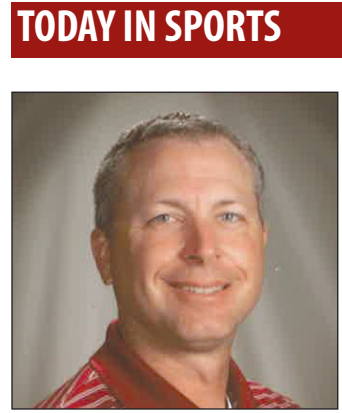


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## Vision for PISD Heritage Room shared

**Public planning meeting set for May 9 at PHS Library.**

By **SASHA HELLER**  
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Pampa Independent School District (PISD) superintendent Dr. David Young on Thursday announced the school board will host an informative meeting at 5 p.m., May 9, to share with the public the district's plan for the proposed Heritage Room in PISD's new admin facility on

Hobart Street. At that meeting, school board members will begin forming an executive committee, who will be charged with managing the assets featured in the Heritage Room. "We're going to talk about the vision for the room at that meeting," Young said. "That meeting is very introductory for people who are interested about where the project is going." Young then shared plans for the 36x20 square-foot room, which will be located near the front door of Pampa ISD's new central office and featured prominently in



**David Young**

the building's lobby. "I'm excited about this space," Young said. "It's going to be a great place to bring all of Pampa ISD together and celebrate it." Items set to be featured in the Heritage Room include sports memorabilia and records and possibly a replica of the Harvester statue. "We've had requests from some of the fine arts people who want to recognize

some of the things they've done," Young said. "Those are just some ideas but it's really going to be a collective vision. It's not just going to be sports or academics. It's going to be from everything." The school board, at its meeting last week, began discussing how they envision the committee being comprised. They settled on a seven-person model, with two or three school board members joining Young and either three or four PISD alumni and community representatives.

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## STUDENTS TOUR 'SHOWCASE OF TECHNOLOGY'



Photo by Sasha Heller

Pampa High School students learn about CPR during their tour on Thursday of Clarendon College's Workforce Development Program. For more photos, turn to page 12.

**Students' visit featured introduction to Clarendon College's workforce development program.**

By **SASHA HELLER**  
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Juniors and seniors from Pampa High School on Thursday toured Clarendon College's Workforce Development Center and were introduced to various courses offered at the center.

"This is our fourth annual event, called 'Showcase of Technology,'" said Christy Brooks, coordinator of workforce development. "We let the students see all of our workforce programs." She added that the students perform hands-on activities like practicing life-saving skills on CPR dummies and learning about the principles of cosmetology and hair design. "(It's) so they can get a real feel for what they'll actually be doing if that's the field they want to pursue." For more info about Clarendon College's Workforce Development Program, contact the school at 806-665-8801.

## Credit union building new office

By **TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE**  
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Amarillo Community Federal Credit Union has been a familiar fixture on North Hobart Street for many years. But don't start thinking they're leaving town when you see the wrecking crew knocking down the banking institution's building next week.

Soon after the old building is razed, a groundbreaking will be held at 2:30 p.m., May 13 for a new, larger building with four drive-thru lanes.

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Image courtesy of ACFCU  
 An artist's rendering of the new office.

## Senate backs \$5.7B for roads, water and schools

By **AMAN BATHEJA**  
 The Texas Tribune

Texas senators hammered out a sweeping deal to increase state funding for water and transportation projects and schools on Tuesday, tackling some of the thorniest issues of the legislative session all at once.

The senators voted 31-0 for Senate Joint Resolution 1, which would ask Texas voters to approve taking \$5.7 billion out of the state's Rainy Day Fund. Of that amount, \$2.9 billion would go to transportation, \$2 billion to water infrastructure projects and \$800 million to public education.

"I woke up at 2:30 this morning worried about how I was going to get this bill out of the ditch," said Senate Finance Chairman Tommy Williams, R-The Woodlands and the bill's author. "It's a miracle."

Senators also announced plans to allocate an extra \$1.4 billion for schools that came

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## Reaching out to God

**Pastors, lay people pray for city, nation.**

By **TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE**  
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About 25 Pampa residents attended the 62nd annual National Day of Prayer service Thursday at the M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium Heritage Room.

The theme was "Pray for America," emphasizing the need for people to place their faith in God for the sake of the world. The Scripture focus was Matthew 12:21 — "In His name the nations will put their hope."

National Day of Prayer is an annual day of observance held

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Photo by Timothy P. Howsare

Joyce Field from Central Baptist Church sings "How Great Thou Art" at the M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium Heritage Room Thursday during the city's "Day of Prayer" ceremony. She was accompanied by Amy Parnell, also of Central Baptist, on piano.

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**Tonight:** Clear skies with a low of 32. No chance of rain. Wind north northeast at 14 mph. Sunset at 8:32 p.m.

**Saturday:** Sunny with a high of 66. No chance of rain. Wind north at 19 mph. Sunrise at 6:49 a.m.

**Saturday night:** Partly cloudy with a low of 35. Ten percent chance of rain. Wind north northeast at 13 mph. Sunset at 8:33 a.m.

**Sunday:** Partly cloudy with a high of 68. Ten percent chance of rain. Wind north northeast at 13 mph. Sunrise at 6:48 a.m.

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# Obituaries

## Danny Cochran

Danny Cochran, 54, died May 2, 2013 in Pampa. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

## Police, politicians push surveillance post-Boston

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Police and politicians across the U.S. are pointing to the example of surveillance video that was used to help identify the Boston Marathon bombing suspects as a reason to get more electronic eyes on their streets.

From Los Angeles to Philadelphia, efforts include trying to gain police access to cameras used to monitor traffic, expanding surveillance networks in some major cities and enabling officers to get regular access to security footage at businesses.

Some in law enforcement, however, acknowledge that their plans may face an age-old obstacle: Americans' traditional reluctance to give the government more law enforcement powers out of fear that they will live in a society where there is little privacy.

"Look, we don't want an occupied state. We want to be able to walk the good balance between freedom and security," Los Angeles police Deputy Chief Michael Downing, who heads the department's counterterrorism and special operations bureau.

"If this helps prevent, deter, but also detect and create clues to who did (a crime), I guess the question is can the American public tolerate that type of security," he said.

The proliferation of cameras — both on street corners and on millions of smartphones — has helped catch lawbreakers, but plans to expand surveillance networks could run up against the millions of dollars it can cost to install and run the networks, experts say.

Whatever Americans' attitudes or the costs, experts say, the use of cameras is likely to increase in the coming years, whether they are part of an always-on, government-run network or a disparate, disorganized web of citizens' smartphones and business security systems.

"One of the lessons coming out of Boston is it's not just going to be cameras operated by the city, but it's going to be cameras that are in businesses, cameras that citizens use," said Chuck Wexler, the executive director of the Police Executive Research Forum. "You'll see the use of cameras will skyrocket."

Part of the push among law enforcement agencies is for greater integration of surveillance systems. For

decades, law enforcement has contacted businesses for video after a crime. An integrated network would make that easier, advocates say.

Since the Boston bombings, police officials have been making the case for such a network.

In Philadelphia, the police commissioner appealed last week to business owners with cameras in public spaces to register them with the department. In Chicago, the mayor wants to expand the city's already robust network of roughly 22,000 surveillance video.

And in Houston, officials want to add to their 450 cameras through more public and private partnerships. The city already has access to hundreds of additional cameras that monitor the water system, the rail system, freeways and public spaces such as Reliant Stadium, officials said.

"If they have a camera that films an area we're interested in, then why put up a separate camera?" said Dennis Storemski, director of the mayor's office of public safety and homeland security. "And we allow them to use ours too."

In Los Angeles, police have been working on building up a regional video camera system funded by about \$10 million in federal grant dollars over the last several years that would allow their network to be shared with nearby cities at the flip of a switch, Downing said.

That effort is in addition to a recent request by an LA councilman who wants the city to examine allowing police access to cameras used to monitor traffic flow. If that happens, the LAPD's network of about 700 cameras would grow to more than 1,000.

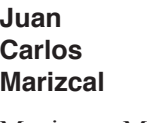
"First, it's a deterrent and, second, it's evidence," Downing said, adding, "it helps us in the hunt and pursuit."

Law enforcement experts say police need these augmented systems because the bystander with a smartphone in hand is no substitute for a surveillance camera that is deliberately placed in a heavy crime area.

"The general public is not thinking about the kinds of critical factors in preventing and responding to crimes," said Brenda Bond, a professor who researches organizational effectiveness of police agencies at Suffolk University in Boston.

## Featured fugitive reward increased to \$20,000

AUSTIN — The reward for Juan Carlos Marizcal, 34, a Texas 10 Most Wanted Fugitive, has increased to \$20,000 for information leading to his arrest if the tip comes in during the month of May.



**Juan Carlos Marizcal**  
The Texas Mexican Mafia member has a violent criminal past and is wanted for homicide, engaging in organized criminal activity and flight to avoid prosecution. Texas Crime Stoppers tips are guaranteed to be anonymous.

Marizcal has ties to Laredo, which was his last known address. His criminal history includes homicide, robbery, assault causing bodily injury, terroristic threat and arson. He is wanted in connection with a 2010 murder in Laredo.

Marizcal is 5 feet 8 inches tall and was last known to weigh approximately 200 pounds.

