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Hoover Volunteer Fire Department lends a helping hand to Pampa and surrounding area



BY LINDSEY TOMASCHIK
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What happens when there is a first responder call outside of city limits? Well, as many know, this is when the Hoover Volunteer Fire Department is called upon. This volunteer department got its start on July 4, 1992, and each year on the Fourth of July, there is a department-wide gathering in celebration of the organization's anniversary, as well as to be on call for any accidents that may require their services for the holiday. HVFD has 27 senior members of the department and one junior member. Junior members are high school students who are also active members. To become a member of HVFD, a person must first submit an application. From there, they must give consent to have a background test done and then go through the interview process. This process exists for both senior and junior members. Once approved for membership, the training portion begins. Chief Joe Millican, who has been with the department for 16 years, said that on average, HVFD, which is a full-service fire department, responds to about 150 calls a year. When asked what types of calls they run on, he said they take whatever kind of call comes in for them. That being said, the members of the department must be prepared for whatever may come their way. They work diligently to stay up to date on training, and Millican is confident that each member of his department is highly trained and knowledgeable in fields of safety, equipment, hazmat and anything else they may come across. The volunteers within the department take pride in what they do and are willing to spend the amount of time needed.

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Medical fund set up for Pampa man with Renal Cell Carcinoma



SUBMITTED
 Joey Slagle is a mechanic with Stokes Radiator Service in Pampa. Joey began having some painful physical symptoms soon after losing his mom, just before Thanksgiving. After many tests, Renal Cell Carcinoma was diagnosed as the mass which has invaded his left kidney. Despite of his painful condition, Joey continues to work at his job as much as he is able in order to provide for his family. Joey and Michele have two children, ages 12 and 15, and recently have taken legal custody of three nephews, ages, six, three and 15 months. The nephews would have otherwise become wards of the state. So far, Joey's extended family has been able to pay for doctors' visits as well as radiologists, anesthesiologists and similar professionals (also day surgery and all other tests, which have been numerous). But with the primary major surgery approaching in March, which will first attempt to remove the mass, but may require the removal of part or all of the kidney, Joey and his family's ability to pay will fall short of what is necessary and required. For anyone who would like to help Joey with these excessive costs, a fund has been established at Cabot Credit Union in Pampa in Joey's name. Randy and Pam Carter, Joey's cousin, will be in charge of all records and disbursements from this fund. All proceeds will be directed exclusively to medical expenses. The family will continue to help pay for travel, lodging and other incidental expenses, and of course we will also continue to help pay medical expenses as much as we are able to do so. Whether you can contribute monetarily or not, the family requests your prayers on Joey's behalf. The family says prayer makes a difference, and the community's will make a difference and are greatly appreciated. When the fund is closed, another article will be posted in the newspaper.

THURSDAY NIGHT ACCIDENT

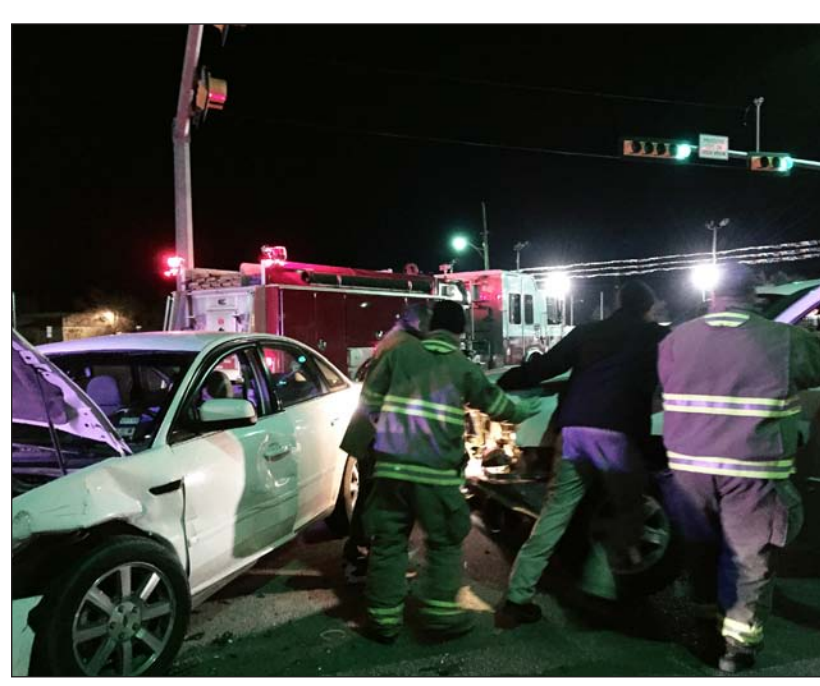


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 A wreck occurred around 9 p.m. Thursday night at the intersection of Highway 60 and Hobart Street. One person was transported to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

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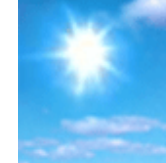
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PAMPA FORECAST

Today	Wednesday	Thursday
		
High 58 Low 17	High 27 Low 14	High 43 Low 23

Today: Partly sunny, with a high near 58. Wind chill values between 24 and 34 early. Southwest wind around 15 mph. Sunrise at 7:12 a.m.

Tonight: A slight chance of rain and snow after midnight. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 17. Northeast wind 15 to 20 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent. Sunset at 6:41 p.m.

Wednesday: A 30 percent chance of snow. Partly sunny, with a high near 27. Northeast wind 10 to 20 mph. Sunrise at 7:11 a.m.

Wednesday night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 14. Northeast wind 5 to 10 mph. Sunset at 6:42 p.m.

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 43. West southwest wind 5 to 10 mph. Sunrise at 7:10 a.m.

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HVFD

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to educate themselves on the field. They even have a training room at the fire station to make accommodations for further education and training.

He was also proud to say that about 70 percent of the departments volunteers are graduates of Pampa High School, and he has been around to see many children follow into their parents' footsteps and join the department when they become eligible.

The department covers 635 square miles in the area, from the Canadian River crossing to I-40 to the south, and this includes the Perry Lefors Field Airport. He added that they have to have a crew out at the airport when special guests, such as recent Chamber Banquet speaker, former Deputy Chief of Staff Karl Rove, come to town. Millican said that they have had to be out there twice for former Vice President Dick Cheney and one additional time for First Lady Laura Bush.

Millican added that they do not limit themselves based on the area in their jurisdiction. HVFD responds to any calls that come in from surround-

ing communities as well. He said that they helped out during the Fritch fires last year, travel to Amarillo when they call for assistance, went to Possum Kingdom to help with those wildfires a few years back and were also had an instrumental part in the extinguishing of the wildfires in and around Pampa in 2006.

Millican said the department lends a hand to Pampa and other surrounding communities when asked and they have a good working relationship with those departments in doing so.

HVFD has 17 firetrucks they are able to use to go on calls. Millican said that most of the trucks are four-wheel drive because they never know going into a call what kind of terrain they may be faced with.

Since the department is completely composed of volunteer members, it requires funding from outside parties. Gray County funds HVFD and the department also has a working contract with Roberts County.

Throughout the year, the department also has a number of fundraisers. They have held raffles for motorcycles and guns and had meals at the firehouse to raise additional money for department expenses.

Millican added that the department also loves to participate in the annual rodeo and Christmas parades in town. He said they never turn down any child who wants to ride in the truck in the parade, and he enjoys seeing the smiles on their faces after the parade is over because they got to ride in the firetruck.

There are also three fire stations the department utilizes. There are two on Price Road, just south of U.S. Highway 152 and one in Hoover as well.

When a call comes in, the members of the department are reached on pagers dispatched through the sheriff's department, and those who are able to respond to whatever the call may be.

When asked what his favorite part of being a member of the department is, Millican said he enjoys the thank yous he receives after it's all said and done.

The department started off in 1992, and since then the fire stations have been worked on to make them what they are today. Millican said that they started off with completely empty buildings and built the walls, installed ceilings and tile on the floor, painted and have decorated. Station No. 2, which is located just southeast

of the Price Road and Highway 152 intersection, has a kitchen, game room with a pool table, large garage, restrooms and showers, training room and chief's office. The walls of the training room are adorned with pictures taken every year.

That particular station holds five of the department's 17 trucks. Millican added that every truck is worked on and built up by the departments volunteers. He added that the departments volunteers come from all different career paths, which helps out a lot on these types of projects. He said that they have welders, construction workers and people who take a general interest in helping build the custom beds of the trucks, all of which are almost identical.

They also built the lockers that hold their gear to keep the garage as organized as possible and to increase response times in doing so.

Millican said that they have to tow their own water to locations as well, which is something many of the newer members of the department have to adjust to when they arrive.

For more information on the Hoover Volunteer Fire Department, call 806-665-0459.

