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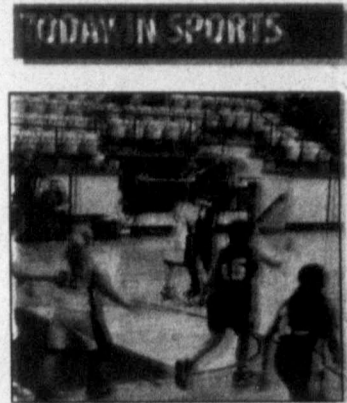
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North Korea years away from reliable missiles

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SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — After 14 years of painstaking labor, North Korea finally has a rocket that can put a satellite in orbit. But that doesn't mean the reclusive country is close to having an intercontinental ballistic missile.

Experts say Pyongyang is years from even having a shot at developing reliable missiles that could bombard the Ameri-

can mainland and other distant targets, though it did gain attention and the outrage of world leaders Wednesday with its first successful launch of a three-stage, long-range rocket.

A missile program is built on decades of systematic, intricate testing, something extremely difficult for economically struggling Pyongyang, which faces guaranteed sanctions and world disapproval each time it stages an expensive launch. North Korea will need larger and

more dependable missiles, and more advanced nuclear weapons, to threaten U.S. shores, though it already poses a threat to its neighbors.

"One success indicates progress, but not victory, and there is a huge gap between being able to make a system work once and having a system that is reliable enough to be militarily useful," said Brian Weeden, a former U.S. Air Force Space Command officer and a technical adviser to the Secure World Foundation,

a think tank on space policy.

North Korea's satellite launch came only after repeated failures and hundreds of millions of dollars. It is an achievement for young authoritarian leader Kim Jong Un, whose late father and predecessor, Kim Jong Il, made development of missiles and nuclear weapons a priority despite international opposition and his nation's poverty.

Kim said the achievement "further con-
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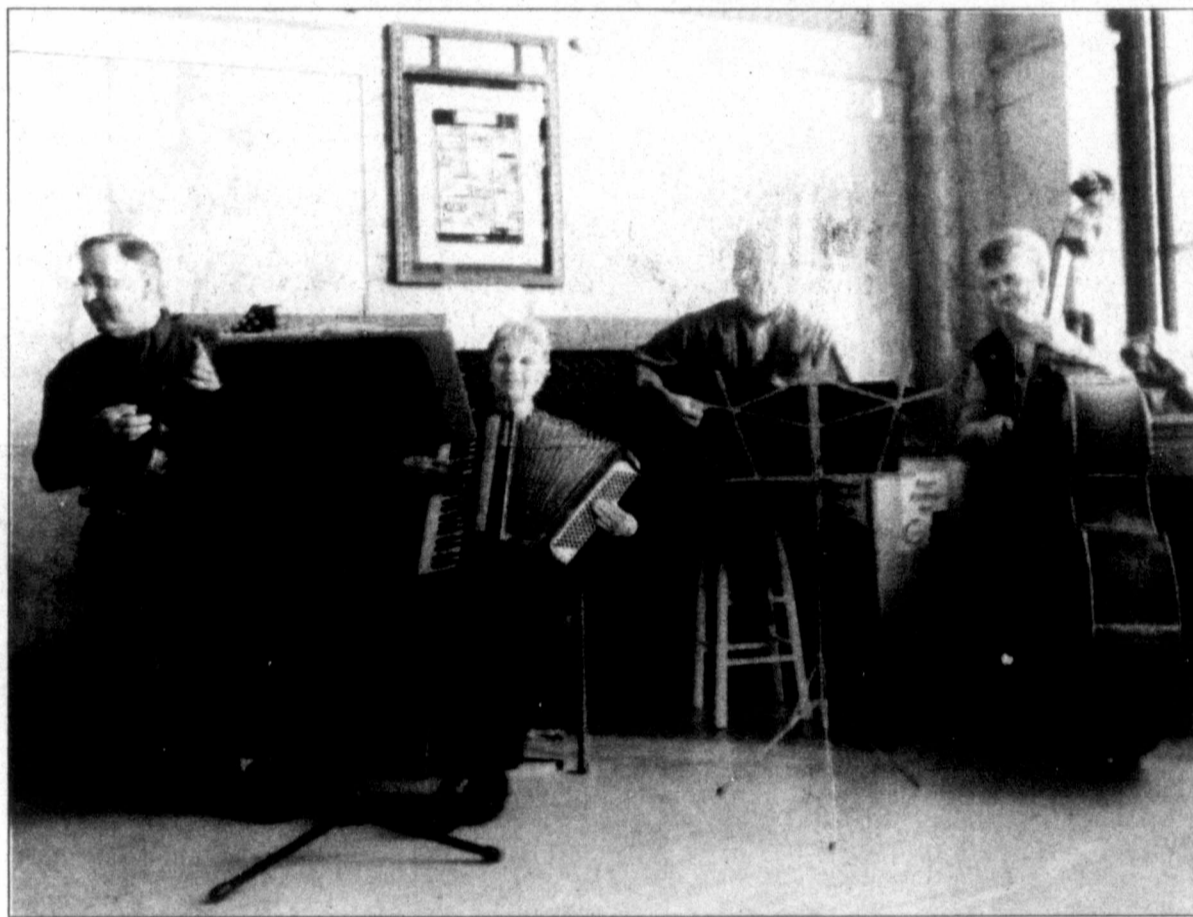


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HAPPY TUNES. Panhandle Sage performed Tuesday at the Pampa Post Office's annual Customer Appreciation Day. From left, band members Robert Brewer, Betty Crawford, Herb Smith and Carolyn Selby.

