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CASA, PRMC team up for annual balloon release observing child abuse

By LINDSEY TOMASCHIK
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CASA of the High Plains is teaming up with Pampa Regional Medical Center this year for its annual balloon release in observance of the end of Child Abuse Prevention month. The balloon release was not done last year due to a helium shortage, but the organization is proud to announce that it is back this year.

Executive director of CASA of the High Plains Janet Watts said the release is something done during child Abuse Prevention Month

to remind the community that this type of abuse exists and does take place even in the area. For the ceremony, one balloon is released for every victim in the eight counties covered. Usually, a white balloon is released in observance of any fatalities, and Watts is excited to announce there are no white balloons this year. She added that there will be 189 blue balloons released for victims of child abuse over the course of the last year.

Watts also said CASA is teaming up with the hospital for first time this year. She said the partnership

is beneficial because the hospital employees are front-line workers when it comes to these child abuse cases. Many times, these employees are the ones who contractually have to call CPS when they see these potential cases come into the emergency room. These employees have to legally do what's right by child, even in cases when it turns out not to be abuse.

CEO of Pampa Regional Medical Center Brad Morse feels that CASA is the agency that comes out and does a lot of work to make sure that child is taken care of through-

out court process in these abuse cases. He said that without the CASA advocates he and his hospital staff do not have means to give all the needed care for children.

Watts added that although it is hard to acknowledge these cases, it's important to educate the community that things like this do happen in the area. She also said she feels that a lot of these front-line workers don't get a lot of recognition for making the call, but it changes the course of the child's life, hopefully positively. Watts

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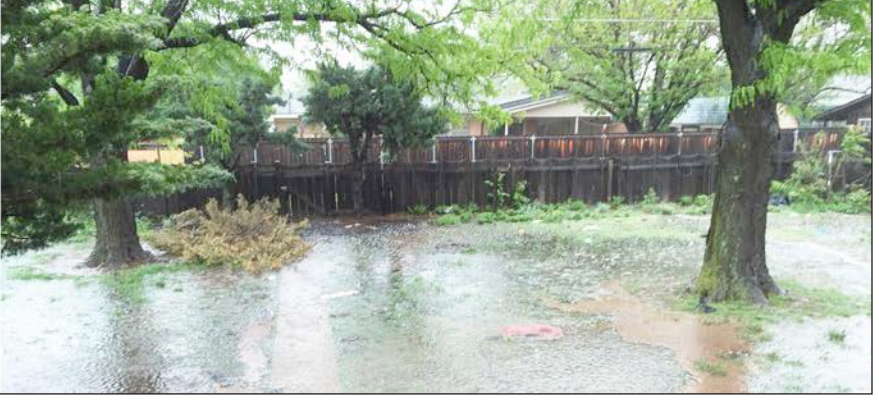
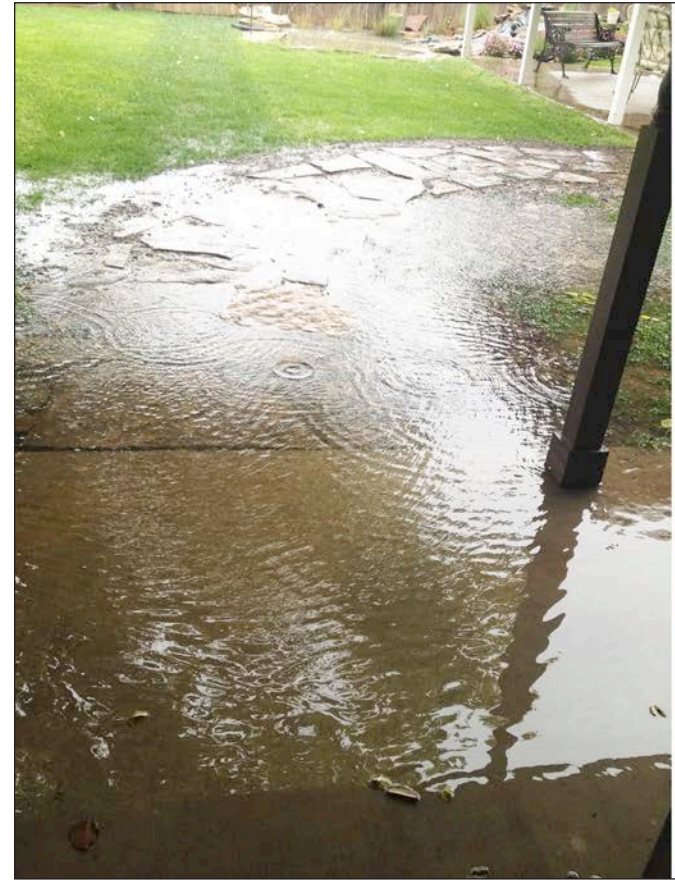


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Drought-busting rainfall



Left, Theresa Noble took this picture of her backyard at 11:40 in the morning Monday. Top, this is the Cook Street bridge that goes over Red Deer Creek. The creek is the one that flows through Central Park. Many of the benches and playground equipment were underwater Monday afternoon. Below, Zachary Green took this photo of his backyard at 1:30 p.m. during on Monday. Almost every inch of his backyard was under water. According to the KVII SchoolNet app at the Pampa ISD recording location, Pampa received 3.14 inches of rainfall by 2:30 p.m. According the RadarScope app Zachary Green uses Pampa has had between six and eight inches of rainfall. The doppler radar does have a tendency to over-estimate, but all-in-all it is a safe bet that Pampa saw between three and four inches of rain since it started raining on Sunday evening at 7 p.m.

Photos by Zachary Green and Theresa Noble

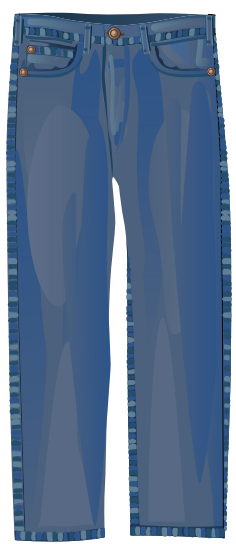
Wear Denim Day set for April 29

STAFF REPORT

Tralee Crisis Center is having its annual Denim Day in the fight against sexual assault on Wednesday, April 29.

Community members are encouraged to wear denim on that day in support of rape victims everywhere.

Why denim? In 1998, a teenage girl in Italy was raped by her driving instructor. The man was convicted but the case was overturned on an appeal because the girl wore very tight jeans, and it was assumed that she must have helped to remove them, therefore giving consent to have sex. The case made international headlines and the young woman's jeans became a symbol of awareness that what someone wears is never an excuse for rape.



Free Stronger Marriages Workshop coming to Pampa

■ Event starts at 8:30 a.m.
 May 23 at the Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ.

By ZACHARY GREEN
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The Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ is hosting a free Stronger Marriages Workshop at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 23.

The event will be held in their Fellowship Hall, unless the numbers reach above 100. At that point they will switch and have it in the auditorium. They ask that you please RSVP by May 15 for the food count. There is a free lunch provided as well as childcare provided at not charge for babies through fifth grade for those attending the seminar only.

"We are excited to host Trey and Lea Morgan from Childress. We are also excited



to be able to offer it to the community for free," youth minister Zac Green said. "Please RSVP with a count for your family as well as how many children will be coming with you and if anyone in your party has allergies."

Trey and Lea Morgan have been married for 26 years.

"Through lots of trial and error, my wife

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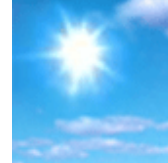
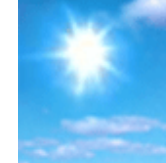
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Today: A 20 percent chance of showers. Mostly sunny, with a high near 61. North northeast wind 10 to 15 mph. Sunrise at 6:56 a.m.

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 41. Northeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming southwest after midnight. Sunset at 8:28 p.m.

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 70. West wind 5 to 10 mph becoming northeast in the afternoon. Sunrise at 6:55 a.m.

Wednesday night: Mostly clear, with a low around 44. East wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south after midnight. Sunset at 8:29 p.m.

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 73. South wind 10 to 15 mph. Sunrise at 6:54 a.m.

Thursday night: Mostly clear, with a low around 49. South wind around 15 mph. Sunset at 8:29 p.m.

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Balloon

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added that the first responders and CPS are important in that they are some of the first people to determine abuse.

“We want to recognize the work that all these parties do to change lives,” she said.

The balloon release will take place at 4 p.m. Thursday, April 30 in front of the hospital by the flag pole. All members of the community are welcome and encouraged to come out and help release balloons. There will be a few guest speakers present to talk some on the significance of the event as well.

Watts said although this is an important event, she would eventually like to work herself out of a job and one year for there not to be any balloons to be released.

CASA is a United way agency. Morse added they do such a good job and are a vital job to children of the community. He is a member of the United Way

Board and said CASA was chosen this year as the agency to give a new car.

