we need to satisfy each need?” Sometimes, instead of how much is needed, the larger question is how much is enough? Often-times our appetites are never fully and finally satisfied.

We are all a bundle of appetites. We live our lives seeking to fill our appetites. How you manage your appetites will determine the direction your life goes.

The need to fill our ever growing appetites is best illustrated by a quote by billionaire John D. Rockefeller. In 1902 it is believed Mr. Rockefeller’s net worth was about two percent of the net worth of our entire country. He was once asked “How much money is enough money?” Mr. Rockefeller replied “Just a little bit more.”

I am not saying that appetites are not good, only that they can dominate our lives and, without discipline, can ruin our lives or take our lives a direction we don’t need to be going.

I heard a speaker at a conference say “God created us with appetites and sin has distorted them.” Another interpretation of this concept is that too much of a good thing can become a bad thing. Or an appetite created for good can be fulfilled poorly.

The first example in the history of mankind took place in the Garden of Eden. Adam and Eve lived in paradise with domain over their world. They had the appetite for more. Satan tempted them and Adam, with an appetite to have more, yielded to temptation. His appetite for more brought him and mankind down.

We get back to the question, how much is enough? The little voice in our head repeatedly whispers, “Just a little bit more, just a little bit more, just a little bit more...” The response each of us has to this question is what drives each of our lives.

We need to live our lives within a proper range for each of our appetites. For example, if we decide to quash our appetite to eat and choose not to eat, we die. If we decide to not bridle our appetite to eat and do so as much and as often as we can, we add pounds that don’t need to be added.

If we decide to try to live on two hours of sleep a night, we won’t be around long. If we decide to sleep fourteen hours a day, we will substantially cut into otherwise productive time each day.

If we are unmotivated to earn an income, we don’t have funds to live off of. If we don’t bridle the goal to earn income, we become workaholics and we will likely neglect family and other priorities in our life.

It is all about appetites. We often think that if we get to a certain point, we can once and for all satisfy an appetite. What we learn is that the appetite follows us each step of our lives. Fulfilling appetites is not a destination, it is a life journey. Whether we are 30 and trying to climb the ladder at work or 60 and trying to decide how many more years to work, the appetite for financial security is the same.

Your failure to manage your appetites will allow them to control you. So how do you manage your appetites? Ultimately the brake that keeps any of us from over indulging is discipline. How much of it do you have?

If I asked you to score yourself from one to 10 on a discipline scale with 10 being high discipline and one being low, what would your score be? Probably your score would differ depending on which area we are talking about. For example, your score in the appetite of food may be different than your score in the appetite of being appreciated. Your score in the appetite of sleep may be different than



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Letter to the Editor Remembering Eric Liddell

On Feb. 21, 1945, 70 years ago Saturday, one of the greatest human souls who ever inhabited this planet took his final earthly breath and went home. The cause of his death? It was due to a combination of exhaustion, malnourishment and a brain tumor. His name was Eric Liddell.

If his name sounds vaguely familiar to you, it is probably from the 1981 movie Chariots of Fire, the story of the “flying Scotsman” and his gold medal victory in the 400 meters in the 1924 Olympics. But that isn’t the most amazing part of his life’s story to the faithful follower of Christ.

Eric lived only twenty years after that Olympic victory, but he crammed a lifetime into those two decades. He had always told everyone, “God made me for China.” And so he spent the time he had left on this earth

ministering and serving the people in the land of his birth, China.

But Eric’s “finest hour” was the final 24 months of his life. As World War II stormed into China, Eric got his family out to Canada, but stayed to continue as Christ’s ambassador there. In March of 1943 Eric was rounded up by Japanese soldiers and placed in the Weihsien internment camp northeast of Beijing.

The flock God gave him to shepherd became 1,800 adults and children living in an area about the size of the Olympic stadium where he had competed in 1924. He tried to keep everyone busy so that they wouldn’t be focused on the horrible conditions. He taught science classes, Bible classes and organized sporting events.

Late in 1943, with his health beginning to fail, another “finest hour” took place. It was learned

from Chinese authorities in 2008, just before the Beijing Olympics, that the Japanese and British, with Churchill’s approval, had agreed upon a prisoner exchange, but that Liddell had refused the opportunity to leave the camp, and instead gave his place to a pregnant woman there.

Rev. Dr. Norman Cliff remembered that just a few days before Eric died, as he lay suffering in the hospital, the small brass band of the prisoners went to the hospital grounds and played hymns hoping to cheer him up. A note came out from a nurse saying that Eric would like to hear Be Still, My Soul to the tune Finlandia. “We played and he died the week following. It was one of his favorite hymns. It was very moving.”

On Feb. 21, 1945, at the tender age of 43, Eric began to struggle to breathe.

One of the nurses entered and heard his final words, “It’s complete surrender.” And so Eric Liddell went home.

Eric Liddell was the real deal. In a day and time when our expectations of public figures, even preachers, are so incredibly low so as not to be disappointed, Eric Liddell stands HEAD and SHOULDERS above us all.

If you are a follower of Jesus Christ, please pause a moment today and thank God for Eric Liddell and ask the Lord to bless his descendents so that they may follow in his steps. And if you have not seen the movie, Chariots Of Fire, correct that mistake ASAP. To God be the glory. God bless. Mike

Mike Sublett Pampa

Community Calendar

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your score in the appetite of success and power. Regardless, our lives involve a series of appetites. My challenge to you is to first recognize the appetites that you have. Understand that having appetites is healthy. That is the way God made you. Second, and more importantly, understand the importance of controlling your appetites and not letting them control you.

Most all of your problems can be solved by the person you see when you look in the mirror.

Be careful how you respond to the little voice that constantly whispers "just a little bit more, just a little bit more..." How you respond to this voice will determine your destiny one choice at a time. Just a thought...

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Area Support Groups

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

In unusual twist, presidential race is revving up in Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas isn't an early presidential voting state, but its 2016 Republican White House primary already feels well underway.

Sen. Ted Cruz and former Gov. Rick Perry are already jockeying for home-state position. Kentucky Sen. Rand Paul also has Texas roots and new Land Commissioner George P. Bush is raising his profile as his father Jeb readies a run.

Such maneuvering is common everywhere but there's new urgency because Texas is holding its 2016 primary on March 1. That's only later than Iowa, New Hampshire, South Carolina and Nevada.

That's forcing prospective candidates to engage here sooner and donors to pick a favorite.

Many top Texas donors still insist it's too early to choose sides. But they may not be able to hold out for much longer.

City Commission meetings

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

School board meetings

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

Immunization clinic three times a month

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

PAWS meets first Tuesdays

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

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

people are needed to love and work with the animals where they will be more adoptable.

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

County Commission meetings

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

TOT Republican Women's Club

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

Jam sessions every Friday night

The Woody Guthrie Folk Music Center has a jam session every Friday night starting at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to play or listen. The center is located at 320 S. Cuyler St. For more information, call 806-664-0824.

