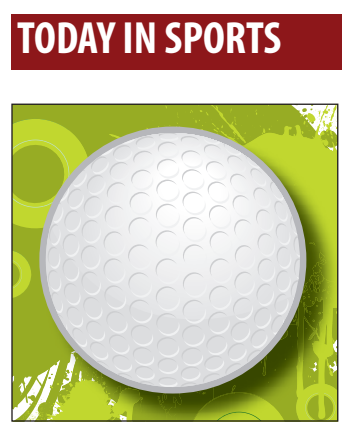


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PISD plans summer maintenance projects

BY ZACHARY GREEN
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The Pampa Independent School District Board of Trustees met on Monday evening and approved summer maintenance projects at various schools.

Since PISD's fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30, money for these projects had to be budgeted from budgets from two separate years. The desired budget was \$450,000 with \$250,000 coming from this year's capital budget and \$200,000 from next year's capital budget. All of the following projects were voted on individually and all were approved by the board unanimously. The total cost came to \$330,973.32.

The first project is parking lot improvements at Wilson Elementary.

"We are trying to improve traffic flow. There is currently staff parking on both sides of Browning Street," said Dr. David Young, PISD superintendent. "We are going to enlarge the parking lot and make a new entrance at the back of the school."

Young added the board approved the cost to not exceed \$140,000.

"We won't know the official cost until we have the architect drawings," he said. "We have an estimate from Wiley Hicks Construction for \$127,013 plus the OJD civil engineering group that will work on the project for \$4,900. We suspect the price will be in the range of \$137,000-\$138,000.

The next project is to completely paint the interior of Wilson Elementary and refinish the gym and stage floors. The total cost for that project will be \$43,620 with \$36,625 to cover painting and \$6,995 to refinish the floors.

The third project is to convert the North Cavalier building into an indoor practice facility. This will have a turf grass phase and a netting, railing and cranking system phase. The turf grass will be installed by Hellas for \$49,816. The netting, railing and cranking system for the hitting cages will be installed by OnDeck Sports for \$21,627, bringing the total cost of the renovation to \$71,443.32.

Another project is to resurface the tennis courts at Pampa High School. The cost will be \$51,800 for the new surface and \$950 for new netting and cranking equipment. The new surface will be put in by Premier Courts Limited for \$52,750.

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Crews race to find survivors of Oklahoma twister

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MOORE, Okla. (AP) — Emergency crews searched the broken remnants of an Oklahoma City suburb Tuesday for survivors of a massive tornado that flattened homes and demolished an elementary school. At least 24 people were killed, including at least nine children, and those numbers were expected to climb.

The state medical examiner's office cut the estimated death toll by more than half but warned that the number was likely to climb again.

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Photo by Mona Woods
 A horse farm near Moore, Okla., destroyed by Monday's tornado. More than 100 horses on the farm were killed.

Harvester Takedown Club accepting donations for tornado victims

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The Harvester Takedown Club, a team of elementary school age wrestlers, is asking for the community's help to fill a trailer with donations for the tornado victims in Moore, Okla.

All donations are accepted. However, they are not asking for clothes at this time.

The Harvester Takedown Club youth wrestlers and their parents will set up in the United Supermarket parking lot from 4 to 9 p.m., Thursday to collect donations.

Here is a list of items that are needed: Non-perishable food, water, Gatorade, baby food, diapers, rakes, blankets, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, trash bags, paper towels and toilet paper.

For more information about the club, visit its Facebook page.

ONWARD TO OKLAHOMA



Photo courtesy of Xcel Energy
 A caravan of trucks and equipment from Xcel Energy on its way from Amarillo to Oklahoma City Tuesday. Three linemen from Pampa are among the crew that will help restore power to victims of the recent tornadoes in Oklahoma.

Xcel crew in Oklahoma includes 3 from Pampa

BY TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE
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Three Xcel Energy linemen from Pampa are part of a crew of 49 personnel sent to Oklahoma Tuesday to help restore power after Monday's devastating tornado in Moore.

The Pampa employees are Bob Cook, Garrett Morton and Cody Cramer.

Steve Pirtle, supervisor at the Pampa Service Center, said they will be in Oklahoma for two weeks.

"This is just devastating," Pirtle said of the tornado. "We've been there before and it's like walking into a war zone."

Xcel had sent 29 Amarillo-based transmission line personnel to Oklahoma after Sunday's storms. These employees were in the Norman area when the second deadly tornado struck on Monday, but were unharmed.

The original team was joined yesterday by 49 distribution line workers who serve in the New Mexico cities of Clovis, Hobbs, Carlsbad and Roswell, and in the Texas cities of Amarillo, Pampa, Canyon, Seminole, Lubbock, Levelland, Littlefield and Borger.

The group took along 42 pieces of heavy equipment, including pickups, line trucks, cranes and hole diggers.

Many of these employees are veterans of past storm restoration efforts around the country, most recently in the New York City area after Hurricane Sandy.

Transmission workers build and repair structures carrying high-voltage lines that act as the "superhighways" of the power grid, moving power from its source to facilities that distribute it into towns and cities. Distribution workers build and repair structures serving lower-voltage lines that feed power into neighborhoods and all the way to a customer's meter. Traveling with the group will be safety personnel, mechanics and other support staff.

The Texas-New Mexico distribution team left in a convoy from Xcel Energy's Amarillo Technical Center at 7801 E. Interstate 40.

The tornado, upgraded from a EF4 to a EF5, struck the south side of Moore. It was on the ground for at least 12 miles, smashing buildings and tossing vehicles in its wake.

An electric cooperative based in Norman, Okla. reported Tuesday at least 10,000 outages to its system and a loss of power to at least six substations.

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PAMPA FORECAST

Today	Thursday	Friday
		
High 88 Low 56	High 77 Low 59	High 80 Low 60

Today: Sunny with a high of 88. No chance of rain. Winds south at 15 mph. Sunrise at 6:34 a.m.

Tonight: Mostly clear with a low of 56. No chance of rain. Winds southeast at 17 mph. Sunset at 8:47 p.m.

Thursday: Isolated thunderstorms with a high of 77. Chance of rain 30 percent. Winds southeast at 15 mph. Sunrise at 6:33 a.m.

Thursday night: Isolated thunderstorms with a low of 59. Chance of rain 30 percent. Sunset at 8:48 p.m.

Friday: Isolated thunderstorms with a high of 80. Chance of rain 30 percent. Winds south southeast at 21 mph. Sunrise at 6:33 a.m..

Friday night: Cloudy with a low of 60. Chance of rain 10 percent. Winds south at 17 mph. Sunset at 8:49 p.m.

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Obituaries

Archie Young

Archie Young, 66, died May 19, 2013 in Pampa. Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, May 23, 2013, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel, with Rick King, a close friend, officiating. Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.



Archie Young

Mr. Young was born April 13, 1947 in Beaver, Okla. He graduated from Amarillo High School and received a full merit scholarship to McAllister College in Minnesota where he receives his Bachelor's Degree in field geology. He married Mitzy Bryant on Feb. 4, 1974 in Canyon. Archie had been a resident of Pampa since 1974. He was a founding member of The Fencewalker Band. Music was the love of his life. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather and uncle. He loved his loyal friends and band mates. He was preceded in death by his parents, and a son, Randy Young.

Survivors include his wife, Mitzy Young of the home; a daughter, Robyn Sanders and husband Michael of Pampa; a son, Chuck Young and wife Cindy of Amarillo; six grandchildren, five great-grandchildren; and close friend and brother, Rick King of Pampa.

Sign the online register at Carmichael-whatley.com.

Worried parents seek out kids

MOORE, Okla. (AP) — The parents and guardians stood in the muddy grass outside an Oklahoma City area church, listening as someone with a bullhorn called out the names of children who were being dropped off — survivors of a deadly tornado that barreled through their community.

For many families, the ordeal ended in bear hugs and tears of joy as loved ones reunited. Others were left to wait in the darkness, hoping for good news while fearing the worst.

At least seven children are among the 24 reported dead so far in Moore, the Oklahoma City suburb ravaged by Monday's tornado that packed winds of up to 200 mph. The twister reduced one elementary school to a heaping mound of rubble and heavily damaged another while also flattening block after block of homes. Officials earlier said more than 50 people had died, including 20 children. The medical examiner's office revised that death toll Tuesday morning, saying some victims were maybe counted twice in the initial confusion after the storm.

At St. Andrews United Methodist Church, parents stared into the distance as they waited, some holding the hands of young children who were missing siblings.

Tonya Sharp and Deanna Wallace sat at a table in the church's gymnasium waiting for their teenage daughters. As Sharp and Wallace spoke, a line of students walked in.

