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Sunday Surprise



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Above, The choir sings "Doris, Doris" as a musical tribute to organist Doris Goad. Right, Pastor Jim Friedewald of First Presbyterian Church congratulates Goad on her 40 years of service to the church.



First Presbyterian Church honors Doris Goad, its organist of 40 years.

BY TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE
 thowsare@thepampanews.com

When Jim Friedewald, pastor at First Presbyterian Church, told organist Doris Goad she didn't need to work this Sunday, her first thought was that she was getting the pink slip. Why wouldn't the pastor want her to play the organ for the Sunday service? That's been her job for 40 years?

But the auspicious plot quickly unfolded. Friedewald, working in cahoots with choir director Lela Harris, members in the congregation and Goad's two sons, Marvin and Norman, had planned a surprise celebration that day to honor Goad for her 40 years of service to the church as organist.

Goad got to take a break from playing because her two sons both happen to be musicians and Norman's wife, Diana, plays violin.

Norman, organist at First Presbyterian Church in Amarillo, played organ while Marvin, a choir director and pianist who lives in Austin, played piano.

Diana joined the two on violin. Goad said during a meal held in the fellowship hall immediately after the service that she was completely shocked and surprised.

She had spoken to Marvin on his cell phone Saturday, and she could tell he was driving.

But Marvin didn't give away the ruse. He told his mother he was driving up north to "take care of some errands."

Friedewald, a large man with a thundering voice, didn't need a sound system as he announced the three awards the church was bestowing upon Goad.

"This is the first First Presbyterian Awards Ceremony and it is like the Academy Awards except better," he proclaimed.

Though there were other nominations besides Goad in the first two categories, it did seem that Friedewald and a few unnamed persons in the church had stacked the deck in Goad's favor.

The first award was "The Moses Intestinal Fortitude Award."

Moses' journey out of Egypt was not anything but a picnic, so the award was intended for that church employee who over the years had to take the most flack from a succession of overly demanding pastors.

That, of course, would be Goad, who in 40 years has worked under seven different pastors.

The next award was called the "King David Harp and Lyre Award."

Besides being one tough cookie who took out Goliath, King David had a softer side as a musician. He played the harp and lyre, that latter a U-shaped harp played in ancient times. Although Harris, the choir director, also was a nominee in that category, the award went to Goad without any objections.

The last award was the "Apostle Paul Life Time Achievement Award."

Paul was a busy guy. More than half the of the 27 books in the New Testament have traditionally been attributed to Paul.

For that award, Goad was the lone nominee and ultimately

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Commission meets at 4 p.m. today

City to hold public hearing on subdivision lots.

STAFF REPORT

The Pampa City Commission will hold a regular meeting and public hearing today at 4 p.m.

During the public hearing, citizens may comment on a variance request from Open Range Development on lots within its Edwin Park Subdivision.

Citizens must sign a card to speak before the commission.

In other action, the commission will consider and take possible action on:

- Excusing the absence of Commissioners John Studebaker and Chris Porter from the Feb. 25 meeting.

- Adopting on final reading an ordinance granting Southwestern Public Service Co., dba Xcel Energy, the right, privilege and franchise to conduct within the City of Pampa electrical lighting and power business.

- Adopting on final reading an ordinance to increase administrative expenses for abatement and for building demolition.

- Approving on first reading an ordinance approving a negotiated settlement agreement between the steering committee of cities

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Deadline looms to get insured, avoid Obamacare penalties

Open enrollment for ACA plans ends March 31.

BY JOHN MICHAELSON
 Texas News Service

AUSTIN — A major deadline looms for those Texans who want to get health insurance this year through the new ACA Marketplace. Open enrollment for plans under the Affordable Care Act (ACA) ends on March 31. Those who fail to get coverage by then will have to wait until mid-November for another chance to enroll, warned Trey Berndt with AARP Texas.

"People should know that if they enroll before March 15, the coverage can start by April 1, and if they enroll by the March 31 deadline, the coverage will start May 1. What AARP hopes is that everybody who hasn't gotten insured will go shop the marketplace now."

Enrollment in the marketplace insurance plans is available online at www.healthcare.gov.

Berndt said a majority of the issues that plagued the website upon launch have now been fixed, and more than 200,000 Texans have already signed up for coverage.

"Many of those have been able to get help with the cost of their coverage," he said. "A lot of people

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You're probably heard of "The Swamp Thing," but what about the "Duct Tape Things?" Lamar Elementary School was terrorized by not just one, but two duct taped creatures last week when teachers Ben Gibson and Sara Moore agreed to allow students to duct tape them to the gym wall after the students and teachers raised more than \$6,000 in the "Jump Rope for Heart" fundraiser for the American Heart Association. "These students didn't have to give, but they gave way more than we expected," Moore said. "They really have servant hearts."

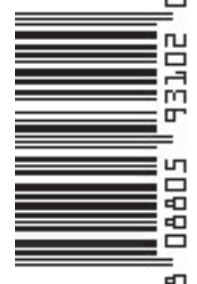
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Organist

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the recipient. The award included donations from church members, Friedewald said. The choir had a present of its own for Goad. To the tune of "Daisy, Daisy, How Does Your Garden Grow," the singers belted out "Dorris, Doris, Give Us Your Answer True." Goad said her musical training began in Wellington, Texas, where she studied piano for nine years. In Pampa she studied organ with the late Jerry Whitten, who in 1974, recommended her for the position at First Presbyterian. Her two sons also took lessons from Whitten. Goad said.

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ple are being pleasantly surprised when they get on the marketplace and see what's available." There also is a positive trend among young adults, who don't always realize the need for health insurance, he added. "Like a lot of us when we were young, they may think they're invincible. A lot of those guys are starting to

Area Regulations, Part 2 Lot Width and Part 6 Side Yard of Ordinance 690. The City of Pampa Commission may convene into closed session in accordance with Texas Government Code. The commission meets in its chambers on the third floor of City Hall, 201 W. Kingsmill Ave.

shop around and realize that with some of the extra help to lower the cost of insurance, they can get affordable coverage." Estimates prior to the implementation of the ACA put Texas at about 6 million people with no health insurance, the highest number of any state. Those who do not have coverage in place this year could face a tax penalty as part of the ACA individual mandate. Enrollment is available online at www.healthcare.gov or by calling 1-800-318-2596.

Quentin Williams Realtors announces new partner

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Quentin Williams Realtors and Mike Keagy are excited to announce their



Maxine Watson

After the sudden loss of Keagy's longtime partner

new partnership with Maxine Watson, who has been a member of the Quentin Williams Realtors team since 2007.

Judi Edwards, she asked Watson to step in as a new partner. Quentin Williams Realtors has served the Pampa area since 1952 and plan on serving for many years to come. Watson is the proud mother of two children, Dakota, a student at Texas Tech University and Paden, a junior at Pampa High School. She has been happily married to Ben Watson

for 21 years. "I received my real estate license in 2006 and I have been a full-time agent since that day. Working in real estate has been a great joy for me. I love all the people that I meet and the challenges we as Realtors work through every day. I tell my clients, 'Pampa is my home and I want you to feel the same,'" Watson said. Watson has served two terms as president of Pampa Board of Realtors, one year as director and she is an active member of Altrusa International of Pampa.

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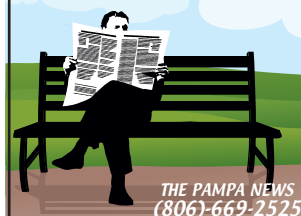
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Wednesday night: Clear with a low of 26. Winds west at 9 mph. Sunset at 7:49 p.m.

