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## PRMC parent company to close operations

**ARNIE AURELLANO**  
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Houston-based Signature Hospital Corporation, the parent company of Pampa Regional Medical Center, is closing. The company announced earlier this week that it is taking steps to divest its remaining hospitals and close down operations. The company still owns two facilities, both in Texas: PRMC and Gulf Coast Medical Center in Wharton, roughly 60 miles southwest of Houston.

Signature sold its other hospital, St. Joseph's Hospital in Parkersburg, W. Va., in September. The decision to fully pursue the

sales of PRMC and GCMC followed in late December, according to Signature CFO Steve Peterson.

"Our decision follows months of careful deliberation on the future of our hospitals and the company," Peterson said.

"Based on current economic conditions and the impending healthcare reform, we believe Signature does not have the scale to continue to ensure long-term financial stability for Pampa Regional Medical Center and Gulf Coast Medical Center."

Peterson said that the economic crisis of the last few years, coupled with the ensuing sale of Signature's West Virginia hospital, made

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## SIGNATURE HOSPITAL CORPORATION

**Signature Hospital Corporation**  
 Announced intention to divest assets and close

**Signature At a Glance**

- Bought first hospital in 2006
- Operates three hospitals, with W. Va. facility's sale to be finalized in first quarter of 2011
- Company CEO Charles Miller will retire effective Jan. 31

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## A TOUCH OF FROST

staff photo by **Randy Pribble**

Frigid temperatures turned the Fountain of Freedom on Hobart and Ward into an impromptu ice sculpture.

## Chamber adds second banquet

Feb. event to precede Bush appearance

**RANDY PRIBBLE**  
 rpribble@thepampanews.com

Although the March 24 event with former First Lady Laura Bush was originally billed as the Pampa Chamber of Commerce's annual banquet, the chamber board has made a change.

The Bush event will proceed as planned and is still sponsored by the chamber, however, a traditional chamber annual meeting will be held on Feb. 24 at the M.K. Brown Auditorium.

According to Chamber Executive Director Joe Weaver, the board's decision was made following some complaints over the cost of the Bush banquet tickets. Prices for the event



**Weaver**

run from \$250 for an individual ticket to \$10,000 for group tables close to the speaker's podium.

"Our concern was that the chamber banquet has always been an awards banquet and our focus has always been on the community and the chamber," Weaver said.

"We are certainly behind Laura Bush coming. We are happy to have her, but it seemed that it had taken the focus away from that."

The main concern, he added, that

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## Gray Co. Livestock Show tomorrow

**DAVID BOWSER**  
 dbowser@thepampanews.com

Local FFA and 4-H students will get an early start tomorrow at the Gray County Junior Livestock Show.

Jeff Chisum, president of the Top of Texas Junior Livestock Show Association, said today that the county livestock show will start at 8 a.m. Saturday at the Clyde Carruth Livestock Pavilion in Recreation Park east of town.

Goat judging will kick off the show, followed by sheep, steers, heifers and pigs, he said.

The animals will go up for sale Monday at M.K. Brown Auditorium.

Chisum said there will be a dinner at 5:30 p.m. following by the sale at 6:30 p.m.

All money will go to the 4-H and FFA students, Chisum said.

**Gray County Livestock Show and Sale**

**When:** Show Saturday, 8 a.m.; Buyer's Supper Monday, 5:30 p.m., with sale following at 6:30 p.m.

**Where:** Show at Clyde Carruth Pavilion, Recreation Park; Supper and sale at M.K. Brown Auditorium

## SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

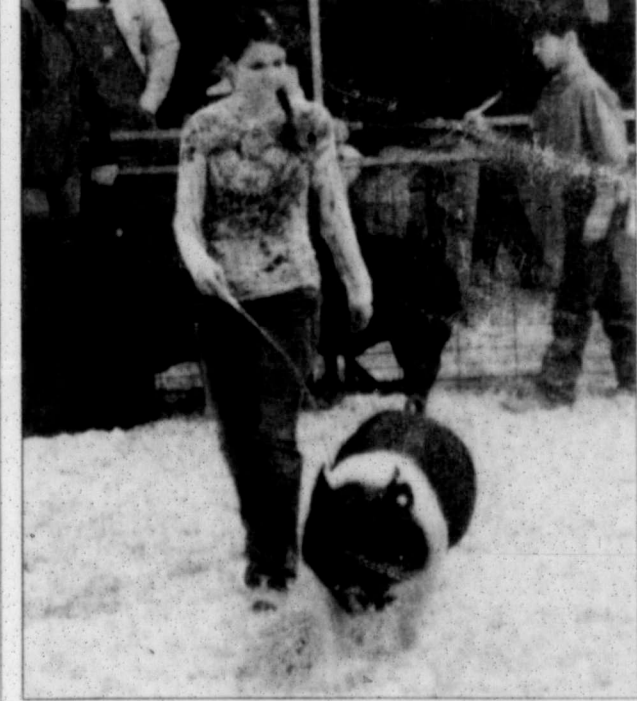


photo courtesy of **Charla Shults**

**Senior FFA member** Cali Gibson shows her pig. The Gray County 4H and FFA exhibitors are preparing for the Gray County Livestock Show and Sale on Saturday. For show information or to support the exhibitors as a buyer, call 662-5544.

**Chamber Luncheon**

Tuesday, January 18th at 11:45 a.m.

MK Brown Room at the Chamber (Kingsmill Entrance)

Program: "PCC 123: Pampa Chamber in the 1st Year of the 2nd Decade of the 3rd Millennium" Sponsored by Interim Healthcare

\$10/ Person - Enchilada Buffet catered by Plaza

RSVP to Chamber at 669-3241 or e-mail gxec@pampachamber.com

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# For the record

## PAMPA FORECAST

Saturday	Sunday	Monday
High 56 Low 25	High 52 Low 31	High 60 Low 30
<b>Tonight:</b> Partly cloudy, with a low around 24. Wind chill values between 17 and 22. North northwest wind around 5 mph.	<b>Saturday:</b> Mostly sunny, with a high near 55. Wind chill values between 16 and 26 early. West northwest wind around 5 mph becoming south southeast.	<b>Saturday Night:</b> Mostly cloudy, with a low around 25. South southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.
<b>Sunday:</b> Mostly sunny, with a high near 52. South wind 5 to 10 mph becoming north northwest.	<b>Sunday Night:</b> Partly cloudy, with a low around 31. Breezy, with a south wind 10 to 15 mph becoming west. Winds could gust as high as 20 mph.	<b>M.L.King Day:</b> Mostly sunny, with a high near 60. North northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.
<b>Monday Night:</b> Mostly cloudy, with a low around 30. North northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.		

## Obituaries

### Truman Randall Bridges, 70

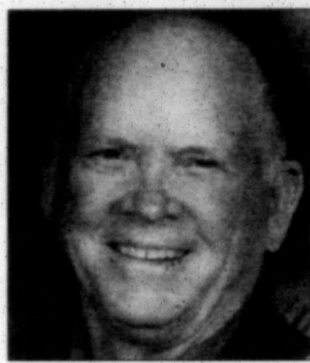
GRANBURY—Truman Randall Bridges, 70, of Granbury, walked into the arms of Jesus on January 11, 2011, while he was surrounded by his loved ones.

