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No alcohol in blood of driver who hit Chicken Express

Driver's blood now being analyzed by DPS for possible drugs.

BY TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE
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The driver who crashed into the Chicken Express on July 1 did not have alcohol in his blood, according to police.

Det. Jason Collier, spokesman for the Pampa Police Department

said results came back negative for Donald Shane White, 19.

White told authorities he fell asleep at the wheel before he ran off Perryton Parkway and crashed into the east side of the building, injuring several customers.

While driving south on Perryton Parkway around 7:30 p.m. in a silver Kia Optima, White failed to maintain a single lane, struck a curb and entered the parking area, according to a PPD collision report.

Two adult victims and their

1-year-old child were treated at Pampa Regional Medical Center.

White and his two passengers, Kasey Lynn Whinery, 19, and Nate William Reeser Whinery, 1, were transported to PRMC.

Emergency personnel used the "jaws of life" to remove the three from the vehicle.

Luckily, no one was killed or seriously injured in the crash.

Collier said a blood sample now will be submitted to the Department of Transportation.

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File photo
 Workers help clean up Chicken Express after a small car crashed into the restaurant around 7:30 p.m. on July 1.

Nursing center holding fundraiser for fire victim

BY TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE
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The former employer of the man whose house was destroyed in a fire last month is holding a fundraiser to assist the 34-year-old with his living expenses.

Donations for Bobby Darton will be accepted during a cookout from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Aug. 14 in the parking lot of the Pampa Nursing Center, 1321 West Kentucky Ave. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be served.

The July 12 blaze killed Darton's 55-year-old mother Beatrice and sent Darton to the burn unit at University Medical Center in Lubbock, where he was treated for second-degree burns.

The Darton family lost everything in the fire, including clothes, vehicles and furniture.

Darton is now home living with his sister and her children next door to his former home on Prairie Drive.

"Bobby is doing better and is healing well," said Nicole A. Satterwhite, rehab program manager at the nursing center. "Bobby was an employee of



File photo
 A fundraiser for Bobby Darton, whose house in the 1040 block of Prairie Drive was destroyed in a fire on July 12, is being held Aug. 14 at the Pampa Nursing Center where Darton formerly worked.

Pampa Nursing Center for five years and always took the time out of his day to make every resident of center feel special and loved." For more information, contact Satterwhite at 806-231-7551.

Missing Barr sisters found in Okla.

STAFF REPORT

Two junior-high-school-aged sisters who ran away from home Monday morning were found late Tuesday afternoon in Ponca City, Okla. where their father lives.



Abbie Barr

"The girls are safe and their parents (from Pampa) are on the way," said Det. Jason Collier, spokesman for the Pampa Police Department.

Collier said the girls were "bouncing around" between a few friends in Ponca City and will be back in Pampa today.

"They will come into the department to give more details to the detective working on the case," he said.

The girls' stepfather Will Sharpton said the girls, Abbie, 13, and Madi Barr, 12, took off around 10 a.m. Monday after he and the girls' mother, Amber Sharpton, left for work.



Madi Barr

Will said the girls left with money they had taken from his and Amber's bank account, along with other cash that was in the house.

The couple said the girls sneaked out either late Sunday night or early Monday morning and were picked up by police at a local convenience store and taken home.

The girls were both issued curfew tickets, Amber said.

Amber said her youngest daughter, who did not leave with the older girls, said Abbie and Madi were wearing jean shorts and carrying red and black bags filled with clothes.

Collier said an Amber Alert was not issued because the girls left on their own, and there was no evidence that they were in danger.

6 on county's Crime Stoppers list

STAFF REPORT

Pampa/Gray County Crime Stoppers is offering up to a \$1000 reward for information leading to the arrest or conviction of persons who commit felony crimes or drug offenses anywhere in the Pampa/Gray County area. If you have seen any of these people, please contact the Pampa/Gray County Crime Stoppers at 806-669-2222 or at pgcstips.com.

You will remain anonymous. The information contained on these fugitives was correct when published, but may no longer be current by the time it is read.

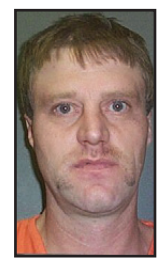
• Heather Lynnette Edinger, 33, white female, 5'2" and 115 pounds, blue eyes, blonde hair. Violation of probation — aggravated robbery.



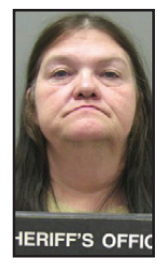
Heather Edinger



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Christopher Rose



Steven Soto

• Billie Sue Kelley, 46, white female, 5'03" and 100 pounds, brown Eyes and blond hair. Driving while intoxicated with child under 15 years old.

• Zach Keith Mabry, 36, white male, 6'0" and 150 pounds, blue eyes and brown hair. Violation of probation — possession of a controlled substance.

• Cynthia Ann Meeks, 54, white female, 5'04" and 210 pounds, brown eyes, brown

hair. Theft of property greater than \$1,500 and less than \$20,000.

• Christopher Duane Rose, 40, white male, 6'04" and 210 pounds, blue Eyes, blond Hair. Theft of property less than \$1500 with previous convictions.

• Steven Soto, Hispanic male, 5'6" and 165 pounds, brown eyes, black hair. Bond surrender — credit card abuse.

Crime Stoppers' programs are nonprofit organizations

led by citizens against crime. Some Crime Stoppers offer cash rewards of up to \$1,000 to persons providing anonymous information that leads to the felony arrest of criminals and fugitives. Information is received through anonymous Crime Stoppers tips that are received through a secure tips line or through a secure web connection manned by a professional program coordinator. For more information, visit www.crimestoppersusa.

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PAMPA FORECAST

Today	Thursday	Friday
High 96 Low 67	High 87 Low 64	High 85 Low 63

Today: Partly cloudy with a high of 96. Chance of rain: 20 percent. Winds southeast at 14 mph. Sunrise at 6:57 a.m.

Tonight: Isolated Thunderstorms with a low of 67. Chance of rain: 30 percent. Winds north northeast at 13 mph. Sunset at 8:41 p.m.

Thursday: Partly cloudy with a high of 87. Chance of rain: 20 percent. Winds north northeast at 13 mph. Sunrise at 6:58 a.m.

Thursday night: Mostly clear with a low of 64. Chance of rain: 10 percent. Winds east at 10 mph. Sunset at 8:40 p.m.

Friday: Isolated thunderstorms with a high of 85. Chance of rain: 30 percent. Winds southeast at 12 mph. Sunrise at 6:59 a.m.

Friday night: Partly cloudy with a low of 63. Chance of rain: 10 percent. Winds southeast at 8 mph. Sunset at 8:39 p.m.

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Obituaries

James "Jim" Rex Pryor Jr.

James "Jim" Rex Pryor Jr., 53, of Andrews, passed away on Sunday, Aug. 4, 2013 in Austin.

Jim was born on Aug. 16, 1959 in Borger to the late Rex and Glema Pryor. He grew up in Skellytown, graduated from White Deer High School in 1977, and moved to West Texas in 1984. He met the love of his life, Monica Gage, at a Christmas party in 1984 and they were married shortly after on June 25, 1985 in Stinnett. When he first moved to the area he was an employee of Getty Oil Co. Through the years he held many different positions, even making it through four mergers with the company. He was proud that he was celebrating 35 years with Chevron this month. He loved riding his motorcycle to different parts of the country, and was a member of the Patriot Guard, Eunice Masonic Lodge, and the Croft's Light Artillery Battery. He was also honored by being inducted as a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans this year.



