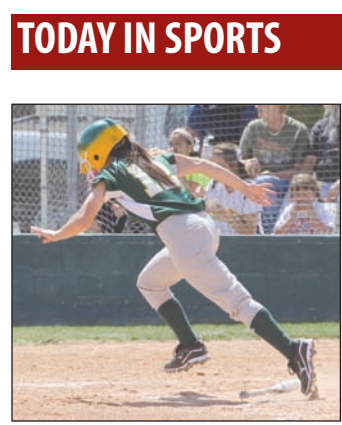


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PAMPA REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

PRMC's parent company ranked in 'Top 15'

Rating given by independent analytics firm.

STAFF REPORT

Pampa Regional Medical Center's parent company, Prime Healthcare Services, was recognized as one of the "15 Top Health Systems" in the nation by Truven Health Analytics. The ranking was based on quality of care, efficiency and patient satisfaction, according to a released statement.

Prime Healthcare is headquartered in Ontario, Calif. and operates 25 hospitals in the United States, including 14 in California and four in Texas. It has owned and operated PRMC since June 2012. The three other hospitals it owns in Texas are in Dallas, Harlingen and Weslaco.

Brad Morse, CEO of PRMC, said eight of Prime Healthcare's hospitals were ranked

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Autopsy shows baby killed by blunt force trauma

Lefors man faces capital murder charge.

BY TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE
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Blunt force trauma was found to be the cause of death of 11-month-old Jax Andrew Covalt, who died in an Amarillo hospital early Friday.

The autopsy was conducted by a state medical examiner in Lubbock, said Trooper Daniel Hawthorne with the Department of Public Safety.

Andrew Shane Johnson, 28, of Lefors, is charged with capital murder in the beating death of the Spearman child, who has family ties to Pampa. Johnson is being held on a \$1 million bond in the Hutchison County Jail in

Borger. Johnson was arrested by the Pampa Police Department around 9:30 a.m., Friday on unrelated charges and held for several hours in the Gray County Jail, where the capital murder warrant

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Andrew Johnson

MEETING THEIR MENTORS



Photo by Charla Shults

From left, Jolie Groomer, Ryan Elliff, Hudson Scribner, Westin Bruce, Zander Cruz, Alex Rios, Audrey Leger, Jose Arvizu, Joey Hill, Troy Perez and Harvester Ethan Hunt. The Pampa High School baseball team hosted Optimist Day along with Senior Day on Saturday. All of the Pampa Optimist Youth Club players got into the game for free with their jersey. The players also got to run out on the field with the Harvesters for the National Anthem. For more photos from Optimist Day visit The Pampa News' Facebook page.

In the midst of tragedy and chaos

Pampa native McNeely steps up when most would run for safety.

BY SASHA HELLER
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Pampa High School graduate and current Baylor University Air Force nursing student Ashlyn McNeely last Wednesday was driving with two friends through West en route back to Dallas when they decided to grab a bite to eat at the Czech Stop. Minutes later, the unthinkable happened.

A loud boom crashed and a mushroom cloud of gray smoke rose above the eatery. The West Fertilizer Co. plant, located less than a mile away from the Czech Stop, had exploded.

"We had just stepped out of the car and heard the explosion go off," Ashlyn said. "We saw a huge mushroom cloud and we started running towards it."

She added that the chemical fire was still blazing and homes had caved in.

"It was just complete chaos," McNeely said.

McNeely, 21, and her two ROTC companions, raced over to the local nursing home, where the roof had also collapsed.

"We tried to get the people out of the nursing home to safety," she said. "We



Photo by Andy Bartee and courtesy of Baylor Proud Magazine

This mushroom cloud of gray smoke rose above the Sonic in West after the West Fertilizer Co. plant exploded last Wednesday. Pampa native and Baylor University Air Force nursing student Ashlyn McNeely was in West eating with friends when the plant exploded. McNeely and her companions raced over to the chaotic scene to provide emergency aid.

then set up a triage station to stabilize the people because there were some people who were losing blood."

Ashlyn's next duty was to assist the EMT's with transporting patients who required immediate medical attention as there weren't nearly enough ambulances available to move all of the people who needed help.

"We were just taking random trucks with patients over to the hospital," she said.

The trio — Ashlyn, Ali Nordlander of Scottsdale, Ariz. and Quianna Samuels of San Antonio — had just completed some extension training in Waco so they were dressed in their

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PAMPA FORECAST

Today	Thursday	Friday
		
High 60 Low 33	High 63 Low 45	High 72 Low 47

Today: Sunny with a high of 60. No chance of rain. Wind north northeast at 8 mph. Sunrise at 7 a.m.

Tonight: Partly cloudy with a low of 33. Ten percent chance of rain. Wind southeast at 9 mph. Sunset at 8:24 p.m.

Thursday: Partly cloudy with a high of 63. Ten percent chance of rain. Wind south at 22 mph. Sunrise at 6:58 a.m.

Thursday night: Partly cloudy with a low of 45. Ten percent chance of rain. Wind south at 17 mph. Sunrise at 8:25 p.m.

Friday: Partly cloudy with a high of 72. Twenty percent chance of rain. Wind west at 15 mph. Sunrise at 6:57 a.m.

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Obituaries

Jeanene Cameron

Jeanene Cameron, 70, died April 22, 2013 in Pampa. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, April 25, 2013 at Fairview Cemetery, with Scott Futrell, minister of Kentucky Street Church of Christ, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Cameron was born April 14, 1943 in Pampa, where she was a lifelong resident. She was a 1961 graduate of McLean High School and attended West Texas State College in Canyon. Jeanene worked as a teacher's assistant at Baker Elementary school. She was a member of Kentucky Street Church of Christ.

Survivors include two daughters, Penny Phetteplace of Culpeper, Va., and Monique Cronce of Asbury, N.J.; a sister: Pat Hagar of Dawn; a brother, Jimmy Shelton of Pampa; four grandsons, Patrick Phetteplace and Nolan Phetteplace, both of Culpeper, Va., Bryan Harper of Ky., and Craig Cronce of Asbury, N.J.; 1 granddaughter, Naomi Cronce of Asbury, N.J.; and a special cousin, Zodell Swift of Wheeler.

Memorials may be made to a favorite charity.

Sign the online register at Carmichael-whatley.com.

Wilma Jean Steward

Wilma Jean Steward, 59, died in McLean on April 22, 2013.

Services will be held at 3 p.m., Thursday, April 25, 2013 in the Cowboy Church in McLean with Ronnie Ferguson and Casey Carter officiating.

Interment will be held at Hillcrest Cemetery in McLean. Arrangements are by Robertson Funeral Directors of McLean.

Wilma was born Aug. 13, 1953 in Big Lake, Texas to Conard Floyd and Willie Lou Morris. She married Raymon "Tater" Steward on Oct. 20, 1973 in Pampa. She had been a resident of

McLean most of her life. She was a LVN and worked for several nursing homes and home health agencies prior to her retirement. She enjoyed building crosses out of rocks and taking care of everyone.

She loved her family dearly and attended the Cowboy Church of McLean.

She is preceded in death by her father.

Survivor included her mother, Willie Lou Morris of McLean; her husband, Tater Steward of McLean; two sons, Clint Steward and Mitch "Bubba" Steward both of McLean; three daughters, Sissy Day, Christy Blaylock and

Nikki Perez all of McLean; four sisters, Juanice Christopher of Clarendon, Connie Fricks, Carol Wyant, and JoAnn West II of McLean; and 15 grandchildren.

The family request memorials be sent to a favorite charity.

Sign our online guest book RobertsonFuneral.com.