He has multiple tattoos, including "joker" on the outside of his right calf, and other tattoos on his neck, chest, right arm and upper left arm. For more information, please view his wanted bulletin at: [Dps.texas.gov/Texas10MostWanted/fugitiveDetails.aspx?id=162](http://Dps.texas.gov/Texas10MostWanted/fugitiveDetails.aspx?id=162).

One offender from the Texas 10 Most Wanted Program is featured each month in hopes the higher reward money from the Governor's Criminal Jus-

tice Division will generate additional tips. The higher reward amount will only be paid if the tip comes in the same month the fugitive is featured.

Anyone with information can provide anonymous tips in four different ways:

Call the Crime Stoppers hotline at 1-800-252-TIPS (8477).

Text the letters DPS — followed by your tip — to 274637 (CRIMES) from your cell phone.

Submit a web tip through the DPS website by selecting the fugitive you have information about, and then clicking on the link under their picture.

Submit a Facebook tip at [Facebook.com/texas-10mostwanted](http://Facebook.com/texas-10mostwanted) by clicking the "SUBMIT A TIP" link (under the "About" section).

All calls, texts, e-mails and Facebook tip messages are anonymous.

The following link, [Dps.texas.gov/Texas10MostWanted/video/tipster-Video.htm](http://Dps.texas.gov/Texas10MostWanted/video/tipster-Video.htm), explains the steps on how to submit a tip regarding a Texas 10 Most Wanted Fugitive or Sex Offender and/or how to receive a reward once the fugitive is captured.

Texas Crime Stoppers, which is funded by the Governor's Criminal Justice Division, offers cash rewards to any person who provides information that leads to the arrest of one of the Texas 10 Most Wanted fugitives or sex offenders ([Dps.texas.gov/texas-10mostwanted/](http://Dps.texas.gov/texas-10mostwanted/)).

Do not attempt to apprehend these fugitives; they are considered armed and dangerous.

## Trial ordered in deer shooting from Walmart lot

BLAIRSVILLE, Pa. (AP) — A western Pennsylvania man who allegedly shot a deer near a busy Wal-Mart parking lot on the first day of rifle season last year has been ordered to stand trial on reckless endangerment and state game charges.

Arcangelo "Angelo" Bianco Jr., of Derry Township, spotted a deer in the parking lot Nov. 26, fired several shots, then ran to the side of the Burrell Township store where workers were loading tractor-trailers, wildlife conservation officers contend. Bianco allegedly continued shooting at the fleeing deer, and he eventually retrieved it from a woman's yard on the other side of a highway.

Among other things, authorities contend Bianco violated a state "safety zone" law by firing a weapon within 150 yards of an occupied structure.

Bianco also didn't have a hunting license, authorities said.

Bianco said only that "the truth will come out" after his preliminary hearing Wednesday in nearby Blairsville, about 45 miles east of Pittsburgh.

At the hearing, employee Domenick Hewitt testified he was loading the trailers when he saw Bianco's pickup stop abruptly in the lot then speedily reverse toward the side of the store.

"After the truck stopped, I saw this guy jump out, and he started running along the side of the store, where the trailers were, and he pulled out a handgun and fired two shots at the deer," Hewitt said. "At first I didn't know what he was doing."

Blood smears found on a trailer showed the deer was nearby when Bianco fired, Wildlife Conservation Officer Jack Lucas testified.

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# Heritage

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“Obviously, there will be more people involved than just the executive committee,” Young said, adding that the executive committee will also head up fundraising efforts for the room.

Young then continued about the board’s vision for the Heritage Room.

“We want to make sure this room celebrates all of PISD history,” he said.

Ideally, Young hopes the committee is represented by alumni from various graduating classes, spanning multiple decades.

“You want people from the classes of the 1940s, ’50s and ’70s and ’80s,” he said.

However, PISD board members will not be

choosy when it comes to filling the committee seats. If the district receives requests from alumni who all graduated within a few years of each other, then the committee will reflect that. Young stressed that in the event all of the committee members are from “bunched together” graduating classes, that will not affect their decisions about what will be included in the room.

Young on Thursday also spoke about how the room will be funded.

“All we’re doing with public funds is putting carpet on the floor, turning on the lights and putting paint on the walls,” he said. “Everything else will come from private donations.”

Those interested in making a financial contribution can contact the PISD administration at 806-669-4700 for more information.

# Senate

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about after the comptroller’s office informed the senators that property valuations have come in higher than previously estimated. Put together, the Senate’s actions would restore \$3.7 billion of the \$5.4 billion in cuts to public education made in 2011, Williams said.

The deal was the result of day-long, closed-door negotiations among senators. Williams said Democrats and Republicans met separately for much of the day to “let people air their partisan concerns.”

How the House or Gov. Rick Perry will receive the proposals remains to be seen. Perry has said he does not support tapping the Rainy Day Fund — which contains oil and gas severance taxes — for education, and various House Republicans have echoed that sentiment.

The measure passed Tuesday is significantly different than what Williams originally proposed. His original plan had no money for education. The \$800 million in the package approved Tuesday includes \$500 million in formula funding and \$300 million in merit pay for teachers.

On transportation, Williams had wanted to spend \$3.5 billion on a State Infrastructure Fund that would either loan out money to local communities for road projects or help them borrow money more cheaply to fund the projects. Williams said late Tuesday that a majority of Senators made clear to him they were not interested in a plan that increased public borrowing.

The measure approved

Tuesday will put \$2.9 billion directly into the state highway fund, which the Texas Department of Transportation will use instead of issuing that much in bond debt. That will save the agency about \$6 billion over the next 30 years in avoided debt service costs, Williams said.

Senators uniformly praised the measure and the various compromises all sides made in crafting it. “We all gave up something when we signed up for this bill,” said state Sen. Dan Patrick, R-Houston.

Senate Democrats pledged their support while simultaneously trying repeatedly to amend it to put more money toward schools and to fund Medicaid expansion under federal health reform. All those amendments failed.

“We’ve made great strides in this budget process,” said state Sen. Kirk Watson, D-Austin. “I don’t want to lose that. I think it’s important that we restore some additional funding.”

Some Republicans expressed concern that the budget was pulling too much out of the Rainy Day Fund. The fund is projected to contain \$11.8 billion by the end of the 2014-15 biennium.

“While it may not be as strong as I would like it to be, I still believe it is a strong RDF balance,” said state Sen. Brian Birdwell, R-Granbury.

Lawmakers have debated all session how much the state should preserve in its savings account. The Senate plan would leave just over \$6 billion in the fund. Perry has said he believes \$7 billion is more appropriate.

After it passed, Comptroller Susan Combs endorsed the plan, describing it as “an ideal, one-time use of taxpayer dollars.”

# Prayer

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on the first Thursday of May, designated by the U.S. Congress, when people are asked “to turn to God in prayer and meditation.” Each year since its inception, the president has signed a proclamation, encouraging all Americans to pray on this day. Earlier this week, Mayor Brad Pingel had signed a proclamation for Pampa.

Though Thursday was cold and blustery, the weather did not dampen the spirits of the crowd.

“Thank you for coming out in the cold,” said Darlene Lewis of First Assembly of God

Church. “We are tough in Pampa.”

Lewis presented both the welcome and benediction.

Joyce Field of Central Baptist Church led the singing of “How Great Thou Art” and “10,000 Reasons,” accompanied by fellow church member Amy Parnell.

After the music, community members prayed for different aspects of society.

Pampa Police Chief Kelly Rushing led the prayers for government; Willie Jaramillo, for churches; Dewey Hutchison, for military; the Rev. Blossom Mathews, family; David Teichmann, education; Dale West, media; and Sheila Webb, business.

# ACFCU

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Right now, the credit union is working out of a temporary location at 808 W. Francis Ave., said Allison Watson, branch manager.

“We are so ready to move into the new place,” she said. “We are at a small temporary location, but it will be worth it when we move in.”

Watson expects that

once construction starts, the new building at 900 N. Hobart St. will be open in about six months.

The credit union is based in Amarillo and is chartered to have members in Gray, Potter and Randall counties.

Altogether, it has 28,000 members from those three counties, and 2,200 members in Pampa.

In 1987, Pampa Federal Credit Union was merged into its field of membership, Watson said.

# Official: Shiny dog bowl sparks Calif. house fire

SANTA ROSA, Calif. (AP) — A Northern California couple might be able to blame this one on the dog.

Authorities say sun refracted off the dog’s shiny water bowl and ignited a fire at Terry and Shay Weisbrich’s Santa Rosa home on Wednesday afternoon.

The fire was quickly put out, but it left a hole in the siding.

The Press Democrat of Santa Rosa reports that a fire department engineer helped discover the dog bowl’s role in the fire.

Rene Torres returned the bowl to its original position during his investigation of the fire’s cause.

# Oil drilling technology leaps, clean energy lags

NEW YORK (AP) — Technology created an energy revolution over the past decade — just not the one we expected.

By now, cars were supposed to be running on fuel made from plant waste or algae — or powered by hydrogen or cheap batteries that burned nothing at all. Electricity would be generated with solar panels and wind turbines. When the sun didn’t shine or the wind didn’t blow, power would flow out of batteries the size of tractor-trailers.

Fossil fuels? They were going to be expensive and scarce, relics of an earlier, dirtier age.

But in the race to conquer energy technology, Old Energy is winning.