James Rex Pryor

He was preceded in death by his parents, grandparents, and a brother.

Survivors include his wife, Monica, one daughter, Shoshawna Bentley, and husband Tim, of Andrews; two grandchildren, Sheridan Leigh and Reagan Michelle Bentley of Andrews; one sister, Danita Sanders of Andrews; two nieces, Kaylee Couch & husband Frank, and Ashlee Sanders; two great nieces Aubree and Emmalyn Couch; and numerous extended family and loved by many acquired family.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. on Thursday, August 8, 2013 at the West Texas Cowboy Church in Gardendale, TX at 12144 E Highway 158 with Andy Hill officiating. Burial will follow at Andrews North Cemetery.

The family will receive visitors from 6- 9 p.m. on

Wednesday evening at the Andrews Funeral Home Chapel.

Services are under the direction of Andrews Funeral Home, 201 NE 1st Street, Andrews, TX 79714.

Gearldean Christian

Gearldean Christian, 79, went to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Aug. 5, 2013 in Amarillo.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 8, 2013 at Memory Gardens Cemetery with Rev. Leonard Forsythe, pastor of Bible Baptist Church of Borger, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Christian was born Nov. 16, 1933 in Norman, Okla. to William "Pat" and Beatrice Williamson Dabby. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1941. She married Francis "Frank" Christian on Jan. 1, 1950 in Pampa. He preceded her in death on February 14, 1999. She was a medical aide at Coronado Healthcare Center and Pampa Nursing Center. She also worked for BSA Hospice as a caregiver. Gearldean was a member of Carpenter's Church. She loved her family very much. Her interests were caring for the elderly and being with family and friends. She was preceded in death by three brothers and two sisters.

The family would like to express their gratitude to the great nursing staff at Odyssey Hospice of Amarillo.

Survivors include two sons, David Christian and wife Teresa of Fritch, and Bobby Christian and wife Rhonda of Borger, two daughters, Linda Vick of Pampa and Theresa Wells of Skellytown, 11 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Sign the online guest register at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

For the record

Canadian man arrested for possession of marijuana

STAFF REPORT

Rex Nandory, 28, Canadian, was arrested Monday by GCSO for possession of marijuana.

Matthew Trusty, 24, Pampa, was arrested Monday by the Pampa Police Department for a Pampa municipal violation —

squealing tires within city limits.

Casey Reed, 36, Wichita Falls, was arrested Monday by the Gray County Sheriff's Office for abandoning or endangering a child, criminal negligence, assault with intent of causing bodily injury.

Bennita Ballard, 42, Clarendon, was arrested Monday by GCSO for violation of probation — theft greater than \$50 and less than \$500.

Danny Herrera, 31, Pampa, was arrested Monday for theft of property greater than \$50 and less than \$500.

John Wilson, 39, Amarillo, was arrested Tuesday by GCSO for theft of property greater than \$50 and less than \$500.

Tonya Martinez, 36, Pampa, was arrested Tuesday by PPD for two charges of capias pro fine from the city, six warrants of arrest from the county.

NJ cop makes unexpected bust in store bathroom

PARSIPPANY, N.J. (AP) — A police officer who stopped at a northern New Jersey convenience store to use the bathroom instead ended up arresting

a man there who allegedly was breaking up marijuana on a \$100 bill.

Parsippany police tell NJ.com that officer Michael Sprung stopped at the store

just after 1 a.m. Tuesday. When he opened the bathroom door, he saw a 19-year-old Lake Hiawatha man sitting backward and fully clothed on

the toilet. The man then unsuccessfully tried to hide the marijuana behind the toilet when he saw the uniformed officer standing in the doorway.

Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips



DEAR ABBY: I'm hoping you will pass this on to your readers. Many of us these days have to work two jobs to make ends meet. In addition to a full-time job, I work a second one in a call center. Yes, I'm one of those dreaded people who call and ask you to do a phone survey.

DEAR HAPPY TO BE EMPLOYED: I am not excusing poor manners, and I do sympathize with your position. But when companies make these incessant calls, they are entering people's homes without being invited, and it can make some of them very angry, particu-

larly if they have been interrupted while eating, working, napping or caregiving.

The people you call might be less hostile if they hadn't been called repeatedly and asked to participate in these surveys after they had refused four, five or six times and had asked not to be called again. They might be more polite if they hadn't registered on a "Do Not Call" list that was ignored.

DEAR ABBY: My best friend's mother has dementia. It is usually worse in the evenings, but she can function during the day — somewhat. My friend and her husband both work, leaving the mother alone at home during the day with the door locked from the outside so she can't wander off.

I have told my friend many times how dangerous this

is, but she continues to do it. It makes me sick worrying about her mother, but I don't know what to do about it.

DEAR FRIEND: Your friend and her husband may have the best of intentions, but locking a demented person inside the house is not the answer to their problem. If a fire were to start, she might not be "with it" enough to know how to put it out or summon help. She could also fall and injure herself.

A better solution would be to find a day-care program where the mother would have company, be entertained and safely looked after. Please suggest it to them. However, if they are not receptive, Adult Protective Services should be notified because the woman's life could depend on it.

TO MY MUSLIM READERS: It's time for the breaking of the Ramadan fast. Happy Eid al-Fitr, everyone. May God make yours a blessed feast.

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Yesterday's Answer: OMEGA, THETA; GRAFT, LAUGH

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The Best of Pampa winners

The winners for the "Best of Pampa" contest have been tallied. The Pampa News readers voted for their favorite businesses and people.

The deadline to submit ballots was Aug. 1. The Pampa News staff wishes to thank everyone who participated.

- Best of Pampa winners are:**
- Best pizza: Verona's
 - Best sandwich: Hoagie's Deli
 - Best late night snack: Taco Bell

- Best hamburger: Hamburger Station
- Best steak: Texas Rose
- Best breakfast: Hamburger Station
- Best waitress: Wendi Miller
- Best fountain drink: Easy's
- Best insurance agent: Brandon Wheeler
- Best real estate agent: Tish Holman
- Best auto body repair shop: Southwest Collision
- Best mechanic: Dustin Kuhn
- Best physician: Dr. Mark Ford (junior)

- Best bank: Happy State Bank
- Best beautician: Stephanie McGahen
- Best car salesman: George Bullard
- Best law enforcement officer: Jon Hammond
- Best firefighter: Jason Roberts
- Best lawn care provider: Ammons Landscape
- Best coach/teacher: Steve Porter
- Best grocery store: United Supermarkets
- Best pedicure: Teresa Peters

- Best hotel: AmericInn Lodge and Suites
- Best newcomer: Shabby Creek
- Best customer service: Malcolm Hinkle and Ammons Landscape (tie)
- Best gift shop: The Victorian Rose
- Best photographer: Christy Ladd
- Best pharmacist: Ronnie Villa
- Best car wash: Pak-A-Sak
- Best convenience store: Pak-A-Sak
- Best jewelry store: Rheams Diamond Shop

Pampa Fire Department call log – Aug. 1-6

The Pampa Fire Department responded to these calls for the following dates. One unit with three personnel responded to each call, unless otherwise indicated.

- Aug. 1**
- At 8:37 a.m., to a medical assist in the 1300 block of West Kentucky.
 - At 1:39 p.m., one unit and five personnel to a lift assist in the 400 block of Graham.
 - At 2:56 p.m., one unit and five personnel to a medical assist in the 1200 block of North Wells.
 - At 4:10 p.m., one unit and five

personnel to a motor vehicle accident at the intersection of Kentucky and Hobart. Canceled en route to the call.