Services will be held on Saturday, January 15, at 11 a.m. at Acton Baptist Church, 4500 Fall Creek Highway, Granbury. Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. at Wiley Funeral Home, 400 Highway 377, in Granbury.

Memorial gifts can be made to the Building Fund at Acton Baptist Church.

Truman was born on October 30, 1940, in San Antonio, to the late Randall and Lavera (Burdette) Bridges. He was an active member of Acton Baptist Church and loved to volunteer for ministry, committees and missions through the church. He was a deacon, a member of the men's Bible Study and Texas Baptist Men. Truman truly enjoyed his work in the agriculture and landscaping businesses for 50 years. Throughout his life, he was always active. Truman played on the Abilene High School Football team that won a record number of football games and state championships in the 1950s. He was also an avid hunter, fisherman, and golfer.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Beth (Daniels) Bridges, of Granbury; brother, Bill Bridges and his wife, Karen, of Pampa; children, Tom Bridges of Granbury, Becky Bridges of San Antonio and Jimmy Bridges and his wife, Stacy and two granddaughters Sarah and Britany Bridges, who live in Midland.



Bridges

moved to Denver to live with her son.

Maxine was preceded in death by her husband in 1999, her sister and her three brothers.

Survivors include two daughters, Carol and husband Richard Peet, and Linda and husband David Risley, all of Pampa; four sons, Randal and wife Cynthia Smith of St. Petersburg, Fla., Charles and wife Nancy Smith of Beaumont, Kirk and wife Vonda Smith of Denver, Colo., and Skyler and wife Tamara Smith of Hillsdale, Kan.; 17 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Visitors will be received at 1717 N. Russell.

### Matilda "Tillie" Horton, 98

Our beloved Tillie went to be with her Lord and Savior on January 13, 2011, at Amarillo, Texas.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Horton was born January 19, 1912, in Kaufman. As a child, she lived at Wright City, Okla., Dierks, Ark. and Snyder, and completed high school at Dunn, in 1931. She married J. T. Horton on November 26, 1933, at Dunn, and he preceded her in death. She came to Pampa in 1941, moving to Skellytown in 1942, and returning to Pampa in March of 1954, where she had been a resident for 53 years. Tillie had been a member of Hobart Baptist Church since 1954. She will be remembered for her love of life, family and friends.

Survivors include nephews, John D. Horton of Gun Barrel City, and James Robert Brown of Ira; nieces, Joyce Flowers of Ira, Velma Lou VanMeter of Albuquerque, N.M., Nancy Thrower of Edmond, Okla., and Peggy Hamm of Spring Branch; many other nieces and nephews; special people in her life, Debby Darby, Johnnie Cook, and Brenda Cook, all of Pampa. She was preceded in death by her parents, W. W. Black and Julia Young Black; two sisters, Emily Brown and Opal Brown; a sister-in-law, Martha Johnston; and three brothers, C. C. Black, W. W. Black and Havis Black.

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Horton

### Mary Ellen McKean, 95

BEDFORD—Mary Ellen McKean, 95, passed away Sunday, Jan. 9, 2011.

Services will be at 3:30 p.m. Saturday in Greenwood Funeral Home Garden Chapel. Interment will be at Greenwood Memorial Park.

Donations may be made to the new organ fund at the First Presbyterian Church of Pampa, 525 North Gray St., Pampa, TX 79065.

With the help of Fanny,

the family's housekeeper, and her mother's sister, Lottie Snyder Howell, Mary Ellen Davis McKean was born in the front room of the family home at 2013 Hurley Avenue on May 13, 1915. Through an extraordinary memory, her colorful stories painted a detailed picture of our ancestors' daily lives and passed on the history of generations gone to generations of the future.

Mary Ellen was the daughter of Jennie D. "Aunt Ninnie" and Dr. Edwin "Uncle Doc" Davis. She had one brother, Dr. Edwin Davis Jr. Mary Ellen grew up in Fort Worth and attended TCU. She graduated from the University of Texas and taught school. She married Carson Davis and enjoyed a happy marriage until his death just after World War II. She then went to the University of Colorado in Boulder for a degree in interior design. After a year in Lubbock, she returned to Fort Worth and managed Anderson Studios and decorated many homes and offices. In 1979, her childhood friend, Nolan McKean, proposed and they married and moved to Pampa. Mary Ellen and Nolan enjoyed 18 years together in Pampa. She remained in Pampa and maintained her home until 2007. Her return to Fort Worth provided hours of visiting time with family and friends.

Since she never had her own children, she adored all the children in the family. For many generations she made Christmas stockings and clothes and bedspreads and was the "fun" aunt/cousin who would sit on the floor and play. Her quick wit, clever mind and amazing recall of verse made her an interesting conversationalist and her anecdotes were consistently cheerful. She followed current events and politics and was very clear about her opinions. Mary Ellen lived a full life and will be missed by all who knew her.



McKean

### Glendene Lavelle Kirby Trout, 85

Glendene Lavelle Kirby Trout, 85, died January 11, 2011, in Amarillo.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, January 15, 2011, at Central Baptist Church, with Rev. Norman Rushing, pastor, and Rev. Jeff Messer, officiating.

Graveside services will be at 3 p.m. Saturday, January 15, 2011, at Riverside Cemetery in Mangum, Okla., with Rev. Rick Parnell, associate pastor of Central Baptist Church, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Trout was born April 30, 1925, in Brinkman, Okla., to Joseph Clinton Kirby and Zelma Lee Morgan Kirby. She married Thomas Oliver Trout on January 5, 1946, in Wellington. He preceded her in death on August 17, 2001. They farmed in Greer County, Okla., until 1952 when they moved to Pampa. She was an accomplished seamstress, working in her home until 1966. She then worked for J. C. Penney, retiring in 1984. She was preceded in death by her parents; one sister, Laveta Mae Kirby; one brother, Clifton Lavon Kirby; a grandson, William Thomas Moss; and a nephew, Kale Lane Kirby.

Survivors include two daughters, Sharon Eileene Moss and husband Gary of Amarillo, and Karon Ann Bonnell and husband Jim of Pampa; a grandson, Charles Douglas Moss of Amarillo; and a granddaughter, Jennifer Rene Plunk and husband Michael of Pampa.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made to Abilene State School, 2501 Maple Street, Abilene, TX 79602, or a favorite charity.

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

### Inez Downey, 92

Inez Downey, 92, died January 13, 2011, in Pampa.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, January 15, 2011, at Fairview Cemetery, with Rev. Jana Snider and Gary Snider, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Downey was born February 23, 1918, in Seminole, Okla. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1953. She married L. W. Downey on December 23, 1967, in Pampa. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband, L.W. Downey of the home; two daughters, Betty Tuck of Winstboro and Linda Davis of Amarillo; five sons, Jewell Snider and Tom Snider, both of Pampa, Charlie Snider of Amarillo, Gary Snider of Borger, and Jim Snider of Dayton; 15 grandchildren, numerous great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two sons, Gene Snider and Billy Snider; and her parents, Charles and Dora Paslay.

Memorials may be made to BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, TX 79065.

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## EMERGENCY SERVICES

### Police Department

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents over the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Officers reported 13 traffic-related calls and three accidents. Officers responded to one medical call.

