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## Pampa United Way holds 2012 Kick-off Luncheon Tuesday

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PAMPA — The Pampa United Way on Tuesday held its 2012 Kickoff Luncheon, an annual affair ultimately expected to provide much-needed funding for nearly 20 Gray County agencies.

The cost of meals for the event, held in the MK Brown Room at the Chamber of Commerce, was underwritten by National Oilwell Varco, officials said.

Campaign Chairman Mac Smith said one can never be too busy to help the United Way.

“When I was offered my position I thought I was too busy — but we are

all busy,” he said. “You choose to be involved or not involved. It’s a choice.”

Last year’s fundraising goal for the project was \$312,000; this year’s target goal is \$315,000, said Katrina Bigham, executive administrator of the Pampa United Way.

During the lunch, Smith introduced the 18 agencies in Gray county that have benefited from the United way:

Boy Scouts, CASA of the High Plains, CREATE a Beat!, Epilepsy Foundation of West Texas, Gray County Latch Key, Lefors Senior Citizens Center, Pampa Optimist Youth Club, Samaritan Pastoral Counseling Center, Texas Panhandle Centers, The Bridge, com-

munity Dy Care Center, Eastern Tx Panhandle Chapter of American R C, Girl Scouts, Child Protective Service, Pampa Meals on Wheels, The Salvation Army, Southside Senior Citizens Center and Tralee Crisis Center.

Two of the Agencies “touched” by the United Way spoke about how The United Way has touched their Agency:

Janet Watts with CASA of the High Plains related the good the Pampa United Way does for Gray county. The money that is given to them goes towards training volunteers which intern affects the children, Watts said.

DeeDee Larimore with Tralee Crisis Center, the second agency rep to speak,

told the story of a female who entered the “system” as a battered woman, yet left it much stronger — and able to see her abuser behind bars.

The United Way has received three donations to start of the calendar year including United Supermarket, a representative of which presented Pampa United Way with a check today!

First Check-in Luncheon is Tuesday, October 9th at the Meals on Wheels facility, 302 E. Foster.

And, officials said, a big “Thank You!” to all the volunteers who work to make a difference in Gray County.

**See photos of the event in Thursday’s edition of the Pampa News!**

## Longtime Employees Retire

**Green Country says goodbye to Rickey Brown and Darrel Gibson**



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In the new addition at the Green Country John Deere that will be used for Service, 150 people came Tuesday to honor the retirement of two longtime employees.

Rickey Brown has worked at Green Country for 20 years and will be leaving the parts department, while his long time co-worker Darrel Gibson has been working in the service shop for 52 years.

The goodbye party given by the owners Sam Gustin and Mike Cudd included Bar-B-Q, Cake, and all the fixin’s.

As a perk for the people who attended, there was a drawing for a John Deere air compressor, heater, and a grill.

Lee Berry, the manager who took over the Pampa location after moving from Guymon, Oklahoma three years ago said, “These are great guys, we would do anything for them.”

Along with the party, the people in attendance were treated with a look at the new facility, and the newly-remodeled store front.

The old service shop will now be a staging area for equipment before it goes to the new service shop, and for smaller lawn mower repairs.

Greene Country John Deere is located east of the Top O Texas Rodeo grounds on Highway 60, and also has become a Honda lawn mower dealer.

photo courtesy of **Gayden Hays**  
**Green Country John Deere says good bye to two long time employees.** Pictured above left to right, co-owner Sam Gustin, Darrel Gibson, co-owner Mike Cudd, and Rickey Brown after a lunch to honor Gibson and Brown.

## GOP women clarify meet times

■ *After Open House, the Top O’ Texas Republican Women’s headquarters will be open every Tuesday and Thursday until the election from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.*

**FROM REPORTS**

The Top O’ Texas Republican Women’s Club will be holding an open house for its new headquarters at 317 N. Ballard between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 1., President Jana Vinson reiterated Tuesday.

Cookies and punch will be served at the event, and the public is invited to come and attend — and collect yard signs, bumper stickers, pins and buttons, she said.

After Open House the headquarters will be open every Tuesday and Thursday between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. until the November election.



Kerry and Randy Parsley, left, recently received an award for their safe work place from Texas Mutual Insurance, which handles their Workers Compensation insurance. More awards Page 2.

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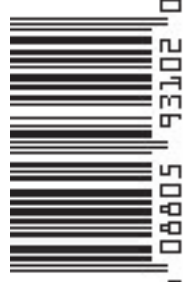
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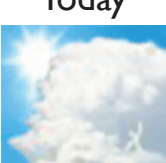
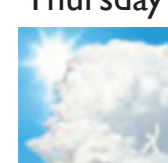
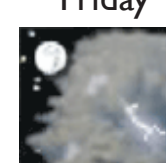
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## PAMPA FORECAST

Today	Thursday	Friday
		
30%	30%	40%
High 83 Low 58	High 80 Low 58	High 77 Low 58

Today: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 83. South wind 5 to 15 mph becoming north northwest in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 20 mph.

Tonight: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 58. South southeast wind 10 to 15 mph.

Thursday A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 80. South southeast wind around 10 mph.

Thursday Night A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 58. Southeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming light and variable in the evening.

Friday A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 77. Calm wind becoming north northwest around 5 mph in the morning.

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# Obituaries

## Donna Vardene Broaddus Searl

PAMPA — Donna Vardene Broaddus Searl, 83, died Monday, September 24, 2012 in Pampa.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 27, 2012, in Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel with Glen Walton, minister of Bell Avenue Church of Christ in Amarillo, Keith Feerer, minister of Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ, and Paul Nachtigall, pastor of Highland Baptist Church, officiating.

Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery, under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Searl was born October 16, 1928 in Carson County to Creekmore and Mona Zelle Wright Broaddus. She married Clifford H. Searl on October 9, 1944 in Pampa. He preceded her in death in November of 1998. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1944. She graduated from Frank Phillips College in 1968 with an LVN degree.



Searl

She started her nursing career at Highland General Hospital and also worked for Coronado Community Hospital, Dr. Forrest Sparger, and Dr. Joe Gates and other doctors in the Medical & Surgical Clinic. She worked at Shepard's Crook Home Health for 22 years and she also helped Dr. Nigel DaSilva open his practice in Pampa. She was a member of Mary Ellen & Harvester Church of Christ for 61 years.

Survivors include a daughter: Sandra Johnson and husband Blake of Sanford; two sons: Danny Searl and wife Terry and Paul Searl and wife Linda, all of Pampa; her sister: Shirley Bailey and husband Royce of Miami; her aunt: Donna Clyde Arms of Amarillo; 9 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a daughter: Joy Beth Gough in November of 1987; a brother and sister-in-law: Courtney M. and Penny Broaddus; and her parents.