Wallace spotted her 16-year-old daughter, who came quickly her way and jumped into her mother's arms, pushing her several steps backward in the process. But Sharp didn't see her daughter, a 17-year-old who has epilepsy. She worried her daughter hadn't taken her medicine.

"I don't know where she's at," Sharp said. Later, she went to speak to officials who helped her register so she could be notified as soon as her daughter was found.

Shelli Smith had to walk miles to find her children. She was reunited with her 14-year-old daughter, Tiauna, around 5 p.m. Monday, but hadn't yet seen her 16-year-old son, TJ, since he left for school that morning.

TJ's phone had died, but he borrowed a classmate's phone to tell his mother where he was. However, Smith couldn't get to him due to the roadblocks. So she parked her car and started walking.

It took her three hours, but a little after sunset, she found him. She grabbed her son and squeezed him in a tight hug that lasted for several seconds before letting go. TJ hugged his sister, and then hugged his mom again.

The family had a long walk back to their car and then home, but she said she didn't mind.

"I was trying to get him and they wouldn't let me," she said, adding later: "I was like, 'You know what? I'm going to get my son.'"

Renee Lee summed up the struggle for many parents with multiple children — find the ones who they hadn't yet seen, while calming the younger ones they had with them.

Lee is the mother of two daughters Sydney Walker, 16, and Hannah Lee, 8. When the storm came, she tried to pick Sydney up from school.

With high-tech guns, users could disable remotely

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — A high-tech startup is wading into the gun control debate with a wireless controller that would allow gun owners to know when their weapon is being moved — and disable it remotely.

The technology, but not an actual gun, was demonstrated Tuesday at a wireless technology conference in Las Vegas and was shown to The Associated Press in advance. It comes at a time when lawmakers around the U.S. are considering contentious smart gun laws that would require new guns to include high-tech devices that limit who can fire them.

The new Yardarm Technologies LLC system would trigger an alarm on an owner's cellphone if a gun is moved, and the owner could then hit a button to activate the safety and disable the weapon. New guns would come with a microchip on the body and antennas winding around the grip. It would add about \$50 to the cost of a gun, and about \$12 a year for the service.

"The idea is to connect gun owners more directly with their guns, no matter what the circumstance," said Yardarm CEO Robert Stewart.

The Yardarm system is one of several recently introduced high-tech offerings: the iGun only fires if it recognizes a ring on a finger, the Intelligun uses a fingerprint locking system and TriggerSmart uses radio frequency identification.

The first smart guns were proposed more than 20 years ago, but they failed to take off for several reasons: questionable technology, added costs and concerns from some gun rights about limitations on Second Amendment rights.

Recent high-profile shootings, combined with new technologies, have revived interest. Sandy Hook Promise, a nonprofit created by Newtown, Conn., community members, is offering venture capital for new gun safety technologies, and President Barack Obama included smart guns as part of his plan to reduce gun violence.

Stewart said his company has addressed privacy concerns about its system, which would not only include live tracking but also a history of where a gun has been.

Yardarm has an exclusive telephony network to avoid

hackers and spotty wireless systems, and gun owners could "self-destruct" the technology on the guns themselves if they wish, he said.

National Rifle Association spokesman Andrew Arulanandam said his organization is concerned about added costs and the reliability of smart guns in general.

"We believe that the technology does not exist today where a so-called smart gun can operate with 100 percent or close to it reliability," he said, "and a firearm that does not function when it is required to is not a smart gun."

The added costs are "a luxury tax on self-defense," Arulanandam said.

At this point, there are no guns that can be wirelessly tracked or disabled, but there are systems that can locate and disable stolen cars. In 2011, one such company, OnStar LLC, came under fire for continuing to track customers' locations even after they discontinued their service. The company reversed the policy after a barrage of privacy complaints.

Last week, lawmakers in California and Massachusetts considered proposals to require gun makers to add high tech safety devices that allow only their owners to fire them. New Jersey has adopted a similar law.

Josh Sugarmann, executive director of the nonprofit Violence Policy Center, said his organization has no position on smart guns. However, he said he does oppose federal tax dollars for their research because they wouldn't impact the 310 million firearms already circulating in the U.S. today.

Donald Sebastian, a senior vice president at the New Jersey Institute of Technology, is developing a smart gun aftermarket conversion that would work on semi-automatic weapons, and he said the public may be ready for widespread adoption of smart guns.

"It's been a long, tough battle to get any acceptance of technologies in weapons, but today there's just more general acceptance of electronics in our lives, more than even five years ago," he said. "Also, frankly, this whole stream of mass killings is really making people recognize the need for something to change."

Ferris wheel ride world record broken in Chicago

CHICAGO (AP) — A manager of Chicago's Navy Pier rode the tourist spot's Ferris wheel for more than two days — 384 times, up and around — bringing the world record for the longest ride to the birthplace of the amusement park favorite.

"I thought Chicago should have that title," Clinton Shepherd said after finishing his record-breaking ride on Sunday. Shepherd, the park operations manager, spent 48 hours, 8 minutes and 25 seconds riding Navy Pier's Ferris wheel over the

weekend. The first Ferris wheel was built in 1893 in Chicago for the World's Columbian Exposition.

Guinness World Records allowed him to have one five-minute break each hour. He played hours of videogames to stay awake during the ride, and watched James Bond and Batman movies.

His gondola on the wheel was specially outfitted with a big-screen TV, cushions and curtains.

Supporters followed him on Twitter. A video camera recorded the feat while volunteer timekeepers documented Shepherd's activities.

Fans could join Shepherd for a spin by making a donation to the USO. Shepherd's girlfriend rode with him Saturday for a candlelight anniversary dinner with food from a Chicago restaurant owned by Michael Jordan.

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Projects

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Young said any cost over \$50,000 must be approved by the Board, and that PISD has procedures in place to bring to the attention of the board any cost that is over \$25,000. An item that this falls into the latter category is construction of a calf barn at the PISD agriculture farm, which will cost \$23,160. Young said that cost may go down due to potential donations of services.

“Our ag program is growing in leaps and bounds and it’s an exciting problem to have,” he said. “All of these projects are significant improvements to our school district.”

New, re-elected Board members

Lance DeFever took the oath of office as the new Board member. Cay Warner, David Teichmann, Lee Porter and Jay Johnson took the oath of office as re-elected members. The Board gave an award of service to Matt Brock for being on the board, who was attending his last meeting as a Board member.

“I want to thank Dr. Young and the whole Board,” Brock said. “The people you see here would have their name in the dictionary when you look up the word integrity. They will put the kids and teachers first. The three years I have served we have all

got along and pitched in. ... It’s been awesome to work with so many Godly people that care about our kids and our community. Its been wonderful. I just want to thank everybody.”

The Board reorganized and re-elected board officers. Lee Porter was re-elected as president, Cay Warner was elected as the new vice president and Dana Terry was re-elected as secretary.

The Board canvassed the May 11 general election by approving all of the votes.

The Board voted on and approved value engineering items that bring a reduction of \$128,0455 in the total cost of the administration building.

“We took out things that people will not even see or notice. It will not reduce the quality of building. We don’t feel like we compromised the quality or scope of the building,” Young said. This brings the guaranteed maximum price to \$4,916,159.

The Board was presented with an option to remove vinyl graphics off the interior walls and paint them a plain color, as well as removing a three-form resin material in the lobby. The vinyl graphics are painted on the walls that go all the way up to the ceiling to give the building character. The three-form material is a resin material displaying the Harvester wheat.

“To not do those two items would compromise the look and feel of the building,” Young said. “It

brings something specific to Pampa and we wanted to keep them in. Taking out either one of these items would have compromised the quality of the building and we were already saving \$128,000.”

The Board discussed four possible alternates received on bid day for the construction of the administration building. The three items rejected were additional insulation six inches below the roof deck, back-lighting the three form material in the lobby and swapping out light fixtures in the warehouse to LED lights.

“We didn’t feel like any of those items would bring an appropriate return on our investment,” Young said.

The alternate item that was approved was for the addition of a high-performance coating in the warehouse. “The floor was in bad shape already and the demolition inside made it worse,” Young said. “This will be a completely flat, smooth and finished surface like what you would see in an airport hangar.”

“Because the time line is important, we are recommending to identify \$25,000 as the change order limit that I can approve without coming to the Board,” Young said. “We feel like it would be a good practice to identify an amount.”

The board approved a \$25,000 in change order costs that can be decided by Young without him coming to the Board.

The 2013-14 PISD calendar will not change.

“The Houston Livestock show and rodeo was moved back a week after calendar was made. We didn’t feel like moving spring break after the calendar has been published for three months,” Young said. “We don’t want to cause a problem for just as many or more people than are already affected. We will make sure we are looking at that potential conflict when we make the calendar in future years.”