Animal control officers reported three calls.

The Pampa Fire Department reported on medical call and one service call.

Pampa EMS reported four ambulance calls.

### Thursday, Jan. 13

An alarm was reported in the 2300 block of N. Navarro Rd.  
A suicide attempt was reported in the 1200 block of N. Wells.

An information call was reported in the 4000 block of N. Bad Cattle Company Ln.

Officers provided an escort in the 600 block of N. Ward.

Officers conducted a follow-up investigation in the 2200 block of N. Christine.

Officers conducted a follow-up investigation in the 1200 block of N. Wells.

A suspicious person was reported in the 2200 block of Perryton Pkwy.

A welfare check was conducted in the 1900 block of N. Duncan.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 400 block of E. Louisiana.

Officers provided an agency assist in the 100 block of W. 30th.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 2100 block of N. Christine.

Officers conducted a follow-up investigation in the 200 block of W. Kingsmill.

Water was shut off in the 600 block of N. Nelson.

Water was shut off in the 400 block of N. Roberta.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 100 block of W. 30th.

Water was shut off in the 400 block of N. Cuyler.

### Maxine Smith, 87

Susie "Maxine" Smith, over fifty year resident of Pampa, died Saturday, January 8, 2011, in Denver, Colo. Services will be at 5 p.m. Sunday, January 16, in St. Paul Methodist church with her children officiating. Private family burial will be next to her husband in Fairview Cemetery.

Maxine was born in Atlanta, Kan., on May 16, 1923, to Susie A. Wampler and Virgil Oliver Curtis. While she was still an infant, the family moved to Garden City, Kan., where her grandparents resided. She attended Garden City High School and Jr. College. On November 19, 1942, she married Private Roy Smith, her high school sweetheart. After Roy's honorable discharge from the U.S. Army Air Corps, they took up residence again in Garden City and began raising their family. In 1951 Roy's job brought them to Pampa. In 2006 Maxine

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**Kid of the Week**  
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Photos should be taken within the past 12 months, 8 years of age or younger at the time of the photo. Include your name and phone number and age of the child.

## AFTERNOON RUSH

### EPA: Dallas violates standards

DALLAS (AP) - The Environmental Protection Agency says the Dallas-Fort Worth area has some of the nation's most polluted air.

EPA says the area on Tuesday will be designated a "serious" violator of federal air-quality standards.

The Dallas Morning News reports that Ventura, Calif., is just as bad although five other regions are even worse, including the Houston metro area, which is a "severe" offender.

EPA spokesman David Bary says the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality will be required to develop a new clean-air plan for DFW by July 2012.

David Brymer, the state's air quality division director, says the new EPA label will probably have little effect on North Texas since a plan to clean the air is already underway because of previous orders by the federal government to do so.

### Amarillo woman settles lawsuit

AMARILLO, Texas (AP) - An Amarillo woman who says her breasts were exposed during a search by a female Transportation Safety Administration agent has settled her lawsuit against the agency.

The Amarillo Globe-News reported Friday that attorneys for 24-year-old Lysnie Murley and the TSA declined to disclose the settlement amount.

The negligence lawsuit claimed Murley on May 29, 2008, was singled out at Corpus Christi International Airport, before a flight home.

One male TSA agent allegedly said he wished he would have been there when Murley was being searched and later told Murley "he would just have to watch the video."

Assistant U.S. Attorney Gordon Bryant Jr. declined comment.

TSA spokesman Luis Casanova says there is no disciplinary action when a settlement is reached. Casanova says TSA regrets that Murley had an unpleasant experience.

### \$15K bid for 'FERRARI'

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) - A custom Texas license plate bearing the word FERRARI drew the biggest bid at an auction of vanity plates.

The plate drew a \$15,000 bid at an auction at Cowboys Stadium in Arlington on Thursday.

My Plates is the private vendor Texas has chosen to market the specialty plates. It auctioned 33 plates in all - the first auction in which Texans could get a license plate with a full seven-character personalization. Other big winners were plates bearing the words "COWBOYS," "GO HORNS" and "RANGERS."

The plates bought at the auction are good for 25 years - a first in the state - and can be renewed after that. They can also be re-sold by the winning bidder. Auction proceeds will be shared by the state and My Plates.

### Texas burial for 2 Vietnam vets

DALLAS (AP) - Two Vietnam War veterans whose remains were identified decades after their plane was shot down will be laid to rest in Texas.

A funeral with full military honors was scheduled Friday at Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery.

Air Force Col. James Dennany was 34 when his plane was shot down over Laos in November 1969.

The Defense Department's POW/Missing Personnel Office on Wednesday also announced positive identification of the remains of 27-year-old Maj. Robert Tucci of Detroit.

Tucci was the pilot. Dennany, who was born in Mattawan, Mich., was the weapons system officer.

A search team in 1999 discovered wreckage and some human remains in the area.

### GOP seeks Latino outreach

CORAL GABLES, Fla. (AP) - Republicans gathering in South Florida to improve the party's outreach to Hispanic voters will tackle trade, education - and the elephant in the room, immigration - at a conference organized by the new Hispanic Action Network.

Friday's conference is part of a growing number of Republican efforts to reach out to Latinos in advance of next year's election. Former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, who supports comprehensive immigration reform, is co-chairing the conference at the Biltmore Hotel in the Miami suburb of Coral Gables. Among the featured speakers is Texas Sen. John

### EPA seeks input on Texas rules

DALLAS (AP) - The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency says it wants input from industries and the public before finalizing regulations on greenhouse gas emissions.

Environmental groups and others are expected to speak at an EPA hearing in Dallas on Friday.

A federal appeals court's ruling this week allows the EPA to issue permits directly to Texas industries. The EPA made that decision after Texas refused to comply with the new Clean Air Act regulations.

Until the final rules are in place, the EPA will issue permits using interim regulations based on its guidelines issued to states last year.

Texas is suing to stop the EPA from implementing the plan, which requires the nation's largest industries to meet more stringent greenhouse gas emissions standards in new facilities or ones undergoing major modifications.

### Shooter fires across border

HOUSTON (AP) - A group of workers repairing an isolated rural road near the Mexican border in West Texas escaped injury on Thursday after an unknown gunman fired at them from Mexico, authorities said.

A crew of four county employees was working on the county road late Thursday morning when they heard around eight rounds fired from across the Rio Grande, said Hudspeth County Sheriff's Department Chief Deputy Mike Doyal.

"They were shooting in the direction of the workers," he said.

The workers, who were less than a mile away from the border, quickly fled the area after several of the rounds hit the ground near them.

## Install garage-door opener properly

**Dear Pat:** I want to install a quiet, yet fast garage-door opener. I am not sure what type to get and I want to install it myself. I need some installation tips and advice on the best types for a two-car garage. — Candi H.

**Dear Candi:** Having a garage-door opener is almost a necessity in most homes today. It is not only convenient and a time-saver, but it is a security item. You are much safer staying inside your car until it is in the garage with the door closed than to have to get out at night and open the door manually.

The three primary options you have in garage-door opener designs are in the drive mechanisms: chain, screw and belt. Chain drives are usually the least expensive, but also the noisiest. Screw drives are middle of the road, and the belt drives are the quietest. A one-half horsepower motor would be best for fast speed with any garage door.