Thursday: Sunny with a high of 64. Winds southwest at 18 mph. Sunrise at 7:57 a.m.

Thursday night: Clear with a low of 38. Winds southwest at 11 mph. Sunset at 7:50 p.m.

Obituaries

Noah Michael Shakespeare

The name Noah means “peace” and “rest.” Baby Noah Michael Shakespeare found perfect peace and rest in heaven in the arms of Jesus on Thursday, March 6, 2014.



Noah Michael Shakespeare

Noah was born to Dr. Andrew and Liesl (Quick) Shakespeare on Dec. 17, 2013, at Scott & White Hospital in Temple. During his too-short life Noah brought unspeakable joy to his parents, family and friends. From the much-anticipated moment he entered this world and “It’s a BOY!” was shouted until his final breath, Noah blessed so many lives with his dimpled giggles, his cuddling snuggles, and his bright-eyed wonder – all a testament to the undying faithfulness of our Heavenly Father. His parents

and sister will continually praise God for the time they were given with “Noah Buddy.”

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Noah was welcomed into heaven by his Aunt Casey

Shakespeare and his Great-Uncle David Quick. In addition to his loving parents, he is survived by sister Adelyn; paternal grandparents Hoy and Susan Shakespeare of Lubbock; maternal grandparents Dr. Don and Mary Lou Quick of Lubbock; great-grandparents H.L. and Mary Shakespeare of Levelland, Dan and Geneva Michael of Pampa, Don and Anne Quick of Keller, and Neal and Maria VanderVeldt of Eureka, Calif.; Uncle Jason and Aunt Veronica McCullough (Humble, Texas), Uncle Jon and Auntie Allison Quick (College Station), Uncle Daniel Quick (Lubbock), and Uncle Donnie Quick and Aunt Sarah Veralli (San Antonio); and cousins Ashlyn, Kacey and Zeke Lott, Colt and Barrett McCullough, and Nate and Caedmon Quick; and countless other family and dear friends.

Family and friends gathered for fellowship and remembrance on March 10, 2014 at Lake Ridge Chapel and Memorial Designers. Family and friends will gather to celebrate Baby Noah’s life on Tuesday, March 11, 2014, at 2 p.m. at Trinity Church Chapel, 7002 Canton Ave., Lubbock. A tribute for Noah may be found at www.memorialdesigners.net, where you may leave expressions of sympathy for his family.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Parkridge Pregnancy Medical Clinic 5203 79th St, Suite B, Lubbock, TX 79424 or Parkridge.org/donations.

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For the record

Pampa man arrested for alcohol, drug charges

STAFF REPORT

- Alfredo Aviles Benitez, 19, Pampa, was arrested Friday by the Department of Public Safety for possession of marijuana, driving under the influence as a minor, open container, driving while his license is invalid.
- Dakota Scott McGehee, 20, Pampa, was arrested Thursday by the Gray County Sheriff’s Office for expired motor vehicle insurance, no driver’s license, failure to appear.

- Miles Jacob Markley, 21, Pampa, was arrested Friday by the Pampa Police Department for assault with intent to cause bodily injury to a family member.
- Matthew Tyler Hanes, 27, McLean, was arrested Friday by GCSO for burglary of a habitation.
- Johnny Michael Dominguez, 28, Pampa, was arrested Friday by GCSO for insufficient bond — manufacturing or delivering of a controlled substance.
- William Spencer Bow-

- en, 34, Bristol, Tenn., was arrested Saturday by DPS for driving while intoxicated.
- Cassandra Mullens, was arrested Saturday by PPD for a blue warrant.
- Johanna Mears, 31, Pampa, was arrested Saturday by PPD for animal at large, failure to appear, animal nuisance.
- Robert Eugene Alexander, 25, Pampa, was arrested Saturday by DPS for his second driving while intoxicated offense.

- Mack Horton, 24, Pampa, was arrested Saturday by GCSO for violation of probation — theft by check, bond surrender — criminal mischief, aggravated robbery — Tarrant County.
- Stacy Leigh Dunn, 30, Pampa, was arrested Sunday by GCSO for motion to revoke probation — burglary of a vehicle.
- Dustin Kirkland, 26, Pampa, was arrested Sunday by GCSO for no liability insurance, eight capias pro fine charges.

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Prairie Plains Perspective

The greatest generation

Some things I hear or read about just make me wonder, "How could this be?" A friend messaged me about the plight of a woman from Vernon, Texas trying to find closure over losing her husband during World War II. Always looking for a good story, I listened to a documentary of the woman's difficulties and have to agree, 'twas some plight she went through.

After the D-Day invasion, Army Air Corps fighter pilot Lt. Billie Harris was shot down over Northern France. For her part, Lt. Harris' widow Peggy never received that knock on the door, never received a telegram from the War Department telling her of the loss of her husband. For decades Peggy Harris was told misinformation after misinformation about her husband. He was alive and coming home, he was listed as missing in action, or he was buried in one cemetery after another, then back around to missing in action.

In defense of our government, keeping up

with war time casualties is, to say the least, overwhelming. From my Baby Boomer perspective of studying WW2 and hearing such from my father, uncles, and others - I can only imagine. I have to hand it to Mrs. Harris, for she never gave up trying to find out about her husband's misfortune. Came the year 2005, Mrs. Harris wrote a letter to U.S. Rep. Mac Thornberry, vice chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, seeking his help in finding any information about her husband.

Thornberry returned a letter to Mrs. Harris stating per the National Archives, Lt. Billie Harris was listed as "Missing in Action." Not to be deterred, Mrs. Harris asked her cousin to help her continue in her search for any records pertaining to her husband. Upon doing so, her cousin found the answer to her almost 60 year quest. Lt. Billie Harris was listed in the National Archives as "Killed in Action" and buried in the huge American Cemetery in Normandy, France.

Of course, finding out such news begged the question of "What's going on?" in regard to the letter from Congressman Thornberry. Did Thorn-

berry contact the National Archives in regard to Lt. Billie Harris? Evidently not, for the National Archives has no record of Thornberry seeking any information on a Lt. Billie Harris... Rep. Thornberry would not respond to the author of the documentary in regard to an inquiry over the misinformed letter. The congressman did, however, write Mrs. Harris an apology for any pain and discomfort he may have presented to her.

In defense of Congressman Thornberry, perhaps it would be an intuitive move to check all correspondence into and out of his office. More than likely, an aide read Mrs. Harris letter and 'opted' to save his/her boss some time and simply, without attempting any research, returned the "Missing in Action" letter to Mrs. Harris. One would like to think that indeed, such was the course. One would like to think as well, that aide no longer works for Thornberry. I don't want to think about the remaining scenario.

Since finding her husband and coinciding with D-Day memorials, Mrs. Harris has made annual pilgrimages to Normandy. The little French town, Les Ventes, close to where

Lt. Harris' plane crashed, named a street after him. Per witnesses, Lt. Harris was able to steer his plane away from and avoid crashing into the town. It was citizens from Les Ventes who managed to pull our fallen hero from his crashed plane. Mrs. Harris now holds the distinction of being the sole remaining widow of a World War II soldier to visit a gravesite at the American Cemetery in Normandy. Sacrifices. Since their marriage day, six weeks before he was shipped overseas, Peggy Harris remained true to Billie. Mrs. Harris was rather succinct to the reporter in defining her marriage, and subsequent life without her husband. She was not about to abandon him. A wife's love and commitment. "Love never fails. And now these three remain; faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love."

The Greatest Generation.