Meredith House presents live music

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

Monday night dance club

The Monday night dance club meets from 7 to 9 p.m., the second Monday of each month,

in the Pampa Chamber of Commerce building on the corner of Ballard and Kingsmill. Admission is \$3.50. Cold drinks and coffee are offered. The club plays country music. For more information, call Della at 806-663-1136.

PPQG Meets fourth Thursdays

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

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

Pampa Post VFW meetings

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

CASA of the High Plains

CASA of the High Plains will be open from 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.

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

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Lent devotionals

Day 6 – Tuesday – a white coffin

Scripture: Matthew 23:27

“Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You are like whitewashed tombs, which look beautiful on the outside but on the inside are full of dead men’s bones and everything unclean. In the same way, on the outside you appear to people as righteous but on the inside you are full of hypocrisy and wickedness. (The Gospels Interwoven, Zarley)

Devotional: In the seven woes of condemnation issued by Jesus against the scribes and Pharisees in Matthew 23, the sixth paints a vivid and telling portrait. His verbal strokes give life to a cold, chilling picture of a spotless white coffin, so beautiful on the outside, but full of a rotting corpse. The Pharisees had placed so much emphasis on minor outward appearances that major qualities in character which were of the most concern to God were left untouched. They completely missed God’s cruise liner; it left them at the dock and sailed away.

Usually when I read this scripture, I comfort myself with words of assurance that I am not like the scribes or the Pharisees. And in part that is true. However, there are times when I get mixed up and confuse the mountains and the molehills. It

almost always follows a time of temptation when I did not say, “Get behind me, Satan.” Rather I gave in to the eerie voice whispering, “It’s OK. Go ahead.”

I want to hear the devil as he really sounds, not for the impersonator he pretends to be. I want to see him for the empty, wrecked lives he causes, not the gusto-filled life of fun in the sun that he advertises. That is what I vow to do today with God’s help.

Prayer: Jehovah Jireh, You are the God who provides what we need to do Your will. And Lord God, I know that it is Your will that I be pure on both the inside and the outside. So, Father God, rescue me from my confusion, my mixed-up-ness. Bless me with the discernment that I need to defeat Satan’s daily assaults. Amen.

Day 7 – Wednesday – a mother hen

Scripture: Matthew 23:37-39

“O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing. Look, your house is left to you desolate. For I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.’ (The Gospels Interwoven, Zarley)

Devotional: They were the sternest words that anyone had ever heard come out of Jesus’ mouth. Woes totaling seven in number designed to barbecue the scribes and Pharisees for their ungodliness. Almost an entire chapter (Matthew 23) is filled with nothing but harshness, confrontation, and condemnation.

Then, suddenly, Jesus could hide His love no longer, and it burst out in these words. “How often I have longed to gather your children together as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing.” Even to the most evil He could not withhold words of His love.

During this season of Lent I must ask myself, “How often have I been the wandering chick; totally oblivious to the dangers around, and ignoring His loving wings of protection?”

How ever often it has been, it has been too often. Again, Lord, I repent. I sing to You the words of John Michael Talbot’s song “Create In Me A Clean Heart.”

Create in me a clean heart, oh, God.

Let me be like you in all my ways.

Give me your strength, teach me your song.

Shelter me in the shadow of your wings

For we are your righteousness.

If we die to ourselves and live through your death

Then we shall be born again to be blessed in your love!”

Prayer: Lord Jesus, please help me repent. I know that You will not do for me what I can do for myself because in that doing I confirm that You are my Lord. But, sweet Jesus, I sometimes run from You when I know better; sometimes in ig-

norance, sometimes in stubbornness. Help me past both of these stumbling blocks. I promise to give You the glory for the victory. Amen.

Day 8 – Thursday – two copper coins

Scripture: Mark 12:41-44; Luke 21:1-4

Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put. He looked up and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a fraction of a penny.

Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, “I tell you the truth, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. All these people gave their gifts out of their wealth; but she out of her poverty put in everything—all she had to live on.” (The Gospels Interwoven, Zarley)

Devotional: They were so small that they almost disappeared in the tiny hands of the widow. They weighed almost nothing, were worth almost nothing, and they hardly made a sound when she dropped them into the collection at the Temple.

They were so common that hardly anyone noticed them--kind of like pennies these days. But that day in heaven, at Jehovah’s throne, the clanging sound heard when she dropped those two coins was nearly deafening. How often has my giving made angels near God’s throne cover their ears? The widow’s giving did. What about mine?

She was not only completely sacrificial, but the reality of her poverty did not cause her to withhold her last two coins for her personal needs. I wonder what she had for dinner that night and the next and the next. She gave because she was a giver. Do I give because I am a giver?

Prayer: Lamb of God, no one ever gave like You; not even the widow. So if anyone can teach me and help me to be a giver it is You. So my prayer is very simple: Lord, please help me. Teach me. Take

me by the hand and lead me in Your steps. And please don’t stop until I am a giver. Amen.

Day 9 - Friday – a lamp

Scripture: Matthew 25:1-13

“At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. The wise, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep.

“At midnight the cry rang out: ‘Here’s the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!’

“Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.’

“‘No,’ they replied, ‘there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.’

“But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut.

“Later the others also came. ‘Sir! Sir!’ they said. ‘Open the door for us!’

“But he replied, ‘I tell you the truth, I don’t know you.’

“Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.

(The Gospels Interwoven, Zarley)

Devotional: They were cheap and common, but essential for all activity after sundown. They were constructed from the ordinary clay/dirt that was just about everywhere. Back then even unskilled laborers could mold the clay into a flat holder with two arms--one as a handle, the other as the wick holder. All that was then needed was some oil and a flame and voilà! Sounds simple enough, huh?

As His final day drew closer Jesus began to turn

the heat up in His words. He told the story of five foolish, unprepared virgins who said they wanted desperately to attend a wedding. But their desperation did not lead them to prepare. There were also five wise, fully-equipped virgins who yearned to share in the same wedding banquet. Their yearning motivated them to prepare properly. When the Bridegroom did come only the prepared were admitted.

It was a story of judgment. Many people tend to confuse Jesus with some “always warm and fuzzy” person who never said anything harsh. Jesus was often harsh, especially during His final week.

How often has He come to me for something special He has planned, only to find me unprepared, useless? What would it be like for my lamp to be empty on that final day when He comes with His mighty angels and the trumpet is blown? I don’t even want to think about that. Therefore, Lord, by Your grace I will keep my lamp full. I won’t wait until I run out of oil to replenish the supply. I will come to You each day to be refilled by Your Holy Spirit. I will, Lord. I really will. I promise.