For the greatest security, at only slightly higher initial cost, select a garage-door opener with a randomly revolving access code. Each time you enter your garage, the electronic code automatically changes. This keeps a would-be thief from electronically capturing the access code and using it to enter your garage when you are away.

Before installing your garage-door opener, check your local building codes. Most openers come with a 40-inch cord, and the electrical outlet that it plugs into must be within 36 inches of the opener. Also, some areas require a garage-door opener be wired to its own circuit breaker, so make sure you have the electrical outlet positioned and wired properly.

One of the most common problems resulting from do-it-yourself installation is the opener motor and track are not securely attached to the ceiling. The motor assembly can weigh 50 pounds, not including the forces of opening a door, so secure installation is necessary for quiet operation.

Make sure the motor housing or mounting brackets are screwed securely into the lumber framing in

### HOME HOW-TO

the ceiling, not just into the drywall with anchors. You may have to go into your garage attic and nail a 2-by-6 piece of lumber across several joists for support.

The next step is to assemble the opener. This varies depending on the design. But the instructions included with it should detail this operation well. Getting the track set up is probably the most time-consuming part of the installation.

All openers will have a header-mounting bracket that attaches to the garage wall, typically several inches above the track section. As

with the motor, it is important to securely fasten the bracket to the wall. Ideally, you will be able to screw it into the 2-by-6 header above the garage-door opening. Next, secure the motor to the ceiling.

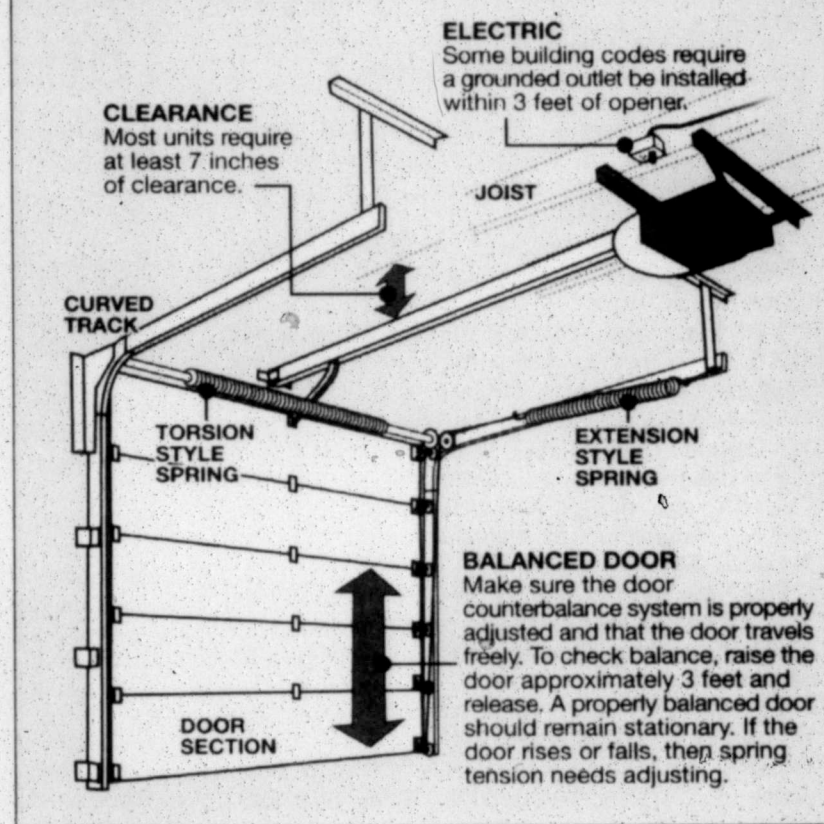
The final step is to install the infrared safety controls. A beam of light energy shines from one side of the garage-door opening to a sensor on the other side. It is usually located 6 inches above the ground. If the beam of light gets broken, a closing door should stop or reverse and open.

Send your questions to *Here's How*, 6906 Royalgreen Dr., Cincinnati, OH 45244 or visit [www.dulley.com](http://www.dulley.com).

### HOME HOW-TO

#### Garage Opener

Garage door openers are both a convenience and a safety factor. Installation procedures can vary from one manufacturer to another. However, many of the installation concepts are the same.



### Signature

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the company reevaluate its business plan and come to the decision to wind down.

"We bought our first hospital in 2006... but unfortunately, not too long after that, the economy went into its meltdown," said Peterson. "That kind of put the growth of the hospitals on hold."

"Last year, we got an offer we couldn't refuse, you could say, on (St. Joseph's Hospital). At that point, the hospital in West Virginia was one-half of our company. Having not acquired anything in three years, we started to talk about if we could grow this thing and what our options might be. We decided that (selling and winding down) was the best thing for us to do."

Signature has partnered with FTI Consulting to help find a buyer and assist in the day-to-day operations of the hospitals during the sales process. As for PRMC itself, Peterson said that he believed that the facility's "sellability" is high.

"We've had people approach us about it even before we made our decision to sell," Peterson said. "We've had a lot of calls since we issued the press release."

"I can easily think of a half-dozen companies who are interested, and another half-dozen that called us before we made the announcement."

There is currently no timetable for the sale, though Peterson said that the company hopes to have the sale of both Texas hospitals finalized before the end of 2011.

As for the interim, Peterson said that neither the staffing nor the quality of care at PRMC will not be affected by the impending sale.

"I can't speak for the

new owners, whoever they may be, but between now and closing (of the sale), the announced transaction is not going to affect the staffing of the hospital. The only thing that would affect the hospital's staffing would be the volume of business at the hospital itself, just like any other business."

"Our focus locally is strictly on the patient care and customer service level," added Bill Buck, CEO of Pampa Regional Medical Center. "Our mission is strictly to focus on the service and quality of service we provide."

"From a divestiture standpoint as well as community stability, it would be positive for us to keep up the level of care in the hospital," he continued. "The sale of the hospital will have no negative impact on the care we provide here."

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# Viewpoints

## Today in History

Today is Friday, Jan. 14, the 14th day of 2011. There are 351 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 14, 1784, the United States ratified a peace treaty with England, ending the Revolutionary War.

### On this date:

In 1639, the first constitution of Connecticut - the Fundamental Orders - was adopted.

In 1858, Napoleon III, Emperor of the French, and his wife, Empress Eugenie, escaped an assassination attempt led by Italian revolutionary Felice Orsini, who was later captured and executed.

In 1943, President Franklin D. Roosevelt, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and French General Charles de Gaulle opened a wartime conference in Casablanca.

In 1952, NBC's "Today" show premiered, with Dave Garroway as the host, or "communicator," as he was officially known.

In 1953, Josip Broz Tito was elected president of Yugoslavia by the country's Parliament.

In 1963, George C. Wallace was sworn in as governor of Alabama with a pledge of "segregation forever."

In 1968, the Green Bay Packers of the NFL defeated the AFL's Oakland Raiders, 33-14, in Super Bowl II.

In 1969, 27 people aboard the aircraft carrier USS Enterprise, off Hawaii, were killed when a rocket-warhead exploded, setting off a fire and additional explosions.