“They (the advocates) have to take these kids all over, even outside of the panhandle and down to south Texas,” he said. “These advocates have to go and represent them and have been using their own cars. When asked, a reliable car is what they said they needed.”

The United Way board as a whole felt like this was the best thing to do this year, and the money for the car comes out of their Bellamy fund.

On behalf of CASA, Watts said she appreciates this new partnership between the organization and PRMC. She added that location to hold the event is one of the biggest things when planning it every year, as they generally look for a visible location. Watts also said this seemed like a natural partnership and that Morse has been more than willing to help out.

For more information on the balloon release, call 806-669-7638.

Marriage

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Lea and I, have survived 26 years of marriage. After dating for four years, we married when we were very young and didn't really have a clue what we were doing. While we were best friends, we were also two very different people. I was an extrovert while she was an introvert. I loved mornings while she was a night owl. She is organized, detailed and very tidy while I am a bit on the unorganized side, a little sloppy and don't care too much for details,” Trey Morgan said. “Taking two very different people and making them function together in marriage was not something that happened by accident. We became very proactive in our marriage. We attended lots of marriage seminars, marriage workshops, and read lots of books on how to build a strong marriage. One of the best things we discovered was to allow one another to be who God made us to be. Instead of spending all our time trying to “fix” or change the other, we started accepting one another for who God created us to be. While our marriage is not perfect, 26 years later it is very good.

“Personally we believe that strong churches and strong communities are made up of strong families ... and that starts with building strong marriages. Hollywood and our society share their beliefs about marriage, intimacy and sexuality every day via the

television, Facebook, movies, etc. We believe in telling God's side of the story on those subjects.”

Morgan and his wife do 12 to 14 marriage workshops every year.

“We are very blessed that God has opened the door to this little marriage ministry. We are thankful we are able to give positive biblical feedback on what God intended for healthy marriages. We will continue to minister through workshops and social media to help others build strong marriages,” said Morgan. “God has opened some amazing doors to our “Stronger Marriage Workshops” ministry. If you would be interested in following us on Facebook, you can find us at Facebook.com/StrongerMarriageWorkshops or we have a promo video on YouTube @ http://youtu.be/1ALDxwZdWSA and you can contact us at treymorgan@msn.com.”

Here is the schedule for the workshop.

- 8:30 a.m. - Registration.
- 9 a.m. - Total Myths about Marriage.
- 9:30 a.m. - How well do you know your spouse?
- 9:45 a.m. - Ten Things wives wished their husbands would do.
- 10:45 a.m. - Ten Things husbands wished their wives would do.
- Noon to 1 p.m. - LUNCH
- 1 p.m. - Don't bankrupt your marriage.
- 1:30 p.m. - Six ways to kill your marriage.
- 2:15 p.m. - Making your love life sizzle.
- 2:45 p.m - Questions and answers and homework.
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New Mexico lobbying to be storage site for nuclear waste

SANTA FE, N.M. (AP) — New Mexico is touting a rural area in the southeastern part of the state as an interim storage site for the country's high-level nuclear waste, according to a letter issued by Gov. Susana Martinez earlier this month.

The governor reached out to the Obama administration in a letter to Energy Secretary Ernest Moniz. In the April 10 letter, which was obtained by the Santa Fe New Mexican (http://bit.ly/1IcQb8z), Martinez urged officials to consider a 1,000-acre parcel as a place for storing spent radioactive fuel rods from power plants. Martinez also praised southeastern New Mexico residents for being able to “carve out a niche in the nuclear industry.”

“Time and time again, the citizens of southeastern New Mexico have impressed me with their hard work ethic and willingness to tackle national problems that many others consider to be unsolvable,” Martinez wrote.

Officials in Lea and Eddy counties are involved in the proposal. The site is about a mile north of US 62/180, halfway between Carlsbad and Hobbs. The Eddy-Lea Energy Alliance, a consortium of city and county governments, says the potential disposal ground could bring jobs and economic growth.

“You've got to recognize, we're not a Santa Fe, and we're not an Albuquerque that has a self-sustaining economy. We're out here in the hinterlands, and we need to find our own niches,” said John Heaton, a former state lawmaker and alliance chairman.

Others, however, have reservations about opening New Mexico to radioactive waste. Don Hancock, a waste expert with the Southwest Information and Research Center in Albuquerque, said towing volatile waste across the country could be problematic. With no plans for a permanent repository facility, a site in New Mexico could end up being the final destination for spent fuel. He also expressed concern that Martinez seems to be focused on just bolstering southeastern New Mexico.

“She certainly hasn't asked the people of the state what they think about it,” Hancock said.

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OBITUARIES

Marcia Kay Monahan Darby

Marcia Kay Monahan Darby, 76, of Amarillo and formerly of Pampa, died April 23, 2015, in Amarillo.



Marcia Kay Darby

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 28, 2015, at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in Pampa, with Rev. Mark Lang, rector, officiating. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Marcia was born Nov. 13, 1938, in Pampa and was a 1957 graduate of Pampa High School. She married John Darby on Nov. 23, 1960, in Pampa. Marcia was a longtime resident of Pampa before moving to Taos, N.M., and Amarillo where she had resided since 2007. She was the bookkeeper for Fatheree Insurance Agency in Pampa for more than 30 years. She was an active member of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church and the Altar Guild. Her grandchildren and great grandchildren affectionately called her "Mimi."

Survivors include her husband, John Darby of the home; three daughters, Mary Niccum and husband Gary

of Pampa, Ashlie Henderson and husband Donnie and Dona Murray and husband Robert, all of Hereford; a brother, Rod Monahan of Fort Worth; eight grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren; a dear cousin, Mary Jane Johnson and husband David of Amarillo; several nieces and nephews, including a special niece, Lisa Williamson and husband Jerald of Leonard, and special nephew, Randy Bruton of Garland; and her aunt, Jan Dosier of Enid, Okla.

Marcia was preceded in death by a sister, Karen Bruton and by three brothers, Walt, Kent and Carter Monahan.

Memorials may be made to St. Matthew's Episcopal Day School or Altar Guild, 727 W. Browning, Pampa, Texas 79065.

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

Bobbie Franklin "Bob" Joplin, Sr.

Bobbie Franklin "Bob" Joplin, Sr., 77, of Checotah, passed away Friday, April 24, 2015, at the Jack C. Montgomery VA Medical Center. Bob was born on July 12, 1937, in Lubbock the son of Archie and Genevieve (Roberts) Joplin. He graduated from Lubbock High School



Bobbie "Bob" Joplin, Sr.

in 1955. He enlisted in the United States Air Force. On May 14, 1971, Bob married Sharon Mae Fulton. They were happily married for 43 years. Bob worked as an insurance salesman most of his life. He moved to Eufaula in 1995 from Pampa. Bob loved to fish and hunt.

Survivors include: his wife, Sharon, of the home; his sons, Bobbie Joplin, Jr. of Woodward, Okla. and John Dan Joplin and wife Cecilia of Lubbock; his daughters, Teresa Ann Joplin of Lubbock and Rebeca Willette Joplin of Eufaula, Okla.; his brother, James Joplin and wife Suzie of Lubbock and his sister Shirley Vest and husband Dale also of Lubbock; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his parents.

A memorial service was held 10 a.m., Tuesday, April 28, 2015, at the Kelley Memorial Chapel with Minister Charlie Bailey officiating. Services were under the direction of Hunn, Black & Merritt Funeral Home & Crematory. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.hbmfuneralhome.com.

FOR the RECORD

Several arrested for DWI over the weekend

STAFF REPORT

• Christopher Antonio Perez, 18, Pampa, was arrested Friday by the Pampa Police Department for driving while intoxicated.

• Gregory Randall Edmondson, 35, Pampa, was arrested Friday by PPD for bond surrender — resisting arrest, search or transport.

• Dimas Gonzalez, Jr., 39, Las Cruces, N.M., was arrested Friday by the Gray County Sheriff's Office for motion to revoke probation — driving while intoxicated.

• Jose Carlos Cruz, 19, Pampa, was arrested Friday by PPD for driving while intoxicated.

• Manuel Palomares, 32, Pampa, was arrested Friday by PPD for public intoxication.

• Linda Darnell Hardy, 45, Pampa, was arrested Friday by PPD for forgery of a financial instrument — Grayson County.

• Jenifer Reina Bentley, 29, Pampa, was arrested Saturday by PPD for tam-

pered with or fabricating physical evidence, possession of a controlled substance — less than one gram.

• Heath Dwayne Kuhlmanek, 30, Amarillo, was arrested Saturday by PPD for unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon, tampering with or fabricating physical evidence.

• Eric Marvin Gray, 38, Pampa, was arrested Saturday by PPD for violation of a protective order.

• Tommy Walker Aberna-

thy, 30, Pampa, was arrested Saturday by GCSO for driving while intoxicated.

