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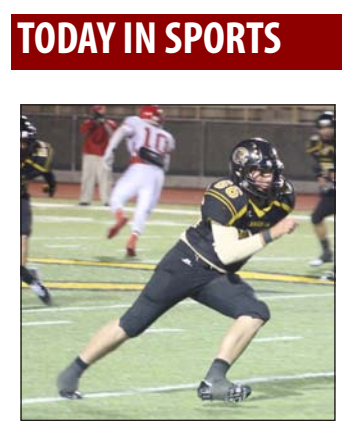

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City Commission tables budget vote



Photo by Lindsey Tomaschik

A number of concerned citizens voiced their opinions on the proposed tax rate during Tuesday afternoon's public hearing.

BY LINDSEY TOMASCHIK
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The Pampa City Commission held a public hearing on the pending 17.5 percent tax increase on Tuesday afternoon. If passed, this increase would make Pampa's one of the higher tax rates in all of the Texas Panhandle. In addition to this, there was a second public hearing on the proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year, which begins on Oct. 1, 2014.

There was standing room only at the meeting, and the hall outside was filled with concerned citizens as well. There were several community members of all ages who voiced opinions on the proposed tax increase.

Mayor Brad Pingel opened the meeting by saying that he, as well as the Commissioners, would be given the opportunity to speak first to clear up some of the miscommunication about the tax rate. He began by giving the numbers. \$0.717584 is the tax rate up for debate. He added that this number will increase from the current rate of \$0.621027. The number is the tax rate and not the tax itself. The proposed tax rate is a 17.66 percent increase from the previous effective tax rate. Pingel gave the example that the property tax on a \$100,000 home would be an increase of about \$97, which amounts to about \$8 a month. This example served as clarification that the tax itself would not be going up 17.66 percent, just the tax rate.

Pingel also said that the city feels that tax rate increase came to be necessary after huge chunks of revenue that previously aided to fund the budget became unavailable to do so. He gave the examples of the hospital going nonprofit and a loophole in a busi-

ness tax, among others. He then added that there is a ceiling on those 65 and older, meaning that this increase doesn't affect these people's property taxes.

They are having to increase the tax rate to bring in more revenue to fund the budget. Pingel pointed out that other rates have gone up, and this is to compensate for that as well. For example, the ambulance service has gone up 40 percent over the past year. This information was provided on a fact sheet that the mayor provided for all community members in attendance.

"We have to run city as a business," he said. "You cannot run a business if you're losing money."

City Commissioner was next to speak, and he started off by saying that the city has been knocking important items off the budget the past few years and said there is a lack of funding to city staff already. The Pampa city manager currently makes 13 percent less than the state average. Porter also provided a list of cities with higher tax rates than even Pampa's proposed tax rate.

He added that to maintain various services that the city provides that the community needs, the citizens must take on this burden.

"It was not an easy decision to make, but it is a necessary one," he said.

Porter also said that 75 percent of those who contacted him agreed to hear the facts he had to provide about the budget and that he respects all opinions.

"There is nothing constructive about spewing venom on the topic (of the tax rate increase)," he said. "Your opinions are what

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County Commissioners narrowly approve reinvestment zone

BY LINDSEY TOMASCHIK
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The Gray County Commissioners met on Tuesday morning with a number of topics to discuss.

After hearing from City Commissioner Robert Dixon about the City Commission's special meeting that was held later that afternoon to discuss the proposed tax increase, the Commissioners kicked off the meeting with a public hearing in regards to granting a reinvestment zone to Pampa EDC.

By law, the only notice required by a company seeking a 4,000-acre reinvestment zone to landowners before approval may be granted is a public notice. Pampa EDC met this requirement by running a legal notice in The Pampa News more than seven days before the public hearing. County Commissioners Gary Willoughby and Jeff Haley opposed the reinvestment zone, which will expire in five years unless it is renewed, because they feel as if the Commissioners are infringing on the rights of the land owners by approving this when all parties involved have been notified that

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ACCOLADE HOLDS ANNUAL HEALTH FAIR



Photo by Forrest Grimes

Accolade held their annual Pampa Community Health Fair at M.K. Brown Auditorium from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesday. There were several different health-related companies and organizations present with booths set up. Pictured are Collin Rains and Jentry Williams of Accolade, who were among several representatives at the event. Carter BloodCare was also present for people who wanted to donate blood. For more pictures from the event, turn to page 7.

PAMPA UNITED WAY BASKET WINNER



Photo by John Lee

Right, Jana Gregory, executive administrator of the Pampa United Way, presents Tolk Persons of Titan the winner of the basket at Titan. Also pictured is Doug Cates a representative from Titan and also a Pampa United Way board member. Thank you Titan for helping support 2014 Campaign "Live United" support our community.

Pampa Kiwanis Club presents firefighter and law enforcement officer of the year

BY JOHN LEE
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Photos by John Lee

Above, Pampa Fire Department deputy chief Randy Dunham, and below, Gray County Sheriff's Office deputy J.C. Skinner, were the recipients of the Firefighter and Law Enforcement of the Year awards. They received their awards from John Warner.

The Pampa Downtown Kiwanis Club presented their annual awards for firefighter of the year and law enforcement officer of the year.

J.C. Skinner of Gray County Sheriff's Office and Randy Dunham of Pampa Fire Department were honored Friday afternoon at the Downtown Pampa Kiwanis club's weekly meeting surrounded by their peers, their supervisors, members of the club and, most importantly, their family.

Law Enforcement Officer of the Year: J.C. Skinner.

Of Deputy Skinner, Kiwanis Club Member John Warner said Skinner is "committed to serving others, intensely loyal and with a tremendous work ethic." Skinner holds an intermediate peace officer license and is working toward his advanced certificate.

As a Gray County Sheriff's Office K-9 officer, Skinner works daily with his K-9 partner, Luigi.

Skinner was nominated by Lieutenant Zach Kidd, who said he "embodies what most peace officers should strive to be — professional. However, he takes extra steps to try to be the best at his position."

Skinner graduated from Vernon College Law Enforcement Academy in 2009 and went to work for Iowa Park Police Department. On Christmas Day in 2009 he drove to Pampa through a snow storm to make his application, and started working for GCSO the next month as a patrol deputy.

Skinner's commitment to serving others was illustrated in a tale about helping an elderly woman in the middle of the night find a hotel. Skinner traveled to Groom with the elderly woman, at 40 mph, for more than an hour until they reach her destination. "You will not find that in a training manual," Warner said.

Firefighter of the Year: Randy Dunham

Randy Dunham has been with the Pampa Fire Department for 25 years.

Of Dunham, Warner said, "He has held, in his arms, the lifeless body of an infant while administering CPR. He has held the hands of family members as their loved ones passed away. He has directed the jaws of life to cut twisted, mangled metal to

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PAMPA FORECAST

Today	Thursday	Friday
High 86 Low 64	High 85 Low 63	High 80 Low 63

Today: Partly cloudy with a high of 86. Winds west-southwest at 14 mph. Sunrise at 7:28 a.m.

Tonight: Partly cloudy with a low of 64. Winds southwest at 10 mph. Sunset at 7:48 p.m.

Thursday: Partly cloudy with a high of 85. Chance of rain: 10 percent. Winds southwest at 11 mph. Sunrise at 7:29 a.m.

Thursday night: Mostly cloudy with a low of 63. Chance of rain: 10 percent. Winds south-southeast at 12 mph. Sunset at 7:47 p.m.

Friday: Scattered thunderstorms with a high of 80. Chance of rain: 60 percent. Winds south-southeast at 19 mph. Sunrise at 7:30 a.m.

Friday night: Thunderstorms with a low of 63. Chance of rain: 80 percent. Winds south at 18 mph. Sunset at 7:45 p.m.

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free a trapped soul from a colossal wreck.”