Memorials may be made to the Harvest House, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa, Texas 79065, or Pampa Nursing Center Activity Fund, 1321 W. Kentucky, Pampa, Texas 79065.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Sign the on-line register at [www.carmichael-whately.com](http://www.carmichael-whately.com)

# AWARDED

## Dimension Pipeline receives safety award



Photo submitted by Candy Ferris

Larry Homen, Senior Loss Prevention Consultant (left) presented the award to Dimension Pipeline General Manager-Brent Pillers, Supervisor-Mike O'Gorman, and Safety Coordinator-Jeff Chapa.

**CANDY FERRIS**  
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Each year, Texas Mutual Insurance Company recognizes policyholders whose commitments to employee safety stand above the rest. Out of 53,000 policyholders, Texas Mutual awards safety trophies to the top 100 each year. This year, Dimension Pipeline in Wheeler, has been chosen

as one of the top 100 policyholders to receive this award.

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They have to invest and work at it," Homen stated.

Brent Pillers, General Manager stated, "Safety is definitely stressed in this industry and within our company. We take a lot of pride in our safety record."

In order to receive this award, policyholders must be exposed to workplace hazards, their management team must provide resources necessary to

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# Tween 12 & 20: Dr. Wallace offers his advice on life to youngsters



**DR. ROBERT WALLACE**  
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## Thanks for Allowing Me to Vent

DR. WALLACE: I read your column regularly and I'm appalled at the number of letters and emails you receive from teens who dislike their stepparent, and their slander is nothing short of an evil vendetta.

I am a stepmother. My husband's wife died due to an illness, and I had never met her. I try and do my very best, but my stepchild is constantly finding ways to keep our family in an uproar over what I do or don't do. My stepchild treats me like I'm invisible in my own home. I'm not perfect, but I'm involved in activities that can better our community. I work hard to make our home comfortable and never forget a birthday or a special occasion. The "thank you" always goes to my husband and never to me.

My stepchild can hate me, but that will never bring back a deceased mother, nor will the family ever be "like it once was."

Your thoughts on this matter will be appreciated. Thank you for allowing me to vent. I hope other stepparents who suffer humiliation from stepchildren will know that they are not alone! -- Nameless, Birmingham, Ala.

**NAMELESS:** *Being*

*a stepparent can be a very difficult task if the preparation did not include all family members discussing how to welcome the stepparent into a new family. Your husband is the one who should have conducted family discussions, first alone with his child and then again with you present. It's easy to see that your stepchild was close to her birth mother and resents you taking her place. This wouldn't have happened if family discussions about you entering the family had been successful.*

*It's your husband's responsibility to do whatever is necessary to change the friction between your stepchild and you. Successful families share love, compassion and honesty, and no one should act like a family member is invisible!*

## Buzz Over to a Sweet Flower

DR. WALLACE: I've been dating my girlfriend for over a year. Most of the time we had good times, but the bad times came when she ignored me and flirted with other guys. When I challenged her about this, she said that she needed to flirt because it stroked her ego and made her feel "really" wanted.

Last week I finally had my fill of her ego and told her that if she continued flirting, I was going to end the relationship. I was shocked when she told me that she was going to continue stroking her ego and if I didn't like it, I should buzz off. Now the "ball is in my court." What should I do? I really like this girl. -- Terry, Santa Fe, N.M.

**TERRY:** *It's time to*

*end the relationship with this girl because I fear things will not improve since she thinks more of herself than of you. Wish her well and then "buzz" over to a sweeter flower -- a Rose, a Daisy, a Lilly -- you get my message!*

## You Are Not Missing Out on Anything But Trouble!

DR. WALLACE: I'm 17 and a very good student. I have lots of friends and I'm active in school activities. Many of my close friends are always talking about their sexual adventures with their boyfriends. I just listen because I can't join the conversation since I'm not sexually involved with my boyfriend. My friends keep teasing me because I'm still a virgin. They always say that I "don't know what I'm missing."

I've been dating my boyfriend for several months and sometimes he gets a little sexually inclined, but I keep him under control. I'm not asking you if I should remain a virgin because I've already made up my mind, and I also know that you would encourage me to remain a virgin. What I really want is for you to tell me as many reasons as you can why a girl should not lose her virginity before she gets married. I really need to know some answers, and maybe some of my friends will change their minds when they hear more information. -- Nameless, San Antonio, Tex.

**NAMELESS:** *Many times your peers can give much better responses than I can. Please read the following letter from*

*a young girl your age in Nevada. Her message is loud and clear.*

DR. WALLACE: I've been reading your column for a long, long time, but I never dreamed I would ever be writing to you. What I actually want to do is to address my letter to all of the teenage girls who read your column. It is my hope that I can spare them the misery I went through concerning sex.

*When I was 15, all of my girlfriends were sexually active with their boyfriends. Me? I was the lone virgin in the group. They were always encouraging me to have sex so I could share in the interesting "group discussions."*

*I was going out with a boy who was 16 and he was always telling me that he loved me and that we should have sex to seal our love. I thought I was in love with him and ready, so one night I said yes. Well, I soon found out that he really didn't love me and he was only calling me when he wanted to have sex. We never went to a movie or out to eat. Not only that, he started telling his friends that I was an easy mark and I guess I really was. I had sex with many of his friends. I honestly believed that each guy really liked me and that having sex was a way of showing true affection. How wrong I was!*

*Luckily, I didn't get pregnant, and no, I didn't catch a disease (the boy always used protection because I insisted), but as a young woman, I feel that I was used and abused sexually. The emotional scars of my sexual awakening will be with me forever. I made a big mistake by having sex. First, I thought everyone was*



*doing it and they really weren't. Next, I thought that I was physically and emotionally ready and I wasn't.*

*Girls, I plead with you not to get sexually active because you want to know what sex is all about or you feel you are missing out on something special. Please believe me. You are not missing out on anything but trouble! The time will come when you are truly in love and mature enough to enter into a relationship. I hope that it will be after you say "I do" to your husband. -- Nameless, Reno, Nev.*

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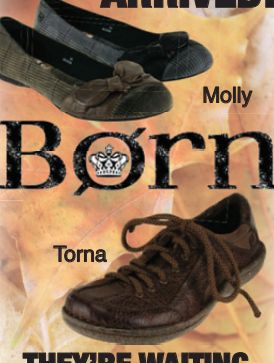
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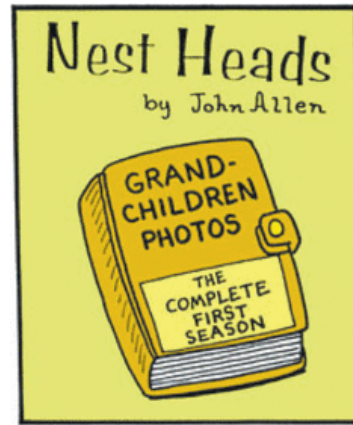
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## Chuck Norris: Fast and Furious' whitewash by Justice Department



**CHUCK NORRIS**  
Columnist

Sometimes, as the saying goes, the truth really is stranger than fiction. There may have been some wild plotlines on "Walker, Texas Ranger," but there was nothing that compares to the scandal surrounding "Fast and Furious" -- the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives operation that resulted in the loss of a distinguished Border Patrol agent, Brian Terry.