• Debra Lynn Cardenas, 50, Raton, N.M., was arrested Saturday by GCSO for driving in the wrong lane.

• James Lee Middleton, 39, Pampa, was arrested Saturday by the Department of Public Safety for possession of a controlled substance — less than one gram.

• Taylor Raydan Combs, 25, Pampa, was arrested

Saturday by PPD for public intoxication.

• Elvin Luna Tinajero, 20, Pampa, was arrested Saturday by DPS for driving while intoxicated.

• Brittany Nicole Williams, 23, Pampa, was arrested Sunday by GCSO for theft of property — between \$20 and \$500.

• Raydan Taylor Combs, 25, Pampa, was arrested Sunday by GCSO for public intoxication.

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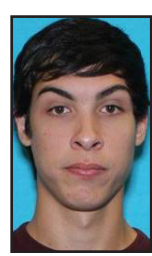
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Jeffrey Phillip Paige

Jeffery Phillip Paige, 24, to the Texas 10 Most Wanted Sex Offenders list, and a cash reward up to \$5,000 is now being offered for information leading to his capture. Hood County Crime Stoppers is also offering an additional reward for Paige's arrest and indictment. Paige, a violent sex offender, is wanted for failure to register as a sex offender and probation violation. All tips are guaranteed to be anonymous.

Paige has ties to the Granbury, Dallas, Fort Worth and San Antonio areas, and he has been known to work in the restaurant industry. His criminal history includes aggravated sexual assault of a child and burglary of a vehicle.

Paige is 6 feet tall and weighs approximately 150 pounds. For more information or updates in the event of his arrest, see his wanted bulletin at: <http://dps.texas.gov/Texas10MostWanted/SexOffenderDetails.aspx?id=286>. For more information regarding the Hood County Crime Stoppers reward, see <http://www.co.hood.tx.us/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/1838>.

Texas Crime Stoppers, which is funded by the Governor's Criminal Justice Division, offers cash

rewards to any person who provides information that leads to the arrest of one of the Texas 10 Most Wanted fugitives or sex offenders.

To be eligible for the cash rewards, there are five different ways to provide anonymous tips:

• Call the Crime Stoppers hotline at 1-800-252-TIPS (8477).

• Text the letters DPS — followed by your tip — to 274637 (CRIMES) from your cell phone.

• Submit a web tip through the DPS website by selecting the fugitive you have information about, and then clicking on the link under their picture.

• Submit a Facebook tip at <http://www.facebook.com/texas10mostwanted> by clicking the "SUBMIT A TIP" link (under the "About" section).

Submit a tip through the DPS Mobile App. The app is currently available for iPhone users on the Apple App Store: (<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/texas-dps/id902092368?mt=8>) and for Android users on Google Play: (<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.microassist.texasdps&hl=en>).

All tips are anonymous — regardless of how they are submitted.

DPS investigators work with local law enforcement agencies to select fugitives for the Texas 10 Most Wanted Fugitive and Sex Offender lists. You can find the current lists — with photos — on the DPS website at <http://www.dps.texas.gov/texas10mostwanted/>.

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Prairie Plains Perspective Decrepit Donut Rangers corner perp!

Ladies and gentlemen, the story you are about to read is true. The names have been changed to protect the innocent.



DENNIS PALMIER

This is the city: Pampa. I live here. I'm a donut eater. A crime did occur. 'Twas in the Harvester Donut shop. Yes, the police were called. The crime was in a donut shop. At around 8 o'clock last Thursday morning a desperate young man harboring a minor league felonious attitude entered Harvester Donuts. After casing the customers for faster feet than his, he confidently returned to the front counter and filched those gracious and hard working ladies tip jar! To the displeasure and screams of the women the perp of course, books it out of the place. All the ruckus going on up front gets the attention of the now three

famous on a local level, Decrepit Donut Rangers who to a man, tear off after the desperado, not on their feet, but in their trucks.

The Decrepit Donut Rangers are three senior (I'm talking really, really, really senior) citizens having various assorted joint replacements, dunlap diseased pot bellies, one can't hear, two have bad backs and all three are blind; I mean they indeed are, a decrepit lot. However, having one foot over the banana peel, the other over their graves hasn't prevented them most mornings from enjoying fresh delicious donuts, hot coffee, the latest gossip or the need to chase down in their trucks, bad guys. During his casing, had the filcher noticed the unusual bulges protruding from under shirts and out of waists, perhaps seeing such would have registered and brought him to his senses? Then again...

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Rangers might be? Why, they are none other than *Hipshot Percussion, Rick O'Shay and Quayt Burp. Remember folks, names have been changed to protect the innocent.

About five minutes after the fact I walked in and ordered my usual tasty treat. Like the old horse out to pasture that I am, instinctively I reached over to put my change in the tip jar, except there was no tip jar and my intended gratuity chinked in all directions atop the counter. Odd I thought, what happened to the gold fish bowl tip jar?

The lady picked up the change, smiled and I sauntered off to enjoy my repast with hopes of opining my two sometimes three cents worth in curing the world of it's ills. Once at my table I notice regulars *Cap'n Ball and Deuces Wyld along with Harvester Donut's proprietor bent over the

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BY CLEO MEAKER
Pampa Resident

According to a March 30, 2015, Amarillo Globe-News story, many of our Texas state legislators are very concerned with the ever increasing "local" debt in Texas. State Representative Dan Flynn of Van in East Texas, said voters everywhere need to know not only the amounts their cities, school boards, hospital districts or other entities ask them to authorize, but, also the interest rates and terms. He stated "we want to make sure we are not mortgaging our children's and grand children's future." State Representative Bryan Hughes, a member of the budget writing House Appropriations Committee said he agrees. Two House bills, 114 and 1378, have been filed that would allow voters to see what they are voting for and how the debt would impact the, their children and their grand children. In other words, they want more transparency.

The U.S. Census Bureau, as recently as 2013, said local per capita debt in Texas, was \$8,431 per person, second only to New York State.

There are many more facts dealing with the proposed PISD bond issue than the face value of the bond itself which is \$30,400,000! The interest rate on this bond is supposed to be around 4.5 percent yielding \$22,033,800 in interest for the bond company.

This new 2015, PISD proposed bond would be scheduled to retire in 2041. With interest added to the face value of the bond, it would total \$52,433,800 in debt obligation.

Currently, the outstanding debt of the PISD is

\$46,265,000. This forty-six million two hundred sixty-five thousand debt is the principal amount from the 2007, Pampa, Junior High bond issue. That bond accrued, at interest rate of 4.5 percent or \$29,314,197 interest.

That when added to the face value principal of the P.J.H. bond totals \$75,579,197. This bond is scheduled to be retired in 2037. If the new \$30.4 million is passed, property taxes will increase \$1.50 per \$100 valuation.

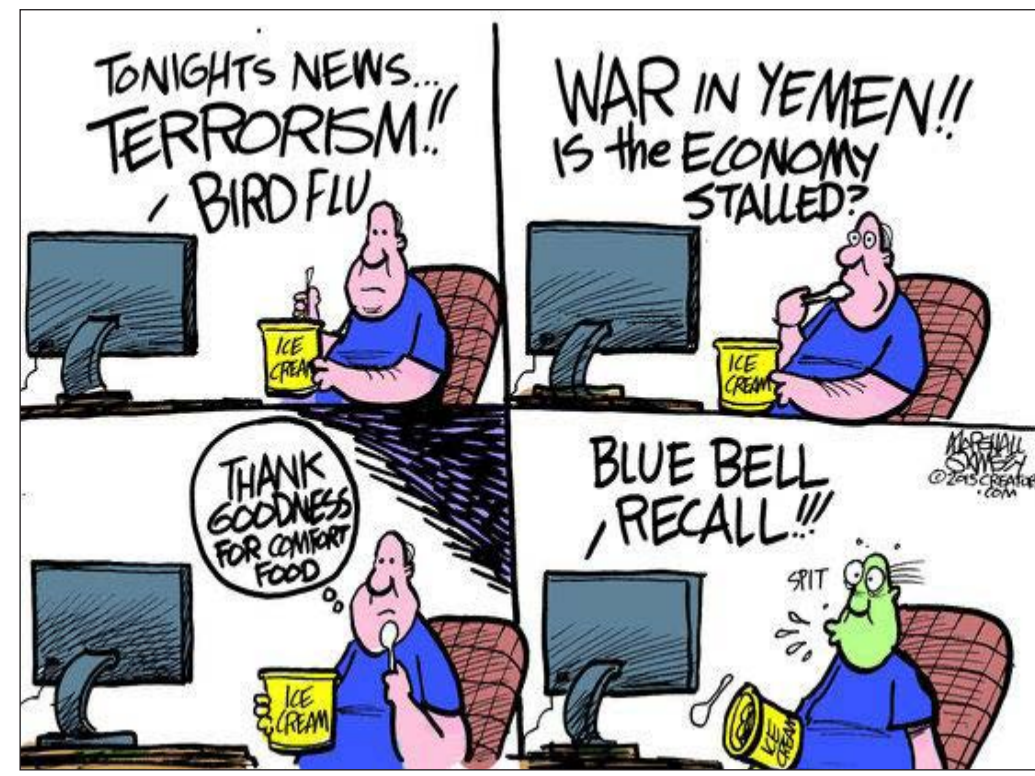
The present outstanding PISD debt principal of \$46,265,000 combined with the newly proposed bond of \$30,400,000 principal would be a combined debt principal of \$76,665,000.