Oil companies big and small have used technology to find a bounty of oil and natural gas so large that worries about running out have melted away. New imaging technologies let drillers find oil and gas trapped miles underground and undersea. Oil rigs “walk” from one drill site to the next. And engineers in Houston use remote-controlled equipment to drill for gas in Pennsylvania.

The result is an abundance that has put the United States on track to become the world’s largest producer of oil and gas in a few years. And the gushers aren’t limited to Texas, North Dakota and the deep waters of the Gulf of Mexico. Overseas,

enormous reserves have been found in East and West Africa, Australia, South America and the Mediterranean.

“Suddenly, out of nowhere, the world seems to be awash in hydrocarbons,” says Michael Greenstone, an environmental economics professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

The consequences are enormous. A looming energy crisis has turned into a boom. These additional fossil fuels may pose a more acute threat to the earth’s climate. And for renewable energy sources, the sunny forecast of last decade has turned overcast.

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## What might be missing from Bush's Presidential Library

Like all such monuments that former presidents construct to edify the public, the George W. Bush Presidential Center — opened with great ceremony in Texas last week — is mounted from its subject's point of view.

My own invitation to the festivities must have been lost in the mail, so I have yet to view the super-cool interactive exhibitions that reportedly allow visitors to become "the decider" on Iraq and other debacles. But the point seems to be that the 43rd president came under sustained pressure and, if he screwed up to an unprecedented degree, then he doesn't think you or I would have done any better.

That pointless comparison would no doubt elicit Bush's trademark smirk. He is said to feel satisfied with himself, no matter what the world thinks.

Still, the overall tone of the remarks by President Obama, former President Clinton and others who attended the library dedication was appropriately generous, as befits such a civic occasion in a democracy — even in honor of a man who ascended to office by trampling democratic values.

Obama drew attention to the good works that Bush did to combat HIV/AIDS while in office, perhaps his single most important achievement, as did Clinton, who also generously praised Bush's fitful effort to reform immigration and his work with Clinton in post-earthquake Haiti.

But does that mean Bush may now take for granted the verdict of historians, many of whom consider him America's worst president? Not so fast, please: There are a few salient questions that Bush (or at least his library) ought to address before the rehabilitation begins.

Everything changed abruptly after Sept. 11, 2001, as the Bush library depicts so dramatically — but what should have changed in the White House before that horrific day? Why did Bush and Cheney ignore the warnings about Al-Qaeda delivered by Bill Clinton, Richard Clarke and other authoritative figures when he took office? What were they trying to conceal when the Bush White House first opposed and then tried to weaken the 9/11 Commission?

Why did he and Dick Cheney (barely mentioned in the Bush library, according to NBC's David Gregory) permit Osama bin Laden and the Taliban's Mullah Omar to escape from Tora Bora after allied forces invaded Afghanistan? Was it wise to neglect the Afghan conflict while launching an invasion of Iraq?

The library portrays Bush as a dauntless advocate for "freedom" around the world. But did the invasion and occupation of Iraq establish liberty in that country, and if so, for whom? Why is the authoritarian Shiite government in Baghdad now among the closest allies of the theocratic dictatorship in Iran? (And wasn't that a predictable outcome of Bush's Iraq policies?)

Those issues will always haunt the Bush presidency, no matter how many coats of red-blue-and-whitewash are applied in Dallas during the years ahead. And that is why Barbara Bush, his acerbic mother, sounded so wise when she spoke of the potential presidential candidacy of his brother Jeb.

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"We've had enough Bushes," she said.

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## Culture Code

### How many superheroes do we need?

Hollywood, like any other industry, exists to make money. When a genre flick blossoms into a box-office behemoth, producers can sense a trend developing. But like so many addicts, some producers don't know when to say when.



**SASHA HELLER**

Case in point, the abundance of superhero movies that have been churned out like clockwork the past few years — and the multitude of similar superhero features set to roll out in the near future.

With the annual summer blockbuster catalogue quickly approaching, let's run down the lineup of superhero flicks, we, the movie going public, are set to experience: "Man of Steel" (a "Superman" re-reboot); "The Wolverine" (an "X-Men" re-reboot); "Iron Man 3" (an "Avengers" galaxy sequel); "Thor: The Dark World" (another "Avengers" galaxy sequel); "Justice League: The Flashpoint Paradox" (based on a comic book, a la "Avengers"); "Kick-Ass 2" (yet another comic book-based sequel); and "The World's End" (a British comedy about the apocalypse).

Movie fans will have to process separate comic book universes featuring characters and story lines involving The Avengers (Iron Man, Thor, Captain America and the Hulk), X-Men, Superman and the Justice League. And that's not counting

the re-reboot of The Fantastic Four, set to be released in 2014, as well as the re-booted Batman franchise that just finished a trilogy, the re-reboot of the Spider-Man franchise, with a sequel set to be released next year as well, and "Ant Man" (yep, you guessed it — another comic book-based feature).

Let's also lump together the upcoming crop of features that could be considered "superhero" movies, based on the main characters' struggles against superhuman, supernatural or other-worldly forces: "Star Trek Into Darkness" (a "Star Trek" franchise sequel, directed by J.J. Abrams, who will also direct the new "Star Wars" sequel); "After Earth" (a Will Smith vehicle set 1,000 years in the future where Will and son, Jayden, return to an uninhabited Earth); "This is the End" (a Judd Apatow-style comedy where the main characters suffer through the apocalypse); "World War Z" (another apocalypse/zombie movie starring Brad Pitt); "Pacific Rim" (directed by Guillermo de Toro, described as "Transformers" with aliens invading Earth); "R.I.P.D. — Rest In Peace Department" (essentially, a "Men In Black" ripoff starring Ryan Reynolds and Jeff Bridges); "Percy Jackson: Sea of Monsters" (a mythology-based sequel, in the vein of the "Harry Potter" franchise); and "Transformers 4" (starring Mark Wahlberg).

Take a quick look back over

that exhaustive list. That's a lot of superheroes. Probably too many. But all of them will make their money back and a few will likely exceed \$500 million in profits. Money talks and BS walks and the movie going public will keep walking the aisles of our local theaters, forking over up to \$13 to see the blockbusters in 3-D.

I love a good superhero flick as much as the next guy. I enjoy the story lines, the conflicts and the special effects. But I feel like enough is enough. What will it take for the trend to stop and for Hollywood to move onto the next big thing? It will take an overwhelming resistance by the movie going public against these movies. But going to the movies is ingrained into our common culture. We've been doing it for almost 100 years, and were reinforced by the advent of drive-in theaters that swept across middle America in the 1950s.

But until that resistance happens, and Hollywood producers get the picture, we will be subjected to cape-wearing crime crusaders, alien-battling super-soldiers and apocalypse-suffering regular Joes.

So grab the popcorn and munch on. Might as well enjoy them if that's what Hollywood wants to feed us.

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## Letters to the editor

### PHS students excel at UIL Regionals

In a society that pays thousands for a game of basketball and costs thousands for a degree, what can one school do? Last Friday and Saturday, Pampa High School had a total of 24 students qualify for the UIL (The University Interscholastic League) Regionals at Texas Tech University.

With these numbers up significantly from last year, it seems that PHS is learning and loving every second of it. Along with the UIL academic team, Pampa High School took several of its qualifying speech and debate team members, The "Titans of Talk." With events such as journalism, debate, spelling, number sense, and current events, the high school had a wide variety of students, with a variety of talent and interests.

The bus was full of well-rounded arguments and good-hearted banter.

Jenna Bonner, a freshman at PHS, said this about her debate team: "The team has given me more than just another competition; it's given me a family." It seems that the "Titans of Talk" have many great years to come. Tonya Lewis, the head UIL coordinator for PHS for the past 16 years, strives for academic excellence for all participating students.

The debate coach, Heather Wallace, balances everything from her AP junior and senior classes to the newly installed philosophy and mythology class. She wrote the curriculum for herself, and continues to provide a safe and interesting learning environment that helps the students of PHS plan and shape the rest of their lives.

It seems that this often-

forgotten facet of PHS will soon be filling stands of its own.

**Jason Bryce Pampa**

### OK, are you ready to blow your stack?

Did you know that Channel 10 in Amarillo has canceled their "Rain Gauge Shootout" that they have held for years and years and years. Want to guess why? That's right, the anti-gun folks accused KFDDA of being insensitive of recent shooting events. So what did KFDDA management do, they canceled the "Shootout" and devised a whole new thing called the "Rain Gauge Challenge."

If this ticks you off as much as it does me, then here is what you can do.

Email the KFDDA weather department: [epics@news-channel10.com](mailto:epics@news-channel10.com)

In the email in your own

words let them know that: 1) you want the "Rain Gauge Shootout" brought back and

2) that you are upset that the KFDDA management would bow to political pressure from anti-gun minority

3) be sure to mention GUNS ARE NO MORE THE PROBLEM THAN CARS ARE IN TRAFFIC DEATHS.

If you want to call, the KFDDA phone number is 806-383-6397. Ask for the weather department. But don't just call, because they won't have a record to show how many people complained. Send an email, then Alan and Dave at the station will be able to show management what they have received.

Please pass this along to everyone on your Facebook page, your Twitter and your email lists.

Thanks and God bless.