Heritage Room

The board approved guidelines for the PISD Heritage Room board of directors to be a seven-member board with three school board members, Young and three community members. People interested in being on that board need to write a letter of application to the PISD Board of Trustees and explain why they would like to be on the Heritage Room board. They also need to share their vision for the Heritage Room. Young said that if they want to attach letters of recommendation, they can do that but it is not required. Letters are due to the superintendent’s office by Monday June 17. The school board will review the applications and select the board members for the Heritage Room at the June 27 meeting.

Next year’s budget, tax rates

The board also discussed

next year’s budget. “The budget depends on enrollment and legislation the legislature sets,” Young said. “The budget is evaluated every month. It appears the legislature is going to dump somewhere in the neighborhood of \$3.9 billion back into education which will have an impact on Pampa’s budget. They end their session next Friday. Another budget workshop will be held by the board on June 11 and we will know more then. We anticipate that our budget will be somewhere in the neighborhood of around \$25.3 million for the general fund.” Young added the total budget is anticipated at \$30.5 million. The reason for the difference, Young said, is the food service budget is \$1.8 and the debt service budget is \$3.3.

The Board also set a date for a public hearing June 27 in the Carver Building Board Room to adopt the proposed budget and tax rate for 2013-14.

The Maintenance and Operation Tax rate is \$1 per \$100 value. Young gave the example of a \$100,000 house would have a \$1,040 tax rate from the school. The other tax is the interest and sinking fund. The current tax rate is \$0.2691 and Young said they expect the rate to stay the same.

“We are publishing a rate of \$0.3091 in the paper in case something happens, it gives us wiggle room. We can always go lower without a problem, but if you raise the tax you have to

go through all of the steps again,” he said.

Young added that the tax rate is dependent on the property values. “As property values go up, the rate we have to tax can stay the same or go down. July 1 is the start of the fiscal year, but the tax rate is not set until August.”

Teachers of the Year

Erin Easley was recognized as Teacher of the Year for Travis Elementary. Cheryl Free was Teacher of the Year for Pampa Junior High School. Rebecca Lewis was Teacher of the Year for Austin Elementary. Megan O’Neal was Teacher of the Year for Wilson Elementary.

Jennifer Read was Teacher of the year for Lamar Elementary and Del Smith was Teacher of the Year for Pampa High School.

The regional girls golf team, regional tennis team, regional girls track team and regional boys track teams were recognized by the Board during the Spotlight of Excellence portion of the meeting.

The UIL Regional Academic team was also recognized.

Twenty-nine Pampa students were selected to compete or as alternates in the University Interscholastic League Academic Regional. This is also the first year PHS won district in Academics.

The Board will meet again on June 27 in the Carver Building.

Twister

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Gov. Mary Fallin said authorities did not know how many people were still missing, but vowed to account for every resident.

“We will rebuild, and we will regain our strength,” said Fallin, who went on a flyover of the area and described it as “hard to look at.”

Amy Elliott, a spokeswoman for the medical examiner, said she believes some victims were counted twice in the early chaos of the storm that struck Monday afternoon. Downed communication lines and problems sharing information with officers exacerbated the problem, she said.

“It was a very eventful night,” Elliott said. “I truly expect that they’ll find more today.”

Authorities initially said as many as 51 people were dead, including 20 children.

New search-and-rescue teams moved at dawn Tuesday, taking over from the 200 or so emergency responders who had worked all night. A helicopter shined a spotlight from above to aid in the search.

Many houses have “just been taken away. They’re just sticks and bricks,” the governor said, describing the 17-mile path of destruction.

The National Weather Service said the twister was on the ground for 40 minutes, with winds estimated at 190 mph. The agency issued an initial finding that the tornado was EF-4 on the enhanced Fujita scale — the second strongest type of tornado — and that it was at least half a mile wide.

Emergency crews were having trouble navigating neighborhoods because the devastation is so complete, and there are no street signs left standing, Fallin added.

Fire Chief Gary Bird said fresh teams would search the whole community at least two more times to ensure that no survivors — or any of the dead — were overlooked. Crews painted an ‘X’ on each structure to note it had been checked.

“That is to confirm we have done our due diligence for this city, for our citizens,” Bird said.

The community of 56,000 people, 10 miles south of Oklahoma City, braced for another long, harrowing day.

“As long as we are here ... we are going to hold out hope that we will find survivors,” said Trooper Betsy Randolph, a spokeswoman for the Oklahoma Highway Patrol.

More than 200 people had been treated at area hospitals.

Other search-and-rescue teams focused their efforts at Plaza Towers Elementary, where the storm ripped off the roof, knocked down walls and turned the playground into a mass of twisted plastic and metal as students and teachers huddled in hallways and bathrooms.

Fallin said she arrived in Moore late Monday and observed the search and rescue operation at the school.

“It was very surreal coming upon the school because there was no school,” she said at the Tuesday news conference.

Earlier, she described her astonishment at the destruction, saying: “It would be remarkable for anyone to survive.”

Seven of the nine dead children were killed at the school, but several students were pulled alive from under a collapsed wall and other heaps of mangled debris. Rescue workers passed the survivors down a human chain of parents and neighborhood volunteers. Parents carried children in their arms to a triage center in the parking lot. Some students looked dazed, others terrified.

Officials were still trying to account for a handful of children not found at the school who may have gone home early with their parents, Bird said Tuesday.

Many parents of missing schoolchildren initially came to St. Andrews United Methodist Church, which had been set up as a meeting site. But only high school students were brought to the church, causing confusion and frustration among parents of students enrolled at Plaza Towers. They were redirected to a Baptist church several miles away.

“It was very emotional — some people just holding on to each other, crying because they couldn’t find a child; some people being angry and expressing it verbally” by shouting at one another, said D.A. Bennett, senior pastor at St. Andrews.

After hearing that the tornado was headed toward another school called Briarwood Elementary, David

Wheeler left work and drove 100 mph through blinding rain and gusting wind to find his 8-year-old son, Gabriel. When he got to the school site, “it was like the earth was wiped clean, like the grass was just sheared off,” Wheeler said.

Eventually, he found Gabriel, sitting with the teacher who had protected him. His back was cut and bruised and gravel was embedded in his head — but he was alive. As the tornado approached, students at Briarwood were initially sent to the halls, but a third-grade teacher — whom Wheeler identified as Julie Simon — thought it didn’t look safe and so ushered the children into a closet, he said.

The teacher shielded Gabriel with her arms and held him down as the tornado collapsed the roof and starting lifting students upward with a pull so strong that it sucked the glasses off their faces, Wheeler said.

“She saved their lives by putting them in a closet and holding their heads down,” Wheeler said.

The tornado also grazed a theater, and leveled countless homes. Authorities were still trying to determine the

full scope of the damage.

Roofs were torn off houses, exposing metal rods left twisted like pretzels. Cars sat in heaps, crumpled and sprayed with caked-on mud. Insulation and siding was smashed up against the sides of any walls that remained standing. Yards were littered with pieces of wood, nails and pieces of electric poles.

President Barack Obama declared a major disaster and ordered federal aid to supplement state and local recovery efforts.

“Among the victims were young children trying to take shelter in the safest place they knew — their school,” he said Tuesday.

The town of Moore “needs to get everything it needs right away,” he added.

Obama spoke following a meeting with his disaster-response team, including Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano and top White House officials.

The Storm Prediction Center in Norman, Okla., forecast more stormy weather Tuesday in parts of Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana and Oklahoma, including the Moore area.

In video of the storm, the dark funnel cloud can be

seen marching slowly across the green landscape. As it churns through the community, the twister scatters shards of wood, awnings and glass all over the streets.

Monday’s tornado loosely followed the path of a killer twister that slammed the region with 300 mph winds in May 1999. It was the fourth tornado to hit Moore since 1998.

The 1999 storm damaged 600 homes and about 100 businesses. Two or three schools were also hit, but “the kids were out of school, so there were no concerns,” recalled City Manager Steve Eddy.

At the time of Monday’s storm, the City Council was meeting. Local leaders watched the twister approaching on television before taking shelter in the bathroom.

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The spectator president

No, this is not Watergate or Iran-Contra. Nor is it like the sex scandal that got Bill Clinton impeached.

The AP, IRS and Benghazi matters represent a scandal not of presidential wrongdoing, but of presidential indolence, indifference and incompetence in discharging the duties of chief executive.

The Barack Obama revealed to us in recent days is something rare in our history: a spectator president, clueless about what is going on in his own household, who reacts to revelations like some stunned bystander.

Consider. Because of a grave national security leak, President Obama's Department of Justice seized two months of records from 20 telephones used by The Associated Press. An unprecedented seizure.