These figures do not include the interest on either bond. When the total debt of the 2007, bond and the proposed 2015 debt are combined, the total outstanding (unpaid) debt obligation of Pampa Independent School District will total \$128,012,997, (one-hundred twenty-eight million, twelve thousand, nine hundred ninety-seven dollars).

It should now be obvious that there is a good deal more to a bond issue than the face value. These facts and figures are for all intents and purposes, correct and ir-refutable since the figures came from the PISD Business Office.

This presentation of facts is not intended to persuade a vote one way or another but, simply to inform. Now that most pertinent financial facts regarding the PISD bond issue are known, please make a decision either way and please vote.

YOUR VOTE DOES COUNT!
Respectfully,
J. Cleo Meaker



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Just a Thought Where will you be when the games begin?

There was a "Wall of Shame" just outside the entry to the Olympic stadium in Olympia, Greece. But let me come back to this.



RICK KRAFT

On a tour through Greece, my wife and I had the opportunity to visit ancient Olympia where the Olympic games started. It is still the location where the flame is lit for the modern Olympics every two years. Once lit, the flame travels to the city where the Olympic games are being held. We were on a Rick Steves tour and our guide Niki Vlachou did a great job of sharing details on Olympia and its history.

The Olympics played a significant role in Greek history and continue to play a role world wide still today. We had the chance to tour the museum next to the Olympic site and then to walk through the ruins, imagining them in their splendor some 2700 years ago!

The Olympics originated in 776 BC with a single event: men's sprinting. From then the events grew to thirteen events that included competing contests in armor, discus, javelin, boxing, wrestling, and long jump. Eventually the games grew to five days of competition.

The events were held every four years and were dedicated to the twelve Olympic Gods including honoring Zeus, the game's patron. The 40 foot high statue of Zeus sitting on a

golden throne that was in the Temple of Zeus on the Olympic grounds is one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. Although at least three other Greek cities hosted athletic competitions, Olympia was the first, the biggest, and the most prestigious.

Greeks believed that training the body was as important as training the mind. Greeks worshiped the body and sports was a big part of every boy's education. Further, athletic training doubled as military training. So most towns had a gymnasium (a Greek term that we have adopted). Interesting enough, back in the day, Greek years were measured by the games. Greeks would say "in the year of so and so," (the individual who was the victor of the games). Four years later they would start over with the next victor.

On the trip through Greece we learned about Greek history. It seems that they were always fighting. If they were not fighting against an outside foe, they would be fighting each other. Although Greeks had the same language and the same Gods, they still couldn't get along.

The Olympic games served a political purpose to try to unify the Greeks. They were designed to develop a Panhellenic ("all Greek") identity among scattered city-states. The Greeks believed that competition was good. The Olympics allowed competition between Greeks without the death and injuries that war brings. Every four years, wars between

bickering neighbors were halted and a one month "sacred truce" would be called so the fans could travel safely to Olympia.

The games grew to where Greeks from all corners would come together in Olympia including many second and third generation Greeks who had grown up in Italy, France, and Africa. Olympia was geographically central and during the competitions was the symbolic center of Greece. Every four years about 40,000 men would come to Olympia for the event.

The Greek male athletes would begin training in childhood with special diets and training regiments. The athletes would gather in advance of the competition in Olympia and train for one month to practice and size up the competition. Each athlete would have his own personal masseuse. The victors received an olive wreath and the glory and recognition of a demigod that their hometown would bestow upon them. Their return home would be a major celebration. Some victors would be given free food for life.

The athletes participated nude in front of men, boys, and girls. All women were excluded except one. The priestess of the goddess Demeter, Chamyne, was able to sit off by herself and watch the competition. Greek myth has it that the Greek goddess of victory, Nike, would crown the winner. A statue of her is in the museum in Olympia. Nike was on each of the medals that was

given to the victors in the 2004 Olympics hosted by Athens.

In 146 BC the Romans, who had conquered the Greeks, took control of the games and non-Greeks were then able to participate. The games continued until 393 AD when Christian Emperor Theodosius I forbade the games to continue. By this time Christianity had become recognized as the Roman religion.

The games were ended in 393 AD, the temples were set ablaze in 426 AD, and then earthquakes in 522 and 551 AD further destroyed the location. The Alfeios River began to cover the site in 600 AD and soon the original Olympic location was buried 25 feet underground. Not until 1875 did Germans begin to excavate the site that we can now enjoy.

In 1896, the Olympics were revived by Frenchman Baron Pierre de Coubertin and held in Athens. The modern Olympics have been held every four years since (except during the two world wars) and winter Olympics have been added.

I stood where the Olympic flame is lit. I walked through the tunnel (now open air) where the athletes walked when they competed. I ran on the original competition field, and I positioned myself for a sprint from the starting line, now over 2700 years old, where the running events began.

So for 1169 years and 293 competitions, the

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eatery's security system video monitor and hear from Cap'n, "That's him!" "What's going on?" I of inquiring mind asked. Cap'n and Deuces first explain they stayed behind to "protect" the Decrepit Donut Rangers donuts, then proceeded to tell me the above crime story.

As the perp's lam went, he got as far as a no ac-

count video game room over on Alcock, where a vigilant Quayt Burp noticed the thief "casually" enter the building. (Must of had a gambling debt?) Using his cell phone, Quayt beckoned his two other decrepit posse members and wham bam thank you ma'am they had all entrances and exits of the gambling hall surrounded, where moments later the police went inside and quickly apprehended the winded suspect.

Quyat later told us

he overheard the hapless heister while being led to the patrol car in handcuffs shout "I can't go to jail! Take me to The Pavilion!" Perhaps a fitting defense at trial, but in reality the young man is lucky he wasn't shot! His crime; after some rather thoughtful, deep and careful perusing over donuts and coffee, occurred not in some ordinary business. 'Twas in a donut shop. Therefore and rightly so, an automatic life sentence without the possibility

of parole and certainly no donuts during such a sentence should be the jury's verdict!

In as much seriousness that I can muster, this crime episode is a testament to three level headed, albeit decrepit senior citizens burdened with some age issue defects who, upon witnessing a crime, without any forethought to their donuts and coffee getting cold, decided to take action. With leaded feet on the accelerators of their big fast trucks,

they were able to chase down and corner a fleet footed robbery suspect. Most importantly, for all you liberal fear mongers out there, they left their legally concealed pistols in their holsters.

A crime was committed. The crook was caught. The gold fish bowl tip jar and stolen cash recovered. Crime doesn't pay. No one was hurt. Life goes on. Hypotheses don't matter. End of true story.

*Hipshot Percussion, Rick O'Shay, Quayt

Burp, Cap'n Ball and Deuces Wylde are characters taken from the western comic strip Rick O'Shay, created by the late Stan Lynde in 1958 and ended in 1981.

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Olympic spirit was held in Olympia. And from this spirit come men and women across the world today who dedicate their lives seeking to be the best in their event.

Although the Greek Olympic events were about athletic glory and shared humanity, the core of the events were about honor.

But let me get back to my opening comment. Just to the left of the tunnel that led to the field of competition, was the "Wall of Shame" or the "Cheater Statues." The last thing

the competitors saw when they entered the tunnel were sixteen pedestals with statues of Zeus. They were paid for by fines levied on cheaters, whose names and ill deeds were inscribed in the bases.

As people entered the stadium, they would spit on the statues. Violations included doping (using forbidden herbs), bribing opponents, failing to train in advance, or quitting out of cowardance. Drinking animal blood (the Red Bull of the day!) was forbidden. Official urine tasters tested for this ancient equivalent of steroids.

So the victor would be treated as a demigod and cheaters would be banned from the games and have

their name carved into a rock base right by the entrance to be spit upon by those who walked by.

The ancient Olympic games began as a competition of men with integrity and ended as a pagan event having lost its honor. What began with noble competition ended with Romans rigging the games and in 67 AD Emperor Nero even unilaterally declared himself the victor.

My challenge to you is to learn from the spirit of the original Olympic games. The games separated those with integrity from those who lacked it. The games were more than just a competition on the field. They were designed to encourage a way of

life...a life of integrity and ethics. A life of fair play. A life of unity with others.

Don't live a life that causes you to end up on a Wall of Shame, but live a life of honor and integrity. You control this. Your choices become habits and your habits in turn impact every choice of life that you make.