The congressional investigation into "Fast and Furious" has been going on for more than a year, but it was stonewalled by Attorney General Eric Holder, who instead opened an internal investigation by the Department of Justice's inspector general. Tens of thousands of internal Justice Department documents supplied to the inspector general were withheld from Congress, despite having been requested in a lawful subpoena issued by the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. This act of stubborn defiance resulted in Holder's becoming the first attorney general to be voted in contempt of Congress. Now Inspector General Michael Horowitz's report finally has been released, but it leaves some critical questions unanswered. Before delving into specifics,

let me thank Townhall's Katie Pavlich for her help deciphering the report, as well as her groundbreaking reporting on this issue from day one.

Media accounts surrounding the release of the report had a routine flavor, which was otherworldly in light of the report's contents. The Associated Press reported that "the Justice Department's internal watchdog ... faulted the agency for misguided strategies, errors in judgment and management failures during a bungled gun-trafficking probe in Arizona that resulted in hundreds of weapons turning up at crime scenes in the U.S. and Mexico." Oh, is that all? "Fast and Furious" involved the "walking" of guns into Mexico -- an artful term for gun smuggling that was clearly illegal but nonetheless encouraged. Most of these guns turned up in the hands of drug dealers and known criminals. The ostensible goal of the ATF was to catch these cartel members red-handed with the smuggled guns during crimes in Mexico. Two of the guns that were "walked" into Mexico were found at the crime scene of the killing of Agent Terry, who died in a firefight with drug cartel henchmen.

Thousands of guns walked into Mexico are still on the loose. Where are they, and how many are out there? Does the U.S. government have a plan to recapture them, or will we simply spend years wondering how many more victims they are being used to kill? And who will make sure

that Congress and the public are made aware if and when these guns surface at more crime scenes here in the U.S.?

The report outlines the basics of "who knew what when" and recommends potential sanctions for no fewer than 14 government employees. Note that 14 is also the precise number of criminals who have pleaded guilty under this operation, according to the AP. But the report doesn't delve into potential motivations. There may be deeper motives for allowing these guns to walk into Mexico that remain unaccounted for. Is it possible that allowing an infusion of firearms to go into Mexico was intended to provoke an explosion of gun violence, thus prompting domestic politicians to call for sweeping new restrictions on our rights? The report is silent on this count.

Terry is the most prominent victim of this horribly botched operation, and his family members are the unsung heroes here. They have been waiting patiently for answers for almost two years now. Brian Terry only wanted to do his job and get home for the holidays. Dubbed "Superman" by colleagues and friends, he is the face of "Fast and Furious." Justice must be properly served, or else his valiant service and ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty will be dishonored.

Even with its omissions, the inspector general's report is a chilling indictment of a collapse in leadership at the highest levels of federal law

enforcement. There may be 14 staffers who take the fall, but it's clear that their politically appointed superiors were either asleep at the switch or willing to jeopardize public safety to push an agenda that remains undisclosed. Can anyone possibly need any more reasons to register to vote?

The bottom line is that the American people deserve answers that go well beyond the inspector general's report. Congress needs to proceed with a comprehensive investigation, and it must have the unfettered cooperation and access that the Department of Justice thus far has withheld. And Justice is clearly in need of new leadership. Let's give it to them.

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## Editorial Romneygate? Much ado about very little

We have bad news for Democrats. The leaked video of a Q-and-A session between Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney and a roomful of supporters, the one where he says almost half of Americans are deadbeats, really isn't that big a deal. A full transcript of the session fills 21 pages and offers few surprises.

The video was recorded in May during a fund-raiser in Boca Raton. For the past week, pundits have focused on one section, where Romney says 47 percent of "the people" are die-hard supporters of President Obama.

"All right," he says, "there are 47 percent who are with him, who are dependent upon government, who believe that they are victims, who believe that government has a responsibility to care for them, who believe that they are entitled to health care, to food, to housing, to you name it. ... And they will vote for this president no matter what. ... These are people who pay no income tax."

The statement is disingenuous. We know plenty of Obama supporters who work full-time jobs and pay income taxes. And we know Romney supporters whose sole source of income is a monthly check or two from the government.

But so what? The "freeloaders support Obama" line is Republican boilerplate. Letter writers in this newspaper have stated it as fact for the past four years. Columnists and commentators who are shocked simply haven't been paying attention.

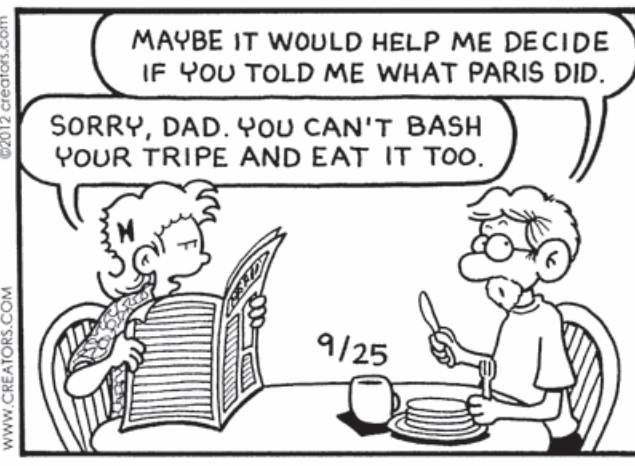
Romney backers certainly hoped voters were paying attention when, in response to the video flap, they produced a snippet of film from 1998 in which Barack Obama said he believed in redistributing people's money.

**Again:** So what? Three and a half years into the Obama presidency, is anyone honestly surprised that Obama is OK with various redistribution schemes? Yes, he's a believer. We knew that.

In fact, most Americans believe in redistribution, although they don't usually call it such. Redistributed funds pay the salaries of teachers, postal workers and military personnel. Social Security is a redistributive bureaucracy. And so on.

The election is just over six weeks away. Let's move on to weightier issues.

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# Debra J. Saunders: 'Obama's Promise' is a political football.



**DEBRA J. SAUNDERS**  
Columnist

which would bring in a Republican majority to the House. The lame-duck House passed the bill 216-198. But then, as Obama pointed out, a Senate bill failed to meet the 60-vote threshold to overcome a GOP filibuster. Obama neglected to mention that the Senate bill would have hit the magic number if five Democrats had voted for it instead of against it.

McCain never has forgiven Obama for supporting a poison pill that toppled the fragile coalition behind the immigration bill. McCain was willing to risk his far-from-modest ambitions to pass a compromise measure that was 11 years in the making.

For his part, Obama opted for purity -- and kept alive a bill whose promise has kept the Latino community snugly inside the Democrats' pockets.

"For Obama, it's a political issue to be managed," observed Mark Krikorian of the anti-amnesty Center for Immigration Studies.

Obama risked no political capital on immigration reform early on. Instead, he waited until 2012 and issued an executive order allowing DREAM Act wannabes to apply for "deferred action" that stops deportations and delivers work papers.

