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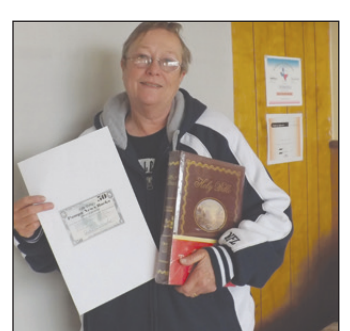
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Home is where the heart is



Photo by Sasha Heller

Suzanne Pingel, PISD's Safe and Drug-Free Schools coordinator, works at her desk at Pampa High School. Pingel assists homeless and needy students in the district, making sure they receive the same opportunities as other students.

■ Pampa ISD levels playing field for economically disadvantaged kids.

By SASHA HELLER
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For the 140 or so students enrolled in Pampa Independent School District that are considered "homeless," life can be stressful and succeeding in school can sometimes be a challenge. It's not easy to be at your best when you're not sure when your next meal will come or where you'll lay your head down at night.

That's where PISD social worker Suzanne Pingel comes in.

Pingel, who also serves as a homeless liaison and Safe and Drug-Free Schools coordinator, works with the students who are economically disadvantaged to ensure they are receiving the same opportunities as their fellow classmates who hail from more stable living situations.

"I work with the homeless and needy students in

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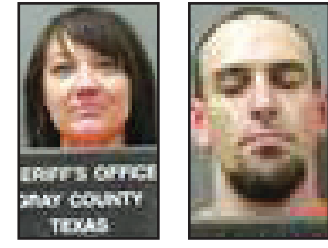
Four arrested for making, delivery of meth

By SASHA HELLER
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The Gray County Sheriff's Office arrested four individuals from Pampa early Thursday morning for manufacturing and delivery of methamphetamine.



Nicholas Nelson Joshua Ennis



Jennifer Ballew Aaron Childress

Nicholas Clyde Nelson, 27, Joshua Ryan Ennis, 26, Jennifer Lee Ballew, 33, and Aaron Kyle Childress, 29, were booked into the Gray County Jail yesterday, between 12:50 a.m. and 1:35 a.m.

Lt. Terry Cox said GCSO deputies arrested the individuals in a residence on the 700 block of North Dwight while executing a search warrant. Deputies seized more than 4 grams and less than 200 grams of meth.

The manufacturing and delivery charge is a first-degree felony and carries a maximum punishment of no less than 5 years and up to 99 years or life in prison and up to a \$100,000 fine.

Ennis' bond has been set at \$14,250; Childress' bond is \$9,500;

Ballew's bond is \$7,500; and Nelson's bond is \$7,500.

Ennis had outstanding warrants and was also charged with no drivers license, failure to maintain financial responsibility and failure to appear.

Childress also had outstanding warrants and was charged with no drivers license and failure to appear.

Prison unit near Pampa hiring

By TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE
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The Rufe Jordan Unit, a state prison about five miles northeast of Pampa off U.S. Highway 60, is looking to hire nearly 60 corrections officers.

"We currently have 167 officers at the Jordan Unit and we need to fill 57 vacancies," said Glen H. Whitfield, who has been senior warden there since September 2012.

Prior to running the Jordan Unit and the smaller Baten Unit, which is at the same location as the Jordan Unit, Whitfield was senior warden at the Brownfield facility southwest of Lubbock.

Both of the units near Pampa are a minimum/medium security prisons that can combined house up to 1,400 inmates. Jordan opened in 1992 and Baten Unit opened in 1995.

To become a state corrections officer, Whitfield said a candidate must fill out a written application and pass a screening process that includes a criminal background check and a physical agility test.

For candidates who make it through the

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GOP lawmakers stick with Perry on Medicaid expansion

By ELENA SCHNEIDER
 The Texas Tribune

Two key Republican legislators — both of them doctors — say they're sticking with Gov. Rick Perry's position that Texas will reject the Medicaid expansion provision of federal health reform, despite a rising tide of Republican governors who are embracing it.

During a Texas Tribune TribLive conversation on Wednesday, Rep. John Zerwas, R-Simonton, and Sen.



Rick Perry

Charles Schwertner, R-Georgetown, both spoke against expanding Medicaid, which they called a "broken system." But they left the door open to working with the Obama administration if it provides more flexibility to let Texas operate the program as it sees fit.

"We send our money up to

Washington and it comes back to us with rules, regulations and golden handcuffs," Schwertner said. "If we had flexibility, I think we could design a program that's right for the citizens and right for the providers."

Eight GOP governors have signed on to the Medicaid expansion, including the governors of New Jersey, Florida and Michigan. Overall, 24 states and the District of Columbia plan to participate.

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Obituaries

Merle W. Tennant

Merle W. Tennant, 84, died Feb. 26, 2013 in Amarillo. Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, March 1, 2013 at Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel in Pampa, with Bill Burkholder, officiating.

Burial will follow in Miami Cemetery with military honors courtesy of U. S. Air Force, Altus, Okla. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Tennant was born Dec. 13, 1928 in Borger. He married Sylvia Ladner on July 5, 1950 in Gulfport, Miss. He had been a resident of Miami since 1953. He worked for Diamond Shamrock/Maxus Energy, retiring in 1990. Merle was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force, serving during the Korean Conflict. He was a member of the American Legion. Merle was preceded in death by his parents, Earl and Opal Tennant.

Survivors include his wife, Sylvia of the home; two sons, Douglas Earl Tennant and wife Susan of Canadian, and Ricky Lloyd Tennant and wife Marsha of Miami; five grandchildren, Terri Lee of Amarillo, Sherri Willis of Dumas, Ken Tennant, Christy White and Matt Tennant, all of Miami; and eight great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to a favorite charity.

Sign the online register at Carmichael-whatley.com.

Dean H. Burger

Dean H. Burger, 85, died Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2013 in Pampa. Services will be at 10 a.m., Saturday, March 2, 2013, at First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Blossom Matthews, pastor, and Andy Cavalier, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Burger was born June 7, 1927 in Thomas, Okla.

and was a 1944 graduate of Perryton High School. He had been a resident of Gray County since 1945. Dean served in the U. S. Army during World War II and was honorably discharged as a sergeant.

He married Donna Brunner on June 7, 1948 in Lockney. Dean was a Gray County farmer and rancher for the past 68 years. He was a member of the Groom ISD Board where he was president for 12 years.