Annual Ford/AAA Texas Student Auto Skills Competition set for Friday

SUBMITTED BY AAA TEXAS

HOUSTON — The state's best young automotive minds from across Texas are gearing up for the 2013 Ford/AAA Student Auto Skills Challenge State Hands-On competition, set for Friday at the San Jacinto College Transportation Center located at 8060 Spencer Hwy, Pasadena, Texas 77505. A complete list of schools and students competing is attached to this release.

The top team from the Texas competition will advance to the national finals at Ford World Headquarters in Dearborn, Michigan June 9 – 11. At the national finals, champions from all 50 states will compete against one another for the right to call themselves the top young auto technicians in America and take home millions of dollars in scholarships.

At the Texas Hands-On Competition, teams will race against the clock to correctly diagnose and repair a deliberately "bugged" 2013 Ford Focus SE.

A combination of the online written exam and hands-on competition

scores determine the state's championship team that will compete in the national finals.

The Ford/AAA Student Auto Skills Competition is open to 11th and 12th grade students in secondary schools and colleges across the country that offer courses in automotive technology.

Schools may enter one two-student team per instructor. Teams competing in the State Hands-On Competitions represent the 10 teams that scored highest on a statewide online written exam, administered at the beginning of the competition in January.

The Ford/AAA Student Auto Skills competition enables many of its participants to embark on promising careers in the automotive repair industry to help fuel the rising demand for well-trained technicians that can repair both computer and mechanical components in today's advanced vehicles.

About Ford/AAA Student Auto Skills

The Ford/AAA Student Auto Skills is a nationwide automotive technology competition that offers millions

in scholarships and prizes to high school juniors and seniors interested in pursuing careers as automotive service technicians. More than 13,000 students from across the U.S. compete for the chance to represent their school and state in the National Finals.

The competition tests students' automotive knowledge, workmanship and problem-solving abilities. For additional information on the competition, visit <http://autoskills.aaa.com/>.

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Recall bid against Ariz. sheriff faces tough odds

PHOENIX (AP) — Volunteers set up a table outside a music festival one day last month to gather signatures for a drive to oust the notoriously polarizing sheriff of metropolitan Phoenix. The venue, with its largely liberal crowd, seemed the perfect place to drum up support.

But it didn't take long for fans of Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio to show up and deliver a heckling. "Free handouts for illegal immigrants," one of the sheriff's backers intoned as other sign-carrying supporters raised their voices to try and drown out those of Arpaio's opponents.

The recall group walked away with only 100 signatures, compared with the 500 gathered in the same spot a day earlier when the sheriff's supporters weren't there.

The confrontation underscores the feisty ground campaign being mounted on both sides — but also the increasing difficulty that Arpaio critics face in getting enough signatures to put a recall before voters.

The recall effort began just weeks after the 80-year-old Republican sheriff started his sixth term in January.

Organizers argue Arpaio should be booted because his office has failed to adequately investigate more than 400 sex-crimes cases and has cost the county \$25 million in legal settlements over treatment in county jails. Two pending lawsuits also accuse the agency of racial profiling while conducting immigration patrols.

The sheriff, his critics insist, is more focused on getting publicity for himself

than protecting the people.

But recall organizers face long odds. They must gather more than 335,000 signatures by May 30, at a time when they're running short on money, aren't attracting deep-pocketed donors and are relying on volunteers rather than paid professionals to sign up supporters.

They also are mounting a campaign against a politician who has a base of devoted supporters and emptied \$8 million during the last election cycle, nearly 14 times as much as his closest challenger spent. Arpaio warned in one recent fundraising email that he could lose his post if he's forced into a recall election.

"We will not be intimidated," said recall campaign manager Lilia Alvarez. "We are doing work that's legal and constitutional."

Nevertheless, big-money donors seem disinclined to support the recall effort. David Berman, a senior research fellow at Arizona State University's Morrison Institute for Public Policy, said some will likely disapprove of a recall so soon after the November general election, making the prospect of ousting Arpaio a long shot.

"I don't see this attracting a lot of money for the recall people," Berman said.

The recall group acknowledged a month ago that it was having difficulties raising money and had to rely on a mostly volunteer work force. Organiz-

ers also said they haven't found big donors to help ease their money problems but believe they can reach their goal through smaller contributions. Others noted that big-money donors aren't likely to contribute to a cause that may never reach the ballot.

"This would be throwing money to get a theoretical race," said Joshua Spivak, a recall expert and senior fellow at Wagner College in New York. "The key is money. People don't get on the ballot without money."

Recall organizers are trying to build on the success of a 2011 recall effort that ousted then-Arizona Senate President Russell Pearce, an Arpaio ally who was the driving force behind the state's controversial 2010 immigration law. But the scale of the Arpaio recall is more daunting.

Organizers must turn in more than 335,000 valid voter signatures to force an election.

That's more than the 7,700 needed to force the Pearce recall election and the 216,000 required against former Arizona Gov. Evan Mecham, whose 1998 recall election was scheduled but then cancelled after he was convicted on impeachment charges by the state Senate.

Alvarez said her group has collected 170,000 valid signatures and is aiming for a total of 435,000 signatures by the May deadline — 100,000 more than what is required to offset any names that might be deemed invalid.



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First Baptist Church to host women's fellowship brunch

STAFF REPORT
 First Baptist Church of Pampa's Women's Ministry is hosting a fellowship brunch from 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday April 27. Suzie Humphreys will be the guest speaker. Suzie is a former talk show host and radio personality from Dallas whose life has taken many interesting turns. Don't miss "Suzie, Where is Your Faith?" Suzie was also the guest speaker at the annual Pampa Chamber of Commerce Banquet

in March. Brunch will be served at 10:30 a.m. A nurse will be provided free of charge but a space must be reserved by 5 p.m. today. Space can be reserved by calling Pat at 806-669-1155. Tickets are \$10. They are available at the door or at the First Baptist Church office. First Baptist Church's Fellowship Hall is located at 200 N. Ward in Pampa. For tickets or more information call Brenda Condo at 806-669-1155.

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ROTC uniforms, which came in handy when working through the turmoil at the scene of the explosion. "I was really glad we were in uniform because we're in our 20s," Ashlyn said. She added that it wasn't about establishing authority. It was more for the comfort of those who needed assistance, because they saw the uniforms and knew the girls stepping up to help would be trained and capable in such a situation.

The aftermath

The day wasn't quite over for Ashlyn. "We were driving and were about 10 miles outside of West," she said. Ashlyn was behind the wheel and began feeling strange. She then blacked out and her friend in the passenger seat pulled the car over. Ashlyn and her friend switched places and then drove the trio to the hospital to get checked out. Ashlyn had suffered from smoke inhalation and exhaustion and was still

dealing with a serious cough during Tuesday morning's phone interview.

"I was glad we were there and were able to help," she said.

For Ashlyn and her ROTC friends, it wasn't about medical or military instincts kicking in. She said it's just in her nature to help others and her decision to rush to the scene to provide aid was almost subconscious.

"It wasn't even like the thought that we need to get out of there," she said. "We just thought that these people need help."

Ashlyn's mother, Janet, is proud of her daughter and relieved to know Ashlyn is alive and well and recovering from her injuries.

"I just don't know that there's words to describe how to feel," Janet said Tuesday. "You get that text that says, 'I'm OK. I love you.' But you just don't know if she's going to make it. I'm just really grateful."

In a time of crisis, when most would run in search of a safe hiding place, Ashlyn ran towards the danger and, in the process, became a hero.

"For me, it was just instinctive."

PRMC

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among the top 100 in the country.