Prayer: Holy Spirit, over 200 years ago You filled Your servant John Newton with the gut wrenching and inspirational words, “I once was lost, but now I’m found.” So plain, so simple, so powerful. For most of his life he was not prepared to meet You, because his lamp was empty. But then one day he fell at Your feet and You filled Him with Yourself and he was never the same again. There was a time when my lamp was empty, when I didn’t care about You or Your will. Tears well up every time I reflect on those days. Holy Spirit, please fill me each day when I report for filling. And should I ever forget for even part of a day to seek Your fullness, please whack me, correct me, discipline me. Being full of You means more to me than anyone or anything. So fill me now and fill me every day. Amen.

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First Saber es Poder proved to be a success

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Support for the first ever Saber es Poder event was tremendous. There were over 300 in attendance at this unique opportunity targeted for the Hispanic Community of Pampa. The Hispanic population is contributing to the growth in Pampa. That is a trend that is occurring statistically all over

the state of Texas. Change is evident and a community that is proactive and offers events like "Saber es Poder" to its stakeholders promotes collaboration and establishes the goal of working together to make Pampa and the school district better. The event was intended for all the stakeholders in this community; parents, students, community members. The event

was conducted in Spanish to offer access to the Spanish speaking members of this community. Featured were celebrity presenters, Pampa Community business, and social support services. The Pampa community showed overwhelming generosity in their support. This was a great event for Pampa schools

and the community. The event was well attended and many have asked that it be offered annually as we unite together as a community for the betterment of all. Henry Ford said it best when he said "Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success." This event is already benefiting the students, parents, and community of Pampa.



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ALTRUSA HOLDS TRALEE CRISIS CENTER PANTRY DRIVE



Submitted photos
Top photo, Altrusa members Kadda Schale, Melodie Dosch and Heidi Schwope with grocery items collected at the Tralee Pantry Drive to benefit Tralee Crisis Center. The Pantry Drive is one of the community service projects sponsored by Altrusa. Bottom photo, ASTRA students Sierrah Adams and Danna Eppison collecting items at Tralee Pantry Drive.

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ALTRUSANS READ AT WILSON ELEMENTARY



Submitted photo
Altrusa traveled to Wilson Elementary School last week to read to students. Pictured are Wilson kindergarten students Colt McKinney, Iccauhtli Puentes and Angelie Calderon select books for reading by the Altrusa Club volunteers. Altrusan Kerrick Horton is shown in background reading to another group of students.

PAWS ANIMAL OF THE WEEK



Submitted photo
This is Bella. She was donated by a family that got a new dog. Bella has been there for six years and was not very tolerant of the new dog, so they got rid of her. She is scared of her new temporary home at the shelter, but she's very sweet and would love a new home. She is available now at the Pampa Animal Shelter.

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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.

New Life Assembly of God

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

a four-fold mission.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ

Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ is located at 1342 Mary Ellen St. Corner of Mary Ellen and Harvester. Right across from the high school.

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

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

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

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

For more information call 806-665-0031.

First United Methodist Church

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

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

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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.

US seeks stay of ruling on Obama immigration action

HOUSTON (AP) — The U.S. government asked a federal judge Monday to lift his temporary hold on President Barack Obama's action to shield millions of immigrants from deportation.

The Justice Department's motion for a stay was filed with the court of U.S. District Judge Andrew Hanen in Brownsville, Texas.

Last week, Hanen issued a preliminary injunction sought by 26 states suing to halt the immigration action by Obama, who wants to spare from deportation as many as 5 million people who are in the U.S. illegally. The states, led by Texas, have argued Obama's action is unconstitutional and would force increased state investment in law enforcement, health care and education.

The Justice Department is asking Hanen to put his ruling on hold while the federal government appeals the decision. If the stay were to be granted, Obama's immigration action would be allowed to go forward while the law-

suit proceeds through the courts.

Obama announced the executive action in November, saying lack of action by Congress forced him to make sweeping changes to immigration rules on his own. Republicans, who say Obama has overstepped his authority, are blocking funding for the Department of Homeland Security unless Democrats agree to cancel Obama's order.

It is not unheard of for judges to delay rulings they have issued. Last year, a federal judge ruled Texas' same-sex marriage ban unconstitutional but put his decision on hold to allow the state to appeal. But legal experts say it is unlikely Hanen will put his ruling on hold, because he wrote in his 123-page court order that states would "suffer irreparable harm in this case" if Obama's actions on immigration were to proceed while the lawsuit is argued.

"Based on (Hanen's) language, it stands to reason that if you stay this order then those harms

would start to accrue and that's the whole point of him enjoining the order in the first place," said Pratheepan Gulasekaram, a constitutional and immigration law professor at Santa Clara University School of Law in California.

The first of Obama's orders — to expand a program that protects young immigrants from deportation if they were brought to the U.S. illegally as children — had been set to start taking effect Feb. 18. The other major part of Obama's order, which extends deportation protections to parents of U.S. citizens and permanent residents who have been in the country for some years, was not expected to begin until May 19.

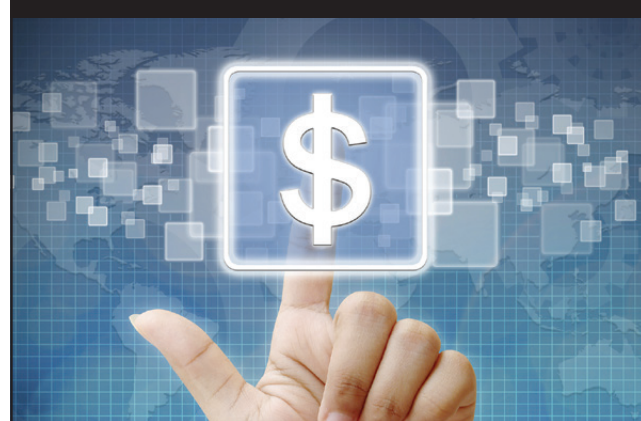
If Hanen denies the motion for a stay, the Justice Department was expected to take its request to the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans.

But Lourdes Martinez, an attorney with the Immigrant Legal Resource Center in San Francisco said the 5th Circuit is known to be fairly con-

servative, and is likely to also deny the request for a stay. The request for a stay could ultimately end up before the U.S. Supreme Court.

The stay request is separate from an appeal the federal government is expected to file with the 5th Circuit over Hanen's ruling. That appeal, once filed, would likely take anywhere from four to nine months to be ruled upon, Gulasekaram said.

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BLUE TO THE BONE FUNDRAISER



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Several community members gathered on Saturday afternoon for the Blue to the Bone fundraiser, which benefitted Sgt. Houston Gass. There was a live auction, silent auction, live entertainment, dinner funded by donations, face painting, a bounce house, vendor booths and much more at the event. There was a great turnout for the event.