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New registration renewal process

COPPELL—Drivers wanting to renew their vehicle registrations in the Lone Star State will see changes to the process. AAA Texas wants to remind drivers of the changes to prevent confusion and delays in renewing vehicle registrations.

First, vehicles will need to pass a state vehicle inspection before registration renewal. Vehicle registration will now be contingent upon passing a state vehicle inspection. Drivers will need a Verification of a Vehicle Inspection Report (VIR) from a vehicle inspection station along with other required documents to complete Texas vehicle renewal registration of cars and trucks, as well as motorcycles, RV's and trailers.

Second, vehicle inspection stations will no longer collect the state's portion of the inspection fee. Instead, the state's portion will be collected at the time of registration or renewal. Registration renewals will now have that fee printed on the renewal notice.

With these changes a vehicle's registration sticker will serve as a combined proof of registration and inspection. AAA Texas members can easily and quickly renew their vehicle registrations at select branch offices which are authorized to offer DMV services by local county officials. For a list of AAA Texas branch offices that provide DMV services visit www.aaa.com.

The following is a list of required documents that will be needed to complete renewal registration at AAA Texas branch offices:

- Registration renewal notice
- Proof of current liability insurance
- Vehicle registration fee
- Vehicle Inspection Report (VIR)

For more information about the state's registration renewal process changes which begin on Monday, visit Texas Department of Motor Vehicles at <http://www.txdmv.gov/motorists/register-your-vehicle/two-steps-one-sticker>.

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OBITUARIES

Clyde Leland Davis Sr.

Clyde Leland Davis, Sr., 91, of Pampa, died Feb. 27, 2015, in McLean.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 3, 2015, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel, with Rev. Ken Branum, chaplain of Accolade Hospice, officiating. Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Davis was born Dec. 26, 1923, in Poteau, Okla. As a young man he farmed around Central Oklahoma ending up in Dixon, Okla. While in high school, Clyde was involved in Golden Gloves boxing. Clyde graduated from Dixon High School in 1941. After graduation, he farmed until he entered

the U.S. Army Corp. of Engineers where he served Normandy D-Day plus six and the Northern France Theater receiving two Bronze Service Stars.

After Clyde was discharged he met and married Imogene Ford on Nov. 9, 1945 in Ardmore, Okla. Clyde worked part-time at the air base when the kids were small, and he later went to work in the oilfield in the early 1950's and settled down and resided in the Pauls Valley, Okla. area. Clyde had been a resident of Pampa since 1973 where he worked in the oilfield. He married Vera Mae Sparks on Nov. 22, 1973, in Wheeler, and she preceded him in death on April 14, 2006. Clyde owned and operated C. L. Davis Well Service from 1984 until his retirement in 2011. He was preceded in death by a son, Dwayne Sparks, three brothers and 2 sisters.

Clyde enjoyed being home with family. He loved OU Football, Judge Mathis and playing board games especially Polly-Anna and poker with family. Clyde loved spending time in the outdoors and visiting the farm in Oklahoma. The family would like to thank Accolade Hospice for their loving care.

Survivors include four daughters, Linda Gayle York of the home, Brenda Angel, Llane Brookshire and husband Terry all of Pampa and Iris Camille Davis of Pauls Valley, Okla.; Two sons, Clyde Davis, Jr. and wife Paulette of Palm Springs, Calif., Larry Davis and wife Linda of Pauls Valley, Okla.; a daughter-in-law, LeaNan Sparks of Pampa; 14 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren and 24 great-great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Accolade Hospice, 1313 N. Hobart, Pampa, TX 79065.

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

James Earl Ledford

James Earl Ledford, 66, died Saturday, Feb. 28, 2015, in Lefors.

Services will be at 2 p.m., March 3, 2015, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel with Rev. Ben Corbitt, pastor of Faith Tabernacle, officiating. Burial will follow at Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors in Pampa.

Mr. Ledford was born Feb. 22, 1949, in Oakland, Calif. James had been lifelong resident of Pampa moving to Lefors in 2009. He married Patsy Ruth McKeen on April 17, 1973, in Pampa. James was a pumper for Conoco Phillips for 32 years retiring in 2009. He was an avid hunter and fisherman. James was preceded in death by his parents, Bud and Evelyn Ledford and a brother, Darrell Wayne Ledford.

Survivors include his wife, Patsy R. Ledford of the home; three sons, Jay Ledford and wife Monica, James Ledford, Jeff Mayfield and wife Danielle, all of Pampa; two daughters, Diana Crotwell, Angela Browning and husband Roger, all of Lefors; Eight grandchildren, Stormie Ledford, Harley Mayfield, and Lacy Herron, all of Pampa; Whitney Browning, Rhea Browning and Lynn Herron, all of Lefors; Hunter Ledford of Corona, Calif., and Caleb Ledford of S.C.; a great-grandson, Dalton Nichols of Pampa; a brother, Jerry Ledford of Fritch; two sisters, Ada Westbrook and husband Cliff, and Sharon Winborne and husband John all of Pampa.

Sign the online guest register at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

Joe Lewis Franklin

Joe Lewis Franklin, 53, of Pampa, died March 1, 2015, in Pampa.

There are no services scheduled. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Franklin was born April 11, 1961, in Monahans. As a young boy he moved to Pampa where he attended Pampa schools. He worked as a commercial painter and sand blaster for Tom Black. Joe was a member of Progressive Baptist Church in Pampa and in his spare time, he enjoyed spending time with his family and friends.

Joe was preceded in death by his mother, Rosa Franklin; a brother, Jerry Franklin; grandparents, Charles Niblett and T. D. Smily; and an uncle, Joel Niblett.

Survivors include two sisters, Marilen Franklin of Robert Lee, and Ellan Franklin of Pampa; two brothers, Charles

Franklin of Pampa, Sammie Franklin of Bonham; eight nieces, three nephews; and two good friends, Julius and Parnell.

Sign the online guest register at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

John Neill Carr

John Neill Carr 67, of McLean, passed away in the early morning of Feb. 27, 2015, in Amarillo.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

John was born March 5, 1947, in Crowell. He grew up in Pampa, graduating from Pampa High School. He attended West Texas A&M University where he received a Bachelor's Degree in Biology. John served our country in the Vietnam conflict and spent 17 years in the Navy and Marine Corps as a medical officer, retiring in 1992.

His interests outside work were broad including photography, electrical work, computers, stock market trading, genealogy, and automotive work. John was devoted to his four children, his family, and was a generous help to friends and strangers alike when they needed it.

He is preceded in death by his father, Fred John Carr; step-father, Robert B. Echols; and brother, David Carr.

Survivors include his four children, Jessica Bowley, David Carr, Kristina Ellis, and Ryan Carr; his mother, Reed Echols of Pampa; his siblings, Susan Stiggins, Mike Carr, Robert Echols, and Steven Echols; and 11 grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to a favorite charity. The family will receive friends from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Thursday, March 5, 2015, at Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Home in Pampa.

Sign the online guest register at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

Sandra Morgan

Sandra Morgan, 72, died Sunday, March 1, 2015, in Shamrock.

Services will be Wednesday, March 4, 2015, at 2 p.m. in the Eleventh St. Baptist Church, Shamrock, with Rev. Jeff Messer, officiating. Interment will follow at Shamrock Cemetery in Shamrock. Arrangements are under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors of Shamrock.

Sandra Carlene Morgan was born May 1, 1942, in Pampa to Carl and Marie Schwartz Baker. Sandra graduated from McLean High School in 1960 and graduated from Central State college in 1965. She began her teaching career in Lela in 1965 and taught for more than 32 years in Lela, Wheeler and Shamrock. She touched the lives

of many children and enjoyed every class and child. She married Wendell Morgan on Aug. 11, 1966, and had lived

in Shamrock since that time. She loved children, music, sewing and cooking for her church family. Sandra was a member of Eleventh Street Baptist Church and the long time church organist.

She was preceded in death by her husband and her parents. Survivors include her son, Clifton Morgan and wife Jenny; five grandchildren, Drayton Morgan, Destry Morgan, Lilly Morgan, Sunny Avery and Dylan Thornberry; one great-grandchild, Emmanuel Thornberry; a sister, Elaine Taylor and husband Joe; one brother, Jim Baker and wife Beverly and many nieces and nephews

The family requests that memorials be sent to Texas Oncology or Eleventh St. Baptist Church c/o Franklin Graham Good Samaritans Shoe Box Ministry.

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Toddy William Black

Toddy William Black, 59, of Enid, Okla., died Feb. 26, 2015 in Pampa.

Celebration of life services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, March 5, 2015, at Central Baptist Church in Pampa, with Rev. Norman Rushing, pastor, officiating. Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Black was born Dec. 23, 1955, in Pampa. He attended Pampa schools and was a 1974 graduate of Pampa High School where he was a standout shortstop for the Harvester baseball team. Toddy married Kathy Cudney on February 19, 1982, in Pampa.

