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PISD looks to bring construction cost down

■ Accepts guaranteed maximum price of \$5.7 million for new admin facility; Board also hires new principal for PHS.

By SASHA HELLER
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The Pampa Independent School District (PISD) Board at a special called meeting Tuesday accepted a guaranteed maximum price (GMP) of \$5.708 million for construction of the district's new central administration facility.



Monte Zajick

Approval of that figure prompted a discussion between the board members and project manager Monte Zajick about how the district can lower the total projected cost of the new building.

"We will be looking at other cost-reducing items," Zajick said.

PISD superintendent Dr. David Young said the Board has done that all

along and will continue to do so throughout the construction process.

"We've done a good bit of cost-cutting and value engineering already," Young said.

Zajick told the Board they can incorporate comparison shopping techniques when deciding on a particular part or tool to use to find the best value for the district.

Young noted that the GMP figure of

\$5.7 million can be revised at a later Board meeting, without any penalty.

He added that the Board intends on lowering the total cost figure by making educated, practical choices when selecting materials.

"It's going to go down. We're going to revise that price," he said.

Acceptance of the GMP allows the district to further the process of receiving,

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Honors all around

By TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE
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More than 20 graduating Pampa seniors were honored for their academic achievements Tuesday night at a banquet held at M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium.

The class valedictorian for 2013 is Hannah Baker and the salutatorian is Terra Truitt.

As the graduates, their parents, school board members and district administrators and teachers were eating dinner, senior Greg Smith performed the music of Claude Debussy on piano.

The guest speaker was Dr. Michael Davis, a 1983 PHS graduate and an inductee to the Harvester Hall of Fame. Davis, who holds a doctorate in education and development, now works for a company in Las Vegas, Nev.

Last year, he received the Keeper of the Flame Award from Wayland Baptist University in Plainview for his contributions to the school. Davis is a 1987 graduate of Wayland.

Davis told the students that "wisdom involves the judicious use of knowledge" and encouraged them to use wisdom to guide their decisions as they transition from high school to the next step in their lives.

The Superintendent Scholars are Baker



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Photo by Timothy P. Howsare
 Hannah Baker, valedictorian for PHS class of 2013, is recognized along with other graduating honors students Tuesday at a banquet Tuesday at the M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium Heritage Room. More than 20 students were recognized during the program, which was attended by their parents, school board members and district staff. For more photos, visit The Pampa News' Facebook page.

NOTHING SHABBY ABOUT THIS CREEK



Top left, Samantha Helms, left, and Stacy Helms display some of the items they have for sale in their store. Top right, a dresser that Stacy has turned into a modern bench. Bottom, the front of the Shabby Creek store located at 209 N. Cuyler St. The store opened in September.

Shabby Creek is a rustic, chic shop downtown

By ZACHARY GREEN
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Stacy Helms and her daughter-in-law, Samantha Helms, opened Shabby Creek at 209 N. Cuyler St. in downtown Pampa in September of 2012.

It started out as a shop with distressed shabby, chic furniture and jewelry. Distressed shabby, chic furniture is old furniture that Stacy buys and refurbishes to give it a modern updated look and feel.

"We started with just the furniture and jewelry and it

has grown from there," Stacy said. "In September, we are going to participate in the Junk to Treasure Marketplace at M.K. Brown. We will feature clothes and furniture there along with a style show."

In addition to the furniture and jewelry, Shabby Creek also offers women's clothing, purses, candles, lotions, home decor and various gift items.

Women's clothing sizes that the store offers are juniors, ladies and misses. Children's clothing ranges from

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Today: Isolated T-storms with a high of 75. Thirty percent chance of rain. Wind north at 18 mph. Sunrise at 6:44 a.m.

Tonight: Isolated T-storms with a low of 48. Thirty percent chance of rain. Wind northeast at 12 mph. Sunset at 8:37 p.m.

Friday: Morning showers with a high of 74. Thirty percent chance of rain. Wind northeast at 13 mph. Sunrise at 6:43 a.m.

Friday night: Partly cloudy with a low of 45. Twenty percent chance of rain. Wind east northeast at 7 mph. Sunrise at 8:38 a.m.

Saturday: Partly cloudy with a high of 75. Twenty percent chance of rain. Wind northeast at 15 mph. Sunrise at 6:42 a.m.

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Obituaries

Beden "Granny B" McCullough

Beden "Granny B" McCullough, 93, died May 7, 2013 in Amarillo. Memorial services are pending. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Thelma Lynn Thomas

Thelma Lynn Thomas, 85, passed away May 7, 2013. Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday May 11 at Fairview Cemetary in Pampa. Thelma was born Aug. 2, 1927 to Marion W. and Mary Gower Williams in Madison, Tenn. She was a member of the Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ in Pampa for many years.



Thelma Thomas

Thelma was preceded in death by her husband, Frank Thomas; her parents; two sisters; and three brothers.

Survivors include: her sons, Richard and Robert Thomas; daughter, Cara Shea and her husband, Tim; grandchildren: Andrew Rosson, DDS, Rebecca Davenport, DDS, Benjamin Rosson, Keelyn Shea and Nicole Thomas; great-grandchildren, James Rosson, Rachel Rosson, Catherine Rosson, Elizabeth Davenport and Fiona Rosson; sister, Mildred Dugger; sister-in-law, Rachel Barsh; and loving nieces and nephews.

Santa approves: House OK's 'Merry Christmas' bill

AUSTIN (AP) — On the brink of summer, defending Christmas is on the wish list of the Texas Legislature.

The House on Wednesday approved a bipartisan bill that aims to remove legal risks of saying "Merry Christmas" in Texas public schools. Traditional holiday symbols, such as a menorah or nativity scene, would also win a nod of state support so long as more than one religion and a secular symbol are also reflected.

State Rep. Dwayne Bohac says the bill aims to protect schools from "ridiculous" lawsuits. Says the Houston Republican: "Teachers are fearful of calling a Christmas tree a Christmas tree."

Coincidentally, several

Santa Claus impersonators were in the House gallery when the bill came up.

They rang sleigh bells upon passage.

Protest of bill ending compliance history

AUSTIN (AP) — Environmental groups are upset that that Texas House is proposing an end to keeping histories of a company's compliance with state and federal laws.

Lawmakers are scheduled to vote on Baytown Rep. Wayne Smith's bill on Wednesday.

The measure would change how the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality keeps track of how well company's comply with environmental regulations.

Soldier says she faced harassment over Muslim name

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — Sgt. 1st Class Naida Hosan is not a Muslim — she's a Catholic. But her name sounded Islamic to fellow U.S. soldiers in Iraq, and they would taunt her, calling her "Sgt. Hussein" and asking what God she prayed to.

So before deploying to Afghanistan last year for her second war tour, she legally changed her name — to Nadia Christian Nova.

This did not solve her problems. Instead, matters escalated. Nova complained to her superiors about constant anti-Muslim slurs and jokes. She says they responded with a series of reprisals intended to drive her out of the Army, leading her to consider suicide.

"My complaints fell on deaf ears every time," said Nova, 41, a member of the Army's 82nd Airborne Division based at Fort Bragg, N.C. "Any

time I would say something about it I was treated like I didn't know what I was talking about or that I'm an idiot or that I was a Muslim sympathizer. It was just a very lonely feeling."

Determined to remain in the service for at least eight years, until she is eligible for retirement, Nova recently re-enlisted. But she agreed to tell her story to The Associated Press because "I don't want this to happen to anyone else if I can help it. It's a horrible to feel like people are against you when you are supposed to be on the same team."

Fort Bragg spokeswoman Sheri L. Crowe said the Army would not comment on the case, and referred questions to the U.S. Department of Justice. The U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of North Carolina, assigned to defend the Army, also declined comment.

Feds probe nuclear contractor over allegations

ATLANTA (AP) — Federal regulators are investigating whether workers at a factory that supplies parts to nuclear plants broke quality control rules and falsified records, according to regulatory filings.