Obama overrode the will of Congress, so is it legal? Maybe voters will find out after the election.

Unashamed, the president told Ramos that the Latino community "can send a message that this is not something to use as a political football," by -- wait for it -- voting.

For Obama, of course. He never would use immigration as a political football.

The fact is that George W. Bush worked harder to pass a comprehensive immigration package than Obama ever has. Bush pushed for a bill even though the effort hurt his standing with the GOP base. Obama faced no such obstacle. Yet during the two years when Democrats controlled Congress, he couldn't be bothered to introduce a path-to-citizenship measure or a DREAM Act to provide legal status to young illegal immigrants who came to the United States as children.

Under Obama, Congress didn't vote on the Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors Act until after the 2010 midterm elections,

## Social Security questions from widows

**TOM MARGENAU**  
Creator's Syndicate

Q. I am a 54-year-old widow. My husband died a couple years ago. My children are all grown. I am having a hard time making ends meet, and so I am very puzzled as to why I can't get widow's benefits now. Why do only older women get widow's benefits? I have just as many bills and problems as they do. What could possibly be the justification for denying me my husband's benefits just because I'm not yet a senior citizen?

A. The law generally says a woman can get widow's benefits beginning at age 60. When Congress wrote that law, which by the way was back in 1935, they assumed that a woman under the age of 60 ought to be able to work and support herself. I know my mother was a widow at the age of 50 and did just that -- she worked until she was 65 years old.

But Congress recognized a couple of situations in which a widow under 60 might not be able to work -- if she was disabled or if she had minor kids. So that's why they provided two exceptions to the age 60 law. They said a widow can get benefits as early as the age of 50 if she is severely disabled. And they said a woman with minor children in her care ought to be able to get widow's benefits at any age. Those same exceptions still apply today.

But you are not disabled. And you don't have little kids at home. I know the job market can be tough, but again, the law assumes you should be able to support yourself at least until you reach age 60.

Q. My husband died

four months ago. They did switch me from the wife's benefit I was getting to widow's benefits. But I never received the \$255 death benefit. For a month or so after he died, it seemed they were having trouble figuring out my correct widow's payment. I believe it was a higher rate for a month or so, but for the past couple months, it has leveled off to what my husband was getting when he died. I don't remember ever applying for that burial benefit. Should I contact someone at the Social Security office about this? I hope you don't think my question is too naive. I spent my entire adult life as a wife and homemaker, and my husband handled all the finances, so I really don't understand how Social Security works.

A. Obviously, I don't know all the facts about your case. So you should talk to someone at your Social Security office to verify this. But here is what I think happened.

You said you were getting Social Security checks as a wife on your husband's record before he died. In those kinds of situations, the Social Security office just automatically switches you from wife's benefits to widow's benefits as soon as they learn of your husband's death (which they probably did by checking the computer records of the state or county bureau of vital statistics).

As part of that process, they also automatically send you the \$255 death benefit. It isn't necessarily a separate check. You said that you received a higher rate before your benefits leveled off. So I'm pretty sure that \$255 one-time



death payment was just included along with your first widow's payment.

Again, you can check with your Social Security office to make sure. Or you can simply call them at 800-772-1213.

Q. After my husband died, I received the \$255 burial benefit. But I would like to know how the government expected me to bury my husband for only \$255!

A. To be frank, they didn't expect you to bury your husband for \$255. As I've explained before in this column, that little token death payment was never meant to be a "burial benefit."

It started its life as a one-time payment about 75 years ago, in the very earliest days of the Social Security program. At that time, there were many people who died without having accrued sufficient work credits, sometimes called "quarters of coverage," for their families to qualify for any survivor's benefits. Social Security planners didn't want these people to go away empty handed, so family members of the deceased would get a little token reimbursement from the government. It was initially set at three and one-half percent of the Social Security taxes the deceased had paid into the program.

As always happens with government programs, people who weren't getting

what came to be mistakenly known as the "burial benefit" complained that they were being cheated. These would be the family members of someone who died "fully insured," meaning they were widows and/or minor children who already qualified for monthly benefits.

As I explained above, the one-time death benefit was meant to be a compensation for folks whose loved one died before paying sufficient taxes into the system. But Congress knuckled under the pressure and decided to pay a one-time death benefit (NOT a "burial benefit") in almost all cases.

That payment was initially set at six times the deceased's monthly retirement rate. In 1954, the law was amended to limit the payment to "six times the monthly retirement rate but not more than \$255." In 1973, they changed the wording of the law to simply say the payment would be a flat \$255. Finally, in 1983 they amended the law to say the death benefit could only be paid to a widow or widower.

And that's where the one-time death benefit has been ever since. It's essentially a meaningless payment. BUT, it is an incredibly popular little benefit. Anytime a member of Congress even thinks of introducing a bill to eliminate the token payment, he or she is immediately flooded with letters from senior citizen groups, and the bill is quickly withdrawn!

*If you have a Social Security question, Tom Margenau has the answer. Contact him at thomas.margenau@comcast.net.*

Candidate Barack Obama made this promise to Univision anchorman Jorge Ramos in May 2008:

"What I can guarantee is that we will have in the first year an immigration bill that I strongly support and that I'm promoting. And I want to move that forward as quickly as possible."

Didn't happen. When Ramos interviewed Obama on Thursday, he brought up "the Obama promise." "At the beginning of your (presidency)," Ramos said, "you had control of both chambers of Congress, and yet you did not introduce immigration reform. And before I continue, I want for you to acknowledge that you did not keep your promise."

Obama laid the blame on the economy. He then aw-shucked, "I'm happy to take responsibility for being naive here." As is his habit, the president then blamed Republicans, including Sen. John McCain, for playing politics on immigration. It was a low-road swipe at a senator whose support of an ill-fated 2007 bill nearly cost him the 2008 GOP presidential nomination.

An outraged McCain went to the Senate floor Friday to lambaste Obama for not offering "one piece of legislation" on immigration.