He was co-owner and operator of Black's Painting and Sandblasting in Pampa. For the past 10 years, Toddy

resided in Enid, Okla. where he was a member of Emmanuel Baptist Church. More than anything, Toddy loved his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. He dedicated his life to his family, including his two dogs, Tucker and Mandy. Toddy was an avid sports fan and especially enjoyed playing golf with his son, Ryan, and watching college football.

Survivors include his wife, Kathy Black of the home; his son, Ryan Black and wife Julie of Enid, Okla.; his father, Tom Black of Pampa; his mother, Sharon Black of Arlington; his sister, Teresa Arnold and husband Todd of Arlington; mother-in-law, Peggy Williams and husband D. P. of Pampa; brother-in-law, Gary Cudney and wife Gaye of Amarillo; and three nephews, Erik Black of Arlington, and Colby Cudney and Corey Cudney, both of Amarillo.

Memorials may be made to PAWS, PO Box 2095, Pampa, Texas 79066-2095.

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Hollywood hypocrites demand 'wage equality'

When actress Patricia Arquette won an Oscar, she pled for “wage equality” for women: “To every woman who gave birth to every taxpayer and citizen in this nation: We have fought for everybody else’s equal rights. It’s our time to have wage equality once and for all and equal rights for women in the United States of America.”

Days later, presumptive Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton said, “I think we all cheered at Patricia Arquette’s speech at the Oscars, because she’s right — it’s time to have wage equality.” Back in April 2014, Hillary Clinton sent out this tweet: “20 years ago, women made 72 cents on the dollar to men. Today it’s still just 77 cents. More work to do.”

Today women, supposedly, only make 77 cents on the dollar for doing the same work as men. Here’s the problem — it simply is not true. When you compare apples to apples, the earnings gap shrinks to between four and seven cents, and the Labor Department suggests “non-sexist” reasons explain even this small gap.

The Department of Labor commissioned a study from an organization called CONRAD Research Corporation. The report, which came out in 2009, is called “An Analysis of Reasons for the Disparity in Wages Between Men and Women.” In its foreword, The Labor Department concedes that the “gap” is a myth:

“There are observable differences in the attributes of men and women that account for most of the wage gap. Statistical analysis that includes those variables has produced results that collectively account for between 65.1 and 76.4 percent of a raw gender wage gap of 20.4 percent, and thereby leave an adjusted gender wage gap that is between 4.8 and 7.1 percent.”

The Labor Department also said that the remaining gap could be explained by choices that men and women make. Specifically: “A greater percentage

of women than men tend to work part-time. Part-time work tends to pay less than full-time work. “A greater percentage of women than men tend to leave the labor force for childbirth, child care and elder care. Some of the wage gap is explained by the percentage of women who were not in the labor force during previous years, the age of women, and the number of children in the home.

“Women, especially working mothers, tend to value ‘family friendly’ workplace policies more than men.”

This brings us back to Hillary Clinton. Does she practice “wage equality”?

An analysis by the Washington Free Beacon found Clinton paid the women on her Senate staff 72 cents for each dollar she paid the men:

“During (2002 to 2008), the median annual salary for a woman working in Clinton’s office was \$15,708.38 less than the median salary for a man, according to the analysis of data compiled from official Senate expenditure reports.”

President Barack Obama’s White House female staffers also earn less than the male staffers. According to the 2011 annual report on White House staff, female White House employees earn a median annual salary of \$60,000 — or 18 percent less than male employees’ \$71,000 salary. Last July, an analysis by The Washington Post found “the White House has not narrowed the gap between the average pay of male and female employees since President Obama’s first year in office.”

In 2012, after several female senators called a press conference to push for gender “paycheck fairness,” the Washington Free Beacon looked at the salary “equality” in their own offices:

“(Patty) Murray, (D-Wash.), who has repeatedly accused Republicans of waging a ‘war on women,’ is one of the worst offenders. Female members of Murray’s staff made about \$21,000 less per year than male staffers in 2011, a difference of 33.8 percent. ... A significant ‘gender gap’ exists in (Dianne) Feinstein’s (D-Calif.) office, where

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On those crystal clear blue sky north wind howling frigid winter days of my youth, I remember loving to sit on the alee side of my home, soaking up the sun’s apricity.

Far from a word-smith am I. When reading, coming across interesting and unfamiliar wordage, their definitions I seek, then jot them down

in my Daily Notes app with the intent to incorporate them into a pertinent column. Some of you in the past have noticed this habit, said as much. This column is about such words, specifically obsolete words gleaned from an article in a blog I enjoy reading called Brain Pickings. Most of the obsolete words come from across the pond over England way. The words should never have gone out of style and I think, died much to early.



DENNIS PALMITIER

Including the two (some may think three) in the first paragraph, the following words will not(?) be found in any modern dictionary. With this column there will be no nexus or central issue, rather an olio if you please, a gumbo of thoughts using obsolete words. You should note them quite easily. I may define one or two, but in the last paragraph I’ll supply references.

CPAC, the Conservative Political Action Conference, kicked off last Thursday in National Harbor, Md. The yearly speaking gig is a showcase for Republican and conservative politicians hopeful come 2016 of being elected our next president. Snoutfair former Texas governor Rick Perry again will be one of the speakers. I pray the good man doesn’t give America his Tongue Tied at the Podium-Part Deux? An unsympathetic press, if Perry again loses his oratory composure, would be upon him faster than a dung beetle on a day old cow patty.

Yes folks, I’ve a wonder-wench. Her name is Ann and she lives in Amarillo. We met over a year ago on a birding trip, but in my typical thick between the ears beef-witted way with women, I didn’t realize the birding soiree was a planned introductory affair. Six weeks later our mutual Cupid playing friend calls me and asks me why I hadn’t asked Ann out. Now, not to be a cockalorum, being with Ann has me somewhat, gorgonized.

In today’s nonsensical use of political correctness, calling your woman friend, wife or partner a wonder-wench might bring about some serious protestation. Womankind, progressives, feminists, despair not. In old English speak, wonder-wench means sweetheart. Now, calling a woman ‘wench’ on the other hand, is a tad derogatory and may result with the utterer forced to duck a ten inch iron skillet or at the least, own a

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Republicans attacking Janet Yellen should be careful what they wish for

Fed chair Janet Yellen testified this week on the state of the economy. The only interesting thing to come of it was some sharp-edged criticism by Republican members of the House Financial Services Committee.



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That includes committee chair Jeb Hensarling, who said, “Fed reforms are needed ... Fed reforms are coming.”

Senator Rand Paul, for one, is pushing a bill to audit the Fed, by which he means auditing the Fed’s policies and discussions. But Yellen and other Fed big shots fiercely oppose any rules that might be imposed on the central bank by Congress.

Now, down through the years, the Fed has always resisted rules in the name of independence from political pressure. But there’s an interesting backstory here.

In the early 1970s, President Nixon allegedly (it’s never been proven) ordered then-Fed chair Arthur Burns to goose the money supply to spur the economy and help the Nixon reelection effort. This story becomes even creepier, since Nixon and his entourage destroyed the dollar and launched double-digit inflation by breaking the gold-dollar

link established in 1944 at Bretton Woods.

So the Fed has a point about politics.

Later in the 1970s, however, a Democratic Congress voted for the Humphrey-Hawkins bill, which mandated the Fed to keep both unemployment and inflation down. That became law. And of course, for most of the ‘70s and early ‘80s, the dollar sank lower while unemployment and inflation ratcheted higher. That prompted Republicans to jawbone the Fed to establish money-supply targets, which followed the dictum of Nobelist Milton Friedman (who wanted to replace the Fed with a computer).

For a while, Fed head Paul Volcker published money-supply targets. But Ronald Reagan told Volcker to do whatever was needed to conquer inflation while he and Congress reduced marginal tax rates and reignited economic growth. The Fed had no new rules. But for 20 years, the economy worked beautifully.

Then the rule story shifts to the financial meltdown of 2008, when the Fed went wild. It pushed the target rate to zero and flooded the banking system with over \$4 trillion in new reserves. That really didn’t work. Most of the Fed’s money creation went unused; it was turned around by banks and placed on deposit at the Fed.

Former Dallas Fed president Bob McTeer points out that the money supply never ballooned out of control and the Fed didn’t pump up anything, because the velocity (or turnover) of money collapsed. Economist John Ryding calculates that over the past six years, while the Fed’s balance sheet grew near 17 percent a year, the M2 money supply increased only 6 percent annually, in line with the long-term trend, while money velocity fell 2 percent yearly and nominal GDP grew by roughly 4 percent. There was no Big Bang and also no inflation.

