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## City Commission approved improvements of County Road J

BY LINDSEY TOMASCHIK  
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The Pampa City Commission met on Monday evening and revisited the topic of approving a grant from the Pampa Economic Development Corporation (PEDC) to the Pampa Energy Center (PEC) for improvements to County Road J.

This is an agenda item that was tabled from a previous meeting, as the mayor and commissioners wanted to wait until after the EDC's public hearing on the topic, which was held Feb. 19.

The improvements on the county road would benefit tenants and landowners in the area, particularly Rampa, Inc. and Attebury Grain, the newest tenant at PEC. There are currently two grain elevators being built on the property, and two miles of rail have been leased and are expected to be used to haul grain in and out of the location.

These trains can hold many more bushels of grain than a single truck can, so the amount of traffic traveling in and out of location after train deliveries will dramatically increase. The company is anticipating having as many as 100 trucks in and out of the location on a daily basis.

City officials have been out to see the location and reached a general consensus that County Road J needs to be improved to accommodate the increase in traffic.

County judge Richard Peet and county commissioner of precinct 2 Gary Willoughby were both present at Monday evening's meeting. The county has granted a five-year tax abatement to Rampa, Inc., and one of the terms of the abatement is that the road must be improved.

As mentioned in a previous article, after the road is improved, Rampa will be responsible for maintenance on the road for the first five years, and after that point, the road will be the responsibility of the county. The proposed road will last from 15-20 years, and will be maintenance-free until year seven, when it will require a seal coat.



Photo by Lindsey Tomaschik

Pictured is a portion of County Road J that will be paved with the money from the grant that was approved in Monday's City Commission meeting.

PEDC president Gary Sutherland said that there were no negative comments from the public at the public hearing in regards to the project.

Two members of the public spoke about the agenda item as well, and both were in favor of the road improvements and maintaining positive relationships with new businesses in town to encourage other new businesses to come to

Pampa as well.

Commissioner Robert Dixon thanked Rampa, Inc. for selecting Pampa for the location of the new grain elevators. He also voiced his excitement for the project and the increase in traffic that will bring more people through Pampa.

Commissioner Chris Porter had some questions. **CITY** cont. on page 2

## Recent measles outbreak prompts one question: why not vaccinate?

BY JOHN LEE  
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According to the Center of Disease Control (CDC), between Jan. 1 and Feb. 20 of this year, there were 154 people from 17 states reporting to have the measles, include one from Texas. Most of these cases, 118 (77 percent), are part of a large ongoing multi-state outbreak linked to an amusement park in California.

The majority of people who get measles are those who are not vaccinated from the disease. Measles is also still common in many parts of the world including some European countries, Asia, the Pacific and Africa.

Travelers with the disease continue to bring the disease to the U.S. and can spread the disease if it reaches a community in the U.S. where groups of people are unvaccinated.

The measles vaccine, also known as the MMR (Measles, Mumps and Rubella) vaccine, is offered to children 12 to 15 months old and then a second dose at four to six years old. So it begs the question, why won't people vaccinate themselves from the disease?

"The biggest reason is several years ago there were some concern that there was mercury in some of these vaccines. That's been taken out there are no concerns anymore that the vaccines have mercury," Dr. Gretchen Adams, M.D. at Pampa Regional Medical Center said.

"Over the last couple years we have been seeing more children diagnosed with autism and in the autistic spectrum. There are many people who believe that potentially vaccines were the reason for this increase in diagnosis. But there have been many, many studies and I have attended many lecture series, there are no associations."

There was a doctor in the U.K., Dr. Andrew Wakefield, who was an authors of a paper that ran in the medical journal "The Lancet," linking autism to the MMR.

In an article on BBC Online in 2010, Dr. Wakefield was found guilty by the General Medical Council and was struck off the medical register.

"That article has been proven wrong time and time and time again," Adams said.

Adams said there have been several retrospective studies done looking at vaccinated children and seeing the outcomes.

"The difficult part is there have been people in Hollywood who are glamorized who have come out with all sorts of things saying there is a relationship between the MMR vaccine and the autistic spectrum," Adams said. "So there is a lot of false information and fear. So people are choosing

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## School Board to meet Thursday

STAFF REPORT

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Pampa Independent School District will be held Feb. 26, 2015, beginning at 5:45 p.m. in the Pampa ISD Central Office, 1233 N. Hobart.

The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are as listed below. Items do not have to be taken in the order shown on this meeting notice.

Unless removed from the consent agenda, items identified within the consent agenda will be acted on at one time.

The executive session portion of the meeting will begin at 5:45 p.m., and this will be followed by the open session to the public, which is set to begin at 6:30 p.m., which will start off with the Spotlight on Excellence. The public comment portion of the meeting will follow at 7 p.m.

The Board will discuss and consider taking action on the following agenda items:

- Consent agenda, including:
  - Consideration and action to approve monthly financial reports
  - Consideration and action to approve board minutes for Jan. 29, 2015 and Feb. 9.
  - Consideration and action to approve the sale of delinquent tax property
  - Consideration and action on an Order calling a General Trustee Election on May 9, and providing for the conduct of the election and other matters incident thereto.
  - Consideration and action on an Order calling a Special Bond Election and providing for the conduct of the election and other matters incident thereto.
  - Consideration and action to hire the Underwood Law Firm as bond counsel.
  - Consideration and action on an Election Services Agreement with Gray County.