Although PRMC was not one of those eight hospitals, Morse said it is operated under the same principles as the eight that did make the top 100 list.

"What I'm most proud of is we use the same processes that Prime Healthcare uses," he said. "Being in the top 15 is a huge honor."

This is the third time in five years that Prime Healthcare has earned the national distinction. Prime Healthcare was the only for-profit health system recognized in the nation, according to a company press release.

Compared to its peers, Prime Healthcare saved more lives, caused fewer patient complications, followed industry-recommended standards of care more closely, made fewer patient safety errors, released patients half a day sooner and scored better on overall patient satisfaction, according to Truven Health (formerly Thomson Reuters).

This annual, quantitative study uses objective, independent research and public data sources. Health systems do not apply, and winners do not pay to market their award.

"This unbiased study shows that Prime Healthcare is committed to providing the best quality of care to its patients in a cost-effective manner,"

said Prem Reddy, chairman, president and CEO of Prime Healthcare Services.

Included in the study were 328 health systems and 2,254 hospitals. The winning systems experienced 3.4 percent fewer deaths than non-winning peer-group hospitals, lower 30-day mortality rates, 3 percent fewer complications, a median average length of stay of 4.5 days, over half a day shorter than their peers' median of five days, and 7 percent fewer adverse patient safety events than expected, given the case mix of the particular hospital, and had better adherence to core measures of care than their peers.

"The health systems honored in this study are creating a culture of quality care and realizing improved outcomes," said Mike Boswood, chief executive officer at Truven Health Analytics. "We're proud to recognize their efforts, and encourage other systems to follow their lead of developing system-wide metrics for creating sustainable quality improvements across every level of care."

Truven Health Analytics delivers unbiased information, analytic tools, benchmarks and services to the healthcare industry, according to the Prime Healthcare press release.

Hospitals, government agencies, employers, health plans, clinicians and pharmaceutical companies have relied on its solutions for more than 30 years.

Death

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was served. The warrant was obtained by 223rd District Court Judge Phil Vanderpool.

At about 10:30 p.m. Thursday, officers were called to Hansford County Hospital in Spearman on reports of an infant with severe trauma, said Spearman Police Chief Robert Baker.

The baby was then transported by helicopter ambulance to Northwest Texas Healthcare System in Amarillo, where he died early Friday morning, Baker said.

Johnson was in a relationship with the child's mother.

"The mother took the baby to the hospital," Baker said, adding authorities are waiting for a more appropriate time to ask her more questions.

Funeral services for Jax Andrew Covalt were held Tuesday in Skellytown.

Hansford County Sheriff Tim Glass explained why Johnson is being held in Hutchinson County instead of Hansford County, where Johnson is charged with murder.

"We trade out prisoners all the time with Hutchison County and due to the severity of the crime and with this being a local case we felt it would be safer to house him in Hutchison," Glass said.

Baker said Johnson had been living in Spearman for the past three months, but when he was booked into the Gray County Jail he listed Lefors as his address, said Lt. Terry Cox with the Gray County Sheriff's Office.

Hansford County has a population of 5,600, and murders and other violent crimes are infrequent, both Glass and Baker said.

The last murder occurred in 2001, Glass recalled, and the county's only other capital murder case was when dry goods store owner Mickey Westerfield was robbed and killed in the mid-1960s.

In Texas, a capital murder conviction carries either a mandatory life sentence or the death penalty.

Whether Johnson is indicted on the capital murder charge will be determined by a grand jury in the 84th District Attorney's Office in Hansford County.

A spokeswoman with the DA's office could not say when that grand jury would convene.

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Spinning out of control

Chaos. Things seemed to be spinning out of control on many fronts this week.

Starting, of course, with the Boston Marathon bombing Monday.

The bombers chose a significantly festive time and place for their attack.

The marathon is held every year on Patriots Day, the Massachusetts state holiday commemorating the Battles of Lexington and Concord in April 1775. Even before the identity of the bombers became known, it seemed likely that they were enemies of America.

And their attack was a reminder that this free and open country remains a soft target. There is no way we can be entirely safe.

If the marathon bombings brought back memories of the Sept. 11 attacks, the news on Tuesday and Wednesday that letters containing the poison ricin were sent to Sen. Roger Wicker and President Obama brought back memories of the anthrax-laden letters discovered the week after 9/11.

It was a comfort to see how well bystanders and first responders reacted to the marathon bombings and how law enforcement personnel, led by the FBI, were careful to avoid premature announcements.

Comforting also were Barack Obama's appropriate remarks in Boston on Thursday and the release by the FBI, after his departure, of photos of the two suspects.

Law enforcement invited the public to supply information and identify the killers. This contrasted favorably with the way law enforcement quarantined information about the Beltway snipers in October 2002.

But in the meantime, other things spun out of control.

On Wednesday, the Senate voted down gun control proposals, with the closest vote coming on the background check

provision sponsored by Pennsylvania Republican Pat Toomey and West Virginia Democrat Joe Manchin.

In the Rose Garden, Obama spoke angrily and called the votes "pretty shameful."

But they were an inevitable response to his cynical exploitation of the grief of parents of the Newtown victims to get votes for measures that would not have prevented that or other mass killings.

Obama made much of polls showing 90 percent support for background checks.

But those polls didn't measure the response to arguments against those measures.

This was a test of Organizing for America, the offspring of the Obama presidential campaign.

The idea is that OFA could pressure members of Congress just as it had turned out voters for Obama last fall.

But that ignored some relevant political numbers. The Obama campaign did motivate enough voters to carry 332 electoral votes. But those votes were heavily clustered in central cities and university towns.

Obama carried only 26 states.

They elect only 52 senators, well under the 60 votes he needed in the Senate on gun control. And he carried only 209 congressional districts, less than a majority of the House.

Wednesday also saw an extraordinary outburst in the Senate Finance Committee's hearings on Obamacare, as committee Chairman Max Baucus, a Montana Democrat, told Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius, "I just see a train wreck coming down."

Similar disarray was apparent on foreign policy in hearings Thursday, as noted by the American Interest's Walter Russell Mead.

Things aren't that far out of control, yet. But this hasn't been a good week for Obama or for America.

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



MICHAEL BARONE

Letter to the Editor

A 'Texas-size thank you'

Dear Editor,

A big "Texas Size Thank You" to all my friends: Old and New, who so graciously donated merchandise and money for the purchase of items so desperately needed for the town folk's of West, Texas.