Dean H. Burger

He was a director of the Groom Co-op, a director of State National Bank in Groom for 49 years, a director of Panhandle Plains Federal Land Bank, and a director of the Gray County Appraisal Board. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Pampa, and the Groom Lions Club.

Survivors include his wife Donna of the home; a daughter, Connie Fields of Groom; a son, Ken Burger and wife Lynn of Pampa; eight grandchildren, Melissa L. Fields of Missouri City, Scott Fields, Chris Burger and wife Emily, and David Fields, all of Groom, Jeffery Fields and wife Aimee of Amarillo, Jolee Burger Moore and husband Andy of Keller, Kenzi Larson and husband Brandon of Dallas, and Wendy Cavalier and husband Andy of Eastland; and 19 great-grandchildren.

Dean was preceded in death by his parents, Ray and Gladys Burger; and by a son-in-law, Charles D. Fields.

Memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 1981, Pampa, Texas 79066-1981, or a favorite charity.

Visitation will be from 6-7:30 p.m., Friday, at the funeral home.

Sign the online register at Carmichael-whatley.com.

For the record

Pampa man arrested for DWI — second offense

• Isidro Hernandez, 48, Pampa, was arrested Wednesday by the Gray County Sheriff's Office for driving while intoxicated — second offense.

• Jerry Lee Hicks, 41, Pampa, was arrested Wednesday by the Pampa Police Department for capias pro fine — possession of drug paraphernalia.

• William Derrell Flip-po, Pampa, was arrested Wednesday by the GCSO for possession of controlled substance and no drivers license.

• Albert Phillip Fritsch, 66, Gurnee, Ill., was arrested Wednesday by the Department of Public Safety for possession of marijuana.

Struggle to tie higher ed funds to graduation rate

AUSTIN (AP) — The leader of a legislative effort to link higher education funds to graduation rates said Wednesday there seems to be some quiet resistance from major universities that have

publicly endorsed the idea. Republican Dan Branch of Dallas, chairman of the House Higher Education Committee, told a news conference that while the major university systems

have endorsed the idea publicly, "they seem to be sending emissaries in to the folks on subcommittees and trying to put the brakes on things." "We need to identify where the tension seems

to be," Branch said. Representatives of the University of Texas and Texas A&M systems did not immediately respond to requests for comment. Under current policy, much of the funding for colleges is based on enrollment figures.

In 2011, Branch helped pass a law allowing the Legislature to base 10 percent of its higher education appropriations on graduation rates. But now he must persuade budget writers to follow that formula.

The state Higher Education Coordinating Board has endorsed the idea in a report to Branch's committee. About 25 states are discussing similar measures, according to the Washington-based advocacy group Complete College America.

Stan Jones, president of the group, called the 10 percent figure "a significant step." The Texas Association of Business also has endorsed the proposal, saying it would help the state produce a more modern workforce.

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screening, the next step is a five-week training academy that is usually held in Plainview, he said.

The training is paid and the students are considered employees, Whitfield said.

On Saturday, a training academy is starting at the Clarendon College Pampa campus.

Whitfield said that class is full, but there will be another one beginning in June in Pampa. A date has not been set.

The starting pay for a new officer is generally around \$25,000, Whitfield said, and the long list of benefits includes paid vacation and holidays, health, dental, life and disability insurance and 15 days of paid military leave.

Whitfield, who enjoys hunting and watching the Dallas Cowboys while not wearing his warden hat, had three of his subordinate officers with him while he was being interviewed by The Pampa News.

Capt. Lance Porter said he likes the job for the stability and Capt. Georgena Clower said the work is interesting.

"It's never boring," she said.

Maj. Jennifer Cozby said she would encourage anybody interested in a career with the corrections department to apply.

All four said there are opportunities for advancement after starting out as a new recruit.

In a career that spans nearly 25 years, Whitfield has steadily advanced through positions at several state prisons, mostly in West Texas.

"I started out 24 years ago as a correction offi-



From left, Capt. Georgena Clower, Warden Glen H. Whitfield, Capt. Lance Porter and Maj. Jennifer Cozby.

Photo by Timothy P. Howsare

cer and took advantage of the additional training and opportunities for advance-

ment," he said. For a job application or for information, call 806-

665-7070 or visit www.tdcj.state.tx.us/unit_directory/jn.html.

Liaison

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our community, making sure they get the education they deserve," Pingel said, sitting behind her desk at Pampa High School. Pingel's office is at PHS but she regularly frequents the district's feeder schools as she works with some of the younger students who receive assistance.

When a new student enrolls in the district, a central administration official informs Pingel if the student qualifies for benefits like free breakfast and lunch as well as school supplies. She then follows up with the student and their family to see if they would like to participate in the Snack Pak 4 Kids program, which helps fill in the nutritional gap for struggling families.

To classify students as homeless, the district utilizes criteria set forth by the federal government and the McKinney-Vento Act. The criteria for homeless living situations is as follows:

- With another family member or friend because of loss of housing — examples are fire, flood, lost job, divorce, domestic violence, kicked out by parents, parent(s) in military or parent(s) in jail;

- In a shelter because they don't have permanent housing or transitional housing (housing for a short time that is paid for by a nonprofit organization or church);

- In a hotel or motel — examples are because of economic hardship, eviction, can't get deposits for permanent home, flood, fire or hurricane;

- In a tent, car, van, abandoned building, on the streets, at a campground, in the park or other unsheltered location.

"Most of the students who are homeless are doubled up," said Pingel, referring to students who are currently living with

family members other than their mother or father, in sometimes crowded houses and often don't have their own bedrooms.

A sensitive issue

Pingel approaches each homeless student's case with compassion and is considerate of each family's individual living situation.

"Each case is different and we go case by case on that," she said. "We never call it 'homeless' to the families. Most of them are coming to live with a family member because (someone in their family) lost a job and we are considerate."

Pingel strives to fill the gap that persists when a student must overcome financial hardship and progress successfully through the district's curriculum.

"We want to provide some sort of stability in their lives," she said. "If they're hungry, they're not going to be focused on learning. If they didn't get a good night's sleep, they're not going to be focused on learning."

Sometimes the student may choose not to live at home, as is the case with some high school students

who may wish to remove themselves from abusive or volatile living situations.

"Not all of them are runaways," Pingel said. "They would be considered 'unaccompanied.'"

It's for the kids

About 7 years ago, several churches in town realized there was a hunger problem in Pampa, Pingel said, adding that the churches provided a food bank for children and families struggling with hunger issues.