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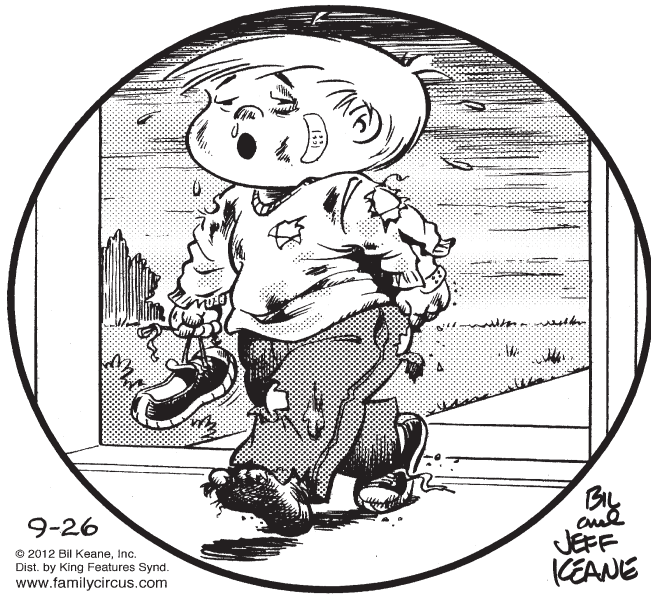
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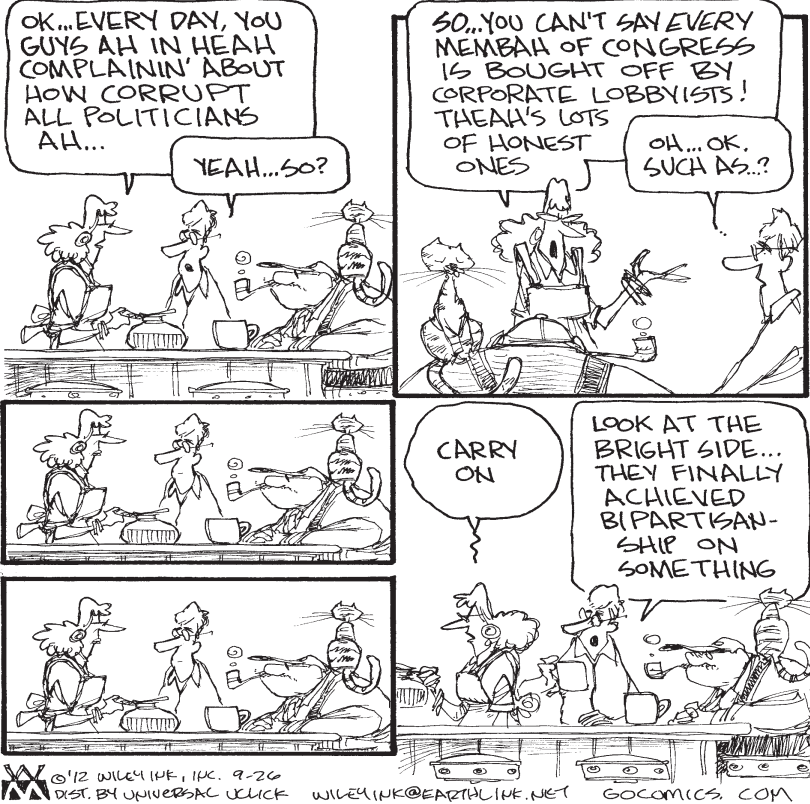
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**"I think my guardian angel took the day off."**

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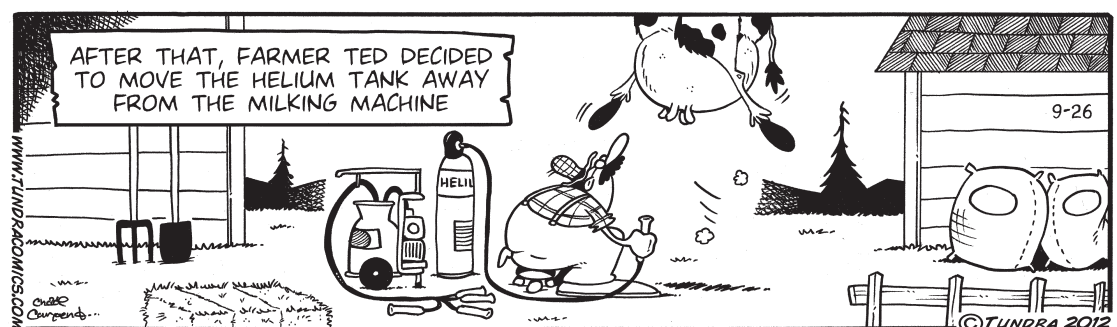


# daily horoscope

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Thursday, Sept. 27, 2012:  
 This year you experience many different feelings that help guide you. You sometimes wonder which voice to listen to, but only you can decide that. You often have issues with the opposite sex. Maintain your sense of humor, and everything will work out fine. Transform your attitude, and you'll transform your life. If you are single, you come from a place of compassion when you meet someone. Be vulnerable yet open to the fact that this person might not be Mr. or Ms. Right. If you are attached, share a new hobby with a sweetie in order to become closer. PISCES can drag you down.  
**ARIES** (March 21-April 19)  
 ★★★ Your intuition directs you as to which way to go, though you could feel stuck between a rock and a hard place. You see the potential for change, but you need a boss or supervisor to go along with you. You might opt not to share everything you are thinking. Tonight: Not to be found.  
**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)  
 ★★★★★ A friend seems to zero in on an issue, which helps you to verbalize and express your thoughts. A partner cares, but he or she initially might show it as hostility. Get past this person's behavior. Detach, and you will see more. Tonight: Where your friends are.  
**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)  
 ★★★ You are on top of your game, and you understand what makes an associate function in the way that he or she does. Open up to a talk, and share more of what you think is needed. Be aware of what others suggest as well. Tonight: A must appearance.  
**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)  
 ★★★★★ Detach before making a final decision. You intuitively want to know more of what could make a situation work. By stepping back, you will gain greater insight for how to proceed. Evaluate what is needed at the moment. Tonight: Your feelings need to lead the way.  
**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)  
 ★★★★★ Recheck any agreements that could impact your finances. You have very high ideals, and you want to satisfy them. Sometimes double-checking is important in ensuring that everything is proceeding as you'd like. Be willing to flow with a change in plans or a call that takes too long. Tonight: Deal with a family member directly.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)  
 ★★★★★ Defer to someone who really wants to call the shots and make the decisions. You might not agree with this person, but you need to witness the end results of his or her actions. A child or loved one interjects a delightful element into your day. Tonight: Make calls and figure out weekend plans.  
**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)  
 ★★★★★ You deal with others directly and with self-confidence. You know what your expectations are, and, for the most part, you share them with those involved. You could get into a heated conversation at first, but let it go — don't let it mar your interaction. Tonight: Off to the gym.  
**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)  
 ★★★★★ Your sense of direction calls for some quick decisions. Your ability to see beyond an issue and understand the consequences of certain actions allows you to make the right move. Deal with a passionate individual directly; remember that this person cares. Tonight: Choose something fun.  
**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)  
 ★★★★★ Think through a problem with key players. What you see happening is OK, even if on some level you don't buy someone else's version of the story. Nevertheless, you plan on making an important change because you see the wisdom of making it. Tonight: Happy to be home.  
**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)  
 ★★★★★ Keep conversations moving. You have an intuitive sense of what you want to hear. Do not let frustration build, and realize that you have no control over others. Stay upbeat. A conversation opens up a situation. Tonight: Visit with a friend over a drink and munchies.  
**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)  
 ★★★★★ You might not understand the financial implications of what you are seeing. Someone might be more deceptive than you think. If you are unsure, say little and avoid making any commitments. A boss or higher-up tests your patience. Tonight: Think "budget."  
**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)  
 ★★★★★ You might want to understand what is going on with someone at a distance. You could be unusually aggravated with a loved one, but let these feelings pass. A friend encourages you to go along with his or her idea. Say "yes." Tonight: Beam in what you want.