- Aug. 2**
- At 5:46 p.m., one unit and four personnel to an investigation in the 600 block of West Wilks.
 - At 8:27 p.m., one unit and four personnel to a medical assist in the 600 block of Wynne.
 - At 11:15 p.m., to a lift assist in the 2200 block of North Christy.
- Aug. 3**
- At 12:46 a.m., one unit and four personnel to a medical as-

sist in the 500 block of North Faulkner.

- At 12:23 p.m., to a medical assist in the 300 block of North Banks.
 - At 2:10 p.m., to a gas leak in the 500 block of Magnolia.
 - At 6:49 p.m., to a medical assist in the 100 block of Walnut Creek.
 - At 8:16 p.m., to a medical assist in the 1400 block of West Somerville.
- Aug. 4**
- At 7:16 a.m., one unit and four personnel to a medical assist in

the 11000 block of West Highway 152.

- At 6:50 p.m., to an investigation in the 700 block of East Kingsmill.
- Aug. 5**
- At 11:46 a.m., to a medical assist in the 1200 block of North Somner.
 - At 4:23 p.m., to a natural gas leak in the 1200 block of Hamilton.
- Aug. 6**
- At 12:55 a.m., to a medical assist in the 1200 block of South Somner.

Events

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Plans are not finalized, but the United Way is trying to set up a dunking booth and other fun activities.

From 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., Aug. 20, the United Way, with the Pampa Chamber of Commerce, is hosting a Family Swim Night at the H2O Aquatic Center.

Cost is \$10 for adults and children 6 and older. Children 5 and under are free. Burgers, chips and a drink are included.

For more information about either event, call Jana Gregory, executive administrator, at 806-669-1001.

DPS interdiction program making strides to protect children

SUBMITTED BY DPS

AUSTIN — The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) today showcased the success of its premier Interdiction for the Protection of Children (IPC) program, which helps officers identify and recover missing or exploited children.

Launched in 2009, the IPC program was designed to teach troopers and officers how to recognize, intervene and remove endangered children who do not exhibit obvious signs of abuse.

"The exploitation and human trafficking of children is a profound threat to public safety, and it is essential that law enforcement entities have the necessary training to protect our children," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "DPS has led the way in providing officers with the multifaceted education and training need-

ed to detect and rescue endangered children. With this program and our vigilant officers, we will continue to pursue these vile predators."

IPC offers invaluable and sophisticated training created to help law enforcement officers identify and recover missing or exploited children and arrest suspects for sexual assault of children, including possession of child pornography.

As a result of this training, DPS has made 26 criminal arrests and recovered more than 80 missing or exploited children since 2010. Throughout the years, the IPC program has been responsible for uncovering crimes affecting children and arresting the perpetrators in instances involving:

- Possession of child pornography.
- Sexual assault of a child.
- Human trafficking.

• Abduction.

DPS has provided the IPC training to its own officers as well as other law enforcement, including more than 2,900 officers in Texas and approximately 2,600 officers outside of Texas, nationally and internationally. A variety of other groups — including victim services and child advocacy organizations — interested in the protection of children have also attended the training.

Numerous organizations interested in the IPC program have requested and received presentations, consultations and classes from DPS regarding the training, including the International Association of Chiefs of Police, Annual Multi-Jurisdictional Law Enforcement Conference and the states of New York and New Jersey regarding the 2014 Super Bowl.

Crash

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ment of Public Safety for drug analysis.

White has not been charged or cited in the collision, which caused extensive damage to the restaurant.

The incident attracted dozens of passersby, many of whom helped with cleaning up the restaurant.

The crash occurred on the one-year anniversary of Leslie and Seth Haynes buying the restaurant franchise.

Leslie said Tuesday business is "back to normal" but they are waiting on new windows to replace the ones that were smashed.

"We still have some interior work that needs to be done," she said. "But the biggest thing is waiting on the windows."

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Python's strangling of 2 boys in Canada probed

TORONTO (AP) — A 100-pound (45-kilogram) python blamed in the strangling deaths of two Canadian boys apparently escaped from its enclosure, slithered through a ventilation system and fell through the ceiling into the room where the young brothers were sleeping, authorities said Tuesday.

A snake expert said it was possible that the python was spooked and simply clung to whatever it landed on. Police are treating the deaths in Campbellton, New Brunswick, as a criminal investigation.

Autopsies on Noah Barthe, 5 and his brother Connor Barthe, 7, were being performed Tuesday.

The brothers had been visiting the apartment of a friend whose father owned an exotic pet store on the floor below, Royal Canadian Mounted Police Sgt. Alain Tremblay said at a news conference in Campbellton. Tremblay said the African rock python was being kept inside the second floor apartment, not inside the pet store as authorities had previously stated.

Steve Benteau, a spokesman for the provincial Natural Resources Department, said no permit was issued for an African rock python and the province wasn't aware it was being kept at the apartment. The department said the snake is generally only permitted in accredited zoos, unless there is a special permit.

Tremblay said the snake was housed in a large glass enclosure that reached the ceiling of the apartment and escaped through a small hole in the ceiling connected to the ventilation system.

He said the snake made its way through the ventilation system and moved toward the living room, where the boys were sleeping. The pipe collapsed and the snake fell.

The friend of the boys was sleeping in another room and was unharmed.

The pet store owner, Jean-Claude Savoie, told the Global News television station that he didn't hear a sound and discovered the "horrific scene" when he went into his living room on Monday morning.

"I can't believe this is real," Savoie said.

He said the boys were the children of his best friend and were often at his apartment to visit his son. Savoie said the python, which he has had for at least 10 years, had been kept alone in its enclosure and was not handled by anyone else.

Police said the snake was killed by veterinarian. It was sent for a necropsy to confirm the type of snake and help understand what may have caused it to attack.

Family spokesman Dave

Rose, the boys' great-uncle, said the brothers had spent Monday at Savoie's family farm and played with different animals before staying over at the apartment. Rose thanked the community for their support and asked for privacy.

The snake was about 4.3 meters (14 feet) long, Tremblay said. He said police were looking at whether the store followed the province's regulations on exotic animals.

"It's a criminal investigation," Tremblay said. "We're going to look at all avenues."

The RCMP's Major Crime Unit is continuing the investigation, with the assistance of a reptile expert from the Magnetic Hill Zoo in Moncton, New Brunswick.

"I guess we can assume that given the size of the snake that certain things occurred, but the pathologist will be identifying the cause of death," Tremblay said.

Tremblay said police spoke to the store owner briefly and will meet with

him again.

The town's deputy mayor, Ian Comeau, said the Reptile Ocean shop was licensed to operate and "everything was according to our bylaws, to the provincial guidelines." He said he saw alligators, crocodiles and snakes when he toured the shop with the fire department about two years ago.

Snake expert John Kendrick, a manager at the Reptile Store in Hamilton, Ontario, said it sounds like the python was not enclosed properly and might have been spooked. He called the strangling deaths "very unusual" but said African rock pythons tend to be a little more high-strung.



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Museum Musings

Join us for the rodeo exhibit

The White Deer Land Museum invites you to join us in celebrating the history of the Top O' Texas Rodeo. Saturday, Aug. 10. After the rodeo parade, the White Deer Land Museum will be opening a new exhibit featuring the Top O' Texas Rodeo and how it became the annual event we all so love today.