Earlier this year, Pingel and her associates connected with a Snack Pak 4 Kids program based in Amarillo and started Pampa's program shortly before winter break.

"They fill about 500 bags every other week and distribute 250 per week," she said. The volunteers gather every two weeks and pack the hundreds of bags in a matter of hours while working in an assembly line fashion.

Then, on Friday, the Snack Paks are placed into the students' backpacks.

"It is discreetly given," she said, adding that the point is not to draw attention to the fact that the children are receiving

assistance.

The packs are filled with nonperishable items like Pop Tarts, jars of peanut butter, animal crackers, juice boxes and sunflower seed packets.

Pingel said students who qualify for the program are first given a permission slip to take home to their parents, guardians or caregivers, who then authorize the schools to provide the students with the packs.

"Most of the cases are single parents trying to make it," she said.

In any case, it's a valuable and necessary program that keeps the children fed, healthy and in a position where they can succeed in the classroom, meet their full potential and be a valuable asset to the community.

No one ever wants to go hungry. It's not a fun place to be. It's not a problem you want to deal with.

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Pampa High School at 806-669-4800 and ask to speak with Pingel.



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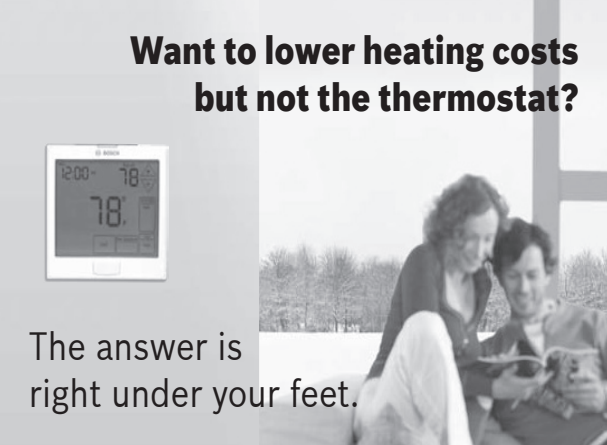
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A message from the Pampa sports editor Together, we can all make a great sports section

Fellow Pampan, my name is Zachary Green and I am the sports editor at The Pampa News. However, there is only



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one of me and sometimes as many as five sporting events going on at the same time in different areas.

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communities can send me sports pictures and/or stories and I will put them in the paper.

Charla Shults has been a blessing to have. Since I arrived in November, she has shot every Pampa High School basketball game, which in turn has allowed me to write better articles than what might have been had I tried to take notes and photos at the same time.

If you are afraid that your grammar or spelling might not be the greatest, do not let that stop you from sending stuff in. We will edit your stories and photo captions. That is what we are here for.

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Discord and disarray won't help Obama's legacy

Barack Obama is said to believe that he can win the political fight over the sequester. That's certainly the conventional wisdom.



MICHAEL BARONE

And there is some evidence to support it. When you ask voters who will be to blame if the sequester occurs,

Obama or "congressional Republicans," they're much more likely to say they'll blame the latter.

Obama also comes out on top when you ask whether they will blame "Obama and congressional Democrats" or "congressional Republicans."

There's reason to wonder, however, whether reaction after something happens will be the same as what people predict before it does.

Voters are not always good predictors of their future attitudes. That's why pollsters ask people which candidate they would vote for "if the election were held today." They don't ask them to predict whom they'll vote for.

Also, groups of politicians are almost always more unpopular than individuals. When pollsters ask whether you would like to see all congressional incumbents defeated for re-election, large majorities sometimes say yes. But in every congressional election starting with 1934, a large majority of congressional incumbents have been re-elected. That was true even in the recent high-turnover years of 2006, 2008 and 2010.

Americans don't like congressmen in general. But most like their own individual congressman.

Voters' predictions are especially suspect when they are asked their reaction to a policy — the sequester — which they don't understand and whose effects no one is sure of. Obama is out on the hustings with his teleprompter warning of the horrific effects of the sequester's cut in domes-

tic services. Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano has been warning that there may be three-hour lines at airport passenger screening points.

This is the old Washington Monument routine. As Washington Monthly editor Charlie Peters explained in the 1970s, the standard procedure for an agency faced with a funding cutback is to cut the services most visible to the public.

In Washington tourism season, that meant closing the Washington Monument. Congressmen from all 435 districts likely to get angry calls from constituents immediately.

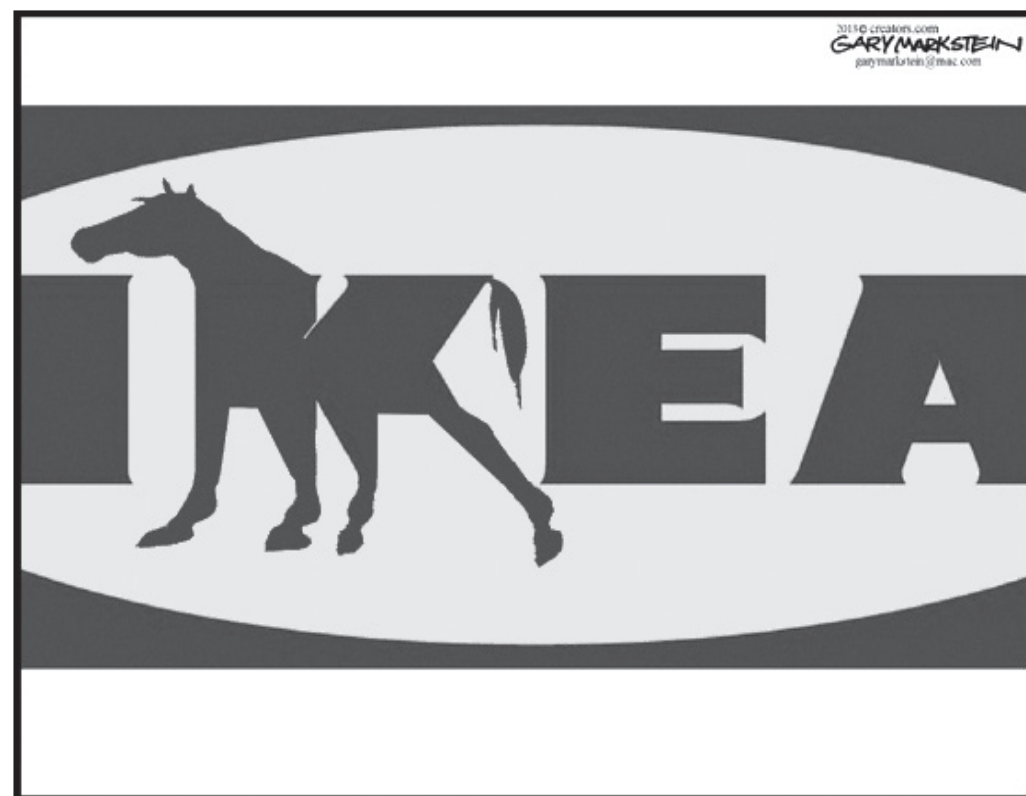
The Washington Monument is now closed for repair of earthquake damage. But Napolitano's threat is an obvious example of the phenomenon Peters described. One way to counter this, as some Republicans have figured out, is to call for elimination of travel for conventions and meetings. Voters suspect, probably rightly, that most of these are a waste of time and money.