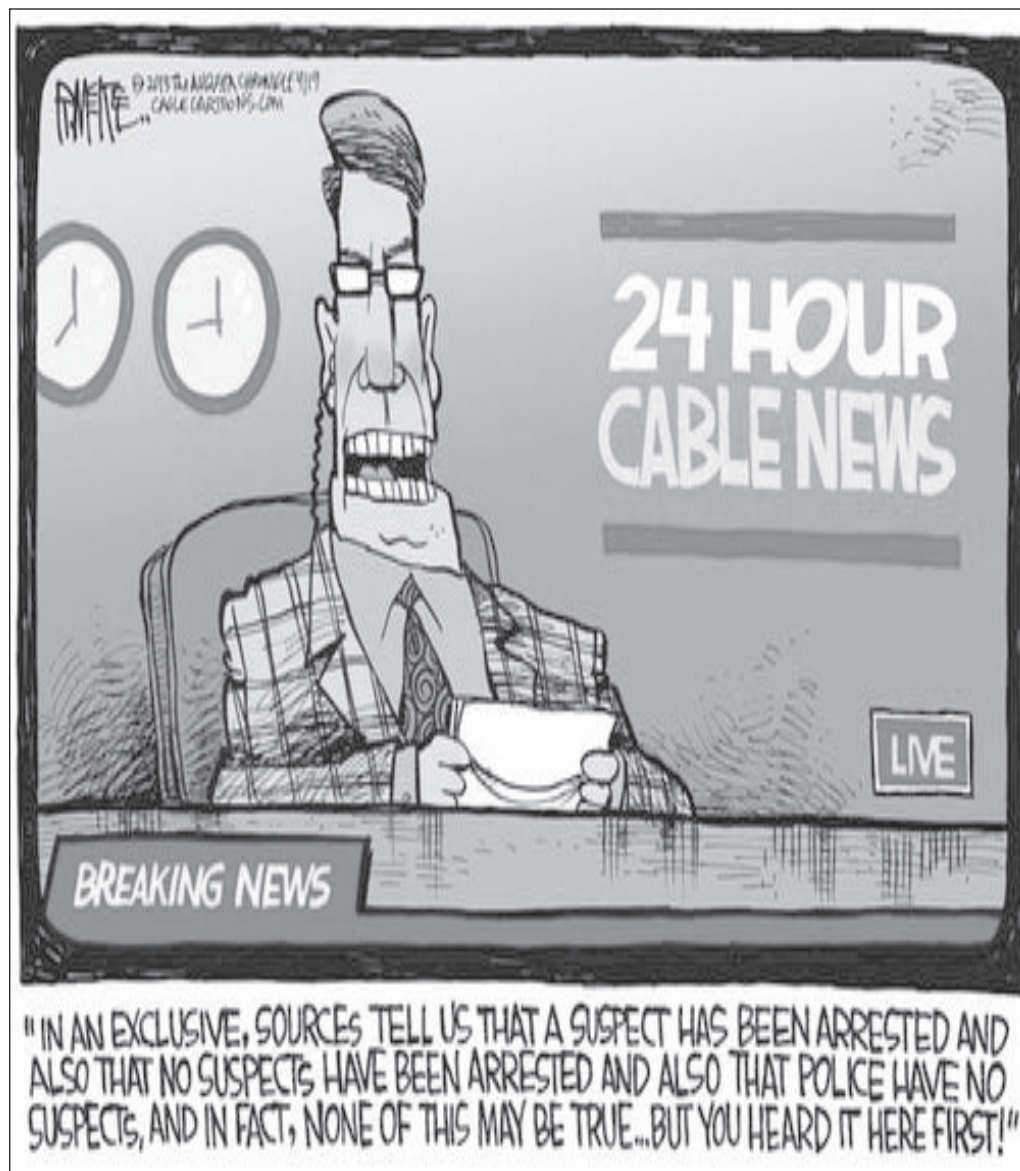
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cause.

May God continue to bless your lives. "Thank You All" again for your help.

Pauline "Gypsy" McCollum Pampa



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The unseen wounds and warriors of war

Post-publication note from Chuck: At the time I wrote the column below, news had not broken about the massive and devastating explosion at the fertilizer plant in West, Texas. Of course, all of my condolences and commendations about the victims and crisis care community in Boston I extend with profound correlations to my own heartbroken neighbors in Texas. One television news report estimated that 700 first responders were deployed immediately into action there. Let no one say the selfless and sacrificial American spirit isn't alive and well!



CHUCK NORRIS

As with others across the nation, my wife, Gena, and I are so proud of the first responders and host of rescuers, medical personnel, law enforcement personnel, firemen, military members, crisis counselors and good Samaritans who immediately were called into action and undoubtedly saved lives, limbs and souls because of their heroic efforts. Truly, America's best shine brightest during our country's most difficult and darkest moments.

At the same time, Gena and I join the rest of the nation in offering our most heartfelt condolences and prayers for all the victims of the Boston Marathon bombings. We weep in particular with the families of 8-year-old Martin Richard, 29-year-old restaurant manager Krystle Campbell and a Chinese graduate student at Boston University, Lu Lingzi, all of whom were killed by the blasts.

In the end, the criminal thugs who are responsible for such heinous, despicable and cowardly acts win only if we allow their monstrous beings to intimidate us into fearful and reclusive lifestyles, including not participating in public recreational and sports activities such as the Boston Marathon.

We, too, pray for the families, relatives and friends of the victims, who we know will, in due time, rise up, find the courage to face tomorrow and build a better day for themselves and others — just like the parents of the 8-year-old victim, one of whom serves as the director of a local community group and one of whom works at Neighborhood House Charter School, where their daughter attends classes just as their son did.

Speaking of wounded healers, I recently was reminded of a troubling health trend among U.S. wounded warriors.

More than 600,000 troops have returned from tours of duty in Iraq and Afghanistan with traumatic brain injuries and post-traumatic stress disorder, resulting in increased rates of drug abuse, alcoholism, domestic violence, chronic depression and even suicide among service members, according to Fox News. Tragically, about 22 veterans commit suicide each day in America, according to a February report by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. That is nearly one every hour!

It's high time that we all fight to do better to take care of the precious souls who take care of us. Mostly, honor and befriend our military vets. And if you

encounter one in trouble, stand by him or her or, at the very least, encourage him or her to reach out for help. Help can be reached 24/7 by calling the caring professionals at the Veterans Crisis Line at 800-273-TALK, sending a text message to 838255 or going to Veteranscrisisline.net for an anonymous chat session. Since 2007, the VCL has answered more than 745,000 calls, helped more than 83,000 in chat sessions and made more than 26,000 lifesaving rescues.

And please go online and learn more about the mission of the Wounded Warrior Project (Woundedwarriorproject.org) and the Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund (Fallenheroesfund.org).

Another superb example of valuing vets is the way they are welcomed at the annual Rancho Cucamonga High School Remembers event in California, which was started by history teacher Aaron Bishop, who calls on local vets to share their service experiences with students.

Aided by fellow history teacher Robert Sanchez and others, the program started with 38 veterans and has grown to involving more than 200 veterans from all branches of the military.

As an Air Force veteran myself, I salute Bishop, Sanchez and Rancho Cucamonga High School for annually and actively not forgetting about those who serve and the power of their oral history. The sixth annual Rancho Cucamonga High School Remembers will be held May 1.

One last outstanding example of service and fortitude I'd like to mention happened during the Bos-

ton bombings. Carlos Arredondo was at the marathon to support a group running for fallen veterans, and he was handing out American flags. When the explosions hit, he was among the first to rush in and help those who had fallen.

What's amazingly poignant is that Carlos' son Alexander S. Arredondo, who was a lance corporal in the Marines, died in battle in Najaf, Iraq, in 2004. And just before Christmas in 2011, Carlos' other son, Brian, 24, took his own life as U.S. troops withdrew from the battlefield on which his brother had died.

An even more moving photo is of Carlos in his cowboy hat and with blood-soaked hands running alongside one of the victims, who was obviously in shock, wounded and being wheeled to safety.

We now know it was 27-year-old Jeff Bauman, who was waiting in the crowd for his girlfriend to cross the finish line when "a man wearing a cap, sunglasses and a black jacket over a hooded sweat-shirt looked at (him) and dropped a bag at his feet," according to Bloomberg. Two and a half minutes later, the bag exploded, and Jeff's legs were decimated.

One of the iconic images from Boston is of Carlos standing somber with a blood-drenched American flag, which apparently was used by him to aid a victim.

I take off my Texas cowboy hat to Carlos and all who stood by their fellow countrymen to help on that heartbreaking day.

Follow Chuck Norris through his official social media sites, on Twitter @chucknorris and Facebook's "Official Chuck Norris Page."