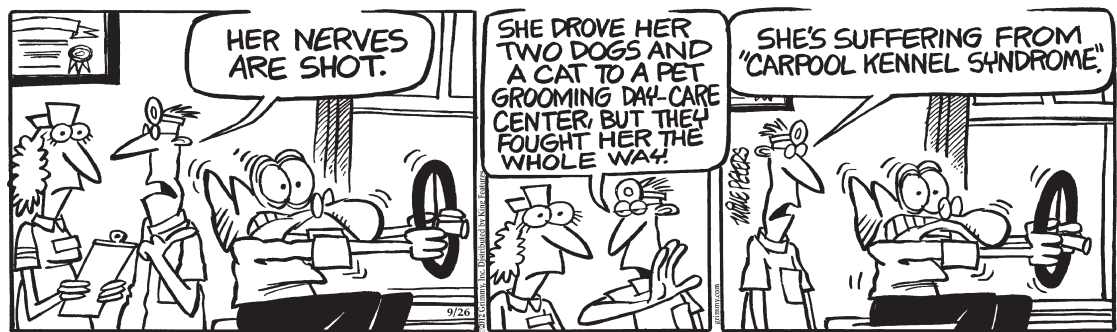
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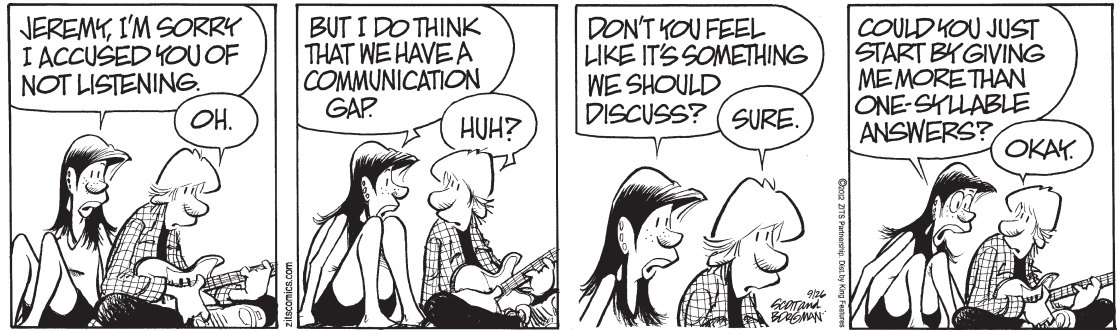
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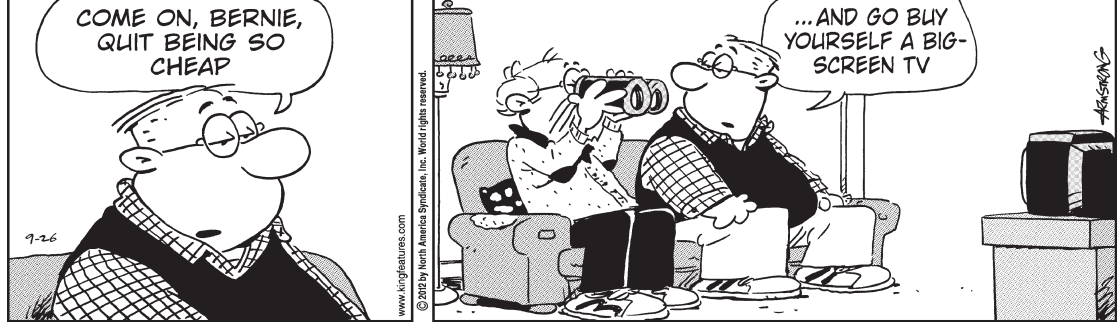
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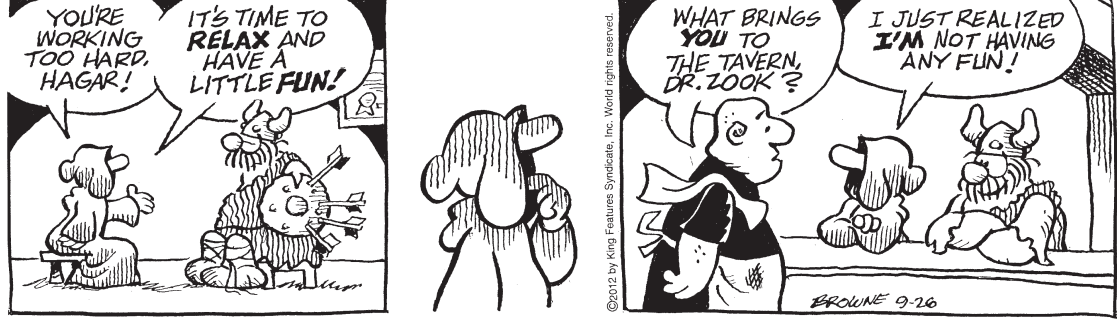
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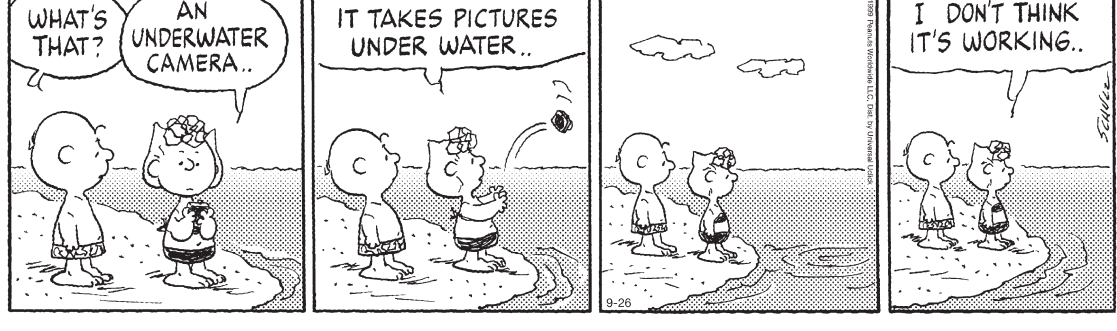
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# Worship