The larger point is that it's very hard to predict public reaction to things that haven't happened. And that applies to the next budget issue down the road, the expiration of the continuing resolution on March 27. Translated into English, the government will not have money to function then unless Congress takes some action to fund it.

House Republicans are aware of this and have reportedly been preparing a continuing resolution funding the government until September at sequester levels and also giving the Defense Department leeway to apportion the cuts according to priorities rather than across the board.

They might consider giving the same leeway to Homeland Security. (Disclosure of personal interest: I'm a frequent flyer.)

Michael Barone is a senior political analyst for The Washington Examiner.



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her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing. Look, your house is left to you desolate. For I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.' (The Gospels Interwoven, Zarley)

Devotional:

They were the sternest words that anyone had ever heard come out of Jesus' mouth. Woes totaling 7 in number designed to bar-b-que the scribes and Pharisees for their ungodliness. Almost an entire chapter (Mt 23) filled with nothing but harshness, confrontation and condemnation.

Then suddenly Jesus could hide His love no longer and it burst out in these words. "... how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing." Even to the most evil He could not withhold words of His love.

During this season of Lent I must ask myself, "How often have I been the wandering chick; totally oblivious to the dangers around, ignoring His loving wings of protection?"

How ever often it has been, it has been too often. Again, Lord, I repent. I sing to You the words of John Michael Talbot's song "Create In Me A Clean Heart."

"Create in me a clean heart oh God Let me be like you in all my ways Give me your strength, teach me your song Shelter me in the shadow of your wings

For we are your righteousness If we die to ourselves and live through your death

Then we shall be born again to be blessed in your love!"

Prayer:

Lord Jesus, please help me repent. I know that You will not do for me what I can do for myself because in that doing I confirm that You are my Lord. But, sweet Jesus, I sometimes run from You when I know better; sometimes in ignorance, sometimes in stubbornness. Help me past both of these stumbling blocks. I promise to give You the glory for the victory. Amen.

Day 16 – Saturday

Scripture: Mt 26:47-56; Mk 14:43-52; Lk 22:47-54a; Jn 18:2-11

"While Jesus was still speaking, a crowd came up. The man who was called Judas, one of the Twelve, was leading them. Now Judas, who betrayed him, knew the place, because Jesus had often met there with his disciples. So Judas came to the grove, guiding a detachment of soldiers, and some officials, sent from the chief priests, Pharisees, teachers of the law, and elders of the

people. Carrying torches and lanterns, a large crowd armed with swords and clubs was with him.

Jesus, knowing all that was going to happen to him, went out and asked them, "Who is it you want?" "Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "I am he," Jesus said. (And Judas the traitor was standing there with them.) When Jesus said, "I am he," they drew back and fell to the ground. (The Gospels Interwoven)

Devotional:

During the daytime they were pretty much useless; at night outside the city, they were invaluable. With only moonlight to make their way into the night to arrest Jesus, the Roman soldiers and the Jewish leaders depended on torches.

It is strange how Jesus was the "light of the world" and yet the light of the night is what enabled His enemies to locate Him and arrest Him. They came with enough men to not only arrest Him, but to ward off any of His disciples who might put up a fight. It is kind of humorous how when they first walked up and Jesus identified Himself, His words caused them to stumble backwards and fall down. He just had to remind them all who was actually in charge that night in the garden. And it wasn't them.

But that night while the torches flickered Jesus' time arrived. It was the fullness of time that had been the main objective ever since the stable, even since the foundation of the world.

I remember when it was "my time", my time to surrender. It wasn't much like Jesus' time. He was much more of a man that I was. He gave Himself over to enemies, those who would hurt Him and even kill Him. And despite the suffering, He was totally faithful and saw it through to the end. When my time of surrender came it was to Jesus, my loving Savior, who only blessed me with mercy and grace. And one more thing is for sure, I have not always seen it through to the end; I have wandered, even strayed. I wish I was more like Him. This Lenten season of repentance gives me another opportunity to do just that, BY THE STRENGTH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

Prayer:

Holy Savior, nobody sees things through to the end like You do. I know I could do better, not wander so much, not stray off so often. I know I could. But I haven't and it is because all too often I try to live by MY MIGHT according to MY PLAN. Lord, I want to stay on YOUR TRACK. I know that to do that I have to live by YOUR MIGHT and YOUR PLAN. So that is what I want. I want YOUR PLAN, not my plan. I want to live each day by YOUR MIGHT, not mine. Please, help me. Amen.

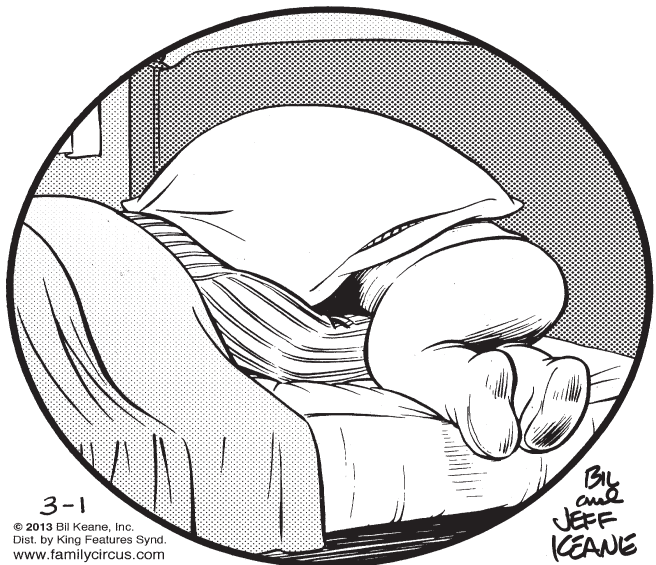
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Get your celebratory devotional at church. And if you weren't planning on going, then there is still time to repent and GO! God bless.