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Pampa Faith

Become like children No. 6

In browsing through The Bible for children who were standout examples, Samuel definitely catches our eye. His childhood story is recorded in 1 Samuel 3:1-18.

Samuel was actually a miracle baby, the blessing that resulted from an answered pray and a deal that his mom made with God. The deal was simple: "Lord Almighty, if you will only look on your servant's misery and remember me, and not forget your servant but give her a son, then I will give him to the Lord for all the days of his life, and no razor will ever be used on his head." 1 Sam. 1:11

Hannah and Elkanah then had a son, named him Samuel and when he had been weaned his mom took him to Eli, the high priest. That is where Samuel spent his childhood.

One night while Samuel was tending to the lamp, he fell asleep on the floor not far from where the Ark was. He heard a voice call out his name and ran to see what Eli wanted. However, Eli said that it wasn't him and told Samuel to return to sleep. The same thing happened a second time and then a third. That is when Eli finally figured out that it was God and so he told Samuel to go lie down and when God called again to say, "Speak, LORD, for Your servant is listening." And so he did.

The message God had for Samuel was not what anyone would expect to be given to a child. Basically God told Samuel what He had already told Eli — that God was about to judge Eli's sons, Hophni and Phinehas, for their ungodliness and Eli as well for doing nothing to stop their evil influence. Hardly a message for a child, but so God said. The next day Samuel didn't want to

tell Eli what God had said, but finally he did. Even as a boy, Samuel was willing to speak the hard words that God gave him to speak; even to his mentor.

You see, Samuel is the perfect example of being mature beyond his years, spiritually mature. That is why he could hear the Lord when Eli couldn't. That is the example that Samuel sets for us to follow. And Samuel is also proof that spiritual maturity doesn't happen by accident. Think of Samuel's life. He wasn't out with all the neighborhood children playing games all of the time. Samuel was spending his life in service to Jehovah and in learning more and more about God.

Does God expect us to pursue maturity? Check these verses out.

Luke 8:14 The seed that fell among thorns stands for those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by life's worries, riches and pleasures, and they do not mature.

Eph 4:13 until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

Col 1:28 We proclaim him, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ.

Heb 5:14 But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil.

Heb 6:1 Therefore let us move beyond the elementary teachings about Christ and be taken forward to maturity ...

So invest your time/energy in God, not so much in worldly distractions. God bless. Mike

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MIKE SUBLETT

God says 'Do not be afraid'

We live in troubling times. The recent bomb attacks in Boston remind us we are under the constant threat of terror in our



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world. We're faced with many other personal challenges in life, from sickness to financial hardships, but a personal relationship with Jesus and opening our hearts to the Holy Spirit enables us to live fearlessly in these challenging times.

Believers don't have to be afraid. In Psalm 56:4, it says, "In God, I will praise his word, in God I have put my trust. I will not fear what flesh can do to me."

Evil is all around us in the world today as we have seen in the Boston marathon bombings. But if you have put your trust in God, you have nothing to fear. Hebrews 13:5-6 tells us the Lord is our helper, and we shall not fear what man may do to us. Paul says in Romans 8:30-32 that if God is for us who can be against us.

God is a rock and a fortress in times of trouble. In Psalm 31:1-5, David reminds us to put our trust in the Lord. We are told in Psalm 73:24-28 that God is our guide and shelter. David also tells us in Psalm 48:14 that God watches over us through our entire lives. He will protect us from danger.

We don't have to worry because God knows our needs before we even ask. In Luke, Jesus tells us not to worry over the basics because our Father in heaven knows our needs. God loves us with a love that surpasses all understanding. He loves us so much that he gave his only son for us.

The words "fear not" or "do not be afraid" are in the Bible over 300 times. That's a comfort to me, and I hope it will be a comfort to you today. Even in these evil times, we have the assurance that God is with us! Fear not. God is still in control.

Chris Ely is a Pampa resident and author of the book "Through Eyes of Faith." He can be contacted at Eyeofaith.webs.com.

meets twice a week and is based on the teachings of the Bible.

You don't have to be a cowboy or know how to ride a horse at their church. Just come as you are and remember "the Church alive is worth the drive."

The church is located at the intersection of state Highway 273 and Interstate 40 in McLean. For more information call 806-779-0260.

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Church Calendar

Southside Church of Christ

Southside Church of Christ is located at 11923 W. McCullough Ave, Pampa. The church extends an open invitation to you to come and worship where the gospel, "God's Word," is always taught and preached. The church offers an annual Songfest, set for Sept. 21-22 this year. On Saturday, the Songfest will begin at 4 p.m. and end at around 9 p.m. Dinner will be served immediately following. On Sunday, the church will

follow its regular schedule and dinner will be served immediately following morning services. The Songfest is not a competition — it is a gathering of the churches of Christ to come together to praise the Lord through preaching, praying and singing praises unto our Lord and savior Jesus Christ.

Regular worship services are: Sunday morning Bible study, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.; morning worship begins at 10:45 a.m. to noon; Wednesday night Bible study is from 5 to 6 p.m.

McLean Cowboy Church

The church is non denominational and the Pastor is Ronnie Ferguson. Services are every Wednesday at 7 p.m. and every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. The church also has a children's ministry at 10:30 a.m. on Sundays. The ages for the children's ministry are nursery through fifth grade.

The church offers a variety of bible studies and special events. The church also offers a drug and alcohol recovery group that

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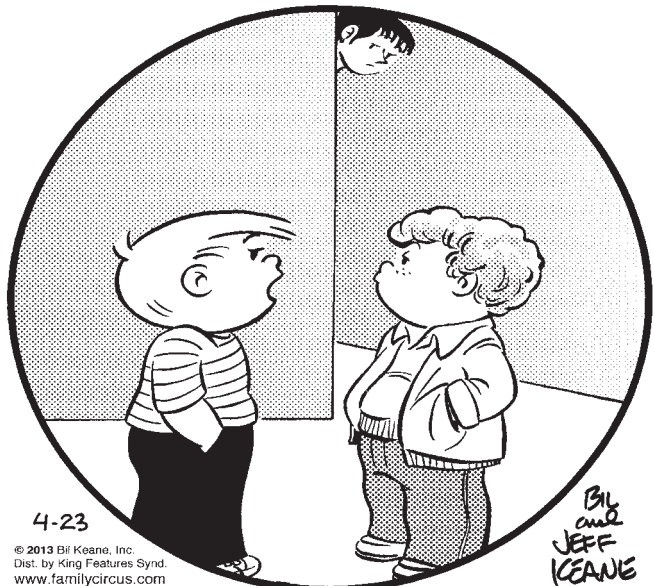
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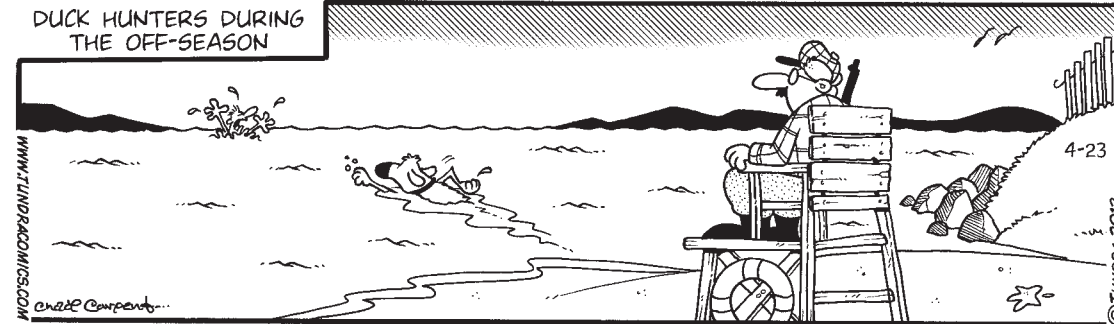
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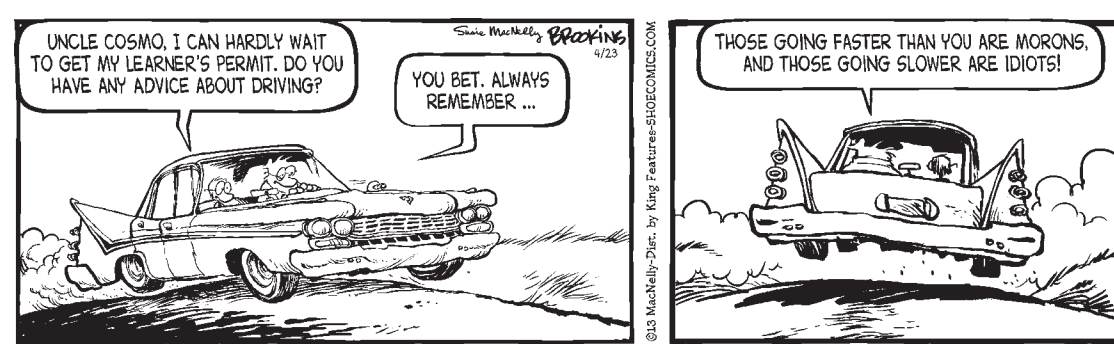