Dunham was appointed to Deputy Chief of Operations

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this is happening. Commissioner Joe Wheeler and Judge Richard Peet said that they did not feel that each landowner should be contacted individually just for the reinvestment zone.

The motion to approve the reinvestment zone carried three to two.

The approval of the reinvestment zone, which is just west of town off Highway 60,

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help form my vote. I've been wrong in my decisions, but I believe in this one firmly.”

Next, Commissioner Robert Dixon had his turn to speak.

“It's important that this many people showed up today,” he said.

He added that he respects the opinions of the others on the council, but disagrees that the tax rate increase is what's best for the community. He said that he is most concerned about businesses. The proposed tax rate would be 17.66 percent higher for local businesses.

for the Pampa Fire Department in 1999.

For the last 15 years, he has managed comparatively little operational dollars for 28 firefighters.

“He has been the ‘go between’ for the fire chief to the troops, the stand-in when she has been out of town

and a confidant when either side just needed to blow off steam,” Warner said.

Dunham worked for 36 hours in 2006 to protect Pampa and the surrounding communities from wildfires that threatened lives.

“He has sat in the Office of Emergency Management as

inclement weather beat down on our community and kept a watchful eye over Pampa so others could sleep in peace knowing that someone was standing watch,” Warner said.

After 25 years, Dunham and his wife Kim, have announced his retirement.

opens the door for a possible tax abatement on the land in the future.

The purpose of the reinvestment zone is to give incentive for new businesses to come in and eventually build on the land. The reinvestment zone itself does not increase the value of the land, but in the future, if there is construction on the land, this may be a different story.

After closing the public hearing and approving the reinvestment zone, the Commissioners continued the meeting by paying bills and salaries, approving line item

transfers and hearing both the treasurer's and county clerk's reports.

Next, the Commissioners reviewed the tax rate for fiscal year 2015. The tax rate they adopted is 0.479277, which is a one cent reduction from 2014's tax rate. Judge Peet said that the county was able to decrease taxes due to wise spending of county funds. He added that the total debt of the county is currently a little more than \$700,000, which is left to be paid from a \$1.5 million loan taken out to work on restoration of the courthouse.

• Court dates for the upcoming

ing fiscal year and the 2015 holiday schedule.

• Request from the district clerk to replace a full-time employee.

• Request in increase in the ceiling pay for part-time employees in the road and bridge department from \$12.50/hour to \$17/hour.

• Contract with AirMed Care to give all county employees a membership.

• Recognized the tax assessor-collector, chief deputy and emergency management coordinator for continuing education.

Commissioners need to consider long term plan.

There were also a number of people who said they would consider leaving Pampa if the tax rate continues to increase like this proposed rate.

One local citizen said that although the ceiling applies to those 65 and older, they still shop locally and businesses increasing costs of goods to compensate will affect these people, too.

Pampa Regional Medical Center CEO Brad Morse said that he is neutral on the topic of the rate increase but believes that there needs to be clearer communication on these things. He said that he believes the general lack of understanding on the tax rate increase is what caused such a large number of people to be in attendance at the meeting.

Roxane Funderburk said that she feels the wool is being pulled over her eyes by the City Commission. She added that she can barely pay her taxes now, and that the rate will continue to increase before she reached the ceiling age.

Patti Hudson, speaking from realtor's point of view, said that she's sold two houses this year that were sold because homeowners could not afford their taxes. She believes that further increases chase people out of Pampa.

After the two public hearings were adjourned, the Commissioners moved into the action items on the agenda. The Commissioners voted to approve the Pampa Economic Development Corporation's budget for fiscal year 2014-2015. Also on the agenda at today's meeting was approval on first reading of the City of Pampa's budget for fiscal year 2014-2015. After hearing comments and suggestions from numerous community members during the two public hearings that were held, Commissioner Porter voted to table the vote on the budget approval. He added that after hearing the comments from the public, he wants time to go back through the budget and make cuts where they can make them. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion, and the Commissioners voted unanimously to table this agenda item.

Dixon also said that many businesses will end up closing their doors because they will be unable to absorb the tax rate and people looking to come to pampa will change their minds because of the high tax rate.

He believes that the city should stick with the current tax rate of \$0.62.

“The city needs to look into where we can save,” he said. “We need to make cuts by starting at the top. There are expenditures that can be cut. We need to do things for our citizens.”

Pampa citizen and previous City Commissioner Jeff Andrews was the first of the public to speak at the hearing. He said that the citizens are taking on the general fund increases in the budget. He questioned why are citizens asked to pay more when there are other areas funding the budget where increases have not been made in several years. He also said that he thinks the city can delay some of its planned purchases to pay back some of the debt first.

Another citizen stated that tax rates should stay where they are. He is grateful commissioners have made this a nice place to live but agrees with the concept of belt tightening for needed compensation in other areas of the

budget.

Paulette Hinkle, local business owner, came not to blame Commissioners for the debt. She said that she agrees the city should be run as a business.

“Being a business owner doesn't mean that I don't have to mop up the floors sometimes,” she said. “If money isn't there, it's just not there.”

PHS graduate who currently resides in El Paso spoke next and commended the city council on the work they have done, but she did have a few suggestions. She brought up the \$90,000 contingency fund built in to this year's budget that hasn't been there previously and questioned whether this addition was really vital. She then suggested a cut in salaries and benefits and eliminating or decreasing capital improvements.

County Commissioner and Pampa resident Neil Fulton said there's a need to look at monthly costs of the people of Pampa. He also asked the Commissioners to try to keep things down because the dollar isn't going to go as far as it did last year.

Another local business owner said that when tax increases like this come along, his business doesn't absorb it, it's passed on to the consumers. He also said that the

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Obituaries

David Kent Gantz

David Kent Gantz, Canton, Ga., beloved son, brother, husband, "grand pa" and friend, died peacefully, Aug. 31, 2014. He is survived by his wife, the Reverend Robin Sumner Gantz, and by the families of their three children: daughter, Mary Epperson and husband Mark and their sons, Matthew and Monte; son, Kevin Gantz and wife Cindy Gantz, and their children, Allison, Sumner and Emerson; son, Matthew Gantz, and his daughters, Madison and Brooklyn. He is also survived by his brother, Dale Gantz and wife Joe Ann and his sister, Dorothea Dougherty and husband Jim and his brother-in-law, Don Moen, all of Las Cruces, N.M., sister-in-law Judith Kerr of Amarillo and brother-in-law Jim Sumner and wife Susie of Sonoita, Ariz. and multiple nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a sister, Mary Moen, of Las Cruces.

David was born May 30, 1937 to Luevilla and Herman Gantz in Pampa. He was a 1956 Pampa High School graduate, and received a B.S. at West Texas State University in 1960. He married Robin Brook Sumner on May 2, 1959, and they recently celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary.

David retired from Cabot Corporation, having worked in various capacities, including being Director of Labor Relations, Director of Personnel (North American Carbon Black Division) and Corporate Employee Benefits Director.

A strong believer in public service, David served on many community board of directors, including the Pampa Regional Medical Center and Genesis House in Pampa. He was United Way Campaign chairman multiple times. He was elected elder and chairman of the board for the First Christian Church, Pampa, and later elder/stated clerk for the Presbyterian Church, Pampa. David was, among others, instrumental in the design and construction of "The Pampa Harvester" statue at Pampa High School.

A strong advocate of scouting, David became president of the Adobe Walls Council, BSA (Texas) in the 70's, and later served on the Executive Board of the Golden Spread Council. He received the Order of the Arrow Dis-

tinguished Service Award in 2001 due to his involvement in restoration of Camp M.K. Brown, Miami. In 2003, he was awarded the highest volunteer award in scouting — the Silver Beaver Award — for his distinguished service to scouting.

At West Texas State University, Canyon, David became the chartering and first number one (president) of Kappa Alpha Order fraternal brotherhood. He has been president of several KA Alumni groups since.