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 There were several booths set up at the Blue to the Bone fundraiser on Saturday. Top left, Lisa Blandford and Chris Kirkpatrick represented CASA at the event. Top right, Kimber Thompson and Diana Smith were with Bridge. Left, Jana Gregory sat at the United Way table. Below, Shannah Heymer and Dianna Jackson represented PRMC. Next below, Bill Boden, Julie Andis and Kristi and Gary Parks were with the Kingdom Cruisers at the benefit. Bottom photo, Hoover volunteer firefighters Jason Neil, chief Millican and Brandon Moody.



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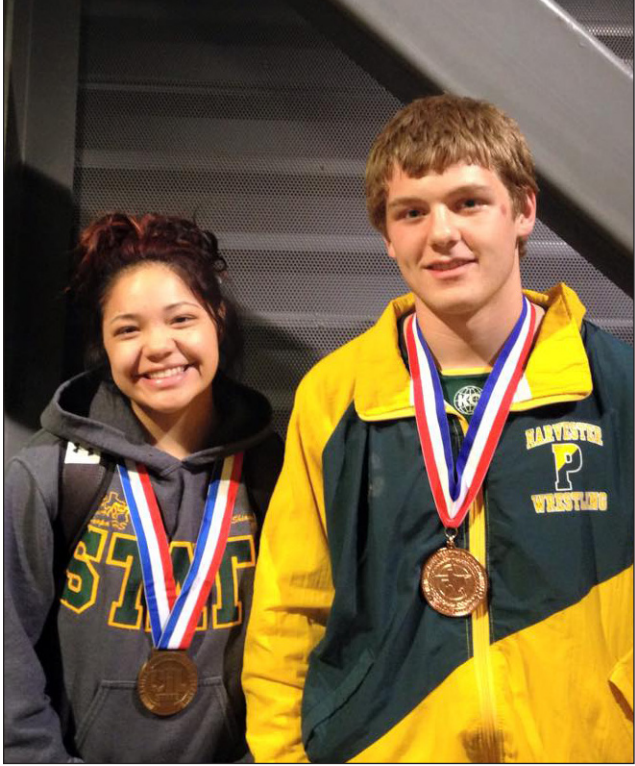
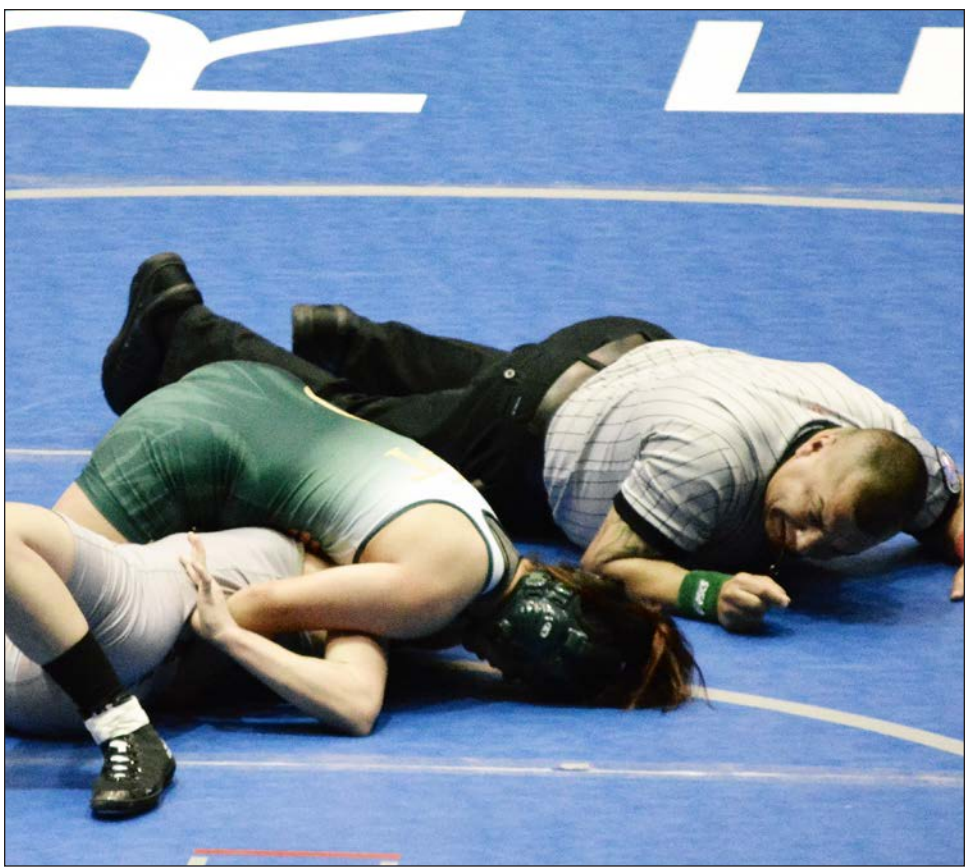


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Top two, Shiann Regalado wrestles her opponents. Middle two, JT Belcourt tries to get his opponent to the ground. Bottom two, Austin Hernandez tries to battle his opponent. Last photo, Shiann Regalado with her third place medal. JT Belcourt with his fourth place medal. Austin Hernandez got seventh place. Cheyenne Williams attended state as an alternate but didn't get to wrestle. Congratulations to all the Pampa wrestlers on a great season!

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PAMPA Sports

PAMPA PLAYS LAMESA AT 6:30 P.M. TONIGHT IN ABERNATHY



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The Pampa Harvesters play Lamesa at 6:30 p.m. tonight in Abernathy. The game was scheduled for Monday night in Plainview, but got moved due to weather. Best of luck in the bi-district round Pampa! Photos are from the Dalhart game at the end of the regular season.



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Submission by email: Send the form information with the photo(s) attached to jclee@thepampanews.com or message them to The Pampa News on Facebook. Photos should be sent in high resolution, .jpg format.

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EXTRA INNINGS

■ The epic failure being a Browns fan.

Reports came out last week that the Cleveland Browns general manager is going into the draft and free agency with the idea that the team needs a quarterback.

WHAT!!!!?

The Browns have had 22 starting quarterbacks since coming back to the league in 1999.

If they get another one this year that will make 23.

No, I am not sold on Johnny Manziel either but

the problem obviously lies somewhere outside of the quarterback.

This past season and this season star wideout Josh Gordon was and has been

suspended. Yet last year the Browns did nothing to answer the wide receiver problem in the draft.

They instead drafted cornerback Justin Gilbert who slacked off all season.

I don't want to be accused of being a fair-weather fan, but I have seen the same stuff over and over from these Browns.

If they do not draft a wide receiver in the first or second rounds, I might have to stop being a fan.

Also, if they give up the farm for quarterback Marcus Mariota that will seal the deal right there.

I am not a believer in any of the quarterbacks in this year's draft.

Josh McCown is a good free agent quarterback that can get the job done for a year or two until a better quarterback comes

available.

The Browns need to stop saying its the quarterback's fault everytime a season goes bad.