Today, Janet Yellen may rightly or wrongly be associated with liberal Democrats, but a key point is that she talks dovish and acts hawkish. She shut down so-called QE reserve creation, a surprise to many.

And lately, the U.S. dollar has gone up while oil and commodity prices have gone down. As a result, an improving economy is trying to reach 3 percent growth.

So Republicans attacking Yellen and calling for higher interest rates should be careful what they wish for. A strong dollar and low energy costs have put the economy in a good place.

Now, if President Obama would agree with the GOP to slash the corporate tax, the economy might grow at 4 or 5 percent with a stronger dollar and even

lower commodity prices. Wouldn’t that be ironic? Too bad Obama won’t agree to a serious corporate tax cut.

As for rules and the Fed, there are a bunch of proposals out there: There’s the inflation-fighting Taylor rule, which seemed to work in the 1980s and ‘90s. There’s a gold-commodity-King Dollar price rule (which I favor) that also worked in the ‘80s and ‘90s. There’s the new-monetarist nominal-GDP-growth rule, although the trouble here is that velocity keeps falling and money GDP has gone nowhere. Alan Greenspan (!) is actually telling people that gold is the only true currency. And Professor Taylor himself is suggesting that the Fed could create its own rule, any rule, but would have to answer to Congress if it ever went off it.

At the end of the day, the economic incentives from lower tax rates and regulatory burdens are the right levers to promote faster growth. And central banks should focus on sound currencies and price stability.

Looking at a renewed King Dollar and low U.S. inflation, the Fed seems to have done its job. So either 1) it’s a miracle or 2) the Fed actually knows what it’s doing.

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Dennis

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sleepless night or six on the sofa. Twenty-three states and the District of Columbia currently have laws in some form legalizing marijuana. Four states; Alaska, Washington, Oregon and Colorado have legalized marijuana for recreational use. Add for the District of Columbia to recreational pot use. Nineteen states have for certain types of patients passed laws for medical marijuana use. Times for toking, they have changed! What worries me the most is recreational marahuhu use in the District of Columbia. Congress, folks! I can imagine Nancy Pelosi,

all squinty-eyed and spouting jibberish in her pseudo bipartisan-ship way, lunting on the capital steps! Over New Mexico way a number of years ago, a previous love interest and I backpacked the Santa Fe wilderness. The trek was a three day, thirty mile hike across some pretty rugged country that started close to Atomic City (Los Alamos) and ended at Bandolier National Monument. Our first night we camped next to a rivulet created by runoff from melting snow. Rather gamey from the day's hike, I decided to dig out a pool in the stream's bed deep enough for my 6'5" frame to sit in and take a bath. I suffer still this very day from the curglaff created by that

icy water. Continuing my love of wordsmithing. For as long as I can remember, I have been a picker-up of trivia. Current events or anything newsworthy gives me plenty to write about in an Englishable presentation. On a few occasions trouble for this spermologer has arisen from my editor who, when perusing some of my submissions, gives credence to acing his college Resistentialism in Journalism course. While writing this I've enjoyed a cold weather tonic of some really smooth 101 proof hootch. When I rise to go jirble another dram, I hope I haven't an unsteady hand. For this Texan, the English with their dead words can make for interest-

ing reading and writing. Please don't change stations, a future column will come using excerpts from Sir Winston Churchill and his, Paraprosdokians. The above words from Brain Pickings were courtesy two publications: "The Word Museum: The Most Remarkable English Words Ever Forgotten" by Jeffrey Kacirk, and John Phinn's "Shakespeare's Cyclopedic and Glossary, 1902."

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women also made about \$21,000 less than men in 2011, but the percentage difference — 41 percent — was even higher than Murray's. (Barbara) Boxer's (D-Calif.) female staffers made about \$5,000 less, a difference of 7.3 percent." Arquette's plea comes after the Sony Pictures cyber attack. Publically disclosed private emails shows that then co-studio chief Amy Pascal paid Jennifer Lawrence less money than her not-as-popular male co-stars in "American Hustle" — and this was after Lawrence starred in the blockbuster "Hunger Games."

When asked why, Ms. Pascal was blunt: "Here's the problem: I run a business. People

want to work for less money, I'll pay them less money. I don't call them up and say, 'Can I give you some more?' Because that's not what you do when you run a business. The truth is, what women have to do is not work for less money. They have to walk away. People shouldn't be so grateful for jobs. ... People should know what they're worth." Pascal, like Patricial Arquette, is also a contributor to the "pay equity" Democratic Party.

For his second term, President Obama wants to combat "income inequality." To get started, he won't even have to leave the White House.

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Homeland Security not the only area of Congress' dysfunction

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress' dysfunction isn't limited to the struggle to keep a Cabinet department running without interruption. Lawmakers couldn't finish their work last year and it's showing now. The left-over business could prove even more divisive than the dispute over rolling back President Barack Obama's immigration policies on a bill providing money for the Department of Homeland Security.

Medicare face a 21 percent cut in their payments at the end of March. Because of a flawed formula dating to 1997, Medicare doctors are threatened with big fee cuts almost every year. Congress has since stepped in 17 times to prevent the cuts but has failed to permanently fix the problem. Lawmakers hope to resolve the issue once and for all this year. In the meantime, they plan a temporary fix that would buy six months or so. Shouldn't be too difficult.

airlines advantages over U.S. carriers. This split clearly has the bank in danger of losing its charter. Very difficult.

Debt limit
The government's borrowing authority lapses on March 15. Filing-season tax surpluses and Treasury Department accounting maneuvers could delay the need for Congress to step in until August or later. Action is mandatory or else the government would default on its obligations. In 2011, House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, used the debt limit as leverage to pry spending cuts from President Barack Obama. Since then, Obama has refused to negotiate. Last year, Boehner had to rely on Democratic votes to pass an extension. Raising the debt limit again will prove difficult, but it must be done.

Children's health
The Children's Health Insurance Program, which provides health coverage to millions of children in low-income families, expires Sept. 30. There's pressure to renew it well before then because state legislatures are drafting their budgets for the upcoming fiscal year, which begins July 1 in most places. A fight is unlikely because top Republicans such as GOP Sen. Orrin Hatch of Utah, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, and Michigan Rep. Fred Upton, chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, are proposing to tighten eligibility for the program, possibly taking away insurance from many children, and roll back a scheduled increase in federal matching funds to states. Tricky, but doable.

Stretches of brinkmanship are certain to consume much of the legislative calendar in 2015. One critical issue is whether to increase the nation's borrowing authority. That debate could have major repercussions for the recovering economy. The to-do list includes forestalling a 21 percent cut in Medicare payments to physicians, preventing a cutoff of highway and transit dollars in the middle of peak construction season this summer and renewing critical parts of the Patriot Act.

Highway funding
Authority to spend money from the highway trust fund expires May 31, the end of a reprieve passed last fall. The uncertainty is slowing construction in some states. A long-term fix won't be ready by then, so the most likely solution is Congress will punt again. Even doing that requires coming up with billions of dollars to fix the short-term shortfall, which won't be easy.

Patriot act
Three controversial provisions expire June 1: authorizing the bulk collection of telephone records, obtaining surveillance warrants without naming the person being wiretapped, and allowing surveillance of foreigners suspected of terrorist activity but who are not affiliated with a terrorist organization. Both left and right oppose the provisions, but solid majorities are likely to back them amid the growing threat from the Islamic State group. Obama signed a four-year extension in 2011. Not too hard.

Export-import bank
On June 30, temporary authority expires for the bank. Critics say it picks winners such as Boeing Co. and General Electric and that too little of its financing benefits small business. The bank has support from Democrats and establishment Republicans but increasingly is opposed by conservatives, who note that its subsidies for foreign purchasers of exports such as jumbo jets give foreign

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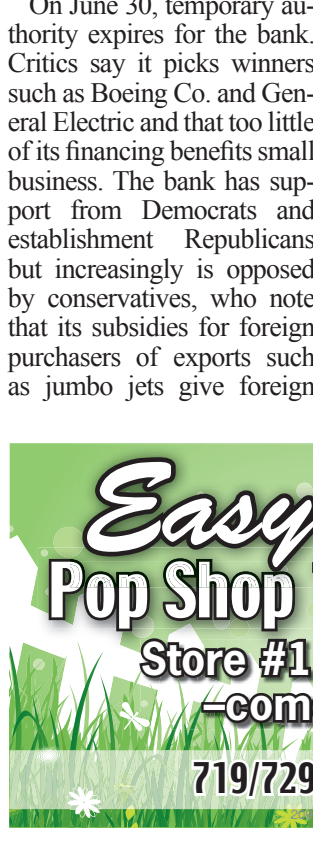
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There's also a debate among Republicans, the majority on Capitol Hill, about whether to renew the charter of the Export-Import Bank, which provides credit to purchasers of U.S. exports. "We haven't even started talking about either one, (Medicare payments) or highways," said Rep. Sander Levin of Michigan, top Democrat on the powerful House Ways and Means Committee. "So that shows how procrastinated all this is."