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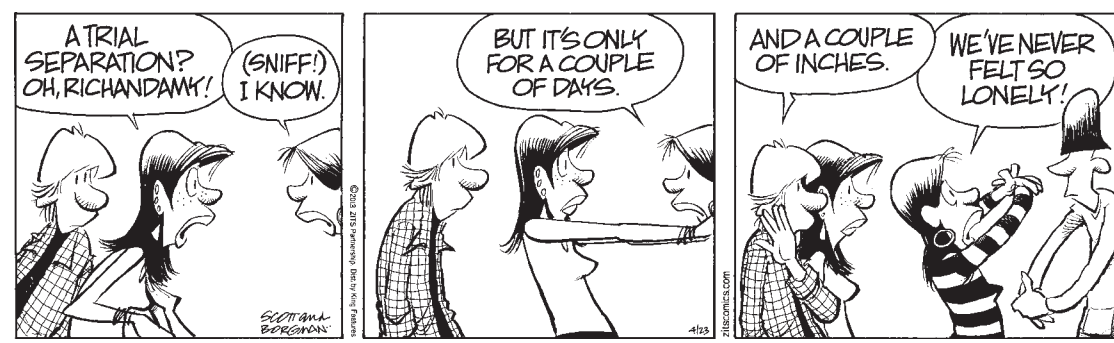
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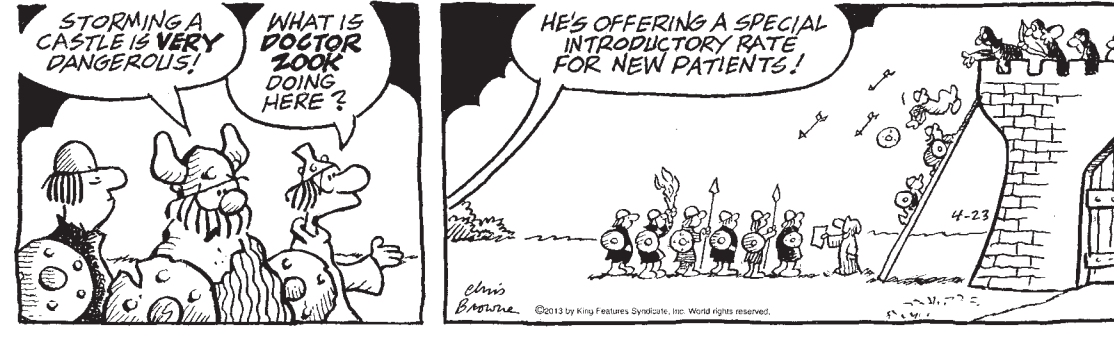
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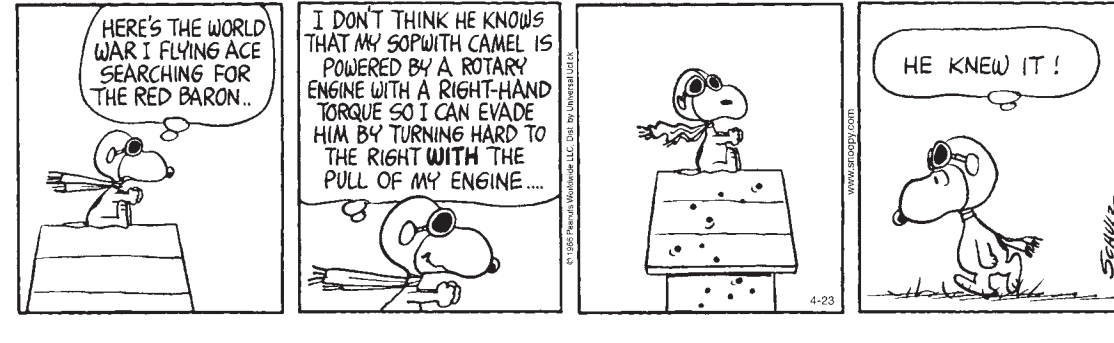
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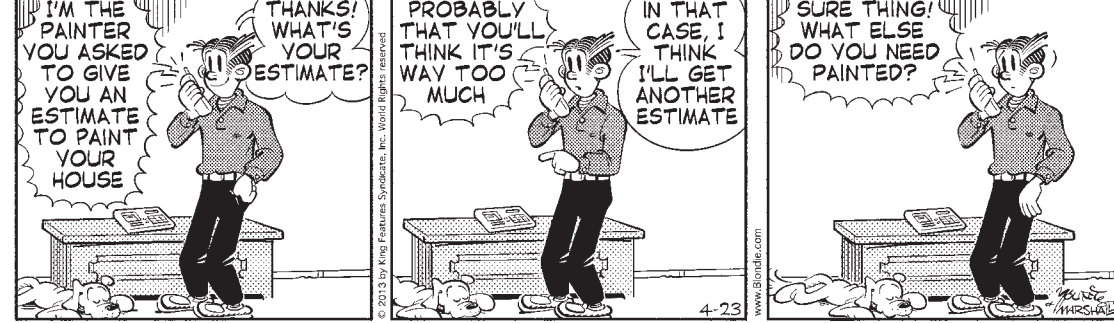
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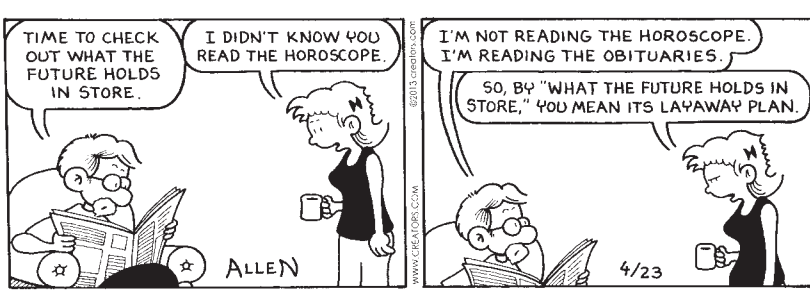
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daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, April 24, 2013:
 This year you focus on your ability to communicate your feelings. You often express your anger in such a way that others are shocked and could distance themselves. This type of behavior could become an issue in a relationship. If you are single, do not be surprised if a bond could be difficult to get off the ground, especially through spring. If you are attached, make sure you are not blaming your sweetie for something that really is your fault. You find LIBRA particularly desirable.
ARIES (March 21-April 19)
 ★★ You could be juggling a bit more than you want to. Honor your priorities, and eliminate anything that is insignificant and/or futile. You could find this process to be difficult, as it is not easy for you to admit that your efforts fall short. Tonight: Go along with a suggestion.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 ★★ You pull the wild card financially. You are more likely to encounter extremes, so remain focused when dealing with money. You will be a lot happier as a result. Don't take risks before seeking out other opinions. Tonight: Get to the gym or take a walk.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 ★★ Your creativity emerges when dealing with a loved one. A solution emerges, no matter what you have to deal with or what choices you have to make. Push comes to shove in a difficult situation. You feel better than you have in a long time. Tonight: Have fun!
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 ★★ You come from an anchored point of view. Sometimes others see you as a stick in the mud when it comes to taking risks. You will have one opportunity to jump on an offer. Be sure of yourself when taking this gamble. Tonight: Have a discussion with a family member.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
 ★★ Listen to news with focus and determination. Though everything might seem fine, you could become aware of someone's suppressed anger. Try to address this issue, but understand that this person might not be cognizant of his or her deeper feelings. Tonight: Visit with friends.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 ★★ Be aware of the possibili-