In 1970, Diana Ross and the Supremes performed their last concert together, at the Frontier Hotel in Las Vegas.

**Ten years ago:** The matchup for Super Bowl XXXV (35) was decided as the New York Giants shut out the Minnesota Vikings, 41-0, to win the NFC championship and the Baltimore Ravens beat the Oakland Raiders, 16-3, to gain the AFC title.

**Five years ago:** The chief judge in Saddam Hussein's trial (Rizgar Mohammed Amin) submitted his resignation (he was succeeded by Raouf Rasheed Abdel-Rahman).

**One year ago:** President Barack Obama and the U.S. moved to take charge in earthquake-ravaged Haiti, dispatching thousands of troops along with tons of aid.

**Today's Birthdays:** CBS commentator Andy Rooney is 92. Blues singer Clarence Carter is 75. Country singer Billie Jo Spears is 74. Singer Jack Jones is 73. Singer-songwriter Allen Toussaint is 73. Actress Faye Dunaway is 70. Actress Holland Taylor is 68. Actor Carl Weathers is 63. Singer-producer T-Bone Burnett is 63. Movie writer-director Lawrence Kasdan is 62. Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist Maureen Dowd is 59. Movie writer-director Steven Soderbergh is 48. Actor Mark Addy is 47. Actor Dan Schneider is 45. Actress Emily Watson is 44. Actor-comedian Tom Rhodes is 44. Rock musician Zakk Wylde (Ozzy Osbourne Band) is 44. Rapper-actor LL Cool J is 43. Actor Jason Bateman is 42. Rock singer-musician Dave Grohl (Foo Fighters) is 42. Actress Jordan Ladd is 36. Rock singer-musician Caleb Followill (Kings of Leon) is 29.

**Thought for Today:** "Dignity is like a perfume: those who use it are scarcely conscious of it." Queen Christina of Sweden (1626-1689).



## The fact is that we need our hospital

### A Close Shave?

Who was the Neanderthal, or Babylonian, or Mesopotamian who looked down at the piece of obsidian, or iron, or bronze in his hand and thought, "Hey! I'll bet this is sharp enough to scrape the hair off my face!"

(And who was his buddy that said "Cool! Now tie a piece of cloth around your neck!")

### Taking Your Meds

There has been a lot of news—and gossip—going around town regarding the hospital. I don't know if anyone knows how it will all wash out in the end, but the fact remains that we need our hospital. Pampa has been blessed with a variety of health-care professionals—MDs, DOs, DCs, PAs, NPs, RNs, LVNs, PTs, MTs and EMTs. Throw in the ODs, DDSS, and DVMs and you have a pretty rounded group for the size of community we live in. (I'm sure I missed some letters, but not intentionally.)

One thing that struck me was the number of home health agencies operating in Pampa. With the assisted living center and the skilled nursing facilities, you can count on good care right up till the end. And with Carmichael-Whately and two cemeteries, you can live in Pampa all your life—and then some!



JOE WEAVER

### Taking A Part

Speaking of home health services, I visited with Suzie Wilkinson of Shepard's Crock in my office a few days ago. As we talked about the agency and some of the employees, she made a wise statement. She said that employers—as well as contributing their money to the Chamber and other worthy organizations—ought to contribute some employee time as well. Single parent households and double-income families just don't have the time to volunteer like they did in the past. If employers would allow employees an hour or two a month to spend in community and benevolent organizations, it would make a huge difference. For my part, I know the Chamber certainly benefits from the businesses that do that!

### Well, Well, Well

Economic Corporation Developer Clay Rice, Mayor Lonny Robbins, and I recently visited with Joe and Clint Curtis at Curtis Well Service on Price Road. Where I come from "well service" means water wells, and is not nearly as complicated as servicing oil and gas wells, and I was glad to fill in a few more gaps in my knowledge of the oil and gas business. One thing I made try to make clear to all of our industrial businesses is that the Chamber is fully aware of the contribution they make to the area's economy.

Over the holidays I must have over-nodded my noggin, as I have been unable to come up with new name combinations: I have, however, picked up a couple I can't take credit for:

— Clay Rice told me he and Greg Brown wanted to form a company called "Brown-Rice." I'll let you decide what their product or service would be, but the combination reminds me of the funeral home in Fort Worth called "Gause-Ware."

— Christy Robinson told me her grandfather's name was—she swears this is true—was named Wright South West. (I haven't figured out if that's clever or cruel, but it would definitely be unforgettable!

Joe Weaver is the Executive Director of the Pampa Chamber of Commerce.

## Is the President leaving the left behind?

The day that President Obama departed for Arizona to address the nation on the Tucson massacre, Washington was abuzz.

Would he take the line of the hard left and call out the right for having created what columnist Paul Krugman called the "Climate of Hate" in which a mentally deranged Jared Lee Loughner had acted?

Would he lay moral responsibility for the slaughter at the feet of Fox News and Sarah Palin, as the wilder voices of the left have been doing nonstop since Saturday's shocking news?

Obama did the opposite, admonishing his allies as well as critics, "at a time when we are far too eager to lay the blame for all that ails the world at the feet of those who think differently than we do, it's important for us to pause for a moment and make sure that we are talking with each other in a way that heals, not a way that wounds."

Again and again, he returned to the theme: "Bad things happen, and we must guard against simple explanations in the aftermath."

"For the truth is that none of us can know exactly what triggered this vicious attack. None of us can know ... what thoughts lurked in the inner recesses of a violent man's mind. ... But what we cannot do is use this tragedy as one more occasion to turn on each other. ...

"If this tragedy prompts reflection and debate ... let's make sure ... it's not on the usual plane of politics and point-scoring and pettiness." No "lack of civility ... caused this tragedy."

Obama thus cut the ground out from under those exploiting the massacre and attempted murder of Rep. Gabrielle Giffords to smear and exact retribution for the crushing repudiation they suffered on Nov. 2.

In one of the finer speeches of his career, Obama realized that, at this hour and in this tragedy, his country yearned to come together on the higher ground of grief for the fallen, celebration of those who behaved bravely and prayerful hope for the wounded.

By rising above "politics and point-scoring and partisanship" in Tucson, the president has recaptured some of the luster he had lost since that January two years ago.

The speech in Tucson confirms what seemed a month ago to be a conscious decision by the president to effect a course correction in his presidency after the "shellacking" in November.

The decisive moment came when the left was loudly demanding that he fight to the last ditch for repeal of the "Bush tax cuts for the rich," even if it meant the lame-duck session of Congress ended in a dead-duck session.

Instead, recognizing Sen. Mitch McConnell's Republicans not only had the votes but the will to block any action in the Senate before the GOP took over the House in January, Obama shoved aside Nancy

Pelosi and Harry Reid, and moved to cut a deal with the GOP.

The Republicans got the Bush tax cuts. But Obama got a Social Security payroll tax cut for every worker, an estate tax raised back to 35 percent and another full year of unemployment compensation.

Obama had entered negotiations with a weak hand. But he had emerged with so impressive a deal from his own party's standpoint that Republican deficit hawks wanted their party to walk away from it, even if it meant all the Bush tax cuts expired on Jan. 1.