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**Today:** Mostly sunny, high 47. West wind 10-15 mph, becoming north in the afternoon. Sunrise: 7:20 a.m.

**Tonight:** 30 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, low 16. North wind 15-20 mph, gusts to 30 mph. Sunset: 6:36 p.m.

**Thursday:** 20 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, high 23. NNE wind 15-20 mph, gusts to 30 mph. Sunrise: 7:19 a.m.

**Thursday night:** 30 percent chance of snow. Cloudy, with a low around 7. SE wind around 15 mph. Sunset: 6:37 p.m.

**Friday:** 50 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, high near 20. SE wind around 15 mph. Sunrise: 7:17 a.m.

**Friday night:** 40 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, low around 15. SSE wind around 15 mph. Sunset: 6:38 p.m.

## City

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tions as far as how much of the road will be paved (about half a mile) and whether traffic outside of Rampa consumers would be rerouted to accommodate the 100 trucks in and out of the location on that road daily. County commissioner Gary Willough-

by said that although he does have the power to regulate traffic on the road, he said that no traffic will be rerouted after the completion of the road.

Mayor Brad Pingel said that he has been out on the road and there is no doubt in his mind that improvements are needed before the increased number of trucks can be expected to travel on it regularly.

The mayor and commis-

sioners approved the grant for the road improvements unanimously.

All other agenda items were approved unanimously as well, and those include:

- The minutes of the Feb. 9 regular Commission Meeting.

- Adopting a resolution of the city ordering and providing notice of a general election to be held on May 9 to elect commissioners

for Wards 2 and 4.

- Authorizing the city manager to enter into an agreement with CH2M Hill Engineering, Inc. for engineering services for wastewater treatment plant improvements.

- The list of disbursements dated January 2015.

City Commission meetings are held at 5:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at City Hall.

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- Consideration and action on a Joint Election Agreement with the City of Pampa.

- Consideration and action to approve a proposal for purchase of a pickup.

- Consideration and action to solicit proposals for the purchase of a pickup.

- Consideration and action to approve TASB Policy Update 101.

The Board will then discuss the following personnel matters:

- Employment of professional employee(s).

- Superintendent's evaluation.

- Superintendent's compensation.

## Vaccine

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either not to vaccinate or to wait."

In relation to the mercury in vaccines, many parents thought with all of the vaccines, their children were being exposed to too much mercury.

According to the CDC website, since 2001, thimerosal, a mercury-containing preservative, is not used as a preservative in routinely recommended childhood vaccines.

To protect yourself from the measles, the CDC suggest getting the two vaccines

"If you've had two vaccines, you should be safe," Dr. Adams said. "For people who don't know if they have had the vaccine, there is a simple blood test that can be done."

Getting this vaccine, along with others, benefits not just you, but the people around you also.

"I think about it not just for yourself but your whole family," Dr. Adams said.

"We do know that young people can spread them back-and-forth between their elderly grandparents. The whooping cough is a big one. We saw a rise of that in the early 2000s and that prompted us to realize that children were get-

ting whooping cough and giving it to their elderly grandparents, or vis versa. So it's actually to protect your whole family and the people your around."

Dr. Adams also said that this region of the country is also prone to some diseases due to the increase of immigrants who may or may not have good vaccination records. Diseases such as tuberculosis, which still doesn't have a vaccine, is common in this part of the country.

Some of the side effects included with MMR fall into three categories: mild, moderate or severe (very rare).

Mild side effects include: fever (one out of six), mild rash (one out of 20), swelling of glands in the cheeks or neck (one out of 75). These usually occur six out of 14 days after the shot. They occur less often after the second dose.

Moderate problems include: seizure (jerking or staring) caused by fever (one out of 3,000 doses), temporary pain and stiffness in the joints, mostly in teenage or adult women (up to one out of four) and temporary low platelet count, which can cause a bleeding disorder (about one out of 30,000 doses).

Severe problems, which are very rare, include: serious allergic reaction (less than one out of a million doses). Several other se-

vere problems include deafness and long-term seizures, coma or lowered consciousness and permanent brain damage. But these are so rare that it is hard to tell whether they are caused by the vaccine.

Dr. Adams said she tells her patients to report any high fever or rash the size of a half dollar to her immediately. She also said most of the time the allergic reaction is not a reaction to the vaccine itself but how it's prepared.

"Most vaccine reactions are not the actual organism," Dr. Adams said.

"Usually it's the preservatives. So it's something the vaccine is prepared in. For example, the flu vaccine is made in eggs, I have people who are highly allergic to eggs, they do not get the flu vaccine that everyone else gets because they could have a reaction to it."

Dr. Adams said that most of the patients that choose not to vaccinate are due to religious reasons, personal non-scientific beliefs or because of the number of vaccines given in the United States. Some choose to wait because of how rapid vaccines are given in the United States.

For more information on the MMR vaccine, call your doctor or visit the CDC's website at [www.cdc.gov/vaccines](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines).

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Randy Stubblefield drove his mother around town for her birthday last Thursday afternoon before all the cold weather hit.

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## Toddler dies of measles in Berlin, first death in outbreak

BERLIN (AP) — An 18-month-old boy has died of measles in Berlin, the first known death in an outbreak of the disease that has seen more than 570 cases in the German capital since October.