**Mike Sublett Pampa**

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# Settlement provides for Xcel Energy rate increase in Texas

**SUBMITTED BY XCEL**

AMARILLO — Xcel Energy and key customer groups in Texas have agreed to a two-step base rate increase for Texas retail customers that will help the utility recover the cost of critical investments in new power lines, substations and generating facilities to meet growing regional demand and boost the area economy. Even with the increases, Xcel Energy prices will remain among the lowest in Texas and well below the national residential average of approximately 12 cents per kilowatt-hour. The agreement, filed with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT), allows Xcel Energy to raise its overall Texas retail revenues in May by \$37 million, or 4.9 percent. In September, another revenue increase of \$13.8 million, or 1.8 percent, will take effect. These increases are less than the \$90.2 million, or 12 percent, revenue increase Xcel Energy originally sought in a November 2012 proposal.

Under the settlement rates filed Tuesday, the typical 1,000 kilowatt-hour residential bill will rise on May 1 by approximately 4.8 percent, or \$4.36 per month. In September, a typical residential bill of 1,000 kilowatt-hours per month will increase by approximately 1.7 percent, or \$1.63 per month. The rates will be implemented on an interim basis until a final order is issued by the PUCT and municipalities take final action on the rate request.

Xcel Energy launched a capital expansion project in 2010 that will account for more than \$2 billion in regional investment through 2015. As in past growth cycles, large amounts of capital are spent in a short time frame, followed by changes in rates to recover the new investments over many years.

These capital improvements are the primary drivers behind the current rate changes, said Riley Hill, president and CEO of Southwestern Public Service Company, an Xcel Energy company.

# Water well to be drilled next to North Crest Water Tower

**SUBMITTED**

Contractors for the City of Pampa will be drilling a municipal water well adjacent to the North Crest Water Tower at the intersection of North Crest Road and Cinderella Drive.

The water well contractor is expected to rig up with drilling activities to begin Thursday evening into Friday, weather permitting. Once drilling begins, the work will continue around the clock, 24 hours a day. It

is recognized that this activity will create an inconvenience to area residents and the City respectfully apologizes for that inconvenience.

The drilling of that well is part of a project to add four additional wells to increase the City's production capabilities. The well is expected to be drilled within a few days and equipped and in production later this summer following equipping of the well and approval from TCEQ for its usage.

# Canadian River Music Festival on May 11

**SUBMITTED**

The music is coming back to the river city on May 11. The Canadian River Music Festival is going on its fourth year, and it's better than ever.

The lights at Jones Pavilion will shine bright on some of the industry's hottest acts for a full day packed with awesome music, delicious food, and family fun. Last year was a raging success with the Randy Rogers Band headlining the event and also included Hayes Carll, Band of Heathens, Bonnie and the Clydes, Mike Addington, Last Train Home and The Agave Posse. This year, the lights will be just as bright and the bands will be just as hot in one of Texas' prettiest little river cities.

It was a day for the books last year with crowds reaching nearly 2000. People traveled from miles to attend the main event as well as feast on food from local vendors and non-profit organizations. From ribs, jambalaya, and green chili burritos to homemade ice cream and funnel cakes, the festival offered a spread of portable cuisine that could satisfy any appetite. Among the vendors, CRMF also offered the kiddies some excitement with a variety of entertainment. Kids were put to the test with The

Extreme Rush, Monkey Motion, bouncy toys and slides, and the ever-popular Junior Ranch Rodeo with the legendary Pokey the Clown.

CRMF offered an indoor and outdoor stage once again that provided attendees a chance to stretch their legs between performances. The weather was gorgeous on festival day and people kicked back and relaxed in the sunshine with feet perched on coolers enjoying the outdoor stage. It will be the same set up this year with the opening act plugging in and jump starting the day at noon on the big day.

One of the most interesting musicians on the landscape of Americana music.

Kicking off the day's festivities will be up-and-comers Folk Family Revival. Constructed of four childhood friends, the foursome's inimitable sound has been described as Americana-folk-country music, and yet, it is still developing and changing. Their music style comes from a mix of personalities that have grown up with the appreciation for all different styles of music that range from Bob Dylan to Willie Nelson to CRMF veteran, Hayes Carll. FFR is a passionate young group that features instrumental prowess, songwriting adeptness, and the ability

to connect with the audience that always leaves them wanting more.

Everyone in attendance will be privy to some outstanding bands and delicious food from local vendors and non-profit organizations. Coolers are allowed, but no glass, and make sure to bring a lawn chair for the come-and-go event. Kids will once again be entertained by a variety of toys. All kids' activities are free with admission. Festival t-shirts, caps, and coozies will also be available for purchase.

For more information about the bands, music festival radio, a preview video gallery, the schedule and directions to the festival, and lodging informa-

tion, check out CRMF's website (Canadianrivermusicfestival.com). Advance all-day access tickets can be purchased for \$25 through the website starting on April 1 through May 10 at noon. Wristbands will be available for \$30 at the gate the day of the festival for cash only. Kids under 12 are free.

For more information about the festival, sponsorships, or vendor licenses, contact the Canadian Chamber of Commerce at 806.323.6234. The festival committee members are Olivia Sims, Lonnie and Sue Cox, Tiffany Carpenter, Wes Avent, Mike McKinney, Rob Talley, Charlie Mann, and Kate Estrada. For more infor-

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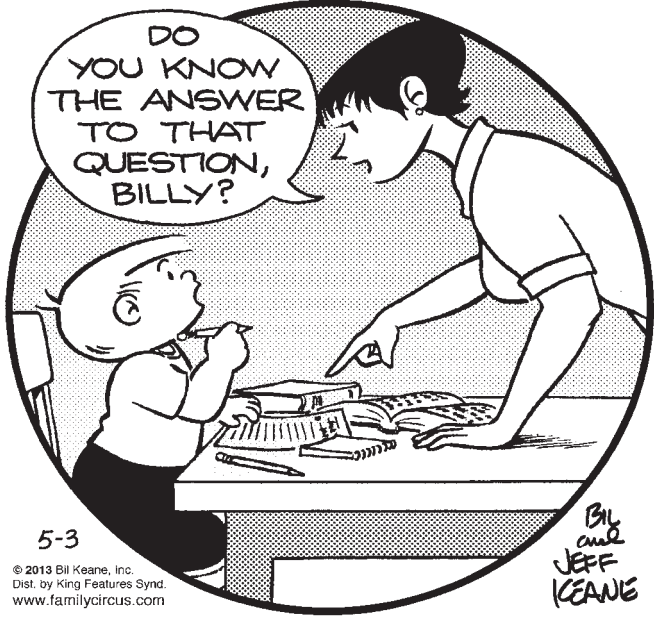
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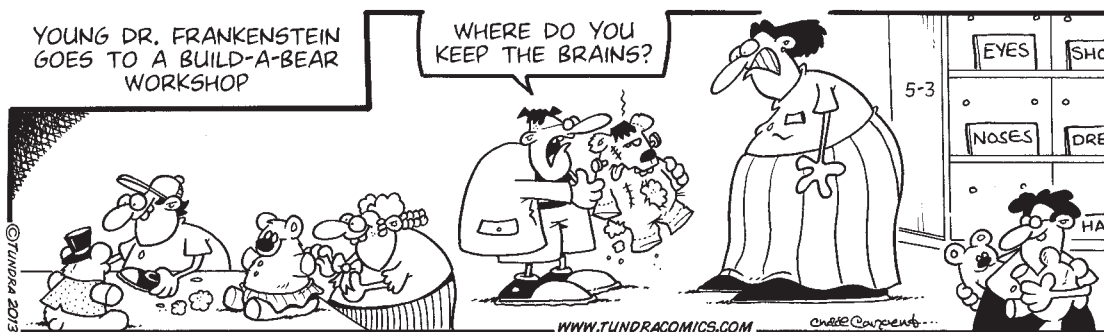