## Boys-Good & Bad in a single package

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**Mike Sublett**

Boy #1- He was about 10 yrs old, went to church every time the doors were open, loved baseball and made his spending money doing yard work. One day one of the men from church asked him to drop by if he was interested in earning some money. When he arrived the man showed him an area in his back yard that he wanted to convert into a small garden. The boy's role was to be to dig up the grass with a shovel, shake/brake the dirt away from the grass roots and then throw the grass into the trash. It was a much bigger job than the boy had originally thought. What he thought would only take 3-5 hours ended up taking 16 hours. The going rate of pay back then was 50 cents per hour. The boy was proud as punch with \$8.00 in his pocket. He immediately started thinking about how much he wanted to give back to God and knew that 10% was 80 cents. But he wanted to give more so he decided to put \$3.00 in the offering plate when it passed on Sunday. He felt absolutely wonderful about being able to give some of his own money back to God, not something from his mom or dad. Then a visiting missionary from China stood up to speak at the morning service. The boy hung on every word and was totally impressed with the need of the people there. At the end of the sermon a special collection was gathered and as the plate began to make its way toward him he struggled with what to do. He didn't have anything except a \$5.00 bill; so it was either going to be all or nothing. He just couldn't get the suffering and poverty of the people in China out of his mind. So when the offering plate passed he put his \$5.00 bill in it. He thought for sure that he would be sad at being completely broke again. But a strange thing came over him that morning-JOY! For the first time he experienced the truthfulness of the words, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Even years later when he was an old man, that day remained one of the most amazing days of his entire life. Sometimes we can look at a boy and see a reflection of the giving Savior.

tion where he needed \$5.00 more than he had. He knew where the petty cash was kept and when the owner stepped out for a moment, he took the \$5.00. He fully intended on paying it back on pay day. However, come payday there were just too many great things to spend his money on, so it didn't get paid back. Soon he understood that stealing something once makes it much easier the second time and even easier the third and fourth and fifth and so on. He finally graduated and moved away to college and then on with the rest of his life. In adulthood he realized just how wrong he had been and how important it was to confess his wrong to those he had offended. One day he returned home to do just that. Only one problem: both owners were dead. When he found out that they had both passed, the crushing weight of his sin took his breath away and filled him with tears. This was one he was just going to have to live with. Why had he taken advantage of a couple who gave him nothing but love, employment and trust? Sometimes we can look at a boy and see a reflection of darkness

Boy #3- He was a senior in high school with plenty of friends and lots of dates. He had been dating one of the girls from his church for a while and New Year's Eve was coming up. He had asked her out and she had accepted and they had special plans. WHAM! The sky came falling in on their plans. She came down with pneumonia and mono and therefore was going to be spending New Year's Eve in the hospital. He was invited to some parties that night and was planning on going. He got all dressed up and decided to drive around for a while before heading to the party. The whole time he drove around he just couldn't get his mind off of his date being in the hospital all alone; no way were her parents going to be staying up that late. The more it ate at him, the less he wanted to go to the party. Finally he just listened to that inner voice and headed for the hospital. Since he wasn't a relative, he was sure they wouldn't let him in her room, so he quietly sneaked on to the floor she was on and then when the nurse returned to her station he slipped into her room. He was hoping that she would still be up so they could at least visit for a while and see the New Year in together. But she was out like a light and it was only 11:00pm. So he sat there in the dark with her sound asleep just so that she wouldn't be alone when it turned midnight. She never even knew he was in the room, but that didn't matter. When midnight arrived he whispered, "Happy New Year" and kissed her on her cheek. Sometimes we can look at a boy and see a reflection of a caring Lord and Savior.

Boy #4- He too was a senior in high school and due to his laziness found himself grounded for 6 weeks for bringing

**BOYS** cont. on page B6



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# The PAMPA NEWS Sports

## Marrufo becomes district cross country leader

**BARB AMRHEIN  
FOR THE PAMPA NEWS**

Pampa Harvester cross country runner Alex Marrufo changed his position in District 1-3A from hunter to hunted Saturday at the Rebel Run at John S. Stiff Memorial Park in Amarillo.

Marrufo, running against class 4-A and 5A runners in race with no divisions, ran the 3.1 mile course in 18 minutes 18.2 seconds for 22nd place in the 146 runner field and third overall among small school (1-3A) runners and first among runners from District 1-3A.

"I was pleasantly surprised," Pampa coach Mark Elms said. "I wasn't expecting him to be first (from our district)."

Marrufo's effort was five seconds better than

Perryton's Ricky Martinez in 25th and the next highest class 3A finisher.

"Hopefully he can keep improving and win district," Elms said.

Jose Hernandez, the only other Harvester runner in the varsity race finished 89th with a time of 20:02.6.

Hernandez placing is 14th among district runners at the Rebel Run boding well for the chance to finish among the top 10 in the district and qualify for the Region I meet at Lubbock in November.

Junior Varsity Boys:

Nathan Furgeson finished 60th with a time of 20:39.8 in a field of 158 runners to the lead Pampa's three junior varsity runners.

Tyler Whitson finished in 22:05 for 101st place, and Jimmy Townson was 114th in 22:59.3.



Staff photos by **Barb Amrhein**

**Harvester Cross Country Boys:** Above Left Alex Marrufo placed 22nd, and above right Jose Hernandez placed 89th

### REBEL RUN

#### Varsity Small School Girls 2-mile race:

**Teams:** 1. Dalhart 56; 2. Pampa 107; 3. Borger 116; 4. Gruver 119; 5. Perryton 120; 6. Sunray 147; 7. Bushland 150; 8. Clarendon 197; 9. Boys Ranch 233; 10. Panhandle 267; 11. Tulia 311; 12. Farwell 327; 13. Claude 387; 14. Groom 464.

#### Individuals (104 finishers)

1. Sara Smith, Dalhart, 12:16; 2. Terra Truitt, Pampa 12:30; 3. Abby Blansett, Borger, 12:45; 4. Audrey Shelton, Clarendon, 12:46; 5. J'Cee Holmes, Pampa, 12:55; 6. Lariat Larner, Gruver, 12:47; 7. Kayla Banks, Dalhart, 13:02; 8. Lindsey Williams, Sunray, 13:14; 9. Esmeralda Medina, Perryton, 13:14.4; 10. Macy Hubbard, Perryton, 13:18; 11. Itzel Meza, Spearman, 13:23; 12. Katelyn Starks, Dalhart, 13:27; 13. Morgan Lackey, Bushland, 13:28; 14. Jasmine Rodriguez, Borger 13:29; 15. Ariel Warrior, Boys Ranch, 13:30; 16. Samantha Corbin, Sunray, 13:31;

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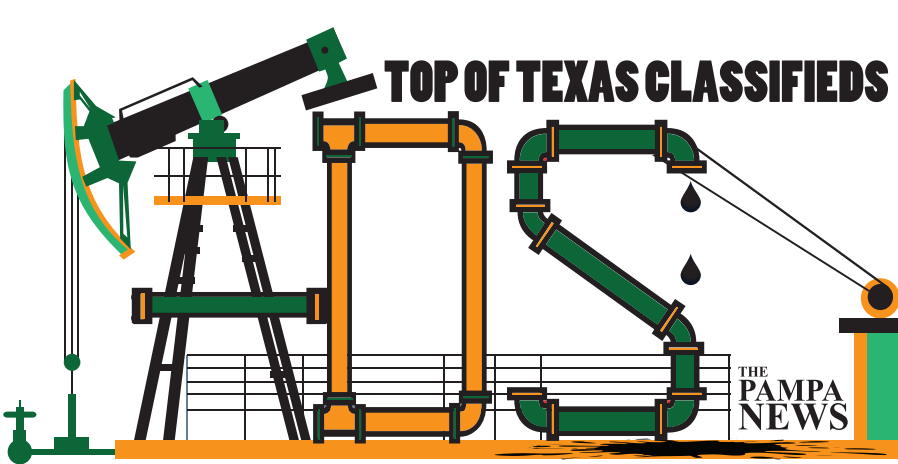
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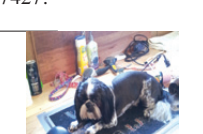
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## Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR ABBY:** I have been married for 10 years. Early in our marriage my husband talked about wanting to try swinging. We did, and had many enjoyable experiences.