City to enter talks with SW Public Service Co.

BY SASHA HELLER
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The Pampa City Commission at its regular business meeting Tuesday voted unanimously, upon first reading to deny Southwestern Public Service Company's (SPS) application of its statement of intent to increase rates.



Richard Morris

City Manager Richard Morris said the commission's rejection allows the city up to 90 days to study the utility company's proposal.

"Hopefully, here we will have a chance to have a negotiation for a rate change, instead of what was proposed," Morris said.

Morris reported that the city's legal representation had recommended the city reject Southwestern's application.

Morris said that even as the city prepares to enter negotiations with SPS, residents can expect continued rate increases in their utility bills.

"We've already seen an Atmos rate increase," he said. "We're going to see an increase from Southwestern at some time."

Morris explained how the application pro-
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New airport terminal halfway through construction

BY TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE
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It will never get as much traffic as O'Hare in Chicago or Hartsfield-Jackson in Atlanta, but if more business and industry is to locate in Pampa and Gray County, then having a modern and attractive airport needs to part of the quotient.

That's the consensus of Judge Richard Peet of the Commissioners Court and Paul Loyd, a pilot who serves as president of the Gray County Airport Advisory Board.

About four miles north of Pampa among the farms and cattle ranches along Price Road sits the Perry-Lefors Airport. The land, terminal and large hanger are owned by the county, while the numerous smaller hangers are privately owned.

Halfway through its construction is a new 3,275-square-foot terminal, which will be a replacement for the old metal structure that has been moved to the fair grounds to be used as a storage



Photo by Timothy P. Howsare

MAKING IT MODERN. Joe Olivas, construction superintendent, carries out insulation from the new terminal that is under construction at Perry-Lefors Airport. The terminal, which replaces the old one built in the 1950s, will be an economic asset to the county, said Judge Richard Peet.

building. A trailer has been set up as a temporary terminal.

Construction of the terminal began about two months ago and is expected to be completed in early March, Peet

said. The total cost is \$700,000, with \$300,000 coming from the state and another \$300,000 from the Pampa Economic Development Corp. The
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Celanese coal stack to come down Saturday

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The public is welcome to witness a change of the Panhandle landscape Saturday morning as the 300-foot coal stack, boilers and associated structure will be removed in spectacular fashion with explosives six miles west of Pampa on Highway 60. A specific time has not been set yet, but The Pampa News will post it on Facebook when it is known.

The Celanese Chemical Plant went into production in 1952. After closing the plant in 2008 the Pampa Economic Development Corp. was able to purchase the site in 2011, which included the coal boilers, utilities, railroad spurs, buildings, land and water rights, to be used as an industrial park. It is now called the Pampa Energy Center.

The site has provided key economic contribution to the Pampa community and surrounding
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Today: Sunny with a high of 64. No chance of rain. Winds southwest at 17 mph. Sunrise at 7:45 a.m.

Tonight: Mostly clear with a low of 35. No chance of rain. Winds south southwest at 13 mph. Sunset at 5:32 p.m.

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Obituaries

Arlene Mathews

Arlene Mathews, 86, died Dec. 12, 2012 in Amarillo. Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 15, 2012, at First Baptist Church in Skellytown, with Rev. David Johnson, associate pastor of First Baptist Church of Midland, and Rev. Jim Fox, her son-in-law, and chaplain of IntegraCare Hospice of Amarillo, officiating.

Burial will follow in Memory Gardens Cemetery in Pampa, under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Mathews was born Feb. 9, 1926 in Cardin, Okla. She graduated from Wyandotte High School in Wyandotte, Okla., and attended business college in St. Louis, MO. Arlene married Paul Wayne Mathews on June 8, 1946 in Columbus, Kan. He preceded her in death on Feb. 4, 2008. She had been a resident of Skellytown from 1947 until 2006 when she moved to Amarillo.

Arlene worked at Pampa Chamber of Commerce for several years and then worked as an administrative secretary for Cabot Corporation in Pampa for 23 1/2 years. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Skellytown and attended Paramount Baptist Church in Amarillo.

Survivors include: three daughters, Karen Horner and husband Jimmie, Nancy Fox and husband Jim, and Denise Smyth and husband Blaine, all of Amarillo; six grandchildren, Todd Horner and Shellie James, both of Amarillo, Matt Pruett of Woodward, Okla., William Chris Fox of Denver City, Dawn Marie McLean of Santa Fe, N.M., and Nicole Hallums of Beaumont; three step-grandchildren, Mickey Smyth of Plainville, Kan., Brock Smyth and Kamie Smyth, both of Lubbock; and 24 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Art and Essie



Arlene Mathews

May Burnett; a brother, Bobby Burnett; and a grandson, Keith Horner.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 176, Skellytown, Texas 79080, or BSA Hospice, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, Texas 79105.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 7:30 p.m. tonight at Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Home in Pampa.