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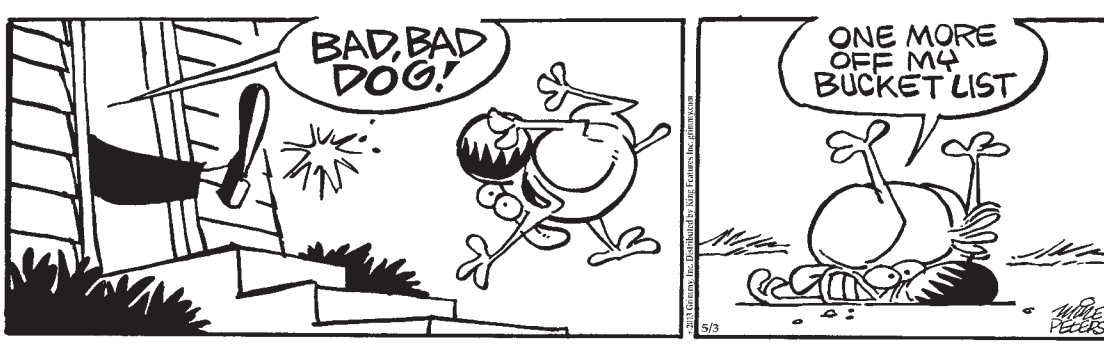
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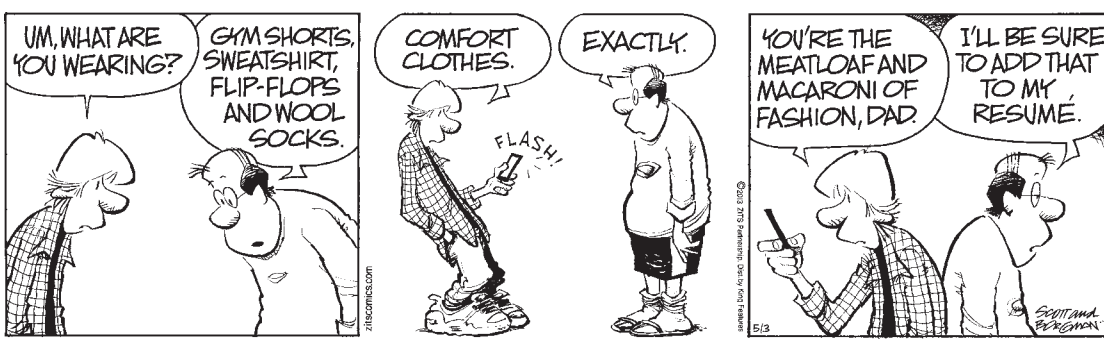
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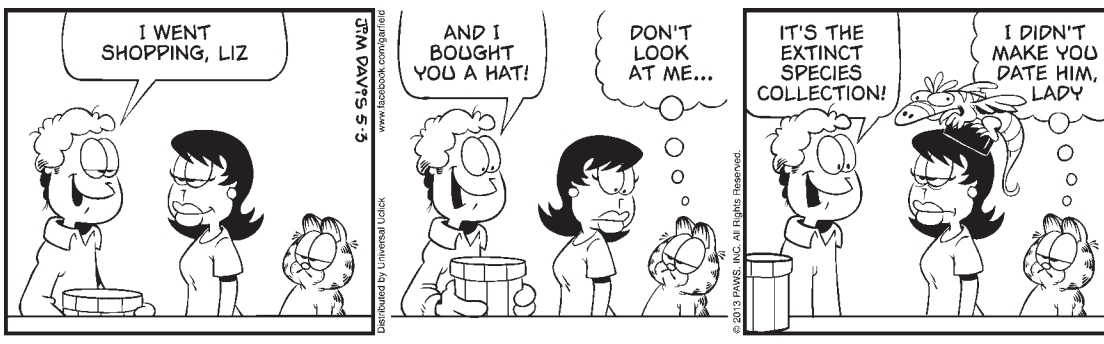
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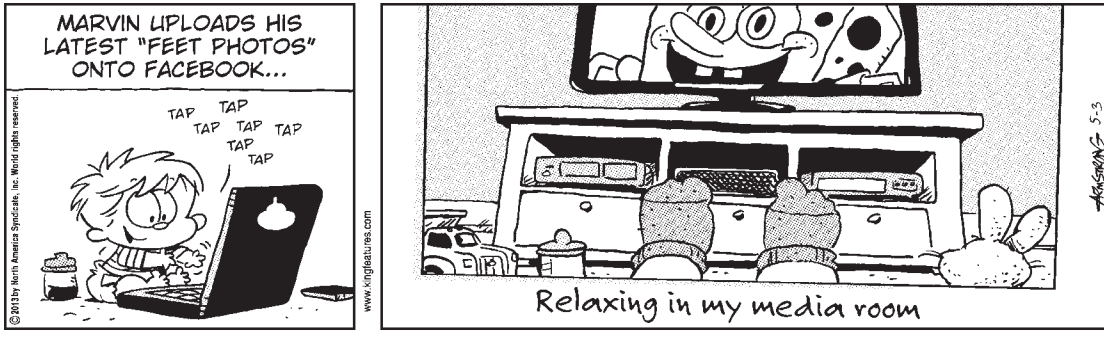
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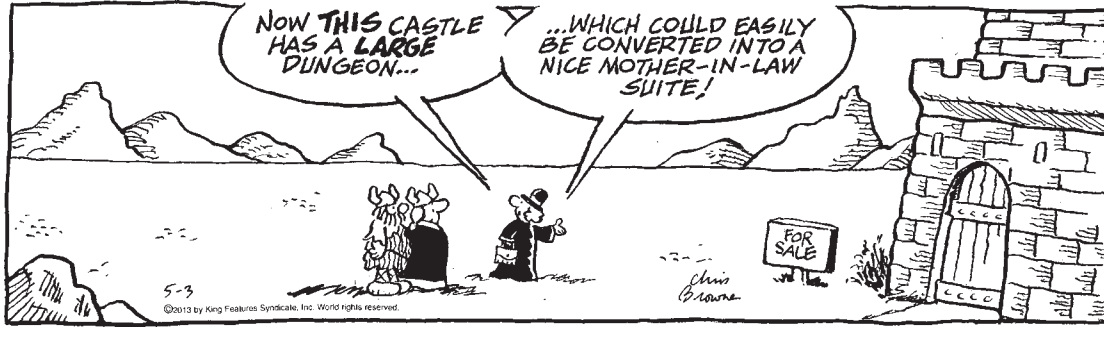
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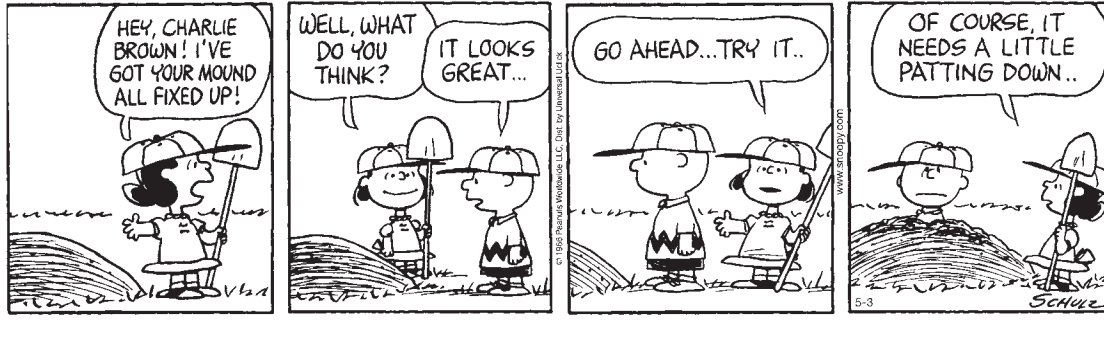
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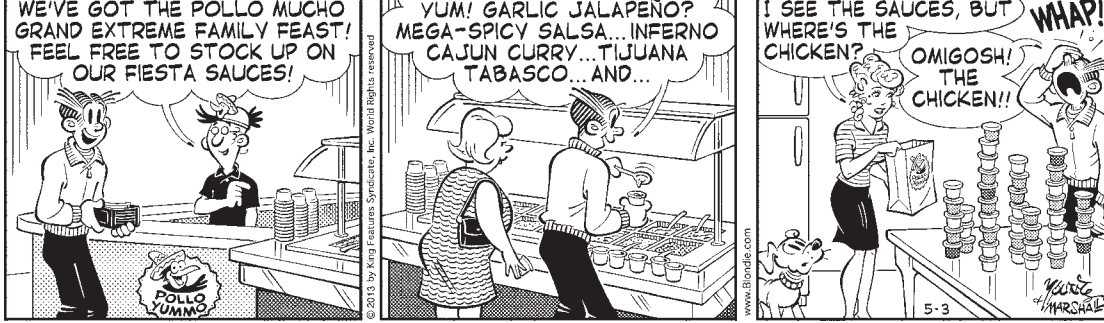
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# daily horoscope

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Saturday, May 4, 2013:  
 This year you carry many ideas to fruition. Others love how you manifest your desires. You will gain financially in the next few months. You might receive a pay raise or just be lucky. If you are single, you will have a relationship if you want one. Starting in July, you could meet someone in your daily travels. You won't need to start online dating or anything of that nature. If you are attached, you connect with each other even more deeply than in the past. This one-on-one time will be instrumental to your well-being. Count on PISCES -- he or she is a good friend.  
**The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have:** 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult  
**ARIES** (March 21-April 19)  
 ★★★★★ You derive your power and energy from your understanding of the material world and the universal laws of life. Your ability to intertwine these two will guide you to success. You'll have many different opportunities head your way. Tonight: A quiet dinner at home.  
**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)  
 ★★★★★ You know what you want, so charge into your day and get just that. Your smiling manner draws many people toward you. Your popularity soars, and you'll want to see your friends. The more people you surround yourself with, the happier you will be. Tonight: Out late.  
**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)  
 ★★★★★ If you would like to head in a different direction, do. Others might admire your courage, but they don't realize the strength of your intuition, which carries you through many difficult situations. Make an offer to a loved one that is too good to resist. Tonight: On center stage.  
**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)  
 ★★★★★ Reach out to someone at a distance, or perhaps someone who practically speaks a different language with his or her far-out ideas. When you expose yourself to a different way of thinking, you are freeing your mind from self-imposed restrictions. Tonight: Somewhere you can relax.  
**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)  
 ★★★★★ A loved one might decide that it's time to eliminate the gap between the two of you. You won't say "no," but you could be hesitant to say "yes." Remember, it isn't worth the experience or your