After cutting that deal and breaking the logjam, Obama got votes and victories on allowing homosexuals to serve openly in the military and on providing billions for the first responders of 9/11. He came close to getting a limited amnesty for illegal aliens.

In short, by shouldering Pelosi and Reid aside and taking charge of negotiations with the Republicans himself, Obama not only won a string of victories, he proved bipartisan government could work.

Since then, he has been



PAT BUCHANAN

on a steady ascent in the polls. And, in his choice of new aides like Chicago's William Daley, brother of the mayor and son of the legend, Obama has signaled that after an era of confrontation on Capitol Hill comes an era of negotiation.

What does this mean for Democrats?

The left wing of the party, for the immediate future, is going to be the "dummy" at the bridge table. Obama is going to play every hand. For this president has been jolted into an awareness that, today, if not in 2008, this is a center-right country, and he and his party have drifted dangerously far out of the mainstream. He is now paddling his own canoe back to the middle of the river, leaving the left up the creek.

What does it mean for Republicans?

They will not be running in 2012 against a cookie-cutter liberal. For while Sen. Obama may have compiled a voting record to the left of Socialist Bernie Sanders, this, recall, is a fellow who voted "present" over 100 times on controversial issues in the Illinois Senate.

This is no true believer. This is a survivor. This is a fellow with an almost Nixonian capacity for maneuver.

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Yesterday's Answer: ILK O BOY WOOLK  
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## Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: A former student asked me to write a character reference to help her land a teaching job abroad. I agreed, since I thought highly of her potential as a teacher and scholar, and her level of character. However, after she was placed in the classroom, the ministry of education of the nation where she was to teach discovered some inappropriate posting on her social networking site.

Because I had written the recommendation, they contacted me asking if they had a problem and provided me with copies of what they had found. Her posting detailed a history of forging fake IDs to buy alcohol while underage, numerous episodes of binge drinking in high school and college, her marijuana use and several exhibitionistic stunts and sexual activities that I won't mention. I was shocked. None of this matched the person I thought I knew.

When I tried to contact her to let her know she had been discovered, she rebuffed my inquiries and cut off all contact! Her parents' response was denial and to "kill the messenger." I have been left with the problem of how to respond to the ministry's questions.

Ordinarily I would not want my signature associated with someone with those behaviors and attitudes, but this young woman is in legal jeopardy abroad. I still don't know if what she wrote is true, but I find it highly problematic that she would portray herself as she did.

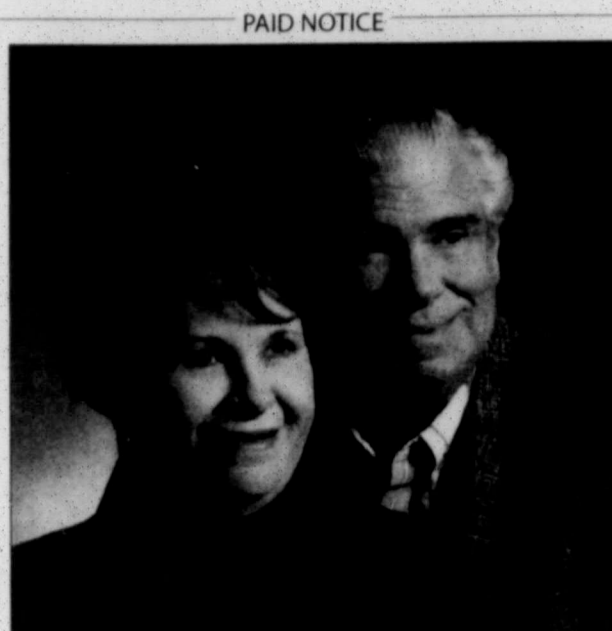
This situation has shaken my trust in the character and judgment of the 20-something crowd that I'm now reluctant to write recommendations for any of my students. What do you think

I should have done? I'm concerned that too many of these young people, however intelligent, lack integrity, character, judgment and common sense. — HEARTBROKEN TEACHER, OAKLAND, CALIF.

DEAR HEARTBROKEN: You responded appropriately by trying to contact your former student and her parents. If the information on that social networking site is an accurate reflection of her behavior, she could get herself in real trouble if the country she's in is one with conservative social views.

It is intelligent of you to think twice about giving references to students in the future. It's important that you be careful because there could be liability for you if you knew anything about her antics when you wrote her recommendation. If you are wondering how to respond to the ministry of education, what you need to convey is that you had no knowledge of any social networking sites or postings related to her, and that you were basing your recommendations on your personal interactions with her.

Let this be a lesson to all young people who are using social networking sites. Employers are doing background checks and you will be discovered. Any past communications you have on the Internet are there to stay.



Gerald and Charlene Wright

## Wrights celebrate 50 years together

Gerald and Charlene Wright of Pampa will celebrate their 50th Anniversary on Saturday, January 15, 2011 with a reception from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Fellowship Baptist Church located at 622 East Francis in Pampa. The reception will be hosted by the couple's family.

Gerald Wright and Charlene Reeves were married January 13, 1961 in Pampa.

Mr. Wright retired from Cabot in 2005, and was also County Commissioner in Pampa for 24 years. Mrs. Wright is a homemaker, and after Mr. Wright retired, they became owners of Pak-A-Burger in Pampa which they still own and operate. The couple have lived in the Panhandle of Texas their whole lives. They first lived in Amarillo, then moved to Pampa in 1977.

Gerald and Charlene are members of Fellowship Baptist Church in Pampa. They are the parents of two sons, Wade Wright and wife Cheryl of Fort Worth, TX and Kerry Wright and wife Julie of Pampa. They also have 8 grandchildren.

All family and friends are invited to attend the reception to honor and celebrate the couple's marriage.

Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

6	9	3	4	7	2	1	8	5
2	7	4	8	5	1	6	3	9
8	5	1	6	3	9	2	4	7
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3	8	6	2	9	5	7	1	4
1	2	7	3	4	8	9	5	6
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## Banquet

The prices for the Bush banquet were prohibitive for some businesses that had always supported the chamber function in the past.

"We felt we needed to offer them something that was more in line with our traditional banquet," Weaver explained. "When you have someone as stellar as Laura Bush coming, we felt it would detract from the Business and Citizen of the Year."

So, in the coming months there will essentially be two chamber banquets — the first one on Feb. 24 to recognize the business and citizen of the year and the second on March 24, featuring Laura Bush as the guest speaker.

"We want to make sure we serve all of our members and give them an opportunity to participate," Weaver said.

The Feb. 24 banquet will have a program, but it has not been finalized. Tickets are \$25 for individual with tables running from \$100 to \$500.

Although the business and citizen of the year selections will be honored at the first banquet, they will also be recognized at the Bush banquet.

Former Chamber Board President Pat Montoya, who is organizing the Bush appearance, said ticket sales are going good for that event, although there are still tickets available.