Sign the on-line register at www.carmichael-whitley.com

Marland Hays

Marland "Chief" Hays, 77, died on Dec. 12, 2012 in Amarillo.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 15, 2012 at Griggs-Schooler-Gordon Funeral Directors Pioneer Chapel with Rev. Fred Palmer of Pampa officiating.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 15, 2012 at Fairview Cemetery in Pampa by Griggs-Schooler-Gordon Funeral Directors, 5400 S. Bell in Amarillo.

Marland was born Feb. 23, 1935 in Gerty, Okla., to Jeff and Evelina Hays. He served his country in the U.S. Navy and then went to work for a packing plant in Pampa. Marland married Sandra Keeler in Ardmore, Okla. Marland retired from Conoco-Phillips Petroleum in 1997 after 23 years of service. In 1999 Marland and Sandra bought the Old Santa Fe Lounge and have owned it ever since.

They moved to Amarillo in 2001. Marland loved to play pool, especially 3-Ball, with the "young-uns" as he called them. He especially loved being around his

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Marland Hays

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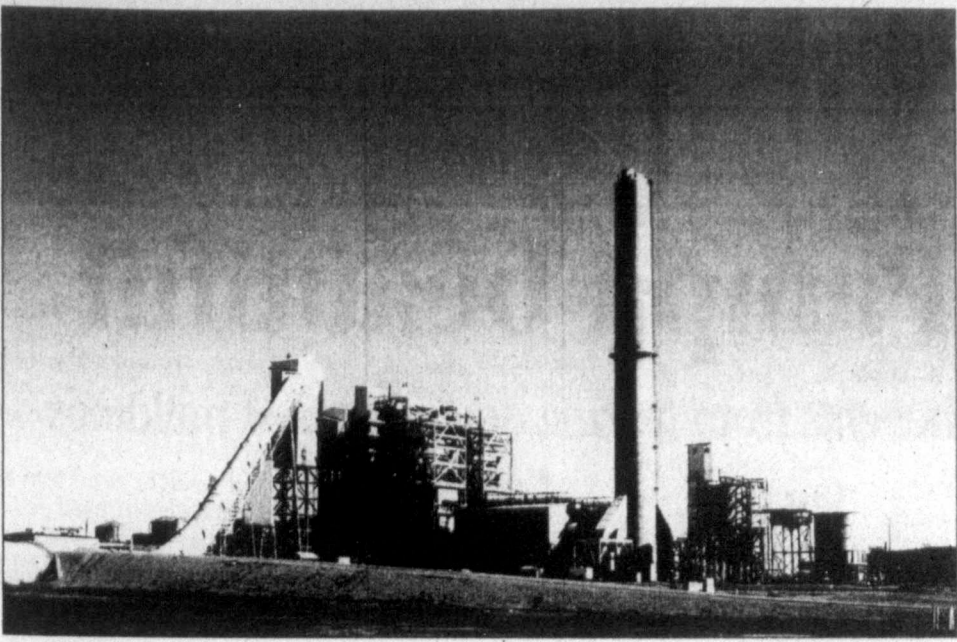
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The coal stack and remaining structures at the Celanese Chemical Plant will be brought down with explosives Saturday.

Celanese

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area since it was first purchased by Celanese in 1952 with professional and technical employment op-

portunities and significant tax revenues.

The Pampa Energy Center is committed to continuing the legacy by providing a facility conducive to employment opportunities and economic development.

Hays

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customers at the Santa Fe Lounge, he enjoyed and loved them all. He loved to gamble and loved to go to Las Vegas. Marland also loved the outdoors, working in the yard, hunting, fishing and camping. He was a loving husband, father, brother and grandfather and will be deeply missed.

Marland was preceded in death by his parents, a son, Michael Brown; seven sisters and a brother.

Marland is survived by: his wife, Sandra Hays of Amarillo; daughters, Annette Graves and Angie Brown of Amarillo; son, Kelly Brown and fiancé Nikki Segovia of Hereford; step-son, Kenneth Cowen of Pagosa Springs, Colo.; step-daughter, Deanna Smith of W. Va.; sister, Doris Puckett of Pampa; eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; also by numerous nieces and nephews.

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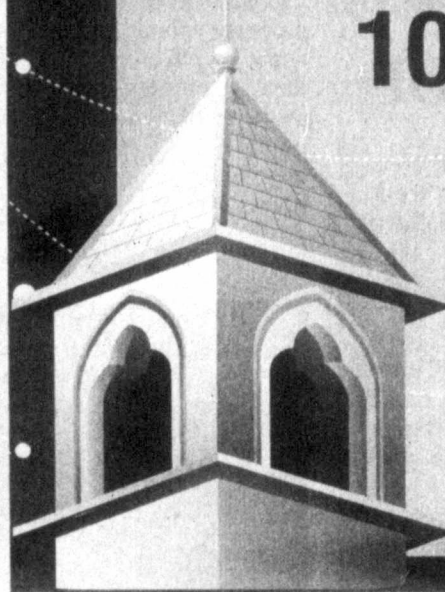
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Lives, fortunes and sacred honor

U2's lead singer Bono once described the difference between an Irishman and an American: When they see a big house on a hill, the



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American says, "Some day I'm going to live in that house!" And the Irishman says: "Some day I'm going to get the guy who lives in that house!"