time if you do not fully live in the moment. Tonight: Go with what feels right.  
**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)  
 ★★★★★ You are full of life and energy. Today you'll bypass those who are not in a similar mood, as you might need to let off some steam and be more playful. Support yourself by getting more of what you want. Reach out to a loved one at a distance. Tonight: Where people are.  
**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)  
 ★★★★★ Understand that if you really want to let go and enjoy the moment, you might to run an errand or two. Some of you might need to spend a few days working on waylaid projects. Know that there will be better opportunities ahead. Tonight: Let your inner child emerge.  
**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)  
 ★★★★★ Your creativity comes forward, and it allows you to add some fun to your plans. A child or loved one delights in your company. The trust you have for each other is mutual, which permits more give-and-take. Express your high energy in a project. Tonight: The fun continues.  
**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)  
 ★★★★★ You typically are very adventuresome, which is why others might be making remarks about your contentment to be home right now. What is nice about today is that you get lots of R and R, and you get to choose your company. Tonight: You do not need to go far.  
**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)  
 ★★★★★ You instinctively know that it is time to catch up on others' news, as well as any past emails, calls and projects. Do not make this a big deal. People are more important than running errands. Be spontaneous when making decisions. Tonight: Hang out with friends.  
**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)  
 ★★★★★ Holding back might be nearly impossible. Whichever indulgence you choose to get into will help you release some pressure. Know that there is a limit to this behavior, and you'll want to rein yourself in before things get out of control. Tonight: Meet an older relative for dinner.  
**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)  
 ★★★★★ Honor what is happening within a group of friends. Together you could go off and come up with a fun idea involving a get-together. Consider yourself inspired right now. Your imagination is endless, and it delights many. Tonight: Whatever knocks your socks off.



# PampaSports

## Wood named Pampa High School wrestling coach

By ZACHARY GREEN

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Clint Wood of Fort Worth has been hired as the new wrestling coach at Pampa High School.

Wood has worked at Central High School in Keller ISD since 2005. At Central was an assistant wrestling coach. Wood also teaches World History with the school.

Before working at Central, Wood worked with Fossil Ridge High School, also in Keller ISD. He worked there from 2000-05. At Fossil Ridge, he was the head wrestling coach.

He also taught World History with the school there.

From 1996 to 2000, Wood worked with Comanche Public Schools in Comanche, Okla. He was the head wrestling coach there.

Between 1993-96, Wood worked for Mannford Public Schools in Mannford, Okla. There he was the head wrestling coach.

Wood's first job was at USD 331 in Kingman, Kan. He was the head wrestling coach there.

Wood attended West Point Military Academy in New York in 1986. He then attended East Central University in Ada, Okla., from 1986-88.

And from 1988-91 he attended Panhandle State University in Goodwell, Okla., where he received his Bachelor of Arts Degree.

Wood has been a wrestler himself. He mentioned that he started wrestling in fourth grade and wrestled through his high school years.

At Ada High School in Ada, Okla., he was named Outstanding Wrestler in 1983 and 1986. He was also a state wrestling medalist in 1986.

In college, he was named a Big Six All-Conference wrestler in 1986.

In 1997, he was named All-Stephens County Wrestling Coach of the Year.

Under Wood's direction, there have been four state champion wrestlers, multiple state placers, five Oklahoma All-State wrestlers and three top five team state finishes.

With his resume, Wood provided a detailed handbook to provide his expectations, guidelines, rules and policies of the

Harvester Wrestling Program.

He has a list of five objectives for the program that shows he is dedicated to building a person's character as much as developing a winning program:

1. Receive an education.
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4. Learn and have fun.
5. The importance of class.

Wood said that he is excited about the chance to be a head wrestling coach again. "That is exciting. There is lots of support and excitement towards wrestling in Pampa. Pampa has a junior high wrestling program. That is something we don't have here in Keller and that will be huge towards the growth of the program in Pampa."

Wood added that a big reason to come to Pampa is that he has a lot of family in the Panhandle. "I am getting to that age where family is important and we want to get out of the city."

Wood is excited to come to Pampa. "I am looking forward to getting there and



Clint Wood

meeting the kids. I am looking forward to getting things going in the right direction for Pampa."

Wood will start working with Pampa High School in August.

## Beyond the stat sheet

# A great spring for PHS sports — it's not over yet

By ZACHARY GREEN

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This spring has brought a lot of success for many of the PHS sports teams. The first district title came from the girls golf team. This was their third straight year to win district.

The next district title came from the Lady Harvester track team. The track team would not be stopped there, more on that later in this article. This was their first track district title in a few years.

Next was the softball team, who along with girls golf were the only teams expected to come out with a district title. Avenging an early season loss to Dalhart, the Lady Harvester softball team beat the Lady Wolves on Senior Day to win their fourth straight district title and seventh in the last eight years.

And finally came the baseball team. They were district champions outright in 2005 and co-district champions in 2006. No one before the season — aside from coach Kaleb Snelgrooes and the players on the team — expected the team to be in contention for the district title, much less win it.

Even moreso, the team started off the season 3-7 and had three players quit the team midseason. Well after that rocky start, the team wheeled off for a 10-4 finish the rest of the way. During that 10-4 finish to the season was also a five game winning streak to end the year.

The Harvesters ended the magical ride to the regular season in story book fashion when they avenged an earlier season loss

to the Rangers of Perryton and won the district title in front of the biggest crowd in a long time at Harvester Field.

Now back to track. The Lady Harvesters and Harvester track teams sent 14 athletes to regionals, including Cheyenne Williams.

Once an athlete makes it to regionals it is very, very tough to go to state. In every event there are four from each district that make it to regionals — there are eight districts in a region. That means that 32 athletes make regionals from each event. Then from regionals, there are four regions and only TWO athletes make it to state in each event from regionals.

So only EIGHT total athletes in any given event make state out of 128 athletes that made regionals. Well last Saturday, Williams tossed a shot put 39 feet, 4 3/4 inches. That was a quarter of an inch better than the third place throw. Williams finished second and secured her spot in the state track meet.

On Friday, May 10, Williams will travel to Austin and on May 11 will throw in the shot put — hopefully becoming a state champion for the Lady Harvesters.

Thanks to all of the parents, fans, coaches, trainers, athletes and booster club members for making this a fun spring sports season to cover for Pampa. But it is not over yet.

Softball gets underway in the playoffs this evening in a one-game playoff with Sweetwater at Lubbock Coronado for the Area round championship.

Baseball will play Sweetwater or Fabens in the Area round May 10-11.

And Cheyenne Williams will throw at state on May 11. Good luck to the softball and baseball teams as well as Williams and bring back some trophies to Pampa!



ZACHARY GREEN

## Boise St, Oklahoma St set for home-and-home series

BOISE, Idaho (AP) — Boise State and Oklahoma State have agreed to play a home-and-home football series.

The schools announced Friday that Boise State will travel to Stillwater, Okla., on Sept. 15, 2018, while Oklahoma State

will make the return trip to Boise on Sept. 18, 2021.

The schools will exchange a guarantee of \$400,000.

Oklahoma State coach Mike Gundy says the matchup will be a quality non-conference game

for both teams, which is important as the NCAA moves to a four-team playoff to determine the national champion.

Boise State athletic director Mark Coyle says the Broncos are excited to bring a quality team like Oklahoma State to Boise.

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## OPENING DAY AT THE BALLPARK



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FirstBank Southwest's age 9 and 10 boys baseball team on Opening Day Saturday. The Pampa Youth Optimist Club hosted Opening Day on Saturday for all of their league teams. The team is coached by Ryan Cloud, John Studabaker and Coach Jenkins.

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## Glo-Valve Service wins 5-4

Cabot Corporation stranded 13 baserunners, leaving the bases loaded four different times, in falling to Glo-Valve Service 5-4 Tuesday in a battle for first place in the Pampa Optimist 11-12 Cal Ripken League. Glo-Valve improved to 4-0-1 while Cabot dropped to 2-2.

Evan Boyd won his second game of the year giving up two earned runs and five hits. He struck out 14 while walking seven in going the distance for Glo-Valve. Michael Tollerson and Braydon Burrell divided pitching duties for Cabot.

Glo-Valve used walks to Jace Ware and Fernando Perez, a double by Tyler Orand and a single by Kameron Parks to score twice in bottom of the first inning.

Cabot coupled singles by Tollerson, Garrett Anderson and Jeremiah Dominguez with three errors to take a 3-2 lead in the top of the third. Glo-Valve's Sholby Reeve walked, stole second and came racing home on a single by Perez to knot the score at three in the bottom of the third.

After Boyd struck out the side in the top of the fourth, Glo-Valve went back to work in the bottom of the inning. Tyler Orand opened with a single. He stole second and went to third on a balk. A single by Brenden Courtney plated Orand. Courtney stole second and

eventually score on a wild pitch. Glo-Valve led 5-3.

In Cabot's half of the fifth inning Tollerson singled and stole second. He tallied when Burrell was safe on an error.

Rotary again loaded the bases in the top of the sixth but Boyd pitched out of the trouble by striking out the last batter.

The outstanding defensive play of the game for Rotary was a pickoff at first by Tollerson. Courtney grabbed a fly ball in center-field for Glo-Valve's best defensive play.

Orand, who doubled in two runs, singled and scored was the leading hitter for Glo-Valve. Tollerson scored twice and had two hits to pace Cabot.

Cabot will be back in action Thursday when they host Duncan, Fraser & Bridges Insurance Agency at 5:45 p.m. Glo-Valve travels to Clarendon to play a non-league game Friday in a game to begin at 6:30 p.m.