Yet the president was left completely in the dark. And though he rushed to defend the seizure, he claims he was uninvolved.

While the AP issue does not appear to have legs — we know what was done and why — it has badly damaged this president. For his own Justice Department treated the press, which has an exalted opinion of itself and its role, with the same contempt as the IRS treated the Tea Party.

The episode has damaged a crucial presidential asset. For this Washington press corps had provided this president with a protective coverage of his follies and failings unseen since the White House press of half a century ago covered up the prowlings of JFK.

The Benghazi issue is of far greater gravity. Still, Obama's sins here as well seem to be those of omission, not commission.

The president was apparently completely in the dark about the urgent requests from Benghazi for more security. Obama was also apparently completely out of the loop

during the seven-hour crisis of Sept. 11-12, when Ambassador Stevens was assassinated, calls for help from Benghazi were denied and two heroic ex-Navy SEALs died fighting to defend U.S. personnel from the roof of that CIA installation.

No one seems to know where Obama was that night.

The following week, as the State Department, CIA and National Security Council all worked the "talking points" to make it appear that this preplanned terrorist atrocity was a spontaneous event triggered by an anti-Islamic video, Obama knew nothing of the discussions.

Thus, almost a week after the massacre, U.N. Ambassador Susan Rice was put on six networks to move the line that we could not have better prepared for what would happen in Benghazi because it was all a spontaneous event triggered by a YouTube video.

Rice's version was untrue, but consistent with Obama's campaign message: "Bin Laden is dead, and al-Qaida is on the run."

Yet if Rice's credibility was crippled by what she was sent out to parrot, a week after she got the egg all over her face, Obama was himself peddling the same line at the United Nations. Obama, it seems, may have been the last man to know the cover story had collapsed.

As for the IRS's targeting of Tea Party applications for tax-exempt status, this bureaucratic misconduct began as far back as 2010, when the Tea Party was a national sensation.

Yet, despite Tea Party protests to members of Congress, who made inquiries of the IRS, the discrimination against groups with "Tea Party" and "Patriot" in their names continued, and was extended to groups whose proclaimed mission was to defend the Bill of Rights and the Constitution.

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Museum Musings

White Deer museum houses rich history

A museum with a story can be a wonderful place to explore, learn, gather and imagine. The White Deer Land Museum of Pampa houses a history of the land, people and stories which combined have molded our area.

As the new director and curator of the museum, I am proud to be a part of sharing the stories of Pampa as it was during the time parts of my family arrived here, just as many of

yours did. I grew up in White Deer where my parents, David and Kerry Martin, and my younger brother, Tyler Martin, still live. I graduated from West Texas A&M University

in 2010 where I studied Agriculture Media and Communications. I gained museum experience at the American Quarter Horse Hall of Fame and Museum in Amarillo. My husband Whitney Oxley and I currently live in Pampa and I am looking forward to really becoming involved in the community.

I am excited about the possibilities and opportunities this museum holds. Conservation, development and protecting the collection and history are, of course, my first priorities. With the incredible collection and the amount of information here, I am excited to initiate new educational programs and provide educational resources for both the young and old in the near future.

Recently we hosted the Pampa Fine Arts Club's Annual Art Show

and the Youth Art Show and we had an amazing turn out. The art was amazing and the club really showed off its diversity by providing many mediums. They were both wonderful shows. It was a great way to kick off for me and I felt privileged to be a small part of it.

I look forward to seeing and meeting everyone at the museum and I do hope you will come by soon. Check back here each week to catch a glimpse of the White Deer Land Museum. We are looking toward moving forward and doing our very best to preserve, protect and educate the public on Pampa's rich history.

Courtney Oxley is the director of the White Deer Land Museum.



COURTNEY OXLEY



Letter to the Editor

Reader angered about state of the nation

I've been around for 56 years. When President Richard Nixon got caught up in the Watergate scandal they called for his impeachment and when it happened the country was happy.

What the hell is wrong with this country? Do we give free passes now? Look what they are doing to us. They lied about Benghazi, the

IRS scandal, Fast and Furious. And now the infringement on our right of speech.

How much more crap are we going to take? The lies are piling up and it's getting deeper and deeper. "Come on people wake up."

We've been going down the crapper for five plus years now. We give money to people who want us dead.

Let's feed out kids and get our jobs back. I'm on disability and would love to go back to work but I can't and I'm barely making it on what we make.

**Thanks,
Blowing off steam,
Charlie Watson
Pampa**

Tebow is the ultimate clutch player

America has the UFC (Ultimate Fighting Championship) and the UCP (ultimate clutch players). One is mixed martial artists, and the other is quarterbacks of the NFL. They all are athletic warriors who are extremely determined



CHUCK NORRIS

to win. My favorite in the UFC is Georges St-Pierre. My favorite in the UCP is Tim Tebow.

I know what you are thinking: Tebow has been in the NFL for only three years. True, but Tim's 2011 season with the Denver Broncos was one of the most remarkable in football history.

What sportsman ever could forget how that amazing second-year QB came back from a 15-0 disadvantage to the Miami Dolphins to lead the Broncos to an 18-15 overtime victory and then led Denver to six wins in its next seven games and into the playoffs, beating the highly favored Pittsburgh Steel-

ers in a wild-card game? It was the Broncos' first playoff victory in six years.

I have been following Tim since he became a QB for the University of Florida Gators, and I never have seen a more determined or inspiring athlete to play the game of football. And I'm not alone in that sports assessment.

Akbar Gbaja-Biamila, an analyst for NFL.com and NFL Network, explained in his article "Tim Tebow's history as a proven winner should not be ignored": "Training camps are still a few months away, and already, every team in the NFL has made a major mistake: They've overlooked the winning record of Tim Tebow. ... Pundits have tried to erase the success Tebow had in 2011 with the Denver Broncos, but make no mistake: It all happened. He did mount multiple fourth-quarter comebacks and notch four overtime victories; he did rush for 118 yards and throw for two touchdowns in one game; he did complete 66 percent of his passes and throw for two touchdowns in another. ... In the locker room, we had a word to describe that

kind of personal highlight reel: ballin'."

Forbes just released its 2013 list of the most influential athletes, and Tim Tebow leads the pack, with the No. 1 ranking; the next football player on the list is Peyton Manning, at a distant fifth. The only other NFL players on the list are Drew Brees (No. 6) and Aaron Rodgers (No. 8).

I've heard the critics say Tebow has poor technical skills, but the truth is that Tim is a natural leader, an amazingly gifted football player, an inspiration to his team and the possessor of intense determination and strategy to bring any team to victory — no matter what the odds. One can improve technique, but leadership is innate. That is why I believe that Tebow could be a superstar and legend in the NFL.

Tebow is a player who rises to the occasion and delivers big in critical moments. He reminds me of myself when I used to compete in martial arts. I would spar with my black belts in class, and sometimes they would outscore me. Yet in the tournaments, I would defeat them. My students used to ask me,

"Why is it that we can contend equally against you in class but can't beat you in the tournaments?" My answer was always the same: "When it counts, I rise to the occasion."

The same is true of the former Heisman Trophy winner: When pressure mounts and the game is on the line, Tim's turbo turns on. It has been said, "If a quarterback came through with a clutch, final-minute victory, he pulled a 'Tebow.'" And that is why he is the ultimate clutch player.

I believe we have just begun to see what Tim is capable of doing as one of the best among the NFL's UCP. But a team must play him and let him lead as the Broncos did. No warrior can prove his worth if kept from the battlefield.

So what team do I feel should give Tim the opportunity to excel as a quarterback and usher it to Super Bowl status?

My present pick would be the Jacksonville Jaguars.

Why? To put it simply, it's because Tim could help turn that mediocre team into a championship one.

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Water trees at the 'drip line'

By **BRANDON MCGINTY**
Special to The Pampa News

During a severe drought, the goal for tree and shrub irrigation is twofold: reduce water use to save precious water and money, yet use enough water to preserve your substantial investment in your landscape trees and shrubs.

Irrigating large trees is often misunderstood. Laying a hose at the trunk of a large tree and letting it run for hours does not water a tree and can waste huge amounts of water. In addition, sprinkler irrigation systems do not water trees. They simply do not apply enough volume of water to meet the tree's requirement. To irrigate trees and large shrubs within a lawn area, apply water just inside and a little beyond the "drip line," not at the trunk. The drip line is the area directly below the out-

ermost reaches of the branches. This is where the feeding root system of a tree or shrub is located. Simply lay a slowly running hose on the ground and move it around the drip line as each area becomes saturated to a depth of eight to 12 inches.