An autopsy on the child, who died on Feb. 18 and wasn't immunized against measles, showed he had an unspecified medical condition, but it wouldn't have led to his death without the measles infection, the Charite hospital said Tuesday.

Authorities believe the outbreak began with a child asylum-seeker from

Bosnia and spread to the wider population partly because many older adults in Germany were never immunized and many younger adults received only one vaccine instead of two, as is now recommended for full protection. About half of those infected were adults, officials said.

Although it's rare for measles to be fatal in developed countries, the disease remains one of the leading causes of death among young children globally, despite the availability of a safe and effective vaccine.

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# OBITUARIES

## Carol Jean Kotara

Carol Jean Kotara, 70, of Pampa, died in Pampa on Feb. 23, 2015.

A vigil will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26, 2015, at Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel. Liturgy of the Word will be at 3 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27, 2015, at Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel, with Rev. Scott Raef, pastor of St. Mary's Catholic Cathedral of Amarillo, officiating. Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Ms. Kotara was born May 31, 1944, in Pampa. She had been a lifelong resident of Pampa and White Deer, graduating from Pampa High School in 1962. Carol loved publishing her farm and ranch magazine and the senior's edition, and she loved raising her children and being there for them. She was a charter member of Beta Sigma Phi sorority in White Deer. She was a member of the Altar Society of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in White Deer, and worked many years at the polish sausage dinner. Carol worked many years at the Green Punkin Restaurant in White Deer. She married John Kotara, III in 1963 in White Deer, and after their separation, they continued to be good friends.

Carol was preceded in death by her uncle, Jean Douglass in 1983; her father, Loyd Wilson in 1994; and grandparents, George and Ida Douglass and Walter and Maude Wilson.

Survivors include her four children, John Kotara, IV and Tracy Kotara, both of White Deer, Karla Kotara of Denton, and Kalina Anderson and husband Rick of Frisco; her mother, Mary McDaniel of Pampa; four grandchildren, John Jarett Kotara and wife Lindsay and Haili Kotara, all of Pampa, and Alexis Anderson and Raelin Anderson, both of Frisco; and four great-grandchildren, Rylan, Makenna, John Kolt and Brenli; and her "forever friend," Sherry Kotara Hill of Houston.

Memorials may be made to Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 500 N. Main, White Deer, Texas 79097; or Good Samaritan Christian Services, 309 N. Ward, Pampa, Texas 79065.

Sign the online guest register at [www.carmichael-whitley.com](http://www.carmichael-whitley.com).

## Trevor Brian Gonzales

Trevor Brian Gonzales, 21, of Pampa, died Feb. 17, 2015 in Ralls.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 26, 2015, at Highland Baptist Church, with Paul Nachtigall, pastor, officiating. Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Trevor was born Dec. 6, 1993 in Houston. He had been a resident of Pampa for the past year. He enjoyed playing guitar, music and loved history. Trevor loved his friends and family.

Survivors include his mother, Jennifer Gonzales of Pampa; his father, Ryan Gonzales of Houston; three brothers, Nathaniel Gonzales of Pampa, Matthew Carter of Ohio, and Chase Carter and wife Tiffany of Houston; a sister, Christian Carter of Houston; grandmother, Linda Lane and husband Kent of Clinton, Mo.; grandparents, Fidel and Rose Mary Gonzales of Laredo; great grandfather, William Gilmore of Tulsa, Okla.; three uncles, Jonathan Fast and wife Rachel and Jerrod Fast, all of Colorado, and Justin Fast and wife Cynthia of Houston and two aunts, Alicia Keeton and husband Preston of Canadian, and Meagan Wood of Houston.

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## Billy George Huff

Billy George Huff, 70, of Pampa, died Feb. 23, 2015, in Amarillo.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26, 2015,

at Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel, with Keith Feerer, minister of Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ of Pampa, and Glen Walton, associate minister of San Jacinto Church of Christ of Amarillo, officiating. Burial will follow in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.



Bill George Huff

Mr. Huff was born Dec. 19, 1944, in Pampa. He was a member of the Christian Church where he was baptized when he was around twelve years of age, and he sang in the choir. Billy George attended schools in Miami and Pampa. He married Patsy K. Broach in 1976. She preceded him in death on June 15, 2005. He was a former resident of Hereford, moving to Pampa in 2008. Billy George cowboyed throughout the Texas and Oklahoma Panhandles, working in feedlots and training horses.

Billy George was preceded in death by two brothers, Marvin Dean Huff and Rusty Huff; two sisters, Mary Moore and Moleta Clark; and his parents, Marvin Ernest and Audry Cloia Hale Huff.

Survivors include a son, Wes Weaver and wife Beth of Bells; two step daughters, Cindee Howell and husband Buddy of Edmond, Okla., and Stacey Dailey and husband Rick of Marion; seven sisters, Virginia Horton and husband Red, Judy Grant and husband Larry Loter and Ann Banister, all of Amarillo, Mellvinia Stocking of Pampa, Norma Mitchell of Geronimo, Okla., Monty Kay Schaub of Oak Brook, Ill., and Dian Smith of Denver, Colo.; a grandson, Hank Weaver of Bells; three step grandsons, John Howell, Michael Howell and Christopher Howell, all of Edmond, Okla.; and two step granddaughters, Kansas Dailey and Kinnon Dailey, both of Marion.