A dozen workers at the Shaw Modular Solutions facility in Lake Charles, La., admitted to a manager that they sometimes entered the identification codes for other workers while recording who performed welds, according to the company's legal filings. The filings do not offer further details on the incident. The NRC would not comment on the ongoing probe, but its rules state that only a worker who performs a weld can document that it was completed, agency spokesman Scott Burnell said.

If true, the allegations do not necessarily mean that the factory's parts are defective or unsafe. But the allegations would represent a breakdown in the process intended to guarantee that parts installed in nuclear power plants meet strict standards to ensure safety. The case is being handled by the NRC's Office of Investigations, which probes allegations of wrongdoing.

The factory makes large parts destined for two nuclear power plants now under construction, Plant Vogtle in Georgia and Plant Summer in South Carolina. CB&I, which acquired The Shaw Group in February, said it is cooperating in the probe and has turned over all the requested documents.

"When CB&I first learned of the employee's concerns, we took immediate action," company spokeswoman Gentry Brann said in a written statement. "Today, the documentation issue has been corrected, and we have a full corrective action program in place to ensure this does not happen again."

The allegations are a setback for a factory that has been the subject of a large number of whistleblower complaints, struggled to meet production schedules and, according to analysts, had difficulty mastering the strict quality control process required in the nuclear power industry.

NRC officials requested information in October about the dozen workers who admitted they used other workers' codes, according to documents filed by company lawyers. The company told the NRC which workers were involved, but it initially resisted handing over other internal reports. The firm said it was concerned that the NRC might be forced to publicly release the documents, undermining the promises of confidentiality

to company whistleblowers who report problems.

NRC commissioners voted April 2 to reject a request from Shaw to revoke the subpoena. The federal safety agency noted that the documents may be shielded from release under the federal open records act.

"We therefore do not expect such document requests to unduly burden, or otherwise create a chilling effect on, a facility's effort to promote a safety-conscious work environment," the commission said in its order.

The company has been under scrutiny. Last month, the NRC proposed a \$36,400 fine against Shaw for discriminating against an employee who raised a quality concern.

In addition, the NRC has accused Shaw of creating a workplace that discouraged employees at the Lake Charles factory from raising quality concerns. Federal officials said they received 19 allegations from people based at the factory from January 2010 to January 2013, more than a third of all vendor-related allegations received during that period.

"The NRC takes seriously the ability of employees to raise safety concerns without fear of retaliation, and employee protection from discrimination," said Glenn Tracy, director of the Office of New Reactors, in an April 18 letter to the company.

A survey conducted at the request of Shaw found that 27 percent of workers were not confident they could raise a quality concern without fear of retaliation. In addition, 30 percent of workers knew someone who suffered a negative reaction from management after raising a quality concern, according to federal documents.

Problems at the facility prompted the Atlanta-based Southern Co. to stop shipments of parts from the factory to its construction site at Plant Vogtle, southeast of Augusta. The utility and Westinghouse Electric Co., which designed the plants under construction in Georgia and South Carolina, have sent their own employees to monitor progress at the facility.

Southern Co. "has been in contact with the NRC to fully understand the issues," utility spokesman Mark Williams said in a written statement. The utility expects its contractors to cooperate with NRC requirements, he said.

SCANA Corp. spokeswoman Rhonda O'Banion said the company is confident in the quality of the components it received from the Shaw for the utility's new reactors in South Carolina.

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reviewing and approving construction bids that have been submitted by contractors.

Young reported that some of the more expensive items included in the total cost are: drywall; painting; heating, ventilation and air conditioning; and electrical work.

In other business, the Board hired Gene Suttle to be the new principal of Pampa High School, beginning next school year. Suttle thanked the Board for the opportunity and then introduced himself, sharing briefly about his goals and the impact he plans on making at PHS.

"I have a high expectation of myself and I have a high expectation of Pampa High School from what I've seen so far," he said.

Suttle added that he has toured the school already, having met some students and staffers and is excited about his new position.



Photo by Sasha Heller
From left, PISD superintendent Dr. David Young, board president Lee Porter and board member Dana Terry at the district's special called board meeting Tuesday.

Creek

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size 7 to 14. The store also offers baby clothing from newborn to 4T.

Stacy said to create the distressed shabby, chic furniture, she goes to auctions and buys old pieces of furniture to refurbish. "I do that on my spare time. I like to refurbish old pieces of furniture."

Both women said that the decision to open the store came easily.

"We had been making jewelry and home decor and selling those items at booths in other stores," Stacy said. "We wanted a place to sell our furniture and jewelry. We opened Shabby Creek and the store just grew."

Samantha said they both appreciate the customers. "We have a great customer base and have heard positive feedback from everyone," she said.

Stacy added that without the support of the customers, Shabby Creek

would not be here. "Customers tell us they enjoy having a place to buy clothing without having to make a drive to Amarillo. It makes you want to be here when you hear the positive comments from customers."

The store also has monthly or bi-monthly giveaways. "We like to have giveaways to have something fun for our customers," Stacy said.

You can find the store on Facebook at "Shabby Creek." The store also has a website at Shabbycreekpampa.com.

The store is open from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Mondays through Saturdays. Starting June 1, the store will be closed on Mondays for the summer.

"I have lots of old furniture in my barn that I need to refurbish. With it getting warmer, the summer would be a great time for me to spend doing that. That is why we have decided to be closed on Mondays for the summer," Stacy added.

For more information, call 806-440-1144.

Honors

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and Nick Nelson, who also were recipients of the Eugene Anderson Scholarships.

Recipients of associate degrees are Baker, Bailey Read and Truitt.

Graduating exchange students are Valentina Hausler, Kristin Oslan and Ruken Yildiz.

The other honor graduates are Claire Hopkins, Ryan Smith, Kristen Ladd, Madison Fatheree, Sydney Hoelting, Zane Robles, Tyler Powell, Abigail Salazar, Allison Ceyanes, Heather Parks, Rachel Andrews, Natalie Bagley, Bailey Read, Patterson Alvey, Holly Lane, Tara Klusmeyer, Francheska Bridwell, Mariela Resendiz and Caleb Dunham.

Texas Senate approves teacher retirement changes

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas teachers will have to contribute more to their state retirement under a bill advancing the Legislature.

Under a bill passed by the Senate on Wednesday and sent to the House, teachers will see their contributions to the \$117 billion Teacher Retirement System benefit fund rise from 6.4 percent in 2014 to 7.7 percent in 2017. The state will also increase its contribution from 6.4 percent to 6.8 percent.

And school districts that do not contribute to Social Security must contribute 1.5 percent.

The changes would also give a 3 percent benefit increase for teachers who have been retired for 15 years or more.

The bill now goes to the House for consideration.

Senator vows charter school plan will pass

AUSTIN (AP) — A top state senator says the Legislature will pass his high-

profile proposal to dramatically expand charter schools in Texas.

Sen. Dan Patrick spoke to hundreds of activists, parents and teachers who brought their classes for a charter school rally at the state Capitol on Wednesday. He said Texas will pass its first major charter school bill since 2001.

The Houston Republican has sponsored legislation to raise the cap on the number of charters the state issues

from 215 to 305 in the next six years.

Patrick said "for the first time in almost 15 years, this Legislature is going to pass a bill addressing charter schools."

His proposal passed the Senate but has yet to be considered in the House — where past charter school proposals have failed to pass.



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Pampa Periscope

Memories of mom and music

Mother's Day is this Sunday. That holiday is a bittersweet time for me because my mom died on March 1, 1995.



TIMOTHY HOWSARE

Five years later on March 2, 2000, my father passed away. Their names were Margaret Anne and Stacy Elwood.