America is a great place to be rich, (I have inferred). Taxes are low. Public reverence is high, and people identify with success.

Once you count up all the Americans who are rich, admire the rich or think they're going to be rich, you've got a majority.

But in this climate, you've got to wonder how long America's love affair with the rich will last. Louisiana Republican Gov. Bobby Jindal said last month: "We cannot be, we must not be, the party that simply protects the rich so they get to keep their toys." Jindal is not only thinking it won't hurt him to take a shot at the rich; he must think it's going to help him.

If he thinks that, it must be that the rich aren't seen as behaving very nobly right now.

Nevertheless, many Republicans in Washington are still ardently defending the interests of the rich — most visibly by fighting against a tax rate hike for top earners. But that's just going to further damage the image of the rich. Good regard for the rich depends on whether people feel that they're earning their success, paying their weight and making the country better.

In the minds of many of the nation's rich, they're doing all of that — and more. In Romney's 47 percent video, he was clearly expressing the viewpoint of all the rich people in the room when he said, "There are 47 percent

of the people who ... are dependent on government ... who believe they are victims ... who believe they are entitled."

His remarks oozed with self-regard. Those in the room were proudly different from the 47 percent: they were givers, not takers.

They were not dependent on government. They earned everything they had, and therefore, they paid too much in taxes. They owed the country nothing further. That's one view. Here's a rebuttal.

You're not dependent on government? Go take out bin Laden out on your own. Go build your own roads, fight your own fires, patrol your own streets, build your own airports, do your own medical research, enforce your own contracts, inspect your own meat and go on your own to police Wall Street to prevent the crash that will deplete your wealth.

Your taxes are too high?

The rich have never been richer, the deficit has never been higher, the taxes on the rich have rarely been lower. By what measure are they too high?

You hate our government? Find a government you like better. Look in Russia, China, Sweden, Morocco, Canada, Nigeria, the Netherlands? If you can't find one, then let's hear you say: "This is the best government on earth."

One factor in the rise and fall of any society is the willingness of the privileged to sacrifice for everyone else.

What an ominous contrast between this generation of privileged Americans and the first generation, who — in support of their country — pledged their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honor.

Tom Rosshirt was a national security speechwriter for President Bill Clinton and a foreign affairs spokesman for Vice President Al Gore. Email him at tomrosshirt@gmail.com.

Make Pampa beautiful

Our community benefits from tearing down blighted buildings

Earlier this week, the Pampa City Commission unanimously voted, upon first reading, to accept a \$250,000 grant provided by the Pampa Economic Development Corporation (EDC) to cover the costs of demolishing hundreds of blighted residential structures around town. The funding will also go toward the purchase of an excavator that will be used in the demolition program.

So why does tearing down decrepit buildings matter? Because they can bring down property values which affect school system operating budgets; they can drive away prospective businesses; and they pose safety hazards to neighborhood children.

Condemned structures decrease property values, and that can have a negative effect on local school systems, as property tax revenues serve as the primary source of funding for public school districts. When property values go down, the property tax revenues in turn decrease, funneling

Our View

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less money into the district administration's operating budget and causing dramatic cutbacks — classrooms become more full; textbooks grow outdated as funds to replace them dry up; and technology passes students by as the school system finds it challenging to keep its resources as current as possible.

Blighted buildings can serve as a deterrent to prospective businesses who may be considering setting up shop in Pampa or Gray County. Those same rundown structures can also cause unsafe conditions for area children who may encounter a condemned house on their walk home from school or on a bike ride with friends. Abandoned structures often provide habitable shelter for va-

grants and drug addicts, who leave behind dirty IV needles or used prophylactics — things children don't need to encounter while walking through the neighborhood.

Hats off to the Pampa EDC for providing to the city the funding necessary to tear down hundreds of rundown buildings. It will make the community look better. Residents may once again feel proud to say they live on a certain street because all of the unsightly structures may finally have been removed.

Everyone in the community benefits from the removal of condemned and dilapidated buildings: school systems improve, property values increase and a sense of community pride reinvigorates residents who may have grown apathetic or distant from their neighbors.

Pampa is a close-knit, warm and welcoming community. Now it's time to show tourists and passers-by just how beautiful Pampa can be.



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How to develop a credible business plan

December is National Write a Business Plan Month — so designated to encourage unhappy employees to become their own satisfied bosses. Whether your goal is to own your own business,



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become a consultant, a speaker or an author, you'll need to start with a business plan. Even if you launched your business years ago, it's important to revisit and refresh your plan. In recent years, the economy, technology and consumer habits have changed rapidly and dramatically, affecting every aspect of your business. That makes it absolutely vital to re-evaluate your short- and long-term strategies.

One of the most critical elements of any business plan is your marketing strategy. Too often, people don't think through that all-important component with the same rigor they tackle aspects like projected cash flow and long-term goals.

Or, they do put thought and effort into planning for market research, promotion and positioning — and then never follow through on their great ideas.