Memorials may be made to the Mary Ellen and Harvester Church Youth Group, 1342 Mary Ellen, Pampa, Texas 79065.

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## David Dale McKnight

David Dale McKnight, 71, of Pampa, left his family and many friends Feb. 22, 2015, in Pampa.

No services are scheduled at this time. Arrangements are by Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.



David Dale McKnight

David was born March 2, 1943, to William Dale and Nora Broyles McKnight in Durant, Okla. He married Helena Heuston Ellis on Oct. 11, 1997.

David served in the United States Navy as an aviation mechanic. His tour was extended because of the Cuban missile crisis.

David retired from Celanese after 32 years and again from B&B Solvent after 12 years. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and the many trips he made on his Harley, especially his trip to Alaska. After retirement, he piddled in his vegetable garden, anxiously awaited the arrival of the Purple Martins and Sunday afternoon with his Lefors cronies.

David was preceded in death by his parents, one daughter, Kimberly, and one son, David Jr. (Davy).

Survivors include his wife of the home, Helena; sons Joel (Kim) McKnight of Houston, Dean (Sheri) McKnight of Austin, Kevin (Stephanie) McKnight of Amarillo; step-son Randall (Jackie) Ellis of Perrin; one step-daughter Carrie (DeWayne) Hair of Pampa; sister Betty McKnight of Pampa; brother Larry (Shirley) McKnight of Comanche; nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The family would like to thank all of the care givers who helped take care of David.

The family suggests memorials be made to your favorite cancer organizations.

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# DPS trooper seizes more than 47 pounds of marijuana

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AMARILLO – The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) conducted a traffic stop Saturday on Interstate 40, yielding more than 47 pounds of marijuana valued at more than \$290,000.

At approximately 8:58 a.m., a DPS trooper conducted a traffic stop on a 2014 Toyota Corolla passenger car traveling eastbound on I-40, for a traffic violation, near Bushland in Potter County.

The occupants of the Corolla were identified as Sara F. Bazylev, 44, and Paola Mayela-Castro, 27, both of Pomona, Calif. During the traffic stop, the trooper discovered two large bundles of marijuana in the trunk.

Bazylev and Mayela-Castro were placed under arrest for possession of marijuana more than five pounds but less than fifty, a third-degree felony, and booked into the Potter County Jail. The illegal drugs were allegedly being transported from Ontario, Calif., to Kennesaw, Ga.

## Amarillo man killed in wreck

An Amarillo man is dead following a two-vehicle collision at Farm-to-Market 1912 and Farm-to-Market 2575 between U.S. Highway 60 and Interstate 40 near Amarillo Monday afternoon.

At 2:45 Monday afternoon, a 2005 Kenworth Truck Tractor towing, a 2003 Wilson Semi-Trailer driven by Charles Gordon Greene Jr, of Hereford, was traveling southbound on FM 1912. A 2008 Nissan Rogue driven by Munyamahoro Prince Adams, of Amarillo, Texas, was traveling eastbound on FM 2575.

Adams stopped at the stop sign and then attempted to make a left turn onto FM 1912. He failed to yield right of way, proceeded into the intersection, and was struck by unit one.

The Nissan Rogue came to rest on the improved shoulder of FM 1912 facing south.

The truck, with unit two, still attached came to a rest in the barrow ditch to the east of FM 1912 facing southeast.

Greene was transported to Northwest Texas Hospital where he was treated for his injuries. The Adams was transported to Northwest Texas Hospital where he later died.

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## Museum Musings Buffalo in Gray County

The construction of the railroad led to a significant amount of progress for the Gray County area. However, for the American Buffalo, it was devastating.

In the area, buffalo herds were larger than anyone could understand today. Some herds were as large as 40,000. For a herd to pass you by it could take up to two days. However, people hunting bison led the herds to near extinction almost instantly.

People would hunt buffalo from train windows and in many other ways. Some hunted the buffalo for their hides, to sell, they would strip the buffalo of their hides and leave the carcasses to rot. Others would hunt just for sport. One man, Tom Nickson, was said to



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have shot 120 buffalo from one stand in forty minutes for sport, and about 3,500 buffalo in 35 days. Wagons would follow the hunter later to gather the hides.

The Buffalo had sustained the lives of the Native American people. When they saw what was happening to the Buffalo they so depended on, they were enraged. The white men were wasting the biggest resource the Native American people had. They would leave the best parts of the buffalo, the meat, and their food.

The Buffalo hides were used for drive belts in steam-powered factories. These belts made of buffalo hide were the toughest material known to man at that time. They were practically indestructible.

Tanneries would often purchase the hides for \$3 each. Slightly less for young buffalo and more for the older, bigger, hides. A good winter coat hide would sell for even more.

The railroads made it possible for the hides to be transported. Before then, there were no convenient means for transporting the goods to tanneries in the north.

The government condoned the killing of buffalo, even killing beyond the amount that was needed economically. They thought that if they killed off the buffalo it would force the Native Americans to come in, without protest, to the reservations. However, nothing is ever that easy.

From about 1874 to 1889, the herds were eliminated from the Great Plains. Dropping the number of buffalo from about 60 million to less than 2,000.

