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MODERN CLASSICS



Photo by Joe Weaver

Local composer A.J. Mejia will perform several of his original pieces from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 16, at the Woody Guthrie Center. Admission is free but donations will be accepted.

Local composer to debut music at Woody Guthrie Center

BY TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE
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It may be no coincidence that local musician J.A. Mejia's middle name is Amadeus, the same as famed classical composer Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart.

"I grew up listening to a lot of Mozart," said Jesus Amadeus Mejia, who likes to go by the initials J.A.

Asked if Mozart is an influence for his own compositions, Mejia answered, "I would say it's a mix between Mozart and Beethoven."

The 23-year-old multi-instrumentalist will perform several of his original compositions on violin and piano at the Woody Guthrie Center on Saturday, March 16.

The concert is from 3:30 to 5 p.m. and admission is free, but donations will be accepted.

Mejia also plays classical guitar, and came to the attention of the Woody Guthrie Center board members by dazzling fellow strummers at some of the center's Friday night

jam sessions.

As a special musical treat to the board members, Mejia is closing with his own arrangement of Guthrie's most popular tune, "This Land is Your Land."

"I have rewritten it classically in my own style," he said. "That's the piece the Woody Guthrie board members are excited about."

Though he has copyrights for the compositions, he hasn't had any of them published, at least not yet, Mejia said.

He considers the Guthrie Center performance as his debut concert as a composer.

"I have no other concerts planned yet," he said.

Mejia began listening to classical music in third grade, encouraged by a teacher who saw his potential.

He'd had some instruction in accordion and a year of violin lessons. He taught himself guitar and piano, using the read-out on an electronic keyboard. By 15, he was writing music and composed his first symphony

as a high school freshman, he said. He graduated from Pampa High School in 2008, where he played the baritone in the Harvester Band.

He was accepted into the music programs of several universities, but chose a prestigious and exclusive music program offered by the University of Southern California, he said.

At USC, he got the opportunity to study at the Universitat Mozarteum Salzburg in Austria, earning a European Master's Degree in Classical Composition. Receiving word that his grandmother was ill, Mejia returned to Pampa to help with the family business, Mejia's Bakery.

He has entertained the Top O' Texas Goldcoats and played his violin at First United Methodist Church. His goal is to teach and compose, he said.

For more information about the concert, contact Thelma Bray at 806-665-1180.

Editor's note: Joe Weaver contributed to this story.

High-speed chase ends in Pampa

BY TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE
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A high-speed vehicle chase with speeds exceeding more than 100 mph ended in Pampa Tuesday night after an inmate overpowered a guard at the Donley County Jail in Clarendon and stole her car.

The inmate, Torrence Smith, 40, who also goes by Torrence Brown, assaulted the jail officer and stole her jail keys and personal keys, said Donley County Sheriff Butch Blackburn.

The inmate then stole the jailer's vehicle and headed north on State Highway 70, Blackburn said.

Blackburn and one of his deputies pursued Smith in separate patrol vehicles, the sheriff

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Network upgrade at animal shelter approved

BY SASHA HELLER
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The Pampa City Commission on Tuesday approved a change order with Plains Builders Inc., of Amarillo, to install a 2-inch conduit for routing telecommunications at the new Pampa Animal Welfare Facility. The order also includes the addition of a special outlet to the shelter's community room.

The conduit will help route the shelter's telecommunications backbone from a service debarb to a VoIP cross-connect location.

"There were a couple of electrical outlets that were overlooked in the design plan," said assistant city manager Shane Stokes. "We realized we'd like to have some floor outlets there instead of having cables running across the floor."

Stokes said the network improvement will coordinate the shelter's security, Internet and

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SEVERE WEATHER Awareness Week

Tornado Awareness Day

STAFF REPORT

Your safety depends on being constantly alert to the possibility of tornadoes from the thunderstorms that may approach you. This is especially true during tornado watches. Constantly monitoring the weather should occur during any period of severe weather activity.

Plan in advance where you will go and what you will do if a tornado threatens you. Remember, a tornado watch means that tornado development is possible, so watch the sky for developing thunderstorms.

Stay tuned to weather radio, commercial radio or television for weather statements or warnings.

A tornado warning is usually issued for parts of one or two counties at a time. It

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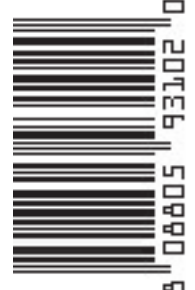
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PAMPA FORECAST

Today	Friday	Saturday
		
High 69 Low 43	High 70 Low 49	High 56 Low 33

Thursday: Sunny with a high of 69. No chance of rain. Wind south at 19 mph. Sunrises at 7:05 a.m.

Thursday night: Clear skies with a low of 43. No chance of rain. Wind south at 19 mph. Sunset at 6:45 p.m.

Friday: Isolated T-storms with a high of 70. Thirty percent chance of rain. Wind south at 22 mph. Sunrise at 7:04 a.m.

Friday night: Partly cloudy with a low of 49. Twenty percent chance of rain. Wind south southeast at 18 mph. Sunset at 6:45 p.m.

Saturday: Scattered T-storms with a high of 56. Sixty percent chance of rain. Wind southwest at 27 mph. Sunrise at 7:03 a.m.

Saturday night: Partly cloudy with a low of 33. Twenty percent chance of rain. Wind west at 20 mph. Sunset at 6:46 p.m.

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Pampa Regional Medical Center salutes its employees and physicians for their dedication during the blizzard and willingness to keep the vital services of the hospital open.

We would also like to recognize:
A&T Yard Service for keeping access to the hospital clear 24 hours a day;
the Pampa Police Department, Gray County Sheriff's Office, Pampa Fire Department and EMS services for transportation of employees and critical patients.

These are some of the people who were committed to keeping us safe during the snow storm.

Obituaries

Ester Mae Landers

Ester Mae Landers, 85, was called home to be with the Lord on Feb. 27, 2013 in Lubbock.



Ester Mae Landers
Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Landers was born Aug. 24, 1927 in Tenaha, Texas, to Elrie and Mable Nash of Carthage, Texas. She married Earl Landers in 1950 in Fort Worth where they lived until moving to Tyler in 1963. After his death, she moved to Pampa where she lived the remaining 42 years of her life. She was a member of Macedonia Baptist Church. Ester worked for Chaney's Restaurant and was well known in Pampa for her good cooking. She was a loving wife, sister, mother, grandmother and aunt. Ester was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, her sister, Lucille Mallard; four brothers, Elsie Nash, Lewis Nash, Elrie Nash and Johnny Lee Nash; and two daughters, Ruby Renell Landers and LeBlenta Rachele Landers.

She leaves to cherish her memories her five sons, Earl Landers Jr., and wife Venora, Jewel Landers and wife Barbara, Harold Landers and wife Christine, Michael Landers and Cornelius Landers; three daughters, Mary Ester Brown and husband Lynn, Shirley Landers-Young and Mia Nash; three sisters, Lula Mae Diamond, Dora Lee Hunnicutt and Alice Mae Mayberry; 36 grandchildren, 49 great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild, and a host of nieces and nephews.

Sign the online register at Carmichael-whatley.com.

Barbara M. Jones

Barbara M. Jones, 77, of Lubbock passed away March 4, 2013. She was born Sept. 24, 1935 in Los Angeles.



Barbara M. Jones
her bachelor's of science in Nursing from West Texas University in Canyon.

