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The Vault: A place for students and fellowship

BY JOHN LEE
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Finding something for the kids to do after school and after athletic events is often a challenge in communities of all sizes. When First Baptist Church in Pampa purchased what used to be a Happy State Bank property across from the church, it was originally intended for ensured parking lot use. The building has become the First Baptist Church Pampa Student Ministry Building. In a press release sent to The Pampa News, FBC describes the decision-making process into making "The Vault" out of the Student Ministry building. "To some, it may have even been a burden, a vacant building for which no one saw the potential. But that all changed several months ago when someone saw the potential for this building to be something great for stu-

dents," the press release says. "From there the vision for what could become of this abandoned building took hold with our church and everyone was on board to see the change happen. Given the name The Vault is certainly a play on its former life as a bank, but it also is based on Psalm 119:11, our desire for students, which says 'I hidden Your Word in my heart that I might not sin against You.'" Then the FBC staff thought they could use the building for services among other things. "We are open to the public on Sundays and Wednesdays," minister of students for FBC Richard Hawthorne said. "We have had a few events in here. Some of our women have had an event in here." The church also decided it was more convenient for parents when they are picking their children up from



Photo by John Lee
 The Vault's stage has been used for concert events as well as worship.

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PAMPA HIGH SCHOOL HOLDS COLLEGE NIGHT



Photos by Lindsey Tomaschik
 Pampa High School had its annual college night on Wednesday evening in the Commons area in the school. Representatives from colleges, not limited to Texas schools, and various military branches had booths at the event to provide all in attendance with information about the possibilities for the students' futures. College night was open to juniors and seniors as well as to parents, with or without their children in attendance. Pictured above are Kaitlyn Hart and Kristi and Sabrina Klusmeyer. Right, Jaydyn Crawford and Jonathan Mabra wait their turn to learn about a college at the event. For more pictures from college night, turn to page 6.



Victory Motors to host free concert Saturday

BY JOHN LEE
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From 3 to 9 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 27, at Central Park, Pampa will have an opportunity to go to a free concert hosted by Victory Motors. The concert will include the heavy metal band, Another Texas Murder Scene, as well as an assortment of country, classic rock and acoustic sets. "We started (Another Texas Murder Scene) six years ago and our first show was in Central Park on Sept. **CONCERT** cont. on page 2



Submitted photo
 Another Texas Murder Scene is one of the bands headlining the event Saturday.

Kathie Glass visits Gray County in her tour bus

STAFF REPORT

Kathie Glass, Libertarian for Texas Governor, visited Pampa on her tour bus Tuesday, Sept. 23 as part her "Texas 254 Tour." The number "254" references the number of counties in Texas — all of which Glass vows to visit before election day. Glass was on tour of the Panhandle, which began from her ranch outside McDade on Saturday, Sept. 20 and includes events in Lubbock and Amarillo. Glass hopes to visit 50 counties during this portion of the tour. Glass has been avidly involved in politics in 2010, when she last ran for governor. She believes that our country is dying and plans to do all she can to stop and save America



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DPS trooper seizes multiple contraband

SUBMITTED BY TEXAS DPS

AMARILLO – The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) conducted a traffic stop Tuesday on Interstate 40, yielding 80 pounds of marijuana valued at over \$354,000 and five pounds of hashish valued at over \$56,000. At approximately 3:47 p.m., a DPS trooper conducted a traffic stop on a 2013 Chevrolet Impala traveling eastbound on I-40, for a traffic violation, near Conway in Carson County. The occupants of the Impala were identified as Kenneth Tilman Perkins Jr, 27, and Patrick K. Peters, 28, both of Little Rock, Ark. During the traffic stop, the trooper discovered 69 bundles of marijuana and 40 hashish candy bars. Both occupants were placed under arrest for possession of a controlled substance, a first-degree felony, and booked into the Carson County Jail. The illegal drugs were allegedly being transported from Los Angeles, to Little Rock, Ark.

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PAMPA FORECAST

Today	Saturday	Sunday
		
High 80 Low 56	High 79 Low 57	High 81 Low 59

Today: Sunny with a high of 80. Winds south at 14 mph. Sunrise at 7:35 a.m.

Tonight: Clear with a low of 56. Chance of rain: 10 percent. Winds south at 11 mph. Sunset at 7:35 p.m.

Saturday: Sunny with a high of 79. Chance of rain: 10 percent. Winds south at 18 mph. Sunrise at 7:36 a.m.

Saturday night: Clear with a low of 57. Chance of rain: 10 percent. Winds south at 14 mph. Sunset at 7:34 p.m.

Sunday: Mostly sunny with a high of 81. Chance of rain: 10 percent. Winds south at 16 mph. Sunrise at 7:37 a.m.

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Concert

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13,” Kody Weller, guitarist for Another Texas Murder Scene, said. “We hadn’t done anything like this since then. We thought it’d be a good way to get all the bands and artists together and put on a show and try to reignited the music scene in our town. Six years ago it was booming and we kind of started to slack off, we just want to let everyone know ‘We’re all still here.’”

There will be two acoustic sets, a classic rock set and a couple of heavy metal bands. All of them are local from Pampa. As for the chances of making this an annual event, Weller says they’d like to.

“We’d like to,” Weller said. “We just gotta see how it goes from here.”

The assortment of artists could really help to bring

more people to the concert.

“Some people like to hear their country but they like to listen to heavy metal also, but they don’t want to hear people screaming at them all day,” Weller said. “So throw in a couple of acoustic acts, the country and the alternative, it allows people to broaden their horizon and see what else is out there. Maybe there is another band from this town they’d like to see from this town more often.”

There will be food and concession by Another Texas Murder Scene with all of the proceeds going back to the bands. There will be a couple merchandise tables set up for a couple of the bands.

The bands will alternate through out the evening to keep the genres fresh.

The last time Another Texas Murder Scene played in the park, there were several heavy metal bands from across the region playing together, the turnout was pretty

good, now they are hoping the several different genres can help build on that.

Another Texas Murder Scene is a local band in Pampa and includes members Kody Weller (lead guitar), Cody Leadingham (lead guitar), Matt Gutierrez (bass), Kyle Weller (vocals) and Jeff Johnson (drums). The band was a three-person band in 2008 and over time has grown to a five-person band. Their first album was called “Pre-meditated” in 2011 and they are working on their second album, which doesn’t have a name yet.

They have played across the region as far as Alabama, but mostly play in Texas and Oklahoma. They have opened for heavy metal bands such as Crowbar, Skeleton-

which,

Straight-Line Stitch, Ex-mortus and Anti-Mortum.

Along with Another Texas Murder Scene, the set list for Saturday’s concert include Deny the Prophecy (metal), Suicide Doors (classic rock), David Swafford (country), City Will Shake (metal), Jake Crane (country) and Kendrick (rock).

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Glass

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outside the corrupt two-party system.”

“Texas is not only plagued by federal tyranny from Washington, but also cronyism here at home,” Glass said. “Tax monies for favored businesses, water for developers, land for toll roads and pipelines — cronies are using Texas government to become more rich and more powerful at the expense of the rest of us.”

Glass believes that the current border crisis is caused by a combination of federal overreach and cronyism. “Immigration is not delegated to the federal government in the Constitution. If we are going to solve the border crisis, Texans must enforce state law against trespass and other crimes on the border us-

ing our Texas State Guard, and we must craft our own Texas immigration policy that includes a welcoming guest worker program,” Glass said.

She added that people are crossing the border and coming into American for both good and bad reasons and that by encouraging these people to come the right way, it will be easier to target the potentially negative threats also attempting to get into the country. If elected into office, she plans to have a border plan of action in place within 30 days.

“The Texas governor can secure the border, enforce the Constitution and resist cronyism,” Kathie Glass said. “Only I will.”