*To learn more about Pampa and the Gray County area, visit the White Deer Land Museum in downtown Pampa. Regular tours are offered Tuesday through Saturday from 1-4 p.m. 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.*

## Fifty shades of sickness

Here's one obvious sign that we live in a profane world. "Fifty Shades of Grey," the "mommy-porn" book turned into a movie, complete with its whips and chains and erotic punishment, debuted



**BRENT BOZELL**

claimed it was "the most virulently anti-Semitic movie made since the German propaganda films of World War II." (Now they have found "Fifty Shades" a little "too vanilla.") Universal wanted a naughty R-rated blockbuster with sequel potential, not an NC-17 "art film."

Time's review of "The Passion" was headlined "The Goriest Story Ever Told." Critic Richard Corliss claimed the movie was only for "true believers with cast-iron stomachs; people who can stand to be grossed out as they are edified." Corliss's review for "Fifty Shades" carried the headline "Where's the Wicked Whiplash?" It was too tame for him: "Even by movie standards, the flogging is more ceremonial than sadistic. It hasn't nearly the sickening impact of the 40 lashes given Mel Gibson's Jesus in 'The Passion of the Christ.'"

Gibson surely made that bloody passage hard to watch, but it was done to underline the depth of our savior's sacrifice. It was also historically accurate, whether Hollywood liked it or not. What made Gibson's film controversial was that he intended it to be evangelistic. It was intended to persuade the viewer to consider (or reconsider) the Christian faith in a very secular world.

"Fifty Shades" isn't interpreted by the cultural commissars as promoting sadomasochism — even though that's what it does, with the dominant male's "Red Room of Pain" cast in a glossy sheen. As usual, the pathetic so-called feminist movement has been completely missing from this debate. The National Organization for Women is still protesting the Super Bowl on its website. "Sex-positive" feminists are sounding "pro-choice" — if a woman wants to be whipped and chained, that's her preference.

It wouldn't be this way if the whip-holding Christian Grey were actually a Christian. Then the depths of his oppressive sexism would be never-ending.

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## Hump Day with Humphrey Humphrey's best night of sleep

Well, as I write this on Tuesday morning, I feel like I need a pair of toothpicks to prop my eyelids open. I'd like to give Humphrey all the credit for why I am as tired as I am today.



**LINDSEY TOMASCHIK**

For as long as I have had Humphrey, he has never liked sleeping in my bed at night. Lately, I've noticed that he has been branching out from sleeping in his bed in his corner of the living room.

I've been waking up to the blankets that I keep neatly folded on my oversized chairs disheveled on the floor in the mornings and Humphrey has been sitting in the chairs more by himself while I get ready.

I'm not sure what brought on this change, maybe in his old age he is becoming even more of a diva (as if that's possible). He's gotten to be protective of me to an extent. I don't mean that

in a vicious way at all, more so that he has been clingy.

Last night (Monday), as I turned all the lights off for the night and crawled into bed, I heard Humphrey get out of his bed and wander into my room. I could feel him staring at me even though he didn't jump up and put his front paws on the side of my bed.

I, regrettably have been putting him on my bed more just because I know he won't stay there, and I get some enjoyment having him sit next to me until he thinks I'm asleep before he jumps down to go about his business.

Last night was the complete opposite of this. After I lifted him up and put him on my bed, we fought over my side, as usual, but then he got comfortable and started snoring almost immediately.

Yes, I've known Humphrey snores since I got him, but I usually hear it from another room or as he softly snores during a nap.

Oh no, it's completely different when homeboy is out cold for the night.

I'm not sure I knew it was possible for an animal to snore that loudly and remain asleep.

I guess I've been spoiling him in letting him up on my bed lately at night, and he has finally gotten used to it enough to sleep there.

He stayed on my bed for a few hours, and I tossed and turned hoping maybe the snoring would subside or that he would eventually get uncomfortable and move back to his bed like he usually does.

It seemed like every time I moved, he fell deeper into his sleep and the snoring only got louder. So now, here I am today with bags under my eyes after Humphrey had what seemed like the best night of sleep of his life.

Now that I'm finished ranting about that, I guess we can talk about Humphrey in the snow. Although we didn't get as much snow as last time when he had to essentially dog paddle when I took him outside, I still enjoy watching him in the snow.

Yesterday when I took him outside, he was sniffing around and at one

point he looked up at me with snow covering his snout. It was so precious, but as usual I didn't have my phone with me to snap a photo. It's like he knows when I don't have it, and that's when he does all his coolest stunts.

This time next week, we could have quite a bit of snow, so I should be able to have a pretty great Humphrey story after this weekend's storm.

*Reporter Lindsey Tomaschik can be reached at lktomaschik@thepampanews.com.*



*Photo by Lindsey Tomaschik. Humphrey really enjoyed staring at the pompom on top of my snow hat Sunday afternoon.*

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# Community Calendar

## City Commission meetings

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

## School board meetings

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

## Immunization clinic three times a month

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

## PAWS meets first Tuesdays

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

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

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

## County Commission meetings

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

## TOT Republican Women's Club

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

## Jam sessions every Friday night

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

## Meredith House presents live music

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

## Monday night dance club

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

## PPQG Meets fourth Thursdays

Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild meets the fourth Thursday of each month, January through October, at the Pampa Senior Citizens Center at 500 W. Francis St. The meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. and membership is open to adult quilters of all ages. Dues are \$15 annually. Meetings consist of a short business discussion followed by a program featuring quilting techniques. For more information, call 806-662-2909.