A memorial services was held Sept. 6 in Jasper, Ga. A second service is scheduled for Sept. 20 at the First Christian Church, Pampa, at 3 p.m., Rev. John Curry and the Rev. Dr. Jeff Knighton officiating. Arrangements with Sosebee Funeral Home of Canton, Ga.

The family requests that any memorial gifts be made to Children's Healthcare of Atlanta Foundation

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David Kent Gantz

Kimberly Anne Rowell

Kimberly Anne Rowell, a resident of Amarillo and a beloved family member and friend to many, passed from this life on Friday, Sept. 12, 2014, at the age of 42. She was born on Tuesday, April 6, 1972, to Harold Dewayne Glover and Linda Kathleen (Anderson) Lamb.

Services will be at 10 a.m., Wednesday, Sept. 17, 2014, in Boxwell Brothers Ivy Chapel. Burial will follow at 1 p.m. in Memory Gardens Cemetery Mausoleum in Pampa. Arrangements are by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors, 2800 Paramount Blvd., Panhandle.

Kim attended school in Amarillo and Pampa, graduating from Pampa High School in 1990. She had been working at the Clements Unit as a grievance clerk. She was a very hard worker and was always there to lend a helping hand.

Kim was a very loving mother to her children. Her children meant everything to her. She was a great mom and a fun mom. Kim was an only child she was always helping her "Momma" out. She would come to Pampa and ask



Kimberly Anne Rowell

her Momma and Granny what they needed her help with. What a wonderful woman she was. We all love her dearly and she is going to be greatly missed. She had so much love to give and was so full of life.

Kim had the most beautiful blue eyes and a smile that would light up every room she walked into. She was a beautiful woman inside and out. She loved country music, dancing, and having a good time.

Kim is survived by a daughter, Ashlee Rowell and a son, Austen Rowell, both of Amarillo; her mother, Linda K. Lamb of Pampa; her father, Bill DeVoll of Pampa; her grandmother, Betty J. Anderson of Pampa and an uncle, Mike Anderson and wife Millie of Rosston, Ark. and her loving pet, Mia and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Kim was preceded in death by her grandfather, M.E. (Andy) Anderson; grandmother, Helen DeVoll; and grandfather, Steve DeVoll.

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Mary Jean Anderwald

Mary Jean Anderwald, 73, died Sept. 14, 2014 at Baylor Hospital, Grapevine. She was born on Jan. 15, 1941 in Dodge City, Kan. the daughter of Arthur Dean and Rose Marie (Maier) Legg. She grew up in Dodge City and graduated from Dodge City High School.

On Aug. 29, 1964 she married Robert Dean Anderwald in White Deer at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. She has been a resident of Texas since then.

She was a member of the St. Vincent De Paul Church of Pampa.

Mary is survived by her husband, Robert Dean Anderwald, Pampa; two daughters, Lauri Melton, Keller and Krista Vanderburg, Midland; three grandchildren, Aaron Vanderburg, Kensley Vanderburg and Ethan Melton; a brother, Ronnie Legg and wife Carla, Kennewick, Wash. and a sister, Deanne Nelson, Dodge City. She was preceded in death by her parents, a son Aaron Anderwald and two brothers, John and Bobby Legg.

A private graveside service will be held at Maple Grove Cemetery at a later date with Rev. Terrance Klein officiating. There will be no public visitation. Memorials are suggested to Olivia's Angels of Amarillo in care of Swaim Funeral Home, 1901 6th Ave., Dodge City, KS 67801. *Thoughts and memories may be shared in the online guest book at www.swaimfuneralhome.com.*

LeTourneau: 21 years top-tier

East Texas university again ranks high in U.S. News and World Report's annual 'America's Best Colleges.'

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LONGVIEW — For the 21st time, LeTourneau University shines on U.S. News and World Report's annual rankings of "America's Best Colleges."

"Best Regional Universities in the Western Region" spans Texas to Alaska, and LETU marches 27th among all universities in that category, ranking above all public universities in Texas in its category, and 6th among Texas independent universities.

"21 years points straight to our faculty and staff — to our leaders, past and present," LETU President Dr. Dale A. Lunsford said. "In addition to the high score overall, LETU's engineering program, already respected, continues to rise among national engineering programs. And all this at a school also shining in academic quality vs. student costs."

U.S. News' prestigious rankings assess colleges and universities against schools

with similar programs and degrees. Considerations include academic reputation, retention, faculty, class sizes, SAT and ACT scores of incoming freshmen, average graduation rates, and peer-university assessments. LETU also ranked 27 on the 2014 list, up from 36 in 2013 and 39 in 2012.

For full rankings of nearly 1,800 schools nationwide, see www.usnews.com/colleges and newsstands on Sept. 23.

LETU also ranked 13 among "Great Schools, Great Prices," for Regional Universities in the Western Region, based on academic quality and the 2013-14 net cost of attendance for students on average levels of need-based financial aid.

LETU's engineering school continues its climb. U.S. News' "Best Engineering Programs in the United States" put LETU at 41, up from last year's 45 and its 2012 ranking of 57 among ABET-accredited engineering schools in the nation (whose highest degree is

a bachelor's or master's). LETU ranked third among Texas engineering programs such as Baylor University and Trinity University; it sits ahead of all public Texas universities not offering a Ph.D.

"This affirms LeTourneau as one of 'America's Best Engineering Schools'—and the top-ranked school of engineering in the CCCU (Council of Christian Colleges and Universities)," LETU Dean of Engineering Dr. Ron DeLap said.

LETU also listed among "A+ Schools for B Students," an alphabetized list of schools where non-A high school students display spirit and hard work, and can thrive.

"We want our students to succeed here and in life," LETU Provost Dr. Philip A. Coyle explained. "And a wide spectrum of support services helps make it happen."

LETU's more than \$50 million in new campus facilities includes its new Allen Family Student Center.

In other news this past

year:

LETU launched a School of Nursing for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree.

Its School of Business, launched a new Master of Engineering Management (MEM).

Its flight school won top honors at a regional competition.

An education major was named Texas Student Teacher of the Year.

It won an interdisciplinary Keck grant to study human mobility.

Its engineering faculty members won an NSF early-career grant to study the use of lasers for cancer detection/diagnosis.

Its engineering program also added a new clean room for microelectronic fabrication as well as a new, 7,200-square-foot engineering building, housing a state-of-the-art wind tunnel and a design studio, a maker space for students and the community.

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Museum Musings

Indian Jim Bricklayer

By 1926, Pampa was feeling the results of the oil discovery in neighboring territories. It had long been known as the town with muddy streets, and it became necessary that something be done. Eleven of the muddy streets were paved with brick in 1927.

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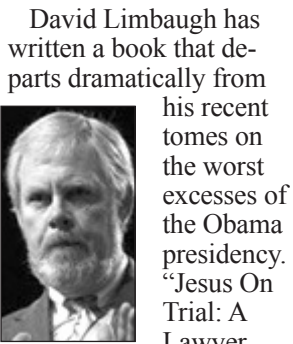
The champion Indian bricklayer, Jim

Brown, was brought to Pampa with the Stucky Construction Company. The year previous, he had made a world's record by laying 64,644 bricks in seven hours and 48 minutes at Olathe, Kan., on Sept. 12, 1926. The Indian bricklayer laid nearly all the million and more bricks, and Pampans declared that he worked so fast it kept three men busy hauling the bricks to him, and even then he would sometimes be without bricks. Some of the original brick paving re-

mains in the business district today. Indian Jim was born in 1869 on Oneida Reservation in New York, educated at Carlisle and Ontario Agricultural College, was six feet in height and weighed 180 pounds.

Please visit the White Deer Land Museum in downtown Pampa. 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.