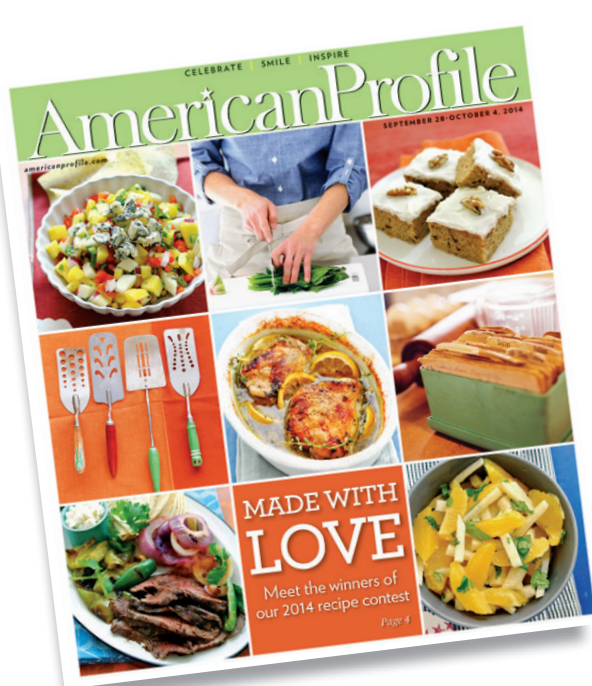
By the time the tour stopped in Pampa, the Kathie Glass campaign had already visited about 190 counties, putting the campaign in good position to reach all 254 counties by election day. Glass has been moving steadily throughout Texas since the last week in May, and by the time she’s finished with the Texas Panhandle, she will have visited about 225 counties.

She’s not able to hold events in each of the towns the big yellow tour bus travels through, as she is traveling at a rate of about 10 or 11 counties a day. She does stop to talk to media outlets and community members at every opportunity.

She said she’s seen all the great beauty of Texas while on this tour, adding that she believes if you can’t find it in Texas, it can’t be found anywhere.

For more information about the Kathie Glass campaign, visit <http://www.kathieglass.org/>.

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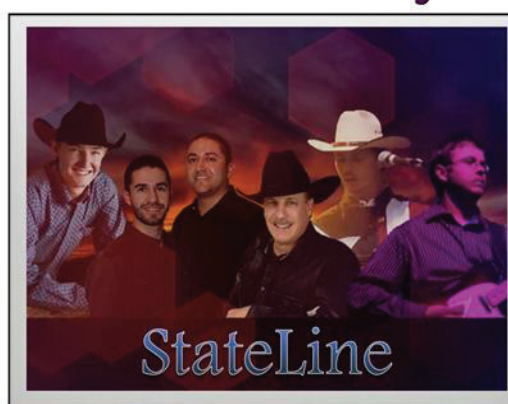







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Obituaries

Jo Ann Reedy

Jo Ann Reedy, 69, of Lefors, died Sept. 22, 2014 in Amarillo.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27, 2014, at Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel in Pampa, with Gene Gee, minister of Lefors Church of Christ, officiating. Burial will follow in Memorial Heights Cemetery in Lefors, under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Reedy was born July 12, 1945 in Madera, Calif. As a young girl, her family moved to Arkansas for a short period of time, and then returned to California where she was reared and attended school. Jo Ann married Roy Reedy on Aug. 24, 1976 in Reno, Nevada. In 1991, they moved to the Gray County area where she resided up until her death. She worked at Walmart for several years. In her spare time, Jo Ann loved to grow things, and especially enjoyed gardening. She also loved the outdoors where she enjoyed fishing and camping. She will be remembered as an easy-going, happy-go-lucky woman with a great personality. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Henry and Nancy Turner; her first husband, Danny Newkirk; a sister, Mary Helen Redfern; and three brothers, Franklin Turner, Desmond Turner and Bonnie Turner.

Survivors include her husband, Roy Reedy of the home; three daughters, Sandra Palmer and husband Charles and Barbara Newkirk, all of Bakersfield, Calif. and Carol Palmer and husband Robert of Taft, Calif.; one son, Michael Newkirk of Bakersfield, Calif.; four step-

children, Deborah Reedy of Aurora, Ore., Kristen Reedy of Hendricks, Nev., Daniel Reedy and wife of Colorado, and Russell Reedy and wife of Boca Raton, Fla.; sister, Connie Foster and husband Tobie of Rosie, Ark.; brother Oren Turner and wife Kathy of Ulm, Ark.; numerous grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, c/o Gerry Caylor, 2130 Charles, Pampa, Texas 79065.

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

Diane Lynn Vanzandt Reid

Diane Lynn Vanzandt Reid, 54, died on Sept. 15, 2014. Services were held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 20, 2014 at the University Church of Christ with David Lough and Bob Shepard officiating. There was a reception in the Family Activity Center immediately after the services.

Diane was born in El Paso, Texas to Joe and Betty VanZandt on Oct. 22, 1959 while Joe was stationed at Fort Bliss. She always called the Panhandle her home as she lived in numerous Panhandle towns while growing up. She was a May 1977 graduate of Pampa High School and began her college education that summer at Frank Phillips College in Borger. Always an over-achiever she completed her college education in three years graduating from West Texas State University with a Bachelor of Science in Education in May of 1980. The following fall she began her teaching career at Puckett Elementary School in Amarillo at the age of 20. She met the love of

her life, Jeff Reid, at a friend's birthday party and after a very brief courtship they were married on June 5, 1981 in Canyon. The couple moved to Mobeetie in the fall of 1981 where they lived on Diane's family's ranch. Diane dearly loved the ranch especially spending time on the creek, working cattle or just prowling around. While living in Mobeetie they were blessed with two wonderful sons, Joshua and Jeremy. During the fall of 1987 they moved to Canyon where Diane was a fourth grade teacher at Reeves Hinger Elementary school. Never content to sit still, Diane earned a Masters of Education Administration degree from West Texas A&M University in December of 1991. Although her heart was always in the classroom she wanted to stretch and grow and served as an Assistant Principal at Westover Park Elementary for two years. At the time of her retirement in August she was the Coordinator of Migrant Programs at Region 16 Education Service Center. She had been at Region 16 for approximately 13 years serving in a variety of different capacities. She was so looking forward to retirement, spending time with the grandkids, travel, quilting, writing, camping, returning to India, quiet evenings with Jeff and possibly teaching again.

She is survived by her husband, Jeff, of the home; two sons, Joshua, his wife Meghan and children Emma and Henry of Lubbock; Jeremy and his wife Katy of Ropesville; parents, Joe and Janie VanZandt of Mobeetie; a sister, Jana Smiley and husband Mike of Amarillo; a brother, Damon VanZandt and wife Julie of San Antonio; a sister Becky Reed of Justin, Texas; two nephews, Steven and Matt Smiley and one niece, Kate VanZandt. In addition there are other family and friends too numerous to mention that greatly loved and respected her.

Although she loved flowers, Diane would have requested that any donations made as a memorial to her be made to the Old Mobeetie Jail Museum, P.O. Box 66 Mobeetie, TX 79061.

For the record

Amarillo man arrested for theft; Pampa man for burglary

STAFF REPORT

• Michael Allen Moore, 32, Amarillo, was arrested Tuesday by the Gray County Sheriff's Office for theft of property — between \$50 and \$1,500.

57, Pampa, was arrested Tuesday by the Pampa Police Department for public intoxication.

• Lawrence Stephen Davis, Jr., 30, Lexington, Ky., was arrested Wednesday by GCSO for possession of marijuana — between five

and 50 pounds.

• Brandyn Shane Haver-croft, 24, Pampa, was arrested Wednesday by PPD for burglary of a habitation.

ing a stop sign.

• Andrew Michael Twork, 18, Pampa, was arrested Wednesday by GCSO for assault to cause bodily injury.

• Stanley Branch, 39, Pampa, was arrested Wednesday by GCSO for manufacturing or delivering a controlled substance — between four and 200 grams.

• Cody Lynn Corbitt, 33, Fritch, was arrested Wednesday by GCSO for failure to

appear, displaying expired registration.

• Ambrose Jesse Burton, 48, Pampa, was arrested Thursday by GCSO for theft of property — between \$500 and \$1,500.

Vault

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church classes. "Our children were over in another separate building," Hawthorne said. "So parents were having to come on Sundays and drop off any youth or infants off, go to another area and drop their younger children in another area, and it became a back-and-forth situation. So now the children have moved into the basement and are all in one spot. It helped our flow and helped people be on time."

aspect of the building, however, is how student-friendly it is.

There are two sections where students can work on homework at The Vault.

"We wanted to have a place that was designated for our students," Hawthorne said. "We had been in the basement of the church there."

One is designed similar to a Chipotle restaurant, the other is a game room.