Pampa resident Dennis Palmittier is a regular contributor to the opinion page on issues that affect Pampa and Gray County. He can be reached at dennypalm1949@yahoo.com. Anyone wishing to respond to Palmittier's viewpoints in the form of a letter to the editor can email editor Timothy P. Howsare at thowsare@thepampanews.com.

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Obituaries

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Richard D. Abbott

Richard D. Abbott, 89, passed away Sunday, March 9, 2014.

Funeral service will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 12, 2014 at Central Baptist Church in Pampa. Burial will be held at 3:30 p.m. in Morton Memorial Cemetery in Morton, Texas under the direction of Minton Chatwell Funeral Directors of Borger.

Mr. Abbott was born April 8, 1924 in Bradshaw, Texas to Franklin and Nora Abbott. He proudly served his country in the United States Navy during WWII. Richard was a past member of the Pampa Optimist Club. He was also a member of Pampa Roping Club and Pampa Senior Golf Club.

Richard is preceded in death by his parents; one grandson; three brothers and two sisters.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth of the home; son, Douglas Abbott of Pampa; daughter, Linda Sue Abbott of Pampa; two grandchildren; three great grandchildren; sisters, Ioma Dancish of Houston, Doris Bahe of Longmont, Colo. and Peggy Abbott of Bryan.

American Airlines, JetBlue ending agreement

NEW YORK (AP) — American Airlines and JetBlue Airways Corp. are ending an agreement that allowed travelers to add connections to their itinerary on each other's aircraft.

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The companies also said that they are ending a reciprocal frequent flyer program accrual agreement.

Travelers won't earn miles or points when traveling on eligible routes run by the other airline

beginning April 1. All American AAdvantage miles or JetBlue TrueBlue points already accrued through the partnership will be credited to customers' accounts and are not affected.

Last month Delta announced changes to its frequent flier program.

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Community Calendar

City Commission meetings

The Pampa City Commission meets at 4 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. The meetings are held on the third floor of City Hall.

School board meetings

The Pampa Independent School District board meets at 5:45 p.m. on the fourth Monday of each month at the new administration building on North Hobart Street.

Immunization clinic 3 times a month

The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) hosts an immunization clinic in Pampa three times a month. The clinics are held from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and from

1 to 3 p.m. on the first three Wednesdays of each month. The first 10 people in line for the morning and first 10 in the afternoon will always receive shots. However, if there are more than 10, they still may be able to accommodate the patients, or ask them to come back at another time. For more information, call 665-4752 or 806-874-3211. The clinic is located at 736 S. Cuyler St.

PAWS meets first Tuesdays

Pampa Animal Welfare Society meets the first Tuesday of each month at the Pampa Animal Shelter, 811 S. Hobart St. The meetings are at 6:30 p.m. and are open to the public.

There is a desperate need for more members, especially when the new shelter opens. PAWS members are needed to work at the shelter from 3 to 5:30 p.m. each day and to work adoption days or take animals to the vets when needed, but mostly people are needed to love and work with the animals where they will be more adoptable.

For more information, call the shelter after 3 p.m. at 669-5775 and ask for the PAWS volunteer.

County Commission meetings

The Gray County Commission meets at 9 a.m. on the first and 15th of each month. If the date falls on a Saturday, the meeting will be held on

Friday. If the date falls on a Sunday, the meeting will be held on Monday. The meetings are held on the second floor of the Gray County Courthouse.

TOT Republican Women's Club

Top O' Texas Republican Women's Club meets at noon on the third Wednesday of every month at the Pampa Senior Citizens Center, 500 W. Francis St. For more information call 806-669-1990.

Jam sessions every Friday night

The Woody Guthrie Folk Music Center has a jam session every Friday night starting at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to play or listen. The center

is located at 320 S. Cuyler St. For more information, call 806-664-0824.

Meredith House presents live music

Meredith House, an assisted-living facility at 812 W. 25th Ave., has a band performing at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday and Saturday night. Join them for Western music, gospel and the classics. For more information, call 806-665-5668.

Monday night dance club

The Monday night dance club meets from 7 to 9 p.m., each Monday, in the Pampa Chamber of Commerce building on the corner of Ballard and Kingsmill. Admission is \$3.50. Cold drinks and coffee are offered. The club plays country music. For more information, call Della at 806-663-1136.

PPQG Meets fourth Thursdays

Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild meets the fourth Thursday of each month, January through October, at the Pampa Senior Citizens Center at 500 W. Francis St.

The meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. and membership is open to adult quilters of all ages. Dues are \$15 annually. Meetings consist of a short business discussion followed by a program featuring quilting techniques. For more information, call 806-662-2909.

Editor's note: Email submissions to thowsare@thepampanews.com. Submissions should be 100 words or less and written in the third person. Please include the title of the event, the date and time, physical address, the admission cost or whether it is a free event and/or a contact number and/or email address for the public.

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AgriLife Extension economist: Restocking comes before rebuilding for cattle herds

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AMARILLO — Restocking of cattle ranches must take place before the nation can rebuild its cattle herd. But restocking in a period of drought takes careful management, according to a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service economist.

"You have and will continue to hear about the glorious market incentives that will cause you to rebuild the national cow herd," said Stan Bevers, AgriLife Extension economist from Vernon, who spoke at the recent Panhandle Ranch Management workshop in Amarillo.

"But many people don't understand there is a difference between rebuilding and restocking a cow herd.

"Everyone's ready to rebuild the cow herd. We'd all love to do it. Just tell me when my water is ready, and tell me when my grass is ready."

Rebuilding starts with restocking on the individual ranch level, Bevers said.

"The unique thing about a cow-calf operation compared to other components of the beef industry is it is a totally different business model," he said.

"We are talking about an asset management business where we have to pay attention to the fixed assets and fixed costs within that operation."

Bevers explained that the only way from a micro-economic theory standpoint to decrease a fixed cost is to increase the number of cows.

"So anytime we get into a drought situation, the example I use is property taxes: somebody that has owned land out there may be paying \$10,000 in property taxes. The tax appraisal district doesn't care if you have five or 500 cows on that land, the fact is you still have to pay \$10,000 in taxes."

His definition of restocking is: The process of placing beef cows back onto your property in order to efficiently utilize the property as an income generating investment.

Rebuilding, on the other hand, is increasing the national beef cow herd over and beyond inventory numbers once restocking after drought has already taken place. This is a macro-level issue commonly referred to as expansion.

To rebuild, someone has to move out of their comfort zone, Bevers said.

"And when I'm talking about a comfort zone, I'm talking about where our production on a ranch is maximized, where our expenses are minimized and where our resources are protected," he said.

"At the cusp of those three things, that is where I get my maximum efficiency and that is my comfort zone and

where I want to be," Bevers said.

But a drought forces a reduction in numbers and the first thing that happens is productivity goes down, expenses rise and the natural resources are endangered, he said.

"Because of the fixed cost nature of cow-calf operations, anytime we destock like that, if we don't kill some of our fixed expenses, then our fixed costs go up. So it is a cusp there and a balancing act to get back to a restocking where I'm most comfortable and most efficient as an operation."

When this happens, then the industry can look at rebuilding from the current 29 million cows in this country back to the 31-31.5 million that existed before the drought, Bevers said.

"We have to restock before we rebuild, and the first thing is making sure the rancher gets the numbers he needs."

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Obituaries

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Dr. Wilhelmina Paula “Wil” von Wolzogen Kuhr Beck

Our Lord needed a doctor in Heaven and called Wil to be with him on Friday, March 7, 2014. For her family and friends, she was so much more than a great doctor. She will be missed. Memorial services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.