ties surrounding an offer. Look at alternative options -- they might be more numerous than you had originally thought. Know that you can reach a goal without disturbing the angry sleeping tiger within. Tonight: Put your best foot forward.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
 ★★ Your smile and positive approach allows greater give-and-take. You know what is happening below the surface, and you will choose to boycott it. Your intensity makes all the difference. Others simply can't stay away. Tonight: Go with the flow.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
 ★★ Know that something is going on within you. Before erupting with angry words or behavior, evaluate what is really bothering you. You could be uncomfortable with the process, but you need to root out what is going on. Tonight: Get some extra zzz's while you can!
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
 ★★ A meeting provides direction as well as feedback. You'll see someone's anger, perhaps for the first time. A change in how you discuss certain personal matters might be appropriate. Your caring means a lot to someone in your daily life. Tonight: Where the action is.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 ★★ You are changing -- and quickly, at that. Your belief that you gain as a result of resolving a problem is worth exploring. You are capable of enormous growth and change. Consider your options more openly. Tonight: Burn the candle at both ends.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
 ★★ Keep reaching out to someone at a distance whom you genuinely care about. The unexpected often occurs. You'll need to pull back and rethink a personal matter. Be careful when dealing with mechanical equipment. Use care with spending. Tonight: Return calls.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
 ★★ Take news with a grain of salt. You might not understand everything that is happening around you, but you have a theory about the different elements involved. Unfortunately, you could have your rose-colored shades on. Tonight: Dinner with a favorite person.

PampaSports

JV softball ends season on high note with 9-2 win

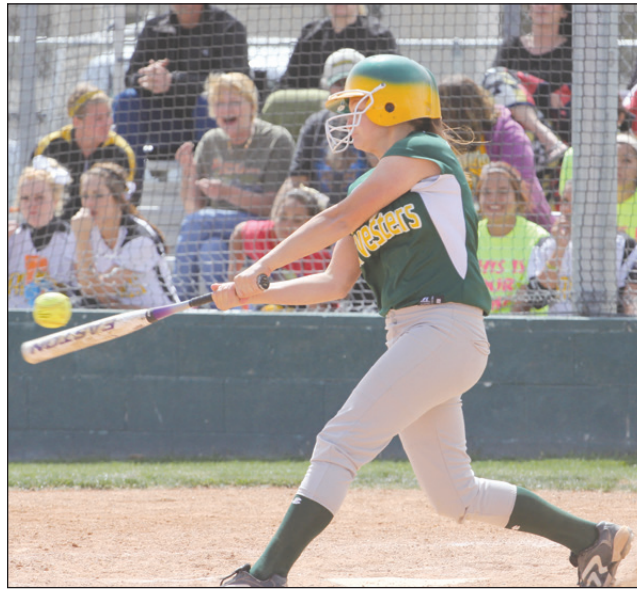
BY ZACHARY GREEN
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The Lady Harvester junior varsity softball team hosted Amarillo High on Saturday for their final game of the season.

Kylie Krieder, Kendra McIntyre, Risa Rodriguez, Tori Robles and Raeli Walker all scored for Pampa in the first inning to give the Lady Harvesters a 5-0 lead.

Cameron Schaub and Krieder scored for Pampa in the bottom of the second. The Sandies scored two runs in the top of the third to make the score 7-2. The Lady Harvesters added two more runs in the bottom of the third. Those runs came from Walker and Sarah Dennis.

The final score was Pampa 9, Amarillo High 2. The JV Lady Harvesters season is now over but it was a very successful one. They went 11-1-1 overall and 8-0 in district with a district championship. Great job girls.



Photos by Zachary Green and Charla Shults

Left, Risa Rodriguez slides home during the game Saturday. Second from left, Jacie Studebaker smacks a pitch. Right, Cameron Schaub lays down a bunt. The JV team won the game 9-2 Saturday.



Glo-Valve Service defeats Cabot 7-3

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Glo-Valve Service took over undisputed possession of first place in the Pampa Optimist 11-12 Cal Ripken League with a 7-3 win over Cabot Corporation Friday at Optimist Park.

Brendon Courtney, with two hits, a run and two RBI sparked Glo-Valve's offense as Glo-Valve improved to 2-0 for the season.

Cabot scored first when Michael Tollerson led off the game with a single. He stole second and scored on an infield out.

Glo-Valve took the lead in the second inning. Tyler Orand singled and stole two bases. Kameron Parks walked. Courtney delivered a single to score Orand and send Parks to third. Parks scampered home on a passed ball. Walks to Chris Gowin, Julian Velasquez and Devon Johnson forced Courtney home providing Glo-Valve with a 3-1 lead.

Tollerson reached base for Cabot in the fourth on an error. A walk to Garrett Anderson and singles by Brody Larkin and Braydon Burrell knotted the score at three. Glo-Valve used a single by Jakob Wilson, a walk to Parks, a wild pitch and Courtney's second single to eek out a 4-3 lead in the bottom of the fourth.

Ethan Rushing led off the fifth inning for Glo-Valve with a walk. Sholby Reeve sent him to second with a sharp single to left. A single to left by Jace Ware loaded

the bases. A walk to Fernando Perez forced in Rushing. Reeve alertly scampered home on an errant pickoff attempt at second. A single by Evan Boyd plated Ware as the game ended because of the time limit.

Tollerson led Cabot's offense with two runs and a hit.

Ware picked three runners off base for Glo-Valve's defensive plays of the game. Tollerson picked a runner off second for Cabot's best defensive play. Anderson blocked the plate and tagged out a runner to end the fifth inning for another defensive gem for Cabot.

Ware, who relieved Boyd in the third inning, was the winning pitcher. He allowed four hits but no earned runs in three innings pitched. He walked three and struck out two. Boyd started for Glo-Valve. He gave up a run and a hit in two innings. He struck out three and did not walk a batter. Burrell and Tollerson pitched for Cabot.

In the late game Duncan, Fraser & Bridge came from behind scoring twice in the bottom of the fifth to edge Rotary Club 5-4 in a game shortened by the time limit. Ethan Lemke was credited with the win.