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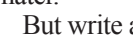
The Top O' Texas Rodeo began in 1946 and is still going strong. Aside from two years taken to recover from tornado dam-

age, the rodeo brought the town together every single year. The White Deer Land Museum strives to draw attention to the rich history of our area. Rodeo has been a part of Gray County history since long before 1946 and it has been a strong influence on today's event. We would love for you to come by and enjoy refreshments and take in the excitement of the Top O' Texas Rodeo. The exhibit will remain open until September 7, 2013. You can expect to learn about the history of the rodeo and those who have been involved. Lots of photographs and newspaper articles as well as saddles and other

memorabilia from the Top O' Texas Rodeo will be on display. The museum will also be collecting stories from guests who have a unique rodeo experience to share. We are excited to compile these and share them with others in the future. Please visit the White Deer Land Museum in downtown Pampa. Saturday, the museum will have special hours from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Regular tours are offered Tuesday through Saturday from 1-4 p.m. If you would like to schedule a special or group tour, please call or email the museum at 806-669-8041 or courtney.oxley@graycch.com.

Fox versus the 'mainstream'

They may find it scandalous for someone to say so, but our secular liberal media are playing favorites with religion. They have a spoiled child, Islam. Journalists see Islam as a bullied, minority faith for brown people. Draw a cartoon of Mohammed with dynamite on his head, and you are the worst kind of trouble-making



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hater. But write a book declaring that Jesus isn't God? That's not picking a fight or making trouble. That actually delights media elitists. They see America as too identified with Christian-nation "intolerance," a bond that needs to be broken. Look no further than Lauren Green's Foxnews.com interview with Muslim author Reza Aslan, who wrote a book titled "Zealot," which wildly claims that Jesus wasn't God, and (scriptural evidence be damned) Jesus never said or thought that he was.

Green's first question? "This is an interesting book. Now, I want to clarify: You are a Muslim, so why did you write a book about the founder of Christianity?" That's hardly a ridiculous question. It is actually the necessary first question. But liberals sniffed "bigotry" in Green's open-ended question (which she asked several times and couldn't get a straight answer). They sensed she was saying Aslan and Muslims should somehow be banned from writing about Christianity.

In responding to Green's question, Aslan arrogantly lectured Green like she was a little girl, dismissing her question as impudent. He claimed, "I am an expert with a Ph.D. in the history of religions. ... To be clear, I want to emphasize one more time, I am a historian. I am a Ph.D. in the history of religions." That is emphatically false. The Ph.D. was in sociology, something entirely different. He also has a master of arts in fiction. That qualification seems more appropriate here. In an interview on NPR's "Weekend Edition," Aslan had another "cringe worthy" moment that even NPR felt pressed to correct on its website: "Our guest incorrectly says the first Gospel, the Gospel of Mark, contains no statement of messianic identity from Jesus. In fact, in Mark 14:62, Jesus responds affirmatively when asked if he is the Son of God."

NPR didn't say "inadvertently." Not "mistakenly." The word they chose — "incorrectly" — speaks volumes. Aslan was pushing a falsehood. Reverse this media phenomenon: What if it were a Muslim who converted to Christianity claiming Mohammed wasn't a prophet? The adjectives piled up to describe this interview filled a thesaurus of trash talk. MSNBC midday host Alex Wagner made a list of liberal blog babble: "It's been called absolutely demented, cringe worthy, excruciating, breathtakingly incurious, a complete car crash, the most embarrassing interview Fox News has ever done."

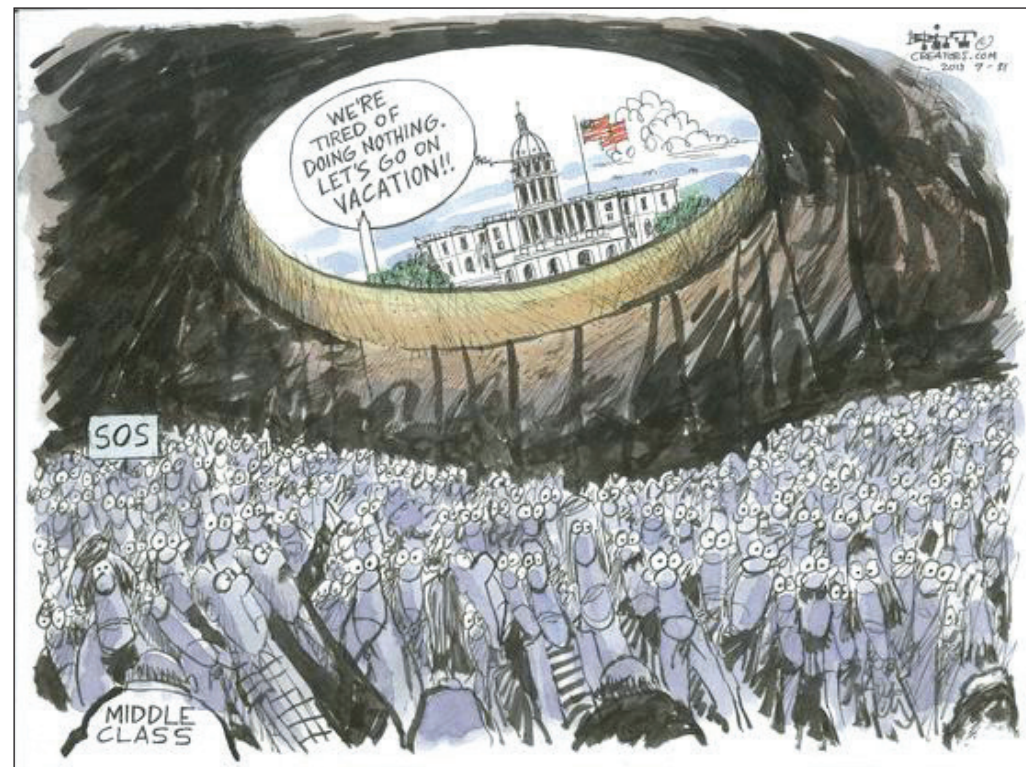
As she interviewed Aslan, Wagner boasted "Fox has revealed two biases; anti-Muslim and also anti-fact." Fact-challenged Aslan announced his interview was a "jump the shark" moment marking the decline and fall of Fox News. A professor named Jeffrey Scholes exemplified perfectly the liberal superiority dance against "Christian privilege" on the blog Religion Dispatches. Many of us want to see the scholar vs. the dilettante; the open-minded vs. the close-minded; the objective vs. the subjective; the facts vs. values.

More to the point, the interview presents us with a real shot at projection: We finally get the chance to stick it to Fox News, especially as it shows itself to be less than 'Fair and Balanced.'" No one mocking Fox and Green gave them any credit for extending an interview to Aslan in the first place. And no one acknowledged the sad fact that Green is the only religion correspondent at a national TV news network.

But Aslan can be hailed on every liberal outlet, with hosts shamelessly aiming to "juice" his book sales, as MSNBC's Wagner put it. "Please do read the book," she pleaded. In an interview on "The Daily Show," substitute host John Oliver was over the top: "I loved this book," he said in the first minute. At interview's end, he repeated: "I absolutely love this book! You gotta get it. ... The fantastic Reza Aslan!"

This might be obvious, since mocking the divinity of Jesus Christ from Jon Stewart to "South Park" is the daily bread of Comedy Central. And mocking Mohammed is banned.

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Measuring GOP extremism in polling

It is becoming increasingly plain that the most formidable obstacle to national progress and global security is the Republican Party — and specifically the extremist factions that currently dominate the GOP.