Now walk past the Wall of Shame, through the tunnel and onto the playing field of life and let the games begin...

Just a thought...

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Area Support Groups

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

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

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

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

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

■ **Alcoholics Anonymous** Open Door

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

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

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

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

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

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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. **Free estate planning workshop coming to Pampa**

CLA Estate Services is hosting a free Estate Planning Workshop Tuesday, March 31 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at The Plaza Restaurant located at 1201 N. Hobart St. in Pampa. The workshop will provide valuable information for seniors on securing one's estate and retirement planning. Guests will receive a workbook and gain useful information on: pros and cons of wills and trusts; how to avoid probate; long term health care concerns; and tax reduction planning. Please call 1-866-252-8721 to RSVP.

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 quil-

ters 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

NO MEETING ON APRIL 29

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.

April 2015 DSHS Immunization Clinic

The April 2015 Department of State Health Services Immunization Clinic Schedule has been announced. All six clinics will be at 121 S. Gillespie from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 3:30 p.m. Each time-frame is for the first 10 clients.

The clinics will be on April 1, April 2, April 8, April 15, April 21 and April 22.

There is one available in McLean from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on April 14 at the Lovett Library located at 302 N. Main.

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

Quails Forever meetings

Quails Forever is a new chapter in Pampa. This club meets on the first Tuesday of every month in the main building of Clarendon College Pampa Center. The group focuses on habitat and conservation projects for quails. The goal is to get community members and volunteers interested in creating conservation habitat areas for quail to increase the animal's population and furthermore to improve the environment.

Gospel Pickin' and Grinnin'

First United Methodist Church, located at 201 E. Foster, holds their weekly Gospel Pickin' and Grinnin' at 6 p.m. every Friday. Everyone is welcome to come out and bring their instruments or their voice. For more information on this weekly event, call Jerry Lister at 806-676-0711 or the church at 86-665-7411.

Lovett Memorial Library

Free Spanish classes will be offered every Thursday from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Lovett Memorial Library is located at 111 N. Houston St. and can be reached 806-669-5780.

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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 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.

The clothing room is open on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

The church will be hosting a Marriage Seminar "Strong Marriage Workshops," with Trey and Lea Morgan, of Childress, on May 23 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

There will be a free lunch as well as childcare provided. To pre-register, email mehyouth@gmail.com

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

For more information call 806-665-0031.

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.

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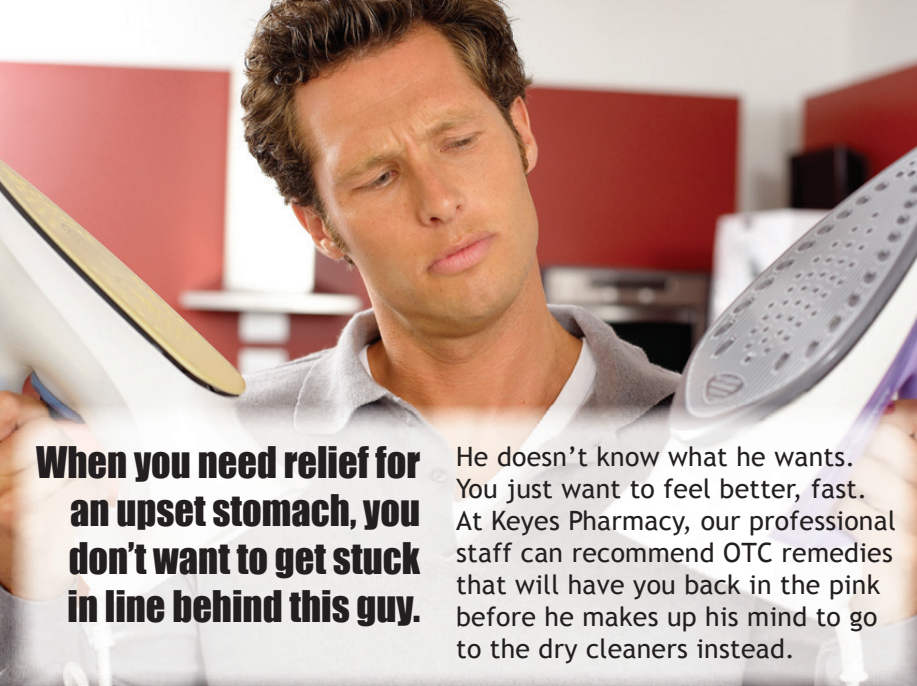


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Recent Gray County 4-H competitions



Submitted by Gray County 4-H
 Top photo, Gray County 4-H Red Sparklers Duds to Dazzle team placed third at the First Annual District 1 4-H Duds to Dazzle contest in Amarillo. Pictured are Tony Soria, Lorelei Williamson, Emily Robertson and Savannah Sellers. Middle photo, Gray County competed at the District 1 4-H Duds to Dazzle contest in Amarillo. Pictured are Lizzy Devoll, Savannah Sellers, Emily Robertson, Lorelei Williamson, Keely Williamson, Jacee Sellers, Brycen Epperson and Tony Soria. Bottom photo, Gray County 4-H is proud to partner with Pampa's Tractor Supply Co. during the 4-H Paper Clover Campaign running April 22 to May 3.

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House of Cheer wins at recent competition



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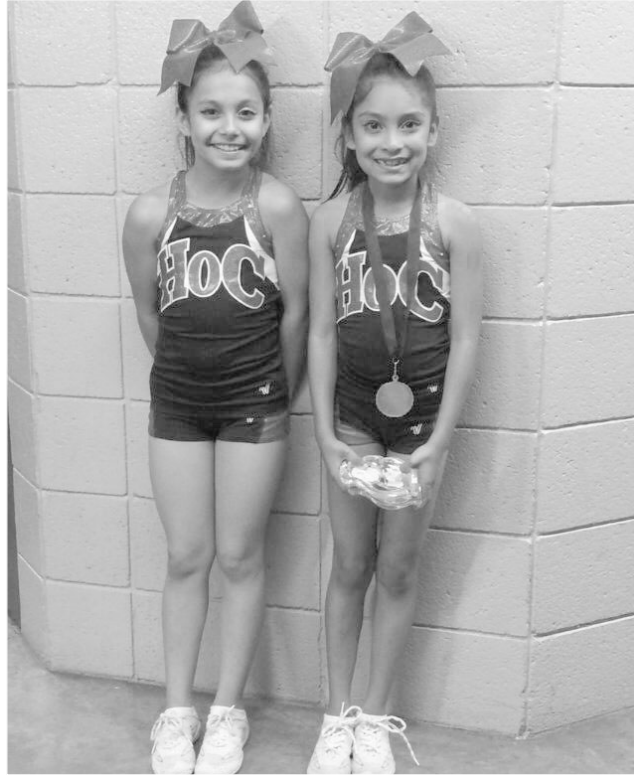
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House of Cheer recently competed in their final competition of the season in Oklahoma City. The level one squad earned a first place trophy. Members of the level one squad include: Analyssa Rios, Abbi Crain, Yahaira Zamudio, Juli Anna Silva, Aaliyah Nickleberry, Heiley Guerra, Alex Rios And Shyla Winegart. Our level two's competed in various individual and small group competition. Competing in the Best Cheerleader Level 2 division was Abbi Crain, top left photo. She earned a third place trophy. Competing in the Best Cheerleader Duo, top right photo, was Yahaira Zamudio and Eliana D'jesus. They earned the Second Place trophy. Competing in the Best Stunt Group level 3, bottom left photo, was Abigail Ramirez, Analyssa Rios, Yahaira Zamudio, Destiny Porter and (not pictured) Natalie Silva. They earned the second place trophy. Competing in the Best Tumbling Division was Abigail Ramirez, Yahaira Zamudio And Eliana D'jesus. Competing in the Best Jump Division was Abigail Ramirez, bottom right photo. House of cheer is working out of the gym at First Christian Church and is now accepting students for our upcoming season. House of Cheer is coached by Kathey Rice and Karami Rice.

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State FFA Livestock and Land Judging



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Left photo, State Livestock Judging team members Molly Manhart, Paden Watson, Marlee Youree and Cason Troxell. Right photo State Land Judging team members, Shay Burnett, Jacey Montgomery, Jordan Moore, Justin Beck and Thurston Selby.

Edward Jones Ranks No. 4 on "Best Companies to Work for in Texas" 2015 List

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The financial services firm Edward Jones recently was named the No. 4 large company on the Best Companies to Work for in Texas ranking, according to Keith Demetriades, Duane Harp, Tom Reynolds, and Ben Watson in Pampa. Texas Monthly magazine teamed up with the Best Companies Group of Harrisburg, Pa., and local partner - Texas Association of Business - to rank the state's best employers. 100 companies were named Best Companies to Work for in Texas for 2015, divided into 25 large companies, 32 medium-sized companies and 43 small companies by the number of people they employ in Texas.

an anonymous survey of associates, who were asked to agree or disagree with dozens of statements about the firm, teamwork and their individual experience at the firm. For 11 consecutive years, Edward Jones has ranked in the top 10 Best Companies to Work for in Texas. Edward Jones has 1,200 branch offices all over Texas. The firm is growing, adding branches and seeking new financial advisors who are interested in operating an entrepreneurial office with the support and benefits of one of the oldest and largest firms in the industry.