There are several outlets for students to connect their electronic devices to.

Hawthorne said since it's opening on Aug. 24, the reception from the community has been phe-

nomenal. "We had 200 people on the night it opened," Hawthorne said. "There is just a lot of excitement about what it is now and what we hope for it to be."

The Vault has space for about 125 chairs for concerts, worship and other gatherings.

Hawthorne said they hope to have more concerts, open-mic nights and a magician.

First Baptist Church Pampa is located at 203 N. West St. and the Vault is located right across the street inside the old Happy State Bank building. They can be reached at 806-669-1155.



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The study area of The Vault has outlets for the student's devices to hook up to so they can do homework or study.

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Do you see what I see? (Shade your eyes with your hand) It's tall, tall tree. Can't go over it, Can't go under it, Can't go through it, I guess we'll have to climb up it. (Pretend to climb up the tree and come back down)

*Start over again and go through as many obstacles as you can such as tall grass (rub hands together), river (pretend to put bathing suit on and swim), mud (walk slow). You finally come to a cave. Make is as scary as you like, whisper, walk slowly, and turn on your flashlight. Pretend to see the bear. Scream and run (tap legs quickly). Go backwards through the mud, river, tall grass and up the tree back home where you can close the door and be safe from the bear.

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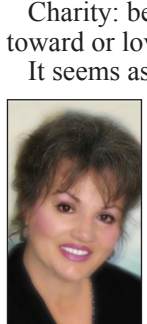
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Bereavement and Healing The definition of charity



TRACY LEE

Charity: benevolent goodwill toward or love of humanity

It seems as though I helped this particular family about two years ago, but in reality, it was only nine months. I received a call during a severe thunderstorm that a friend had died. My husband and I jumped into our older hearse because the weather was questionable. We had concerns about trees uprooting in the strong winds and thought our newer hearse should stay in the garage for safe-keeping. As we turned eastward out of our driveway, we could see the stop sign twisting back and forth, just as it does in the movies when a twister is touching down. As we turned onto the highway going out of town, we saw flashing lights and noticed there was a large pine tree stretching clear across the road, blocking our way.

In true military fashion, my husband refused to let a 60 foot tree across the highway stop his mission, so we drove straight over the top

of it and waved hello to the police officers as they shook their heads in disbelief. As we continued down the highway, I could see bits of trees flying in front of me, and it reminded me of the many "Storm Chaser" episodes I have watched with my children. Before we reached our destination, we passed over three very old and very large trees across the highway, and had to avoid downed power lines as well.

We arrived in safety, even though we were a little bit shaky from the experience. The storm was a strong one, and it was truly frightening. We pulled under the decedent's balcony to try to shield the back end of the hearse from the storm.

We went upstairs into the largest apartment I had ever seen, filled with the biggest and friendliest family I have ever met. They were all there, sisters, aunts, uncles, children, parents and neighbors. I have written other articles about this family because they are amazingly special. I think of all of the people I have met over the years, the parents of this family are the most charitable. They are the type of people you think about and aspire to emulate,

and that transcends down through their posterity.

The decedent's sisters greeted me one by one, giving me hugs and encouragement. The men of the family helped my husband move the decedent from her bed onto our gurney, and then they helped carry her down to the ground floor where our hearse awaited.

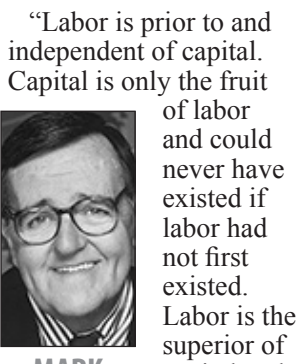
As the storm was finally passing over, a few of her other sisters arrived, and I was glad to see them. We decided to meet the following morning to finalize the details of her service.

In the days and events that followed the death of this special woman, I was reminded of the charity this family possesses. Throughout my experiences with them, I have never witnessed a harsh word or frowny face pass between any of them. This tolerance is an amazing feat because this family so large and when someone has died, it becomes particularly difficult to be gracious around so many emotionally charged personalities and opinions.

I asked them how they did it. How

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Too rich for my taste



MARK SHIELDS

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Any semi-plausible 2016 White House candidate knows it would be the kiss of fundraising death to be caught on YouTube uttering such subversively un-American, anti-business sentiments. If you want to understand just how far to the right our politics have moved, you only have to know that the opening lines above are a direct quotation from the first annual message to Congress by our nation's first and greatest Republican president, Abraham Lincoln.

What brought Honest Abe to mind was the Federal Reserve's recent release of its Survey of Consumer Finances, done every three years, which confirmed conclusively what you probably already knew: The rich are getting ever richer, while everybody else is losing ground. Between 2010 and 2013 (remember that the Great Recession officially ended in June 2009), the median income for all American families, which has dropped every year since 2006, fell another \$2,300, down to \$46,700 a year. The only Americans whose incomes did not shrink between 2010 and 2013 were the richest 10 percent.

To me, the most disheartening numbers deal with the growing concentration of the national wealth among the economic elite. The richest 3 percent of Americans controlled 44.8 percent of U.S. wealth in 1989 (right after the second term of Republican Ronald Reagan), which increased to 51.8

percent in 2007 (in the second term of Republican George W. Bush). In 2013, in Democrat Barack Obama's second term, the wealth share of the top 3 percent had swollen to 54.4 percent.

Conversely, the share of the nation's wealth belonging to the bottom 90 percent of Americans fell from a third during the Reagan years to less than a quarter. To make the point even more painfully, the nation's minimum wage, in constant dollars, was worth more — \$5.06 an hour — in 1984 (Reagan again) than it was last year, down to only \$4.87 an hour.

The evidence is clear. The United States is more and more unequal. Recall the criteria offered by the only American ever elected to the White House four times. A great Democratic leader, Franklin D. Roosevelt told us in his second inaugural address: "The test of our progress is not whether we add more to the abundance of those who have much; it is whether we provide enough for those who have too little."

By every human measurement, we have ignored Lincoln by deferring to and all but genuflecting before almighty capital while treating labor with indifference bordering on contempt. Year after year, as more is added to the record abundance of those who already have too much — and everyone else falls further behind — we fail FDR's test.

At one time, we honored these two men — Lincoln and Roosevelt — enough to build in our nation's capital two inspiring memorials to their leadership and their values. Is it not time we answered their summons and met their challenge to build a more human and humane American economy?

To find out more about Mark Shields and read his past columns, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com.



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Who killed the American family?



PHYLLIS SCHLAFLY

The British press just reported the result of a new study by academics from Oxford and the University of London that children raised in stable marital homes are better behaved than classmates brought up by unmarried parents. Children raised by married parents show lower levels of anti-social attitudes and hyperactivity.

Recent U.S. surveys show that the U.S. taxpayers' money appropriated to "close the gap" between higher-achieving and lower-achieving students has failed to achieve this goal. Contrary to conventional wisdom, poverty is not the principal cause of the gap, but whether or not children grow up in a family with their own mom and pop compared to kids who lack that advantage.

When the famous French commentator Alexis de Tocqueville traveled the U.S. in the mid-19th century, he wrote: "There is certainly no country in the world where the tie of marriage is more respected than in America, or where conjugal happiness is more highly or worthily appreciated." Our society of nuclear families produced a prosperous middle class that was the envy of the world.

Much has been written about the decline in the percentage of Americans who live in a traditional

nuclear family. The scholar Charles Murray has pointed out that the shocking rate of illegitimate births (now 41 percent) is the most serious social and fiscal problem America faces because it is the factor that drives everything else.

It has caused the dramatic rise in government spending. The nuclear family doesn't need government busybodies to tell them how to raise their children or spend their money, but when mothers have no husband or father of their children to provide for them, they turn to Big Brother Government.

Who is responsible for killing the American family? My new book published by WorldNetDaily this month answers that fundamental question, and you may be surprised at the answer.

The perpetrators of this murder are not just the gays who have gotten so much publicity. Like the famous Agatha Christie mystery "Murder on the Orient Express," the solution was everybody on the train had a motive for killing the victim.

Many groups had a motive for wanting to abolish the American nuclear family. The feminists' rallying cry from the start was "liberation," and they meant liberation from husband, family, and care for children because, they said, taking care of small children is a demeaning occupation for an educated woman.