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Now Democratic pollster Stan Greenberg and political strategist James Carville have announced what they plan to do about that pressing problem: namely, "The Republican Party Project," which will provide extensive survey research devoted to "exposing, monitoring, and confronting" the Republicans while helping Democrats and progressives to regain the political offensive.

To begin advancing these ambitious goals, Carville and Greenberg released the first in a series of polls on Wednesday that showcased several of their target's most divisive and dysfunctional features — and revealed some surprising weaknesses that could eventually prove disabling, if not fatal.

In surveys of more than 1,700 U. S. voters conducted for Democracy Corps between July 10 and July 15, the methodology used by Greenberg Quinlan Rosner oversampled Republicans in order to allow detailed analysis of two subgroups: Republicans themselves and

independents who lean toward the GOP. The overall margin of error was under 3 percent and the margin of error for Republicans was about 4 percent. According to Carville and Greenberg — whose presidential polling proved the best national voter survey in 2012, predicting the popular vote with pinpoint accuracy — Republican extremism is leaving the party increasingly isolated, even from many of its own members.

At the moment, only 31 percent of voters identify as Republicans, compared with 38 percent who identify as Democrats and 30 percent who call themselves independents. (Aggregated surveys collected by Pollster currently confirm an even worse scenario, with Democrats at 34 percent and Republicans at 23 percent.)

But just as significant as party identification is how voters see the Republican "brand." Although Democrats as a party and in Congress are not exactly beloved, their net negatives are around 10 points below those of the Republicans, who are regarded with absolute disdain by most of those polled.

Only 13 percent believe that the GOP "shares their values" and only 9 percent believe that the GOP has "realistic solutions to the nation's problems." The project's polling also uncovered bad omens for Republicans among almost all age cohorts.

While the Republicans can cite a statistically

meaningless 1 percent advantage among Generation X voters, the party has no "generational base" and is strongly disfavored by both Baby Boomers and Millennials.

Indeed, the gap between the parties among upcoming Millennials is nearly 20 points, with only 21 percent identifying as Republican — a data point that Republican leaders may well find terrifying. Moreover, the Republican base is holed up in rapidly depopulating rural areas, while cities and suburbs strongly favor Democrats.

It is also worth noting how alienated moderate Republicans are from their own party, with nearly half regarding it as "too extreme." Up to 40 percent of moderate Republicans regard their party as "out of touch," a statement that resonates with 46 percent of Republican-leaning independent voters.

Nearly 40 percent of moderate Republicans believe the party is "dividing the country." Meanwhile, the project's survey suggests that Republicans in the dominant tea party and evangelical wings of the GOP are increasingly isolated not only from moderates in their own party but from independent voters, as well, on such issues as abortion, gay marriage, climate change and by their corrosive hatred of President Obama and the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare).

On climate change, for example, overwhelming percentages of Democrats

(95), Democratic-leaning independents (87), Independents (76) and moderate Republicans (62) all agree that strong action must be taken to offset atmospheric warming caused by human activity — while only 23 percent of tea party adherents and 34 percent of evangelicals share that scientifically-based perspective.

On gun control, 71 percent of tea party adherents feel strongly favorable toward the NRA, while only 34 percent of moderate Republicans and 34 percent of Independents harbor positive feelings toward the gun lobby.

Perhaps most worrisome to Republicans looking toward 2016 with trepidation, the strongly unfavorable attitudes toward Hillary Clinton expressed by tea party (75 percent) and evangelical (66 percent) groups within the GOP are not echoed by more mainstream voters. Only 22 percent of independents — and only 34 percent of moderate Republicans — share that negative view of the former secretary of state, who is widely considered most likely to be the next Democratic presidential nominee.

But Carville and Greenberg promise that this is only the beginning of the bad news for the Grand Old Party — and the future findings of the Republican Party Project will appear first in these pages.

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Amazon founder to buy Washington Post

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Jeff Bezos, the Amazon.com founder who helped bring books into the digital age, is going after another pillar of “old media”: the newspaper.



Jeff Bezos

Amazon.com founder Jeff Bezos struck a deal Monday to buy The Washington Post and other newspapers for \$250 million in a startling demonstration of how the Internet has created both winners and losers and utterly transformed the media landscape.

Bezos made his fortune by pioneering online shopping, first with books, then with just about everything else, while The Washington Post, like most newspapers, has been losing readers and advertisers to the Internet while watching its value plummet.

The newspaper, celebrated a generation ago for breaking the Watergate scandal, has been forced in recent years to scale back its ambitions, cut its newsroom staff repeatedly and close several bureaus.

Bezos, 49, is buying the paper as an individual. Amazon.com Inc. is not involved.

Washington Post chairman and CEO Donald Graham called Bezos a “uniquely good new owner.”

He said the decision was made after years of newspaper industry challenges.

The company, which owns the Kaplan education business and several TV stations, will change its name but didn't say what the new name will be.

Bezos said in a statement that he understands the Post's “critical role” in Washington and said its values won't change.

“The paper's duty will remain to its readers and not to the private interests of its owners,” Bezos said to Post employees in a letter distributed to the media.

“We will continue to follow the truth wherever it leads, and we'll work hard not to make mistakes.”

When we do, we will own up to them quickly and completely.”

Katharine Weymouth, the paper's publisher and CEO and a member of the Graham family that has owned the paper since 1933, will remain in her post.

She has asked other senior managers to stay on as well.

“Mr. Bezos knows as well as anyone the opportunities that come with revolutionary technology when we understand how to make the most of it,” she said in a letter to readers.

“Under his ownership and with his management savvy, we will be able to accelerate the pace and quality of innovation.”

The news surprised industry observers and even the paper's employees.

“I think we're all still in shock,” said Robert McCartney, the paper's Metro columnist and a 31-year veteran.

“Everybody's standing around the newsroom talking about it. ... I don't think much work's getting done.”

The email hit staffers' inboxes at 4:17 p.m. Eastern time. It summoned them to a meeting 13 minutes later.

Graham spoke at the staff meeting of how he has known Bezos for more than a decade, and

described him as a decent and patient man, said McCartney.

Graham told the staff he is convinced that Bezos is committed to quality journalism and has no political agenda.

There was sustained applause from the staff after Graham and Weymouth's remarks.

Allen & Co., which held a high-level conference for media and technology executives in Sun Valley, Idaho, last month, was named as an adviser to the deal.

To observers, Bezos is eminently qualified to be a newspaper owner: He's rich, he's innovative and he's willing to live with slim profits.

That's proven by his running of Amazon since its foundation in 1994. Last month, Amazon.com Inc. reported a surprise loss in the April-June quarter even though revenue grew 22 percent to \$15.7 billion.

“Some other buyers might see the Post as a thing to drain money out of,” said Joshua Benton, director of the Nieman Journalism Lab at Harvard University.

“There's little reason to think (Bezos would) fall into that category.”

The Poynter Institute's media and business analyst, Rick Edmonds, compared Bezos' purchase of the Post to billionaire John Henry's \$70 million purchase of The Boston Globe, which was announced Saturday.

The newspaper transactions remove well-loved, established publications from publicly traded parent companies which had to answer to shareholders who demanded good quarterly financial results.

“This means putting the Post in the hands of a wealthy individual

who can take as long as he needs and spend as much money as he wishes in keeping the paper strong,” Edmonds said.

“That's a much better situation than a company with other faster-growing businesses trying to justify that same investment.”