She married the love of her life, Wilfred E. Jones, on Sept. 13, 1958. Barbara succeeded in her nursing career at facilities such as Covenant Hospital, UMC, Lubbock State School, and South Plains College. She was a former member of the Lubbock Area Square, Round Dance Federation, and Tuesday Rounds Dance Club.

Barbara enjoyed square dancing. She was a member of St. Luke's Methodist Church, and was an avid quilter.

She is preceded in death by her husband: Wilfred E. Jones (2001), parents; Everett and Anna Smithson; sister; Delores Layton, brother; Joe Arthur Smithson, and son-in-law; Ralph Herzog. Survivors include children: C.J. Locknane of Lubbock, Teresa Herzog of Lubbock, DeDe Barnes (Terry) of Pampa, and William Jones (Kathleen) of Plano. Grandchildren: Barbara Cason (Tim) of Lubbock, Chance Lochnane of Lubbock, Justin Barnes (Sarah) of the Woodlands, Robert Tudor of Lubbock, Trace Locknane of Austin, Ryan Barnes (Briana) of Amarillo, Ashleigh Jones of Lubbock, Andrew Jones of Abilene, Justin Collier (Angela) of Roswell, N.M., Nancy Herzog of Va., and Stephen Herzog (Angelica) of Va.; 11 great-grandchildren; loved ones, and friends. Visitation will be from 7 to 9:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 6 at Resthaven Funeral Home.

Graveside service will be today at Resthaven Memorial Park at 10 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Cancer Society 3513 10th St. Lubbock, TX 79415.

Condolences may be offered at Resthavenfuneralhome.com.

Doris Louise Conner

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m., Friday, March 8, at Memory Gardens Cemetery Mausoleum Chapel, Pampa, Texas with Jerry Bell officiating.



Doris Louise Conner
Arrangements by Griggs-Schooler-Gordon Funeral Directors, 5400 S. Bell, Amarillo.

Doris was born in Chickasha, Okla., on Sept. 5, 1924 and died March 4, 2013. She married Raymond Lloyd Conner on Oct. 17, 1943, at Ft. Campbell, Ken. She and Raymond were married 49 years and six months. They lived in many different cities from Pampa, Phillips Camp, Corpus Christi, Borger, Perryton, Odessa and Jakarta, Indonesia. Most recently she was a resident of Ware Living Center in Amarillo.

She loved to sew, crochet, knit, make crafts found in her hundreds of craft books and magazines which was just one of her many collections.

She also loved to paint in oils or water colors on whatever she got her hands on: canvas, blocks of wood, pieces of plywood, rocks, and even clothes. She spent her life loving and caring for her family. Preceded in death by: Raymond Lloyd Conner, husband, her parents: Susan Denton Barnett and John Wesley Barnett, and her step-mother Lora Barnett.

Survivors include her daughter, Susan Rae Walker and husband Gordon Russel of Spring; her son, Wesley Allen Conner and wife Lynda Denise of Amarillo; her daughter, Pamela Kaye Baker and husband Philip Wayne of Magnolia; her sisters, Melba June Barnett of Midwest City, Okla., Donna M. Smith of Moore, Okla., and Loretta Cavin of Oklahoma City; her brother-in-law, Joseph Frank Conner of Pampa; her sister-in-law, Freddie June Conner Seitz of Pampa; nine grandchildren, Gordon Raymond Walker and wife Aline of Spring, Thomas Russell Walker and wife Brandy of Spring, Nancy S. Grant of Spring, Kristin Rae

Chrestman and husband Scott of Cedar Park, Erich Kyle McGlaun of Spring, Angela Kaye Burk and husband Brian of Conroe, Ellen Leigh Rush and husband James of Anchorage, Alaska, Karen Anne Hammett and husband Mike of Amarillo, and Graham Wesley Conner of Amarillo; 13 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Send online condolences to Griggschoolergordon.com.

Joyce Merle Keown

Joyce Merle Keown died Tuesday, March 5, 2013 in Amarillo.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, March 8, 2013 in the Robertson Funeral Directors Saints' Roost Chapel in Clarendon with the Rev. Anthony Knowles, officiating.

Interment will be at Citizens Cemetery in Clarendon. Arrangements are made under Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon. Joyce was born Jan. 28, 1926 in Bryan to Lonnie Perry and Mary Alice Dickson Fuqua. She married Robert Aubry Keown on Aug. 3, 1950 in Strawn. She had been a resident of Clarendon since 1970. She loved going to her grandkids' sporting events. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband on July 18, 1988; three brothers, Clyde, Milton, and Ralph Fuqua; two sisters, Doris Fuqua Murphy and Leslie Fuqua.

Survivors include two sons, Russell Ray Keown and wife Helen of Clarendon and Rodney Kyle Keown of Pampa; a brother, Bobby Gene Fuqua of Jacksonville, Texas; two sisters, Shirley Fuqua Coakley and Margaret Fuqua Miner both of Bryan; five grandchildren, Kasi Keown Davis and husband Kyle, Kelli Keown Shurbet and husband Shannon, Shanna Keown, Braden Keown, and Jennifer Parker Warren and husband Brad; eight great-grandchildren, Kendra, Kaitlyn, and Kortni Davis, Ky and Dru Anderson, Tate, Emmelise and Ethan Warren.

The family will be at 605 W. 5th St. in Clarendon.

The family request memorials be sent to the American Heart Association or Autism Awareness Walk.

Sign the online guestbook at RobertsonFuneral.com.

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DRUG AND ALCOHOL FREE IS WAY TO BE



Submitted photo

Melissa Facio, left, and Kelley Smith are shown working on this year's Drug-Free, Alcohol-Free Senior All-Night Party. The All-Night Party will be held the evening of Pampa High School's Graduation on June 1. All parents interested in helping with the Senior All-Night Party should contact Jennifer Read at 663-2351. Anyone wishing to make a donation may send it to: Class of 2013, Jona Smith, 2601 Dogwood, Pampa, TX 79065.

Weather

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means that a tornado has been sighted, or indicated by weather radar. Persons in the path of the storm need to immediately find shelter, preferably in a sturdy building, below ground if possible.

Here are some tornado safety rules:

- In homes or small buildings — go to the basement or storm shelter or to an interior room, such as a closet or bathroom on the lowest level.
- Get under something sturdy such as a heavy table or a bed.
- In mobile homes and vehicles — abandon them and go to a storm shelter or sturdy structure. If there

is no such structure nearby then lie flat in a ditch, ravine, gully, culvert or a low spot with your arms and hands shielding your head.

- In large buildings such as schools, factories, hospitals, nursing homes and shopping centers, go to the predesignated shelter area. Interior hallways on the lowest floor are usually best. Stay away from rooms that are large in area because they have weakly supported roofs.
- Always stay away from windows.

Friday's paper will continue our coverage of Severe Weather Awareness Week with flash flood safety and on Saturday we will discuss NOAA Weather Radios.

More information can be found on the National Weather Service's website at Weather.gov/ama.



Photo courtesy of the NOAA photo library

A tornado south of Dimmitt on June 2, 1995. The photo comes from NOAA's National Severe Storms Laboratory. It was ranked F3 in strength (158-207 mph) and was covered closely by the Probe1 Vortex team, making it "the most comprehensively observed tornado in history."

NY man gets summonses for laughing too loudly

ROCKVILLE CENTRE, N.Y. (AP) — A New York man says he didn't know it was a crime to laugh.