For large trees, this watering technique may take several hours. In the continued absence of significant rainfall, large trees and shrubs will benefit from a twice a month watering to help them survive drought and heat. Keep in mind that smaller trees may require less water and can easily be over watered, so by using a probe to monitor soil water depths can make sure this does not happen.

Also, if the soil is wet around the trees they do not need watering.

McGinty is the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension agent for Gray County.



Photo by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office

Water trees at the "drip line" for full effect instead of at the trunk.

Norris

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Tebow works miracles on the field, and his inclusion would embolden the spirit of the Jaguars' players and fans.

Plus — and this has no reflection on the current quarterbacks — Tim is from Florida, where he bears a victor's legacy and an extensive fan base, to boot, from his days with the Gators, whom he led to two national championships and with whom he became the first sophomore ever to win the coveted Heisman Trophy.

So Shad Khan, who is the owner of the Jacksonville Jaguars, David Caldwell, who is the team's general manager, and coach Gus Bradley should give the preceding some serious thought. Whatever you would pay Tebow would be recouped tenfold by the increase in attendance and the fan base. With Tim as the QB for the Jacksonville Jaguars, the team would add thousands (if not tens of thousands) of additional fans to the stadium, including me — even though I don't live in Florida!

Only one thing stands in the way, as Gbaja-Biamila wisely retorted: "Here's the truth as I see it: Many coaches let pride or fear of media and fan scrutiny affect the decisions they make about

star players."

But I was reading a USA Today article last week titled "Trailblazer Shad Khan should set course for hirings." It reported that Khan, as the first minority owner of an NFL franchise, often cites Martin Luther King Jr.'s work as a contributing factor to his success.

So let me respectfully challenge Khan to consider these words from Dr. King: "There comes a time when one must take a position that is neither safe nor politic nor popular, but he must take it because conscience tells him it is right."

I know that Khan, Caldwell and Bradley have talked, and they know hiring Tebow would be right — right for them, right for the team, right for the fans and right for Florida.

All that is needed now is for the management of a football team to have the vision and faith to watch Tebow turn around the team. I guarantee they would see positive results. I have been an athlete all my life, being a six-time undefeated world middleweight champion in the martial arts, and I know a winner when I see one.

Tim Tebow is a winner — plain and simple!

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Shortcuts to a lush lawn

There are one million acres of lawn across the country. Many homeowners aspire to having a lush, green lawn as the showcase of their properties. The front lawn can make a statement and indicate to passersby the property owners' personalities and design preferences.

Lawn care takes some dedication and hard work, but there are certain ways to cut down on the amount of effort required to maintain a landscape. By employing a few different shortcuts, you can have a healthy, lush lawn without spending all of your free time cutting the grass or pruning the trees.

- **Stop weeds at the start.** Weeding is one of the most time-consuming parts of maintaining a lawn. Weeds can proliferate throughout the lawn if not addressed in a timely manner. Once weeds take root they can become a nuisance, so it's best to treat weeds before they even have a chance to sprout. Apply a preemergent weed control product as soon as possible in the spring and then reapply it about three months later to ensure weeds are eradicated. That equates to much less tedious lawn maintenance during the season.

- **Plant a urine-resistant grass.** Having a dog and maintaining a lush lawn has always been a particular conundrum for homeowners. Dog urine is high in nitrogen. While nitrogen, when applied in the correct ratio, can be a lawn-growth stimulant, in the large concentration that occurs in pet urine, it causes the grass to dry up and burn, resulting in bare spots. Replanting with urine-resistant grasses can help cut down on the level of damage to the lawn from your own pet or pets that happen to make potty stops on your property. The grasses most resistant to urine tend to be perennial ryegrasses and fescues.

- **Wake up and water.** Watering in the early mornings saves time and energy in the long run by fostering a tougher, more drought-resistant lawn. If you water early in the day, less water will be lost to evaporation. Limit watering to a few times per week, and less if you have had adequate rain. Avoid watering at night, which can expose the lawn to bacteria and attract insects.

- **Mow when the lawn is dry.** It's not advisable to mow the lawn when it is wet. Slippery conditions can not only make it more dangerous to push a mower, but also slow down the time it can take to tackle the chore. The mower blades can become clogged and coated with wet grass clippings, necessitating stopping and starting the task. Another thing to consider is lawn diseases spread more readily through wet clippings. Stick to mowing when the lawn is completely dry.

- **Let clippings fly.** Mulching mowers, or those that just distribute clippings on the lawn as you go, can be healthier for the grass. They will serve as fertilizer and redistribute nutrients to the lawn as they breakdown into the soil. According to "The Organic Lawn Care Manual," leaving clippings on the lawn will fulfill about 25 percent of fertilizer requirements. Plus, you save time bagging up clippings.

- **Mow less often.** Raise the mower's blade so that the grass is longer in between cuttings. The taller grass will shade the soil and block weeds from germinating. It also helps improve soil's moisture retention.

- **Don't cut corners.** Adjusting a landscape design to have arches and curves can reduce the time it takes to mow and edge a property. Hard corners in a landscape will require more time to keep straight and pristine.

Caring for a lawn can take less time and effort than you think.



Benefits to hiring a landscaping service

The desire to have a pristine, well-manicured landscape leads many homeowners to toil outdoors for hours every weekend. Hiring a professional landscaper can free up homeowners' time and help them ensure their yards are cared for properly.

One of the benefits of hiring a landscaper is the time savings. Landscapers typically have commercial-grade equipment that can dramatically reduce the time it takes to mow and perform other maintenance tasks around your property. Furthermore, some services have multiple employees working concurrently, enabling them to tackle several projects at the same time and complete them in a fraction of the time it would take a homeowner working on his or her own.

Landscapers familiar with botany and landscape design understand how to properly care for plants and trees on your property, while novice green thumbs may be unaware about when to prune trees and shrubs, at what height to cut the lawn and which plants



A professional lawn service can save homeowners time, money and mistakes.

will thrive in particular locations. Such do-it-yourself maintenance may even cost more money than leaving it to a professional.

Hiring a professional landscaper is, in many instances, more economical. For a certain weekly or monthly fee, homeowners receive the benefit of professional

knowledge and execution. Also, homeowners will not have the expense of purchasing the various tools and equipment necessary for lawn and garden maintenance, tools and equipment that include lawnmowers, string weeders, edgers, fertilizer, grass seed, leaf blowers, and shovels.

Another benefit is the

lawn will continue to be mowed whether a homeowner is home or not. During the spring and summer vacation season, it's easy for homeowners to overlook their lawn and garden in favor of recreation and leisure activities. Without proper watering and maintenance, lawns and gardens can brown or overgrow as can occur. But hiring a landscaping service allows homeowners to rest assured that their yards will be maintained whether they're home or not.

Hiring a local landscaping service will not only benefit homeowners, but also it will benefit the local economy. Residents can feel comfortable knowing their lawn service will be available for calls when needed and will be familiar with the community. Also, local contractors may go the extra mile to earn your business recommendation.

Hiring a landscaping service can be advantageous to homeowners who want to free up time and still enjoy a well-maintained landscape.

Deer-proof a garden with multiple strategies

Creating a beautiful and bountiful garden is a popular pastime for people all across the country. It is important to keep in mind that aesthetically appealing plants may be appetizing to area wildlife, including deer. Those who do not want their gardens to turn into all-you-can-eat buffets for deer, rabbits and other wild animals can take a more proactive approach to gardening.

Deer are opportunists who will no doubt see your garden as a salad bar ripe with all of their favorite foods. As housing developments continue to encroach on the natural habitats of deer and other animals, these animals are becoming more visible. Deer may not

be able to forage for food effectively in their smaller, natural surroundings, or they may become accustomed to the "easy pickings" they find in neighborhood yards. Either way, you may encounter a deer in or around your area.

Keeping deer at bay involves some work and maintenance on the part of a homeowner. There are safe and humane methods to repelling deer, or at least blocking access to the plants worth protecting. Here are the main ways to deer-proof a garden.

Fence It
Fences are one way to deter deer from entering a yard and dining on your garden. Keep in mind that deer can jump fences that are quite tall, but they have to be especially motivated to jump an eight-foot-tall fence. Still, they tend to be weary about scaling a fence when they cannot see what is on the other side. Therefore, if you are fencing out deer, choose a fence that camouflages the garden well and completely encloses the area to be protected. If you do not want the fence to be solid,

consider putting stakes or thorny plants within the garden so that the deer will hesitate to jump into the garden.

Scare Them
Deer are naturally skittish around people, but over time they can become quite complacent around human beings. Once a deer decides that something will not present a threat, the deer can adapt to its presence.

Motion-activated devices may not work, nor the presence of pets. Predator urine is typically an effective way at keeping deer at bay. Bottled coyote urine can be quite effective, although human urine may work as well. Reapplying the product weekly around the plants is a good idea.