In the 1970s, it became popular to say that the "village" should raise the

child. The liberal establishment defines "village" to include all sorts of government busybodies such as public school officials, hired consultants, psychologists, custody evaluators, women's studies courses and, especially, family court judges.

The New York Times reported that judges routinely decide where the children of divorced parents may attend school and even attend church, whether they may be home-schooled, what medical care they may receive, and even whether they play soccer or take piano lessons. The system of having family court judges make decisions about the raising of children has become so universal that, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, Family Court judges now control the private living arrangements of 46 million Americans and have the power to transfer \$40 billion between households.

The rule that decisions should be made in the best interest of a child came to us from English law and clearly meant that the biological parents of a child were authorized to make decisions in the best interest of their own children. Nobody ever made any convincing scientific argument against that policy.

But now "best interest" is decided by judges. In a court decision this year, a federal appeals court even ruled that the best interest of children requires approval of same-sex marriage.

The best interest rule is totally subjective. Whether

the decision is big such as where to go church or school, or small such as whether to play baseball or soccer, there is no objective way to say which is best.

Judges call on so-called experts to advise them, but there is no scientific evidence to back up the advice that the so-called experts are well paid to give. There is nothing scientific about their advice; you would be better off listening to your grandparents.

Political strategists advise candidates to stick to fiscal issues and not talk about social issues, but taxpayers' money is spent on 78 types of taxpayer handouts to deal with social problems, including 12 food programs, 12 social services, 12 educational assistance, 11 housing assistance, nine vocational training, three energy and utility assistance, school lunch and even breakfast and three child-care programs. Nothing but marriage can cut these costs.

We cannot accept what Abe Lincoln called "that eminent tribunal" to redefine our centuries-old marriage law. My book "Who Killed the American Family?" gives you all you need to expose the killers of the American family.

Phyllis Schlafly is a lawyer, conservative political analyst and author of 20 books. She is the co-author, with George Neumayr, of the New York Times Best-Seller titled "No Higher Power: Obama's War on Religious Freedom." She can be contacted by e-mail at phyllis@eagleforum.org.

Charity

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did they keep so many people thrown together under the stress of death from having moments of malice and discontent? They shared their secret with me. It was so simple; I do not know why other families have not thought of it as well. Their secret is so valuable that I asked if I could share it, and they said yes.

They told me that their family was no different from any other. They have little squabbles and disagreements amongst themselves. They are unique however, in that, there is one thing they do that I have never seen before, they designate a "Watcher" among themselves.

When tragedy first strikes, they all agree to treat each other with tolerance, to judge in a favorable attitude the actions of one another, and to practice impartial love in each situation that might call for such virtue. This agreement is remarkable.

Secondly, if emotions surface at any event, the "Watcher" comes over and escorts anyone he deems to be near compromising these terms of cooperation off the property, no questions asked. Once they collect themselves, they are free to return, but they have to be able to rededicate themselves to their familial agreement. By the way, this is a blended family, so one expects temper flares at large gatherings.

My friend's service was beautiful and she was laid to rest with peace and tranquility beside

other family members that we have buried in the past. Her services were undisturbed by any poor behavior and were filled with cooperation and love from among her family members. I was overcome with love and respect for them, and they renewed my faith in charity.

If you are called upon to attend services, remember this family and their charity toward each other. If you have ill feelings for someone at a funeral service, hold them back and understand that this is not the proper time or place to express them. Exercise charity and your heart and well-being will grow.

Forgetful
During bereavement, one may find that they are more forgetful than usual. This is caused by the preoccupation of grief.

Lost car keys, misplaced purses, forgotten appointments etc., are normal occurrences during this time. It is a good practice to begin writing things down on a list. Realizing your memory is suffering the ill effects of stress brought on by grief, you may find that you cannot remember if you have completed each task successfully. It is therefore recommended, that you check tasks off as they are accomplished.

My name is Tracy Renee Lee. I am a funeral director, author and freelance writer. I write books, weekly articles and brief tips on understanding and coping with grief. It is my life's work to comfort the bereaved and help them live on. Please follow my blog at <http://pushin-up-daisies.blogspot.com/>, follow me on Twitter @PushUpDaisies and visit my website for additional encouragement and information at www.QueenCity-FuneralHome.com.

DirecTV investors approve \$48.5B sale to AT&T

NEW YORK (AP) — AT&T's proposed \$48.5 billion acquisition of DirecTV is moving forward as shareholders of the country's largest satellite TV broadcaster approved the deal. But it still needs regulatory approval.

Public-interest groups say the deal would lead to less competition, since AT&T and DirecTV provide pay-TV services to about 25 percent of the country. AT&T has about 5.7 million subscribers to its pay-TV services. DirecTV has 20 million subscribers.

AT&T wants to acquire DirecTV to gain access to programming at lower rates.

The board of El Segundo, California-based DirecTV agreed to the deal in May. More than 99 percent of votes cast favored the deal. That represented 77 percent of all outstanding shares. The deal needs approval by the Justice Department and the Federal Communications Commission.

DirecTV expects the deal to close by the first half of 2015.

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. 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.

First United Methodist Church

Every Friday through August, First United Methodist Church will be holding Gospel Pic'n and Grinnin'.

The weekly event will be at 5:30 p.m. at Gathering Space in the church.

For more information call 806-669-7411.

Editor's note: Email submissions to jclee@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 a contact number and/or email address for the public.



Area Support Groups

The following is a list of support groups that meet regularly each week in Pampa. Information for each meeting is submitted to The Pampa News office and may not be completely updated or accurate. Please notify the newsroom if a change is necessary.

The Pampa News welcomes all submitted materials for area support groups. Please include the meeting time, date and location and, if applicable, provide a contact number for each group.

■ **Victims of domestic violence and sexual assault**, meet at 6 p.m., Thursdays, at the Tralee Crisis Center, 308 S. Cuyler St. For more info, call the Center at 806-669-1131.

■ **Narcotics Anonymous — The Pampa Group** meets at 7:30 p.m., Tuesdays, and at 6 p.m., Saturdays, at 805 N. Gray St. **Narcotics Anonymous — Rufe Jordan Unit** also meets at 6 p.m., Mondays, and at 5:30 p.m., Wednesdays, at 1992 Hilton Road.

■ **Cancer Support** meets from 12-1 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month at Central Baptist Church. For

more info, contact Beth Kean at 800-274-4673

■ **Alcoholics Anonymous** Open Door Club meets daily at noon and 8 p.m. at 910 W. Kentucky Ave. **Al-Anon** meets at noon on Mondays. For more information, call 665-9072.

■ **Alcoholics Anonymous** Primary Purpose meets daily at noon and 8 p.m. at 112 W. Foster Ave.

■ **Alcoholics Anonymous** Keep It Simple meets Thursdays at 6 p.m. at the Methodist church in White Deer.

■ **Pampa Caregiver Support** meets at the Pampa Nursing Center on 1321 W. Kentucky Ave. at 6 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month. For more information call 806-669-2551.

■ **Accolade Home Care** sponsors a **Parkinson's Support Group** the second Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. The group meets at Accolade at 1313 N. Hobart St. For more information, call Lindsey Presson at 806-665-9700 or 806-324-3230.

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Pampa High School had its annual college night Wednesday evening. The event was open to juniors and seniors as well as to parents and provided attendees with information about some of the colleges both near and far. Representatives from colleges and military branches were present to speak with these to-be grads about the options for their futures.

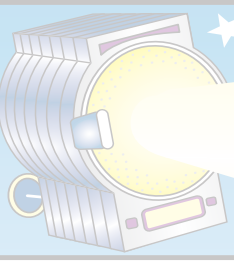
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Drones for moviemaking win FAA approval

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government granted six movie and television production companies permission to use drones for filming, an important step toward greater use of the technology by commercial operators, Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx announced Thursday.

Dozens of other industries are lined up to follow Hollywood's lead. Until now, the Federal Aviation Administration, which is part of the Transportation Department, had banned commercial drone operations with the exception of a lone oil company in Alaska.

However, the FAA permits come with limitations, including that the unmanned aircraft be used only in a restricted area and that they be flown under 400 feet in altitude and within the line of sight of an operator who holds a

private pilot's license. Each aircraft must be inspected before flight, and nighttime flights are prohibited. Reality television shows or other unscripted events won't qualify for the permits.