Robert Schiavelli of Rockville Centre, on Long Island, was slapped with two summonses for "disturbing the peace."

Police responded to his home on Feb. 12 and Feb. 13 after receiving complaints from his next-door neighbor that his loud laughs could be heard across the driveway.

The 42-year-old was charged with acting "in such a manner as to annoy, disturb, interfere with, obstruct, or be offensive to others."

At his arraignment Tuesday, a judge declined to dismiss the charges.

Schiavelli tells the New York Post his neighbor often taunts him due to his disability. He deals with it by laughing him off.

Schiavelli suffers from seizures and neurological

impairments.

The neighbor didn't respond to requests for comment.

Owner to sell football team via Craigslist

CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa (AP) — A co-owner of the Cedar Rapids (Iowa) Titans football team is selling his stake through Craigslist.

The Titans announced earlier this week that owner Mike Polaski is trying to sell his 20 percent stake in the two-year-old Indoor Football League team. Polaski writes on Craigslist that a downturn in his business as a restaurant owner is the reason and he's asking for \$80,000.

The team's general manager and co-owner, Chris Kokalis, says Polaski is influential in bringing the team to Cedar Rapids. He says Polaski's decision to sell has no impact on the Titans' daily operations.

Chase

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said.

At the Interstate 40 and S.H. 70 split, a Gray County Sheriff's Office unit joined the pursuit.

Eight miles south of Pampa, a Texas Highway Patrol trooper joined the pursuit, said Trooper Daniel Hawthorne.

The trooper followed in the assist to Huff Street in Pampa, where the inmate collided with the Donley County deputy and the chase ended.

Smith received minor injuries in the wreck, but the deputy was unharmed,

Blackburn said.

"It was just one of the messes, that was what it was," Blackburn said. "We were so lucky no bystanders or other motorists were hurt."

Smith was in jail on seven forgery charges, and one charge of evading arrest.

Chargers are pending for escape and assault of a jailer, Blackburn said.

The pursuit ended at 7:11 p.m., said GCSO spokesman Lt. Terry Cox.

Cox said GCSO, the Department of Public Safety and the Pampa Police Department assisted DCSO with the pursuit and apprehension of Smith.

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phone systems in a consolidated media room.

The financial impact of installing the conduit is \$739, to be drawn from a 2012 bond.

The new shelter is under construction on a lot adjacent to the city's current shelter at 200 W. Foster Ave.

Plains Builders will serve as the contractor and GH2 Architects, of Tulsa, Okla., will develop.

In other business, the Commission:

- Approved a request by Edward Losoya to rezone property at 908 S. Wells from residential single-family-3 to commercial. Losoya intends to open a landscaping business on site along with a nursery.

The Planning and Zon-

ing Commission on Feb. 10 voted in favor of the rezoning request and city records indicate that staff members researched the request and found no issues with spot zoning.

- Approved an ordinance amending fees for RV sites and the group shelter at Recreation Park. The amended fee schedule is as follows: \$15 per day per RV for Sundays through Thursdays; and \$20 per day per RV on the weekends. At least two weeks prior notice and payment in advance of \$50 per day of usage must be given for exclusive use of the group shelter. The advance fee is non-refundable.

The new fee schedule took effect on March 1.

Tuesday's meeting was originally scheduled for Feb. 26 but was postponed due to heavy snowfall in the area. The Commission meets next at 4 p.m., March 12.

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Beyond addiction

Blunt question, simple answer

“What do you do if you don’t want to live?”

There’s no margin for error in answering that question, especially when it comes out of the blue handwritten on a 3-by-5-inch index card from somebody in the audience I can’t see and don’t



WILLIAM MOYERS

know and in a very public place, in front of an audience at the 92nd Street Y in New York. No time even to weigh a thoughtful response.

Only for a split second was I tongue-tied; it took just a moment for me to get the spark of words down from my brain and out my mouth.

“Well, you’ve done it, the hardest part. You’ve asked for help,” I replied, vainly scrutinizing the shadows in the crowd beyond the bright stage lights in search of the anonymous, invisible questioner. “Turn to the person next to you, and ask him or her for help. That’s the first step. You have a room filled with people who can help you.”

Indeed, the audience was well-stocked with people who had themselves overcome the dread of dying in the grips of their addiction or mental illness and with the experts — treatment counselors, therapists,

social workers and doctors — whose jobs save them. We’d gathered for a community conversation about addiction and recovery. A perfect time and place for a group-hug answer to the harshest, loneliest question.

Except that the questioner wasn’t there anymore. By the time the scribbled card reached the front of the auditorium, the writer had bolted from his seat and walked out, though I didn’t know it until later. In the meantime, there was an awkward, expectant pause, as if the audience was poised but didn’t know which way to reach out to that person’s aid. It took another minute or two for our collective spirit to steady itself and get back to all the other issues that now seemed dwarfed by life or death in the balance of one troubled soul.

When the event ended, I was handed a scrap of paper with a name and phone number. I’m not sure how that information was gotten. But the next morning, I called the number and left a voice message and, within an hour, had a callback from somebody who was ready to talk. Through tears, the questioner told a story of life under the influence of substances, many relapses, persistent mental illness and a suicide bid that defied the odds and failed somehow. “I don’t know what to do anymore,” said the caller.

This time, I was ready. I knew exactly what to say, the same message from the night before. “You’ve asked for help. That really is the hardest part. Now you can get it.” Tears, a long sigh of relief, and then the voice on the other end repeated, “Help me.”

That was two weeks ago. The person who needed help got it. Here’s an update in his words:

“I think I must always have wanted to live more than die deep down ... but things are starting to align in ways even my overly logical mind (defense mechanism, right?) finds odd.

Now I keep hearing over and over this quote from Neil Young:

“I want to live.
“I want to give.
“I’ve been a miner for a heart of gold.”

A precious vein finally discovered after drilling down through the toughest question.

William Moyers is the vice president of public affairs and community relations for the Hazelden Foundation and the author of “Broken,” his best-selling memoirs. His new book, “Now What? An Insider’s Guide to Addiction and Recovery,” has just been published. Send your questions to William Moyers at wmoyers@hazelden.org.

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No sequester catastrophe

President Obama may be backing away from his doomsday spending-cut predictions as the sequester goes into place. But the new party line is that while there will be no impact in the first few days, there’ll be a slow, downward slump after that.

What are we to believe that lower spending and smaller government damage the economy? Doesn’t that run counter to virtually every reasonably objective study in recent years — including ones from a number of U.S. academics and the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development in Europe — that describe how countries with lower government spending grow more, and how countries with higher government spending grow less?

However you calculate the sequester spending cuts, and however uneven they may be, the reality is that the sequester at least moves the ball in the right direction. I maintain that by reducing the government spending share of gross domestic product, the sequester is pro-growth.

The White House and the Congressional Budget Office are predicting a 0.5 percent to 0.7 percent decline in GDP, post-sequester, and a loss of 750,000 jobs. All this from a spending reduction of roughly 2.4 percent over the next 10 years, in which Uncle Sam’s spending growth will be \$44.8 trillion rather than \$46 trillion.

Fed chairman Ben Bernanke and other demand-siders have called for a slow, gradual federal-spending reduction. Well, that’s exactly what they’re going to get. The first fiscal year of sequester will see \$44 billion in spending cuts, which is about one quarter of 1 percent of GDP. That’s pretty gradual.

If it isn’t, you’re telling me there’s never a good time to cut spending.

Nonsense.