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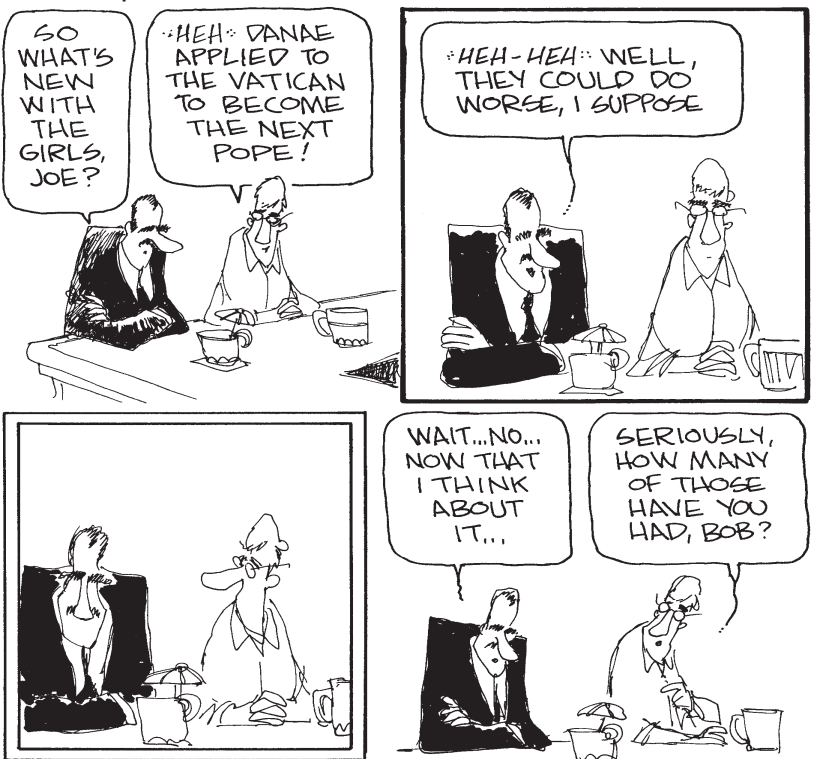
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"Mommy asked me to check and see if you were feeling well enough for a little lunch, Daddy. Are you?"

Non Sequitur



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daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, March 2, 2013:

This year you listen more carefully to your instincts, as you will be unusually perceptive and intuitive. If your sixth sense points you toward a different path, follow it. You sometimes get so serious and locked into a certain idea that you can't see the big picture. Let go, and you will be pleased with the result. If you are single, you are very attractive to others. Summer holds many romantic possibilities for you. If you are attached, the two of you start acting like new lovers. SCORPIO sees through many of your defenses.

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)
★★★ Conversation with a loved one will be animated and informative. You might want to be serious, but you can't with everything that is going on around you. Resist overthinking, and refrain from putting words in someone else's mouth. Tonight: Be a duo.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You might want to have more say in what is happening, but it is obvious that others are going to take the lead. Get together with friends and loved ones, and frolic along with them. Tonight: Do not even consider some quiet alone time -- be where the action is.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ You will get more done than you realize is possible if you simply focus and make a list of your priorities. Do not let a project get more complicated right now; do only what you must. You will benefit from a few days away from the grind. Tonight: Choose a favorite form of relaxation.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Attempting to show someone the error of his or her ways might not prove successful. This person's response is mainly a reaction to your words and/or actions. Go out for a walk or watch a movie in order to remove yourself from the situation. Tonight: Forget the here and now.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Family matters could be overwhelming you right now. You can create a better situation only if others willingly go along with your plan. Unfortunately, a rigid individual remains firm in his or her beliefs. Recognize that you have hit

a concrete wall. Tonight: Make plans that amuse you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Others remain responsive to your ideas and feelings. If you decide to cut off some negativity or a person who embodies this type of thought, you will be more effective. You also will feel free to toss yourself into life as you would like to. Tonight: At a favorite haunt.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Take a hard look at your budget. Pay bills first, then make a decision about a long-desired purchase. Even if you nix the idea now, you will have another chance later on. Try not to worry so much about the different facets of your life. Tonight: Visit with a favorite person.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You have many different sides to your personality. Some of the people around you know that. Be aware that your sharp words could startle someone who has not seen that aspect of your personality. You will get your point across regardless. Tonight: What makes you smile.

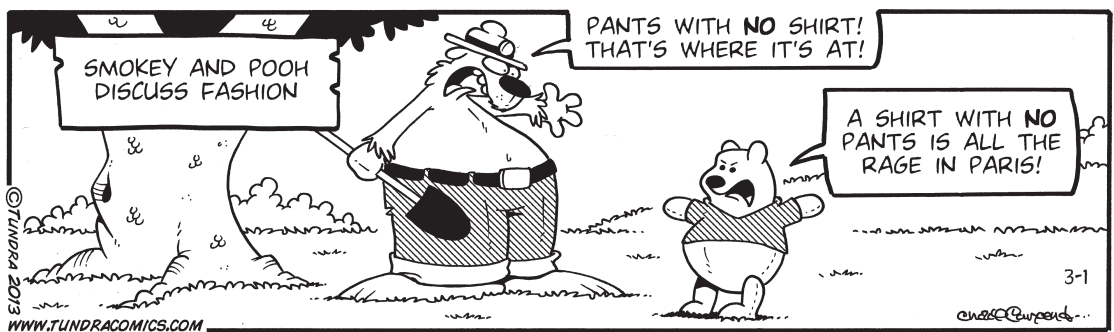
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Take your time, and refuse to be cornered into someone's off-the-wall idea. Be good to yourself, as you might not feel 100 percent. Take action in order to feel better. This might involve a nap, calling a friend or some other stress-buster. Tonight: Play it low-key.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Someone's terms could be nearly impossible to agree to. As a result, you might want to verbalize a resounding "no." What happens next could amaze you. Know that you can't predict others' reactions, but you can establish your boundaries. Tonight: Say "yes" to living.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Take charge, and know full well what is happening with a friend or loved one. Seek feedback from others, as you might not be sure what to do or which way to go. Laughter surrounds plans as you decide to bring certain friends together. Tonight: Let it all happen.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Make an important call to someone at a distance. Before you know it, you could be planning a special trip to see this person. Allow your feelings to flow naturally, and hold back any judgments. A loved one will do the same. Tonight: Add some music into the mix.