Growing up, I was always closer to my mother than

my father. My dad was very tough and authoritarian and my mother was a much more gentle and sympathetic person. You could call me a sensitive momma's boy — more apt to be inside the house practicing piano than outside with the other boys playing baseball.

My mother died from Parkinson's disease, and in the last two or three years of her life didn't know who she was, who anybody else was or where she was. It was through music that I made my last connections with her.

In the early 1990s my father placed her in a skilled-care facility in Valparaiso, Ind., which is where I grew up. He visited her everyday, and I recall him saying he didn't realize how much he loved her until she got sick. As children my sister and I would sometimes overhear our parents arguing in their bedroom at night, and sometimes I wondered if they only stayed together for the sake of us children.

In the summer of 1992, I visited my dad from out of state and every day we went to the nursing home to visit my mom. On the first day she didn't know who I was, so I kept saying, "I'm you're son, Timmy." That's what she

called me when I was little, naming me both after the character on "Timmy and Lassie" and St. Timothy (I was raised Catholic).

Whenever I visited the nursing home I would always the play the piano in the dining room. The residents there told me they enjoyed the music. I play the piano on that first day of my vacation with my dad as I had done on all my previous visits. When I finished, my mother complimented me on my music and called me Tim. There is no doubt in my mind that hearing the music made her remember me.

Then, after I played piano, I took my mother for a walk outdoors, pushing her in a wheel chair. I confess that I was a rebellious teenager who caused both of my parents a lot of grief. Knowing my mother's days were numbered, I felt I should make amends even if she would forget whatever I said by the next day.

I got choked up as the words came out my mouth as I said, "I know I did a lot of bad things that hurt you, Mom, but I'm sorry. I'm really sorry."

My mother responded, "I'm sorry for all the bad things I did to you, too, Tim. Let's just forget all of it." I felt a tremendous surge of joy through my body. But this is what is truly remarkable: That was the first time my mother ever apologized to me for any reason. Deep inside I had always held on to a resentment toward her because she never admitted she was wrong. I finally let go of that resentment.

At Christmas time 1992, I returned to Valparaiso to visit my parents. By now, my mom's mind was so bad that she

couldn't speak and was completely oblivious to anyone or anything in her surroundings. You could've set off a firecracker next to her and she would not have flinched. As always, I played piano in the dining room for the residents. My dad wheeled up my mom directly behind me, even though we were both certain she wouldn't hear the music. We were wrong.

I started out playing happy Christmas tunes like "Jingle Bells" and "Deck the Halls," then I switched to the religious carols like "O Holy Night," which is my favorite.

I couldn't see my mom because she was behind me, but my dad told me after I was done playing that my mom started to cry when I played the religious carols. In my youth I was one of the organists at our Catholic church. My father's theory was that when she heard my playing the church music, it touched a memory deep inside her of me playing organ at church.

To this day I believe what my father told me is nothing short of a small miracle.

The scientific definition of music is "organized sound over time." But it is so much more than that. Music is God's great and glorious gift, and I know it brought joy to my mother when nothing else could reach her.

Mom and dad — not a day goes by that I don't miss you. You deserve your rightful place in God's Kingdom. I hope when my time on this earth ends I will be worthy to join you.

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Ted Cruz has all the right enemies

The Washington Post offered a splashy profile of freshman Sen. Ted Cruz on Tuesday, and the most surprising thing about it was a lack of venom. The reporter described "the self-assured, nonstop talker who won national debate championships as an undergraduate at Princeton."



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Cruz "honed his reputation early in his career as a dazzling Supreme Court advocate" and now "has bashed into the national conversation," most notably in attacking establishment Republicans, who've called him and other young Senate conservatives "wacko birds."

This story, however, wasn't as surprising as James Carville's declaration on ABC's "This Week." He was typically blunt — but in a wholly unexpected direction. "I think he is the most talented and fearless Republican politician I've seen in the last 30 years."

Carville accurately described the conservative view: "If we only got someone who was articulate and was for what we were for, we would win elections. And we get these John McCains and these Mitt Romneys and these squishy guys that can't do anything." Carville added: "Well, there's one thing this guy is not — he ain't squishy, not in the least."

The more typical take from the Left came from the same program, when former Gov. Bill Richardson insisted that the words Hispanic and conservatives cannot go together in the same sentence: "He's anti-immigration. Almost every Hispanic in the country wants to see immigration reform."

"I don't think he should be defined as a Hispanic. He's a politician from Texas. A conservative state." In the Richardson calcu-

lus, "pro-immigration" Marco Rubio is a Hispanic, while "anti-immigration" Ted Cruz is a politician from Texas.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid is so tired of Cruz and his objections already that he has denounced him to his face as a "schoolyard bully." (To which Cruz shot back: "I wasn't aware we were in a schoolyard.")

Few people try to paint Ted Cruz as a lightweight — except the lightweights. Haters at the Daily Kos blog have risibly jeered he couldn't be considered as qualified to be "pool boy." Chris Matthews bashed Cruz as "another one of these well-educated right wingers like Pat Robertson. It's like they flush out their high educations when they get out of school for political purposes."

David Letterman recently named Cruz as a "Stooge of the Night" for failing to vote Letterman's way on gun control. But the segment was so listless and unfunny it almost made you miss that other gray-haired liberal guy with the glasses — remember that guy? — who did that "Worst Person in the World" segment.

It's clear that Cruz's intelligence is marking him for media harassment. Former Newsweek Washington bureau chief Evan Thomas spoke for the journalistic masses: "You need to watch this guy, because there are a lot of demagogues out there, but not that many who are that smart. He is really, really smart, and that makes him potentially dangerous." Liberals are far more comfortable with Republican leaders they can define as dimwits — like that Harvard MBA, George W. Bush. They champion liberal politicians with mediocre college grades like Al Gore with honorifics, such as "The Thinking Man's Thinking Man." Ted Cruz upsets their liberals-are-smarter apple cart.

L. Brent Bozell III is the president of the Media Research Center.



Al Neuharth was a true champion of media diversity

When it came to championing media diversity as the right thing to do, Al Neuharth was one of the



ROLAND S. MARTIN

few white male media executives who "got it."

No, he isn't like many of the guys today who make broad pronouncements, organize special panels and commissions to tout business-related reasons for reaching multicultural audiences, and slap themselves on the back for making a few ethnic and gender hires.

The former CEO of

Gannett, and the founder of USA Today, was a nonsense guy who let it be known throughout the company that if you didn't buy into the notion of how vital diversity was to the future of the media industry, there was no place for you. And yes, that meant telling some folks it was best they moved on somewhere else.

Neuharth, who died April 19 at the age of 89, wasn't a Southern-born journalist who witnessed life under Jim Crow and wanted to make amends when he had the chance to run a media company. He was born in Eureka, S.D., and came to the smart conclusion that giving people a shot to excel, instead of being

relegated to second-class jobs, was what any smart CEO should do.

His obituary in the New York Times read: "In an industry long dominated by white men, Mr. Neuharth led the way in the hiring and promotion of women and minorities, tying compensation to hiring goals. By 1988, the proportion of minorities in Gannett newsrooms was 47 percent higher than the national average. Women accounted for nearly 40 percent of the company's managers, professionals, technicians and sales agents and an unheard-of quarter of its newspaper publishers."

I was a college student in the final two years of Neuharth's 16-year reign as

chairman of Gannett, and I can tell you that when I would attend the annual conference of the National Association of Black Journalists, everyone knew about the opportunities afforded at Gannett.

The legacy of Al Neuharth as a champion of media diversity is secure. Let's just hope and pray other media leaders today will look at what he accomplished and decide that they will want to be remembered for not just talking the talk about diversity, but walking the walk.

Roland S. Martin is an award-winning CNN analyst and author of the book "The First: President Barack Obama's Road to the White House as Originally Reported by Roland S. Martin."