One problem is that most entrepreneurs (or profes-

sionals or authors) don't have marketing experience. They may be skilled tradesmen, savvy financial advisers or talented writers — the expertise they plan to build their business around — but they're not marketers. Some don't realize that executing a solid marketing strategy is essential to any venture's success; others know it's important but don't know where to begin.

Here's why it's so important: You may have the book that changes the way business is done, or the product that solves a problem for lots of consumers, but if no one knows about it, they can't come looking for it. Marketing is the fundamental building block of any business; it's what drives the business, so it can't be an afterthought.

The marketing component of your business plan should include a budget for time (if you're going to tackle the job yourself) and/or money. You need a timetable and a professional website that attracts visitors and makes it easy for them to learn more about you, your product, book or service — and equally easy to purchase what you're selling.

Here are some other points to consider as you're developing your marketing plan:

• What is my message? Your message needs to be more than "My product is great." What's the problem

it solves? If you're a professional, what's the value you and your service offer? How are you different from your competition? As an example: At EMSI, we create visibility and credibility for our clients using a pay-for-performance model that guarantees media exposure and sets us apart from our peers.

• Who is my audience? Unless you have a niche product, consider your potential audience in terms of ever-expanding ripples. For instance, a collapsible coffeepot may be just the thing for a college student's tiny dorm room. That's your initial target audience. But his parents and grandparents, who are helping outfit that dorm room, might also be audiences. If they've downsized their living quarters, they might just want one for themselves, too. In fact, it could be great for campers, boaters — anyone living in a small space.

• Which are the appropriate media outlets for a PR campaign? Social media is great for niche products because online forums build communities around common interests. Daytime TV talk shows tend to have audiences with lots of women. Most newspaper readers are now 55 or older. Once you have decided who your audience is, figure out what they're watching, listening to, reading, and doing online, then customize your

message for that medium and audience.

• What's your budget? When you've answered these questions, you should be able to determine how much marketing you can do yourself (if you'll be doing any at all) and how much you'll need help with.

If you're handling it yourself, budget for the time it will take to do things like keeping your website active with fresh blog posts once or twice a week; posting content on social media; developing pitches to get print, radio or TV interested. If you plan to pay a professional for marketing services, use your marketing plan to explore the costs and timetable, and budget accordingly.

Whether you're launching a dream or strengthening your existing business, you need to lay a good foundation with a solid plan.

If marketing isn't an important component of that plan, your rocket to the moon will likely fizzle and fade.

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PRMC to be clinic site for Texas Tech's Amarillo residency program

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Pampa Regional Medical Center recently announced that it has agreed to be a clinical site for Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center's Family Medicine Residency Program in Amarillo.

The program, which began in 1972 as one of the first residency programs at Texas Tech University Health Science Center, offers resident physicians the opportunity to become board eligible in family practice by training with Pampa's physicians and offer the Pampa area the benefits of an academic medical center.

"I believe the family practice residency will give our community access to young physicians who might want to permanently locate in Pampa, provide a base for new medical services and help our current Medical Staff with ongoing Medical education," said Brad Morse, CEO of Pampa Regional Medical Center.

"I also want to thank Dr. Kevin Sieck, a graduate of the Texas Tech Medical School, who was extremely helpful in making sure Tech understood what our hospital has to offer and how we can help their program expand"

Texas Tech offers excellent resources, technologies and research opportunities, as well as training opportunities with clinical faculty in different subspecialties. The Amarillo health care community services neighboring parts of four states and the Texas Panhandle through the Texas Tech University Family Residency Program.

"It is the perfect place to learn, grow and serve a great community," said Dr. Jerry Kirkland, program director for Texas Tech's Family practice residency program. "We will have access to all aspects primary care including Pediatrics, Family Medicine, Emergency Medicine, Internal Medicine, Hospital Medicine, Geriatrics, Psychiatry, OB/GYN, Surgery, Gastroenterology, Cardiology, Urology, Orthopedics, Critical Care and this is just to start."

The founder of Prime Healthcare Services, which owns Pampa Regional Medical Center, praised the agreement.

"This relationship highlights how hospitals and academic institutions can partner in order to support the critical goal of increasing physicians in rural communities," said Prem Reddy, MD, FACC, FCCP, chairman, president and CEO of Prime Healthcare. "Prime Healthcare is honored that Texas Tech has recognized the quality of Pampa Regional Medical Centers Medical Staff to help train their medical residents."

As part of this effort, community leaders also stepped forward. The Pampa Industrial Foundation headed by Dick Stowers and local philanthropist Don Fletcher paid for the first year of the program.

Airport

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remaining \$100,000 comes from the county, Peet said.

The new terminal will have a spacious lobby area with television sets, a room where pilots pay for their fuel, a flight scheduling area, a mechanical room, a conference room, a pilots' lounge and bathrooms. The exterior will be covered with white stone.

Peet expects the people and companies that use the airport will pay for the new furnishings.

"We have asked the people who use it to contribute," he said. "We don't want to move the old furniture back in."

Peet said having a good airport is important for economic development.

"People have asked, 'It will serve so few people, so why are we spending money on it?'" Peet said. "It's very important to have a facility that's

friendly and inviting to people."