Other areas the Browns have problems at are on the offensive line and running back.

The running back position started to get a little more solidified this season, but the rest has been a joke.

I used to be a Dallas Cowboys fan back when they had Troy Aikman, Michael Irvin and Emmitt Smith.

I still root for them every now and then, but I cannot stand Jerry Jones.

If I decide to leave the Browns bandwagon, whose should I join?

I know regardless of my decision as a Browns fan, I am going to be rooting for Peyton Manning to get one more Super Bowl with the Broncos this season if he decides to stay.

I will not root for the Steelers, Patriots, Ravens or Bengals.

I also do not want to root for any team that would get me accused of being a bandwagon fan.

I may become a Lions fan. They haven't won anything in a long time.

That way I would not be accused of being a bandwagon fan and they have promising players to compete in the next seasons.

Let me know if you think there is a team that has been run any more stupid than the Browns.

I might share your story next week.

Well that's it for this week's rant on the Browns.

I hope everyone stays warm throughout the week with this crazy winter weather we are having.

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PAMPA Sports

White Deer wallops Miami 65-26 to advance to regional quarterfinals

Does will play Follett at WTAMU tonight at 7:30 p.m.

By JOHN LEE
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For White Deer, sophomore Rylee Brown had two points in the quarter, Jaden Freeman had 11, nine off three-pointers, and Cassidy Crutchfield had six points, all off three-pointers.

For Miami, senior Maddie Smith and junior Jayden Crawford each had two points. Senior Beckah Wheeler and sophomore Cloey Luke each went 1-2 from the charity stripe for a point.

Smith started the second quarter with a bucket for Miami to try and keep them in the game. But White Deer benefited from buckets from Brown and sophomore Angela Parsley to extend their lead to 23-8. Parsley also added two more points by going 2-2 from the stripe. Senior Karlee Vigil added a bucket to make it 27-8. Luke converted a traditional three-point play for Miami to add three points and send Miami into double digits.

White Deer went on a 10-0 run spear-headed by a three from J. Freeman followed by buckets from Parsley, sophomore Merit Mitchell, junior Skylar Freeman and a free throw point from J. Freeman. The run extended White Deer's lead to 37-11. Miami converted a free throw just before the half to trail 37-12 going into halftime.

For Miami, Cloey Luke had three points in the quarter, Maddie Smith had two and Bekah Wheeler



had one point. For White Deer, Rylee Brown, Merit Mitchell, Skylar Freeman, Karlee Vigil each had two points. Jaden Freeman had four points with a trey and a free throw. Angela Parsley was the star of the quarter with six points and a perfect 2-2 from the stripe.

White Deer scored first in the third quarter with a bucket from S. Freeman. Crawford answered for Miami with a bucket of her own, but White Deer ensued with a 12-0 tear. Crutchfield reminded Mi-

ami about her shooting power with a pair of threes,

Courtney Barrow. At the end of the third quarter, the Does led 54-17.

Crutchfield led the does in the quarter with a pair of threes en route to eight points. Parsley, S. Freeman, Mitchell and Brown each had two points. Barrow went 1-2 from the line for a point. Miami's Wheeler hit a three and went 1-2 from line for four points and Crawford had two.

White Deer continued their run, but mostly from the charity stripe. After a bucket from senior Destany Perriman, Vigil went 2-2 from the stripe and Perriman added another point going 1-2 from the stripe. White Deer led 61-19.

Freshman Destiney Peet went 1-2 from the line for the Lady Warriors followed by a bucket from Luke to send the Lady Warriors into the 20s at 21 points. The White Deer Does were too much for the Miami Lady Warriors as they went on to win 65-26.

Peet went 2-4 from the line for two points, Kassandra Bengé went 2-2 from the line for two points, Luke went 1-2 from the line with a bucket for two points. Wheeler went 1-2 from the line for a point.

White Deer's final quarter was led by Perriman who had five points and went 1-2 from the stripe. Vigil went 2-2 from the line

and King and Barrow each had two points.

"The defensive effort was very good. They worked hard and bought into what we are trying to do," Beck said. "Our philosophy is defense first because it creates the offense. We always have a goal to hold them under a certain number of points, and we did it."

Jaden Freeman led the Does in scoring with 15 points and four threes and went 1-2 from the stripe. Cassidy Crutchfield had 14 points with four threes. Parsley went 2-2 from the line with eight points. Rylee Brown had six points. Merit Mitchell, Karlee Vigil (2-2 from the line) and Skylar Freeman (1-2 FT) all had four points. Courtney Barrow had three points and Chancie King had two points. As a team, White Deer shot 7-16 from the line for 43 percent.

Miami's Beckah Wheeler (4-8 FT) and Cloey Luke (3-5 FT) each had seven points, Jayden Crawford and Maddie Smith each had four points and Destiney Peet (2-2 FT) and Kassandra Bengé (2-4 FT) each had two points. As a team Miami shot 11-25 from line, good for 44 percent.

White Deer will play Follett tonight in Canyon at 7:30 p.m. in the West Texas A&M University Event Center.



Photos by John Lee

With story, Jaden Freeman brings the ball up the court. Above, Cloey Luke looks for a player to pass to. Brittney Hare watches on. Below, Bekah Wheeler looks to pass to someone. Merit Mitchell from White Deer tries to prevent a pass. More White Deer photos are located on page 8B.