Dr. Wilhelmina Beck

Dr. Wilhelmina Paula “Wil” von Wolzogen Kuhr Beck was born April 13, 1924 in Bandung, Dutch East Indies as the youngest child and only daughter of Jules Emile Antoine von Wolzogen Kuhr and Catharina van Katwijk. She went two years to the elementary school in Bandung and continued her education in Holland after her father retired and the family repatriated to Holland in 1934 when she was 10 years old. On their way to Holland, the Kuhrs stopped by to see their family, the van Katwijk’s (Catharina’s brother, Paul), in Dallas. That’s where Wil met Uncle Paul’s nephew, Curt Buxton Beck.

She went to high school in The Hague, graduating in 1942 after which she enrolled in the Medical Faculty of the Rijks University in Amsterdam. However her studies were interrupted after three months following the German invasion and occupation of the Netherlands. In 1945 she resumed her studies at the Rijks University in Utrecht and graduated with a medical degree in 1950 followed by her internships in 1952. She was a resident in the Children’s Clinic in Amsterdam and accepted a job with the Amsterdam Health Department in 1954 and worked as a school physician.

In 1957 she married Curt Buxton Beck and settled in Pampa. This was followed by the birth of their three children: Curt Emile (1958), Anna Catherine (1960) and Paul Buxton (1962).

When Paul started school in Pampa, she started work on getting her Texas medical license. She obtained this in 1970 and joined the Pampa Clinic’s Drs. Bellamy and Brown in Family Practice. Wil was the first woman doctor in Pampa. After Dr. Brown died and Dr. Bellamy retired she continued in solo practice, keeping many of the clinic’s industrial accounts. In 1978, she served the newly created Hospice of Pampa, later named Hospice of the Panhandle as a volunteer medical director.

She closed her medical practice in 1990 but kept her position with hospice until after the merger with BSA. For many years, she was the Gray County Health Officer and a Local Medical Consultant for the Texas Rehabilitation Commission. She was on the medical staff of the Worley Hospital, Highland General Hospital, and later, the Coronado Hospital.

Wil’s active professional memberships included the AMA, TMA, AAFP, TAFP, Top O’ Texas Medical Society, American Academy of Palliative and Hospice Medi-

cine and the American Humane Society. For many years, she served as a Cub Scout Den Mother and a Girl Scout Brownie leader — both activities she loved. She served on the Board of Columbia Medical Center in Pampa and the Board of the Community Concert Association, the Samaritan Counseling Service’s Satellite Center, St. Matthew’s School, and a member of Twentieth Century Allegro Study Club among many other civic organizations. Additionally, she was always supportive of Curt’s many civic activities throughout their 54 years of marriage.

Wil’s greatest love, outside of her husband, children, and grandchildren were her pets. Too many to name, but they ranged from her most beloved horses and dogs, to cats, parrots, rats, and even an alligator. She loved animals and has many waiting for her at the Rainbow Bridge. There are many people in Pampa who will fondly remember Wil riding her horse out by the Kelly Corral.

Wil is survived by her three children: Curt and his wife Rhenalea and their three children, Kelsi (26), Austen (24), and Kaylen (22); Anna and her husband Kelly and her children Erin (23) and Sara (21) and stepchildren Carly (24) and Taylor (18); and Paul and his wife Carol and their children Gregory (19), Steven (17), Catie (12) and Jessie (10).

Over the past years, Wil has received very special and loving care from a number of caregivers. Her family would like to express their deepest appreciation to LaVern Fulton, Sandy Soliz, Rolanda Bowman, Brandi Soliz, Natalie Santacruz, Sherry Bolch, Tommy Henson, and Jim Sinyard.

The entire Beck family wishes to thank all for their loving condolences and best wishes during this difficult period. For those who would like to donate in honor of Wil, We believe she would have preferred donations to the Pampa Animal Welfare Society, P.O. Box 2095 Pampa, Texas 79066-2095 or the First Presbyterian Church, 525 N. Gray St., Pampa, Texas 79065.

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David Joe (Speedy) Fortin

David Joe (Speedy) Fortin, 59, died March 4, 2014 in Tacoma.

A remembrance dinner and time to share will be from 3-6 p.m. March 14, 2014 at Frontier Park Lodge, at 21800 Meridian Ave. E, Graham, Wash. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Edwards Memorial Funeral Home and Crematory.

David Joe was born June 24, 1954 in Pampa to Joe L. and Vernell Bynum Fortin. He was a 1972 graduate of Pampa High School. David married Sherri B. Grimsley on Sept. 3, 1982 in Pampa. He worked many years in the oilfields in Pampa and Borger. He moved to Deerfield, Kansas in 1996 where he worked for Peterbilt of Garden City, Kan. In 2005, he moved to Puyallup, Wash., where he worked for Valley Freightliner in Pacific, Wash. until he was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in 2011.



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The Pampa Harvesters defeated Eunice High School out of New Mexico to finish 1-2-1 in the Midland Tournament and 5-5-1 overall.



Brody Gaines

Junior Brody Gaines started the game pitching and walked the first hitter. The next hitter struck a ground ball which

Gaines fielded for the first out, and Gaines struck out the next two hitters to end the half-inning.

Sophomore Cade Engle hit a fly out to start the bottom of the inning. But freshman Brandon Woelfle singled to center field on a ground ball. Woelfle advanced to second after a passed ball went by senior Ryan Powell. Senior Ethan Hunt reached base because of an error by the third baseman, and this also allowed Woelfle to score the only run of the inning and make it 1-0 Pampa.

Eunice went three-up, three-down after Gaines struck out their first hitter and the other two grounded out. Junior Ty Hooper was at bat first for Pampa and was hit by a pitch. Senior Josh Hernandez came in to run for Hooper. Sophomore Nathan Furgason hit a fly ball to third base, but an error by the shortstop allowed Hernandez to score the only run of the half-inning and make it 2-0 Pampa.

Gaines had two strike outs at the top of the third, two in the top of the fourth and

then sophomore Adam Zuniga had one in the top of the fifth against Eunice which set Pampa's Furgason up at the bottom of the fifth.

Furgason hit a single to center field to get on base. Junior Braden Keown sacrificed and reached base because of an error by the pitcher, which also gave Furgason two bases. After Woelfle lined out to third base, Engle was ready for another shot at bat. Engle hit ground ball, and an error by the short stop later, Engle was on base and Furgason

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Baseball legend passes away.

Dr. Frank Jobe passed away last week in California at the age of 88. Jobe was the doctor who gave the world of sports its famous "Tommy John surgery."

In 1974, he replaced the torn medial collateral ligament in Tommy John's elbow with a tendon from John's forearm.

John was able to pitch for 14 years after the surgery, when he once thought his career might have been over. Not only was he able to pitch longer, but he never missed a start with an injury related to his elbow the rest of his career.

As you can guess by now that is where the name "Tommy John surgery" came from. It has helped



Zac Green

many athletes have longer careers.

ESPN reported that a study in 2013 showed 124 pitchers (one-third of all active major league pitchers) had undergone "Tommy John surgery" during their careers.

When John was interviewed by reporters he said, "Baseball lost a great man and Tommy John lost a great friend. There are a lot of pitchers in baseball who should celebrate his life and what he did for the game of baseball."

Jobe first began with the Los Angeles Dodgers in 1964 and served the team in some capacity for 50 years.

Baseball commissioner Bud Selig also had great things to say regarding Jobe when he talked with

reporters.

"I was deeply saddened to learn of the loss of Dr. Frank Jobe, a great gentleman whose work in baseball revolutionized sports medicine," Selig said.