And compare that \$44 billion 2013 spending cut (most of which is slower baseline growth, not a cut in spending levels) to a roughly \$150 billion 2013 tax hike. Hmm, let me get this right: It’s OK to raise taxes, because that won’t hurt the economy, but it’s not OK to cut spending, because that will lower output?

Doesn’t make any common sense.

Let’s not forget that in recent years, there isn’t a U.S. business large or small that hasn’t had to undergo major belt-tightening. But where’s the federal government belt-tightening? Federal civilian employment has increased substantially during this period. And while the business sector has survived to become highly profitable, the federal sector has become bloated, edging ever closer to debt bankruptcy.

Oh, regarding Team Obama’s doom-and-gloom economic forecast, hearken back to 2009, when the White House economic gurus predicted 3 to 4 percent real economic growth in recovery, with unemployment dropping below 6 percent. That, presumably, would have been driven by a roughly \$1 trillion spending increase. But instead we got the weakest recovery in modern times going back to 1947 — an anemic 2 percent economy and unemployment just a shade below 8 percent. The trillion-dollar stimulus never panned out.

If Keynesian spending was going to work, it would have already worked.

So maybe we should try something new. Let’s lower spending and free up resources for the innovative private sector, and then let’s see if the results are better. I’m betting, as did deceased Nobel-prize winners Milton Friedman, Friedrich Hayek, and James Buchanan, that as the government sector shrinks, private economic growth expands.

It’s not as though the sequester abolishes public spending.

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Republican slashing could lead to Greece-like austerity

Indebted America is in danger of turning into destitute Greece, or so



JOE CONASON

congressional Republicans and conservative commentators have been warning us for years now. For many reasons, this is an absurd comparison — but it may not always be quite so ridiculous if Washington’s advocates of austerity get their way

The Republicans actually want to impose Greek-style budget slashing on the United States. And the federal budget sequestration scheduled to take effect next week could represent the first serious step here toward the kind of fiscal policies that have proved so ruinous not only in Greece — raising unemployment, destroying hope and encouraging

extremism — but across Europe.

Nearly every day, House Speaker John Boehner or Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell — or Sen. Rand Paul or Rep. Paul Ryan, or almost any other prominent Republican — insists that the only way to improve the economic prospects of the American people is to impose drastic budget cuts on them. While these Republican leaders don’t love the sequester budget only because it cuts too deeply into defense programs, they are eager to impose similar cuts or worse on every domestic function, from health care and education to food safety and infrastructure.

Unwilling as they usually are to name specific cuts, the Republican plans that have emerged lately are indeed similar in scope and impact to those imposed by European central bankers on Greece, Spain, Portugal, Ireland and other beleaguered states

across the continent (and imposed by the British government on the United Kingdom itself).

Enacting the same fiscal policies in this country would, presumably, induce the same effects. Yet despite their enthusiasm for extreme austerity the Republican, Tea Party, and assorted media soothsayers almost never want to discuss what has happened in Europe as a result of those same policies. It is not always possible to ignore the unhappy reality of renewed recession, from England to Italy.

Just last weekend, the British were jolted by news that Moody’s had downgraded investments in their country’s sovereign debt from its traditional AAA status.

Why would the bonding agency do something like that? Principally because the miserable budgeting of Tory Prime Minister David Cameron’s government has mired the

United Kingdom in negative growth, with no prospect of reducing its debt, which keeps growing. So the scheme that was supposed to improve the fiscal outlook for the British has merely lowered their credit rating. That wasn’t supposed to happen — in fact, the austerity plan was designed to preserve Britain’s AAA rating — but it was inevitable as soon as Downing Street chose budget-balancing over growth.

The same downward trajectory can be marked wherever the leaders of dominant Germany have forced austerity plans onto indebted governments.

So damaging has this process become for all of Europe that the Germans finally began suffering the ironic consequences in the last quarter of 2012. Their export-led growth strategies cannot work when their neighbors, reduced to poverty, can no longer purchase German goods. **CONASON** cont. on page 5

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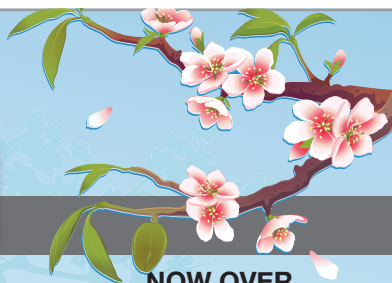
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Artist's visit at Victorian Rose ends today

STAFF REPORT

Albuquerque-based artist Jimmie F. Swift will be at Victorian Rose through this morning. Swift has designed and crafted many of the items in the store.

"I do a lot of the handcrafted things," Swift said. "I do mixed media art, media sculpture, hand made jewelry, flower art and lamp shapes."

She painted the murals on the east wall of store. Swift sells her art in Pampa exclusively at Victorian Rose.

She also sells her art in several stores in New Mexico.

Swift and Debbie Hieser, owner of Victorian Rose, met two years ago at an art show at the Little Red School House.

"We had never met before and I had some things in the show and it all went from there," she said.

Swift said she specializes in Western art, and can do water color and acrylics.

She was born in Borger and moved to Pampa while growing up. For 32 years, she worked at a dialysis center in New Mexico but is now retired.

Swift does commissioned work and can be reached at 505-881-4724.

She also can be reached through Hieser at 688-5372. The store is located at 119 W. Kingsmill Ave.



Submitted photo

Jimmie F. Swift, left, with Debbie Hieser, Victorian Rose store owner. Swift sells some of her Western artwork in the store.

Police warrant roundup results

SUBMITTED BY PPD

The Pampa Police Department along with Municipal Court and Justice of the Peace from Precinct 2 participated in the 2013 Warrant Roundup.

On March 4, officers from the PPD and the Constable from Precinct 2 went to homes and business looking for individuals that had outstanding warrants.

Due to the media coverage on the round up, a good number of citizens took care of their warrants before being arrested.

The agencies collected around \$20,000 in fines, making this campaign a great success.

PPD would like to stress to the community that they are still working on this round up and strongly urge citizens who have warrants and have not taken care of them to please do so.

Any citizens can be arrested anywhere at any time if they have a warrant.

So please get the warrants taken care of so you are not caught when you least expect it.

2013 bike rodeo

SUBMITTED BY PPD

The Pampa Police Department is getting ready for this year's "Emergency Responders Bike Rodeo." There is a few things we are in need of, so if you can help out in one of the following, please email the police department so we can put you down.

1. Volunteers — we always need volunteers during this event.

2. Booth — If you would like your business to have a booth then please let me know. We will only have one main food booth, but are open to other foods such as ice cream, cookies and cakes, etc. We do not ask for profit from what you make the only thing we require is that you donate a gift to a child during the event.

3. Donations — PPD will take donations. PPD is looking to give some bigger prizes this year such as a playstation and more bikes but we will take any gift that you can give. In the past PPD has not allowed adults to win prizes and that is still the case but if your booth wants to have a drawing, PPD allowing that this year. Please pass this on to business and nonprofits that might want to have a good fundraiser for their organization.
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Investor's Business Daily points out that transportation, education, housing, community development, natural resources, farm subsidies and general government have all increased by 25 to 40 percent in recent years. Therefore, you could say sequester is nothing more than a return to normalcy.
And let's not forget that

while budget authority declines by \$85 billion for one year, Ben Bernanke's Fed is pouring \$85 billion a month of new money creation (over \$1 trillion a year) into the economy. Let's also not forget that the stock market has been going up, not down.
JPMorgan economist Jim Glassman reminds us that a revived housing sector, the energy boom, a rebound in business investment and a renewal of manufacturing activity all will bolster the economy in the period ahead.