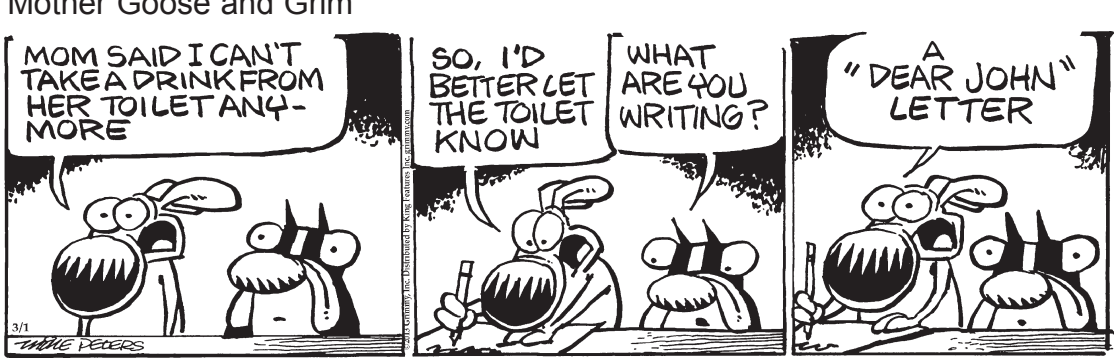
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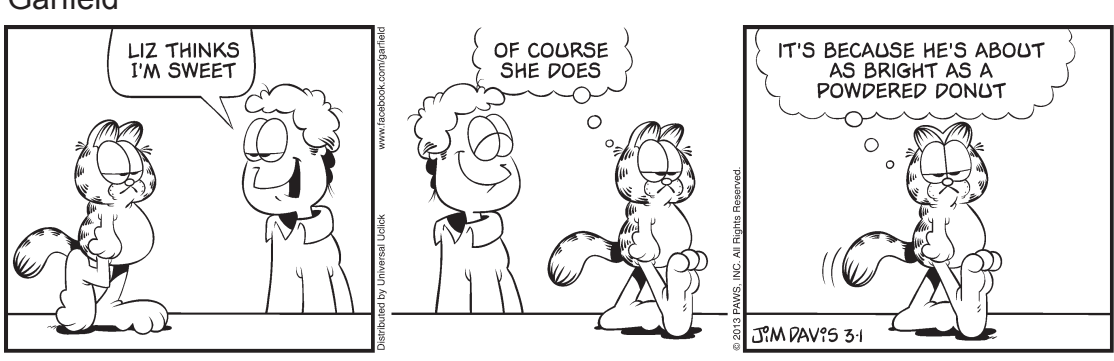
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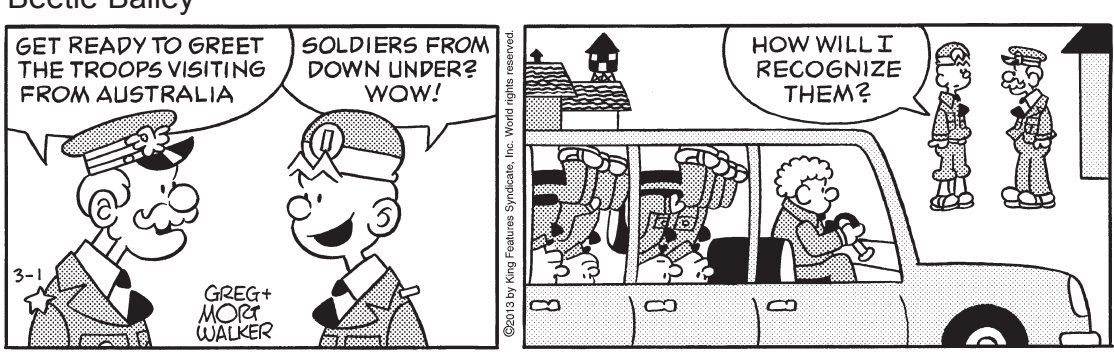
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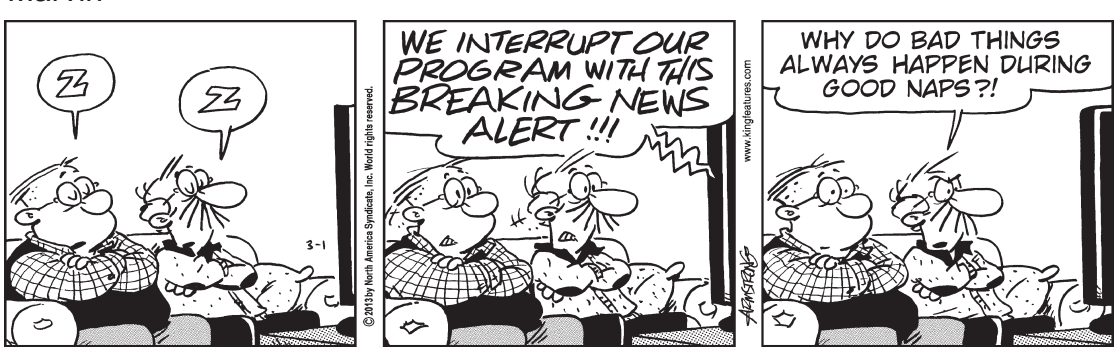
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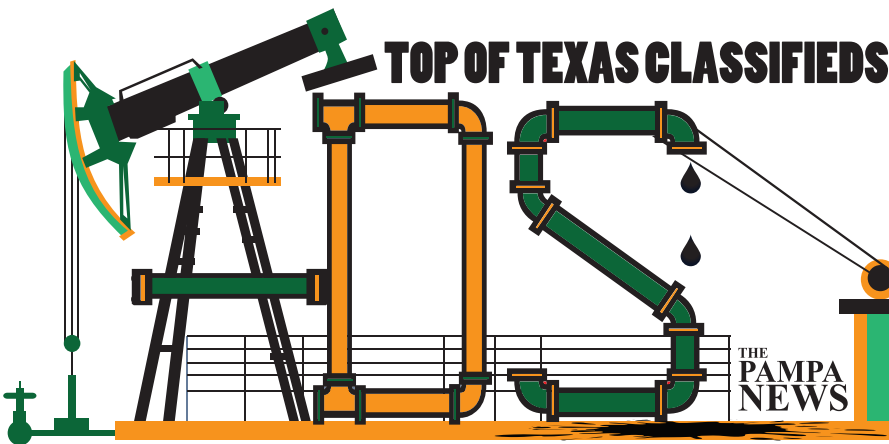


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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I'm convinced my father's wife killed him and I don't know where to turn. He had fought complications from quadruple bypass surgery for a few years, and had been in hospice for months prior to his death. My siblings and I didn't put all the pieces together until afterward.