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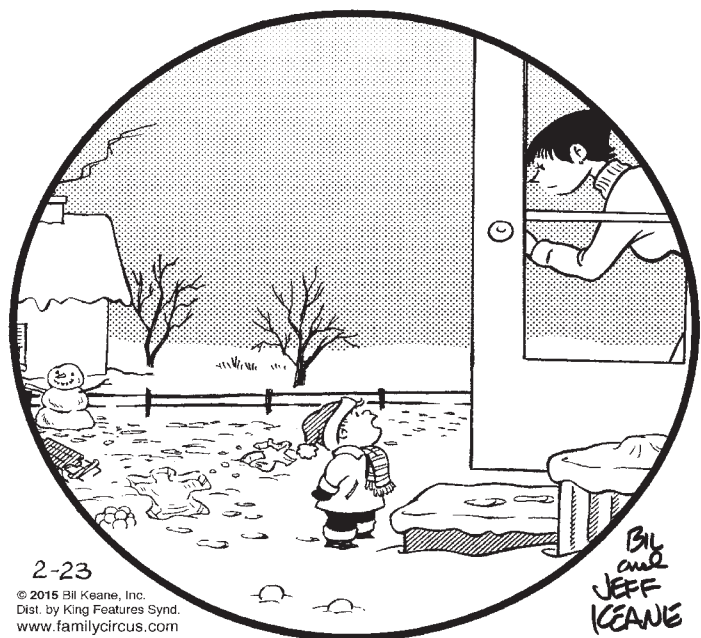
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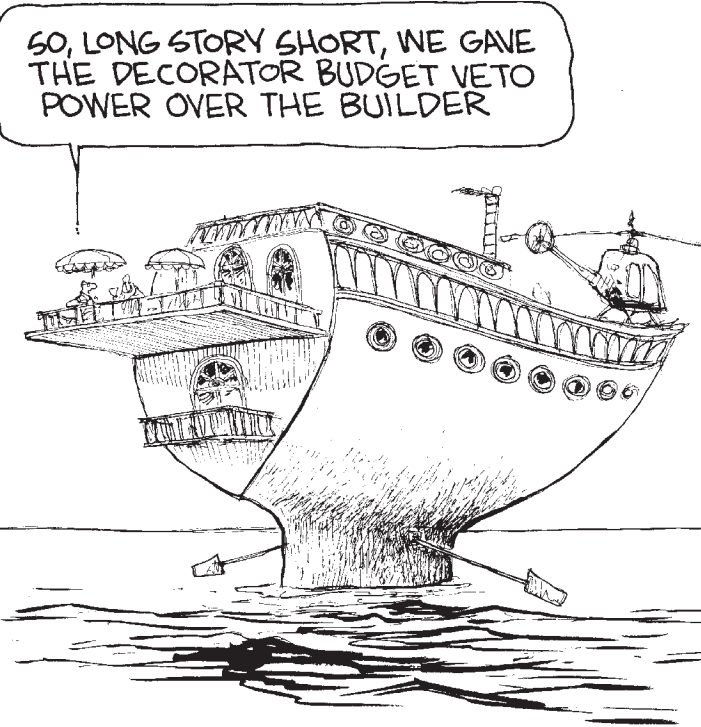


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DAILY Horoscope

A baby born today has a Sun in Pisces and a Moon in Taurus if born before 8:54 p.m. (PST). Afterward, the Moon will be in Gemini.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Feb. 24, 2015:

This year you will be very outgoing and communicative at times, yet introspective and reticent at other times. You will spend a lot of time thinking about what you want. You also will change your mind frequently as you juggle these very different facets of your personality. If you are single, you are likely to meet someone of significance after July. You will have difficulty being realistic with your expectations of this person. Remember that he or she is human and therefore not perfect. If you are attached, the two of you might decide to manifest a much-discussed dream. **GEMINI** changes his or her mind all the time!

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 might want to have a long-overdue chat with a friend who lives at a distance. You could be noticing that this person seems more aloof than usual. Know that he or she might be going through some changes that he or she might prefer not to discuss. Tonight: Return calls.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You'll be in the mood to try something different, yet someone could be holding you back. You can't avoid a serious talk with a partner or associate with whom you have financial interests. Try to find out more of what he or she is thinking. Tonight: Try to bypass a friend's rigidity.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You could end an ongoing argument if you are willing to open up, talk and change the pace. Know when to back off in a conversation -- you can do only so much. Realize that you cannot force the other party to talk or change. Tonight: Go for what you want.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Use the morning to pursue what you want. Whether a conversation is one-on-one or within a meeting, it will reveal important information that you are likely to miss if you don't listen carefully. A little self-discipline will go a long way. Tonight: Let the party begin.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Try not to get so involved with a problem that isn't really yours. You might see a solution, but it will be better for the other parties to find one on their own. A partner could share a fear that has been scaring

him or her. Stay on top of what you want. Tonight: All smiles.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You might want to slow down a bit in order to get a better sense of what seems to be going. Recognize where you could be vested in a certain outcome, and let go of that expectation through detachment; otherwise, you won't be able to see the big picture. Tonight: Out late.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You might feel as if you have come to an understanding with someone. Don't just assume that the issue is cleared up, as verification at a later point probably will be necessary. News will head your way that causes a moment of reflection. Tonight: Paint the town red.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You could be in the midst of working through a problem that you can't seem to justify or understand. Your attitude could be part of the problem. You also might be feeling the need to withdraw. Know what you want. Tonight: Don't feel as if you have to do anything.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You could be vying for attention by being aloof. Do you think that will really work? The danger lies in the fact that people will stop responding to you if you keep this up. Make an effort to open a conversation with someone you care about. Tonight: Go along with a suggestion.

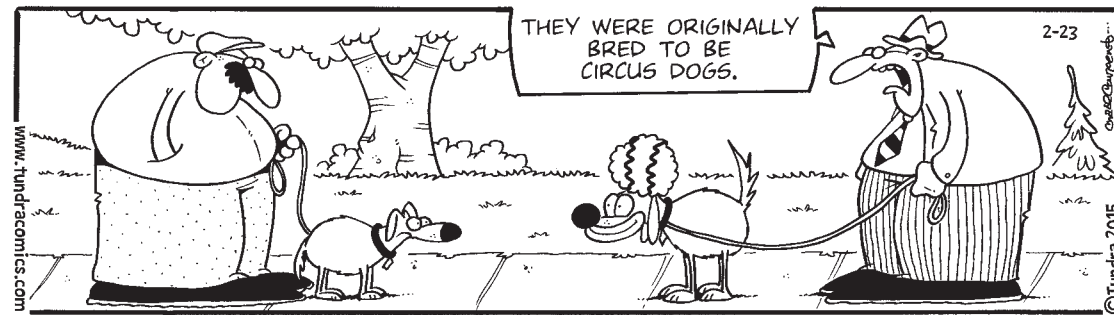
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You could be overly serious and somewhat touchy. Use the daylight hours to the max, which is when you'll feel more appreciated. If you feel as if you need a change, go for it. Be direct; shyness or manipulation is likely to backfire. Tonight: Give yourself a break.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You might have difficulty getting going in the morning. Take some time just for you; your effectiveness will be multiplied as a result. A friend could be holding back, but you might wonder why. You can ask, but it is unlikely you'll get a clear answer. Tonight: In the limelight.

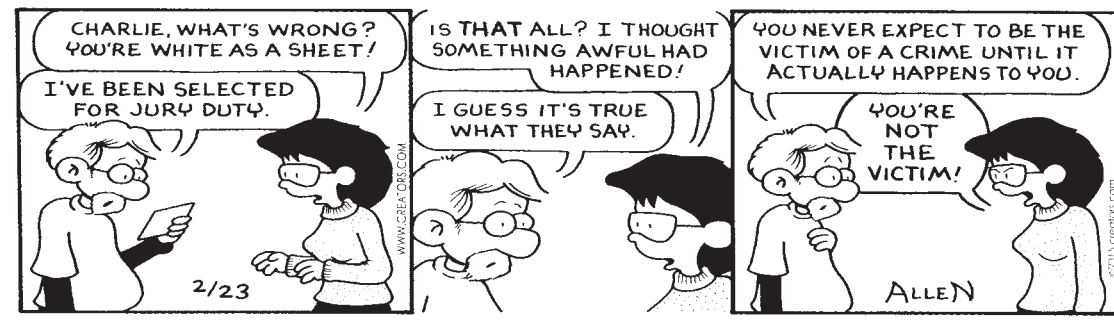
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Your imagination will be at its peak. How you handle a conversation where someone is withholding information could be important. It will come as no surprise that you likely will have to have this talk again. Be open in a meeting. Tonight: Make it early.