David Limbaugh's case for Christianity



BRENT BOZELL

David Limbaugh has written a book that departs dramatically from his recent tomes on the worst excesses of the Obama presidency. "Jesus On Trial: A Lawyer Affirms the Truth of the Gospel" explores his journey of faith, from believer to non-believer and back. "Rush and I were raised in a great Midwest Christian family. We went to church every Sunday. Our parents raised us right so I'm not blaming them. I'm blaming myself for the message not sticking," he says. As it has for so many, his faith faded away in college. Faith was replaced by skepticism. Limbaugh wants it understood that his intention is not to ridicule skeptics. "I used to be one. But at some point I realized it was foolish and arrogant of me to pretend to form final conclusions about the Bible and Jesus Christ when I hadn't begun to seriously study Scripture or Christian doctrine. ... So I resolved to examine the evidence." His book assembles like a legal brief establishing empirical evidence for the existence of Christ and the validity of the Bible as the Word of God, woven together over centuries into a coherent "divine conspiracy." His search for evidence impressed upon him that "mainstream culture's disdain for the intellectual integrity of Christianity is unwarranted, and its conceited assumption that Christian beliefs are a product of blind faith, bereft of reason and intellect, is completely false." A book of this nature should be applauded. But many won't. The left sneered at "Fox and Friends" granting any airtime for this book and this author. The site Crooks and Liars charged, "Limbaugh obviously has an agenda, just like his brother. He seeks to label the Black President and his godless liberal followers as the reason for all our problems." But there is no "Obama" in the index of this book. It's a book with an eye on the eternal, not the ephemeral. But he does report there is a problem with Christianity and the culture. There are too many

believers "idling in intellectual neutral" as children are bombarded with secular indoctrination, from the schools to our news and entertainment media, all of which glamorize secularism and disparage Christianity.

We recently protested the so-called "Adult Swim" channel for its show "Black Jesus," where the Son of God is transformed into a black man who smokes marijuana and swears like a sailor, telling one skeptic, "I still love your bitch ass, fool." Our media rage against plans to burn a Quran, but largely ignored it when Satanists planned a "Black Mass" mocking the Catholic celebration of the Eucharist at Harvard, the supposed center of tolerance. There is also a "Black Mass" planned for this month in a theater at the Oklahoma City Civic Center. The Satanic group was forced to return a stolen consecrated host — the body of Christ, for Catholics. (They routinely urinate on the host or otherwise defile it.) But the show is still expected to go on, an open celebration of worship of Supreme Evil. Yawn.

These fanatics are also trying to place a statue of Satan in the state capital to protest official recognition of the Ten Commandments. The guttersnipes at the Gawker website were thrilled: "Hard-chargin' Satanists have a mockup of a monument to the dark lord (and two rapt kids) that they plan to display in front of the Oklahoma statehouse. And other than being evil, it's pretty boss."

Limbaugh notes the left declares it doesn't want government to "take a side" and endorse religion. But they very clearly take a side, routinely agitating for schools and other government entities to scrub every mention of religion out of the public sphere. A Tennessee high school student who was sent to the principal's office for saying "bless you" to another student who sneezed.

Religion really is on trial in America. Christians are being persecuted. So David Limbaugh's book is timely.

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Hump Day with Humphrey

America's No. 1 easygoing dog breed, excluding Humphrey

I had some down time on Friday afternoon and stumbled across an article on pet360.com that named the 10 most easygoing dog breeds. Much to my surprise, the English bulldog was number one on the list.

LINDSEY TOMASCHIK

The article reads "Known for their gentle disposition, lovable personality and signature wrinkles, the bulldog is one of the most popular breeds of dog, according to the American Kennel Club (AKC). With a medium-sized body and strong, sturdy build, bulldogs may not be able to fit in your lap but are content relaxing by your side any hour of the day. Gentle and protective, they form strong bonds with children and are known for being excellent family pets, according to the AKC. Bulldogs require minimal grooming and exercise and prefer to stay indoors or in the shade in warm weather because of their flat, short noses."

It was after reading this that I came to the conclusion that Humphrey is an impostor and simply cannot be a real bulldog because he possesses few of these qualities.

I will say that he is the most lovable dog I have

ever had the pleasure of having in my company. Humphrey constantly enjoys being with me, and most of the time I have no problem with toting him around with me.

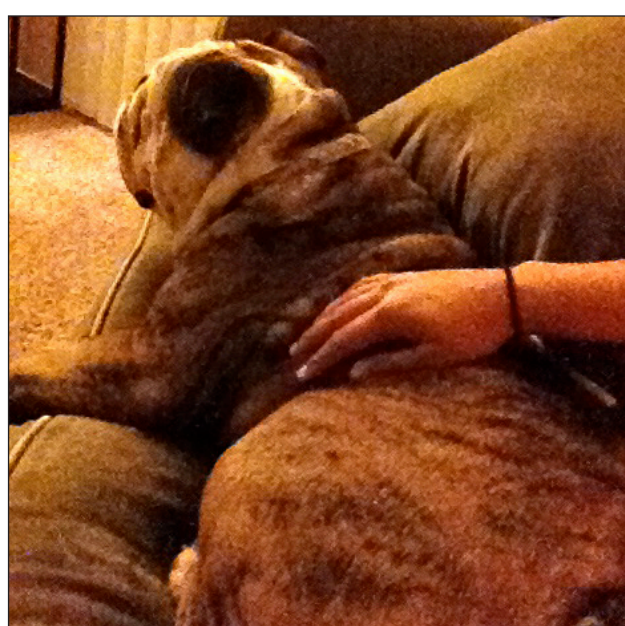
As for the part about not being able to fit in my lap, that has certainly never stopped Humphrey from trying. He still thinks he's the size he was the day I got him (when he weighed 10 pounds), so he still sits in my lap every morning when I dry my hair and every evening when he eventually gets tired of playing tug of war (after about three to four hours of forcing me to play with him by whining and setting the slobbery toy in my lap; gotta love him).

I obviously have no dispute for the strong, sturdy build either, being that he bowls me over without a problem, and he also requires two hands on the leash when he sets his mind on visiting with other people outside when it's time to go inside.

This brings me to my next refute to the article on a "typical" English bulldog. Humphrey would prefer to be outside rather than inside any day of the week. He overheats pretty easily, so he hasn't been having too much fun being cooped up all summer, but as it cools down, we'll be at the park more and more. He's very active for a bulldog and loves taking off

full speed without a leash on. He also loves rolling around in the grass and throwing fits when I tell him it's time to go inside. Rides in the car are another thing he really enjoys. He won't jump in by himself, but once he's settled, he rolls his window down by himself.

When he's not nibbling on any hands he can sink his teeth into (for some reason this is something he never grew out of, though he's still easy), Humphrey is very gentle and protective. He always beats me to the door with a deep, protective bark when there is a knock, and he makes



Here's my entitled hound in his domain, watching yet another movie. He's quite the couch potato when he gets tired of tug of war.

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Texas fatal occupational injuries decrease in 2013

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AUSTIN - In 2013, there were 493 fatal occupational injuries in Texas, an eight percent decrease from 536 in 2012, according to preliminary data released today from the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries (CFOI). Nationally, there were a total of 4,405 fatal occupational injuries.

The rate of fatal occupational injuries in Texas was 4.4 per 100,000 full-time employees in 2012, the latest year state fatality rates are available. Fatal occupational injury rates for 2013 at the state level will not be available until spring, 2015, when the final CFOI data are released.

Incidence rates for non-fatal injuries and illnesses by industry for 2013 will be released in October 2014. In 2012, the Texas incidence rate for nonfatal occupational

injuries and illnesses was 2.7 per 100 full-time employees, while the national rate was 3.4 per 100 full-time employees. The Texas non-fatal incidence rate has been below the national rate since data collection began in 1990.

The Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC) compiles detailed information on all occupational fatalities occurring in Texas for the CFOI, a program jointly administered with the BLS. The DWC annually releases total fatal injury counts and descriptive data in an effort to provide information to assist employers, safety professionals, and policymakers in identifying occupational safety and health issues in the state.