"Since 1974, his groundbreaking Tommy John surgery revitalized countless careers, especially those of our pitchers. His wisdom elevated not only the Dodgers, the franchise he served proudly for a half century, but all of our clubs."

Jobe was honored by the Hall of Fame last summer, but he is not currently in the Hall of Fame.

Many of the media pundits have said that he has to be in the Hall of Fame and I agree. It is a shame that we won't be able to give him the credit where it was due when he was alive, but he needs to be honored in that facet.

Without his knowledge and without the "Tommy John surgery," the game of baseball would have lost so many pitchers and who

knows if it would have even been where it is today without him?

Why would young children who idolize athletes want to grow up and become a pitcher who only had a career last for one year, maybe two?

Lots of the pitchers going through this procedure, due to overuse, have it done while they are still in the minors. So without the surgery, a lot of pitchers would not have even made the MLB level.

Reflecting on the loss of Dr. Jobe helps me to remember who helps the athletes get back into playing shape. The trainers and doctors working with teams far too often are forgotten.

Let us not forget how Dr. Frank Jobe changed the game of baseball for the better.

Zac Green is an avid Oklahoma State fan and youth minister at Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ. He can be reached at zac.green@sbcglobal.net.

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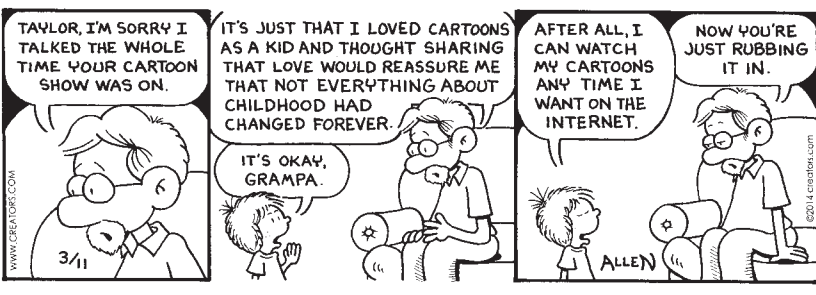
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daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, March 12, 2014:
This year your life evolves in a very exciting way. You might get involved with someone who could become a business associate. Together you will be very successful. You smile more, and enjoy your work as much as you enjoy your free time. If you are single, you could meet someone appealing through your day-to-day travels. Keep dating, because you have more than one potential suitor coming your way. If you are attached, the two of you enjoy being together more than ever. A mutual interest allows greater give-and-take than in the past. You always have fun with LEO.

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)
★★★★ A hedonistic breeze floats through wherever you are. If handling a serious matter, you might have difficulty staying focused. Creativity spills over into all your thoughts, which eliminates boundaries and opens the doors for fun. Tonight: All smiles.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ You could opt to stay home. You will express what you want, and others will listen. For now, you might just need some time off. Indulge in the mood of the moment. Lighten up a conversation that could be awkward. Tonight: Make it easy.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You'll see what needs to happen between you and someone else. You could be so anxious for that to happen that you might make too many inquiries. Try to let go and get into the spirit of the day. You will be much happier if you do. Tonight: Let the chips fall where they may.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You could be more willing to understand what is happening once you relax. Recognize that a problem will correct itself without your interference. In fact, the more attention you give to this matter, the more likely it is that it will backfire on you. Tonight: Midweek break.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You will be expressive, despite someone being very hard on you. You might wonder why you must do something a certain way. The unexpected could occur, and it could throw a happy opportunity your way. Tonight: On center stage, where you

belong and love to be.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You know when you have gone too far. You might feel challenged and confused by a loved one. Your solution will be to focus on what you must do, and that will give you more stability. Walk away from a power play. Tonight: Say "yes" to living.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Emphasize what you want and why you want it. Your ability to zero in on the basics will allow you to take care of necessities first. Know that you have more understanding than most signs. Realize what is going on with a friend who is close to your heart. Tonight: In weekend mode already.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You could feel pressured by a boss, a parent or a respected individual. You might agree with this person, but you'll need to decide what to do on your own. You'll be surprised by the positive response you receive, should you choose to open up. Tonight: Till the wee hours.

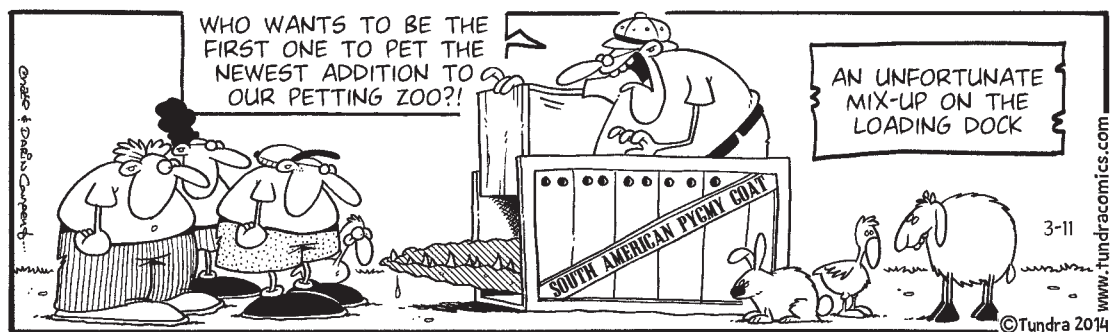
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You'll act spontaneously and get good results. Let your fiery spirit speak. You could be overly assertive with someone who is far more conservative and who also believes that he or she is far wiser than you are. Let it go. Avoid a fight, if you can. Tonight: Follow the music.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You might feel as if you have very little choice, as someone else who has a lot of support seems to dominate the scene. You could choose to observe, but a partner will want to draw you out in order to have an important one-on-one chat. Tonight: A cozy dinner for two.

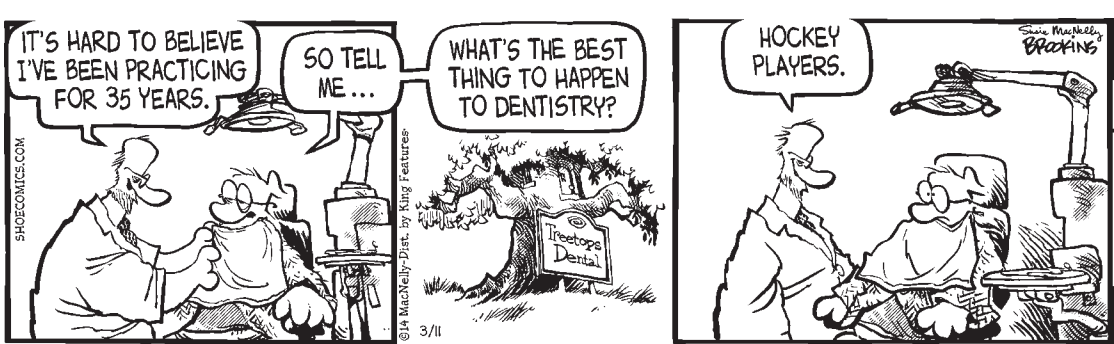
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Others might insist on dominating right now. You are likely to get much more of what you desire if you keep communication open and stay close to your friends. You could be thinking some very negative thoughts, so try to turn them around. Tonight: Say "yes."

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You could see a situation develop differently from how you might have expected it to. A friend or loved one could be unusually controlling and might cause you some distress. You have a lot to do, so focus your energy on getting it done. Tonight: Out late.