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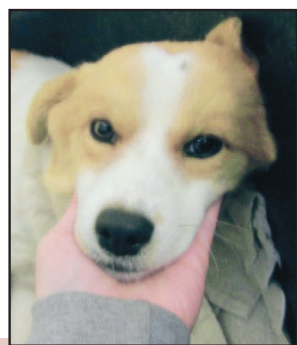
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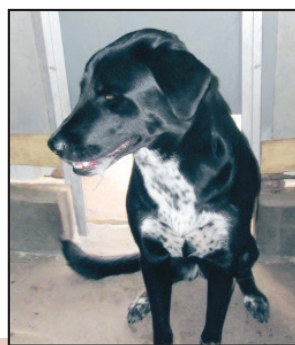
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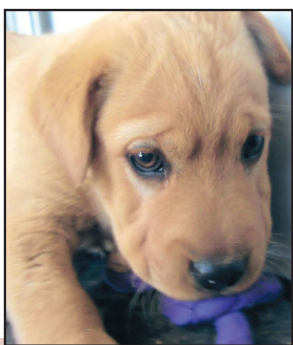
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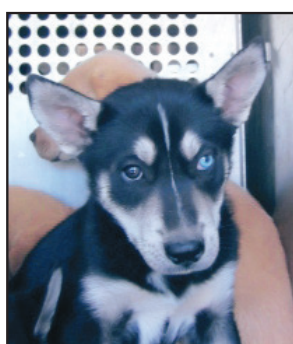
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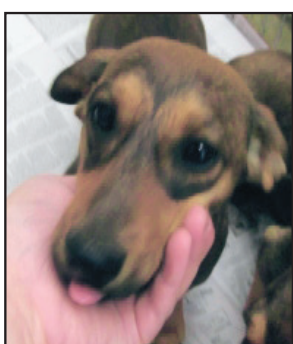
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Town hall to address synthetic drugs tonight in Borger

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The town hall will be held in the Hutchinson County Aluminum Dome, 1113 Bulldog Blvd.

The event will be led by teen leaders in the county and be targeted for junior high and high school age youth in Hutchinson County and the surrounding areas, said Megan Parr, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service family and consumer sciences agent for Hutchinson County. 4-H is the youth organization of AgriLife Extension. “Even though these drugs have been outlawed, there are still many teens who are trying them or being pressured to try them,” Parr said.

“The implications of these substances can be deadly. The youth of this area need to be educated on exactly what the effects of using these drugs are and how to say no to them. The youth also need a free space of sorts to talk to each other about this issue.”

Parr said parents are welcome to attend, but

will have their own session at the DogHouse, across from the Dome.

“This town hall is solely for the junior high and high school youth. We will be serving pizza beginning at 6 and door prizes, including an iPad, Kindle Fire, iTunes gift cards and other fun stuff, will be given away,” she said.

For more information about this event, contact the Hutchinson County Extension Office at 806-878-4026, on FaceBook at Hutchinson County 4-H, on Twitter @ HutchinsonCoExt, and on YouTube on the HutchinsonCoExt Channel.

Reduced-cost pet vaccinations offered

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Gray County Veterinary Clinic and Easley Animal Hospital will be holding their annual reduced-cost vaccinations clinic from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at Easley Animal Hospital, 8741 Loop 171 (Loop 171 and State Highway 70 North).



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- **May 7th-9th—Pampa Art Club 65th Annual Member Show & Tea**
White Deer Land Museum; 116 S. Cuyler
7th & 8th from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
9th from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- **May 11th—2013 Bike Rodeo**
Central Park 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- **May 12th—Happy Mother's Day!**
- **May 18th—Pregnancy Support Center's Color Run for Life 1 Mile Walk/5K Run**
PSC Office; 210 N. Ward - 8 a.m.
- **May 21st—Chamber Luncheon**
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- **May 27th—Memorial Day** - Chamber will be closed in observance
- **June 3rd—Opening Day for H2O Aquatic Center**
- **June 5th—Clarendon College Community Cookout**
Pampa Center 11 p.m. to 3 p.m.
- **June 5-8th—Band Booster Carnival**
- **June 8th—High Plains Cruisers 10th Annual Burnin' the Bricks**
Downtown Pampa 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Car Show Judging at 10 a.m.; Trophies at 3 p.m.
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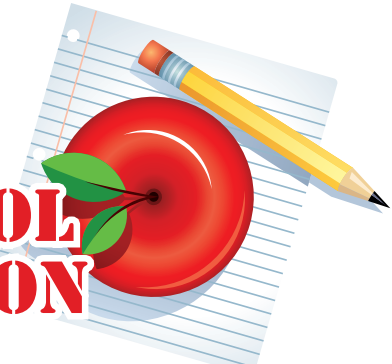


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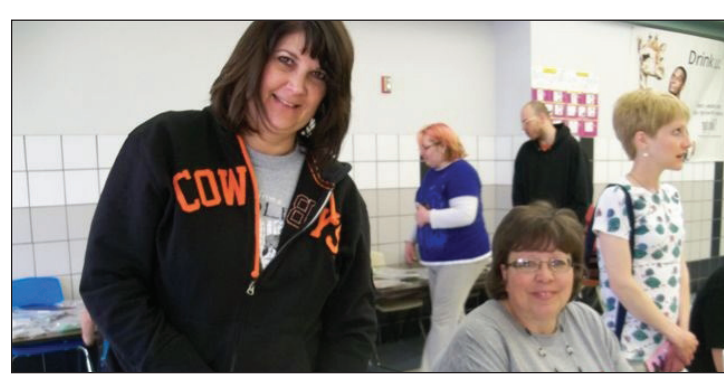
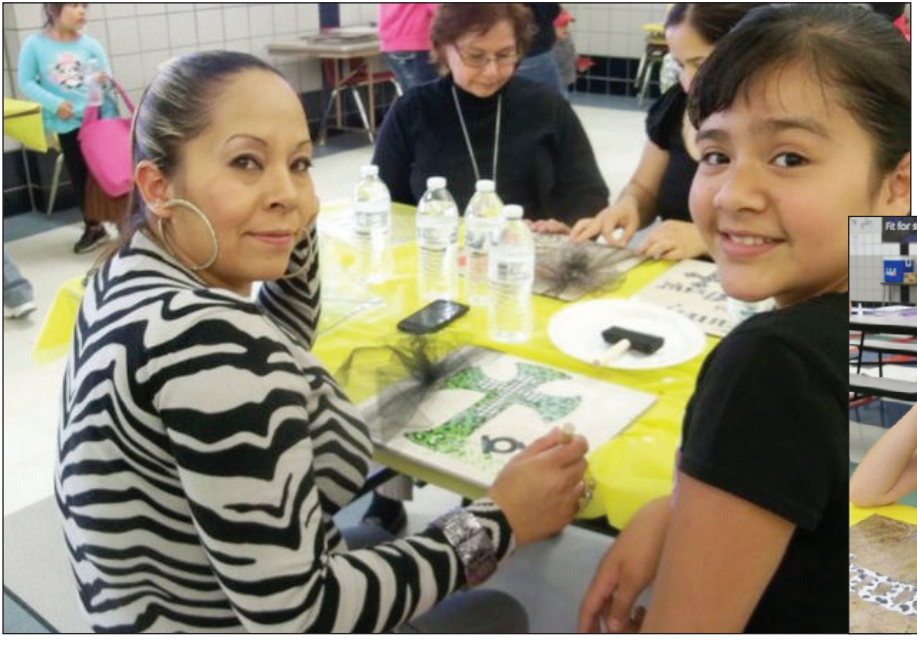
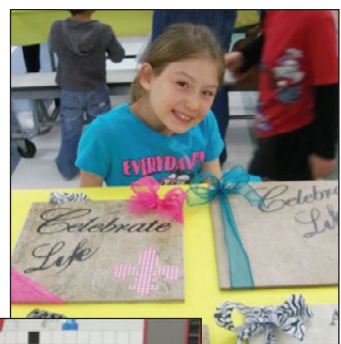
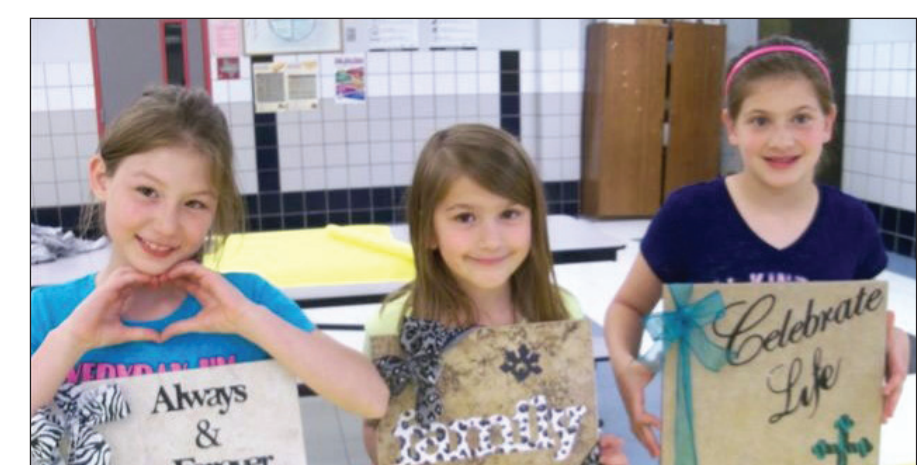
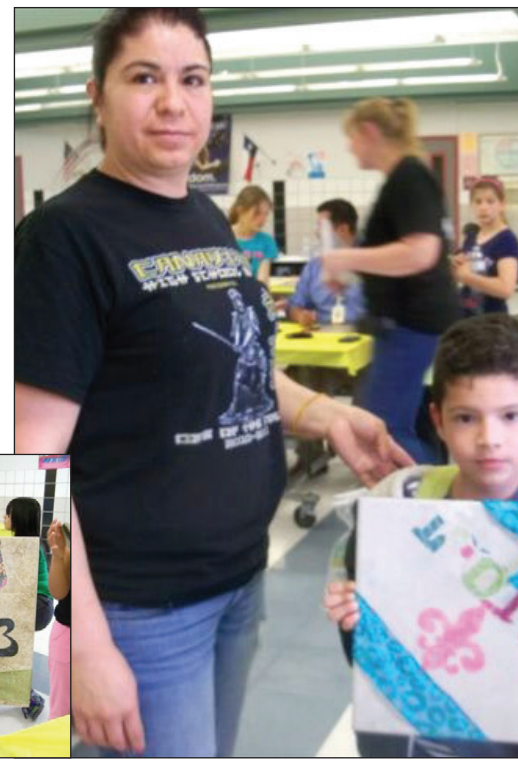
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Miss Top of Texas to host Little Miss Pageant