Monetary conditions, he says, "remain highly stimulative." (Hat tip: Jim Pethokoukis).
No, I'm not making the case that the spending-cut sequester is going to immediately launch an economic boom. But I do believe it will help economic recovery over time. (Congress could help, too, by passing pro-growth corporate tax reform that lowers marginal rates and eliminates cronyist tax loopholes for both large and small businesses. That would be a real economic

booster shot.)
So the Republicans are right to stick to their guns on budget cuts.
And if President Obama expects to point his finger at the GOP for an economic-sequester catastrophe, he's going to be mistaken.
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Spring break travelers get another break at the gas pumps

SUBMITTED BY AAA TEXAS

For the second week in a row the statewide average for a gallon of regular unleaded gas in Texas dropped. It now costs an average of \$3.58, according to the AAA Texas Weekend Gas Watch. That price is five cents less than one week ago and 15 cents less than the national average which is now \$3.73. Drivers in Dallas are paying the most on average at \$3.62 and drivers in El Paso are paying the least at \$3.48.

Although motorists in every state are paying more at the pump than one month ago the recent decreases have many drivers beginning to feel some welcome relief.
Analysts say the recent declines and the fact that the

national average has fallen back below the year ago price supports the possibility that gas prices will peak again this spring similar to last year.
Refinery maintenance and concerns in January and February of this year drove pump prices sharply higher.
Currently, Texans are paying about \$50 to fill up the typical 14-gallon size fuel tank.

"As people plan to travel for Spring Break we encourage them to make sure their cars and trucks are maintained according to manufacturer recommendations, pack all their belongings inside their vehicle and not on the roof, drive calmly and obey the speed limit," said AAA Texas/New Mexico representative Doug Shupe.

The Pampa News to publish special Easter section

STAFF REPORT

The Pampa News is doing a special section for Easter to be published on Friday, March 29.

We are requesting local churches to send us information about your Easter services.

Include the time of the services, the address of church and any special activity like a sunrise service or breakfast.

Also include a contact number. You may include one or two photos.

The deadline to submit information is Friday, March 22. Email your submissions to thowsare@thepampanews.com.

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If German exports pick up again this year, it will only happen because customers in the U.S. and China remain exempt from the effects of austerity.

Until now, the United States has escaped the fate of Europe, remaining the "sole bright spot" of steady growth in the global economy because

President Obama resisted the fiscal extremism of his Republican adversaries and contrived to ward off recession with necessary spending. Now sequestration, with all of its dire social and economic effects, will provide a taste of what is to come under Republican austerity: a shrunken nation with a dim future.

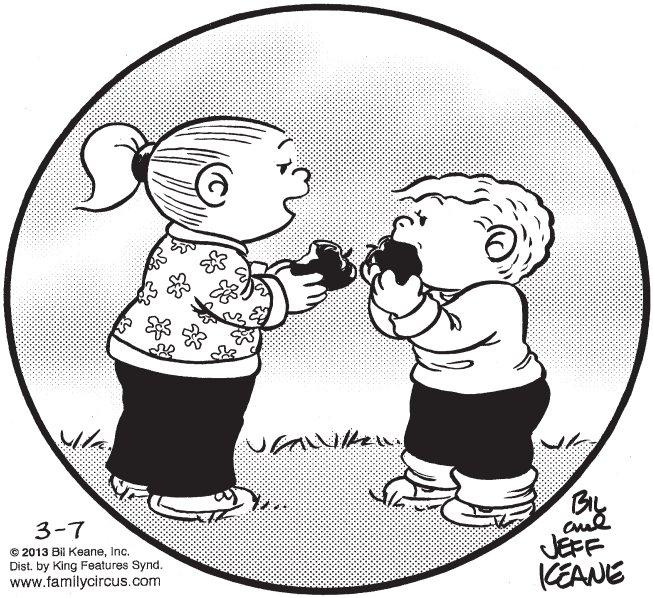
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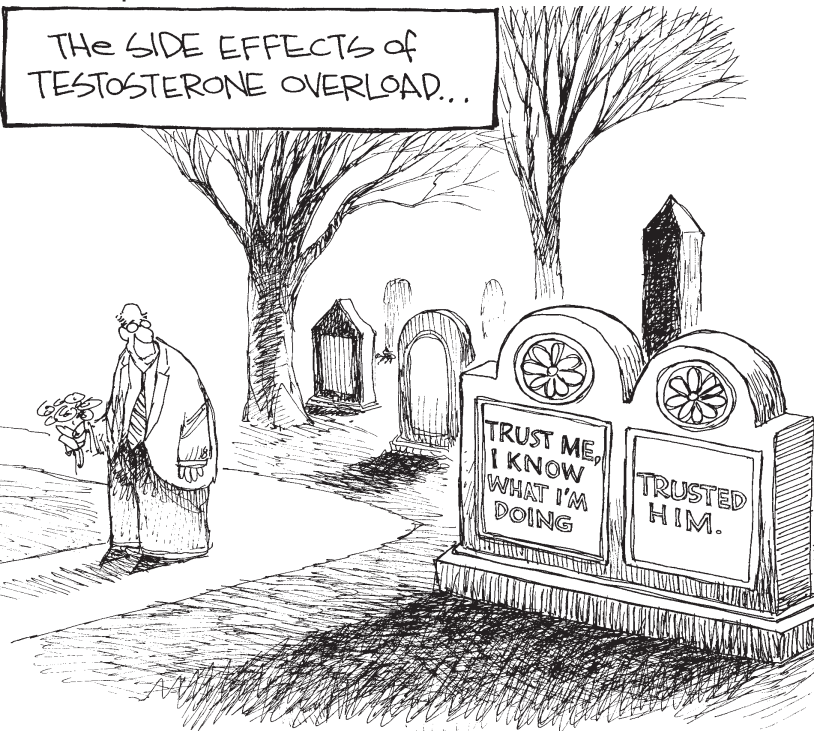
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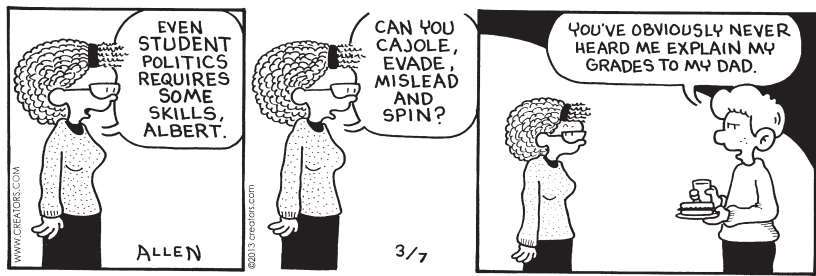
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daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, March 8, 2013:

This year you might want to keep your own counsel more often. You will need time to center yourself, rethink situations and make important decisions. You also will enjoy your time more at home and with family. Moving into a new home or remodeling your current home adds to your pleasure. If you are single, some of you might tie the knot or move in with a new person. Romance definitely is in the air, especially in the summertime, when the love temperature rises. If you are attached, you enter a very romantic period. AQUARIUS points the way to new experiences.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Listen to news. Events evoke a strong response. You might not be aware of your limits and choices, but you likely will decide that the best place to be is in charge. Look to your long-term goals. Let go of a need to have certain things go your way. Tonight: TGIF.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ Pressure builds. Step forward and handle situations your way. You might not be so sure of yourself once you dive into a personal matter. You will gain through your efforts. Others see you as resourceful and dynamic. Tonight: Lead your friends into some fun playtime.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Others find you to be unusually fortunate and able to deal with various types of situations. Use your spast to listen to others, and also to get past an immediate issue. Your smile helps others trust you. Do not push past your limits. Tonight: Where the good times are.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Deal with others directly, and you'll get your desired response. Your instincts guide you as to how to handle a difficult situation. You also might want to schedule a personal meeting without others knowing about it. Tonight: Quality time with a loved one.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Note how many people are looking for you. You will have many sets of plans and options for company from which to choose. Your instincts tell you "the more, the merrier." Schedule a late lunch with a co-worker or a friend. Tonight: Do only want your heart desires.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ You could feel burdened by someone's requests, but you will do your best to meet them. Unfortunately, you might be the person left holding the bag at the end of the day. Do what you need to do. Follow through on an offer. Tonight: Do not take someone's comment personally.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Your playfulness emerges when dealing with others. You might want to rethink a personal matter and make an adjustment. When you change, others gradually seem to change as well. Use care with your finances, as your budget might be tight. Tonight: Start your weekend right.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Your instincts point to working from home. Someone's quirky behavior might be the direct result of a perceived coldness from you. You have options; study each one, and consider the end results. It will be crucial to know what you want. Tonight: Stay close to your pad.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Use care with your finances once more, even if funds are on the plus side. Consider your checking account to be a train station, and your money the train. The train constantly is entering the station, but it leaves just as quickly. Tonight: Where the action is.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ Watch what's happening with a loved one. An opinion you have held for a while could change as a result of a new experience. Be resourceful in how you approach others. Know that it will take an abundance of mental and/or physical energy to stay focused. Tonight: Head home early.

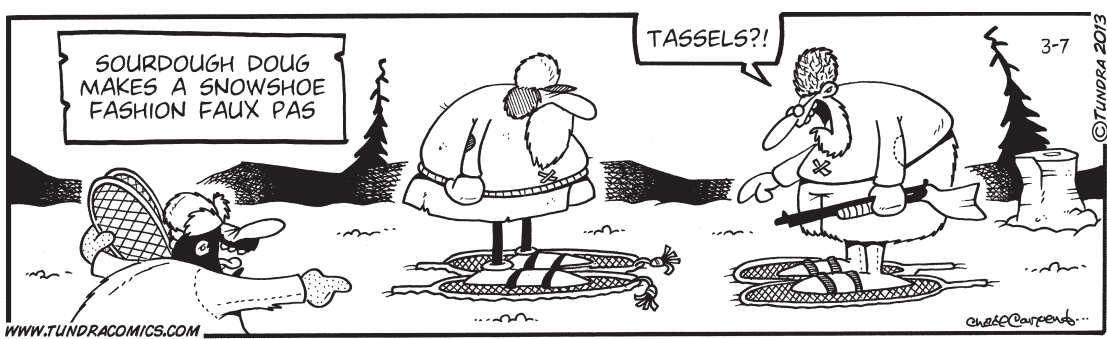
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ Decide to handle a personal matter directly. Understand more of what is happening within a key relationship. Others currently remain highly responsive to your energy. A child really enjoys being with you, and he or she is learning from you. Tonight: Let it all hang out.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★ Consider taking at least part of today off, as you need some downtime. You have been pushing very hard for various reasons. Everyone has their limits — you included. Be smart and take care of yourself. Listen to a family member's opinions. Tonight: Play it low-key.

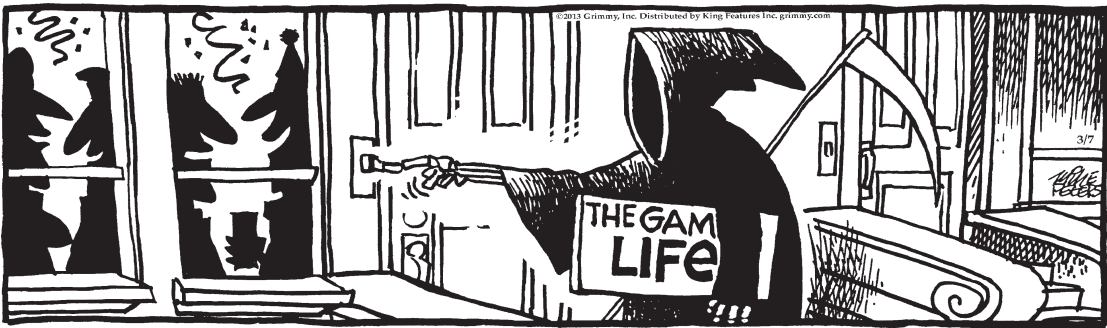
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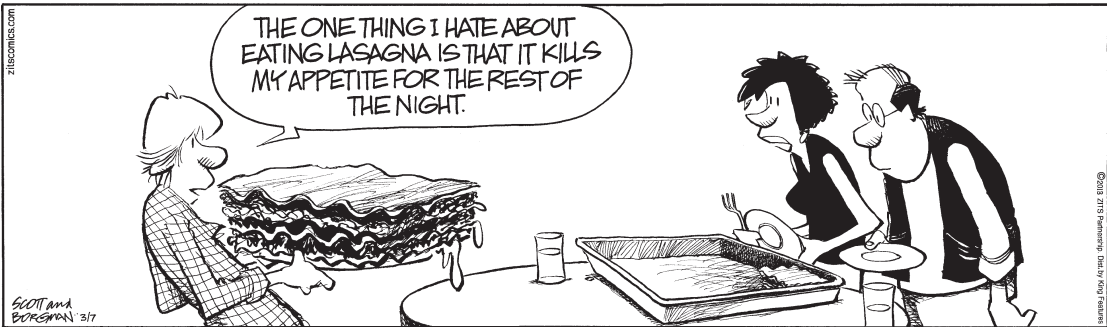
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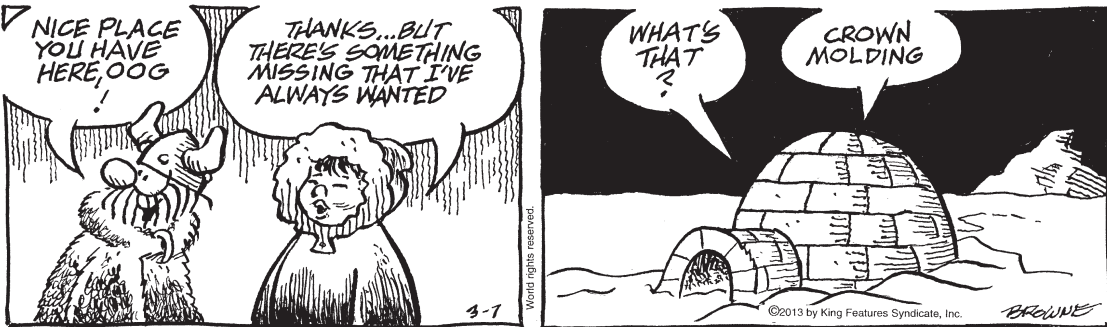
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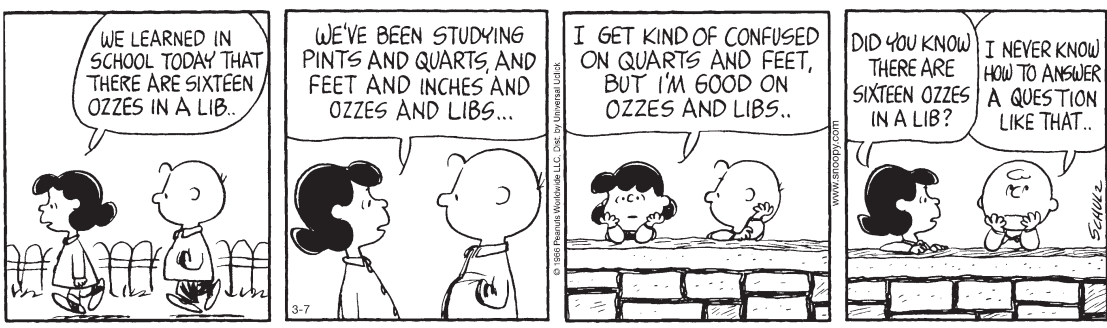
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O'Brien delivers a gem in Pampa's 3-1 victory