The Pampa Optimist Youth Club is a Pampa United Way agency.

## College Football Playoff to replace BCS

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — The Bowl Championship Series will be replaced by the College Football Playoff.

The BCS conference commissioners announced the name of the new postseason system that starts in 2014 on Tuesday, the first of three days of meetings at a resort hotel in the Rose Bowl's backyard.

They also will choose the remaining three sites for the six-bowl semifinal rotation and the site of the first championship game to be held Jan. 12, 2015, this week.

The website www.collegefootballplayoff.com is already up and running and allowing fans to vote on a new logo. And there also is a Twitter handle: (at)cfbplayoff.

"It's really simple. It gets right to the point," BCS executive director Bill Hancock, who will hold the same position in the playoff system, said at a short news conference with the 10 commissioners of the FCS conferences.

"Nothing cute. Nothing fancy. We decided it would be best to call it what it is."

Premiere Sports Management in Overland Park, Kan., was hired to help come up with a name and brand the new system. A committee of commissioners handled the naming of the new system. Hancock said they ran through "in the neighborhood of three dozen" names.

Pac-12 Commissioner Larry Scott said, "We're clearly trying to make a clear break from the BCS."

Before the news was reported, Big Ten Commissioner Jim Delany said he'd be happy with whatever was selected.

## 2013 Lady Harvester Basketball Camp

STAFF REPORT

The Lady Harvester Basketball Camp hosted by head coach Gene Valentine will be June 17 through 20. The camp registration begins at 8:30 a.m.

The camp runs from 8 a.m. to noon. The cost of the camp is \$60 per camper.

Drinks and snacks will be for sale during breaks. Scholarships are also available by contacting Lori Valentine at 806-662-1324 or via email at lorivalentine1424@gmail.com. The

fee includes a camp T-shirt, competition, awards and camper instruction. Payment is due May 24. Checks can be made payable to Gene Valentine.

The camp is for incoming first-through ninth-grade girls. That is girls that will be in first through ninth grade during the 2013-14 school year from any school. Please register early so shirts can be pre-ordered.

Campers are asked to provide their own clean basketball shoes and a towel. The camp will happen at Pampa Junior High School.

The camp goals are to encourage young players to develop an understanding of the game of basketball, to develop individual offensive and defensive skills and to promote good sportsmanship in a positive environment.

For additional information about the camp contact coach Gene Valentine at the school 806-669-4800, ext 1194 or on his cell at 806-662-1292.

Detach the registration form and mail with the \$60 camp fee to: Gene Valentine 1616 Russell; Pampa, TX 79065.

### Camp registration form

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# PHS STUDENTS TOUR CLARENDON COLLEGE



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Above left, Standing, from left, instructor Judy Rickstrew and student Brenda Reed teach Pampa High junior Traci Smith and senior Alex Fox about facial shapes and the principles of hair style design. Above right, juniors Deisy Vasquez and Bella Tarango pose for a photo with a CPR dummy during their tour of Clarendon College on Thursday. Below, Pampa High junior Max Lopez practices a new kind of "internal medicine" during Thursday's tour.



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## Texas, La., community groups sue EPA over emissions

HOUSTON (AP) — Community groups in Texas and Louisiana have filed a lawsuit against the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency accusing it of using "outdated and inaccurate formulas" to report emissions from refineries and chemical plants.

The Environmental Integrity Project in Texas, along with Air Alliance Houston, the Louisiana Bucket Brigade and other

groups filed the lawsuit Thursday in the U.S. District Court in Washington. The groups say recent studies at three large Gulf Coast refineries found emissions to be up to 100 times higher than estimates reported to the agency using what the environmental community believes to be outdated and inaccurate information and technology.

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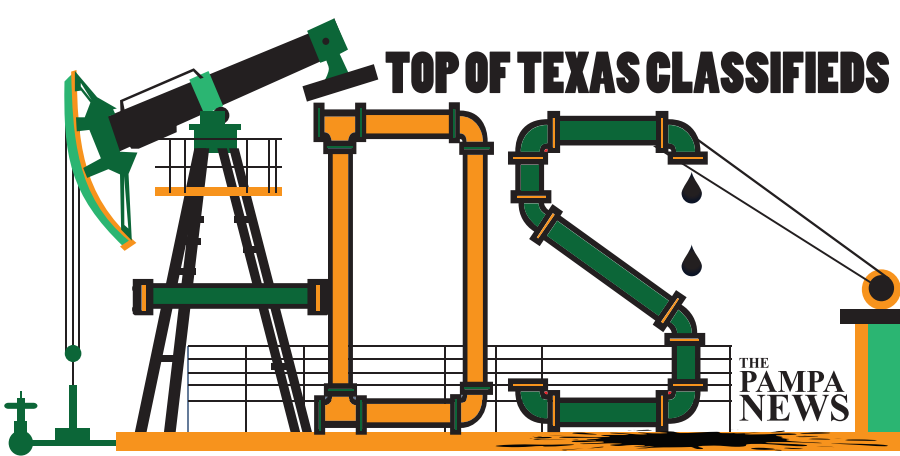
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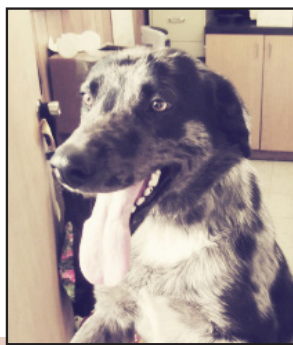
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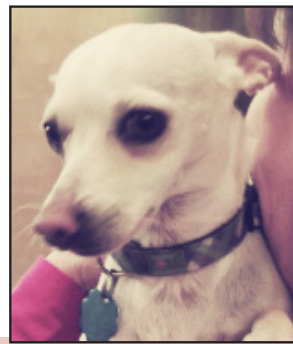
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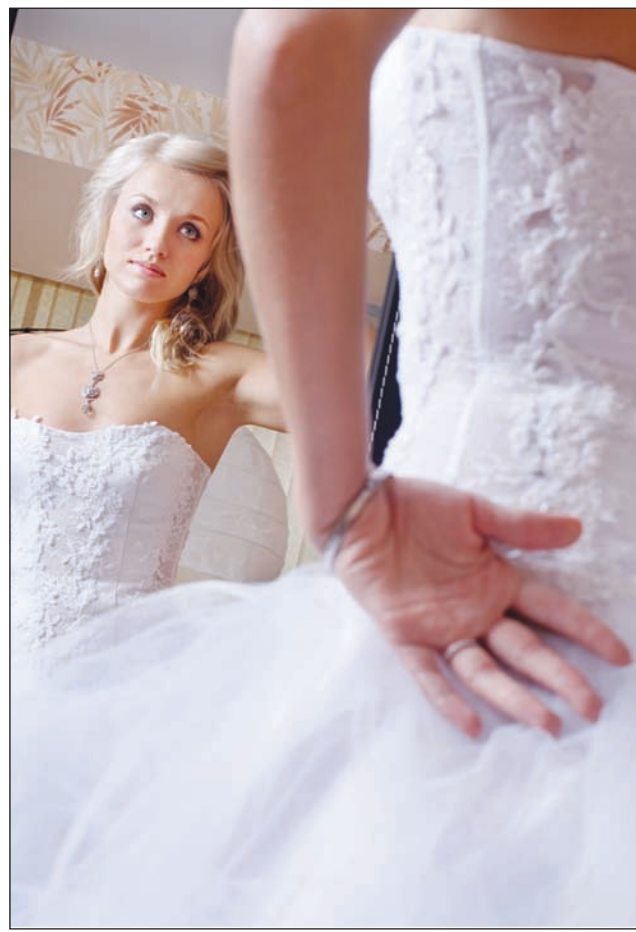
## simple ways to save on your wedding

According to a 2012 report in Brides magazine, the average American couple spends just under \$27,000 on their wedding, while their northern neighbors in Canada spend slightly more than \$23,000 on average for their big day. Clearly couples, regardless of which side of the border they call home, can expect to invest a substantial amount of money for their weddings.

While many couples find the cost of a wedding is well worth it, others would like to find ways to save so their big day isn't a budget-buster. Such savings aren't always easy to come by, especially for couples with a very distinctive picture in mind of what their wedding should be. However, even couples strongly committed to a certain wedding style might change their minds once they realize how much such a dream wedding will cost. For those couples as well as couples who simply want to save some money, the

following are a few ideas to avoid busting your budget without venturing too far from your dream wedding.

**Trim the guest list.** The guest list is perhaps the easiest place to begin saving money. Many reception halls will charge by the head, so consider if you really need to invite 150 guests or if 100 will do. Such trimming can save you a substantial amount of money. For example, a banquet hall that charges \$200 per guest will cost couples with a guest list of 150 \$30,000 for the reception alone. Cutting that guest list to 100 reduces that cost by \$10,000. When putting together the guest list, remove those candidates who would best be described as acquaintances. This can include coworkers with whom you don't socialize, as well as old college friends to whom you rarely speak. Distant cousins you haven't spoken to in years can also be cut from the list.



A bride who's willing to be flexible with respect to her wedding gown can save a substantial amount of money.

**Don't go overboard on the gown.** Styles are ever-changing, so there's a strong chance brides won't be passing down their wedding gowns to their own daughters someday. What's popular now will likely seem outdated by the time your daughter walks down the aisle. Keep this in mind when shopping for a wedding dress, which can be

made in the same design as the one you try on but with cheaper fabrics that are a fraction of the cost.