Repel the Deer
There are many organic or chemically-based products on the market that deer may find offensive to the taste or smell.

Hot pepper, sulfur and eggs or even the use of soapy water have been successful in certain instances. The use of blood meal or even human hair around the garden may repel the deer and keep them on a differ-

ent foraging path. However, remember that any deer that is very hungry may ignore unpleasant tastes or smells for a quick bite.

Change Plants
If other food sources are available, there are some species of plants and trees that deer will avoid. Filling your garden with these plants can help you maintain a beautiful, albeit untasty, environment for deer.

When planting annuals, select among:

- Alyssum
- Begonias
- Calendula
- Celosia
- Dianthus
- Foxglove
- Geraniums
- Parsley
- Poppy
- Snapdragons

In terms of perennials, plant these items once, and deer could stay away:

- Ageratum
- Anemone
- Astilbe
- Bearded iris
- Catmint
- Honeysuckle
- Lantana
- Monkshood
- Rock rose
- Rosemary
- Soapwort
- Wisteria

Plant these herbs alongside flowers for even more protection:

- Chives
- Eucalyptus
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Gardeners who use a combination of methods to keep deer out of their yards and gardens may have a higher success rate at deterring these animals.



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Become like Children No. 10

Another child in the Bible who set a godly example for every believer to follow is Joash. His story is recorded in 2 Chronicles 22:10-24:2.

Not many people had as many legitimate excuses not to live faithfully for God as Joash. His father was purely evil, his grandmother was an evil psychopath who tried to murder him, he spent his first 7 years not playing outside like all the other boys, but hidden in one of the rooms in the temple that was used as the living quarters for the high priest and at age 7 instead of getting to live like all the other children, he had the role of King dumped on him. So how is that for a list of "this is why I can't amount to anything"?

But consider this passage: 24:1-2 "Joash was seven years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem forty years. His mother's name was Zibiah; she was from Beersheba. Joash did what was right in the eyes of the Lord all the years of Jehoiada the priest."

For most of his days Joash walked a faithful path with God and even renovated and repaired the temple. What was his secret? He had a godly mentor, Jehoiada, the high priest, who gave him the holy advice and guidance that

he needed. And as long as Jehoiada was alive, everything was fine.

Modern lesson? Who is your counselor? To whom do you turn for direction and guidance? If you are under 30 years old and you normally turn to friends who are your same age, then you are probably already in trouble. Joash had a mentor who was not only further down life's road with regard to age, but in spiritual depth as well. When Joash sought guidance it came from the vast well of experience and wisdom that can only come via years of faithful service to Jehovah. So that is the example that Joash sets for us to imitate: find a godly mentor who is further down life's road and who lives the holiness that God desires.

One little tidbit that isn't part of Joash's childhood, but that is critical, as soon as Jehoiada died Joash let the worldly leaders of Judah provide him with direction and so fell into sin. Jehoiada gave Joash "better" years; the worldly leaders gave him "bitter" years.

Who is your main mentor? If that person only speaks "soft" words, then they are a sorry mentor. Do you need to trade your mentor in for a new model? Make sure you have some older, wiser people in your life and then LISTEN and OBEY. God bless. Mike

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MIKE SUBLETT

The whole truth about lying

We've all heard the familiar saying, "Honesty is the best policy." But did you know that is scriptural as well? The Bible actually has a lot to say about honesty.

It has almost become acceptable these days "to bend the truth" a little. I'm sure we've all told "little white lies," thinking what harm will it do? The truth is, God hates lying. Even little white lies to protect someone's feelings can compromise our faith.

God called us to be honest. He made honesty one of the commandments. Exodus 20:16 says, "You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor."

God wants us to be honest in our actions as well as our words. Proverbs 11:1 says, "The Lord hates cheating and delights in honesty." The Bible tells us in Proverbs 12:13-14, "Lies will get any man into trouble, but honesty is its own defense. Telling the truth gives a man great sat-

isfaction, and hard work returns many blessings to him."

It is easy to lie. That's why we should pray for God to put wisdom and truth in our heart. Honesty shows character. It reveals our true identity and nature. Being honest is pleasing to God because He is truth.

Truthfulness is a lifestyle. Remember, there's no such thing as "half-truth." It's a whole lie. Proverbs 10:10 says, "Someone who holds back the truth causes trouble."

Revelation 21:8 lists liars with the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts and idolaters and says, "their place will be in the fiery lake of burning sulfur." That should be a stern warning to all liars.

Honesty is not always easy, but God will bless you if you are honest. Ask Him to put truth in your heart and He will! Honesty is more than a best policy. It's God's policy.

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CHRIS ELY

Church Calendar

Church of Christ Gospel Meeting in June

The Kentucky Ave. Church of Christ is hosting a gospel meeting June 2 to June 7. The meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. each night. Everyone is invited. The church is located at 1612 W. Kentucky Ave.

Southside Church of Christ

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

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

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

McLean Cowboy Church

The church is non denominational and the Pastor is Ronnie Ferguson.

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

The church offers a variety of bible studies and special events. The church also offers a drug and alcohol recovery group that meets twice a week and is based on the teachings of the Bible.

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

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

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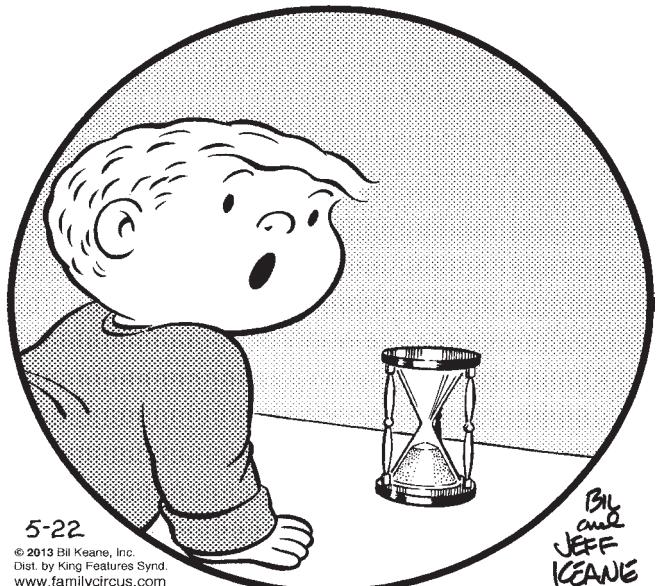
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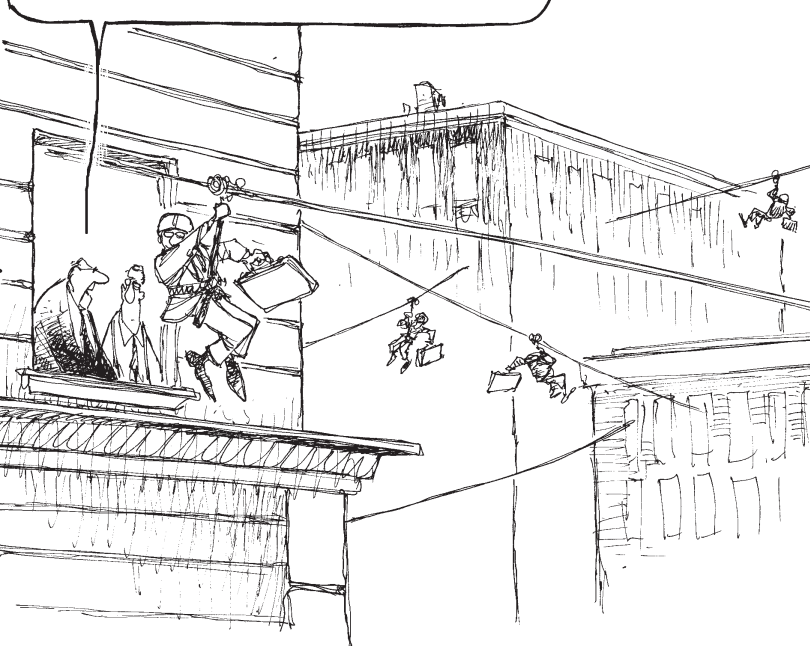
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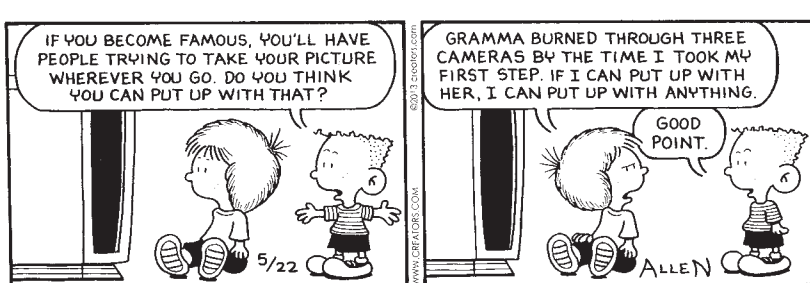
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Nest Heads



daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, May 23, 2013:

This year your interactions with loved ones come to the forefront. You are a bundle of energy and fun, but you’ll discover the need to slow down when it’s necessary. If you are single, you will attract someone who is on the same page as you. Be aware that this person might be in the midst of a transformation, and you easily could grow in different directions. If you are attached, the two of you often connect when you are less intense. As a result, your bond will be enhanced, and you’ll become closer. **SCORPIO** studies the reasons behind your actions.