"Today's announcement is a significant milestone in broadening commercial (drone) use while ensuring we maintain our world-class safety record in all forms of flight," Foxx said. "These companies are blazing a trail that others are already following, offering the promise of new advances in agriculture and utility safety and maintenance."

Brendan Schulman, a New York attorney who represents several drone operators and interest groups that have challenged the FAA's drone restrictions, said he is concerned that limitations attached to the drone permits may be so onerous that their benefits

will be outweighed by the cost and the headache of complying.

"I'm worried that it's too small a step forward and it's too narrowly limited," he said.

The FAA is considering 40 requests for exemptions from other commercial entities. Congress and industries that want to use or sell the technology have been pressuring the FAA to relax its ban. Companies want to use drones to monitor pipelines, inspect the undersides of oil platforms and bridges, and spray crops. Amazon and Google want to use them to deliver packages. Wedding videographers, real estate agents, journalists and many others are clamoring to use them as well.

The only previous FAA permit for commercial drone operations was granted to the Conoco Phillips oil

company, which has flown two kinds of unmanned aircraft in unpopulated areas of Alaska and over the Arctic Ocean with significant limitations on their use.

But the commercial drone ban is being undermined daily. Many operators see no harm in flying small, lightweight drones, often no bigger than a backpack, despite FAA warnings that they could collide with manned aircraft or injure people on the ground. Even a congressman who is a member of the House committee that oversees the FAA, Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney, D-N.Y., hired a photographer to produce a video of his wedding using a camera mounted on a small drone.

In 2012, Congress directed the FAA to safely integrate drones of all sizes, from high-flying Global Hawks to small quadro-

copters weighing no more than a few pounds, into the national airspace. But the agency has missed several milestones and isn't expected to meet Congress' deadline of October 2015 for full integration.

In November, the agency is expected to propose rules commercial operators can follow to fly drones weighing 55 pounds or less. But it could be months or years before the rules are final. Final rules for larger ones are even further off.

The six production companies — Aerial MOB LLC, Astraeus Aerial, HeliVideo Productions LLC, Pictorvision Inc., Vortex Aerial and Snaproll Media LLC — have been working with the Motion Picture Association of America for two years to win FAA approval. A seventh aerial video company that applied with the other companies,

Flying-Cam Inc., has been asked by the FAA to supply additional information.

Tony Carmean, a partner in Aerial MOB of San Diego, predicted drones will fundamentally change moviemaking, providing directors with the ability to get shots they could never get before and making films more dynamic. Small drones with video cameras will be able to fly through a building and in and out of windows, for example, he said. They are also far less expensive than hiring a manned helicopter, he said.

Major movie studios "want their hands on this right away," but have held off using the technology until the FAA gives the go-ahead, he said.

Drones have already been used in in filming some movies overseas, including "Skyfall" and "Transformers: Age of Extinction."

Venice to close area for Clooney wedding

MILAN (AP) — Venice city officials on Thursday ordered the closure of a walkway fronting the picturesque Grand Canal on Monday to keep crowds away from George Clooney's wedding to human rights lawyer Amal Alamuddin.

The city order closes pedestrian access to walkways accessing the 16th-Century Cavalli Palace for at least two hours Monday, citing "the George Clooney wedding." The order is the first official indication of the timing of the nuptials.

Clooney revealed earlier this month at a star-studded benefit in Florence that he

would marry Alamuddin in the lagoon city, but refrained from giving the date. Press reports have speculated that the couple would have two ceremonies, one on Saturday followed by a civil ceremony on Monday.

A Venice city official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the media, said police requested the closure to prevent crowds from gathering and creating a safety risk. The official said such closures have taken place previously for both public and private events.

Only city offices are af-

ected by the closure area, not businesses that cater to tourists, the official said.

The Renaissance-era Cavalli Palace is used as a venue for civil marriage ceremonies, with rooms offering views of the Grand Canal and the famed Rialto Bridge. The palace can be accessed by gondola for the most "exciting arrival," the Venice city website notes.


Clooney owns a lakeside

villa in northern Italy and has been a frequent visitor to Venice, notably to premier movies at the annual film festival.

Clooney, 53, and Alamuddin, 36, a Beirut-born British national based in London, posted the required legal notice in Britain last month, declaring their intention to marry abroad, specifically in Italy. It's his second marriage and her first.

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Powerful earthquake rattles large swath of Alaska

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — A powerful earthquake shook a large swath of Alaska on Thursday morning, knocking things off shelves and causing people to take cover but bringing no immediate reports of major damage.

The quake had a preliminary magnitude of 6.2, and hit at 9:51 a.m. The epicenter was about 80 miles northwest of the state's largest city, where it was strongly felt and lingered for at least a minute, the Alaska Earthquake Center said.

Courthouse in downtown Anchorage felt the shaking in their office on the top floor of the six-story building.

"My computer tower fell off my desk," said judicial assistant Ellen Bozzini. Everyone stood in doorways until an evacuation was ordered, then they took the stairs outside where they waited for about 20 minutes before being allowed back in.

There were no immediate reports of major damage or injury, and no tsunami was expected, according to an emergency manage-

ment official. The shaking was felt as far as 250 miles northeast of the epicenter.

"It's pretty much a non-event here in Anchorage right now," said Anchorage Office of Emergency Management Director Kevin Spillers.

In Willow, about 40 miles north of Anchorage and nearer to the quake's epicenter, a clerk at the town's hardware and grocery store said everything shook but nothing fell off the shelves.

"Everything just rocked around," Anne Holliday said. "It's an old building, just rickety."

Debra Pearce, who works for Alaska Auction Company, said she has lived in Alaska for years and this was the strongest quake she felt since a 1964 temblor.

That earthquake - a magnitude 9.2 - was the second-highest magnitude ever recorded, and the quake and resulting tsunamis killed 131 people.

Sandy Lee, who owns Sandy Espre Cafe in midtown Anchorage, said she didn't feel the earthquake, so when she got to her business, she didn't know what had happened. Coffee syrup bottles littered the floor,

and dolls had fallen off of shelves.

Jill Warburton was shopping at a department store when the quake hit, and said things fell off shelves but didn't appear to be broken. When she got to her job at the Gold and Diamond Co. in midtown Anchorage, where she's a sales clerk, a few decorative plates had fallen on the ground. Warburton shrugged off the quake.

"I went through the one in 64 - this is nothing," she said.

The rumbling disturbed a press conference for U.S.

Senate candidate Dan Sullivan, who was receiving formal support from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, at the Beacon Occupational Health and Safety Services office in Anchorage.

In a disruption captured on video by Anchorage TV station KTUU, the Republican and about a dozen other people can be seen making their way outside when the quake hit.

Sullivan, according to campaign spokesman Mike Anderson, called it an "earth-shaking endorsement."

Apple's response to iPhone glitches is key

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Apple's response to a high-profile gaffe involving its iPhone software may be more important than the glitch itself.

As the giant tech company scrambled to fix a software glitch that left some of its new iPhones unable to make calls, some analysts said Thursday that Apple is doing the right thing by quickly acknowledging and apologizing for the problem — which it was slower to do with earlier iPhone problems.

"There's a certain perception that Apple has to get things right, and when they don't, the whole company gets questioned," said Carolina Milanese, chief of research at Kantar Worldpanel. "But they came out and said 'We apologize; we're working 24/7 to fix it.' I think that's what matters."

Apple's stock fell more than 3 percent Thursday, leading a broader decline in technology shares, a day after the company was forced to withdraw an update to its new iOS 8 mobile software because of glitches that primarily affected customers who had purchased its new iPhone 6 and 6 Plus models. The 6 Plus phone has also been the subject of social media reports that its extra-large shell may be vulnerable to bending.

Without commenting on the bending reports, Apple late Wednesday offered users a way to manually reverse the software update, known as iOS 8.0.1. In a statement, the company added, "We apologize for the great inconvenience experienced by users, and are working around the clock to prepare iOS 8.0.2 with a fix for the issue."

Apple began selling the new iPhones last week in what the company has called one of the biggest product launches in its history. The company said it sold a record 10 million of the new models over the weekend. It also reported this week that nearly half of all iPhone and iPad users had upgraded to the new software known as iOS 8.