Approaching are deadlines for longer-term legislation set to expire, including the Children's Health Insurance Program.

A look at Capitol Hill's leftover agenda and expiring laws that may be renewed, with an assessment of the degree of difficulty:

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Preparation for Winter Activities

Snow, ice and frigid weather can pose problems for the body. With snow likely in January's forecast across the U.S., knowing how to properly shovel can prevent harm to the musculoskeletal system. **Live Well Chiropractic** suggests the following tips for snow shoveling:

- If you must shovel snow, be careful. Listen to weather forecasts so you can rise early and have time to shovel before work.
- Layer clothing to keep your muscles warm and flexible.
- Shoveling can strain "de-conditioned" muscles between your shoulders, in your upper back, lower back, buttocks and legs. So, do some warm-up stretching before you grab that shovel.

- When you do shovel, push the snow straight ahead. Don't try to throw it. Walk it to the snow bank. Avoid sudden twisting and turning motions.
- Bend your knees to lift when shoveling. Let the muscles of your legs and arms do the work, not your back.
- Take frequent rest breaks to take the strain off your muscles. A fatigued body asks for injury.
- Stop if you feel chest pain, or get really tired or have shortness of breath. You may need emergency medical help. After snow shoveling, if you are sore, apply an ice bag to the affected area for 20 minutes, then take it off for a couple of hours. Repeat a couple of times each day over the next day or two. If you continue to feel soreness, pain or strain after following these tips, it may be time to visit a doctor of chiropractic.

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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.

March 2015 DSHS Immunization Clinic

The March 2015 Department of State Health Services Immunization Clinic Schedule has been announced. All three clinics will be at 121 S. Gillespie from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m. Each time-frame is for the first 10 clients.

The clinics will be on March 4, March 11 and March 18.

All times are subject to change or cancellation in case of extenuating circumstances.

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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.

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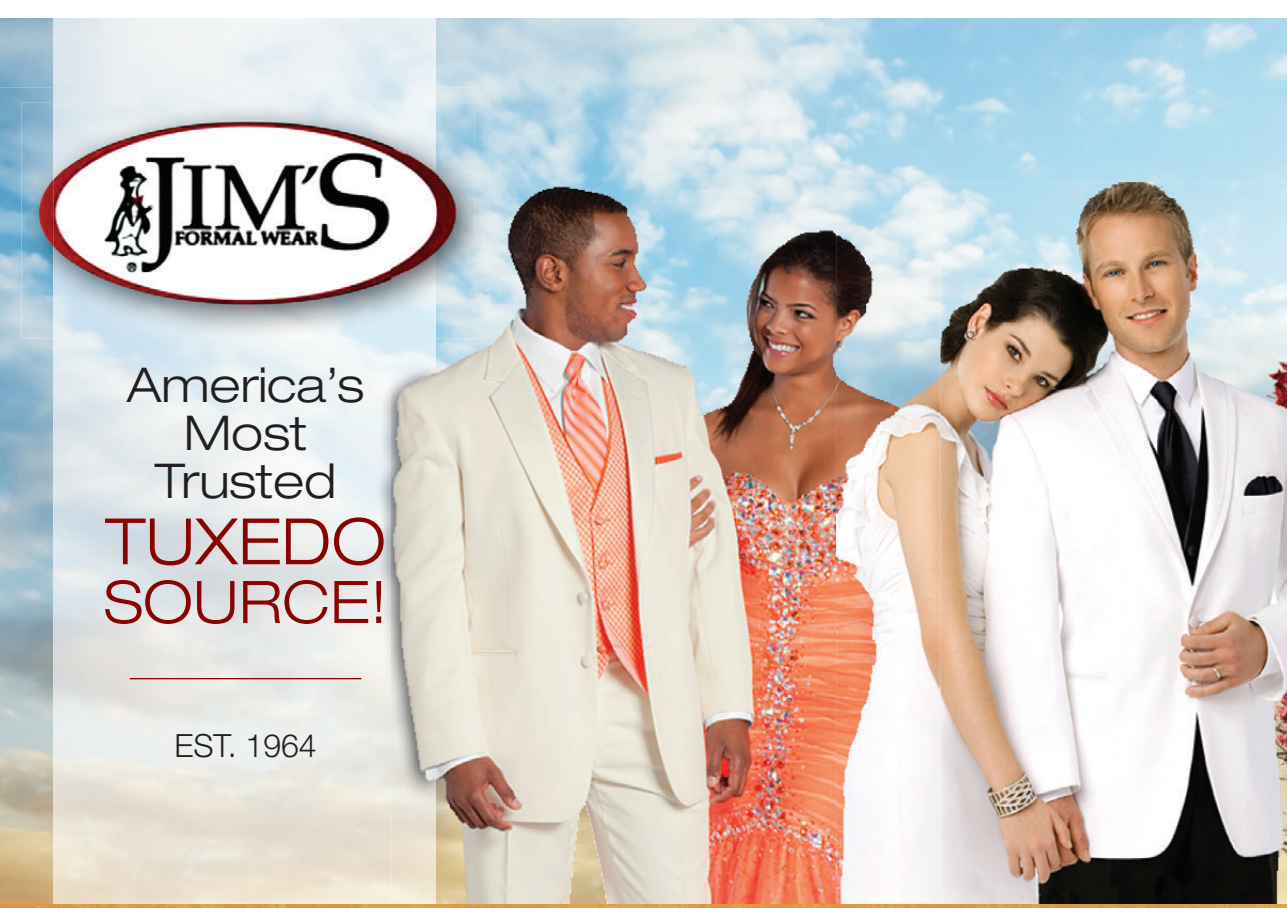
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Church Calendar

Hi-Land Christian Church

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

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

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

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

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

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

Cornerstone Baptist Church

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

For more information call the church at 669-6509.

New Life Assembly of God

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

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

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

Our worship will be a reflection of our multi-

ethnic mixture of disciples including Christian Latino music, contemporary music as well as the traditional hymns and songs of the church.

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

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

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

Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ

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

Right across from the high school.

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

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

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

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

For more information call 806-665-0031.

First United Methodist Church

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

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

For more information call 806-669-7411.

McLean Cowboy Church

McLean Cowboy Church is a non-denominational spirit-filled Christian church.

The pastor is Ronnie Ferguson.

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

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

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

For more information, call 806-779-0260.

Southside Church of Christ

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

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Texas oil company: Sahara offshore test well not commercial

RABAT, Morocco (AP) — Dallas-based Kosmos Energy said Monday its exploration well off the coast of the disputed Western Sahara territory has not yielded a commercial find and will be plugged, though the search would continue.

The discovery postpones the thorny question of what would happen if commercially viable oil-resources were discovered off the coast of one of the longest running international territorial disputes in Africa.

The statement said the 22,000 square kilometer (8,500 square mile) Cap Boujdour block still had "substantial exploration potential" and a second well would be drilled after further analysis of the data gathered.

Morocco annexed the largely desert territory of the Western Sahara in 1975 and fought a 15-year-old war with the Polisario independence movement until a U.N.-brokered ceasefire.

A planned U.N.-sponsored referendum on the issue has never taken place and Morocco has instead proposed autonomy for the territory.

A 2002 U.N. letter responding to questions of the legality of Morocco signing exploration agreements for the territory concluded that the exploitation of resources "in disregard of the interest and wishes of the people of Western Sahara" would be illegal.

Pro-Independence activists have condemned the oil exploration agreements as well as the ongoing exploitation of the area's ex-

tensive fishing and phosphate resources. They fear the discovery of oil would only solidify Moroccan control.

Morocco imports nearly all its energy needs and has conducted aggressive efforts to discover oil resources of its own.

For its part, Kosmos has said that if commercially viable deposits were found, they would be exploited according to international standards and "for the benefit of the people of the territory."

Kosmos energy signed exploration agreements for the Cap Boujdour block in 2006.