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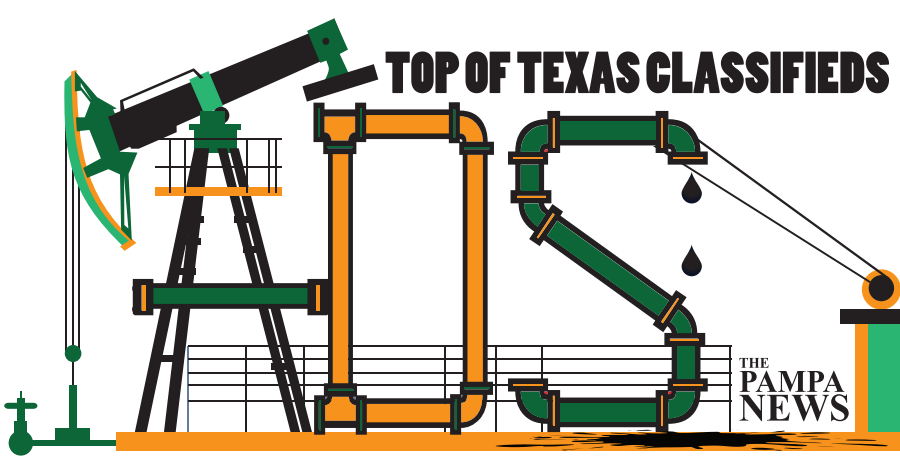
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DEAR ABBY: My son is a tall, strikingly handsome teenager, although somewhat shy. Our problem is that his looks attract the wrong kind of attention from aggressive girls, and it's getting worse every year.

He and his 14-year-old sister went out to eat after school yesterday, and when they returned it was obvious my son was upset and his sister was furious. She said a group of college girls at a table next to them were teasing and taunting my son with blatantly sexual propositions. They went so far as to touch him suggestively as they got up to leave.

I'm sure they got the physical response from him they wanted; he is only 17, after all. But he was clearly angry, embarrassed and ashamed.

He said he felt trapped and didn't know what to do.

The sexual harassment of young men is often laughed off with a wink and a nudge, but it isn't funny. It can be as painful and damaging to men as to women. Furthermore, my son is a minor, and I suspect the college girls were adults, if the beer on the table was any indication.

I am trying to raise my son to respect women and to be a decent man, husband and father someday, but frankly, I'm at a loss as to how to help him handle this type of sexual aggressiveness from girls. Do you or any of your readers have any suggestions? -- SHOCKED MOM IN TENNESSEE

DEAR MOM: I can see why your son and daughter were upset. He was

not only sexually harassed by those young women, but when they put their hands on him, he was ASSAULTED. When the teasing escalated, he and his sister should have changed tables or left the restaurant.

If your son's father is in the picture, he should discuss the incident with your son. If that's not possible, another adult male should help him understand that his arousal was normal and nothing to be ashamed of. I am sure my male readers will also want to weigh in on your letter because what happened to your son was outrageous.

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Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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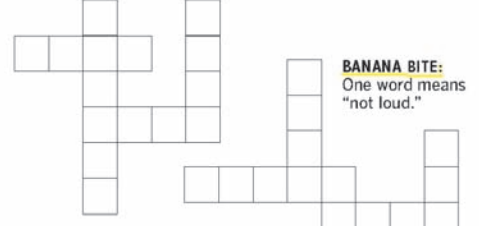
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- Soothing lotion
- Chum
- Shark's home
- Western contest
- Van Morrison song
- Capitol Bldg. worker
- Valentine color
- Hit show initials
- Interrupt
- Osaka setting
- November birthstone
- Yoked animals
- Deep mud
- Kick off
- Tango or twist
- Lukewarm
- Find a sum
- Lobed organ
- Fitting
- Melanie song
- Christmas song
- Bird sound
- Stockholm native
- Lone Ranger's pal

DOWN

- Shows sorrow
- Land measure
- Incline
- Mover's truck
- Evasive maneuver
- College unit
- Use oars
- Casino calculation
- Close by
- Toy on a string
- Trawling need
- "Shut up!"
- Wanderer
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- Seamstress's aid
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Riley Douglas, escorted by his parents, Russell and Robin Douglas. He has been a starter as the designated hitter for the Harvesters for one season and also played right field.



Karli Harden, escorted by her parents, Greg and Kristi Harden along with her brother, Rhett Harden who is a player on the junior varsity. She plans on attending West Texas A&M University in Canyon. Karli was the team statistician this season.



Chris Howard, escorted by his mother, Lesa Noble. He has been a two-year starter for the Harvesters in centerfield. Chris plans on attending South Plains College in Lubbock.



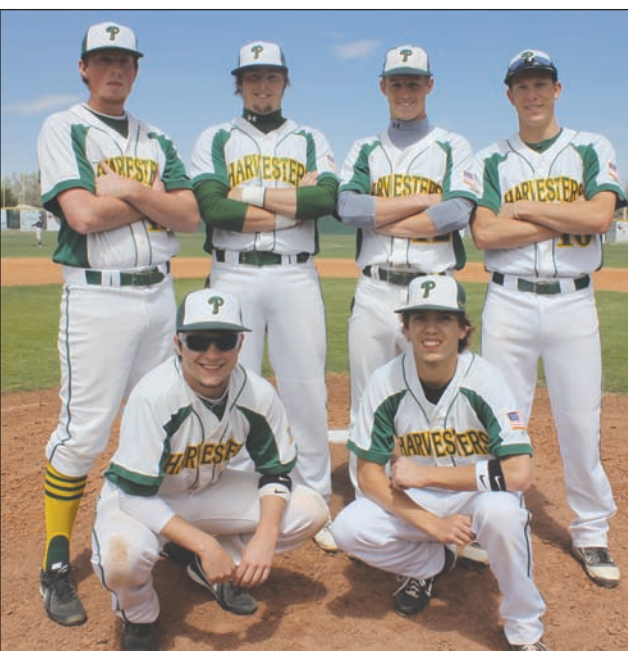
Julia Soto, escorted by her mother, Rosa Soto. She plans on attending Amarillo College. Julia has been an athletic trainer for Pampa High School sports for the past two seasons. She also played on the PHS Lady Harvester soccer team for the past four years.



Jordan Lemons, escorted by his parents, Terry and Rick Lemons. He has been a three-year starter at catcher for the Harvesters. He has hit four homeruns this season.



Tyler Powell, escorted by his parents, David and Kristy Powell along with his brother, Ryan Powell. Tyler has been a three-year starter for the Harvesters at pitcher, first and second base. He plans on attending Southwestern Assemblies of God University in Waxahachie. Tyler also played football and basketball for the Harvesters.



Back row from left, Riley Douglas, Jordan Lemons, James Thompson and Tyler Powell. Front row, Taylor Woods and Chris Howard. The senior boys gathered together on the mound before the game on Saturday afternoon.



James Thompson, escorted by his parents, Doug and Ann Thompson. He has been a three-year starter at pitcher and shortstop for the Harvesters. James plans on attending Frank Phillips College in Borger and joining the Plainsmen baseball team.



Taylor Woods, escorted by his parents, Kevin and Jeree Woods along with his brother, Kade Woods. He has been a two-year starter for the Harvesters in left field. He plans on attending Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford, Okla.

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Back row from left, Tiffany Britton, Riley Douglas, Martecia Alexander, Jordan Lemons, Bailey Beck, James Thompson, Bella Wilson, Chris Howard and Claire Hopkins. Front row, Sanya Coutts, Taylor Woods, Monica Gonzalez and Tyler Powell. The seniors on the Lady Harvester softball team get together on the mound with the seniors on the Harvester baseball team before Saturday's games.

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