The former terminal was built back in the 1950s, and was outdated, Peet said.

So just how much air traffic does Perry-Lefors get?

UPS, the parcel delivery company, is the only entity that flies in and out every day, Peet said.

Ron Unruh, the airport's base operator, said the daily flight schedule can vary anywhere from no planes to 20.

"Sometimes you come out here and we 20 planes parked out on the tarmac waiting to get on the runway," he said.

Peet said along with private individuals who own their own planes, the airport is used by energy companies like Enbridge and local crop dusters. And twice when he was vice president, Dick Cheney used the airport, Peet added.

Perry-Lefors has two runways, with the longest



Photo by Timothy P. Howsare
Judge Richard Peet, right, and Joe Olivas, construction superintendent, review blueprints for the new terminal at Perry-Lefors Airport. Construction of the 3,275-square-foot terminal is expected to finished in early March.

nearly 6,000 feet — long enough for small jets, Unruh said.

As part of the overall plan to improve the airport, the runways will be resurfaced next year, Loyd said.

Loyd said he and the other pilots look forward

to using the new terminal when it opens.

"It's something we've been dreaming about for 10 or 15 years," he said. "It's been a long time coming. Perry-Lefors is the most active airport in the Panhandle outside of Amarillo."

City

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cess works in an interview Wednesday.

"Southwestern Public Service sent us a notice that they were going to file," Morris said. "Once they send us a notice we have 30 days to respond. The route that we chose was to deny that application."

According to city records, Southwestern filed its statement of intent and

application for authority to change rates with the city on Nov. 15. The Commission held a public hearing on Tuesday in which it considered the utility provider's application.

Records state: "SPS's application is denied in order to enable an appeal that will result in a decision establishing uniform system-wide rates throughout SPS' Texas retail service territory."

Southwestern Public Service Co. is a subsidiary of Xcel Energy.

Missiles

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solidated" the country's status "as a space power," the government's official Korean Central News Agency reported Thursday.

It added that Kim "stressed the need to continue to launch satellites in the future."

Kim visited the command center, gave the final written launch order and "keenly observed the whole processes of the launch" Wednesday, KCNA reported. It said the satellite entered into its orbit 9 minutes and 27 seconds after the launch, at 9:59 a.m.

South Korea's Defense Ministry said Thursday the satellite was orbiting normally at a speed of 7.6 kilometers (4.7 miles) per second, though it's not known what mission it is performing.

North Korean space officials say the satellite would be used to study crops and weather patterns.

Though Pyongyang in-

sists the project is peaceful, it also has conducted two nuclear tests and has defied international demands that it give up its nuclear weapons program.

The U.N. Security Council said in a brief statement after closed consultations Wednesday that the launch violates council resolutions against the North's use of ballistic missile technology, and said it would urgently consider "an appropriate response."

"This launch is about a weapons program, not peaceful use of space," U.S. State Department spokeswoman Victoria Nuland said. Even the North's most important ally, China, expressed regret.

North Korea has long possessed the components needed to construct long-range rockets. Scientists in Pyongyang, however, had been trying and failing since 1998 to conduct a successful launch. Only this week — their fifth try — did they do so, prompting dancing in the streets of the capital.

North Korea's far more advanced rival, South Korea, has failed twice since 2009 to launch a satellite on a rocket from its own territory, and postponed two attempts in recent weeks because of technical problems.



Kim Jong-un

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The Burger Barn at 1716 N. Hobart St. is accepting donated gifts for residents in nursing homes in Pampa. They are looking for socks, slippers, robes, hair brushes and similar items.

DONATIONS TO CASA



Submitted photo
Ethel Ferris, left, and Linda Shaffer of the 11th St. Baptist Church in Shamrock made a trip to Pampa to donate 11 beautiful homemade fleece blankets to the children in care served by the CASA of the High Plains agency. Each blanket is monogrammed with three little words, "Jesus Loves Me." Shaffer stated that every child should know that someone loves them. CASA of the High Plains is a volunteer based organization that advocates and speaks up in court for abused and neglected children that have been removed from their home at no fault of their own. CASA of the High Plains serves children in Donley, Gray, Hansford, Hemphill, Lipscomb, Ochiltree, Roberts and Wheeler counties.

PAMPA RESIDENT TO COMPETE IN AKC/EUKANUBA NAT'L CHAMPIONSHIP

STAFF REPORT

On Dec. 15 and 16, the best in the sport of purebred dogs will flock to Orlando, Fla. to strut their stuff at the prestigious AKC/Eukanuba National Championship.

Local resident, Linda Lanham and GCH CH Washoe's Sierra Gold Therapy Dog will be among the contenders.

Lanham will compete against the top show dogs in the country and some of the finest specimens from around the world.

The show will air on the ABC Television Network on Saturday, Feb. 2, 2013.

Check local listings for air times.

The AKC/Eukanuba National Championship is the largest prize money

dog show in the world, with cash and prizes awarded totaling more than \$225,000.

Although prior editions were invitation-only, beginning this year, the event is an open show for all dogs that awarded Championship and Grand Championship points. GCH CH Washoe's Sierra Gold Therapy Dog, was celebrated with an invitation granting special recognition and placing them on the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship Honor Roll.