Two years ago he decided he no longer wanted to be in the lifestyle, so we stopped. The problem is, I miss it very much. I want to get back into it and have talked with him about it, but he insists we stay out of it. I am torn between going to parties behind his back, suffering my displeasure in silence because I'm not able to do something I really enjoyed, or divorcing. Can you help me figure this out? — FOXY IN PHOENIX

**DEAR FOXY:** Let's review your options as a process of elimination. I don't recommend that you do anything behind your husband's back because, at some point, what you're doing is sure to come out. I also do not recommend suffering in silence because sooner or later your unhappiness will become apparent.

That leaves the option of divorce. Because you and your husband no longer see eye to eye on the issue of marital fidelity and he wants a wife who will "cleave" unto him only, it makes sense to go your separate ways so both of your needs can be met.

**DEAR ABBY:** The other day

when I went jogging, I met a guy just as I stopped to take a water break. He started flirting and I was too tired to tell him to leave, so I decided to humor him until I cooled down enough to resume my jog.

He asked me basic questions trying to get to know me, and when I told him I was a college student, he asked for my GPA. When I told him it was none of his business, he laughed and asked what my problem was. He said no one else had complained when he asked, and he didn't mean to pry. I still felt he was being rude, so I said goodbye and jogged off before he could say anything.

Abby, I wasn't trying to hide

a low GPA, but I don't think it's something to tell people in a first meeting. Is it normal for people to ask others what their GPA is — especially if they just met? — CO-ED IN BOSTON

**DEAR CO-ED:** When someone says he or she is a student, the question that usually follows is, "Where are you studying?" or "What's your major?" It's not, "What's your GPA?" which seems like a not-so-subtle way of asking whether you're a good student or not. His attempt to make conversation was clumsy — and because he said the question is one he asks routinely, let's hope he learns from his encounter with you and scratches it off his list of pickup lines.

**DEAR ABBY:** I have an issue I'd like your opinion on. What should the Tooth Fairy do with baby teeth after

collecting them? She stopped coming to our house years ago, but the baby teeth have been dutifully saved — every one of them — in a jar where the Tooth Fairy left them.

I thought I was unique in this predicament, but found out that a sister-in-law had the same dilemma. Our kids are adults now, but I don't know what I should or could do with these little keepsakes of a beautiful boy who stole my heart the minute I looked into his eyes. — ALWAYS HIS MOM

**DEAR MOM:** Let's see ... You could have them mounted and display them on a charm bracelet. You could offer to sell them back to your son. Or, you could place them in an envelope and put them in a box with the curl from his first haircut and a pair of his baby shoes. One day I'm sure he'll be touched.

## CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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Yesterday's Answer: ALLUDE, STEADY, SENATE, FIXATE

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**Sudoku**

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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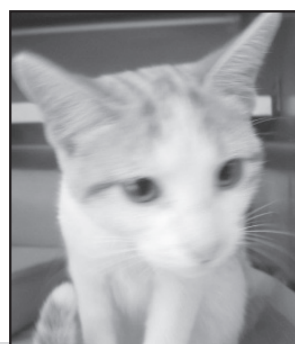
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## One Nation Under God?

CHRIS ELY

This year's presidential conventions will not be remembered for their eloquent speeches. They won't be remembered for the endless attacks on the candidates. They won't be remembered for their empty rhetoric and broken promises.

This year will be remembered as the year when a political party in America threw God out of its party's platform. Party leaders removed references to God and Jerusalem from the platform. Even though they were forced to reinstate the references a day later to save face, the damage has been done — damage to the party and damage to the country.

The Bible warns about nations that forget God. Psalm 9:17 says, "The wicked shall be turned into hell and all the nations that forget God."

America was at its best when it was truly a God-fearing nation, but the more ungodly we become, the weaker we have become. We're already seeing the curses on America because the country has rejected God.

America is headed down a dangerous road. Remember, our president has already said America is NOT a Christian nation, and he ended the National Day of Prayer observances at the White House.

I read an alarming quote

recently: "When a nation turns from God, all these curses come, and sadly, they are here: Our food supply is foreign. Our financial system is foreign. Our military is stretched to the max. Our nation has become perverted and corrupt, and God has removed His hand of blessing."

However, it's not too late for America. If we will return to Him and repent of our sins, because of His great compassion and love, God will forgive us. In 2 Chronicles 7:14, it says, "If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

Time is running out. If you're not right with God, I wouldn't wait another day to make things right. You can't wait! Jesus could return before this election. He could return today. Are you ready?

No matter who wins the election, America will never be the same. Our only hope is Christ! The Bible says, "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord." (Psalm 33:12) Think about it. Then go to God in prayer for this country and make sure you know where you're going to spend eternity.

*Chris Ely is a Pampa resident and author of the book Through Eyes of Faith. He can be contacted at <http://eyeofaith.webs.com>*

## BOYS

home a "C"; at his house it was either an "A" or a "B" or he was grounded. Now 6 weeks is a long time regardless of a person's age, but when you are a teenager, it can seem like a lifetime. There was a girl who really liked this boy and she sneaked over to his house to keep him company throughout the whole grounding. One day the boy talked the girl into playing cards and then playing cards for money. And yes, he took her money with no remorse. She dropped by almost every day just so he would not have to be by himself. Finally the 6 weeks was over and his grades were back to A's and B's. FREEDOM. He took the money that he had won from the girl and asked over a different girl and never even said thank you. Sometimes we can look at a boy and see a reflection of the price of darkness.

So what are we supposed to learn from these 4 boys? THEY ARE ALL THE SAME BOY! THEY ARE ALL ME!

Wrapped up inside each of us is a BAD person and a GOOD person. And the old Indian proverb is still true: "The one that you feed is the one that will lead." When I fed on Jesus, there wasn't a better boy anywhere. But when I fed on Satan, there was only darkness.

I still treasure that Sunday and that missionary offering when I was 10 yrs. old. I have received forgiveness from Jesus for the stealing and have tried to use my bad example to help warn others not to fall into that same hole. I am

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now Facebook friends with the girl from the hospital. And most importantly, I repented and married the girl I played cards with and we have now been married for 41 years.

Please surrender to Jesus so that He can truly become your Lord and Savior? Why? Not just so that you will be saved, but so that He can show you how to use all of those moments of darkness and light from your past to warn and encourage others. God bless. Mike

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