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The Pampa Lady Harvesters softball team hosted Plainview on Tuesday night. Pampa won the game 3-1.

Alexa O'Brien had 10 strikeouts in a complete game, one hitter that she pitched. O'Brien also did not give up an earned run in the game. She also added a solo home run from the plate.

Plainview scored their lone run in the top of the second on an error after a sacrifice bunt attempt.

Pampa took the lead in the game by scoring two runs in the bottom of the third. Claire Hopkins started the inning off by hitting a triple. Bailey Beck knocked in Hopkins on a ground out to second. O'Brien would hit her home run to left field in this inning as well.

Pampa would tack on an insurance run for O'Brien in the bottom of the sixth. Brittney Gonzalez reached on an error. Then when Jessie Dixon struck out, it was a dropped third strike and Dixon was able to reach first and plate Gonzalez to bring the score to 3-1.

Kassie Jerome went 2-3 in the game. Tiffany Britton and Beck also added hits in the game for the Lady Harvesters.

The win brings Pampa's record to 8-7 on the season. They will be back in action this weekend when they travel to Snyder for a tournament.

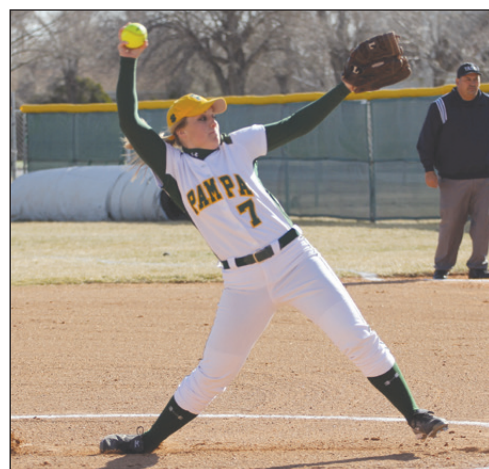


SAFE. Above, Claire Hopkins slides in safely to third after she hit a triple in the third inning. Below, Tiffany Britton makes a great catch.



Photos by Charla Shults

ROUND 'EM ALL. Above, Alexa O'Brien is greeted at the plate by her teammates after her solo home run in the third inning. Below, Bailey Beck slides safely into third after getting into a pickle. Pampa won the game 3-1 on Tuesday afternoon.



GEM. Alexa O'Brien delivers a pitch in her 10th strikeout, one hit, no earned runs, complete game performance.



Pampa boys soccer rolls over River Road 7-0 on Tuesday

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The Pampa boys soccer team hosted River Road last night and defeated the Wildcats 7-0.

Alan Stovall had a hat trick for the Harvesters with goals coming in the 2nd, 44th and 60th minutes. Omero Saldierna scored in the 13th minute. Francisco Garcia scored in the 23rd minute. Adrian Ramos added a goal in the 62nd minute and Jose Copado finished the game with a goal in the 85th minute. Ramos had two assists, Ersi Vukatana and Jose Ochoa also had assists.

Three of the goals were unassisted. "Obviously, this was an awesome result for the team. They've put in the work, and have steadily improved over the course of the season — and this was a shining

example. More than the scoreboard result, our passing and ball control really stood out tonight," said Pampa coach Byron May. "Last time we played River Road, we had a hard time maintaining a high speed of play. Tonight, the difference was that we played at the same level that pushed a good PD team and tied Borger. These boys deserved it."

May added that Alan Stovall and Adrian Ramos were the catalysts for most of Pampa's goals.

"They were all over the field, and the rest of the team followed their lead. Ersi Vukatana has made our defense more dynamic, ever since he moved to that position two weeks ago. Cesar Garcia was also excellent in his first clean sheet of the season."

The team will be back in action Friday when they travel to Caprock.

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2nd - Crossfit	8-2	10-2
3rd - LJS Not the Face	6-4	6-6
REMAX	4-6	5-7
Spiked Punch	2-8	4-8
Briarwood A	0-10	0-12

Recreational	Conference	Overall
1st - Rednecks	8-2	9-3
2nd - Xtra Auto	7-3	8-4
3rd - Domino's	6-4	7-5
Notorious D.I.G	5-3	7-5
Utility Tire	4-6	4-8
Briarwood B	0-10	2-10

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	Conference	Overall
1st - Flying Squirrels	9-0	12-0
2nd - Frank's Hardware	4-5	6-6
3rd - Old & Fab	3-6	4-8
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DPS increases spring break DWI enforcement

SUBMITTED BY DPS

AUSTIN — The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) will increase DWI patrols from March 8-17, one of the most active Spring Break periods in Texas. DPS troopers will focus DWI patrols in high-risk locations at times when alcohol-related crashes are most frequent. The enhanced patrols that target intoxicated drivers are funded through a grant from the Texas Department of Transportation.

“Too frequently people choose to drink and drive during Spring Break, which is an extremely dangerous decision that often leads to senseless tragedy,” said DPS Director Steven McCraw. “Getting impaired drivers off the roads during Spring Break is a major priority for the department, and we also urge the public to make responsible decisions, such as designating a non-drinking driver or finding alternative transportation if they are impaired.”

During last year’s Spring Break enforcement period, DPS troopers made more than 1,000 DWI arrests, and approximately 300 were the direct result of the increased patrols funded by the grant. DPS enforcement also resulted in more than 9,400 speeding citations, 1,500 seat belt/child safety seat tickets and 12,500 other citations. In addition, troopers made 545 fugitive arrests and 402 felony arrests during routine patrol operations during that same time period.

The drinking age in Texas is 21, and any driver under that age with any detectable amount of alcohol in their system can be charged with breaking the law. Additional troopers will also be patrolling in areas with high concentrations of Spring Break activity.

DPS offers the following tips for safe travel during the Spring Break holiday:

- Slow down — especially in bad weather, construction areas, heavy traffic and unfamiliar areas.
- Eliminate distractions while driving, including the usage of mobile devices.
- Buckle up everyone in the vehicle — it’s the law.
- Don’t drive fatigued, and allow plenty of time to reach your destination.
- Drive defensively, as holiday travel may present additional challenges.
- Make sure your vehicle is properly maintained before your trip begins.
- Slow down or move over for tow trucks and police, fire and EMS vehicles stopped on the side of the road with emergency lights activated — it’s the law.
- Avoid travel to Mexico. (U.S. citizens who do travel to Mexico should always check the U.S. Department of State website for the latest information regarding security issues in Mexico, and they should register with the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program by visiting travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_970.html.)