The show will also feature the AKC Agility Invitational and National Obedience Invitational, the Bred-By Exhibitor competition, the Eukanu-



Submitted photo
TRYING TO BE TOP DOG. Pictured above is DD. DD will compete in the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship on Dec. 15 and 16.

ba World Challenge and celebrate dogs.

For more information about the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship, visit Akc.org/aenc.

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daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, Dec. 15, 2012:

This year, you often overwhelm others with your energy. In hindsight, even you could be taken back by your liveliness. The upside is that you will be able to accomplish a lot. You naturally will find the right path and the right advisers. If you are single, you could encounter someone very intense. Together, you'll experience tremendous passion. If you are attached, your relationship goes up a notch in intensity. Be accepting and respectful of your differences. AQUARIUS adds action and excitement to your life.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Avoid being commander in chief of your immediate surroundings. Kick back and start enjoying yourself more. Festivities surround the holidays. Do not forget a friend at a distance. Plan to call or visit this person sometime soon. Tonight: Where your friends are.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Touch base with loved ones early on. Perhaps without realizing your role, you might have become a major force in a project. Whether you are bringing the family together or decorating for the holidays, you make a difference. Tonight: A must appearance.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Handle a serious matter first in order to free up some time for holiday errands. Buy a Christmas music CD if you don't already have one. Some of you might even decide to go to a Christmas concert or show. Tonight: Let your mind wander.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Make calls in the morning. In the afternoon, make time for a special person in your life. The two of you might decide to go see a movie or attend a holiday party. Spending quality time together puts both of you in the holiday spirit. Tonight: Share some eggnog.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You have so much energy that you could bowl someone over without realizing it. Think positively, but don't expect others to manifest that same vitality. Your caring nature at-

tracts so many people that you might need to adjust your schedule. Tonight: Just do not be alone.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Recognize your limitations. How you handle a personal matter could change as a result. This morning, the energy around you could be high. For some of you, this intensity is reflected in an important relationship. Tonight: If you are tired, say so.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Clear the air with a family member. Make sure your home is as you'd like it to be for the holidays. You can get a lot done if you stay focused. Allow more creativity to come out with a loved one. Enjoy the moment. Tonight: Play the night away.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You could be looking at a situation far differently right now. With your energy, you could complete your holiday shopping or decorating in no time. Consider inviting a family member over for some holiday fun. Tonight: You don't need to go far.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You need to follow through on what is important to you. Someone is observing you and sees your priorities. This knowledge could affect a certain bond. Return calls, before it is too late in the day. Tonight: Join a friend after doing some errands.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You have a way about you that attracts many people. You could feel tired and pushed to the max by midafternoon. Change your pace, but remain active if you can. A gift bought today might be a little excessive. Tonight: Your treat.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Move past an immediate issue. You might feel as if you could do something if someone would let you just try. Your softer side emerges when talking to a loved one. As a result, you'll have the desire to revitalize a friendship. Tonight: Meet up with friends.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Your ability to bounce back makes quite a difference in how you handle a swift change. You will manage to revise your reschedule and make everything fit in. Your clarity is obvious when discussing a problem. Tonight: Get some R and R.

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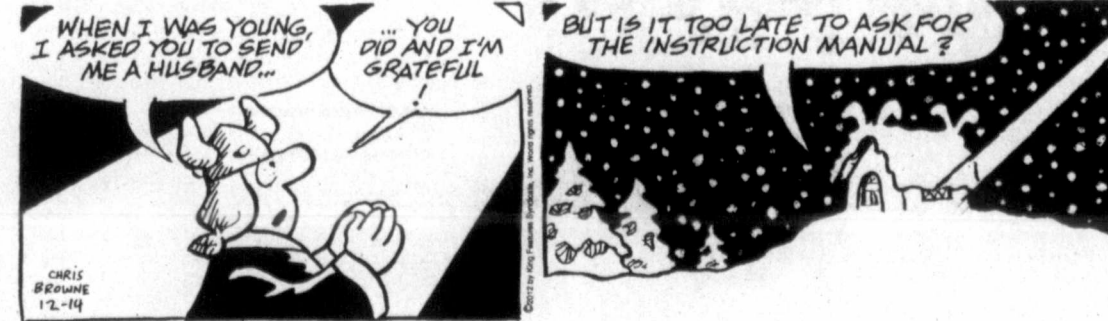
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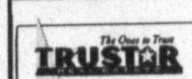
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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been married for seven years. Since our wedding, he has had increasing health problems.

He recently told me that he planned his funeral three months ago, without saying a word to me. I am very concerned that he seems more focused on death than on life. Am I wrong to be upset? He says I am. — WIFE IN BURLINGTON, N.J.

DEAR WIFE: I don't blame you for being concerned because husbands and wives should be able to discuss important topics with each other, and this is one of them.

When your husband has his next medical appointment, go with him so you can speak with his physician. It's possible that because of his "increasing health problems" he has become depressed, and if that's the case, his doctor should be told.

It is always helpful for spouses to accompany each other to their medical appointments in case the patient forgets to ask a question or tell the doctor something he or she needs to know.