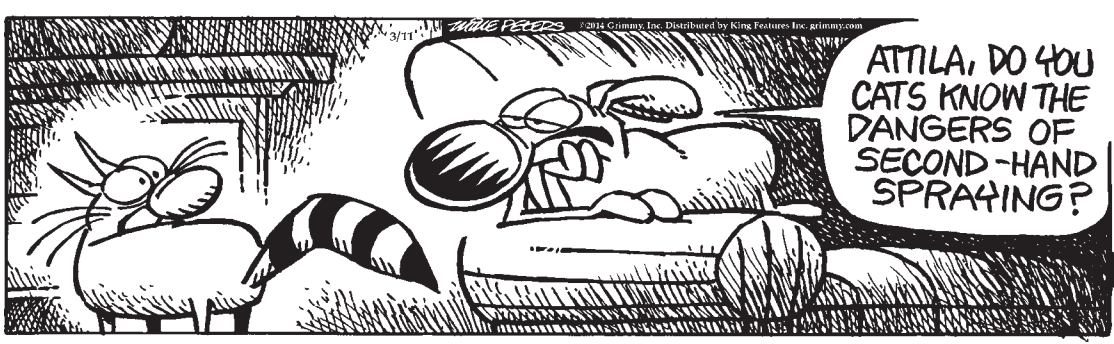
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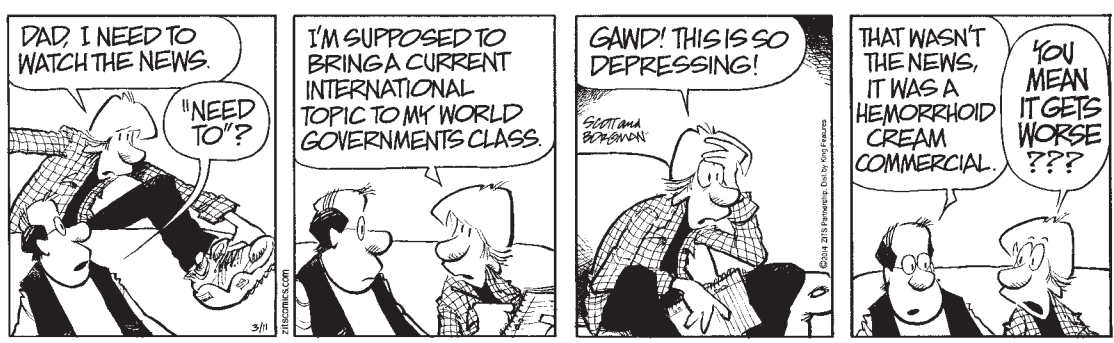
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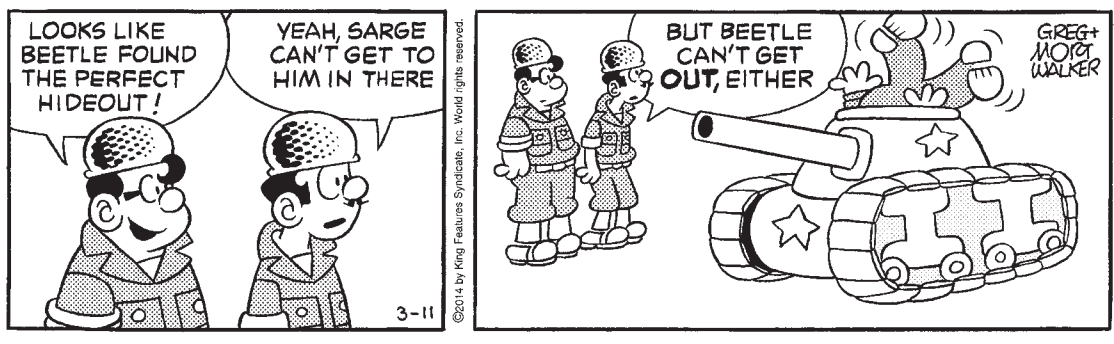
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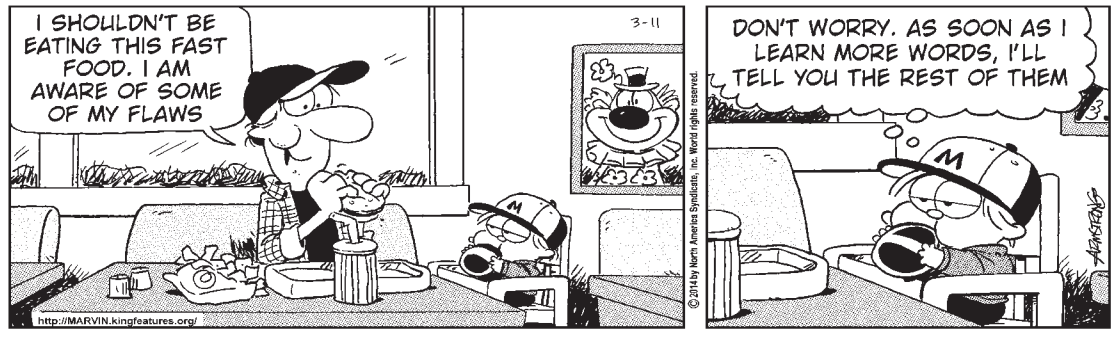
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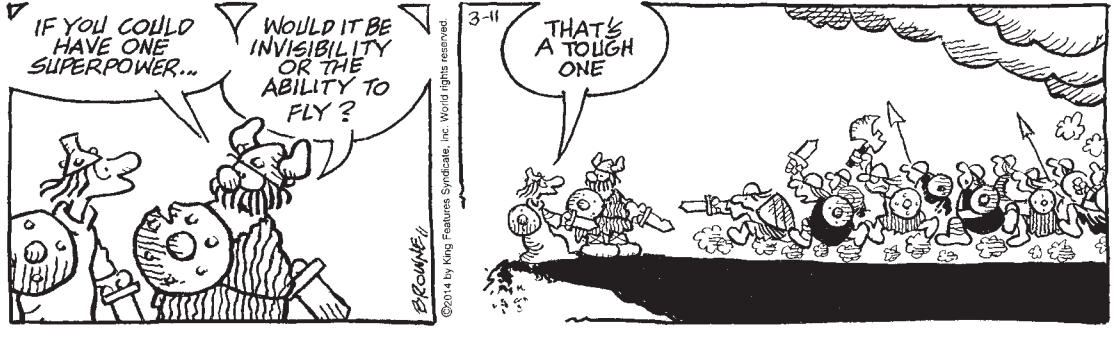
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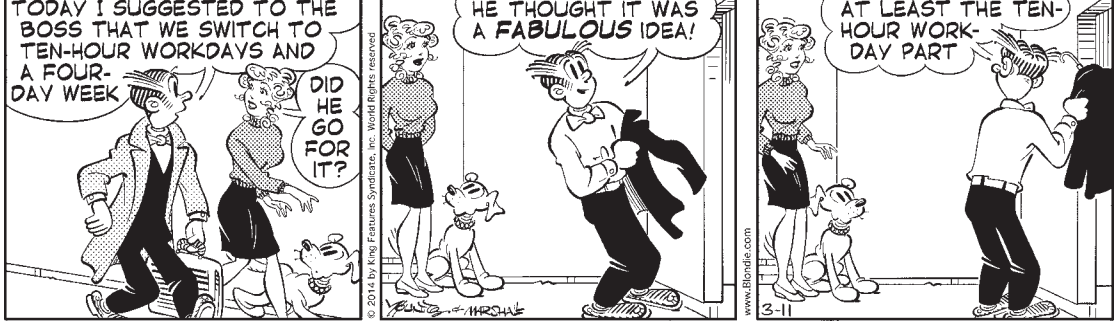
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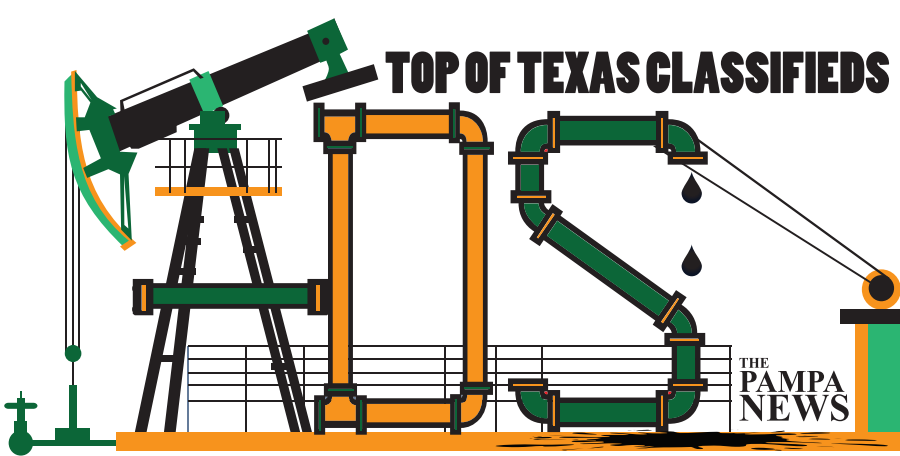