## Pampa Post VFW meetings

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

## CASA of the High Plains

CASA of the High Plains will be open from 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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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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# PAMPA Faith

## Special privileges for your family?

Does the name Michael Fay ring a bell? It might not immediately click, but if I gave you the clue of "Singapore caning for vandalism," most who were adults in 1994 would immediately remember him. He was the 18-year-old American boy who along with some others his age stole some signs and vandalized some cars. Because it was an "American boy" the global coverage went ballistic. It became such a big deal that even then President Clinton and two dozen U. S. senators sought clemency for Fay. Interestingly, the vast majority of Americans agreed with his punishment of six strikes with the cane. The whole mess finally came to a close on May 5, 1994, when he received four (instead of six) cane strikes.

The reason I bring that up concerns a radio talk show that was airing back then out of Dallas.

One day the host asked people to phone in and comment on how they felt about Fay's upcoming punishment of six cane strikes. Strangely he asked the question at the end of the program. Normally those type of questions would air at the beginning of the program so as to generate lots of calls. But that day callers were given the number just as the program was closing, so that they could ask a follow-up question without the caller expecting it.

They were flooded with calls. 98 percent of the callers were totally in favor of his punishment of six strikes. But then they were asked the follow-up question: What would you do if it were your child? The huge majority backed off of what they had just stated and said that they would try to get the charges dropped or the punishment decreased. The lesson? Most Americans expect and give "special privileges" when it

concerns their family or friends.

The reason I bring all this up concerns a class I was recently preparing for on one of Judah's Kings, King Asa, 2 Chronicles 15:8-19. After being inspired and challenged by the prophet Azariah's words in 15:1-7, Asa went to work at purging the nation of Judah of it's idols. After that was accomplished, he renewed the covenant with Jehovah and the people also joined with him in vowing their faithfulness to God. Everything seemed wonderful that day until Asa returned to the palace and found that his own mother, Queen Maakah, had made for herself a detestable Asherah idol.

So what would you have done if you had been Asa and it had been your mother? I know what most Americans would do? Most in our country would expect and give special consideration because she was FAMILY. Would you? More bluntly, have you done that very thing before? Have you altered your standards or convictions when a family member or a close friend was in a bind?

I'll let you figure out which English word best describes a person who would require certain standards of others, but would bail on those convictions to help family.

Well, thank goodness King Asa was a godly man who maintained God's standards and fulfilled his convictions. So how did he handle the situation? "King Asa also dethroned his mother Maakah from her position as queen mother, because she had made a repulsive image for the worship of Asherah. Asa cut it down, broke it up and burned it in the Kidron Valley." 15:16-17

Praise the Lord that Asa was faithful to Jehovah and did not place his family above his God. As Americans we need to be more like King Asa. God bless. Mike

*Mike Sublett is a pastor at Hi-Land Christian Church, 1615 N. Banks St., Pampa, Texas 79065. Email him at pawdad@nts-online.net.*



**MIKE SUBLETT**

## God is able

Is God able? Are you ever bothered by little doubts about God's ability to answer prayer, change lives, perform miracles and redeem circumstances?



**DAVID BOULTER**

Or do you believe He can do all these things, but will He do them for you?

Let me give you some wonderful verses, read them to yourself aloud, and allow them to touch your heart.

- The Lord is able (II Chronicles 25:9)
- Is anything too hard for the Lord? (Genesis 18:14)
- Ah, Lord God! Behold, you have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and outstretched arm and there is nothing too hard for you (Jeremiah 32:17)
- Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh, is there anything too hard for me? (Jeremiah 32:27)
- And he said, Abba, Father, all things are possible for you. (Mark 14:36)
- I know that you can do everything. (Job 42:2)
- God is able. (Matthew 3:9)
- The things which are impossible with men are possible with God. (Luke 18:27)
- Jesus looked at them and said,

With men it is impossible, but not with God: for with God all things are possible. (Mark 10:27)

• Jesus said to him, If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes. (Mark 9:23)

• Assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, move from here to there and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you. (Matthew 17:20)

• For with God nothing will be impossible. (Luke 1:37)

Ruth Bell Graham in her book "Prodigals and those who love them," said the following, "We mothers must take care of the possible and trust God for the impossible. We are to love, affirm, encourage, teach, listen, and care for the physical needs of the family. We cannot convict of sin, create hunger and thirst after God, or convict. Those are miracles, and miracles are not in our department." She watched her prodigal return to God and be greatly used.

Amy Carmichael said, "When you are facing the impossible, you can count on the God of the impossible."

Trust God with your impossible situation. "He is able!"

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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.

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# PAMPA Faith

## Be diligent with your influence!

Influence — the power or capacity of causing an effect in indirect or intangible ways.

You have influence. It may not be on the scale of the CEO of a large company. It may not be on the scale of the President of the United States, whose decisions influence more than 300 million people.

No matter what the scale, large or small, you have influence. Right now you are influencing someone.

Each decision you make today, influence.

Each action you take today, influence.

Each word you say, influence.

Influence is a power that you all possess and yet it isn't exercised directly. It isn't tangible. It is the unseen power that has a positive or negative outcome.