The disparity between gown costs in the United States and Canada should paint a good picture of how easily brides can save money on their gowns. According to a survey of wedding trends conducted by Weddingbells,

an online resource for Canadian brides, the average Canadian bride in 2011 spent just under \$1,800 on her wedding gown, while the average American bride spends roughly \$1,100 on her gown. Though the reasons for that disparity are unclear, it's safe to say there are savings to be had for brides who don't want to break the bank paying for their wedding gowns.

**Get hitched in the off-season.** Many couples prefer to get married sometime between the months of May through October. During these months, venues and vendors, including limousine services, caterers, photographers, musicians, and deejays, are more expensive. If you are willing to switch your wedding date to the off-season you can save a substantial amount of money. In addition, you likely won't face as much competition for the best venues and vendors as you will during the peak wedding season.

**Trim your beverage budget.** The bar tab at the end of the reception can be considerable, but there are ways to save money while ensuring your guests can still toast you and yours with a few libations. Rather than offering a full bar, limit the choices to

beer and wine, which will be perfectly acceptable to most guests anyway. In addition, rather than paying the caterer for the wine, buy your own and you'll save a considerable amount of money. You may have to pay the caterer a fee to pour the wine, but that fee is negligible compared to what you'd pay the company to provide the wine.

**Choose a buffet-style dinner over waiter service.** Many guests will no doubt prefer a buffet-style dinner instead of waiter service, so take advantage of that and choose a more affordable buffet-style dinner that allows diners to choose their own entrees and side dishes.

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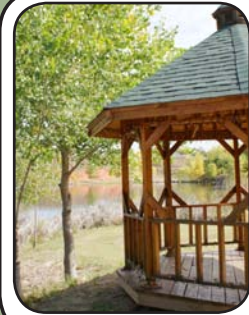
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## save money with handmade invites

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traditionalists may pore over carefully crafted invitations and other stationery products from commercial printers, couples looking to rein in wedding spending may choose to take a more hands-on approach to wedding invitations ... by printing the invites themselves.

Before the advent of sophisticated home computer systems and affordable desktop printers, brides- and grooms-to-be had to rely on professional printers and engravers. The process of producing wedding invitations likely involved printing plates or some form of thermography and took place in a building replete with bulky equipment and the pungent aroma of ink. Though formal and often exquisitely executed, these wedding invitations can still prove quite expensive.

The Bridal Association of America says that the average cost of professionally produced wedding invitations is \$659. This refers to invitations that have printed envelopes, reply cards, and printer reply card envelopes. Changes in design or even the color of the text can impact prices further. It is not unheard of to spend as much as \$2,000 for high-quality engraved wedding invitations. Considering the invitation is held for a short period of time and then tossed away, some couples cannot imagine spending so much on invitations. In such instances, making your own invitations may be the most affordable option.

As the evolution of home-based printing has broadened the

possibilities of do-it-yourself printing, couples who hope to design and produce their own wedding invitations have many options at their disposal.

### Pre-Made Kits

A visit to a stationery store or even the local craft retailer should present shoppers with several different wedding invitation kits. These packages often include blank invitations, response cards, envelopes and other embellishments pertaining to the invitation design. Some can be quite elaborate, with the inclusion of vellum or card inserts, as well as die-cut designs. Couples who want control over the wording and printing but would rather leave the creative design to someone else can benefit from these invitation kits. They also tend to be affordably priced in comparison to a professional printing service.

### Crafty Card-Making

Interest in scrapbooking and card-making has spurred craft centers to stock many different materials that can be used to design wedding invitations. Layering different types of paper to create a three-dimensional effect and using embellishments such as rhinestones or ribbon can help dress up the wedding invitation.

Couples hosting a casual wedding for a small number of guests may enjoy the process of hand-crafting wedding invitations and possibly customizing them for each guest. Intimate affairs lend themselves well to this level of personalization, and handmade invitations could set the cozy tone of the celebration.

### Graphic Design Work

Couples who have a creative spark may want to draw up their

own invitation design or look for the assistance of an artist or graphic designer. There are many different programs that employ the use of clip art and stock imagery that can be put to use with regard to invitations. Those who have a cursory knowledge of some design applications can import text and images and manipulate the size of their templates accordingly for the type of invitation they desire. The finished file then can be printed at home or brought to an office supply center for more professional results.

### Digital Services

The Internet has brought many services right into the homes of the average person. Discount invitation printing vendors abound and couples can choose and customize everything they want on their invitations. Due to low overhead costs and an abundance of customers, these online retailers are often priced lower than other venues. Depending on how much control the couple desires over the invitation, there may be ready-made templates or the ability to pick items "a la carte."

The opportunities to create wedding invitations at home enables some budget-conscious couples to keep costs for stationery at a minimum. Not only does making their own invitations save money, it also enables couples to have more creative control over one of the important components of a wedding that helps set the tone for the occasion.



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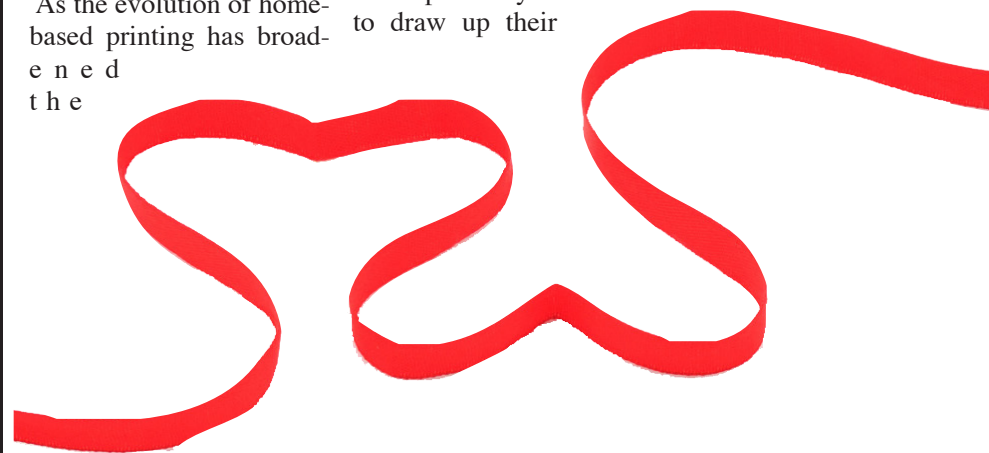
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# tips for writing your own vows

A wedding is a once-in-a-lifetime event for many couples, so brides and grooms wish for the event to be momentous and memorable. As such, couples are increasingly integrating personal nuances into their ceremonies and receptions to tailor weddings to their unique visions. The desire to include personalized wedding vows continues to be a popular trend.

If you are considering personalized wedding vows, first realize that it may not be a simple task. That's because you want the message conveyed to be dear to your heart, and that can be challenging when faced with the pressures and planning of the rest of the wedding. That isn't to say that writing your own vows is impossible. Here are some guidelines for personalizing your ceremony with your own sentiments.

**Schedule time for writing.** Amid the bustle of dress fittings and interviews with photographers, it can be easy to put off the important task of writing vows for another day. But as any great writer can attest, it takes writing -- and rewriting -- to achieve a finished product you can be proud of. Give the task of writing your vows your undivided attention. Mark it in on your calendar or set a reminder on your computer just as you would any other appointment.

**Be aware of ceremony guidelines.** It is best to check with your officiant and confirm that personalized wedding vows are allowed. During civil ceremonies it's often acceptable to customize vows as you see fit. However, dur-

ing religious ceremonies there may be lines of scripture that need to be read or certain passages required. Before you spend hours working on the task, be sure that it is allowed and that your spouse and you are on the same page.

**Jot down your feelings.** Answer some questions about what marriage means to you and how you feel about your spouse. Try to avoid trite sayings and think from your heart and personal experiences. Think about what is the most important thing you want to promise to your future partner. These notes can serve as the starting points for the actual vows.

**Read inspirational writings.** Perhaps there is an author or a poet who inspires you? You can quote certain writers in your vows or let the tone of their works help shape the words of your vows. There also are suggested wedding readings and other quotes about marriage readily available at the library or with a quick search online.

**Decide on a tone.** Although the day is based on love and affection, you may not feel comfortable spouting words of adoration in front of friends

and family. Feel free to tap into your unique personality. Humor can be used if it aligns with the way you normally express your affections. Be sure to weave this tone into more traditional passages to create a cohesive expression of your feelings.

**Establish an outline.** Put together all of the words and phrases you've jotted down into an outline to help you organize the flow of the vows, using these words as a blueprint for the vows and building upon them. Make sure the vows will be concise. Aim for your entire speech to be around 1 minute in length to keep everyone engaged and the ceremony moving along.

**Put everything together.** Draft your vows and then practice them by reading out loud. You want to avoid long sentences or anything that trips you up. Although large words may sound impressive, they could make the vows seem too academic and not necessarily heartfelt. Enlist the help of a friend or two to act as your audience to see if the vows sound good and are easily understandable.

Writing your own vows can be a way to include personal expressions of love into a couple's wedding day. Public speaking is seldom easy, nor is finding the perfect words to convey feelings about a future spouse. However, with some practice and inspiration, anyone can draft personalized vows.



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