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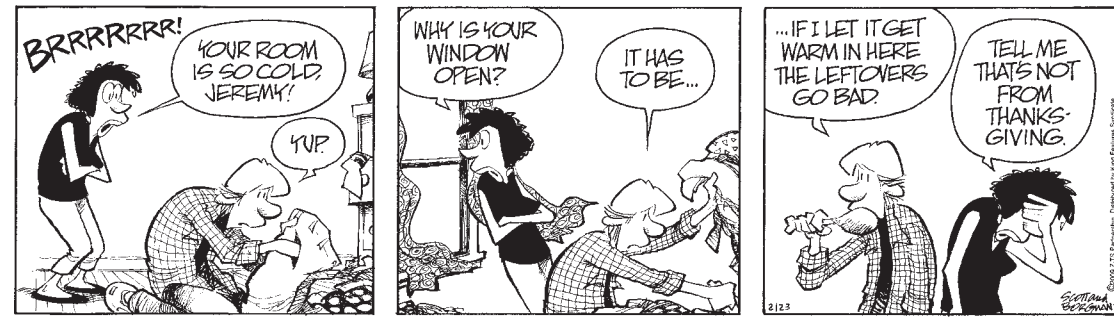
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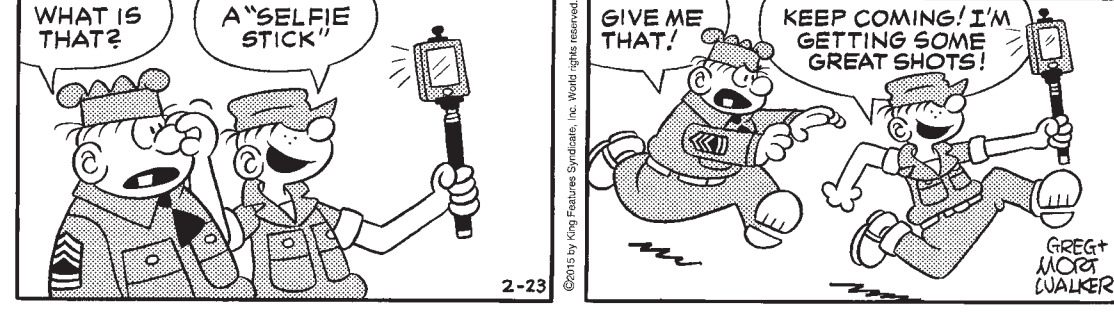
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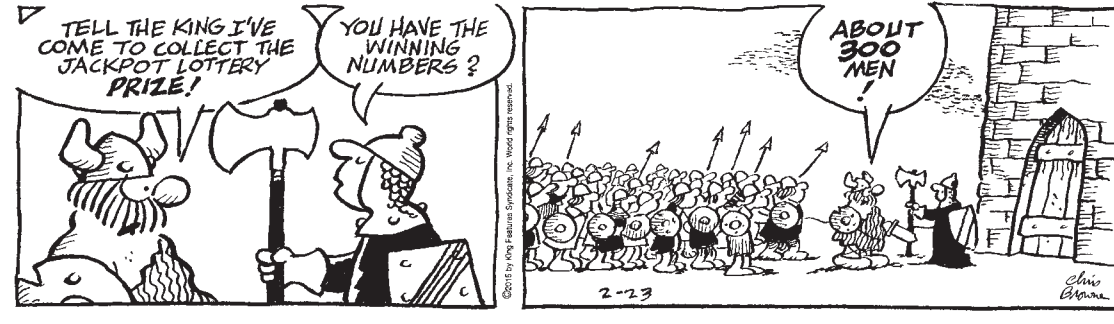
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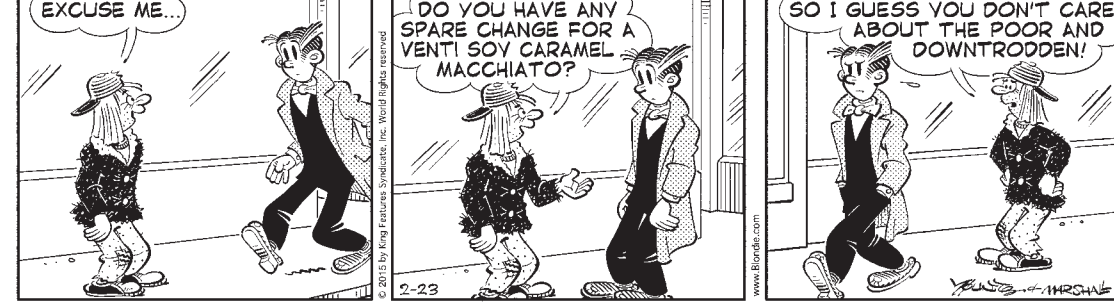
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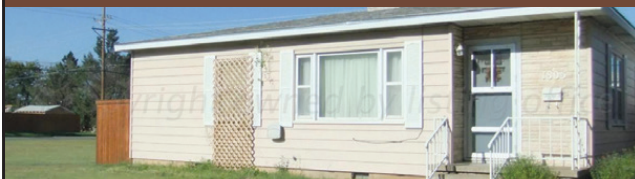
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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I have been married to “Carla” for 16 years. It’s my second marriage. My problem is I never see her. She has always spent more time with her mother than with me. We see each other for about an hour a day

after she returns from her mom’s, usually at 9:45 to 10 p.m.

I have had several conversations about this with her over the years, but nothing seems to work. We’ll argue and she starts to cry, and it ends without

a resolution. Her mother is in her mid-80s and has had her share of health problems.

Carla has a sister who could help out, but rarely does. I have had health problems of my own — a kidney transplant and several bouts of skin cancer — but she doesn’t seem to care as much about my problems as she does her mom’s. Her mother even tells her to go home to be with me, to no avail.

I love my wife, but my isolation and loneliness are finally getting to me. How can I convince her that this isn’t fair to me or our marriage? How much longer do I take it? — LONELY IN ILLINOIS

DEAR LONELY: I feel sorry for both of you. Your wife may be trying so hard to be a responsible daughter that she has forgotten you need her, too. Your sister-in-law should have stepped up and started doing her share long ago — and

she still may if you and your wife talk to her about it together.

I don’t know what your schedule is like, but you might have more time with Carla if you went with her to your mother-in-law’s occasionally. It might also improve your communication if the two of you went for marriage counseling. If Carla’s mother has to insist she go home to you, there may be reasons other than her mother’s health for Carla’s spending so much time away.