DEAR ABBY: My

24-year-old son, "Dustin," moved out five years ago, but he expects me to keep all his childhood and college items in his old bedroom because he says he doesn't have room for them in his apartment.

I'd like to clear out his closet and dresser and use the space for things I want to store. I need more space for me.

Dustin is calling me selfish because I want to change "his" room and move my stuff in there. I say I need the space, and if he wants to keep all his stuff, he should rent a storage locker. By the way, he sleeps here maybe five nights a year at most.

How long are parents obligated to keep their grown children's keepsakes? — WANTS MY SPACE

DEAR WANTS YOUR SPACE: You are asking an emotionally loaded question. While, rationally, five years should be long enough, clearing "his" room instead of maintaining it as a shrine may feel like abandonment to your adult child.

Give Dustin a little more time to adjust — like six months — and then insist that he find a place for his things.

That way it will be a little less traumatic.

DEAR ABBY: During these hard times, may I tell you about my daughter? Every year at Christmas, I let our children pick one present for around \$30 for themselves. They know that we don't have a lot of money and that "Santa" brings only a few presents.

My daughter chose to give her "Christmas money" to a charity so that another family can be blessed. She's only 9, and she understands there are families who are in more need than us. She truly is an angel for reminding me of that.

I went to our local food pantry and told them what my daughter wanted to do for Christmas. The director wrote her a letter of thanks and explained how many families her \$30 would be helping. I'm so proud of my girl.

Sometimes it takes a child to remind us how all of us should act. — BLESSED IN ILLINOIS

DEAR BLESSED: Yes, it's true. But invariably it takes good parents to instill a spirit of empathy and generosity in their children. So some of the credit belongs to you.

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 40 Self-contained
 - 1 Derision
 - 6 Mustard city
 - 11 New Guinea part
 - 12 Biting
 - 13 Church replies
 - 14 Kicks back
 - 15 Badge metal
 - 16 Casual top
 - 18 Skin art, for short
 - 19 Some
 - 20 Powerful bunch
 - 21 — Jima
 - 22 Sounded a horn
 - 24 At a distance
 - 25 Ill-prepared
 - 27 "Glee" character
 - 29 Fission weapons
 - 32 Fireplace waste
 - 33 Dude's address
 - 34 Pro vote
 - 35 Writer Harper
 - 36 Key: Abbr.
 - 37 Research site
 - 38 Singer Chris

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Yesterday's answer

- DOWN**
- 1 Derided, in a way
 - 2 Spanish road
 - 3 Madonna song
 - 4 Stocking mishap
 - 5 More unpleasant
 - 6 Is bold
 - 7 Skating surface
 - 8 Madonna song
 - 9 Canada's capital
 - 10 Trojan War sage
 - 17 Makes fond
 - 23 Blasting stuff
 - 24 Bustle
 - 26 Outlaw
 - 27 Cotton cloth
 - 28 Depletes
 - 30 Hit on the noggin
 - 31 Fencing weapons
 - 33 Went cycling
 - 39 "Hail, Caesar!"
 - 41 Maiden name label

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12-14

Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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

BANAGRAMS!

Each of the words below can be turned into another word on the list by changing one letter and then rearranging them all to form a new word. For example, REGIMENT can be turned into STEERING by changing the M to an S.

1. L I V E N E D — Pairs
2. O U T E A R N — — —
3. S U N D I A L — — —
4. R E T R E A D — — —
5. E V I D E N T — — —
6. N E U T R A L — — —
7. M A U D L I N — — —
8. A E R A T E D — — —

Yesterday's Answer: PUBLIC, RANCID, BARIUM, SEPTIC

12-14

AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

12-14

CRYPTOQUOTE

T Y R G N E X O E U G S L C A T C F C
U G S S R M C I W E O R M N X O E U G S
E X T R Y T W O T M L S E T B R G E
W S J C U G S J C O A T K C E X O E
N X O E U G S X C O J M T W R G E N X O E T

BCORE. — JGLCJE BVVAGWYCU
Yesterday's Cryptoquote: THE PERSON, BE IT GENTLEMAN OR LADY, WHO HAS NOT PLEASURE IN A GOOD NOVEL, MUST BE INTOLERABLY STUPID. — JANE AUSTEN

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JV girls roll to big victory over Miami JV



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GREAT DEFENSE. Reata Collins and Tyranda Johnson play stifling defense in a game against Miami Tuesday. Pampa won big 51-16.

By ZACHARY GREEN
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The Pampa JV Lady Harvesters traveled to Miami Tuesday to face the JV Lady Warriors.

Pampa won the game handily 51-16. Caragan Niccum and Raven Neal led Pampa with 13 points each. Reata Collins and McKinli Thomas added 6 points each.

With the win the JV Lady Harvesters record moves to 5-4 on the season. They will be back in action tonight in Lubbock against Estacado's JV at 6:30 p.m.

Pampa 7th girls suffer losses Mon.

STAFF REPORT

The Pampa seventh grade girls A and B teams hosted Bushland's Junior High girls teams on Monday.

The A team lost 37-3 and the B team lost 35-7. The top scorer for the B team was Camila Mata.

The seventh grade girls' teams will be back in action Jan. 10 when they travel to Perryton.

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