As a Christian this is a bit terrifying. Terrifying in the sense that you may influence a great number of people on any given day and the outcome is not always ideal. Ideal in that it points those you influence toward Christ. Not ideal in that it points them away from Christ.

My hope is that you desire your decisions, actions, and words to influence others toward Christ.

How do you ensure that this power you possess is exerted

in a positive, Christ exalting manner?

Look at 2 Peter 1:5, where Peter says, "...applying all diligence..." Here is the simple answer for controlling your influence. Diligence in all that you do. Diligence is the polar opposite of laziness. Do not be lazy, be diligent in all decisions, actions, and words. Here are four ways to be diligent in your influence today.

1. Test yourself. Think back to yesterday. How did you handle your influence? Positive? Negative? Identify the areas where you had negative influence. Bring those before the Lord. Confess them. Ask that the Lord would help you be diligent in correcting those areas you identify.

2. Write down two ways you will influence someone for Christ today. Then go do them. Start small. Andy Stanley said, "Do to one as you want to do to the many." Maybe this will be a word of encouragement. Maybe this will mean helping a person in need. Be a giver. Share Scripture. The list goes on and on. Go crazy (well not to crazy) in dreaming of ways to carry out this newly realized power of influence that you have.

3. Start early. Speaking from experience, if I don't get control early in the morning I lose control later in the day. This leaves me open to the possibility of failing in my responsibility to influence others for Christ. You know what I mean,

your day starts off behind schedule and then you are cranky the rest of the day. This quickly leads to moments of negative influence. Make the commitment, if you can, to rise early. Study the word. Pray. Start the day with diligence so that you can end the day with diligence.

4. Ask someone you trust how they see your influence. Make sure you trust them and make sure they are honest with you. Be ready for the answer. It may offend you. This will be eye opening in many areas. They may help you realize that you are not influencing in quite the way you thought you were. You will for sure see areas that you need to make a change. I would recommend that you not carry out this one until you are truly ready to hear the answer. The truth is, we all have areas that we need to improve. Allowing others to look into your life will help you see where you need to be more diligent in controlling your influence.

Hopefully, you will take these four steps to begin controlling your influence right now. The question you should be asking is not—Do I have influence?

But the question you should be asking is—How am I influencing? Today, take control, be diligent, point someone toward Christ.

*Richard Hawthorne is the minister of students at First Baptist Church in Pampa. He can be reached at 806-669-1155.*

### BANANAGRAMS!

Each set of letters below is arranged alphabetically, and the ? is in the correct alphabetical position. Figure out what letter the ? represents, and then rearrange the letters to spell a six-letter word. For example, in HH?RTY the ? could be an H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q or R. Here it represents an M, which can be combined with the other letters to spell RHYTHM. We've placed the last letter as a hint.

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Yesterday's Answer: SCALES, TUSK; FEATHER, SNOUT; POUCH, TAIL; GILLS, PAW

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

5	8	7	3	4	9	2	1	6
4	6	1	8	7	2	9	3	5
9	3	2	5	6	1	4	8	7
7	9	3	2	8	5	6	4	1
1	5	8	4	3	6	7	2	9
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Level: Intermediate

## 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).

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**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.

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**2-25**  
 VQ DLRX COQQ T LORQIEQR TC  
 XGQ GTUQ XGPX XGQ RQP  
 VJII QE QO OQRX. VQ DLRX  
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 VJAWR. — POJRX TXIQ TAPRRJR  
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Abby, when he left for his trip yesterday, he took his Viagra with him! He says he grabbed the bottle without thinking and that I'm overreacting. The rest of his things are kept in his travel bag, so it's not like he just gathered up all of his pills. They were the only ones. Now he's upset with me because "I don't trust him."

Can you help me get my thinking straight? I caught him lying about something when we first started dating, so he's not all squeaky clean like he acts. — SUSPICIOUS IN VIRGINIA

DEAR SUSPICIOUS: Unless your boyfriend was prescribed the Viagra for a condition other than ED, I'd say you have a right to be suspicious. Because

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DEAR ABBY: I'm in the middle of a situation that I'm not sure how to deal with. My mother's husband made a pass at my boyfriend. My boyfriend thinks I should tell her.

Abby, my mother and her husband are in their 70s, and I don't want to cause problems in their marriage. I'd like to write it off as a "misunderstanding," but my stepdad has a history of doing things like this. — ANONYMOUS IN OREGON

DEAR ANONYMOUS: If your boyfriend didn't already, he should tell your stepfather the pass was unwelcome and he doesn't want it to happen again. If it does, you and your boyfriend should talk to your mother about it and explain why she'll be seeing less of you unless she visits you — alone. Because

this isn't the first time your stepfather has acted inappropriately, it won't be news to her. And because she has tolerated his behavior in the past, I doubt it will cause problems between them now.

DEAR ABBY: My husband's family gave us a large painting that is not our taste at all. We would love to get rid of it, but of course we feel obligated to keep it and hang it in order to not hurt their feelings.

They live nearby and visit often, so putting the painting away doesn't seem realistic. We live in a small apartment and there is nowhere "discreet" to hang it. Plus, it is too large to take to our offices.