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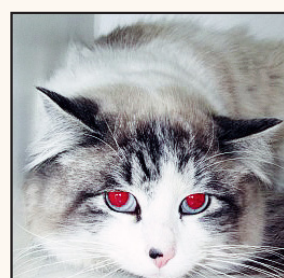

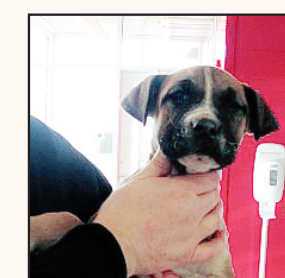
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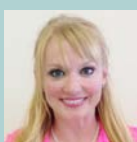
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Lent devotionals — days 7-9

By Mike Sublett

Day 7 — Wednesday — a mother hen
Scripture: Matthew 23:37-39

“O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing. Look, your house is left to you desolate. For I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.’ (The Gospels Interwoven, Zarley)

Devotional: They were the sternest words that anyone had ever heard come out of Jesus’ mouth. Woes totaling seven in number designed to bar-b-que the scribes and Pharisees for their ungodliness. Almost an entire chapter (Matthew 23) is filled with nothing but harshness, confrontation, and condemnation.

Then, suddenly, Jesus could hide His love no longer, and it burst out in these words. “How often I have longed to gather your children together as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing.” Even to the most evil He could not withhold words of His love.

During this season of Lent I must ask myself, “How often have I been the wandering chick; totally oblivious to the dangers around, and ignoring His loving wings of protection?”

How ever often it has been, it has been too often. Again, Lord, I repent. I sing to You the words of John Michael Talbot’s song “Create In Me A Clean Heart.”

Create in me a clean heart, oh, God.

Let me be like you in all my ways.

Give me your strength, teach me your song.

Shelter me in the shadow of your wings

For we are your righteousness.

If we die to ourselves and live through your death

Then we shall be born again to be blessed in your love!”

Prayer: Lord Jesus, please help me repent. I know that You will not do for me what I can do for myself because in that doing I confirm that You are my Lord. But, sweet Jesus, I sometimes run from You when I know better; sometimes in ignorance, sometimes in stubbornness. Help me past both of these stumbling blocks. I promise to give You the glory for the victory. Amen.

Day 8 — Thursday — two copper coins

Scripture: Mark 12:41-44; Luke 21:1-4

Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put. He looked up and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth

only a fraction of a penny.

Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, “I tell you the truth, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. All these people gave their gifts out of their wealth; but she out of her poverty put in everything—all she had to live on.” (The Gospels Interwoven, Zarley)

Devotional: They were so small that they almost disappeared in the tiny hands of the widow. They weighed almost nothing, were worth almost nothing, and they hardly made a sound when she dropped them into the collection at the Temple. They were so common that hardly anyone noticed them—kind of like pennies these days. But that day in heaven, at Jehovah’s throne, the clanging sound heard when she dropped those two coins was nearly deafening. How often has my giving made angels near God’s throne cover their ears? The widow’s giving did. What about mine?

She was not only completely sacrificial, but the reality of her poverty did not cause her to withhold her last two coins for her personal needs. I wonder what she had for dinner that night and the next and the next. She gave because she was a giver. Do I give because I am a giver?

Prayer: Lamb of God, no one ever gave like You; not even the widow. So if anyone can teach me and help me to be a giver it is You.

So my prayer is very simple: Lord, please help me. Teach me. Take me by the hand and lead me in Your steps. And please don’t stop until I am a giver. Amen.

Day 9 — Friday — a lamp
Scripture: Matthew 25:1-13

“At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. The wise, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep.

“At midnight the cry rang out: ‘Here’s the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!’

“Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.’

“‘No,’ they replied, ‘there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.’

“But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut.

“Later the others also came. ‘Sir! Sir!’ they said. ‘Open the door for us!’

“But he replied, ‘I tell you the truth, I don’t know

you.’

“Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.

(The Gospels Interwoven, Zarley)

Devotional: They were cheap and common, but essential for all activity after sundown. They were constructed from the ordinary clay/dirt that was just about everywhere. Back then, even unskilled laborers could mold the clay into a flat holder with two arms — one as a handle, the other as the wick holder. All that was then needed was some oil and a flame and voilà! Sounds simple enough, huh?

As His final day drew closer Jesus began to turn the heat up in His words. He told the story of five foolish, unprepared virgins who said they wanted desperately to attend a wedding. But their desperation did not lead them to prepare.

There were also five wise, fully-equipped virgins who yearned to share in the same wedding banquet. Their yearning motivated them to prepare properly. When the Bridegroom did come only the prepared were admitted.

It was a story of judgment. Many people tend to confuse Jesus with some “always warm and fuzzy” person who never said anything harsh. Jesus was often harsh, especially during His final week.

How often has He come to me for something spe-

cial He has planned, only to find me unprepared, useless? What would it be like for my lamp to be empty on that final day when He comes with His mighty angels and the trumpet is blown? I don’t even want to think about that. Therefore, Lord, by Your grace I will keep my lamp full. I won’t wait until I run out of oil to replenish the supply. I will come to You each day to be refilled by Your Holy Spirit. I will, Lord. I really will. I promise.

Prayer: Holy Spirit, more than 200 years ago You filled Your servant John Newton with the gut wrenching and inspirational words, “I once was lost, but now I’m found.” So plain, so simple, so powerful. For most of his life he was not prepared to meet You, because his lamp was empty.

But then one day he fell at Your feet and You filled Him with Yourself and he was never the same again. There was a time when my lamp was empty, when I didn’t care about You or Your will. Tears well up every time I reflect on those days. Holy Spirit, please fill me each day when I report for filling.

And should I ever forget for even part of a day to seek Your fullness, please whack me, correct me, discipline me. Being full of You means more to me than anyone or anything. So fill me now and fill me every day.

Amen.

Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips



DEAR ABBY: About a year ago, I stopped seeing a man I’ll call “Vince.” Since then he has been stalking me. He sends me texts with photos he took of us while we were dating, but distorts them to make me look like I’m stabbing him in the heart. He sends videos with my head on a dancing Barbie doll. My neighbors tell me they see him drive past my house. (He lives across town.) I refuse to talk to him now because he scares me.