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)
★★★★ If you feel sluggish, do not be surprised. Your dream life last night might have been unusually active. Stay low-key in a discussion with a partner. Even if you have made a decision, take a day or two before you act — new information could be heading your way. Tonight: Relax.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You might have a set of errands and projects to complete, but a loved one keeps requesting your attention. Decide to make an adjustment, rather than get upset. You have a lot to do, but remember that people, especially this person, come first. Tonight: Come to a decision.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Make your move. You know what you want to do — now go for it. Others might be distracting, so for now, leave them be. Once you feel more relaxed and accomplished, you might be more available. Tonight: Squeeze in some exercise, even if it’s just walking the dog!

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Your creativity leads you in a new direction and opens up a lot of doors. If this energy is funneling into your work, you might want to test out your ideas. In an emotional sense, you will see the results soon enough. Tonight: Reach out to friends, and start the weekend early.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You’ll want to understand what is happening with you before you respond to others. If you feel out of sync, you might want to take part of the day off or work from home. A change of pace also could help. Go along with a friend’s

suggestion. Tonight: Stay close to home.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You might want to understand what is motivating a loved one, especially if a situation makes no sense. Listen to feedback from someone you care about. You have the ability to be remarkably flexible — demonstrate that characteristic. Tonight: Catch up on a neighbor’s news.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ You appear to be confident, but you actually could be concerned about a financial matter right now. Get advice from several people who think differently from you. Weigh a risk carefully; the potential losses might not be worth it. Tonight: Treat a friend to dinner.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You finally will feel ready to make a decision or have an important talk. Know that you might need to repeat your words in a way that others will understand. Use the moment to network, or choose to do some other activity that you would enjoy. Tonight: Out on the town.

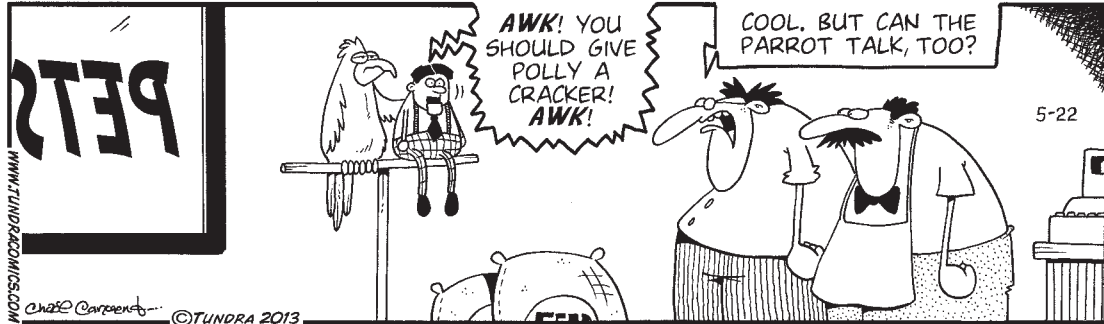
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Take a break from all the activity. You will be happiest when you’re working by yourself in handling an important issue. You might want to deal with a friend or loved one directly. Stop and consider where you are coming from. Are you being clear? Tonight: Play it low-key.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Rethink a decision involving a long-term goal. A meeting gives you a greater grasp on what is happening. You might be in the middle of some dynamic changes. Sometimes by saying nothing, you really are saying “yes.” Tonight: Tap into your imagination, and then go for it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Your ability to move past a problem helps you let go of a difficult situation. A higher-up will give you approval to move in a certain direction, and you’ll feel empowered. Know that this person will be observing how well you handle a professional matter. Tonight: To the wee hours.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Your ability to empathize with others emerges. You might be able to help someone who can’t see the big picture. Ease this person into your vision, as he or she could have difficulty letting go. As a result, he or she will make better choices. Tonight: Try some vegan cuisine.