Alan Mutter, a media consultant and former newspaper editor, said this deal marks the first time a newspaper has been bought by a “digital native,” not someone entrenched in the print medium.

“Here's a guy who's going to re-envision the newspaper from top to bottom and we'll see what we get,” Mutter said.

The soon-to-be-renamed Washington Post company will retain Slate magazine, TheRoot.com and Foreign Policy magazine, as well as the Post's headquarters building in downtown Washington.

Bezos said in his letter to employees that he'd be keeping his “day job” as Amazon CEO and a life in “the other Washington” where Amazon's headquarters in Seattle are based.

But he made clear there would be changes, if unforeseen ones, coming.

“The Internet is transforming almost every element of the news business: shortening news cycles, eroding long-reliable revenue sources, and enabling new kinds of competition, some of which bear little or no news-gathering costs,” Bezos wrote.

“There is no map, and charting a path ahead will not be easy. We will need to invent, which means we will need to experiment.”

7K run Saturday at Alibates

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The race will begin and end at the Alibates Visitor Center, located on Cas Johnson Road off state Highway 136. Participants will enjoy beautiful views and the chance of seeing local wildlife as they run or walk through this slightly hilly down-and-back course.

After the race, participants are invited to visit the

Last year's run attracted more than 80 participants, and sponsors are hoping to break that record this year.

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4-year-old mayor is re-elected

DORSET, Minn. (AP) — Robert “Bobby” Tufts hasn't made it to preschool yet, but he's already been elected twice as mayor of a tiny tourist town in northern Minnesota.



Robert Tufts

Mayor Tufts' name was picked Sunday during the Taste of Dorset festival to be mayor of Dorset for a second term. It has no formal city government and has a population of 22 to 28, depending on whether the minister and his family are in town.

Anyone could vote as many times as they like —

for \$1 a vote — at any of the ballot boxes in stores around town. The proceeds go toward organizing the festival.

Bobby was only 3 when he won election last year. His mother, Emma Tufts, said she and her son, who turns 5 in October, got choked up when his name was pulled for re-election Sunday.

The boy picked a random man out of the crowd to pick the name out of a clear tub, and the man was blindfolded twice, she said.

While this was happening, Bobby told the crowd how to musky fish, she said.

“He's been going since 3 o'clock yesterday with cameras on his face,” she

said Sunday afternoon. “He's having a long day but he's done really well. I'm surprised.”

Asked how he felt during a phone interview, a tired Bobby made clear he was done answering questions. “I want to be with the boys,” he told his mother.

They were on their way to dinner and then planned to go fishing or have a bonfire to celebrate. Bobby, of nearby Nevis, starts preschool this fall.

Emma Tufts said her son's agenda includes raising money for the Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Red River Valley in Fargo, N.D., and a new welcome sign for Dorset, which bills itself as the Restaurant Capital of the World.

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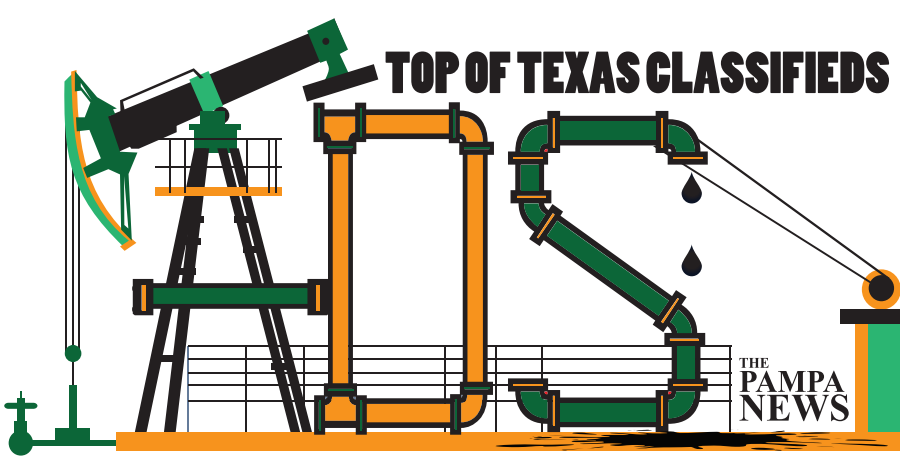
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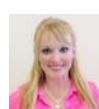
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Above, a draw play is run in the end zone. Below, the bubble screen, one of the many pass plays ran.

■ Pampa Varsity and Junior Varsity hit the practice field to improve from last season.

By JOHN LEE

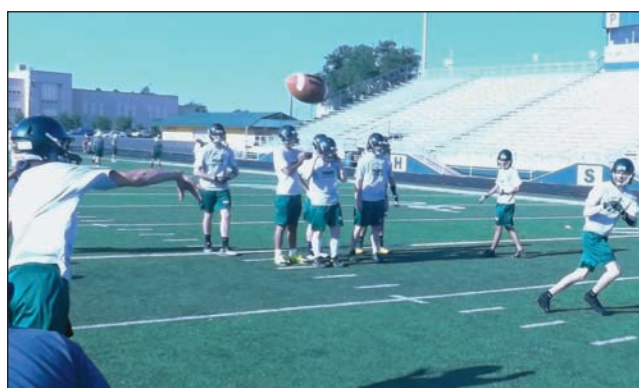
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Vince Lombardi once said, "The greatest accomplishment is not in never falling, but in rising again after you fall." Last season the Pampa Harvesters had a rough season in a 3-7 outing. However, every team starts the season undefeated, and it is a new season.

Right now varsity head coach Heath Parker is just concerned with getting his team and getting each player back on the same page.

"This time of year you're just trying to get your timing back and just trying to get everything where it looks right," Parker said.

"More importantly you're just trying to get the essence of your team, how your team is going to respond to each other and to the coaches. Just being good teammates, to me that's the most important



thing. Everybody has talent, everybody runs good plays and has good ideas. It's just how you do it and the passion of doing it that makes the difference."

There was a competition at the quarterback position to start the year, and the Pampa Harvesters have found their guy.

"We had a quarterback competition starting in January," Parker said. "Of course, we haven't taken a game snap yet, as we sit to-

day we have a starter (Tyler Hooper) and it is going to be his job to perform it. We have all the confidence in the world that he will be the next in line of the string of unanimous offensive quarterbacks to know for a long time around here."

Early indications at practice show the team is going to be balanced as there were equal reps of hand-offs, draw plays and a mixed bag of various passing plays. All three quarterbacks throwing

the balls had great timing with their receivers as they ran bubble screens, fades and option pass/draw plays.

"Offensively we would like to play balanced," Parker said.

"We have this reputation of throwing and catching the football, we certainly want to be able to do that. But the reality of it is you want to be able to throw the ball enough to be able to run it."

The Pampa Harvesters will hit the practice field this morning and Thursday morning, then have full contact on Friday. Saturday is team picture day.