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The Miss Top of Texas Scholarship Organization will host a Little Miss Pageant on May 25 at the Amarillo College Concert Hall. Contestants will model party dress/formalwear, sportswear and answer on-stage questions.

A separate talent and photogenic competition will also be held during the event. For more than 75 years the Miss America Organization has provided young women across the United States the opportunities to pursue an education to reach out and support community involvement.

The Little Miss Pageant is an opportunity for young girls ages 5-12 to begin the process of becoming the next Miss Texas and Miss America. Each contestant should learn something about themselves through the process of competition.

The Miss America Organization emphasizes community service, good moral values, scholastic achievement and

good sportsmanship. Age eligibility for each division is determined on the day of the competition.

Age divisions are: Tiny Miss Top of Texas 5-6 years; Mini Miss Top of Texas 7-8 years; Little Miss Top of Texas 9-10 years and Junior Miss Top of Texas 11-12 years. Winners of each division will receive a crown, trophy, sash and flowers. The talent and photogenic winners will receive a trophy and flowers. Brittany Johnson, the reigning 2013 Miss Top of Texas will be competing in the Miss Texas Pageant in Allen, Texas the week of July 1.

Having already won three talent preliminary awards, Miss Johnson will represent Amarillo and the Top of Texas Panhandle Area in the pageant. For information on the Miss Top of Texas Little Miss Pageant contact Gretta Johnson at 806-654-1240 or 806-674-1186.

The official Facebook page is titled Miss Top of Texas Scholarship Organization.

CASA of the High Plains makes Mother's Day happy for foster children

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On Mother's Day we celebrate everything a mother does for her children. Mothers change their children's diapers, fed them, teach them to walk, take them to school, protect them and so much more.

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CASA volunteers advocate for the child's best interests in court and in the child welfare system when no one else can.

CASA volunteers are regular people — stay-at-home moms, retirees, teachers, and business people. They don't need to be lawyers or

social workers. They just need to be willing to speak up for children in need just like a mother would for her child.

"CASA volunteers become that role model because they often are the one constant in a child's life while he or she is in the foster care system," said Janet Watts.

You can help break the cycle of abuse from one generation to another. You can model what a good mother looks like by becoming a CASA volunteer or supporting CASA of the High Plains.

The next pre-service training class to become a CASA volunteer for CASA of the High Plains will take place on Tuesday and Thursday evenings on June 11, 13, 18, 20, and all day Saturday on June 22 in Gray and Ochiltree counties.

For more information about the requirements of becoming a CASA volunteer go to BecomeACASA.org or contact the CASA of the High Plains staff at 806-669-7638 for an application today.

Gerbils strut their stuff at New England pageant

BEDFORD, Mass. (AP) — The American Gerbil Society's annual pageant brought dozens of rodents scurrying to New England this weekend for a chance to win "top gerbil."

The Bedford competition called for agility demonstrations in which the gerbils must overcome obstacles and race to the end of a course. Breeders of the small animals vie for coveted ribbons based on body type and agility.

"A male gerbil should be a good, strong, hefty-looking gerbil," said Libby Hanna, president of the American Gerbil Society. "If you are going to think of it in human terms, you might think of a football player — somebody who's big, thick neck, nice, strong-looking male gerbil."

An ideal female gerbil will have a more streamlined appearance that even humans covet, she said.

"So she would be strong and athletic-looking — not really scrawny, but slim," said Hanna, who serves as a judge in the show. "I usually use a figure skater as my

mental image or gymnasts — so obviously a gymnast is not necessarily a big, big woman, but she's gonna be strong, muscular and athletic."

The Friday-Saturday show drew gerbil enthusiasts and breeders from around the country and culminates in the presentation of champion and breeder certificates.

Fourteen-year-old Sarah Kaden from Bordentown, N.J., thinks gerbils have great personalities.

"Even though they are so little, they are very different from each other and they smell a lot less than my brother's hamsters," she said Friday.

That sentiment is not surprising since the small, furry and inquisitive creatures look cute when they nibble on their food, stand on their hind feet or scurry around their environment.

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Pampa High School golf teams reflect on season

By ZACHARY GREEN
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The Pampa High School golf teams held their end of season banquet on Monday night at the First United Methodist Church. Head Coach Alan Segura thanked the team for their willingness to put in hard work and put up with him throughout the season. He also congratulated everyone on a great job this season.

“Golf goes year round. It is not like other sports that last three months and you move on to the next one. It takes a lot of hard work and patience,” Segura said.

There were four awards given out. The Best Attitude Award was given to Alli Hampton. This award is an overall program award and could have been given to a boy or a girl. The Most Improved Golfer Award was given to Gracie Little. This was also an overall program award. The Girls MVP was given to Ashlee Kieth and Savanna Mertz. The Boys MVP was given to Gage Greenhouse. Mertz, Kieth and Alison Alexander made the All-District first team. “All-District means that these girls finished in the top 5 in District,” Segura added.