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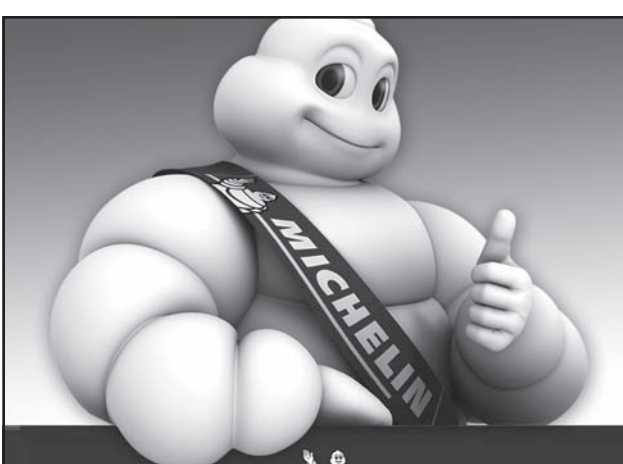
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Lent devotionals — Day 12-15

Day 12 – Tuesday – thirty silver coins

Scripture: Matthew 26:14-16; Mark 14:10-11; Luke 22:3-6

Then Satan entered Judas, called Iscariot, one of the Twelve. And Judas went to the chief priests and the officers of the temple guard and discussed with them how he might betray Jesus to them. They were delighted to hear this. Judas asked, “What are you willing to give me if I hand him over to you?” So they agreed to give him money and counted out for him thirty silver coins. He consented. So from then on Judas watched for an opportunity to hand Jesus over to them when no crowd was present. (The Gospels Interwoven, Zarley)

Devotional: As we have already seen, coins were a common part of everyday life. The only things that set these apart were that they were made of silver and were thirty in number. Oh, and one more thing. They were the sellout price to betray the Only Begotten Son of God.

I always knew that these scriptures had a powerfully painful affect on me. Usually when I would read them I would get noticeably silent, sullen, and often teary-eyed. But one day I found myself screaming at my Bible. Oh, I wasn't really screaming at the book, but at Judas and what he did. I was so angry that I wanted to punch someone or something. Then, as is usual with me, the rage broke into sobs and weeping. In my mind I was crying out, “How could he? Can't we back-up the calendar and undo the most evil betrayal in all of human history?” That is all I could think about that day--during Lent.

Then the next day God showed me a scrapbook filled with pictures that broke my heart even more. They were photographs in my mind of when I knew about Jesus, but completely disregarded Him. There were even a few pics of jokes that I had told as a young man that were complete blasphemy. Then the Holy Spirit drove home the harshest realization that during those days I was just as guilty as Judas. One minute I was screaming at me, the next I was trying to figure out a way to punch myself. Sounds silly, doesn't it? Judas sold Him out for thirty pieces of silver. There have been times when I didn't even get that much for my betrayal.

But then the Spirit led me to where I needed to be, in a giant pool of confession. The confessions that day were varied in time. Some were from when I was a boy, some as a young man and sadly others more recent. Confession has a way of completely humbling a person. Did you ever stop to think that when we are really humbled, we are humiliated? Most believers don't mind thinking about being humbled, but what about humiliated? That is exactly where I need to be during Lent; exactly what Lent is all about. Keep me close to confession, Lord.

Prayer: El Roi, You are the God who sees it all; nothing slips past You. Thank You for revealing to me that my sins as surely put Jesus on that cross as anything Judas ever did. Thank You for delivering me from sinner-snobbery which makes everyone else's sins worse than my own. Thank You for letting me see just a little bit with Your eyes so that I can see things more like You do. Now my Lent can be more like what it should be. Amen.

Day 13 – Wednesday – a water bowl

Scripture: Mark 14:17; Jn. 13:1-20

When evening came, Jesus arrived with the Twelve. It was just before the Passover Feast. Jesus knew that the time had come for him to leave this world and go to the

Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he now showed them the full extent of his love.

The evening meal was being served, and the devil had already prompted Judas Iscariot, son of Simon, to betray Jesus. Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him. (The Gospels Interwoven, Zarley)

Devotional: The basin was as common as common could get. The water was one of the most precious treasures in the land. The water came from community wells and then had to be carried as far as one lived from the well. No one wasted water. Since meals were eaten while reclining at a low table, the issues of smelly feet and ceremonial cleanliness made the custom of foot washing a priority. Most often the lowliest servant was given the disgusting task of scrubbing off the crusted combo of dirt, dead skin, and sweat before rinsing the mess off with as little water as necessary. That was immediately followed by drying each foot with a dry towel.

The apostles had made every preparation for that Last Supper except one. No foot washer, no lowly servant to scrub the repulsive toe jam and cleanse the filthy feet. This is another one of those stories that I am tempted to read and bark out, “Can't you see what needs to be done? Quit arguing about who among you is the greatest and get up and start washing those feet.” In these moments I resemble a drill sergeant more than Jesus.

Now when my snootiness erupts while reading this story, the Holy Spirit is faithful to prick my heart and engage the video projector in my head. Instantly, I begin to see a slideshow of all the lowly tasks that I have walked right on by without lifting a finger to serve. Why is this self-centered laziness so easy to see in others and so easy to overlook when it is ME? Jesus said He came not to be served, but to serve and then He showed everyone in this upper room that those weren't just cheap words. Oh, my, I sure have a long way to go. God, please help me get there by Your grace.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, I think I really do want to be a better servant, more like You. But I'm almost afraid to say that to You out loud. I know that seems so silly for a grown-up to say, but I have learned that every time I ask You for help, You always help. So that means that if I cry out to be a better servant, then You would faithfully come and bring into my life what I need to become one. And that probably won't be blessings. So I guess I have to decide how badly I really want to be more like You. Whew! If I'm honest, I have to pray, “Lord, I want to want to be a servant like You.” So please help my WANT TO grow stronger so that I won't have to just want to want to, but instead I will really WANT TO be a servant like You. Amen.

Day 14 – Thursday – grape juice

Scripture: Matthew 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-25; Luke 22:17-20; 1 Corinthians 11:24-25

After taking the cup, he gave thanks and said, “Take this and divide it among you. For I tell you I will not

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No tag for Suh

DETROIT (AP) — Ndamukong Suh can test the open market when free agency begins March 10 after the Lions decided not to use the franchise tag on the star defensive tackle, according to a report on the team's website.

Monday is the deadline for teams to designate franchise or transition players.

The Lions did not officially confirm the decision to let the deadline pass without franchising their 28-year-old All-Pro, but the report on the team's website said Detroit concluded that the franchise tag's price of around \$27 million for Suh proved too daunting.

Last month, general manager Martin Mayhew said he was optimistic about getting a deal done with Suh, but the franchise tag was probably the team's best source of leverage, and even that would have come at a prohibitive cost.

Suh has been a force in the middle of Detroit's defensive line ever since the Lions drafted him with the second overall pick in 2010.

He has 36 sacks in five seasons, including 8 1/2 in 2014, when the Lions made the playoffs as a wild card while boasting one of the league's top defenses.

Suh has been hit with several fines in his career for his aggressive on-field actions, and he was nearly suspended for Detroit's playoff game at Dallas last season — a one-game ban for stepping on Green Bay quarterback Aaron Rodgers was overturned on appeal.

But that occasional drama has done little to detract from Suh's overall value to the Lions, who now face the prospect of having to bid against other teams for his services.

Suh, quarterback Matthew Stafford and wide receiver Calvin Johnson — all of whom came to the Lions via high draft picks — have helped Detroit reach the postseason twice in the last four years.

PAMPA Sports

EXTRA INNINGS

Franchise Tagging a star WR vs. RB.

The Dallas Cowboys recently put the franchise tag on star wide receiver Dez Bryant.

Some of you may be unfamiliar with the franchise tag. Each NFL team gets one to use per year.

The tag keeps the player on the current team for the next season without being stuck under a contract.

The NFL will set the guidelines as to what the salary would be. For Bryant, his 2015 salary will be less than \$15 million.

Last year, the set value for a WR was \$12.3. For a running back, it was just \$9.54 million.

This is where I think the Cowboys messed up. They were debating whether or not to tag RB Demarco Murray or WR Dez Bryant.

The only WR that one could even argue is better than Bryant right now in the NFL is Calvin Johnson. He inked a deal for seven years and \$113 million. (after signing bonus it reaches \$132.)

The Lions are now guaranteed to have Johnson through the 2019 season.

What are the Lions paying him?

Well the average salary through the entire contract is only \$16.2 million.

In 2014, only one WR averaged 80 or more yards a game and at least one touchdown a game. You guessed

it: Dez Bryant.

Let's get down to the stats for why I think Bryant deserved a fat contract versus Murray or another RB.

Bryant has played all games of the season in 2012, 13 and 14. In 2011, he only missed one game and in 2010 he just missed four. That was also his rookie season.

Including his rookie year, he averages 1,085 yards a season as well as 11 touchdowns a season.

Murray averages 1,132 a season, but this year was the first year he played in every game. He also just averages seven touchdowns a season.

In 2011, he played 13 games. In 2012, he played 10. In 2013, he missed two games.

Takeaway his best season and he averages 595 yards and five touchdowns a season.

Do the same for Dez and he averages 1,011 yards and 11 touchdowns.

Dez is Mr. Consistency both in putting up stats and staying healthy.

Now, you tell me who deserves the fat contract?

I don't want to see the Cowboys fail but I honestly hope Bryant takes this as a slap in the face and doesn't re-sign with Dallas in 2016.