The DWC provides various safety and health services to assist employers in providing safe and healthy workplaces, including resources to help prevent trans-

portation-related incidents on its Driving Safety website at <http://www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/safety/drivesafe.html>.

Resources by industry and occupation can be found on the TDI website at <http://www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/safety/videoresources/targetareas.html>. Other services include free safety and health consultations on Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) regulations; regional and onsite safety training; free safety training DVD loans; the Safety Violations Hotline; and free safety and health publications. For more information on these services, visit the TDI website at <http://www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/safety/index.html> or call 800-687-7080. In addition, employers that carry workers' compensation insurance in Texas can obtain accident prevention services from their insurance companies at no additional charge.

Key Findings
 • In Texas, transportation incidents continued as the leading cause of fatal occupational injuries and accounted for the majority of the total decrease in fatal occupational injuries in 2013, declining by 49 incidents from 2012. Specifically, roadway incidents involving a motorized land vehicle decreased from 193 to 154 incidents.

• At the state level, transportation incidents involving the support activities for mining industry decreased from 30 incidents in 2012 to 25 in 2013. In the truck transportation industry, these incidents decreased from 66 to 53 incidents. Wholesale trade experienced 18 transportation incidents, up from 12 in 2012.

• Contact with objects surpassed falls as the second leading cause of fatal occupational injuries, up from 65 in 2012 to 76 in 2013.

Of these, 72 percent involved being struck by an

object or equipment (55 incidents), an increase of 17 percent from 2012 (47 incidents). Eighteen percent involved employees being caught in or compressed by equipment or objects (14 incidents), an increase from 5 incidents in 2012.

• The industry subsectors in Texas experiencing the highest number of fatal occupational injuries were truck transportation (64 incidents), specialty trade contractors (64 incidents), support activities for mining (47 incidents), heavy and civil engineering construction (37 incidents), and justice, public order, and safety activities (36 incidents).

• In Texas in 2013, the occupation experiencing the most fatalities was heavy and tractor-trailer truck drivers, with 104 incidents. This was a 14 percent decrease in fatal injuries from the 121 incidents in 2012. Construction trade workers followed with

78 fatal injuries in 2013 compared to 82 incidents in 2012. Within the construction trade occupations, construction laborers accounted for 34 of the total fatal injuries.

To view the full 2013 fatal injury report on cause, industry, employee demographics, occupation, and specific charts and tables, visit the TDI website at <http://www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/safety/sis/fathomepage.html>.

This is the first in a series of three releases of data collected by the DWC in cooperation with the BLS. The final fatal injury numbers and rate will be released in spring 2015.

The CFOI data tables can be found on the TDI website at <http://www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/safety/sis/fathomepage.html>. For more information about fatal work-related injuries, contact the DWC at 512-804-5020 or cfoi@tdi.texas.gov.

Lone Star Music Festival presents Discovery Green, in Houston, Nov. 7-8

■ The Houston Institute for Culture develops a major music and art festival to advance and expand cultural and educational programs in Houston.

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HOUSTON — The Lone Star Music Festival brings national and regional headline acts to local musicians and artists in a celebration of culture at Discovery Green in Downtown Houston. The new music and arts festival reflects Houston's cultural diversity with music from multiple genres on three stages. Headliners include Blink-182, Sublime with Rome, Wiz Khalifa, A\$AP Mob, Steve Aoki, ZZ Ward, Texas music legend Jerry Jeff Walker, and more. Information and tickets are available at: www.lonestarmusic-festival.com

Renowned performers from New Orleans and across Texas join the rock, hip hop and electronic music headliners. Other Texas performers include Joe Ely and Roy Head. New Orleans artists include the Wild Magnolias, Dumpstaphunk and Soul Rebels. The festival also features local Houston talent, the Tontons, the Suffers and Paul Wall.

The theme of celebrating the cultural and musical diversity of the Houston/Gulf Coast region will be established right at the opening ceremonies, 4 p.m. on Friday. The legendary Wild Magnolias of New Or-

leans open the festival in the parade tradition of New Orleans Mardi Gras Indians, complete with full Mardi Gras Indian regalia and carnival costumes.

The festival includes an "Art Market," featuring many of Houston's most talented visual and craft artists, a wide variety of the inventive and delicious mix of cuisines that have earned Houston its reputation as a "foodie capital," and a "Green Zone", where local non-profit organizations present programs improving communities and the environment.

The Lone Star Music Festival is the creation of The Houston Institute for Culture as a way to forward its goals of cultural and educational projects. The Institute has run Houston's popular Juneteenth Celebration at Miller Outdoor Theater since 2006. Institute director Mark Lacy envisioned the Lone Star Music Festival as a means to provide Houston with a major annual music festival along the lines of the New Orleans Jazz Festival and Austin City Limits that will provide funding and promotion for the Institute's youth programs, and development of the Houston Museum of Culture in partnership with the Greater East End Management

District.

According to Lacy, the inclusive theme of the festival will also "create opportunities for local artists and musicians to reach larger audiences, and share the bill with national headliners."

The appearance of headliner Blink-182 at The Lone Star Music Festival is something of a miracle. The rock and pop punk trio formed in 1992 in Poway, California, garnering numerous awards, a mass appeal, and selling more than 35 million records. After drummer Travis Barker survived a plane crash, the band decided to only reunite to play select events in very few cities. The Lone Star Music Festival is one of those choice events. In a rare opportunity for music fans, Barker will perform with Mix Master Mike, an influential DJ and turntable artist who has worked with the multiple Grammy and MTV Award-winning Beastie Boys.

Harlem hip hop collective A\$AP Mob includes Rocky, Ferg, Twelvyy, Nast and Ant. Steve Aoki is a DJ and music producer who was nominated for a Grammy in 2013 for Best Dance Album.

Ska, rock and reggae group Sublime with Rome have sold 17 million albums. Wiz Khalifa,

has received numerous awards and nominations for Best New Artist, Best Rap and Best Pop. Khalifa has achieved Top 40 success, and film and television exposure. ZZ Ward is a rising star on the festival and television circuit.

Lacy's vision for the Houston Institute for Culture is to, "provide youth programs to more students in the area and to create a phenomenal museum for the city, the Houston Museum of Culture."

City-wide youth programs include Houston Cool and Girls Excel. Houston Cool involves youth in planting trees to improve Houston communities and the environment, while increasing their interest in math, science and benefits of trees. Girls excel promotes girls and young women in math and science. Houston Institute for Culture, celebrating its 12th year as a non-profit organization, provides numerous excellent programs for Houston. Learn more at: <http://www.hmoc.org/12years>

Lone Star Music Festival sponsors include Bud Light and Pink's Pizza. The event is presented with support of the City of Houston through the Houston Arts Alliance and the Texas Commission on the Arts.

Lake Meredith National Recreation area hosts annual Small-Fry Fishing Tournament

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FRITCH – Fall is fast approaching and maybe you are looking for a family fun-filled activity to be involved in with the children during the weekend. Lake Meredith National Recreation Area is the place to be and will again be hosting the annual Small-Fry Fishing Tournament, to be held this Saturday, Sept. 20 at the Stilling Basin at Spring Canyon. Registration will start at 8 a.m., with the day's activities expected to conclude around 2 p.m. The Stilling Basin will be stocked with fish and closed to the general public until after the tournament.

The Small-Fry Fishing Tournament is an annual event which promotes the sport of fishing while encouraging good clean family fun in a National Park setting. This event is a wonderful opportunity for families to share in one of the best recreational activities available in the Texas Panhandle. There is no entrance fee, and youth of all income levels are invited to participate. Age groups will be from 6-8 years, 9-11 years, and 12-14 years, with prizes awarded in each age category. An adult must accompany the children.