After the awards were given, the regional girls golf team was recognized. “These

girls participated in the toughest region in the state. If they were in any other region, they would have probably made state and finished in the top eight in state,” Segura said. “This girls golf team finished 13th in state. I hope the girls program will continue to be successful and I hope that we can start some success on the boys side.”

The lone senior, Alexander, was recognized by underclassmen. They thanked her for what she has done for the program. They also gave her a unicorn with a crown because she is a “princess.”

Coach Segura and his assistant, Brooke Sanford, both received gifts and thanks from the players. They each received signed, framed pictures of the team.

Mertz finished second in District. Kieth finished third in District.

Alexander finished fourth in District. The team of Alexander, Kieth, Little, Mertz and Katy Velasquez were District Champions and qualified for Regionals. The team of Mickey Lanning, McKinley Hancox, Quila Martinez, Brittney Green and Alli Hampton finished third in District.

Congratulations to all of the golfers on a great season and best of luck next year. Also best of luck to Alexander in your future endeavors.



Photo by Zachary Green

From left, Gracie Little, Alli Hampton, Alison Alexander, Ashlee Kieth, Katy Velasquez, Savanna Mertz and Gage Greenhouse. These were all of the award winners for the 2012-13 Pampa High School golf season.

Golf for the cure June 28

STAFF REPORT

Hidden Hills Golf Course is hosting a 4-person golf scramble on Friday June 28. After fees, all proceeds will go to the American Cancer Society Relay For Life—Gray County.

The entry fee is \$50 per person. This fee includes cart and green fees. There are shotgun starts at 8 a.m. and again at 2 p.m. based on the number of teams. Only one player per team with an eight or

less handicap is allowed. The number of flights is based on the amount of entries. There will be many winners. It is an 18 hole golf scramble. Breakfast and lunch will be provided.

For registration information contact David Teichmann at Hidden Hills at 806-669-5866. For sponsorship information contact Christy Robinson at 806-663-2856 or Melissa Denton at 806-662-7828. The entries need to be in by Wednesday June 26.

Glo-Valve Service beats Cabot 18-3

SUBMITTED

Glo-Valve Service players brought their bats to Optimist Park Tuesday and battered three Cabot Corporation pitchers in an 18-3 win Tuesday in a game shortened to four innings because of the 10-run rule.

It was a team win for Glo-Valve Service as every player in the lineup scored a run, knocked in a run or both.

Fernando Perez paced Glo-Valve's offense with two hits, a walk, three runs and two RBI. Evan Boyd was right behind him going two for three, with a double, two runs and three RBI. Jakob Wilson and Tyler Orand scored twice, had a

hit and two RBI. Jace Ware scored two runs, made a hit and had one RBI. Chris Gowin contributed a run, a hit and one RBI.

Sholby Reeve scored twice and had one RBI. Devon Johnson made a run and had one RBI. Ething Rushing singled and scored.

Michael Tollerson singled and stole three bases for Cabot's first run in the first inning. Braydon Burrell walked, went to second on a throwing error and scored when Jeremiah Dominguez reached base on an error in the fourth inning. Dominguez scored Cabot's last run on a single by Caleb Snapp.

Burrell made Cabot's outstanding defensive play

of the game by picking up a hot ground ball on the short hop at second base and throwing the batter out. Ware made Glo-Valve's defensive plays of the game by throwing out a runner trying to steal third, throwing out a runner trying to steal second and picking a runner off third.

Glo-Valve improved its overall record to 5-2-1 and 5-1-1 in the Pampa Optimist 11-12 Cal Ripken League play, two games ahead of Cabot and a game and a half ahead of Duncan, Fraser & Bridges Insurance Agency.

DFB hosts Cabot Thursday at 5:45 p.m.

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

Amarillo Venom wins over rival Abilene

SUBMITTED

AMARILLO — The Amarillo Venom defeated their rival, the Abilene Bombers (3-3), Saturday, May 4 to move to 4-1 in league standings.

The Amarillo Venom have taken the lead in the Lone Star Football League.

Nate Davis finished the game with 196 yards and six touchdowns, four of them to Doug Williams and two to Raymond Johnson Jr. Williams also had 10 catches for 110 yards and fellow receiver Alex Watson had five catches for 68 yards. Jared Williams recorded his only sack of the game, while Ron Evans Jr. and David Irizarry each had an interception, Evans returned his to the end zone.

Abilene's Byron Ingram had 220 yards with four touchdowns and two interceptions. Their receiving corp. was led by Lamans Casimier with eight receptions for 120 yards and four touchdowns.

The Amarillo Venom go on the road next week to

take on the Laredo Rattlesnakes (4-2) then return home May 18 to take on the San Angelo Bandits (1-5), whose only win came against the Venom, who also just has one loss.

For more information on the Amarillo Venom please visit Govenom.com or

“Like” our Facebook page at Facebook.com/AmarilloVenom.

The Amarillo Venom office is located at 901 S. Buchanan or call the office at 806-350-7277.

The Amarillo Venom is a proud member of the Lone Star Football League.

As a math teacher we use the newspaper a lot during our statistics unit. I have students look up examples of percentages. It is a great way to show students that they will use math in the "real world."