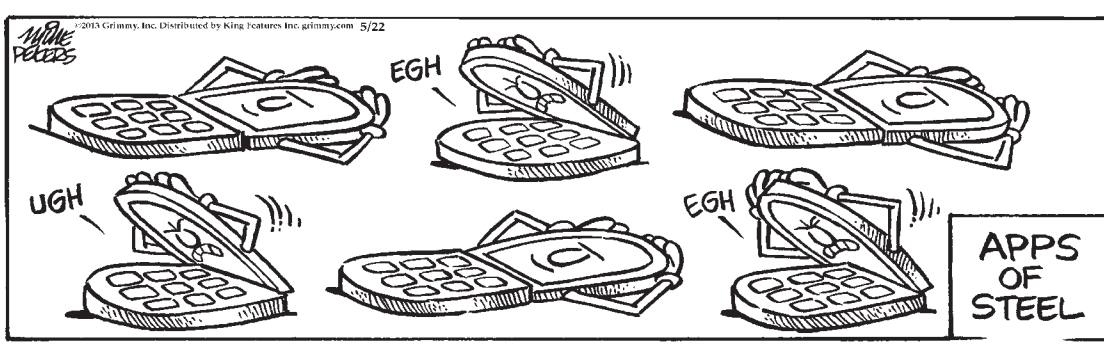
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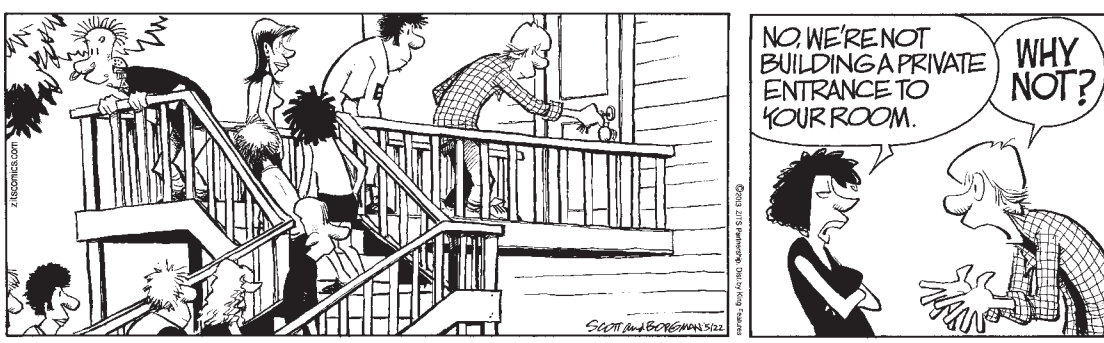
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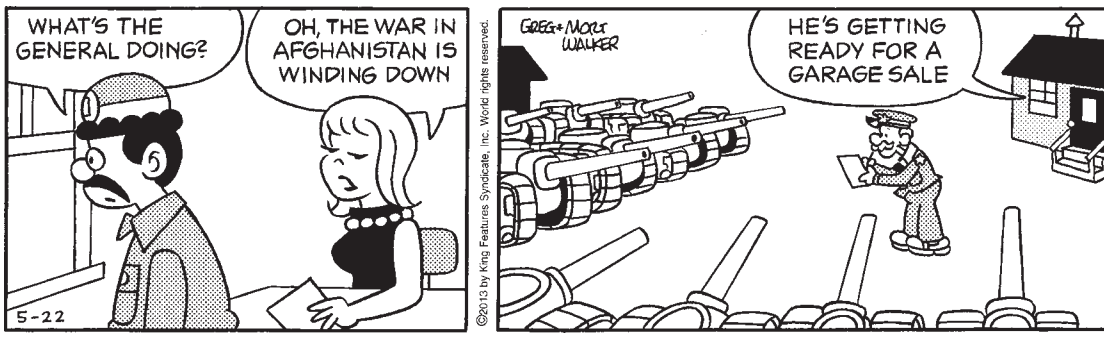
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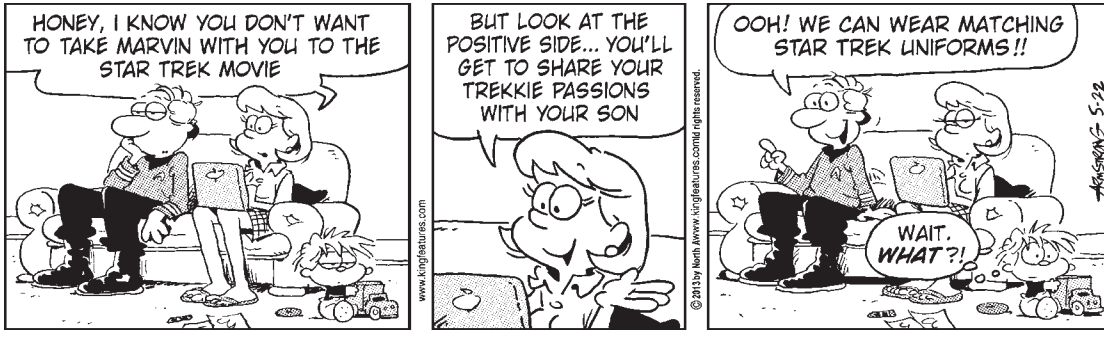
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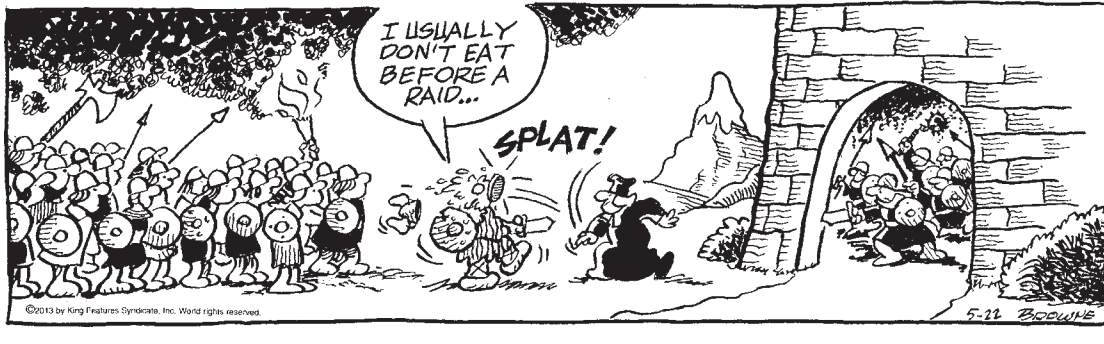
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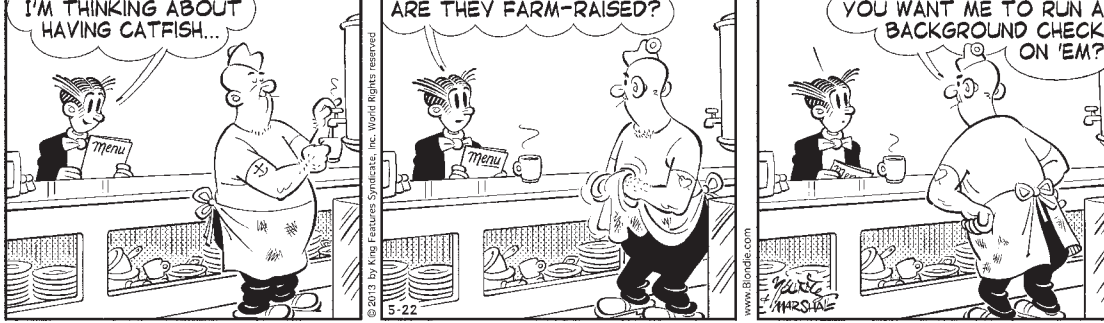
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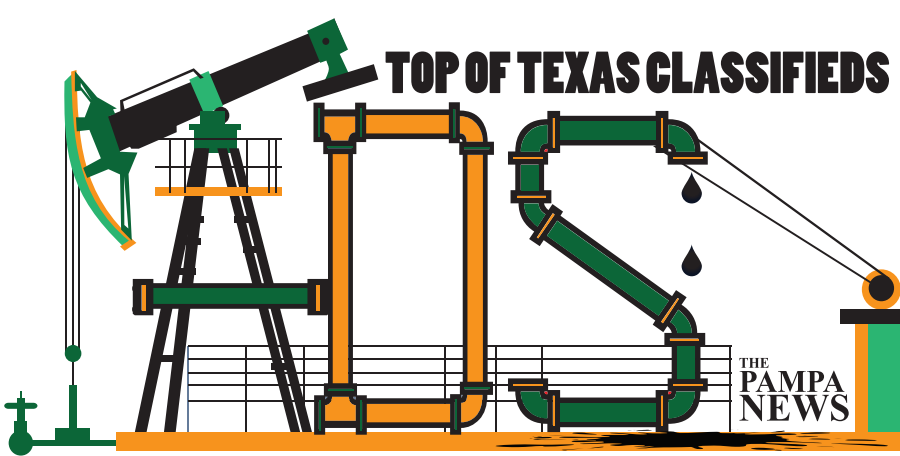


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One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

5-22 CRYPTOQUOTE

W K W Q K S Y B M D F T A M E
Y P G Z M K Y P B W E P K T R Y
M R O Y K T Y E K Y D K M W E M
K S T G N S K X W K S T G K
M Z Z Y V K W E N W K . — M D W Q K T K O Y

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PampaSports

Meet and Greet for new girls soccer coach

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The Pampa High School Lady Harvester soccer team will be hosting a Meet and Greet in the Ready Room of the Athletics Office for their new coach.

The meet and greet will be at 6 p.m., Tuesday, May 28.

Athletes and parents of athletes as well as anyone in the community is welcome to come meet the new coach.

Pampa Recreation softball standings

	W - L Conf.	W - L Overall
Mixed D1		
One Stop Flooring	7-0	9-0
Elite	4-3	6-3
SWM	2-5	2-7
Big Stix	1-6	1-8

Pampa High School golf fundraiser

STAFF REPORT

was the team of R.D. Stephens, Gerrell Owens, John Howell and Bill Hammer.

Pampa High School hosted its annual golf team fundraiser at Hidden Hills Golf Course on Saturday. It was a 4-person scramble tournament. There was the Stricker flight and the Palmer flight.

Second place with a score of 58, was the team of Jim Stroud, Joe Mabry, Whitey White and James Greer.

Third place with a score of 61, was the team of Nathan Bailey, Carlton Cates, George Hearon and Carlos Cortez.

Fourth place with a score of 63, was the team of Craig Dencklau, Brandon Montgomery, Jerry Chatwell and Kevin Youree.

The closest to the whole winner for hole No. 6 was Joe Mabry.

The closest to the whole winner for hole No. 8 was Bill Hammer.

The closest to the whole winner for hole No. 12 was Pat Montoya.

The closest to the whole winner for hole No. 15 was Marc Reed.

The long drive winner for hole No. 10 was Seth Ferguson.

	W - L Conf.	W - L Overall
Mixed D2		
VFW	6-1	6-1
Domino's Pizza	5-2	5-2
Chaney Construction	5-1	5-1
Steve's Refrigeration	3-3	3-3
NOV Mobile Rigs	2-5	2-5
Rednecks	2-4	2-4
ATM	0-7	0-7

Pampa Recreation Kickball final standings

SUBMITTED

offs.

Here are the final standings for the Pampa Recreation 2013 Spring Mixed Kickball league after play-

1. Total Khaos
2. Worst Team Ever
3. Briarwood Church
4. Kick'em Good
5. Rent-A-Center

Lady Harvester Volleyball camp

STAFF REPORT

is a session from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. for incoming first through fifth graders.

The Lady Harvester Volleyball coaching staff is presenting a camp opportunity for volleyball players.

There is a session from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for incoming sixth through ninth graders. The cost is \$50 per camper, due by May 24. Late registration is \$60 per camper.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for your child to gain some valuable volleyball experience along with having fun. The Lady Harvester Volleyball Camp will consist of skill work along with teamwork in an exciting atmosphere, plus each camper receives a T-shirt. We hope you join us at the camp," The Lady Harvester coaching staff.

There will be a concession stand during breaks featuring water, Gatorade and candy for \$1 each.

Send or drop off registration to the Athletic Office at 111 E. Harvester, Pampa, Texas, 79065.

For questions contact Brooke Sanford, camp director at Brooke.Sanford@pampaisd.net.

The camp will be from June 10-13 at Pampa Junior High School. There

Hidden Hills Monday Night scramble results

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Hidden Hills Golf Course hosted a Monday night scramble on Monday. Here are the results.

First place with a score of 30, was the team of Clint Miller, Ben Armada, Gary Brewer and Don Riddle.

Second place with a score of 30, was the team of Craig Dencklau, Jason Farmer, Carlton Cates, Chris Armstrong and Mike Bridge.

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