Schedule of events:
 • 8 – 9 a.m. —Registration
 • 9 – 11 a.m. — Tournament
 • 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. —Hot Dog Lunch
 • 12:30 – 2 p.m. —Awards and Door Prizes

As in past years, support from local businesses and individuals has allowed the Small-Fry Fishing Tournament Association to put on the tournament with no cost to the children.

For more information on the tournament or directions to the Stilling Basin, please contact Lake Meredith National Recreation Area headquarters at 806-857-3151.

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Pampa Faith

It was one of their finest hours

Once every three years, Shari and I get together with our children and their families for a clan gathering. We would do it more often, but with everyone so scattered (California, Florida, Chicago and Pampa) and limited vacation time for some and the costs, it is what works for our clan. It also allows everyone to vacation with their spouses family one summer, then vacation with their own kids

the next and then the Sublett/Mearse families the next. Because there is so much time in between our gatherings, the days and even the hours are super special. We just returned a few days ago from our most recent together time at the Lawley house on the Rio Grande River seven miles out of South Fork, Colo. What a time we all had. It seemed a little extra special since we knew that our youngest son, Chad, is going to be serving the Army in Fairbanks, Alaska for three years beginning in March 2015. So our next clan gathering won't be until the summer of 2018.

One of the true highlights of this most recent together time was seeing all three of my kids in one of their finest hours. We still don't know what caused it, but an intestinal bug got us all about 30-48 hours after arriving at the house. Everyone threw up for about 12-24 hours, while some also experienced the other problem that accompanies a viral bug at the same time. Since we all arrived at different times over a five-day period, the sickness that began around midnight on July 4 wasn't really over until July 11.

During those days I got to watch my three kids not only take care of their sick children, but their spouse

as well. And they did that even while they were sick. I couldn't have been prouder. Most people just want to sit around and be taken care of when they are sick. To watch all three of them battle the viral bug and still clean up after and care for their own kids and spouse was downright fulfilling.

It is always exciting for a parent to see their children do well in any circumstance. But to see them shine like gold in a rough time is absolutely inspirational. I know that the phrase "their finest hour" is usually reserved for some monumental circumstance like when Winston Churchill used those words during WW II. However, that is the phrase that came to my mind as I watched our three children be the husband/wife and mommy/daddy that their families needed them to be. Their own sickness didn't stop them; they didn't sit around waiting for someone to take care of them. Shari and I could not have been prouder.

So this article is a pat on the back for Christina Mearse, Jeff Sublett and Chad Sublett. Adam, Kim and Kassy are blessed to have you as their spouse. And Zachary, Lizzy, Jackson, Lily, Conner, Leesy and Neal are blessed to have you for a parent. And your mom and I are blessed to be able to watch you be the woman/man that God wants you to be.

May all of us professing believers shine brightly in our difficult times as well as our favorable ones. May we handle life's rough seas as well as the calm ones. God's grace and mercy and strength will empower us to do just that. Then we can give all of the praise and honor and glory to Father God. God bless.

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CHURCH SPOTLIGHT

An old guy and a bucket

My good friend, Dave Quay, sent me another interesting article I thought



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you would enjoy. It comes from Max Lucado's book, "In the eye of the storm."

"It happens every Friday evening, almost without fail, when the sun resembled a giant orange and was starting to dip into the blue ocean. "Old Ed came strolling along the beach to his favorite pier. Clutched in his bony hand was a bucket of shrimp. Ed walks out to the end of the pier, where it seems he almost has the world to himself! The glow of the sun is bronze now. Everyone is gone, except for a few joggers on the beach. Standing on the end of the pier, Ed is alone with his thoughts...and his bucket of shrimp.

"Before long, however, he is no longer alone. Up in the sky a thousand white

dots come screeching and squawking winging their way toward that lanky frame standing there on the end of the pier.

"Before long, dozens of seagulls have enveloped him, their wings fluttering and flapping wildly. As he does, if you listen closely, you can hear him say with a smile, thank you, thank you."

If you were sitting on the pier with your fishing line in the water, Ed might seem like a "funny old duck," as my dad might say. Or, to onlookers, he is just another old codger, lost in his own weird world, feeding the seagulls a bucket full of shrimp. Old folks often do strange things, at least in the eyes of the young.

His full name is Eddie Rickenbacker. He was a famous hero in WWI and WWII. He became America's first ace and later was founder of Eastern Airlines.

During WWII, Captain Eddie Rickenbacker and his crew ran out of fuel and ditched their B-17

in the Pacific Ocean. For weeks nothing was heard of him and across the country thousands of people prayed. He tells of his crew using up all their rations by the eighth day in the rafts. The men needed a miracle. That afternoon they had a simple devotion and prayed to God for a miracle. Suddenly, Eddie felt something land on the top of his head, it was a seagull. With a flash of his hand he managed to grab it. His starving crew made a meal of it — a very slight meal for eight men. Then they used the intestines for bait to catch fish. Through this they survived.

Eddie Rickenbacker lived many years beyond that ordeal, but he never forgot God's miracle in the life-saving seagull. That's why almost every Friday night he would say, "Thank you" with a bucket of shrimp and a heart full of gratitude.

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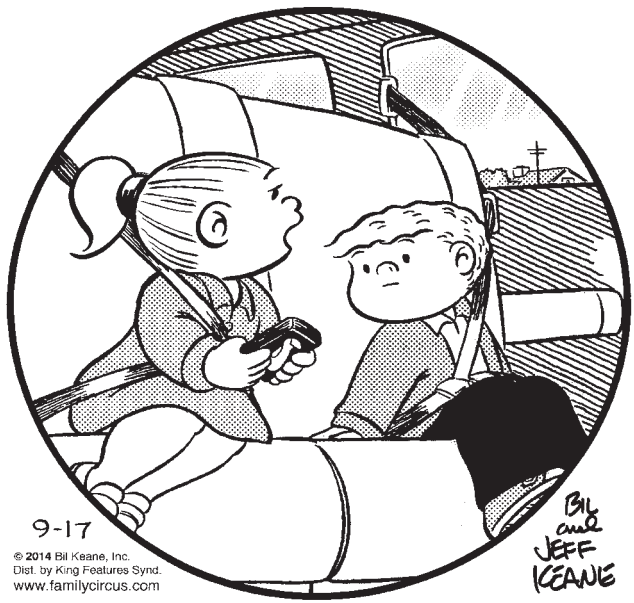
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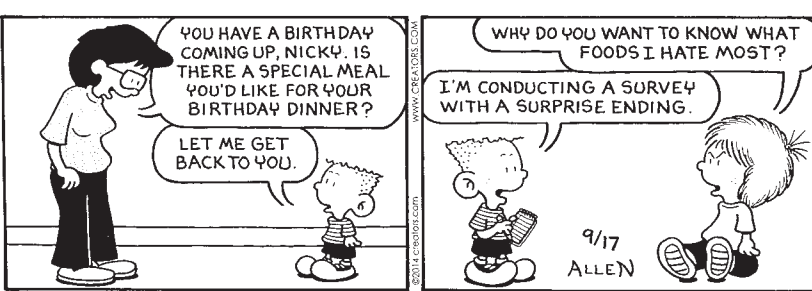
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Nest Heads



daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Sept. 18, 2014:
This year you have the endurance, creativity and support to achieve what you desire. You are likely to hit a home run in at least one area of your life. Go over your long-term goals this birthday, and question if they are still valid. Many of you will notice a change. If you are single, you are likely to meet a potential sweetie through a friend, or a friendship will transform into a romance. If you are attached, you will enjoy being more social with your sweetie, but don't forget to schedule at least one getaway together. **LEO** understands you better than you realize!
The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult
ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You could get caught up in a domestic issue, but feedback from a key person might help. You intuitively will mobilize your energy to resolve the problem. Make sure to schedule an appointment for a checkup. You have been pushing hard. Tonight: Nap, then decide.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Others seem to be focused on being more caring. You'll need to ask questions in order to see the big picture. Information that comes in could require you to do some research. Don't allow your imagination to do the work. Tonight: Socialize, but make it an early night.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Know where your money is going. Don't hesitate to ask for an explanation from the bank, a partner or whoever else might be involved. Listen to feedback from a loved one or a neighbor, as this person tends to see situations differently from how you see them. Tonight: Hang out.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You could encounter a problem with a real estate matter or some issue involving your domestic life. Once you open up conversation, you will see the solution and act on it. Be willing to go out of your way to treat a loved one. Buy a token of affection. Tonight: Indulge a little.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ You'll want to assume a low profile during the day. When asking questions, your observations might be more important than the responses you receive. Others will open up and speak more if you are less talkative and more