That new software contains a number of new features and is more complex than earlier versions of iOS, analysts said. Apple released the 8.0.1 update on Wednesday to fix some flaws that were detected after iOS 8 was released — only to find the 8.0.1 update created problems of its own. The new problems included interference with calling and with a feature that lets people unlock their phones with their fingerprint.

That's not uncommon, according to veteran tech analyst Ross Rubin of Reticle Research. "All major companies have released fixes that they've had to pull because of unforeseen side-effects," he added.

Apple is held to a higher standard by many consumers, analysts said. But Milanese said she thought the company suffered more harm a few years ago, when it was slow to acknowledge complaints

about poor reception and dropped calls that affected new iPhone 4 models when they were released in 2010. The company eventually offered a fix for the problem, after then-CEO Steve Jobs initially suggested users just needed to hold the phone differently.

"There wasn't any of that this time," Milanese said. She noted that Jobs' successor, CEO Tim Cook, had also taken responsibility and apologized for initial problems with Apple's Maps software when it was first released.

Meanwhile, one analyst said Thursday's stock sell-off was more likely related to broader market concerns than investor unease about the new iPhones.

"Earnings is what drives the stock the most," said Walter Piecyk of BTIG Research. "It's too early to say what the impact's going to be, but it does not appear to be something that would impact the company's ability to deliver on earnings" in the next two quarters.

Apple said users affected by the software glitch can connect their phone to a Mac or Windows computer and download a file to restore an earlier version of the iOS 8 software.

Apple offered a Web page with instructions: <http://support.apple.com/kb/HT6487>.

Navajo to get \$554 million in settlement with US

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. (AP) — The Navajo Nation is poised to receive \$554 million from the federal government over mismanagement of tribal resources in the largest settlement of its kind for an American Indian tribe.

Much of the land on the 27,000-square-mile reservation has been leased for things like farming, grazing, oil and gas development, mining and housing.

The leases once were largely overseen by the U.S. government, which mismanaged the revenue and failed to properly invest and account for it, according to the tribe.

U.S. Interior Secretary Sally Jewell is scheduled visit Window Rock on Friday to formally recognize the settlement.

"The historic agreement strengthens the government-to-government relationship between the United States and the Navajo Nation, helps restore a positive working relationship with the Nation's leaders and empowers Navajo communities," Jewell said in a statement Thursday.

Navajo officials hailed the settlement as a positive end to a long ordeal. "The trust litigation has been a protracted battle and in the end, it was a victory for tribal sovereignty," Tribal President Ben Shelly said in a statement.

The tribe agreed to settle the case earlier this year but was awaiting signatures from federal agencies before the deal could be finalized. The Navajo Nation originally sought \$900 million when the lawsuit was filed in 2006.

The Navajo Reservation is larger than any single American Indian land base, covering sections of Arizona, New Mexico and Utah. Almost two-thirds of the 300,000 Navajos live on the reservation that has some of the most iconic landscapes in the Southwest and is rich in natural resources.

Public meetings will be held to ask community members they think the money should be spent, Navajo Nation Council Delegate Lorenzo Curley said. The first meeting is scheduled for October. Already, tribal members have suggested that it be set aside for future generations or used for business development, he said.

Deswood Tome, an adviser to Shelly, said the money could help with housing, water, roads, power line extensions and other infrastructure needs. "There's a critical housing shortage on the Navajo Nation," Tome said.

About 70 percent of the roads on the reservation are unpaved, an estimated 16,000 families don't have electricity and many more don't have telephone service, water or natural gas services, according to the tribal utility provider.

Andrew Sandler, one of the Navajo Nation's attorneys on the case, said the tribe has taken on much of the responsibility for leasing on its land. If further disputes arise with the federal government, the settlement outlines a process to resolve them.

"It was a good result for all parties, an appropriate result for all parties, and it creates finality," Sandler said.

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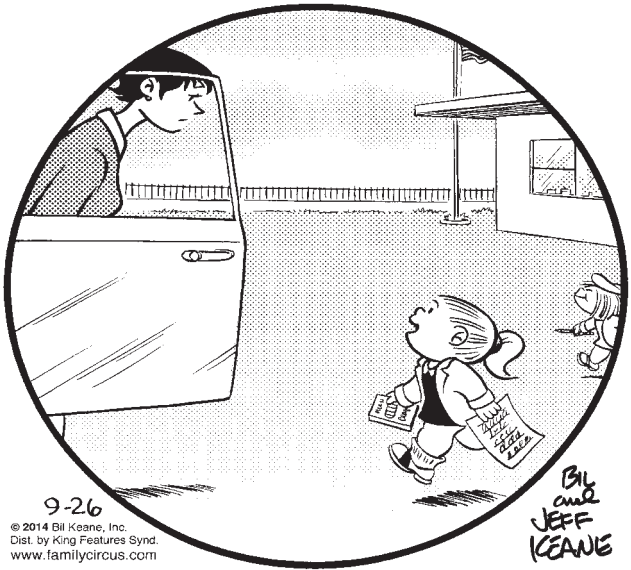


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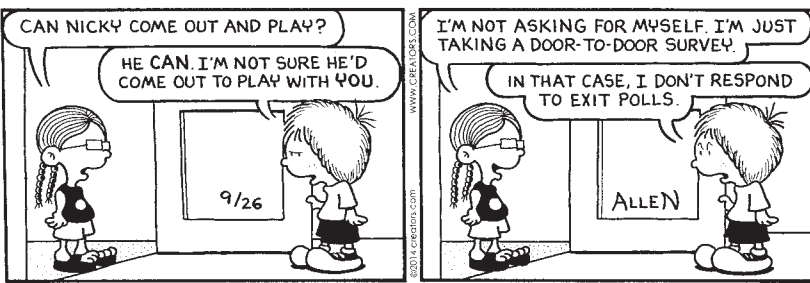
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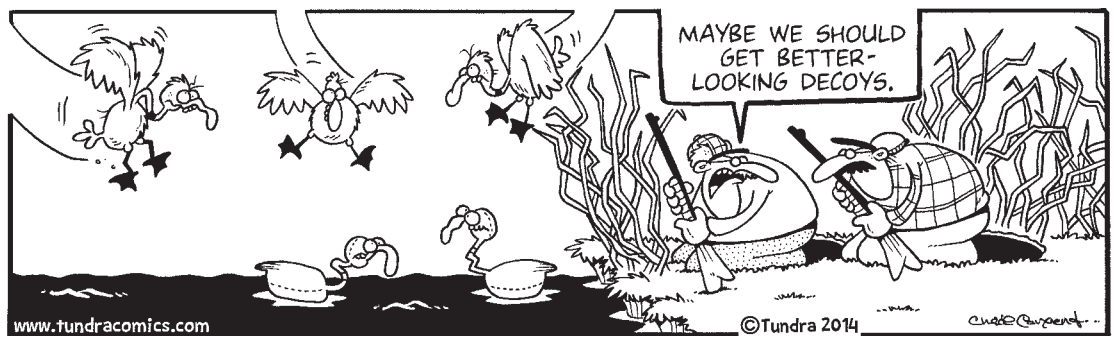


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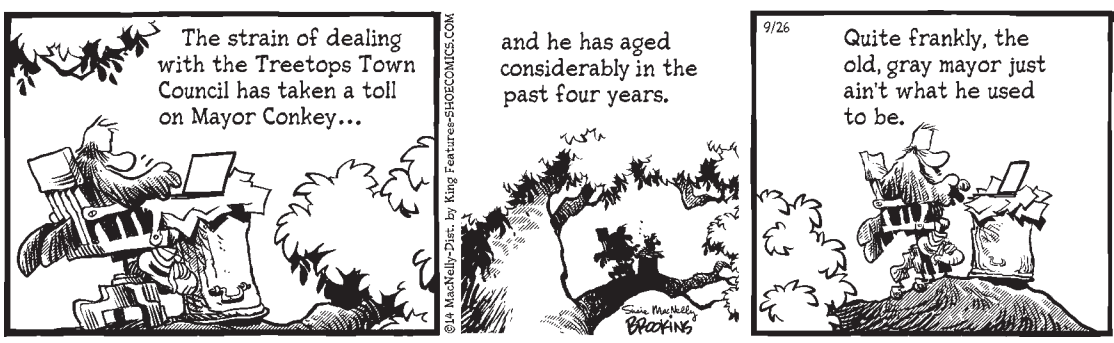
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ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Relate to a loved one directly. This person really enjoys your chats; however, someone else in your life could make it clear that he or she wants your time, too. A discussion will have a very intense, reflective quality. Tonight: A must appearance.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Others come toward you, and it will be difficult to deal with a family dispute, as minor as it might be. If you can, screen your interactions until you and a loved one have reached an amicable solution for both of you. Tonight: Go along with someone's suggestion.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You could be full of ideas, and leaning toward using them in order to facilitate your friends' enjoyment of the weekend. You might feel manipulative, but when you see their huge smiles, you won't care. Tonight: If you're tired, call it a night.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Your more playful side emerges, which allows greater give-and-take. Your imagination could add to statements that others make. Share some of these thoughts, if they are appropriate. A child or new friend could reveal a secret -- much to your delight! Tonight: Let the fun and games begin.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Touch base with a family member who seems uncomfortable at this point in time. You could feel as if you need to make up for someone who is not up to snuff or who has let you down. Information comes through a discus-