Nothing will change until you get to the bottom of it, so don’t let your wife’s tears prevent you. And if your wife resists seeing a counselor, go without her.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I recently quit our jobs and moved to London from New York. Being a freelancer and having lived here before, he’s never had trouble finding work. But I have just changed careers, and I’m finding it hard to earn a consistent paycheck here.

Despite his constant assurances that he is happy supporting both of us right now, I can’t shake feeling guilty. I have never felt right living on someone else’s dime — not even my parents’ while I was growing up. Should I man up and find a job I don’t exactly love to better contribute, or “keep on truckin’” without guilt with hopes of getting there? — GUILTY IN LONDON

DEAR GUILTY: Because of your history, I’m not sure you are capable of happily “keepin’ on truckin’” without contributing financially. For some people, the sense of independence they derive from having a job is important to their self-worth.

I say, look around and see if there are some job openings. It’s better than sitting around moping and feeling guilty, and it might give you and your husband a chance to make some new friends.

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For each phrase below, rearrange the letters to spell two things that are parts of animals. For example: SHOWN RING can be rearranged to spell HORN and WINGS.

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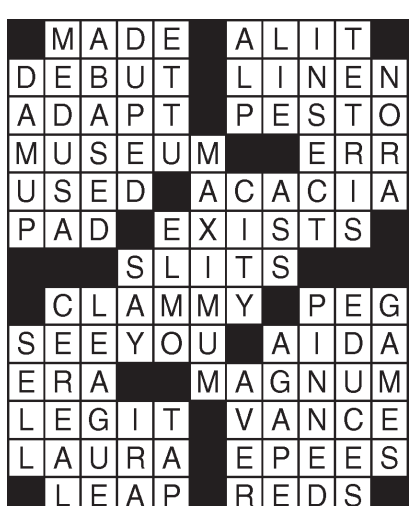
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ACROSS

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- 6 Bra part
- 11 Misbehave
- 12 Egypt’s capital
- 13 Ineffective holder of office
- 15 Plaything
- 16 Cochlea setting
- 17 Plopped down
- 18 Jazz instruments
- 20 Football team
- 23 Took a risk
- 27 Pop’s sister
- 28 Kilauea flow
- 29 Web-surfing need
- 31 Accepted applause
- 32 Mustard city of France
- 34 TV spots
- 37 Comic bit
- 38 Sense of self
- 41 Sports sub
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- 45 German river
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- 47 Lugs

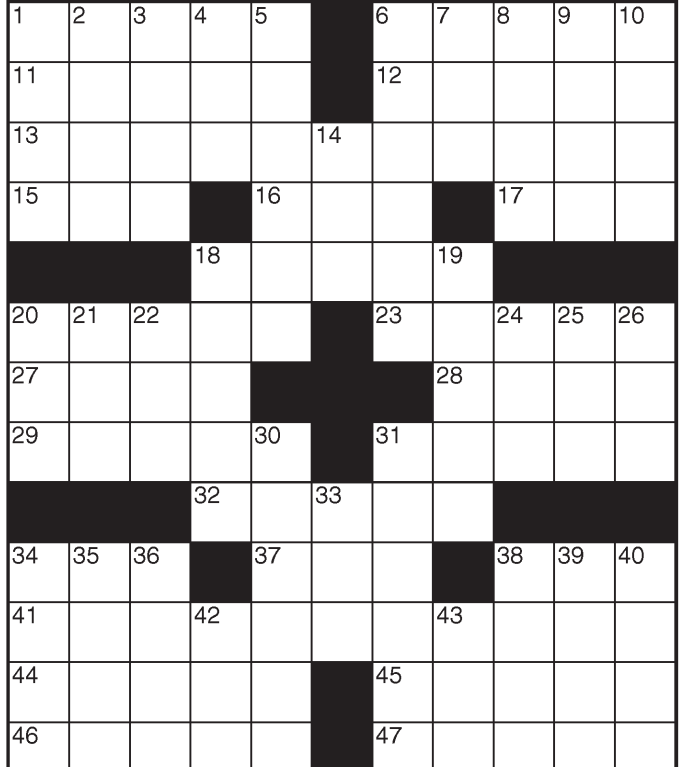
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- 6 Trembling
- 7 Road sealer
- 8 Borders
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- 10 Cruise stop
- 14 Crayon material
- 18 Unable to eat another bite
- 19 Stylist’s spot
- 20 Sleuth Spade
- 21 Status —
- 22 German conjunction
- 24 Unrefined
- 25 Second person
- 26 Pop
- 30 Powerful
- 31 “Key Largo” star
- 33 Mouth part
- 34 Cain’s brother
- 35 Sub shop
- 36 Salon sound
- 38 Throw off
- 39 Heredity unit
- 40 Valuable rocks
- 42 Force member
- 43 Pi follower



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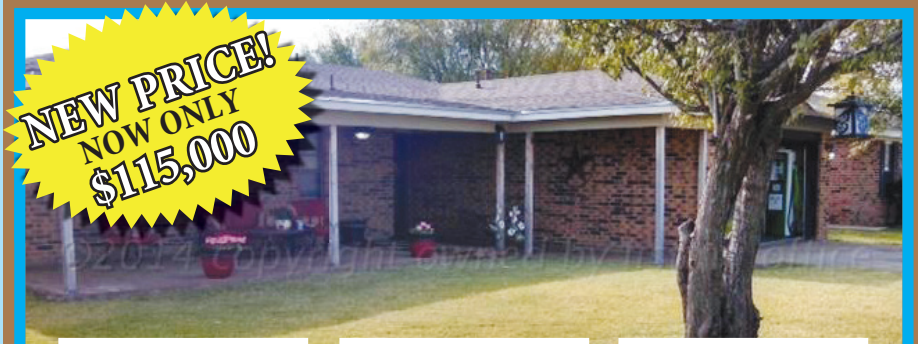
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Above, Rylee Brown plays defense. Below, Cassidy Crutchfield brings the ball up court. Bottom, Skylar Freeman plays good defense.



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- Texas at West Virginia.....ESPN2 6 p.m.
- LSU at Auburn.....ESPNU 6 p.m.
- Providence at Villanova.....FS1 6 p.m.
- Texas A&M at Arkansas.....ESPN 8 p.m.
- Boston College at Pittsburgh.....ESPNU 8 p.m.
- Creighton at DePaul.....FS1 8 p.m.
- New Mexico at Boise State.....ESPNU 10 p.m.

Women's College Basketball

- West Virginia at TCU.....FSSW 7 p.m.

NHL Hockey

- Philadelphia Flyers at Carolina Hurricanes....NBCS 6 p.m.

Soccer

- Barcelona at Manchester City.....FS1 1:30 p.m.
- Borussia Dortmund at Juventus.....FS2 1:30 p.m.
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