-Middle School Math Teacher



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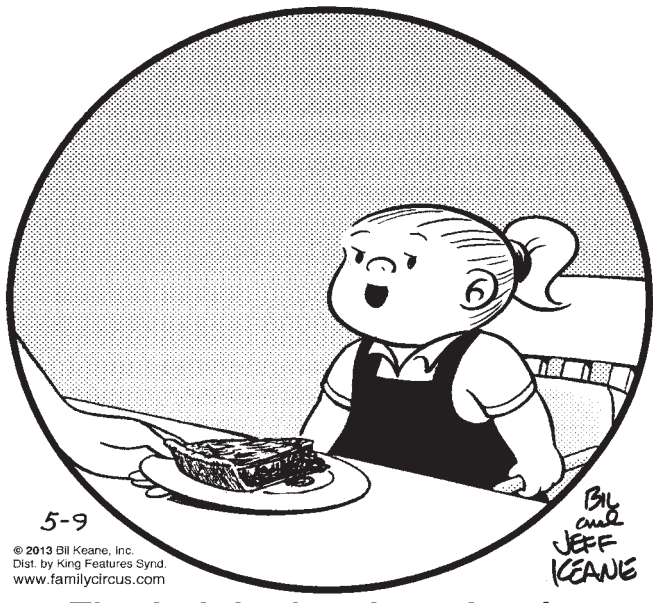
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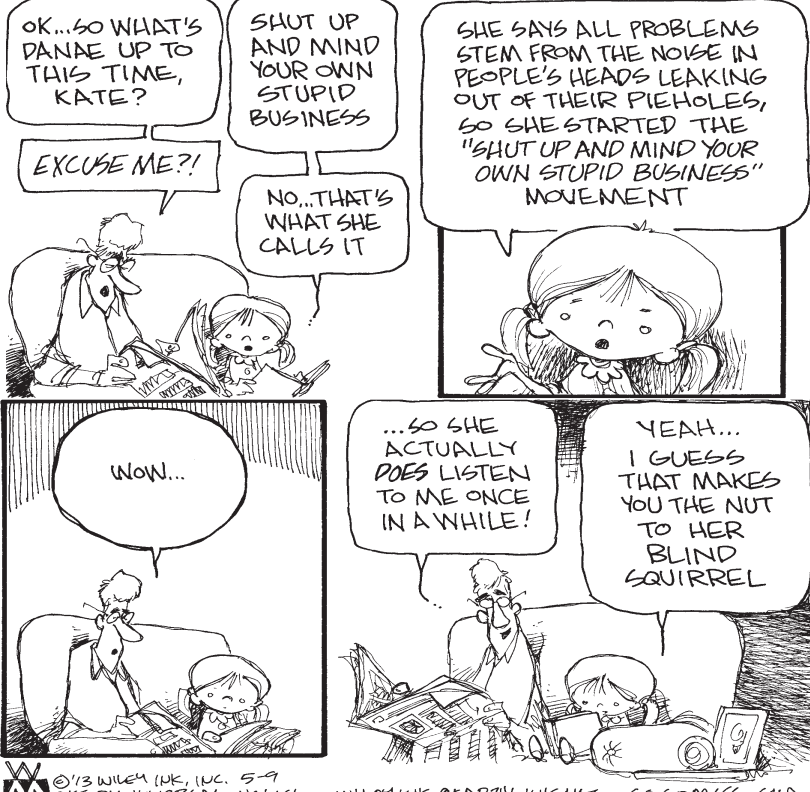
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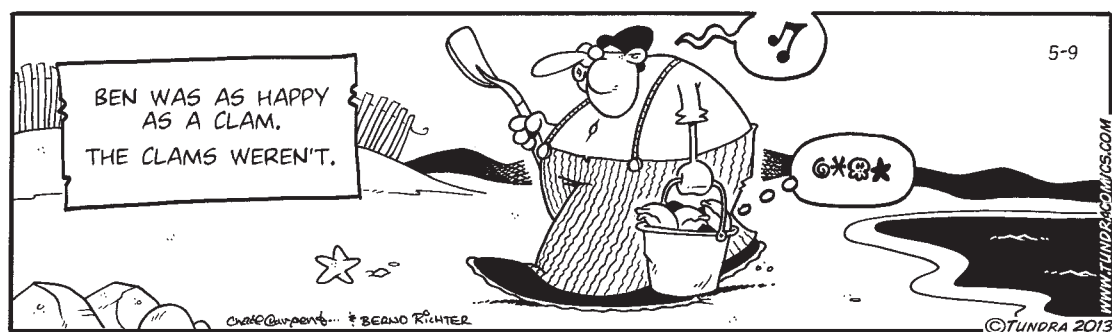
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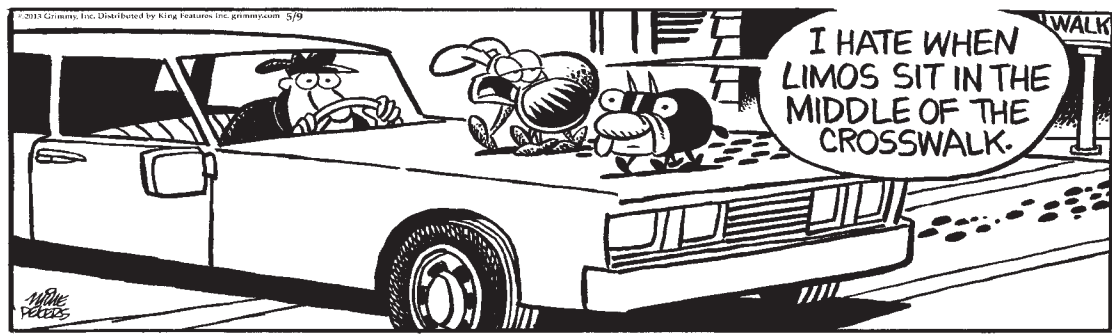
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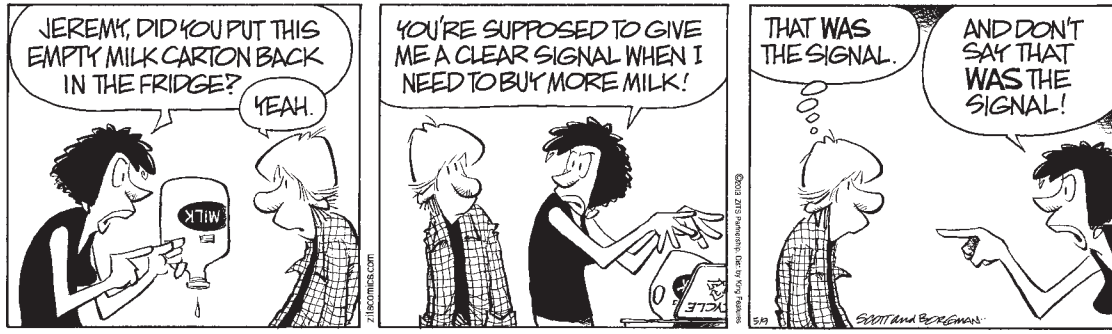
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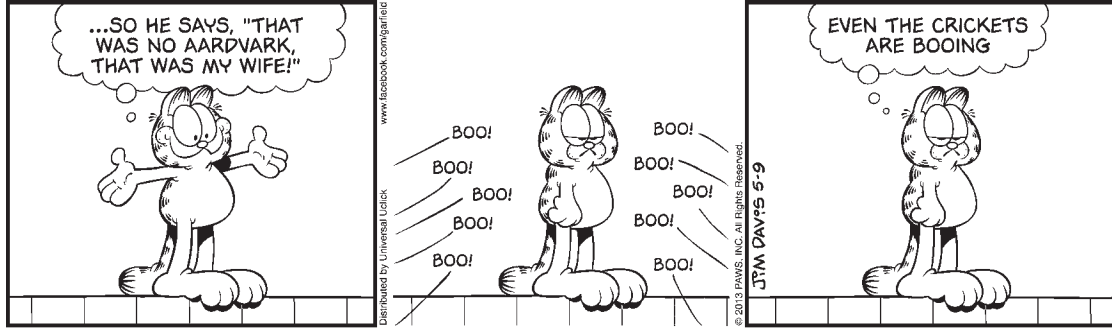
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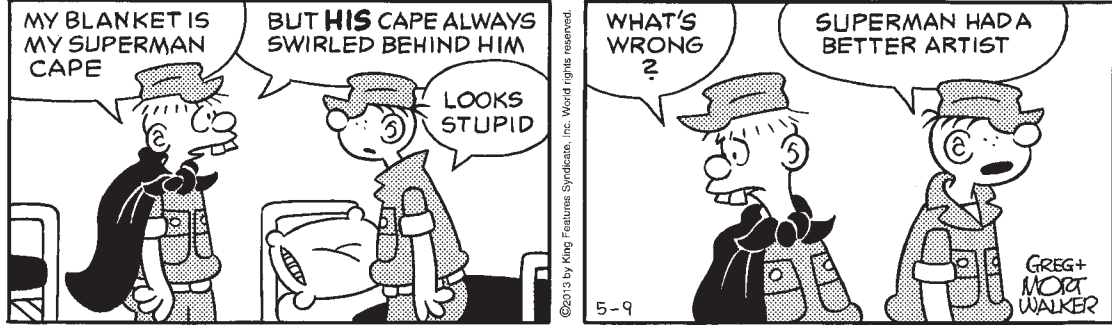
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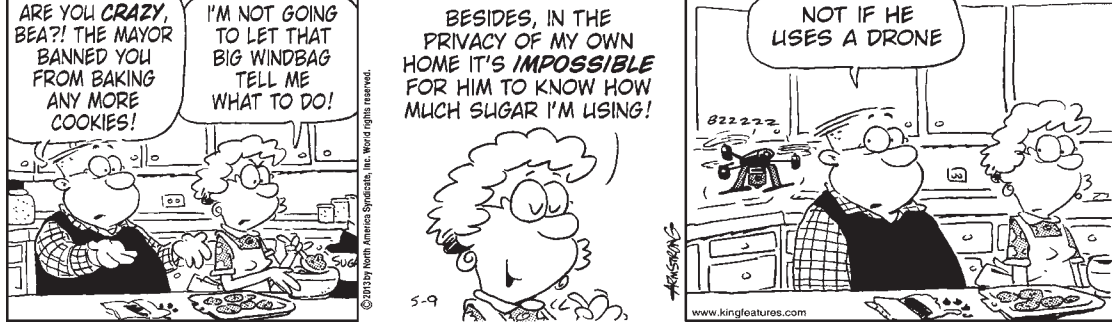
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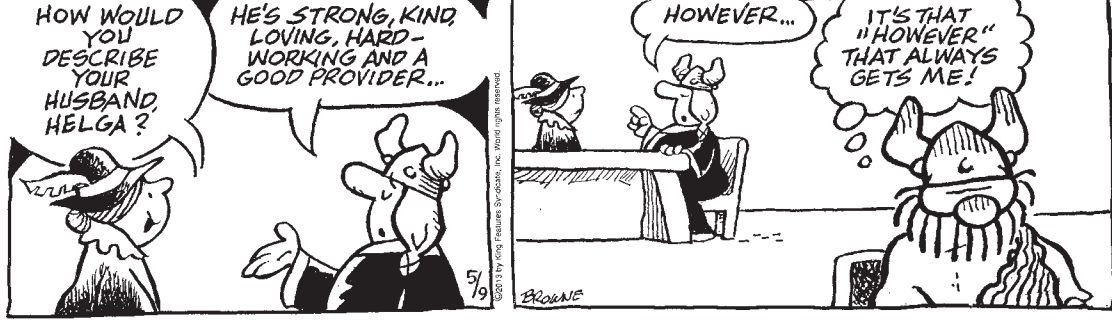
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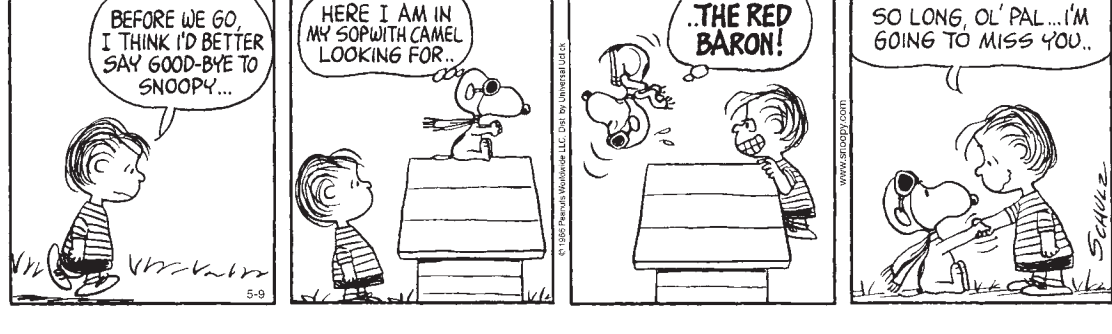
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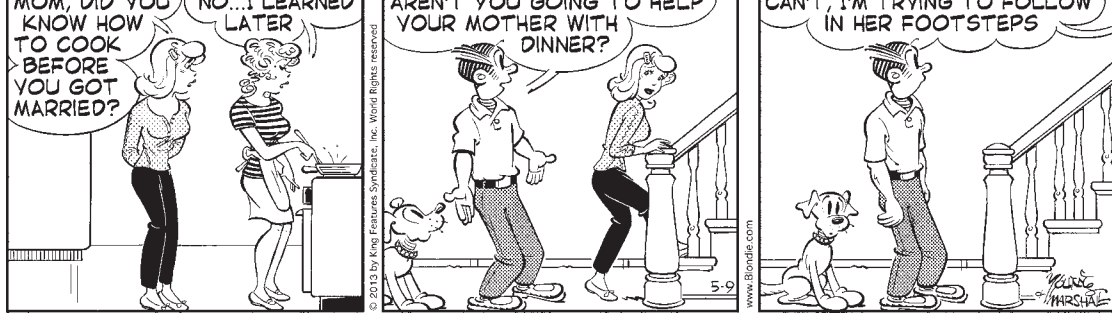
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daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, May 10, 2013:

This year you often will steal the limelight, even unintentionally at times. You will continue to grow if you express the caring and stability that your sign is known for. If you are single, you will meet plenty of potential suitors, especially after June. Consider what type of relationship you want before deciding whom to date. If you are attached, your interactions will be enjoyable, as long as you allow your significant other to play an equal role in the relationship. GEMINI could help you make and spend money.

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 finally find the time to relax. Make some calls, and touch base with someone you want to thank; this person has gone out of his or her way to help you. Schedule a lengthy lunch or leave work early. Make time for fun and adventure. Tonight: Hang out with friends.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You might want to show more compassion for someone who is always there for you. You could discover that the role you need to take is more laid-back than you thought. Move forward with a project in the morning, when you expect a more complete response. Tonight: TGIF.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ The day gets better as the afternoon appears. You sense a difference. How you use the good vibes and energy is your choice. You might find that others see a situation differently from how you see it. Make this distinction a positive one. Tonight: Spend time with a loved one.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Use the morning to push a project forward, make some calls or reach out to someone at a distance. Communication flourishes, and later in the day someone will share a secret with you. You'll glow with the knowledge of this hush-hush gossip. Tonight: Not to be found.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Handle all your important responsibilities first thing in the morning. By afternoon, you could free yourself up. You will want to make time for a child or loved one who needs your time and attention. This person absolutely adores being

with you. Tonight: All smiles.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You might want to do more research before you take action. You can act with confidence after you check out some details. In the evening, you'll seem nearly unstoppable. Be sure to let someone know how much you appreciate his or her efforts. Tonight: In the whirlwind of living.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ A partner gives you his or her opinion and verdict. You have tried to talk this person out of this decision, but that effort obviously has not worked. Detach, and you'll be able to understand more of where he or she is coming from. Tonight: Make a call, and meet a friend at a new spot.

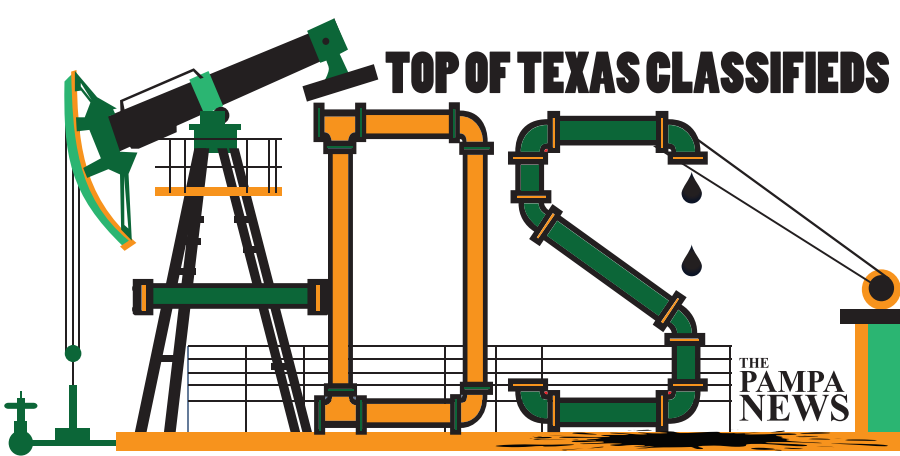
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You could be somewhat withdrawn, concerned with a problem. Understand what needs to happen to make a situation work. Others definitely dominate. You will need to walk in their shoes in order to grasp where they are coming from. Tonight: Share more.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Focus on completion. Plan on networking, and know that it could transform into a party. Make sure that you are comfortable with the situation. You are likely to meet someone new. Take your time getting to know this person. Tonight: On the Ferris wheel of life.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You might want to make a difference where it counts. Start by spending more quality time with a loved one. By sharing more of yourself, this person will feel more secure; he or she could learn from your strengths. Tonight: Let someone express his or her caring.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You could be behind on a project. Try to complete it, especially as your creativity will surge in the afternoon. Make a note of what might seem like wild ideas, but keep your focus on the end result. Tonight: You get into the fun of interacting with a loved one.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Be sure to make calls and schedule any important dealings with others in the morning. You will feel more than ready for the weekend by afternoon. Though you typically put 100 percent into any effort, the morning proves easier and more effective. Tonight: Weekend mode -- finally!



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