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★★★★ You have a lot to share, and so do others. It might be difficult to be as vulnerable as you would like to be. Constant calls and interruptions could make it difficult to have a conversation. Tonight: At a favorite haunt.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Remain sensitive to others yet keep a strong hand on your finances. You might have had enough of someone's strong personality. Just find something else to do. Friends would love you to join them. Refuse to allow a feeling of negativity to play out, even for a moment. Tonight: Treat someone to dinner.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You'll beam in much more of what you want. Your magnetism attracts many different people; although, for the moment, you might need to exclude some people from joining you. An older friend or relative could surprise you with his or her spontaneity. Tonight: Go with the moment.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You might want to step back and let someone else take the lead. You could be unduly frustrated when dealing with a child or loved one. Let it go for now, and you will create more give-and-take between you. Tonight: Know when to vanish.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Somehow, wherever you are, others think you are the host or hostess of the happening. A partner bathes in your caring and feels great no matter what your decision is. Sometimes, even today, you become far too serious. Lighten up with friends. Tonight: Where the gang can be found.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You could be thrilled with what is going on with a parent or older friend. You will do whatever you need to do in order to support this person. Much conversation is likely to occur about new possibilities that have opened up. Do not question what is happening. Tonight: Leader of the gang.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Keep reaching out to someone at a distance. A call could set the stage to get together in the near future. Understand how much you expect from others. Take it easy right now; go off to the movies, or perhaps go see a concert. Tonight: Be entertained.

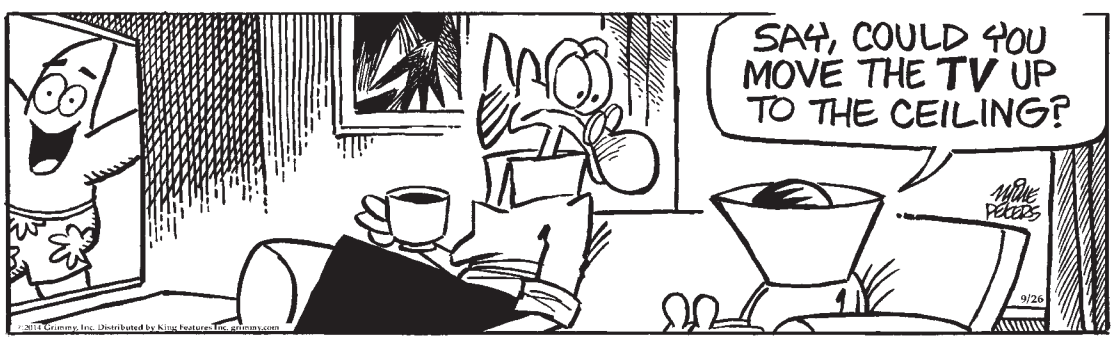
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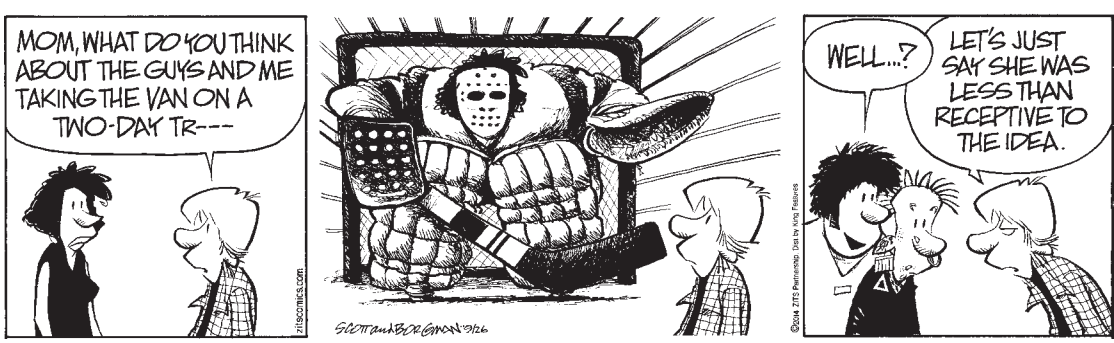
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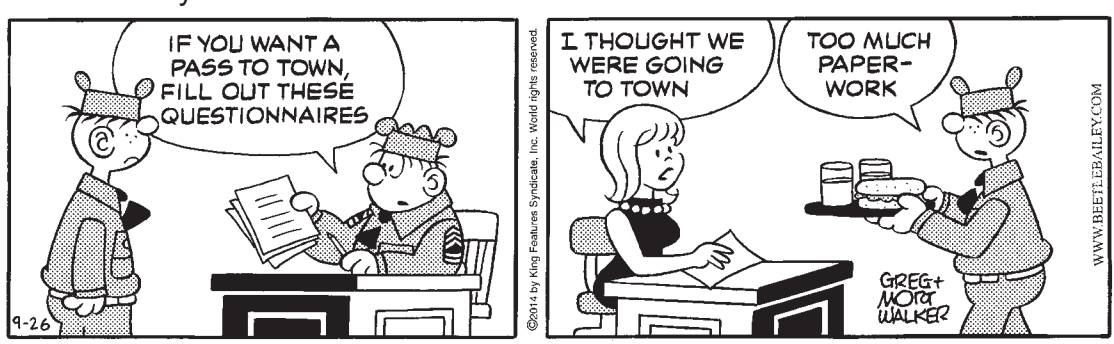
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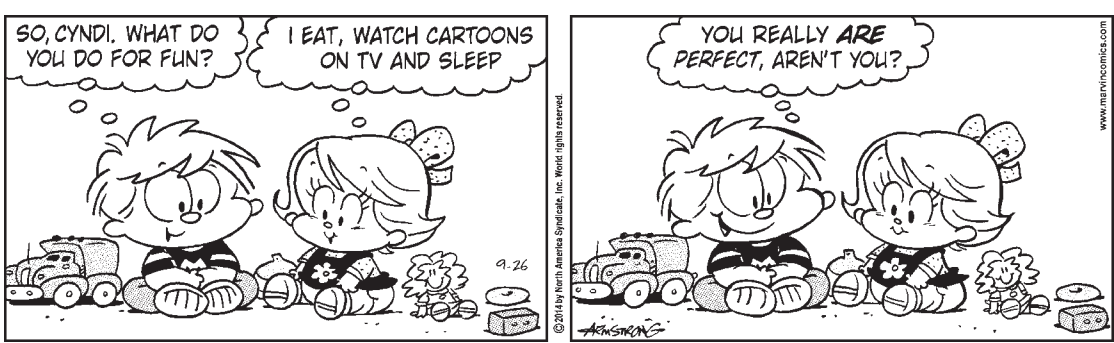
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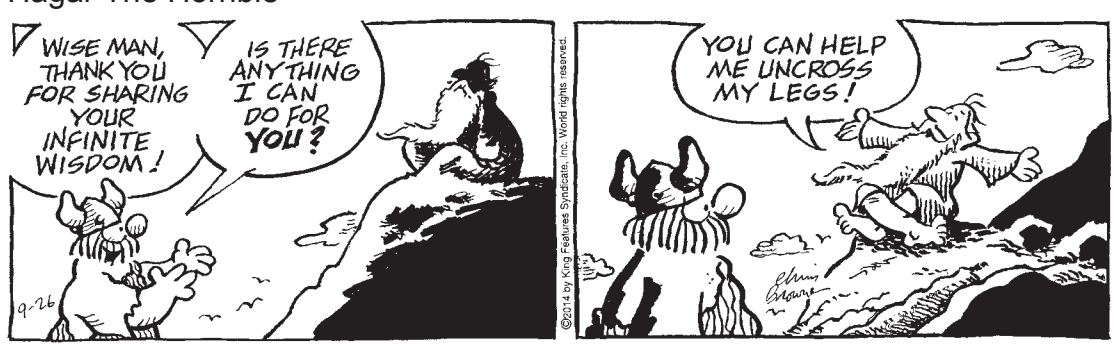
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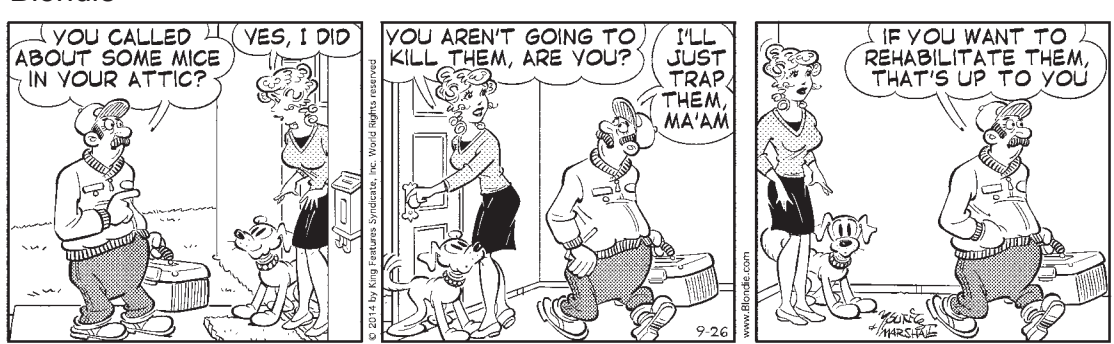
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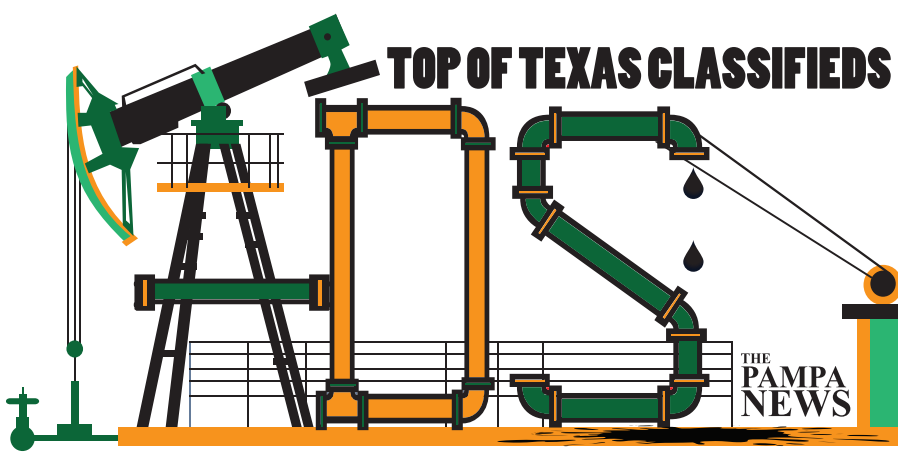