EXHIBIT C-3

GRANDVIEW-HOPKINS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
 STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE  
 GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
 YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2010

Date	10 General Fund	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>REVENUES:</b>			
5700 Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 1,287,557	\$ 716	\$ 1,288,273
5800 State Program Revenues	121,126	1,924	123,050
5900 Federal Program Revenues		37,446	37,446
5020 Total Revenues	1,408,683	41,086	1,449,769
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>			
Current:			
0011 Instruction	188,451	11,346	199,797
0012 Instructional Resources and Media Services	1,019	9,855	10,844
0013 Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	1,445	5,654	7,099
0023 School Leadership	43,764		43,764
0033 Health Services	1,981		1,981
0034 Student (Pupil) Transportation	24,530		24,530
0035 Food Services		49,240	49,240
0036 Extracurricular Activities	2,402		2,402
0041 General Administration	109,500		109,500
0051 Facilities Maintenance and Operations	73,312		73,312
0053 Data Processing Services	12,850		12,850
Intergovernmental:			
0091 Contracted Instructional Services Between Schools	869,570		869,570
0099 Other Intergovernmental Charges	26,218		26,218
6030 Total Expenditures	1,355,042	76,067	1,431,109
1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	53,641	(34,981)	18,660
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):</b>			
7915 Transfers In		35,042	35,042
8911 Transfers Out (Use)	(35,042)		(35,042)
7080 Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(35,042)	35,042	
1200 Net Change in Fund Balances	18,599	61	18,660
0100 Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	516,996		516,996
3000 Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 535,595	\$ 61	\$ 535,656

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

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# Worship

## The problem of pain and grief

I am a huge fan of C.S. Lewis. Many of you may be familiar with his children's stories, "The Chronicles of Narnia." I can still remember the excitement I felt reading "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" for the first time. I was in third grade. After reading for hours, my mother told me it was time to go to bed. So I read with a flashlight underneath my covers. Ever since then, I have been drawn to Lewis' work. And today I would like to discuss two of them: "The Problem of Pain," written in 1940, and "A Grief Observed" in 1961.

Lewis was no stranger to pain when he wrote "The Problem of Pain." His mother died when he was nine years old. He was wounded in the trenches during WWI. His father died when Lewis was a young man in 1929. He knew what it was like to experience pain, so when he was asked to address this topic, he asked for a caveat. He said and I quote, "the only purpose of the book is to solve the intellectual problem raised by the fact that for the far higher task of teaching morality and patience I was never fool enough to suppose myself qualified, nor have I anything to offer to students except my conviction that when we are in trouble, a little courage helps more than a little knowledge, a little sympathy more than a little courage, and the least tincture of the Christian faith more than all" (Preface). The rest of the book is an attempt to explain why we experience pain and grief. He essentially says that pain is a punishment from God. He uses to get through to us that we are not alone and to rely on Him. It is a message that much can be learned, but it is not meant for those who are in the midst of suffering. This book addresses the intellectual side of the heart.

Two weeks later, Lewis experienced the loss of his wife, as well as the deterioration of his own health. "A Grief Observed" records his struggle following the death of his wife. I would like to share a few snippets from the book that I have found to be helpful. It is my hope that by listening to Lewis' experience of pain and loss we might find some comfort that we are not alone in our suffering.

"I have often wondered as if God had abandoned me, and I have often wondered as if God's megaphone were silent." He asks,

"When you are happy, so happy that you do not even sense of needing Him, so happy that you are tempted to feel His claims upon you are a burden, if you remember yourself and His claims with gratitude and praise, you will be surprised to find yourself welcomed with open arms, when your need is desperate, when you are alone and what do you find? A hand reaching in your face, and a sound of shouting on the inside. After that, you will find God so present a commander in your life, so present and so very absent a help in your need." (124)

"How long, O Lord? How long will you be gone from me?" Sometimes it feels as if we are alone when we are in the midst of pain.

Lewis tried to express his anger with God at the death of his wife by asking how we know if our lives are really in a better place. He asks someone saying that we know that our lives are in a better place because they are in a better place, which he replies,



KENNY RIGOULOT

### the good word

"But if so, [my wife] was in God's hand all the time, and I have seen what they did to her here. Do they suddenly become gentler to us the moment we are out of the body? And if so, why? If God's goodness is inconsistent with hurting us, then either God is not good or there is no God: for in the only life we know He hurts us beyond our worst fears and beyond all we can imagine. If it is consistent with hurting us, then He may hurt us after death as unendurably as before it. Sometimes it is hard not to say, 'God forgive God.' Sometimes it is hard to say so much. But if our faith is true, He didn't. He crucified Him." (31).

Lewis questions how God can allow bad things to happen to good people, but also recognizes that God knows what it is like to suffer. While we may not be able to explain why bad things happen to good people, we can trust that we do not suffer alone. Our God knows what it is like to suffer. Through the power of the Holy Spirit we are not alone in our suffering. Christ came to live with us, die for us and he rose again so that we might be with God both now and forever. We have hope because someday, "God will wipe away every tear from [our] eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away" (Revelation 21:4).

Toward the end of the book, Lewis says, "I have gradually been coming to feel that the door is no longer shut and bolted. Was it my own frantic need that slammed it in my face? The time when there is nothing at all to cry for help may be just the time when God can give it: you are like the drowning man who can't be helped because he clutches and grabs. Perhaps your own reiterated cries deafen you to the voice you hoped to hear" (53-54).

Psalm 13 says it this way, "But I have trusted in your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord, because he has dealt bountifully with me." After all is said and done, there is no adequate answer for all of the pain we are experiencing. It is good for us to try to wrap our heads around the "Problem of Pain," but it is more important for us to open our hearts to "A Grief Observed."

Please pray with me:  
Gracious God,

We do not always understand your ways, but we trust in you. We do not always know why certain things happen, but we trust that you are with us, God, help us when we are unable to trust. Help us when answers do not come. When we are in pain, we ask that you would surround us with those who love us and care for us. Make your presence known to us, especially when we suffer. God, we ask that you would ease the pain of those who are suffering this day. Comfort those who are mourning. Support those who are caring for others. Bless us all and help us to be a blessing to others. Amen.

Kenny Rigoulot is the pastor of First Presbyterian Church.

### CHURCH SPOTLIGHT

## Stringer moves up to head pastor at Calvary

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Calvary Baptist has a new pastor as Dallas Stringer took the reins at the beginning of the year.

Stringer has been the associate pastor for the past three years and stepped up after Richard Bartel stepped down to associate pastor. Stringer said it's a good deal and that he's extremely blessed.

"God blessed me with this," Stringer said. "It's something (Bartel) and I talked about for a couple of years."

Stringer said the great thing about the whole deal is that he and Bartel still get to work together.

"We've known each other for awhile so it's a pretty neat deal," Stringer said.

Shortly after Stringer took over the head pastor duties, his wife Heather had their fourth child, Ellah Monday. Stringer has three other children Mark, 4, Hannah, 2, and Brooklyn, 2.

The new head pastor said he is looking forward to telling others about Jesus and his love. Currently, Stringer is preaching about being transformed in all areas of life.

"It's out of Romans 12:1-2," Stringer said.

Calvary Baptist is located at the 900 block of 23rd street.

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# Sports

## PHS Sr. Cook's clutch shooting earns leadership role

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Pampa High School senior Cori Cook has been involved with basketball for a while, starting when she was in third grade.

"My dad and Taryn Eubank's mom started up a team when we were in third grade," Cook said. "So, we've all been playing together for a while."

After her first varsity season last season where she played a key role, Cook is one of two seniors looking to lead the Lady Harvesters back to the postseason and beyond.