Vince has now begun making moves on my cousin “Nancy.” She says their relationship isn’t romantic, but others have told me they have seen them cuddle at restaurants and parks. He still continues to send me scary pictures and emails.

How can I tell Nancy about this without her thinking it’s jealous retaliation against their new relationship? I honestly believe he is getting close to her only to spite me and keep an emotional hold on me. His relationship with her has made me afraid to tell her about my personal life or hang out with her for fear that he’ll show up with her. — CONFUSED IN OREGON

DEAR CONFUSED: I don’t blame you for feeling intimidated, which is what your stalker is trying to accomplish. You can put an end to it by having your neighbors document his “drive-bys” and turning the pictures, videos and any other communications Vince has sent you over to the police. If he sent them via U.S. mail, the postmarks on the envelopes (and fingerprints) will prove what he has been up to. It may take a restraining order to put an end to this.

As to his relationship with your cousin, I agree

that if she has feelings for him, she’ll be reluctant to believe anything you tell her isn’t sour grapes. However, if you show her the texts he’s sending you — I presume they’re time-stamped — she may believe you.

DEAR ABBY: I have been dating “Dawn” for more than a year. She has an amazing 7-year-old daughter, “Charise,” who started calling me Dad about six months after her mother and I began dating. I love being a “dad” — going to the park, on trips, helping out at school and telling bedtime stories.

The problem is, I don’t love Dawn. We don’t get along well anymore. My mother tells me I should find someone else and have kids of my own, but Charise “feels” like my kid. I can’t imagine losing her.

One friend suggested I marry Dawn so I can stay in her daughter’s life, but I want to be in love with the woman I marry. Am I wrong for not wanting to lose a child I consider my daughter, but not wanting

to marry someone I don’t love? — SPINNING MY WHEELS IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR SPINNING: Charise may “feel” like your child, but she ISN’T. And even though she may call you “Dad,” you AREN’T. Your romance with her mother is already on the downhill slide, so the kindest thing you could do for all concerned is end the relationship. But before you do, it is important that you make clear to Charise that it has nothing to do with her or your feelings for her.

Your mother is right. You need to settle down with someone you can love. To follow your friend’s suggestion would be a huge mistake.

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Yesterday’s Answer: BEIGE, AUGUR; LAYUP, REBEL; APPLY, IMBUE 3.11

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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 - 12 Supreme Court justice
 - 13 “Whew!”
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 - 17 Even score
 - 18 Minute part
 - 20 Turn to liquid
 - 21 Marry anew
 - 22 Friend
 - 23 Made mistakes
 - 25 Checkout act
 - 28 Profit
 - 31 Scratch-ing post users
 - 32 West African nation
 - 34 Valuable rock
 - 35 Cacao holder
 - 36 UFO pilots
 - 37 “Do my eyes deceive me?”
 - 40 Chump

- 41 Fence crossing
- 42 Command to Fido
- 43 West and others

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- 1 Soup servings
- 2 More sore
- 3 Posture
- 4 Ready to go
- 5 Track competition
- 6 Completely
- 7 Harvey of “Pulp Fiction”
- 8 “Ah, Wilderness” playwright
- 9 Security looks
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- 19 Track great
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- 24 Dodges
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Yesterday’s answer

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PampaSports

Tennis plays well at Amarillo

SUBMITTED
The Pampa Harvesters' and Lady Harvesters' tennis teams played in Amarillo Friday and head coach Sarah Corse said they "had a good showing."

In boys' singles Ashton Robison went 2-2 and won the B draw and then Emily Terry and Chase Cree went 2-3 and won consultation of B draw.

The JV played in Dumas on Thursday and Corse said they played "very well" with Kami Ware winning the consultation side of girls singles.

Next tournament for both teams will be in Amarillo after Spring Break

and won the C draw while in girls' doubles Harley Elliott and Kaycee Sellers continued to play well and also went 3-2 and won the C draw.



Submitted photo

Kami Ware won the consolation side of the girls' singles bracket.

Redskins, Cowboys released from salary cap jail

WASHINGTON (AP) — When the Washington Redskins were placed in salary cap jail by the NFL, Kedric Golston had to say goodbye to his best friend on the team.

For the past two years, the Redskins and Dallas Cowboys — otherwise rivals to the bitter end in the NFC East — have been constrained by a much-disputed ruling limiting how much money they could spend on players. It's as if they were both forced to land on that "Go to Jail" space on the Monopoly board, while their opponents continued merrily down the final big-money stretch buying up Park Place and Boardwalk.

"We lost some good football players," Golston said. "Obviously Lorenzo Alexander wasn't able to stay here because they didn't have the money to pay him."

Alexander was the Redskins' special teams captain. After he wasn't re-signed a year ago, Washington had one of the worst special teams seasons in recent NFL history.

The front office was able to maneuver the dollars enough to keep just about everybody else, but had no chance of adding

free agents of significance. While it's not the only reason — or even the main reason — the Redskins plummeted to 3-13, it sure didn't help.

Now Washington and Dallas are back on the same playing field as everyone else. The Redskins were docked \$18 million each of the last two years — 15 percent less to spend — while the Cowboys' hit was a more modest \$5 million for both 2012 and 2013.

Starting Tuesday, they'll have the same \$133 million cap as everyone else when the new NFL year officially begins with the opening of

free agency.

"All's well that ends well," Golston said. "Obviously the money's there now. We weren't thinking about this two years ago, but you have a new regime who can go out and pick the players they want to pick."

Coach Mike Shanahan, who had final say over personnel matters, was fired at the end of the season.

The buck now stops with general manager Bruce Allen, working with new coach Jay Gruden. Because the league-wide cap rose \$10 million, the Redskins are more than \$20 million under — even after their

decision to slap an \$11.5 million franchise tag on linebacker Brian Orakpo.

They'll likely need every penny. Five defensive starters are set to become unrestricted free agents. They could use two starting safeties, two starting linebackers and upgrades at cornerback, defensive line, offensive line and receiver.

Owner Dan Snyder has been known to overpay for big names — Deion Sanders and Albert Haynesworth, just to name two — but the needs are so many that the coffers could dry up quickly if the spending gets too reckless.

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Baseball

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was crossing home plate, increasing the Harvesters lead to 3-0. With Keown on third and Engle on 2nd, it was time for Powell to bat. Powell sacrificed and an error by the pitcher brought the two baserunners home and Powell to second base and made their lead 5-0.

Hunt hit a double to left field on a fly ball, allowing Powell to score and making it a 6-0 ball game. Then Hooper singled to shortstop bringing Hunt home and making it a 7-0 ball game and all but securing the win.

Zuniga finished the game off and made sure Eunice didn't interrupt the shutout as

neither team scored the rest of the game and Pampa won the match 7-0.

Brody Gaines pitched four innings and had one hit, three walks and seven strikeouts. Sophomore Adam Zuniga pitched three innings and had one hit, one walk and two strikeouts.

At bat, Cade Engle went 2/4 with two runs scored. Brendon Woelfle went 1/4 with a run scored. Ryan Powell went 1/3 with a run scored and two RBIs. Ethan Hunt went 1/3 with a run scored and an RBI. Ty Hooper went 1/2 with an RBI and Nathan Furgason went 1/3 with a run scored. To round out, Braden Keown went 1/3 with a run scored and Josh Hernandez scored a run.

The Harvesters return to action Wednesday at home against Childress at 1 p.m.

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