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PAMPA Sports

PAMPA TRACK TEAMS HAVE SUCCESS AT AREA MEET LAST FRIDAY AT WTAMU



Submitted photos
 Top left, Ayriel Coleman got second in the triple jump. Top right, Bryson Burrell and Rayna Wall with their medal. Rayna was third in the high jump. Above left, Bryson Burrell placed fourth in the long jump. Above right, Cheyenne Williams placed first in the shot put and discus. Left, Lauren Pingel was first in the seated shot put. Below left, Megan Brock just missed going to regionals by placing fifth in the pole vault. Congratulations to all of these athletes and best of luck as you compete in the regionals.

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Pampa track sends 11 to regionals in Lubbock Friday

By ZACHARY GREEN
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It was a really windy day at West Texas A&M University in Canyon for the Area track meet last Friday. Those athletes that finished in the top four at Area will move on to regionals this weekend May 1 and 2 in Lubbock.

Ayriel Coleman placed second in the triple jump with a jump of 35 feet, one and one fourth inches.

Rayna Wall placed third in the high jump with a jump of 4'10."

Cheyenne Williams placed first in the shot put and discus. Her shot put was 40'11.75." Her throw for discus was 123'4.5."

Shandaisa Captain came in seventh in the shot with a throw of 31'11." Megan Brock, Kirstin Hood, Ayriel Coleman and Rayna Wall placed fourth in the 4x200 meter relay with a time of 1:51.3.

Madison Young came in sixth in the 800 meter run with a time of 2:37. Megan Brock was fifth in the pole vault with a vault of 9.'

Lauren Pingel took first in the seated shot with a throw of 7'3."

Megan Brock, Ayriel Coleman, Madison Young and Rayna Wall came in fifth in the 4x400 meter relay. Their time was 4:25.9.

Girls headed to regionals: Ayriel Coleman in the triple jump and 800 relay. Rayna Wall in the high jump and 800 relay. Cheyenne Williams

in the shot put and discus. Megan Brock and Kirstin Hood in the 800 relay.

Lauren Pingel in the seated shot put.

Boys track

Justice Murray, Jordan Baker, Bryce Parker and Brendan Ponce came in fourth in the 4x100 meter relay with a time of 44.55.

Brendan Ponce came in fourth in the 400 meter run with a time of 52.81.

Bryson Burrell came in fourth in the long jump with a jump of 20'8."

Brody Gilbert had a shot put throw of 12'9." His wheelchair times were 37.86 for the 100 meter and 3:00.87 for the 400 meter.

Chance Douglas, Jordan Baker, Bryce Parker and Rosadio Calderon came in fifth in the 4x200 meter relay with a time of 1:34.86.

Bryce Parker, Brendan Ponce, Zack Gates and Rosadio Calderon came in sixth in the 4x400 meter relay with a time of 3:34.64.

Boys headed to regionals: Justice Murray in the 400 relay. Jordan Baker in the 400 relay. Brendan Ponce in the 400 relay and 400 meter run. Brody Gilbert in the seated shot, 100 meter wheelchair and 400 meter wheelchair. Bryson Burrell in the long jump.

Congratulations to all of the track athletes on a great season so far and best of luck to those at regionals as they try to advance to state!



Submitted photo

Rayna Wall placed third in the high jump.

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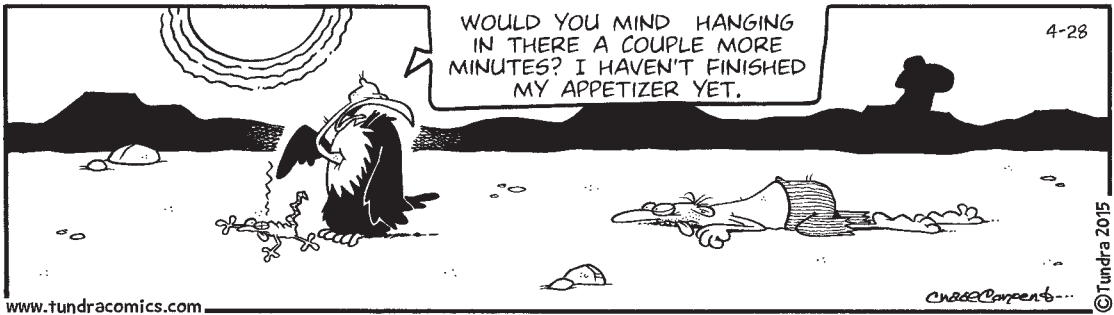


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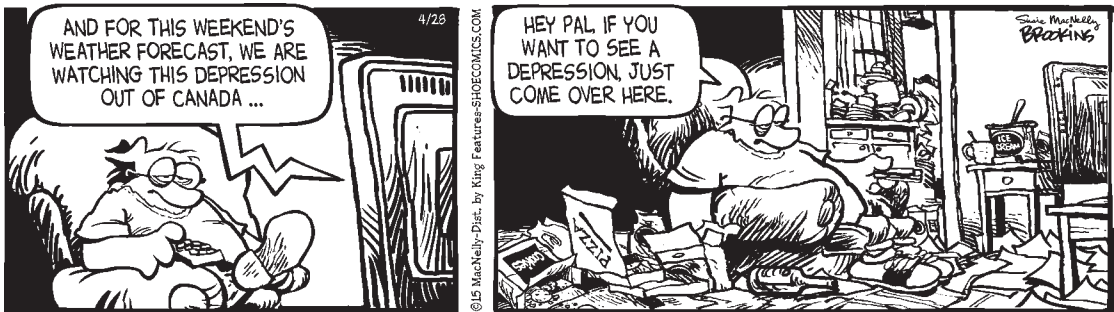
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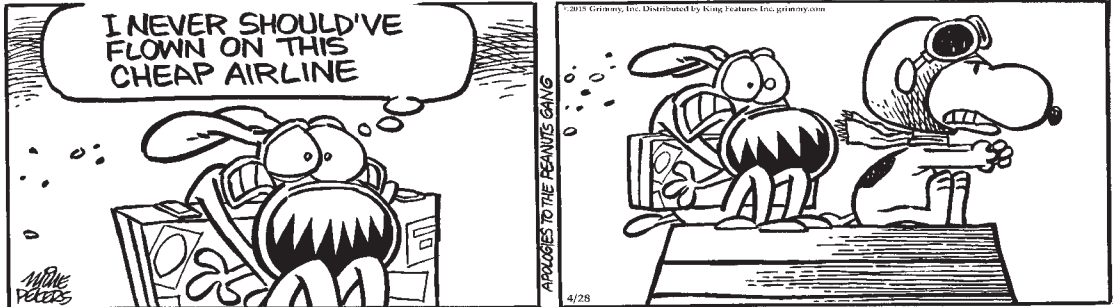
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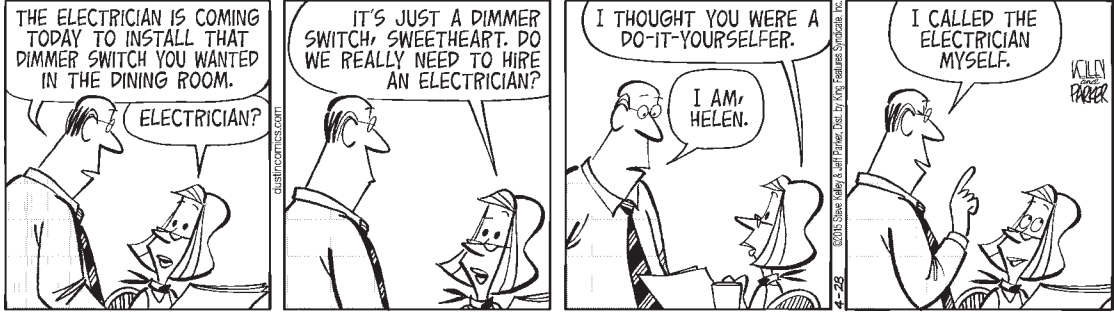
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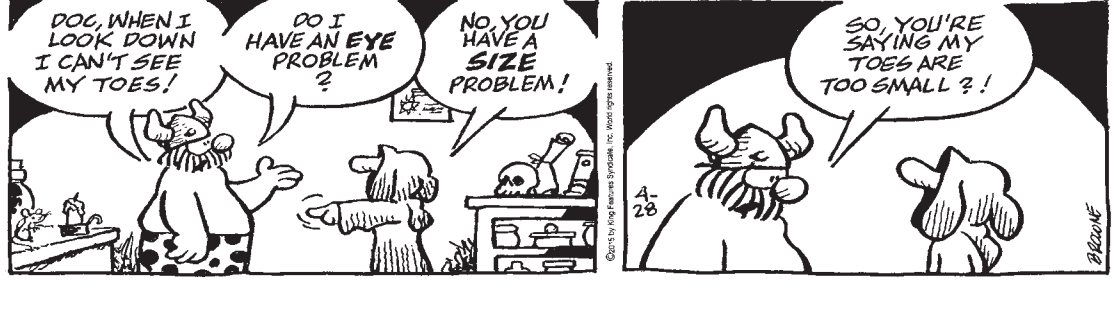
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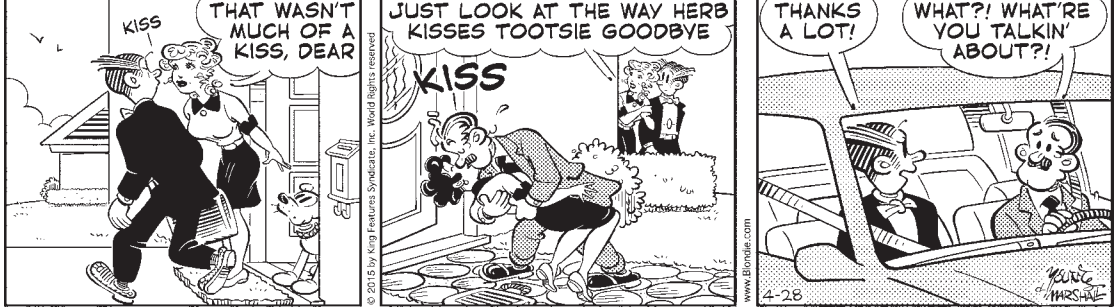
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DAILY Horoscope