In 2016, Dez will have his choice of any NFL team he wants to play for barring a major injury.

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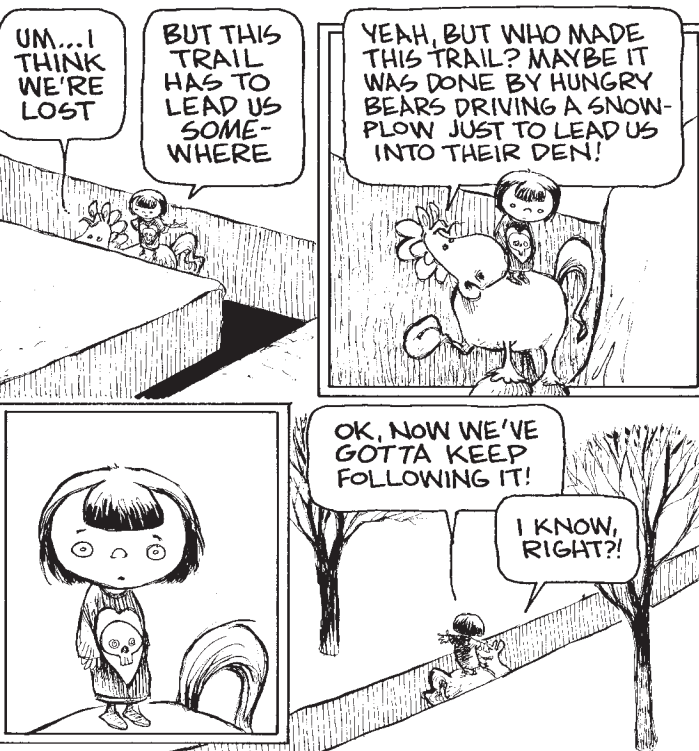


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The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Avoid a controlling person at all costs -- you will be a lot happier if you do. Trust your inner voice. You might surprise some of your friends with a sudden change. Try to see past the obvious, and allow your innate creativity to emerge. Tonight: Celebrate the moment.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ Set aside some personal time for yourself by signing up for a yoga class or participating in a different type of relaxing activity. You are only human, and you need downtime. Someone seems to tighten the valve where you might expect money to flow. Tonight: Be a little naughty.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Use the morning for any heartfelt matters. The rest of the day, you might want to do some thinking about a situation that is not always comfortable. A friend could surprise you with an unexpected revelation. Check out an offer, but be realistic. Tonight: Out till the wee hours.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ You might not be sure about an associate or loved one who seems to demand total control. You know that cannot happen. Your imagination will carry you past a problem to the right solution. Avoid power plays involving money. Tonight: Follow the music.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ You might need to be more observant of a situation that you view as being changeable. Perhaps one of the reasons you are drawn to this matter is that you like

the constant chaos -- it keeps your life exciting. Learn to let go of your need for control. Tonight: Make it your treat.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ You might notice a change in your self-confidence. You seem to have difficulty letting someone else assume that he or she is right. You will defy this person and perhaps create a difficult situation for others, unintentionally. Tonight: The world is your oyster.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ You might want to step back and observe others' behavior. Express your caring in a way that someone else can receive before you make your exit. Try not to get involved in a conflict. You could feel as if someone is pushing you. Tonight: Not to be found.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Defer to a friend, especially if you see a difficult situation emerging. Whether you completely agree with this person is not important right now; you will be able to discuss your feelings at a later point. Be careful with your funds. Tonight: Where people are.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ You could be questioning which way to go with a difficult but necessary person in your life. You might be able to come up with a better solution than this person, but don't count on him or her agreeing with you. Tonight: Do not try to control another person.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Tap into your creativity, and walk away from a need to control situations. You will be happier if others agree on a solution because they want to and not because they felt coerced by you. Know that this could result in some insecurity. Tonight: Choose a favorite stress-buster.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ You might decide that it is a good idea to pursue a different course from the one you currently are on. Use your diplomacy skills to let someone know where an idea could use some tightening. Tonight: Vanish to a favorite spot with a favorite person.

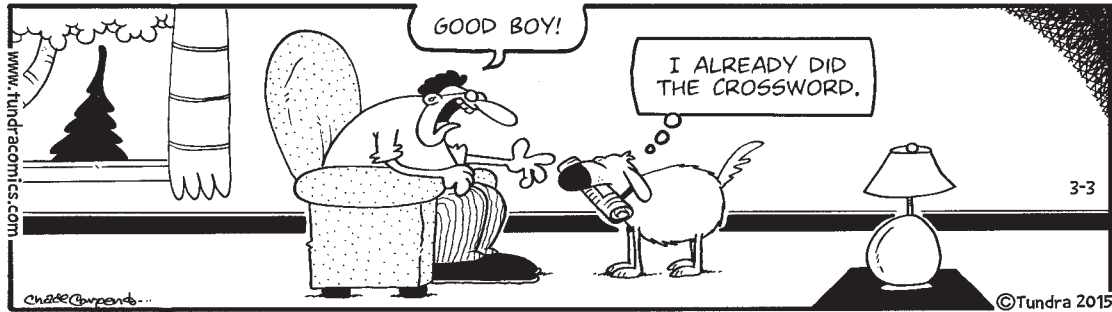
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Others will be determined to take the lead. Let them, and you will be able to go off and indulge in some fun activities with a friend. Remember that you don't always need to be at the center of everything that occurs. Tonight: Let others make the first move.

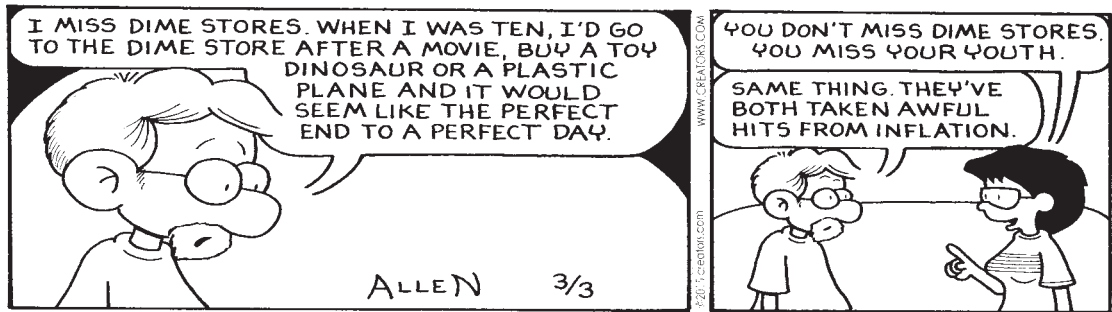
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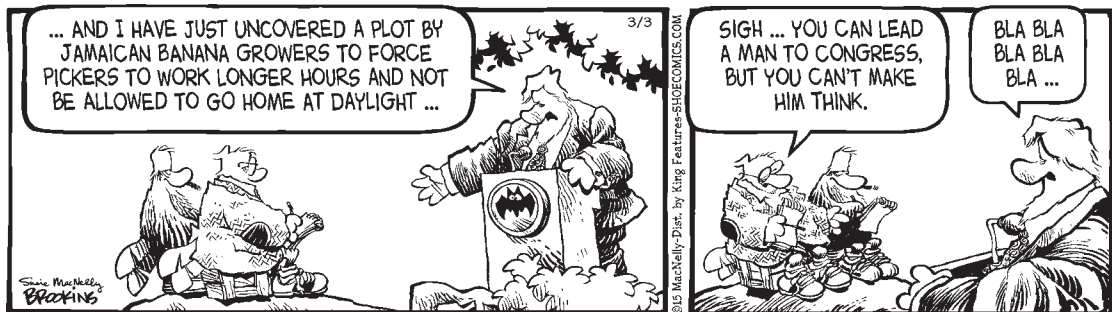
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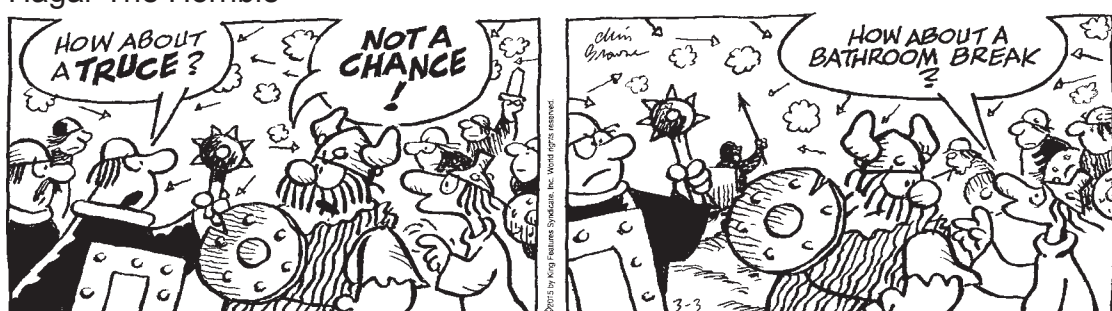
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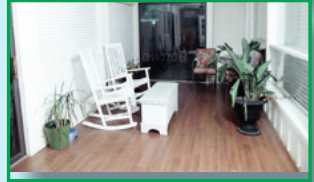
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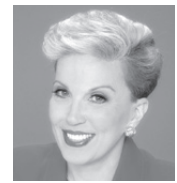


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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I teach at a fairly small school. My grade-level teaching team consists of five teachers who work closely together. During the last school year, one of my team members got engaged. This year, we've had a change of staff and now have a new member on our team. My colleague has not, and does not, plan to invite this new member to her wedding, although the rest of us are invited. The save-the-dates and shower invitations have all been hand-delivered at school, making it awkward for the person who has not been invited.

providing truthful advice to someone with sensitive feelings? My sister "Ella" is actively dating and doesn't seem to handle the rejection well. This leads her to ask a number of questions she wants me to be truthful about, yet when I answer honestly, she gets mad and sometimes starts to cry.