2013 Wrestling awards banquet set for March 22

STAFF REPORT

The Pampa Wrestling Booster Club is hosting the 2013 Pampa High School Wrestling awards banquet at 6:30 p.m., March 22, in the PHS Commons. Catering will be provided by Desperadoes BBQ of Amarillo. Meals for all of the 2012-13 PHS and PJHS wrestlers will be paid for by the booster club. Tickets for

the meal will be mailed to the students. All guest meals will be \$15. Please RSVP with the payment by March 13. Payment can be sent to Pampa Wrestling Booster Club, P.O. Box 1019, Pampa, Texas 79065 or delivered to J.J. Wheely at PHS. You can also RSVP by text and arrange payment with Becca Ferguson 669-5306, Misty Payne, 662-4195 or Jamie Humphrey, 662-6172.

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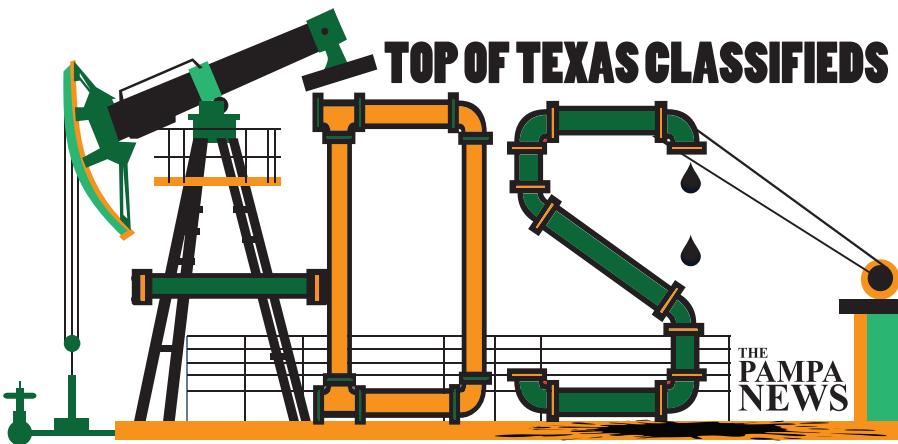
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Do you think I will be able to find a caring, compassionate and nonjudgmental dentist? Are they out there? Sometimes I wish I could die instead of going to the dentist. Am I crazy? — MRS. ANXIETY IN THE U.S.A.

DEAR MRS. ANXIETY: Let me put it this way — if you're crazy, you have a lot of company. Many people fear going to the dentist. However, there have been improvements in the field since you were a child — including sedation for people who choose "not to be there" while their dental problems are being attended to.

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DEAR ABBY: I have been a nanny for four families over the last 10 years. I am now working for a family of five. I don't make a lot of money, but I enjoy what I do.

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I'm tired of the gift-buying and really can't afford to do it anymore. When the new baby is born, I am tempted to just say "Congratulations!" Any suggestions? — GIFTED OUT

DEAR GIFTED OUT: Yes. When the newest addition to the family arrives, give your employer a nice card. You should not be expected to come up with a gift. You are already giving these children loving and responsible care and that is gift enough.

DEAR ABBY: During the first year of our marriage, my husband cheated on me with women from his past as well as new encounters. When I confronted him, he promised

to stop. He would then call and email these women, and tell them I was checking up on him and he'd contact them later.

This has gone on for years. He swears he's no longer cheating, and we have sought counseling — which I stopped because the counselor and I agreed that my husband didn't think he had a problem.

When I confront him with my suspicions, he insists that I am "driving him away" by accusing him. He is very arrogant, and people who don't know him believe he's a great guy and I am the

problem. I have considered revenge cheating, but it goes against my morals. I think about divorcing him, but then I think — what if I am wrong? What if he really is being faithful? What should I do? I love him. — UNSURE IN TEXAS

DEAR UNSURE: I agree that "revenge" cheating is not the solution to your problem. Hire a private detective and get to the bottom of this. If you're wrong, you need counseling to resolve your insecurities. However, if he's cheating, you will know you haven't been imagining things and can decide rationally if it's in your best interests to continue being married to a womanizer.

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Lent Devotional

Day 20 – Thursday

Scripture: Mt 26:71b-75; Mk 14:69-72; Lk 22:58-62; Jn 18:25-27

About an hour later, another asserted, “Certainly this fellow was with him, for he is a Galilean.” Those standing there went up to Peter and said, “Surely you are one of them, for your accent gives you away.” One of the high priest’s servants, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off: challenged him, “Didn’t I see you with him in the olive grove?” Again Peter denied it. He began to call down curses on himself, and he swore to them, “Man, I don’t know what you’re talking about! I don’t know this man!”

At that moment, just as he was speak-

ing, the rooster began to crow the second time. The Lord turned and looked straight at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word the Lord Jesus had spoken to him: “Before the rooster crows twice today, you will disown me three times.” And he went outside, broke down and wept bitterly.

(The Gospels Interwoven)

Devotional:

Every barnyard had at least one rooster or else there were no baby chicks from the hens. Most of them were grouchy, territorial, moody and LOUD. It is little wonder that to find a grumpy, loud rooster in the darkest days of Jesus’ life.

It all began in the upper room with the disciple that I am most like-Peter. He regularly found himself running ahead of Jesus and had the hardest time keeping his feet out of his mouth. He also regularly overestimated his faith and strength. In his mind he could stand against assault of the devil. But then when those at-

tacks came he often found himself backpeddling and apologizing and repenting. That sketch of me is so accurate that it is scary.

At one point during the Last Supper Peter boldly proclaimed that his faithfulness had no limits and would never fail. Unfortunately his boldness was rooted in his own might and therefore had to be humiliated. Enter the rooster. Jesus told Peter that a time would soon come when he would deny Jesus 3 times and that when it occurred, God would send him a sign so that he didn’t miss it-3 crows from a rooster.

As Jesus was being falsely tried that night, Peter was nearby. Three times people put pressure on him concerning his commitment to Jesus and he denied Him each time. Suddenly cock-a-doodle-do, cock-a-doodle-do, cock-a-doodle-do. The prophecy had come true; Peter was a coward; Peter’s heart was broken; Jesus’ heart was broken too.

But how often have I sat by quietly and watched someone mistreated? How often have I known of an injustice and said nothing? How many times has someone pushed at me about my faith and I was suddenly speechless. How often have I waited for someone else to speak up or stand up and pay the price? However often, it has been too often. I need to grow up more like Peter did. I need to be more like the Peter who penned 1st and 2nd Peter; reliable, consistent, dependable and steady, yet strong, bold and courageous.

Prayer:

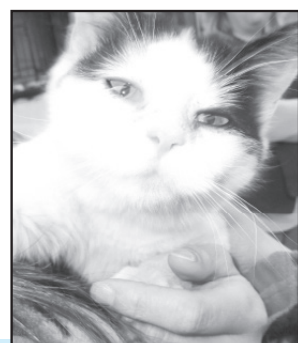
Jesus, You loved Peter enough to hurt him that night so that he could eventually be the man You needed him to be. Please, love me the same. I know I don’t have a clue what that could involve, but I still want it. Help me get where Peter did. Don’t let me ever cower under pressure from others. But help me be pliable putty in Your hands. Then mold me as You see fit. Thank You. Amen.

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