Lions Club Day/Night scramble

■ Event was played Aug. 2



1st - 60

Braydon Barker
Cooper Brazile
Brett Ferrell
Jake Craig

2nd - 61

Kenny Norris
Joel Burleson
Trey Adams
Ron Turpen

3rd - 62

Ray Turpen
Cameron Armstrong
Clinton Grange
Zach Kidd

4th - 62

Pat Montoya
Ralph Baker
Chuck Morgan
Terry Holt

5th - 63

Shane Stokes
Brad Pingel
Clint Miller
Maury Wills

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Hole No. 15
Cooper Brazile

Hole No. 12
Sandy Keys

Longest drive:

Hole No. 17
Pat Montoya



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	W - L	W - L
	Conf.	Overall
Mixed D1		
1st - Squirrels/Killgo's	7-1	11-1
*2nd - CTCSS	5-3	8-4
3rd - No Bullhitters	5-3	7-5
Steve's Refrigeration	3-5	4-8
Smokin Joe's	1-7	1-11
*Best Overall League Record Tiebreaker (Second Tiebreaker)		
Mixed D2	W-L	W-L
	Conf.	Overall
1st - VFW	11-1	11-1
2nd - NOV Mobile Rigs	9-3	9-3
3rd - Enbridge	8-4	8-4
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The two hardest words to say

This has been one of those weeks. I have had to go to two non-adults (kids) and apologize for sticking my foot in my mouth and inappropriately into their life. BUM-MER! James really was correct when he said, "Indeed, we all make many mistakes. For if we could control our tongues, we would be perfect and could also control ourselves in every other way." Ja. 3:2

One of the boys was 15 years old and the other about 10 years old. Two totally different situations, two totally different boys, two totally different families, but one thing in common: both boys are believers, both families are believers, I am a believer. We all serve the same Savior and the same God.

That means that when we screw up we have the same Father working on us to make that screw up right. Both boys forgave me, shook my hand and everything is fine. That is how it is supposed to work with believers.

You see, I meant well both times, but I was totally wrong in one situation and handled things wrong in the other. Just because we mean well doesn't mean that we will handle things well. And when we mess things up, usually our "tongue" is right in the middle of the mess.

This article isn't just aimed at get-

ting us to say "I'm sorry" more often, but about making sure we do it especially when it is one of the children in our lives. Demonstrating to children that we really do practice what we preach is not easy. If we aren't careful, we'll even think that those two words don't apply in situations with children; especially when the children are ours. Children need to see that when we MESS-UP, we are willing to FESS-UP and PAY-UP.

I still remember the first time I had to ask my oldest son, Jeff, for his forgiveness. I had found some candy wrappers behind the sofa and he was the only one in the house. I confronted him and he said that he didn't do it. We danced that dance several times before I told him that if he didn't tell me the truth I was going to give him a spanking. He didn't back down and I gave him five swats. A little while later Christina came home from visiting a friend, talked to her brother and then told me that it was her.

The only thing I knew to do was to give Jeff the belt and tell him that I deserved five swats too. His forgiveness was immediate and he passed up his only chance to spank his dad. We laugh about that day now, but there wasn't any laughing back then. Jeff extended his grace to me like Father God does everyday.

Mike Sublett is a pastor at Hi-Land Christian Church, 1615 N. Banks St., Pampa, Texas 79065. Email him at pawdad@nts-online.net.



MIKE SUBLETT

CHURCH SPOTLIGHT

Start each day with God

They say breakfast is the most important meal of the day. It prepares us for the day ahead. Yet, many of us skip breakfast because we're too busy. Some of us skip spending time with God for the same reason. Starting each day in the presence of the Lord is key to starting each day off on the right foot.



CHRIS ELY

In our busy lives, it's easy to fall into a habit of starting the day without giving any thought to God. We hit the floor running without taking time to thank God for the day or to ask Him to direct our steps.

I was that way for years. I'd get up and jump right into my morning routine,

without taking time to pray or seek the Lord. "I'll do it later," I always told myself (and told God). At the end of the day, I found I'd gone all day without spending time with the Lord. I'd lay down at night, mutter a quick prayer and drift off to sleep.

It shouldn't be that way for Christians, and it doesn't have to be that way. We can make God a priority in our lives. There are some simple things we can do each day to show God that He is first place in our lives:

Start the day in His Word. Just a few short verses or a chapter a day in the morning is a great way to open our hearts to God and get in tune with His plan for our lives.

Pray in the mornings. Prayer helps relieve stress and brings us closer to God. You can do this while driving to work, and you'll

be amazed what a difference it will make in your day.

Stay positive. It's easy to feel overwhelmed in the morning with the challenges of the day. So start your morning by counting your blessings. This will help you start the day in a positive way.

Leave all your worries at the foot of the bed. It's easy to start the day dwelling on negatives of yesterday. As believers, we shouldn't dwell on our past mistakes and failures but concentrate on our future with the Lord. Cast all your cares on Him and make a fresh start each day.

Just spend time sitting in God's presence. What a great way to start the day!

Chris Ely is a Pampa resident and author of the book Through Eyes of Faith. He can be contacted at eyeofaith@aol.com.

Church Calendar

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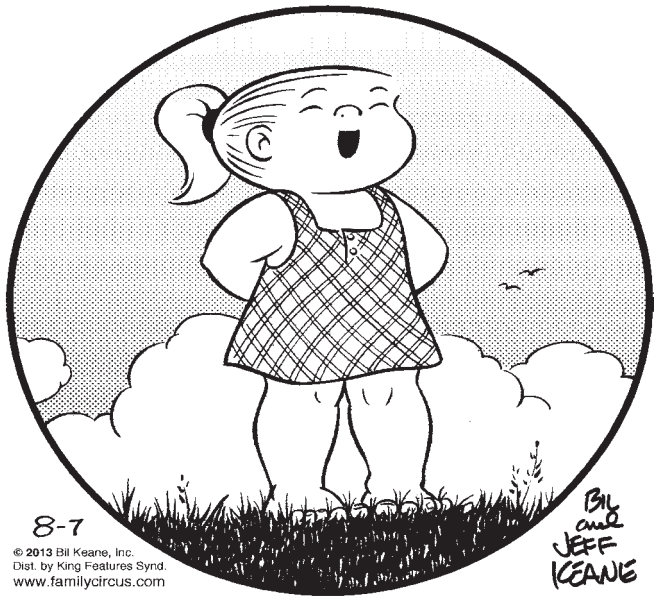
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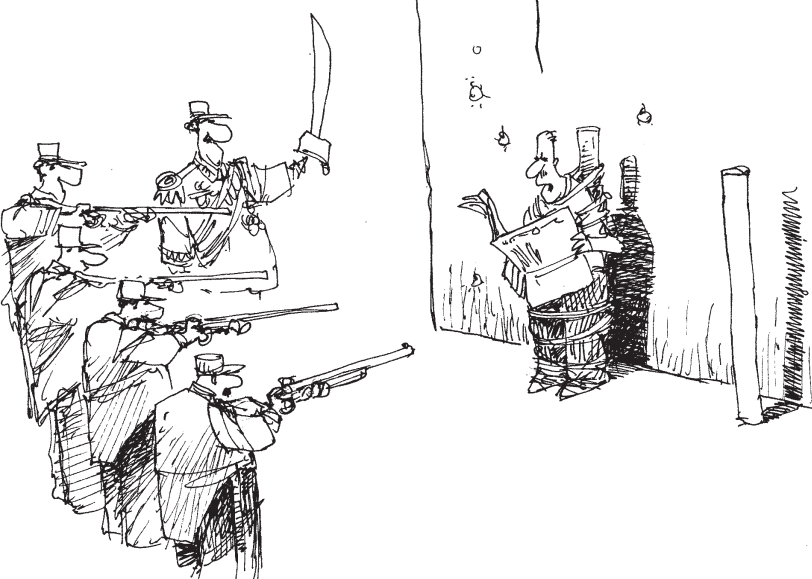
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daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Aug. 8, 2013:

This year you'll have many new offers that could affect your finances. It is imperative that you really check out each one with care. A friend or partner often might confuse you on these matters. If you are single, you could meet someone very special ... or so it seems. This person might dazzle you, but be aware that he or she could be very different beneath the surface. If you are attached, the two of you could have misunderstandings about your finances. Perhaps having separate checkbooks is the solution. VIRGO can be fussy.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Make a point to give a loved one some extra attention. You will find that you have entered a period where your compassion soars; nevertheless, confusion could break out with a partner. This person might want something different from what you want. Tonight: Check your budget.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You are coming from a place of stability. You have a way of letting others know how much you care simply with a helpful or sensitive statement. If someone shuts down, others might step in and try to push him or her around. Try to avoid this type of interaction. Tonight: Think "weekend."