I feel it wasn't appropriate to include all but one of the team simply because she is new to the group. Am I correct in feeling that my colleague did not handle this appropriately? — FRUSTRATED IN THE FIRST GRADE

Now when Ella asks my opinion, I either tell her half-truths or avoid the situation altogether. I'm not mean when I say what I think, but I think she only wants to hear what she wants. How do I answer her questions without hurting her feelings yet be truthful? — TONGUE-TIED IN OHIO

DEAR TONGUE-TIED: You don't. Instead, you suggest that Ella seek information from someone "more qualified" — a psychologist. Because she has had one failed relationship after another, it would benefit her to talk to a therapist so she won't keep repeating the same mistakes she's making. Your sister may be attracted to the wrong kind of men, or so needy she chases men away. She may be more receptive to hearing what she needs to from a therapist than from you.

DEAR FRUSTRATED: A wedding is not a children's birthday party to which all the children must be invited if the invitations are handed out at school. While it would have been more diplomatic if the bride had mailed or emailed the invitations to her teammates, she was in no way obligated to invite someone with whom she hadn't worked.

DEAR ABBY: I have a man living with me as a boarder, paying weekly rent. He's a friend as well, but not a close one.

DEAR ABBY: How do you handle

I'm at a loss as to how to tell him he can't use my bath towels, washcloth, bar soap, toothpaste or hairbrush. I'm tempted to tape a list on the bathroom mirror saying, "Please do not use the following," then list the items I feel are too personal to share. I can't imagine how someone would think it's OK to use someone else's personal things. — GROSSED-OUT GUY IN THE SOUTH

DEAR GROSSED-OUT: The thing about silence is that it implies consent. Obviously, your boarder knows or cares nothing about boundaries. If you don't have the courage to tell him face-to-face that certain things are off-limits and what they are, then by all means tape a large sign to the bathroom mirror.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 1 Worker's reward
 - 6 Word separator
 - 11 German steel city
 - 12 Man-made fiber
 - 13 Active after illness
 - 15 Neptune's realm
 - 16 Make a choice
 - 17 Patriots' org.
 - 18 Concert bonuses
 - 20 "Sprechen — Deutsch?"
 - 21 Battleship letters
 - 22 Camera part
 - 23 Beach-combing site
 - 26 Uncovers
 - 27 Corrals
 - 28 Pop's wife
 - 29 Maximum amount
 - 30 Wrist bones
 - 34 Make knots
 - 35 Timetable abbr.
 - 36 Take to court
 - 37 Bound for fame
 - 40 "C'est —!"
- DOWN**
- 1 Get more out of
 - 2 Rockies resort
 - 3 Writer Asimov
 - 4 Capitol Bldg. figure
 - 5 Sign, as a check
 - 6 Classifies
 - 7 Old hand
 - 8 Four-time Indy 500 winner
 - 9 Put in a cell
 - 10 Eternal
 - 14 Big galoots
 - 19 For all of us
 - 22 Aladdin's find
 - 23 Cook's tool
 - 24 Rooftop landing spot
 - 25 Taking a sabbatical
 - 26 Takes a loan
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 - 32 Fencing move
 - 33 Rocker Bob
 - 38 Wee bite
 - 39 Got together

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Yesterday's Answer: RUNOFF, OVERDO, OKAYED, HIATUS, AVATAR

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Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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drink again of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.”

While they were eating, Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.”

In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, gave thanks and offered it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.” And they all drank from it. “I tell you the truth, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it anew with you in my Father’s kingdom.” (The Gospels Interwoven, Zarley)

Devotional: It was just the juice from some local grapes in an ordinary cup made of clay or wood, so what was the big deal? Both were common items found in almost every home. So what was so special about this cup, about this grape juice?

There were two suppers that night in the upper room. One was just an average meal such as Jesus had no doubt shared with His disciples many times before. They probably shared bread, nuts, fruit, some type of vegetable soup or stew in which to dip the bread and maybe even some fish. The evening meal was usually a very important event after a hard day’s work, but not this night.

The big deal was the “other supper.” The volume of the meal was tiny; the significance of it was incalculable.

Seeing the significance of it being the “last supper,” you would have thought that it would have been a longer and more drawn out, very intricate ceremony. But not so here. Barely three dozen words and two minutes later, the first half of the ceremony was over. He simply had the disciples pass a single cup around and each take a sip. It was hardly a ceremony that most would consider worthy for a King. Who in the world came up with a plan like this? The King did.

What made this cup and this grape juice so important? “This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.” All He asked of them was that every time they drank that juice in His honor that they remember what they were honoring: His blood that He shed so that sins could be forgiven.

And He asks the same of me too. “Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.” But how many times have I taken communion while my mind or heart wandered all over the place? How often have I been so focused on “ME” that communion was over before I had even given a moment’s thought to the symbol in the cup? Bottom line: Do I drink from the cup in a worthy manner or an unworthy one? (1 Cor. 11:25-28)

Prayer: Lord Jesus, I am positive that at times I have disrespected You and Your sacrifice as I drank the symbol of Your blood. I don’t know exactly how often and I don’t really want to know because I’m already ashamed. Lord, I want to be staring into Your eyes every time I drink from that cup. So, please, help me see Calvary when I sip. Make me blind to myself and my world. Transport me to Golgotha so that I may drink in a worthy manner. Amen.

Day 15 – Friday - bread
Scripture: Matthew 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-25;

Luke 22:17-20; 1 Corinthians 11:24-25

After taking the cup, he gave thanks and said, “Take this and divide it among you. For I tell you I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.”

While they were eating, Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.”

In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, gave thanks and offered it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.” And they all drank from it. “I tell you the truth, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it anew with you in my Father’s kingdom.” (The Gospels Interwoven, Zarley)

Devotional: In Jesus’ world it was the most common of all food items. No doubt some types of bread tasted better than others, but its main objective was to fill the belly for another day and stave off the hunger that showed up each morning with the sunrise. During Passover, the bread was flatter and denser, because it was to be unleavened like the bread of the Israelites when they exited Egypt (Ex. 12:34). It was normally the least expensive item on every dinner menu.

So with Him being the most valuable gift ever given by Yahweh to humanity, why did He select bread as a symbol of His sacrifice? Why not the most precious of meats or exotic fruits? Why something so “common”? There is the answer. Bread was something so common that everyone would have and be able to afford it. Something that was considered the primary food item essential for life.

His words were simple, “Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.” What could be easier than that? Get some bread, eat a piece and remember Him while eating it. Now who could struggle with that one?

I could and have. In fact, if God had struck me dead every time I didn’t remember Him while I was eating the bread during communion, He would have had to raise me from the dead more times than I would like to think. Why is it so hard to see Him on the cross and to keep my mind and heart there as I eat the bread? After all, it’s not as if I have to stay focused for hours. Why is concentration so hard during those few moments? What is so difficult about remembering His body on the cross? What could possibly be interfering with my focus? Hummmm? Better yet, who could be interfering with my concentration? Who would want to distract me from concentrating of the bodily sacrifice of the Lamb of God? Eureka! Satan.

In the words of my Savior, “Get behind me, Satan.” I pledge to “remember Him” as He commanded when I taste the bread of communion. I vow to remember that He gave His body for me, to redeem me from my sinful predicament. Lord, I WILL remember You.

Prayer: Thank You, Jesus, for not picking something full of taste for communion. Thank You for selecting something that makes it easy for us to focus on You and Calvary and Golgotha. But Lord, sometimes even with having just the right item to help me remember, I still wander in my mind and heart. On those occasions I dishonor You and I fail. Help me. Please, help me honor You. Help me taste the bread in a worthy manner. Amen.