Cook has been playing with her senior teammate Kayla Hughes since they were in third grade. The senior guard says it's nice

they've played that long because they are familiar with each other.

"We know exactly what each other is going to do," Cook said. "We can read each other. I think it helps out on the court to know what you're teammates are going to do."

Cook played on the junior varsity in her sophomore season and earned a spot on the varsity the following year. The senior said the transition was tough because of the higher intensity.

"It was a lot more intense than JV, stepping up and playing teams like Canyon's varsity," Cook said. "Once you go from JV to varsity, it's a totally different level."

In her first varsity season,

Cook showed she was a clutch player, hitting game-winning shots against Perryton and Caprock. Cook said those shots were big for her.

"It felt really good to hit those shots to help my team," Cook said.

Head coach Gene Valentine said Cook is a strong competitor.

"If you watch her play she will go after them, she doesn't care what size they are," Valentine said. "It's good to have kids like that."

This season, Cook has enjoyed transitioning into her role as a senior leader.

"It's helped me step up more," Cook said. "I get to play more than last year. It's built my confidence."

Valentine said Cook is a vocal leader for the team.

"She led the meeting we had at the Caprock Tournament," Valentine said. "Obviously things have turned around. Being a senior she wants to go out on the right note. It's good to have kids like that, that aren't always your 'superstar' but those kids you can count on when the times get tough."

Last season, the Lady Harvesters made the playoffs for the first time since the 2006-2007 season. Cook said it was special getting to be a part of the turnaround.

"It's really awesome to know that we came in and we changed the whole Lady Harvester tradition," Cook said.



staff photo by Andrew Glover  
Cori Cook shoots a jumper in a Dec. 2 game against Clarendon. Cook was a clutch shooter last season and has developed into a senior leader this year.

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# Sports

## Former Panthers coach Fox takes reins in Denver

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. (AP) — John Fox turned around a floundering franchise before. The Denver Broncos are counting on him to do it again.

Fox was picked over four other candidates to replace Josh McDaniels, who was fired Dec. 6 amid the Broncos' worst slide in four decades and the embarrassing Spygate II videotaping scandal.

The last season led to a restructuring of the front office and the return of Hall of Famer John Elway as chief football executive. On Thursday, Elway hired Fox, the 55-year-old former Carolina Panthers coach to a four-year contract.

"For what this building needed, John Fox was the perfect fit for us," Elway said outside team headquarters before flipping off in his Bentley on Thursday morning.

"The one thing I saw in John he had a football wisdom," Elway said. "And I think that comes with the experience that he has." But not only does he have it on the defensive side, but overall his football wisdom is what won us the job.

Elway broke the news of Fox's hiring to Elway by coping with the organization's new emphasis on transparency as he tries to connect with a disenchanted fan base.

Fox spent 18 1/2 years, including playoffs and nine seasons with the Panthers, who didn't renew his contract following an 11-5 record in 2010 season.

"It was a competitive," Fox said as he left the team's Dove Valley headquarters Thursday night. "Last year was obviously a very disappointing and very hard season, but that's all the more reason to jump back in and get things turned around here."

Fox and general manager Brian Xanders spent much of the day putting

together a coaching staff. Speculation centered on Fox keeping Mike McCoy as Denver's offensive coordinator and hiring former Seahawks head coach Jim Mora Jr. as his defensive coordinator.

"There's been no decisions in that area yet," Fox said.

Fox's task in turning around this team seems as high and steep as the biggest peaks in the Rocky Mountains.

The Broncos are coming off a franchise-worst 4-12 season, own the second overall pick in the draft and are in need of a major overhaul — much like the Panthers were when Fox arrived in 2002 following a 1-15 season.

He led them to a 7-9 mark in his first year before guiding them to the 2004 Super Bowl in his second season.

Fox arrived in Denver on Wednesday to meet with Elway after his flight out of North Carolina was delayed three times by winter weather. He was the fifth and final candidate interviewed, and his sit-down lasted 90 minutes longer than the others.

Xanders said the interview lasted 5 1/2 hours, followed by a dinner with he, Elway and Fox that lasted just as long at Elway's Steakhouse.

"The more he talked, the more football wisdom came out in terms of different situations," Xanders told The Associated Press. "Running the defense, the offense, the nine years of head coach experience came out in his answers. And then his personality, his energy and positive outlook fit the Broncos model."

In the Broncos' new organizational structure, Elway oversees Xanders, who's in charge of roster-building, and Fox, who's in charge of the team.

"We spent some time at dinner, a long dinner after the interview, and the more we talked the more matched up we

felt," Xanders said. "We fit in with each other."

Team president Joe Ellis told The AP he couldn't pick one thing he liked most about Fox.

"Everything. Energy. Enthusiasm. Wisdom. Tremendous connections throughout the league. He did a great presentation on his whole scheme, his whole plan. He's turned it around before, when he was in Carolina. Great reputation as a head coach. I just think all of his experience. And then you look at where his real background was throughout football: on the defensive side," Ellis said.

"I think we were really pleased that John Elway made a special emphasis to get consistent and good on defense and John Fox is going to help us do that."

A one-time assistant under Chuck Noll, Fox spent 13 years as a defensive coach with the Steelers, Chargers, Raiders, Rams and Giants, including seven seasons as coordinator, before taking over the Panthers, who owned the league's worst defense.

In his first season in Carolina, the Panthers rose all the way to No. 2, the biggest turnaround since the 1970 AFL-NFL merger.

"It's a good thing that he's a defensive-minded coach; that will really help the defense," linebacker Joe Mays said. "It's also good that he's a proven head coach, as well. I think it's a good hire."

"He's had success in the past," wide receiver Eric Decker said, "so why not here?"

Although fellow coaching candidates Eric Studesville, Perry Fewell and Dirk Koetter had interim head coaching experience and Rick Dennison has been with the Broncos for 24 years as a player and an assistant, none of them had the coaching credentials of Fox.

His Carolina teams posted three 11-win seasons, won two NFC South titles and went 5-3 in the playoffs, appearing in two conference championships and losing to New England in the '04 Super Bowl.

But they were inconsistent. Although his teams averaged nearly nine wins, they never posted consecutive winning seasons under Fox.

Still, Fox touted a top-of-the-pile resume that included a road map for leading the Broncos back to respectability after a five-year playoff drought.

"It's not my first rodeo, so to speak," Fox said. "So, I think I do have a blueprint to do it."

The team's top priority is fixing the last-place defense, which will be the focus of the draft, and Fox said he wouldn't have a problem if the Broncos want to stick with the 3-4 defensive scheme they've employed since 2009 even though he mostly used a 4-3 look in Carolina.

Xanders said the scheme won't be decided until a defensive coordinator is hired.

Elway said last week when he was hired as the team's new chief football executive that his new coach should be willing to work with rookie quarterback Tim Tebow. And Fox said he's a big believer in the former Florida star, who started Denver's last three games.

Tebow didn't stop to speak with reporters on his way out of Dove Valley on Thursday, but later he tweeted: "Welcome to Denver Coach Fox! Can't wait to get to work with you!!!"


Fox met with some members of the holdover staff on Thursday after agreeing to take over the Broncos, but there was no announcements on whether any of them would stay.


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