Other than staging a robbery, are there any options that would keep everyone happy? — GRINNING & BEARING IT

DEAR GRINNING: Another option would be to level with your in-laws. Tell them you are grateful for their generosity, but the artwork is not your taste, and then ask if they would mind if you exchanged it.

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## SOFTBALL AT BROCK TOURNAMENT



Photos by Kevyn Jerome  
 Top, Cheyenne Lockhart throws to Jacie Studebaker. Above, Cameron Schaub lays down a good bunt. Below, the team celebrates after a home run by Kassie Jerome.



**Your favorite snapshot could be worth \$100!**

**Categories:**  
**Scenic/Landscape - First Place \$100**  
**People/Portrait - First Place \$100**  
**Pets/Wildlife - First Place \$50**  
**People's Choice (selected on Facebook) - \$50**

There is no limit on the number of entries, but an individual cannot win in more than one category. All contest entries must be received in our office or be postmarked by 3 p.m. Wednesday, March 11, 2015. Photos will be posted on Facebook on Friday, March 13 to select the People's Choice award.

**Kids can participate, too!**  
 There will be a separate category for young photographers. **Photos must have been taken by kids age 12 or under when the photo was taken** and will be judged separately. Photos must have been taken since January 1, 2014. Other contest rules also apply.  
**First Place - \$50**

**Entry Form**

Please attach the following form to your photos. Photos submitted without this information will not be considered. Include a self-addressed stamped envelope if you wish your photos returned. Mail completed form and photos to Photography Contest, The Pampa News, 403 W. Atchison, Pampa, TX 79065.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Age (if submitting a photo in the 12 and under category) \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone # (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

The names of people in the photo (if any) from left to right, front row to back row \_\_\_\_\_

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Description of photo \_\_\_\_\_

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

Contest rules—Each photo submitted to the contest must be taken by the person submitting it and must have been taken since Jan. 1, 2014. The photos cannot have appeared previously in any other publication or contest. The Pampa News will publish all the winners, and many of the other submissions in our annual Pride issue in March.

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### Watch the Pros

<b>College Basketball</b>	
VCU at Richmond.....	ESPN2 6 p.m.
Texas Tech at TCU.....	FSSW 7 p.m.
Tulane at Tulsa.....	ESPN 7 p.m.
UConn at East Carolina.....	ESPNU 6 p.m.
Marquette at Butler.....	FS1 7 p.m.
Duke at Virginia Tech.....	ESPN2 8 p.m.
Baylor at Iowa State.....	ESPNU 8 p.m.
Washington at UCLA.....	ESPN2 10 p.m.
Oregon at California.....	ESPNU 10 p.m.
<b>NBA Basketball</b>	
LA Clippers at Houston Rockets.....	ESPN 7 p.m.
SA Spurs at Portland TrailBlazers.....	ESPN 9:30 p.m.
<b>NHL Hockey</b>	
Pittsburgh Penguins at Washington Capitals.....	NBCS 7 p.m.
<b>Soccer</b>	
Monaco at Arsenal.....	UEFA.....FS1 1:30 p.m.
Atletico Madrid at Bayer Leverkusen.....	UEFA.FS2 1:30 p.m.
America v. Saprissa.....	CONCACAF.....FS2 8 p.m.
<b>Horse Racing</b>	
From Hong Kong.....	TVG 4:30 a.m.

**\*Game times and channels are subject to change.\***

### Riddle Me Objects Game

**Description:**  
 This activity asks children to solve a riddle by following a set of clues. Using a set of five objects, ask the children to describe the attributes of each object (size, color, shape, function, etc.) Tell the children that you have an object in mind. Give a series of clues to help the children eliminate the other objects. This activity can be used to observe several goals.

**Materials:**  
 Sets of five objects for each riddle. Some examples of sets are:  
 -yellow crayon, blue ball, pencil, round rock, blue marker  
 -red sock, red ball, wooden block, red frisbee, green ball

**Setup:**  
 Create the sets of five objects ahead of time. Plan these sets in such a way that will make it easy for children to solve the riddle while working on attributes and sorting of objects. Consider colors, shapes, and function.

**Steps:**  
 1) Have children sit in a circle with the five objects placed in front of them. Ask children to describe attributes of each object (size, color, shape, function, what it is made of, etc.).  
 2) You should mentally select one of the objects that will be the answer to the riddle. Tell children, "I have one of these objects in my mind; you can try to guess which one it is when I give you clues."  
 3) Begin giving clues to eliminate objects. After each clue, have a child remove any objects that do not fit the clue.  
 4) Repeat with more clues, making each one more specific. Through the process of elimination, the children will guess which object you selected.  
 -Suggested clues: *This is usually found in our classroom.* (Children might eliminate a rock.)  
*You use this to write with.* (They can eliminate a ball.) *It is yellow.* (They eliminate a marker.) *It doesn't melt in the sun.* (They eliminate a crayon.) The object left is the answer: the pencil!  
 -You can give a different set of clues with the same set of objects.

**Enrichment:**  
 -Add more than five objects.  
 -Relate your selection of objects to the current theme.  
 -Allow children with strong higher order thinking skills to take turns being the riddle maker.

**Note:**  
 -This activity can be done as a whole-group, or in a smaller area. It can be used to observe and assess several of the goals when done individually or as a small group, especially with the first few steps. Playing the game makes it more interesting to the children.