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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)

★★★ Generally your communication excels, but when others remain nonresponsive, you can get very upset. What you choose to do is likely to shake up the status quo, but it might not draw the response you desire. Tempers suddenly could flare up. Tonight: You need to relax a little.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ A caring gesture will warm up emotional waters. You can be direct as long as you are nonjudgmental and exhibit depth and caring. A friendship will allow you to spread your wings and understand others better. Let your fun side emerge. Tonight: Enjoy every moment.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Listen to a loved one before you make a decision. Someone might be whispering gossip in your ear rather than facts. Go directly to the source. Remain on top of what you need to do. Express your feelings in a way in which they can be heard. Tonight: Respond to a friend.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ You could be past the point of no return. Your ability to have a discussion despite someone's manipulation and some excess anger might surprise even you. You tend to understand this person better than he or she understands him- or herself. Tonight: Say little for now.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Much is happening behind the scenes. The less you say, the more information you will get. Someone who cares a lot about you might not be able to express it. Be kind to this person, as you don't get friends

like this very often. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Someone you need to answer to or who can cause commotion in your life could be quite enthralled with what you are doing. This person might be unwilling to share his or her thoughts. Pressure builds around a decision to break past barriers. Tonight: The world is your oyster.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ You might not realize how important you are to someone. As a result, you could feel left out. Make a call to a loved one and have a long-overdue discussion. Be aware that communication is off right now. Proceed with care. Tonight: Be more forthright.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Your understanding of others easily could pay off. A friend will seem calculating and cool, but he or she could be quite emotional. You'll see through this person's defenses, but you might choose to not let him or her know. Tonight: Buy a token of affection for a loved one.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ You could feel as if a boss or an associate tends to be overbearing. You might want to run away. Perhaps a discussion at a later date would be appropriate. A family member, who likely will have good intentions, could make the situation worse. Tonight: In charge.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

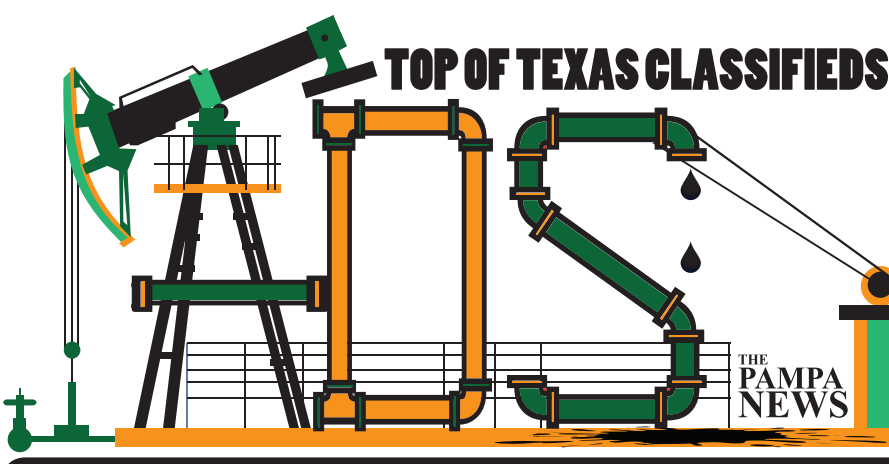
★★★ Reach out to someone you care about. Your ability to make a difference will take you down a new path. You could see a situation in a totally different light as a result. Be careful not to be too distracted. Tonight: Listen to an option that you have not yet thought of.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ You might feel as if a partner is too controlling about a financial matter. Be careful if you are unhappy, as you are likely to do whatever it takes to stop overthinking the issue. A family member encourages you to spend. Ask yourself why. Tonight: Follow someone else's lead.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Your emotional mood could evoke a strong reaction from someone who is often too much in his or her own head. Bypass this person and get to the root of the problem. You might not be able to clear the air immediately, but you will soon. Tonight: Visit with a friend.



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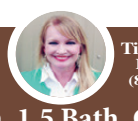
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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: IF YOU CAN SEE THINGS OUT OF WHACK, THEN YOU CAN SEE HOW THINGS CAN BE IN WHACK. — THEODOR SEUSS GEISEL

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Level: Beginner

Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I have been married twice. My first marriage lasted 20 years, the second one about four years.

During my first marriage, I started cheating seven months after our wedding. My wife knew about some of the affairs and stuck with me anyway. I finally felt so guilty for hurting her emotionally, I called it quits and married the last woman I cheated on her with.

My second marriage was in many ways better. I was able to remain faithful for more than three years before cheating again. I feel terrible that I have hurt another woman I loved, but I have now fallen in love with the woman I'm cheating with.

It's like I'm in a perpetual cycle and don't know how to stop. I want this relationship to be my last one. I want to remain faithful and committed, but I'm scared to death I'll end up cheating on her and let us both down.

I'm not proud of how I treated my exes, but I can't change the past. How do I change this pattern of behavior so I can be a faithful and devoted partner? — CHEATER IN MICHIGAN

DEAR CHEATER: I respect you for recognizing you have established a pattern and admitting it. The most effective way to break a "perpetual cycle" would be to understand exactly what has driven it. I don't think this is something you can or should do on your own. That's why I recommend you schedule some sessions with a licensed mental health professional before making another trip to the altar.

DEAR ABBY: Is there a rule of etiquette regarding Christmas presents at this point in the year? I have boxes full of gifts for some friends and their children. These friends live no more than 30 minutes away, but have canceled every plan

we have made since the middle of November. They know I have the gifts, and I've asked them to stop and get them out of my home, even if they don't have time to come in and visit.

When I try to make plans to bring them their gifts, they say they have errands to run and they'll let me know when they're home. Then they wait until the next day to tell me they forgot, or they were out longer than expected.

We have no idea what's going on in each other's lives past the point of social media, which has shown me they're minutes from my house at least once or twice a week. I understand life is busy, but it feels like they're purposely avoiding me at this point.

Most of the gifts are personalized and can't be returned or repurposed. But for those that aren't, at what point is it OK to give up trying to deliver them and return them to the seller? — TIRED OF WAITING

DEAR TIRED: Sometimes no message sends a strong one. By now it

should be clear to you that those folks are not interested in receiving anything from you, and are probably not eager to continue any sort of personal relationship. If you need my permission or encouragement to return the items — if, indeed, any of them are still returnable — I'm giving it to you now.

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 42 "Keen!"
 - 1 Cloth fold
 - 6 An arm and a leg
 - 11 Walker's line
 - 12 "Cats" poet
 - 13 Losing, league-wise
 - 15 Summer, in Paris
 - 16 Mournful
 - 17 "Give — rest!"
 - 18 Cart pullers
 - 20 Pewter component
 - 21 Greek letters
 - 22 Tough spot
 - 23 Ohio tribe
 - 26 Is boastful
 - 27 Single
 - 28 Phone bill addition
 - 29 Chopping tool
 - 30 R&B love song
 - 34 Road goo
 - 35 Highway rescue
 - 36 Punk rock offshoot
 - 37 Poor and homeless
 - 40 Leek's cousin
 - 41 Legal claims
- DOWN**
- 43 Composer Grofé
 - 1 Worked, as a trade
 - 2 Slow, in music
 - 3 Consumed
 - 4 Fireplace bit
 - 5 Minotaur's slayer
 - 6 Yorkshire city
 - 7 Under the weather
 - 8 Armed group
 - 9 Lake activity
 - 10 Maroons
 - 14 Coral isles
 - 19 Leg bend
 - 22 Make tea
 - 23 Great joy
 - 24 Steve Martin film
 - 25 Resistance to change
 - 26 Grendel's slayer
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PAMPA Sports

Harvesters can't hang on to lead, twice, fall 9-8 in extras

■ Pampa had a 6-2 lead and 8-6 lead.