Although I'm sure Dad was killed, based on facts and discussions with social workers, I'm pretty sure it was assisted suicide, which is illegal in most states, including the state where he lived. I feel cheated and angry at my father's wife for not having the guts to talk to us about his plans, and Dad for relying on her to tell us when she never had a good relationship with any of us. I'm also angry with myself for not stopping what I witnessed as it happened before my eyes. How could I have been so blind?

It has been several years now, and I still feel guilty for letting it happen, although I'm not sure how I could have stopped it. Your

thoughts would be appreciated. — ANGRY SON IN GEORGIA

DEAR ANGRY SON: I'm sorry for your pain and anger, emotions that are not uncommon when a loved one dies. But for your own sake, accept that if your father had an advance health care directive, and trusted his wife to carry it out, then she was following his wishes. While today's medical interventions can prolong someone's life, they can also prolong death.

Hospice offers grief counseling for family members for a period of time after a death occurs, and you and your siblings should have received some. It would have helped you to stop blaming the wife, and let go of any negative feelings so you could go on with your life. And that, I assure you, is what your father would have wanted.

DEAR ABBY: My sister "Mary" was in a car accident when she was in her 20s that left her with some brain damage. She appears

normal, but has trouble with interpersonal relations, boundaries and impulse control. Overall, her behavior varies from acceptable to belligerent. When she was evaluated by professionals years ago, our family was advised to set standards for her behavior as near to normal as possible.

When we go to restaurants, Mary has a hard time deciding what to order, often engaging the server in an uncomfortable, long conversation about the alternatives. When her meal arrives, she is rarely satisfied with her choice and makes a scene over her dissatisfaction to the server. If we try to intervene, she becomes even more belligerent.

She looks forward to going out and we love her dearly. We would hate to exclude her from these family outings, but we don't know what to do. Can you help? — IMPOSSIBLE TO DIGEST IN WASHINGTON STATE

DEARIMPOSSIBLE TO DIGEST: Because you were told to "set standards" for your

sister as near to normal as possible, that's what you should be doing. Before you take her out for a meal, explain to her what the ground rules are. If she acts out, do as you would with an unruly child and leave the restaurant until she regains control of herself.

Because of her impairment, she may need extra help with her menu choices. Luckily, many restaurants now post their

menus online. If you print one out and go over it with Mary, you might be able to make the process of ordering easier for her. I can't promise it will work, but it's certainly worth a try.



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Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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Level: Advanced

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Using any letters EXCEPT the ones that appear in the bunch below, fill in the blanks to form three new words.

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Yesterday's Answer:

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 1 Vacation spot
 - 5 Peach parts
 - 9 Stand proof?
 - 11 Fire proof?
 - 13 Muscularly fit
 - 14 Plow pioneer
 - 15 Gentle pull
 - 16 Extra action
 - 18 Arcane knowledge
 - 20 Lennon's love
 - 21 Submit taxes online
 - 22 Jazz legend Getz
 - 23 Simple denials
 - 24 "Va-moose!"
 - 25 Island strings
 - 27 Generous one
 - 29 Despondent
 - 30 Web directory
 - 32 Pepper type
 - 34 Tall tale
 - 35 Wed in secret
- DOWN**
- 36 Stomach
 - 38 Less common
 - 39 Worker with a pick
 - 40 Timetable, for short
 - 41 Sleep sites
 - 8 Venus' sister
 - 10 Old autos
 - 12 Attack
 - 17 Hot blood
 - 19 Uncles, in Acapulco
 - 22 Trig function
 - 24 Cheering call
 - 25 Peptic problem

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- 26 Eucalyptus eaters
- 27 Clamor
- 28 Made
- 30 Dummy
- 31 Jury
- 33 Dueling weapon
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Updated dates of games for 2013 Volleyball:
Women's (last regular season games) - March 4
Mixed Postseason Tournament - March 7 and March 21
Women's Postseason Tournament - March 18.

BIBLE VERSE WINNER



Staff photo

Cheryl Underwood is the Bible Verse winner for week 1. She received \$50 in Pampa News bucks.

Updated Pampa Sports schedule

STAFF REPORT

Due to the snow a lot of events were canceled this week. Here is a brief update of the events.
JV girls golf versus Dumas that was scheduled for Feb. 25 & 26 was canceled and will not be rescheduled.
JV baseball game against Bushland schedule for Feb. 25 was canceled and will not be rescheduled.
JV Tennis at the Amarillo Tournament scheduled for Feb. 26 was canceled and will not be rescheduled.
Junior High Track meet in Pampa scheduled for Feb. 28 was canceled and will not be rescheduled.
Girls and boys soccer scheduled for Feb. 25 against Borger has been rescheduled for Saturday March 2 at noon and 2 p.m. with the seniors recognition occurring immediately following the girls game at noon.

Medicaid

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Zerwas also said that while the governor holds the keys, the Legislature could play a key role in negotiating with the federal government on the feasibility of a Medicaid expansion in Texas.
"It's the governor's call, but I think the Legislature should certainly have a voice in this," Zerwas said. "The Legislature could say, because of the magnitude of this, we should be weighing in on what the budgetary impact of this might be."
Asked whether the Legislature would consider raising Medicaid reimbursement rates for Texas doctors, so as to avoid more providers leaving the safety net program, neither lawmaker would make a commitment. But they spoke of other ways to improve the state's phy-

sician base, including adding new graduate medical education slots for the state's medical students.
"We are looking at increasing GME slots in the state of Texas, graduate medical education slots, residency slots, to address some of the workforce shortages," Schwertner said. "It's important to make sure that we are educating in Texas ... rather than sending them out of state, where they are more likely to stay out of state."
Regarding the budget cuts in the last legislative session to family planning and women's health care, both lawmakers said they support an initiative this session to restore funding by way of primary care programs.
"We're going to recommend a funding level for [women's health] ... at about 50 percent higher than what they had originally asked for," Zerwas said.