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You might want to cocoon at home to get away from the many requests heading your way. You'll have a desire to make an appearance, but responsibilities could hold you back. Perhaps you need some downtime to center yourself. Tonight: Call a loved one to catch up on news.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Keep your door open, even if you have the urge to slam it shut. You will be dealing with others' difficult behavior. Step in and try to find a solution that will bring others together. You will have an idea to share, and you'd like some feedback. Tonight: Call a friend or loved one.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Mercury moves into your sign, which adds to that famous Leo charisma you possess. Even if you try to push someone away, it will be difficult. A family member might be on your mind. You will have to clear up this situation in order to concentrate. Tonight: Plan your

weekend.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You blast into the day all smiles and ready to handle whatever you must. A discussion with a partner could take you in a lot of different directions. This person might be unusually vague, which allows your creativity to emerge. Tonight: The only answer is "yes."

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You will see how somber those around you really are. Many of you might want to leave this gloomy situation behind as soon as you can. Say "no" to a manipulative family member. Establish your boundaries, and let others know when they cross them. Tonight: Not to be found.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Your words will be heard by the right person. You might need to go the extra mile to impress a boss. You will gain his or her approval, and you'll find that it encourages you. A key person in your life could be very controlling. Choose to walk away. Tonight: Find your friends.

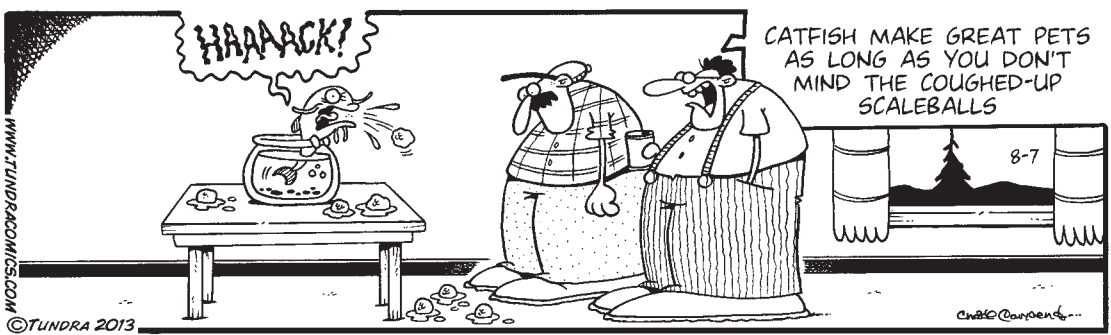
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Your take-charge attitude will be appreciated by many. Just like everyone else, you have ideas that could cause controversy. Proceed with care. Your creativity will emerge as pressure builds. Keeping others involved is important -- you can do it! Tonight: On top of your game.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Investigate alternatives. Decide to take an overview by detaching and speaking with others who are not involved. You will demonstrate more ability to flex and come up with dynamic solutions. An associate or friend is full of good news. Tonight: The only answer is "yes."

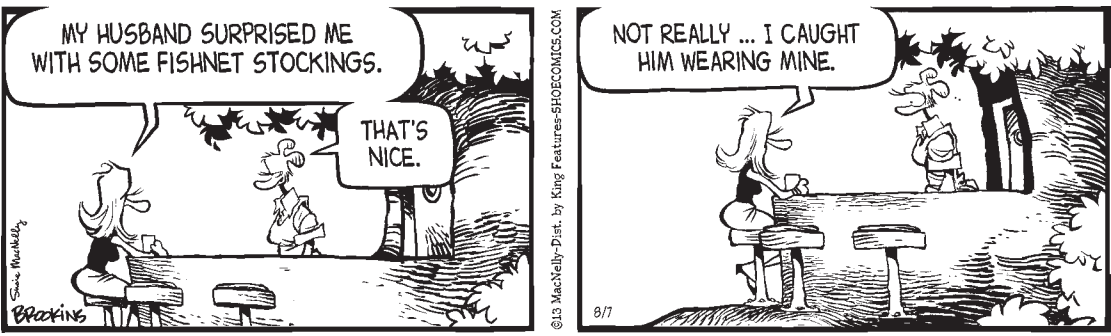
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You could be driven by a need to change direction, but you might wonder how to do that. Use caution with your funds. What you thought was a good idea could be off. Take as few risks as possible right now. Good news will head your way. Tonight: Meet a friend for dinner.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You often inspire others, but certain people could be extremely critical of your motivational powers. Could they be jealous? Consider that they might have the same characteristic but choose to express it in a very different way. Tonight: Make peace.

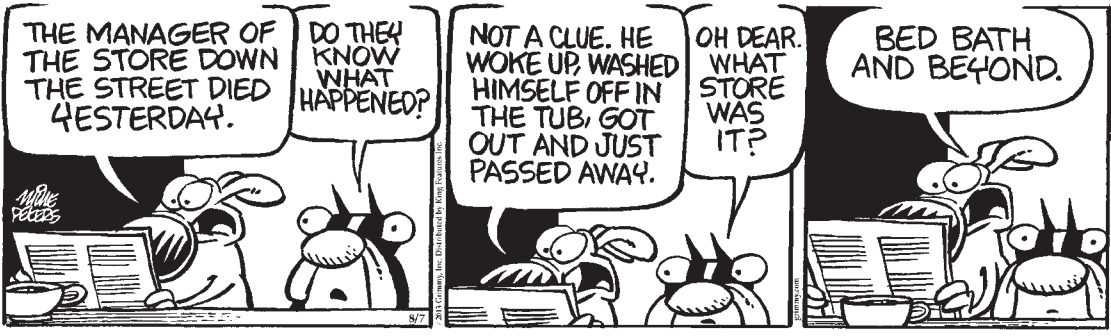
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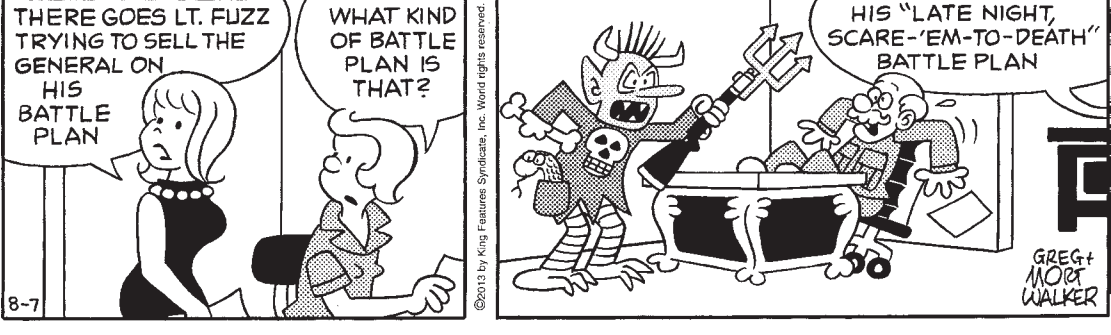
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