BY ZACHARY GREEN
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The Pampa Harvesters (2-5, 8-10-1) traveled to Bushland on Saturday for a district game with the Falcons. Pampa needed to win to have any hope of getting out of the four seed in the district for playoff purposes.

Senior Ty Hooper started the game with a triple to left field. That was followed by a walk taken by sophomore Brendon Woelfle.

Junior Adam Zuniga doubled to right field to score Woelfle. Pampa led the game 1-0.

Junior Zach Hill started the game on the mound for Pampa. He allowed a lead off walk double and a walk. Another batter reached on an error and the Falcons were able to get two runs across before surrendering the final out.

After one, Bushland led 2-1.

The top of the second went quickly as Pampa had three straight strikeouts.

Despite a walk and a single, Bushland was unable to get anything going in their half of the second.

After two, Bushland led 2-1.

Hooper hit a double to center on a line drive to start things in the third for Pampa. Woelfle walked. Junior Cade Engle smashes a triple to right to score Hooper and Woelfle.

Zuniga then reached on an error to score Engle.

Junior Jordan Green reached on an error and junior Nathan Furgason walked. Junior Colton Thompson walked to score Zuniga. Pampa had plated four runs in the inning to take a 5-2 lead.

Hill walked the first batter of the third but then got three quick outs.

After three, Pampa led 5-2.

Hooper singled to third in the fourth. Woelfle sacrificed but reached first base anyways. Hooper scored on a sacrifice fly from Engle.

Zuniga singled to second but that was all she wrote for Pampa.

It was another quick inning for the Falcons in the fourth. That was thanks in large part to a triple play as Engle caught the ball, stepped on second for the force out and threw over to first base for the force out there.

After four, Pampa led 6-2.

Pampa went down in 1-2-3 order in the fifth.

The first batter for Bushland popped it way up in the infield and as four guys hovered around it, no one made the catch for Pampa.



The next batter singled to short and scored the runner from first. Another batter singled to right and the momentum started to swing to Bushland.

Woelfle came on to pitch for Pampa in the fifth to try and stop the bleeding.

Another single came and the Falcons cut the lead down to 6-4. The next batter reached on a fielder's choice and it was 6-5.

A triple by the next Falcon tied the game at 6-6. The Harvesters were finally able to bear down and get the three outs but not before four runs had come in to score for Bushland.

After five, we were tied 6-6.

Senior Braden Keown walked to start the sixth. Woelfle singled to center with one out. With two runners on and just one out, Pampa was unable to get any runs across.

Senior Brody Gaines came on to pitch the remainder of the game. He struck the first batter out. The next batter doubled and that was followed by a walk. Gaines was able to force a fly out and a ground out to end the inning.

After six, we were tied 6-6.

Gaines walked to start the seventh. Unfortunately that was sandwiched between three strikeouts and Pampa got nothing out of the inning.

Bushland's inning was almost identical to Pampa's with a walk, sandwiched between three ground outs.

After seven, we were tied 6-6 and headed to extra innings.

Hooper walked. Sophomore Derek Norris courtesy ran for Hooper. Engle hit a huge triple to center with two outs to score Woelfle. Woelfle reached on a fielder's choice as the Falcons threw Norris out at second.

Zuniga doubled to center to score Engle and Pampa led 8-6.

Bushland came to hit in the bottom of the eighth needing two runs to extend the game.

Gaines walked the first batter. The next one singled to third. That was followed two straight singles to right.

A single to third tied the game at 8-8. A single to right ended the game as Bushland won on a walk off 9-8.

Final/8: Bushland 9, Pampa 8.

Zach Hill pitched four innings. He gave up five hits, four runs, only two were earned, walked five and struck out four.

Brendon Woelfle pitched one inning. He gave up five hits, two runs, both earned and had no walks or strikeouts.

Brody Gaines pitched two and two thirds innings. He got the loss as he gave up six hits, four runs, all earned, three walks and one strikeout. Hill didn't hit in the game. Woelfle was 1-2 with three runs scored, a stolen base and two walks. Gaines did not have an official at-bat as he walked once.

Ty Hooper was one home run shy of hitting for the cycle. He went 3-4 with a walk, two runs scored, a triple and a double. Cade Engle was 2-5 with four RBIs, two runs scored and two triples. Adam Zuniga was 3-5 with a run scored, three RBIs, two doubles and two stolen bases. Nathan Furgason was 0-3 with a walk. Colton Thompson was 0-3 with an RBI and a walk. Braden Keown was 0-3 with a walk.

Pampa left nine men on base and struck out ten times in the game.

Pampa will play Dalhart Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. in Dalhart for the final game of the season. They just need to win to secure that four seed in the playoffs.

They will also play Friona at 4:30 p.m. Friday at the Amarillo Thunderheads stadium in a playoff warmup game.

The playoffs will be the weekend of May 8-9. More details to come on the exact time and location.



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Photos by Zachary Green

With story, Ty Hooper was a machine from the plate on Saturday. Above, Cade Engle makes a great play on a Falcon runner. He also had big success from the plate Saturday. Pampa blew a lead and dropped the game in extra innings 9-8. They will play Dalhart in Dalhart at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday.

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Pampa Partnership 2015 results

STAFF REPORT

The annual Pampa Partnership golf tournament was hosted over the weekend. There were seven flights along with a championship flight. The golf was played at the Pampa Country Club and Hidden Hills Golf Course.

In the championship flight, Dustin Suitor and Mike Blackshear came in first with a score of 141. Jeff Henderson and Shae Cunningham came in second with a score of 143. Doug McFtridge and Kevin King tied for second as well with a score of 143.

In the first flight, David McGill and Terry Hall scored a 141 for first place. Andrew Curtis and Shawn Boyd came in second with a score of 142. Brent Appelhans and Brian Williamson scored a 146 for third.

In the second flight, Seth Stribling and Steve Williams scored a 149 for first. Don Alexander and John East scored a 151 for second. There was a tie for third and both teams scored a 152. They were Bryson Roars and Travis Cosgrave along with Anthony Tiedt and Lance Cross.

In the third flight, Collin Killgo and Javier Chavira took first at 148. Brian Brauchi and Larry Neighbors came in second with a 153.

In the fourth flight, Sam Maples and Scott Wiseman took first at 146. Jerry and Roy Don Stephens took second at 150. Joe Habiger and Sam Bowman came in third at 154.

In the fifth flight, Kyler Bates and Monte Eisenman came in first with a score of 154. Dan Gilbert and Robert Cunningham were second at 159. Tied with them for second was the team of Richard Mackie and Tim New who shot a 159.

In the sixth flight, Mickey Manor and Ron Fields shot a 151 for first. Jon and Steve Fessenden tied for second with a 160. They tied with Kurt Foster and Pat Montoya, who also shot a 160.

In the seventh flight, Brandon Montgomery and Britton White shot a 157 for first. Tim and Tyler Lewis shot a 167 for second. Ole Dahl and Tim Moore tied for second at 167. Brett Ferrell and Robbie Snead shot a 169 for fourth.

The PAMPA NEWS Sports Briefs

Softball

Sweetwater Bi-District 6 p.m. - May 1 - Lubbock Coronado
Sweetwater Bi-District 1 p.m. - May 2 - Lubbock Coronado

Baseball

JV v. Dalhart.....4:30 p.m. - April 30 - Pampa
Varsity at Dalhart.....4:30 p.m. - April 29 - Dalhart
Varsity v. Friona.....4:30 p.m. - May 1 - Amarillo
Playoffs TBA..... TBD

Swimming

JH State Invitational.....May 2 - Keller

Track

State.....May 14-16 - Texas in Austin

***Game times and locations are subject to change.**
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Watch the Pros

NBA Basketball

Dallas Mavericks at Houston Rockets (3-1).....TNT 7 p.m.
San Antonio Spurs at LA Clippers (2-2).....TNT 9:30 p.m.

MLB Baseball

Seattle Mariners at Texas Rangers.....FSSW 7 p.m.

NHL Hockey

Teams TBA.....USA 7 p.m.

College Baseball

Oklahoma at Wichita State.....ESPNU 7 p.m.

College Softball

Weber State at BYU.....BYU 6:30 p.m.

Soccer

Liverpool at Hull.....OLN 1:40 p.m.

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