receptive. Tonight: Stay out late.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Listen to a friend's news. You might believe that he or she has left out some important facts, but recognize that you can get more information only when you know more about the situation. Use caution with money, and count your change. Tonight: Make weekend plans.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You have a tendency to worry too much and create problems where there are none. You might have to shoulder some extra responsibility. Don't allow these tasks to become a part of your daily life. You are just doing someone else a favor -- period. Tonight: Be playful.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Keep your eye on the long term, and don't let your emotions take over right now. You need to take another look at a personal situation. Intellectual pursuits are very possible, as long as you tap into your creativity. Welcome a different perspective. Tonight: Follow the music.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You might want to touch base with a close friend or loved one before acting on what you deem a "good idea." Though you might not be ecstatic about some of the feedback, your idea will get a practical new look. Tonight: Plan a concert, a trip or some other weekend happening.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You will enjoy letting others carry the ball for you. The experience could prove to be enlightening for both them and you. Understand what motivates you to take the lead so often; you might be far more controlling than you realize. Tonight: Go along with a suggestion.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ You are determined to get done two days' worth of work in one. Be careful, because new information could head your way that might force you to backtrack and do what you believed was already done. Recognize your limitations. Tonight: Happily fancy-free.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Continue to tap into your imagination to discover what might be the best way to forge ahead with a project. Discuss your ideas with a trusted adviser or counselor. Understand what is happening with a child and/or loved one. Tonight: Let the fun begin.

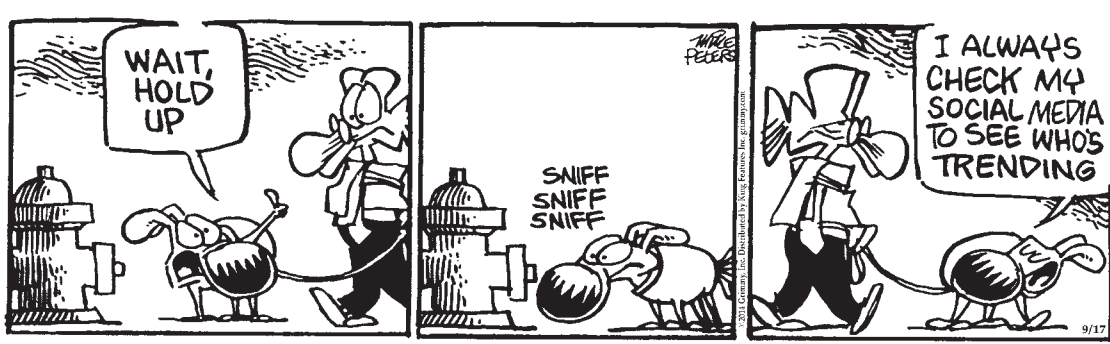
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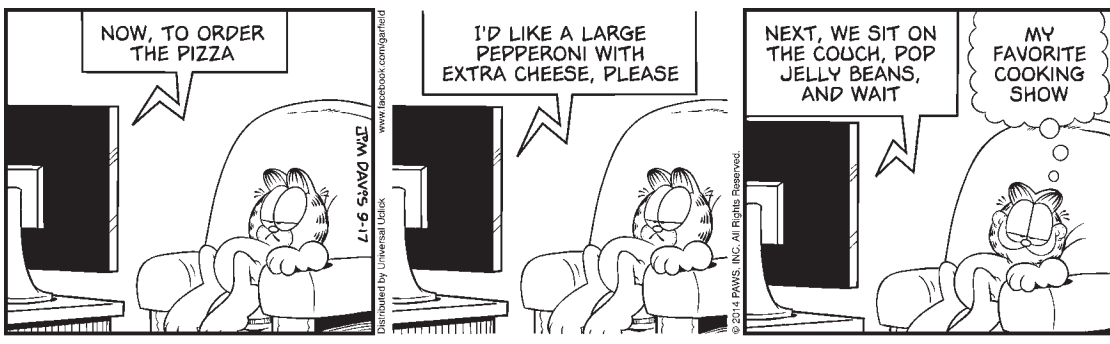
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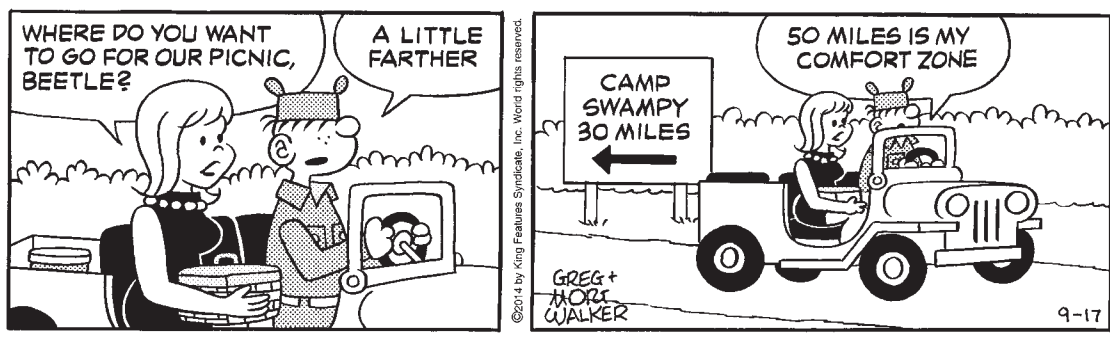
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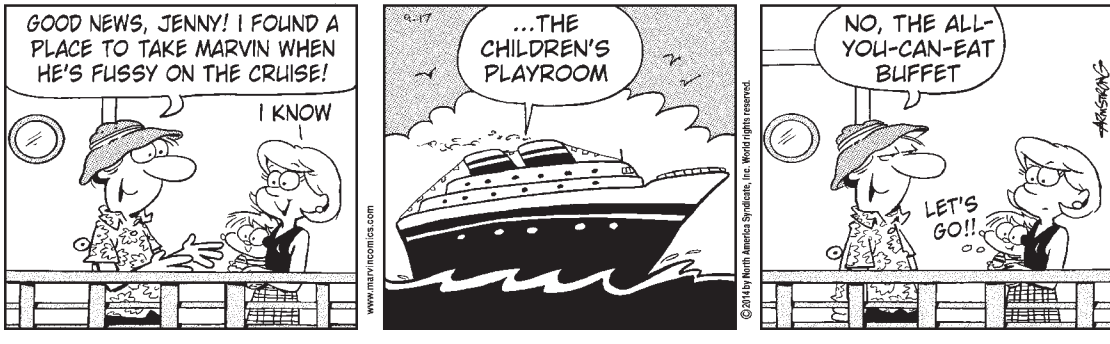
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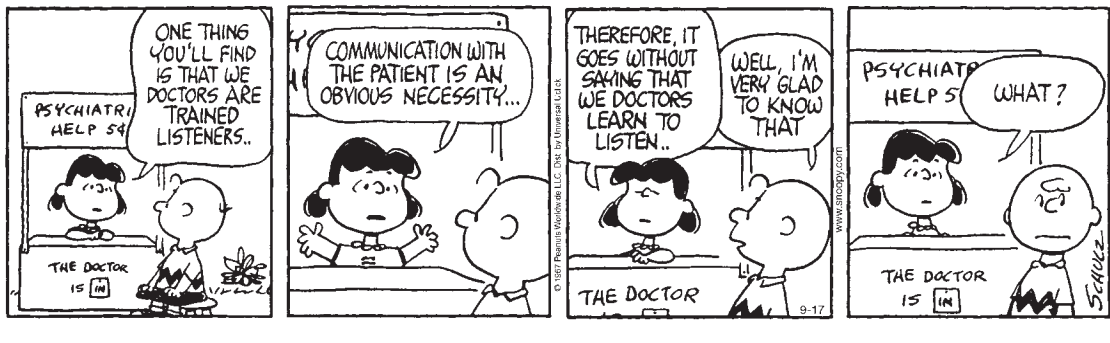
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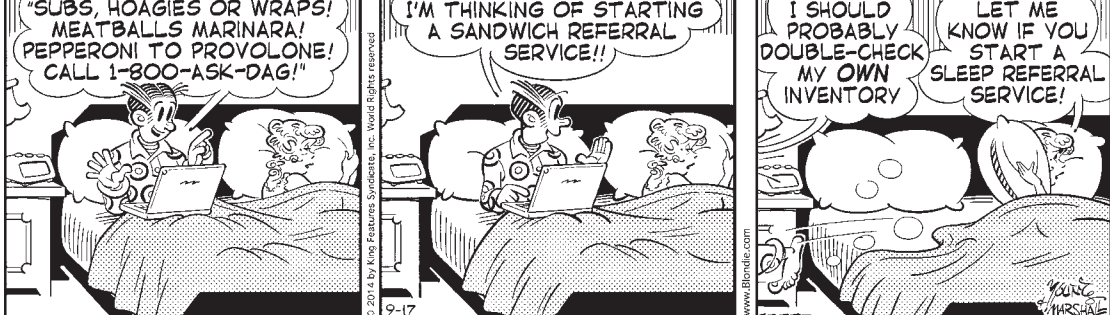
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DEAR ABBY: I'm a 15-year-old girl. When I'm with the high school group of kids at my church, I try to extend myself and talk, but they never reciprocate much. I always have to try to think of something to say and be careful I don't embarrass myself. Especially around guys, I feel awkward and self-conscious.