AP source: 49ers to send Smith to KC

By JANIE McCAULEY
AP Sports Writer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Alex Smith quietly stayed behind the scenes after losing his job and watched from the sideline as San Francisco returned to the Super Bowl for the first time in 18 years. Yet the No. 1 overall draft pick from 2005 did make one thing known: The veteran quarterback still considers himself a starter.
And he hoped to get that chance again. Now, he appears to have it.
The Kansas City Chiefs have agreed to acquire Smith from the 49ers in the first major acquisition since Andy Reid took over as the team's new coach in early January, a person with knowledge of the trade told The Associated Press on Wednesday.
The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the deal cannot become official until March 12, when the NFL's new business year begins. Another person familiar with the swap said the 49ers will get a second-round pick in April's draft, No. 34 overall, and a conditional pick in the 2014 draft.
After spending his first eight up-and-down years with the 49ers, Smith will get a welcome new start. The Chiefs will get the proven play-caller they hope can help turn things around under a new coach much the way Smith did under Jim Harbaugh in San Francisco.
"You never know when your opportunity's going to come," Smith said late in the season. "The good ones are ready when they do come."
The Chiefs have gone this route before, acquiring Joe Montana from the 49ers

nearly 20 years ago, in April 1993, after he won four Super Bowls but gave way to Steve Young — San Francisco's quarterback of the future.
Not so different from Smith's situation last season behind second-year QB Colin Kaepernick. Moving Smith was hardly unexpected. He realized it once Kaepernick emerged as a capable starter over the season's final two months, and Smith all but said goodbye with his first pro team when he played briefly in the regular-season finale against Arizona to cheers of "Let's Go, Alex!" and "Alex! Alex!" from the Candlestick Park crowd.
With Smith now headed for Kansas City, Matt Cassel is likely headed out of town. And Reid will enter his first draft as Chiefs coach in April no longer needing to search for a quarterback.
The Chiefs' problems at quarterback are the single biggest reason they went 2-14 last season and secured the No. 1 pick in the draft for the first time in franchise history.
It's been a long-running problem for a franchise that has tried Steve Bono and Elvis Grbac (two more one-time 49ers), and more recently Damon Huard, Tyler Thigpen and Tyler Palko at quarterback. And then there's Cassel.
He was acquired by recently fired general manager Scott Pioli, and has two years left on a \$63 million, six-year deal. He will likely be cut once Smith is acquired.
Cassel was benched last season in favor of Brady Quinn, who also is a free agent after going 1-7 as the starter.
If Smith can bring the

steady form that defined his last two years, the Chiefs might be able to establish a much-needed consistency under center. They also found themselves a team-first player who led the 49ers through workouts during the 2011 lockout.
Under the three-year contract he signed last March, Smith is guaranteed \$8.5 million in base salary for the 2013 season.
Smith thrived under 49ers coach and former NFL quarterback Harbaugh in one-plus season as the starter. Then, just like that, it all changed after he sustained a concussion.
Last week at the NFL combine, Harbaugh praised Smith and reiterated just how strong San Francisco was with Colin Kaepernick as the starter and someone with Smith's credentials at backup.
Yet everyone knew it was likely the 49ers would do their best to improve Smith's situation considering all he did for the franchise for nearly the past decade.
"Alex is really playing the best football of his career the last two years," Harbaugh said. "We think we got the best quarterback situation in the National Football League, feel strongly about that. Again, that'll be a process that plays out. Alex Smith continuing to be a 49er or if a trade occurs in the next weeks or months. Those are the two possibilities, most likely possibilities."
Smith acknowledged when he lost the job to Kaepernick back in November that he had done nothing wrong but get hurt. Not only had he completed 26 of his

previous 28 passes — 18 of 19 for 232 yards and three touchdowns without an interception and a 157.1 passer rating in a Monday Night Football win at Arizona on Oct. 29 — Smith had just earned NFC Offensive Player of the Week honors after that victory in the desert.
He then sustained a concussion in the second quarter of a 24-24 tie against St. Louis on Nov. 11 — saying later he threw a touchdown pass with blurry vision. Smith sat out the next game as Kaepernick dazzled in his debut as an NFL starter, beating the Bears handily at home on Monday Night Football.
After that, Harbaugh vowed to stick with the "hot hand," as he regularly put it, while complicating matters by still referring to Smith as a starter.
Smith's most poignant response to the situation was, "I feel like the only thing I did to lose my job was get a concussion."
Kaepernick led the 49ers to the NFC championship and a 34-31 loss to Baltimore in the Super Bowl in his second season. Now the 49ers are looking for his backup.
The 28-year-old Smith struggled for most of his career in San Francisco, plagued as much by coaching and constant coordinator changes as by his own indecisiveness.
But when Harbaugh became coach in January 2011, Smith blossomed under the former QB's guidance. He was among the league leaders in passer rating (104.1) with a 70.2 completion percentage when he got hurt last season.
Fox Sports first reported the deal Wednesday.

Strange sight on college basketball court: sleeves

CINCINNATI (AP) — College basketball's tournament time is taking on a new look this year, with lots of double-takes expected.
Six teams will wear special uniforms for their conference and anticipated NCAA tournament appearances next month, setting a fashion trend in college basketball: camouflage-patterned shorts, bright-colored jerseys and sleeves.
Sleeves?
Yep. Sleeves on jerseys, including those worn by tradition-rich UCLA, giving March's rich history a decidedly unconventional look. Six teams will wear special tournament uniforms unveiled on Thurs-

day by Adidas — UCLA, Louisville, Baylor, Kansas, Notre Dame and Cincinnati.
"I'm sure the traditionalists out there are really, really struggling looking at those uniforms," Cincinnati coach Mick Cronin said on Thursday.
Especially those worn by UCLA, Louisville and Baylor, which agreed to have short sleeves on their jerseys. Adidas debuted a short-sleeve basketball

shirt with the NBA's Golden State Warriors in mid-February.
The new look will be especially head-turning for teams that usually wear tradition on their chests.
"Everyone here knows

Kansas' tradition and history should be what is promoted in our look, and we have done that for years," coach Bill Self said. "But this is the one game or whatever that we will make that exception for Adidas."

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