I feel OK about myself, but I still get nervous. Other girls find things to talk about to each other but not me, and guys never talk to me first, either. I don't know if I'm doing something wrong or being too careful.

I'm an only child. I get along pretty well with adults, but I have a hard time with kids. I heard you have a booklet about these issues. If you think it might help me, how can I order it? — UNPOPULAR IN SACRAMENTO

DEAR UNPOPULAR: Part of your problem may be that you're an only child, which can be isolating. If you spend most of your time with adults, it's understandable that you are less comfortable with people your own age. But don't let it stop you from trying to be friendly. If guys don't speak to you first, they're probably feeling as awkward as you are. To smile and say hello is NOT being pushy. My booklet "How to Be Popular" is

filled with suggestions for polishing social skills. It covers a variety of social situations and is meant for people of all ages. To order, send your name and address, plus check or money order for \$7 (U.S. funds) to Dear Abby Popularity Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. Shipping and handling are included in the price. There are tips for becoming the kind of person other people find interesting, attractive and want to know better. (If parents, teachers and clergy know someone needing help in this regard, it might make an inexpensive gift that could help change the course of that person's life.)

The key to being well-liked by both sexes is: Be kind. Be honest. Be tactful. Don't be afraid to give someone a compliment if you think it's deserved. If you think you're not beautiful (or handsome), be well-groomed, tastefully dressed, conscious of your posture. (People who stand tall and smile project self-confidence.)

If you're not a "brain," try harder. If you are smarter than most, don't be a know-it-all. Ask other people what they think and encourage them to share their opinions. If you're not a good athlete, be a good sport.

Think for yourself, but respect the rules. Be generous with kind words and affectionate gestures, but respect yourself and your family values always. If you think "putting out" will make boys like you, forget it. (It won't work, and later you'll be glad you didn't.) If you need help, ask God. If you don't need anything, THANK God!

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 27-year-old male, and I have no clue how to read women's subtle interest cues, if they ever display any. I'd like to think they have, given that I put in at least two days a week at the gym working with weights.

Since you are a woman, could you please be so kind as to give this man a clue what to look for? It's driving me nuts! — AVAILABLE IN ILLINOIS

DEAR AVAILABLE: The most obvious clues that a woman finds you attractive are eye contact and a smile. That's your opening to make conversation. The rest is up to you!

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 - 14 Big book
 - 15 Vitamin C source
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 - 18 Count starter
 - 19 Bullpen pitcher
 - 22 Budget amount
 - 23 Salon jobs
 - 26 One of the faithful
 - 29 Funny fellow
 - 32 Nonsense
 - 33 Juan Perón's wife
 - 34 Sudden
 - 36 "— Brockovich"
 - 37 Shrek's love
 - 38 Refine ore
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- 1 Wine expert
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 - 11 "I did that perfectly!"
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 - 17 Leader of the Lost Boys
 - 20 Bach's Mass
 - 21 Deli choice
 - 24 Neighbor of K2
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BY FORREST GRIMES
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Texas Tech fans saw their fears realized Saturday. Arkansas ran the ball right at the Red Raider defense, and they could do nothing stop it. The defense was lost, and even when in a position to make a play, they often couldn't make the tackle.



Reginald Davis

There were four things Tech had struggled with through the first two games of the season, slow starts, penalties, turnovers and run defense.

The Red Raiders offense went three-and-out, but got the ball back when Taylor Symmank's punt bounced off an Arkansas player and Sam Eguaveon recovered. Reginald Davis put it in the end zone a few plays later to give Texas Tech a 7-0 lead.

On Arkansas' first offensive possession, Texas Tech actually forced a punt. If the Red Raiders could go up 14-0, they would be in great position. That was too much to ask as Texas Tech fumbled the ball right back to Arkansas, who quickly tied the game.

Late in the second quarter, with the game tied at 21, Justis Nelson recovered a fumble and gave the Red Raiders a chance to take a lead before halftime. After two failed attempts, Davis Webb finally threw an interception on third down, in the end it was Arkansas who went into halftime with a 28-21 lead. Texas Tech has lost the turnover battle in 11 consecutive

games.

One bit of improvement we saw was Tech managed to cut down on penalties. They only committed five on Saturday after committing 25 during the first two games.

The second half was more of the same. Tech knew exactly what Arkansas was going to do offensively, and could do nothing to stop it. The Razorbacks ended the game with 438 rushing yards.

Davis Webb has also not been what most have expected of him this year, and that's not good when your defense is such a liability. However, the offensive line has been outstanding, which makes Webb's sluggish start even more puzzling.

Texas Tech has a long list of problems, and they need to get things figured out or this could be a four-win season. The Red Raiders will need to find four more wins this season if they want to go to a bowl game. Tech has a bye this week before travelling to Stillwater to play Oklahoma State next Thursday. The Red Raiders have not beaten Oklahoma State since 2008, but if they can somehow pull off the win, it will be a huge step towards getting this season back on track.

Fortunately for Texas Tech, they won't face another power run team, who seem to cause major problems for the Red Raiders, and they won't face another team that runs the ball nearly as well as Arkansas until Oklahoma comes to Lubbock on Nov. 15. I still think Texas Tech manages to make a bowl game, but the Raiders have a lot of problems and need to get them fixed.

Canadian defeats Perryton 55-21



Photos by Forrest Grimes

Top left, Cory Chidester beats his man off the edge during the Wildcats' win versus Perryton. Top right, Holton Hufstedler runs after the ball carrier during Canadian's 55-21 victory on Friday night. Bottom left, Tanner Schafer rolls out of the pocket to throw a pass. Bottom right, Drew Hill runs with the ball during the latter stages of Canadian's win versus Perryton.



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