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Prices at the pump head below \$3 in much of US

NEW YORK (AP) — The price of a gallon of gasoline may soon start with a “2” across much of the country.

Gasoline prices typically decline in autumn, and this year they are being pulled even lower by falling global oil prices. By the end of the year, up to 30 states could have an average gasoline price of less than \$3 a gallon.

The average in Springfield, Missouri, is already below \$3, according to Tom Kloza, chief oil analyst at the Oil Price Information Service and GasBuddy.com. Several other cities are on the brink.

“And there will be more, many more,” Kloza said. Cities in high-priced states such as California and New York will not be among them, though, which will probably keep the national average above \$3.

At the current national average of \$3.35 a gallon,

gas is a dime cheaper than a year ago at this time. The gap is 20 cents or more in seven states, including California, Kansas, South Dakota and Connecticut, according to AAA.

Lower fuel prices help the economy in a few ways. They make goods cheaper to ship and make travel more affordable. Drivers are left with a few extra dollars in their pockets. And consumers grow confident enough to make other purchases, perhaps even a big-ticket item. Consumer spending is 70 percent of the U.S. economy.

Aidan Obrecht, a 20-year-old community college student from Boothwyn, Pennsylvania, said gas in his area has fallen 10 to 20 cents over the past couple of weeks. He paid \$3.27 a gallon Thursday to fill up his Ford Taurus on his way to work at a CVS pharmacy.

“I’m living paycheck to

paycheck, so it’s nice to be able to save” he said. “Even if it’s \$5 or \$10 extra (after a fill-up), it adds up over the long run.”

Fall is when refiners are allowed to switch to a cheaper blend of gasoline for the cooler months, and driving demand declines after summer vacations have ended.

Refinery problems or hurricanes can halt the typical autumn price decline temporarily by reducing gasoline production. For example, a reported outage at a refinery in Eastern Canada that supplies the Northeast with gasoline is likely to push the price at the pump slightly higher in some markets over the next few days.

But by late October prices are usually well on their way lower.

Last year, the national average fell 28 cents per gallon between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31. This year, gasoline

had a head start. It entered September at its lowest level for the beginning of the month in four years — and the price of crude oil was rapidly heading lower.

The drop in global crude oil prices is a surprise. Despite increasing violence and turmoil in the Middle East, the world’s most important oil-producing region, the global price of oil has fallen to \$97 a barrel, close to its lowest level in more than two years.

That’s partly because new technology has allowed U.S. drillers to consistently increase production from fields in North Dakota and Texas, adding to global supplies. At the same time, world demand is not growing as much as anticipated because of slower economic growth in China and Europe.

The increase in domestic supplies is also helping avoid dramatic spikes in

gasoline prices, which economists say is more damaging to consumer confidence than prices that rise gradually. This year, the national average peaked at \$3.70 per gallon in April. Last year, the peak was \$3.79, and the year before it was \$3.94.

The national average for gasoline is not likely to fall all the way to \$3 because of a number of factors. Some state gasoline taxes have increased. Loyalty programs that offer discounts to members at many stations keep listed prices higher than what drivers actually pay. And some states have adopted regulatory rules that will probably add a few cents per gallon, Kloza said. He predicts the national average will end the year somewhere between \$3.15 and \$3.25 per gallon.

Some analysts, including Bernstein Research’s Oswald Clint, predict oil will soon head back up as OPEC

countries respond to lower prices by cutting back and consumers respond by burning more fuel.

But many predict moderate oil and gasoline prices for this year and next. The Energy Department estimates the national average gasoline price for all of 2014 will be \$3.46 a gallon, its lowest annual average since 2010. The government predicts the average will fall again, to \$3.41, in 2015.

Phil Flynn, an oil analyst at Price Futures Group, expects an even bigger decline as U.S. oil companies produce more oil, refiners make more gasoline and demand for gasoline stays relatively low because of more fuel-efficient vehicles.

“For the regular driver, it’s the best of times,” he said.

“Many are going to be shocked at how low prices go, but I’m saying ‘get used to it.’”

Oil industry offers crude-train testing standards

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) — The oil industry’s lead trade group released new standards on Thursday for testing and classifying crude shipped by rail after prior shipments were misclassified, including a train that derailed in Canada and killed 47 people.

But as with earlier orders from the federal government, the industry’s standards generally leave it to individual companies to decide how often to test crude in order to gauge its danger.

The American Petro-

leum Institute said the standards were crafted in cooperation with regulators and the rail industry.

Shipping oil by rail has become far more common as domestic drilling booms in North Dakota, Montana, Texas, Colorado and other states.

In July 2013, a crude train from North Dakota derailed and exploded in Lac-Megantic, Quebec, killing 47. The shipment had been misclassified as posing a low risk, regulators said.

American Petroleum Institute President Jack

Gerard said the testing and classification standards were part of a broad effort to reduce the number of oil-train accidents. Since Lac-Megantic, there have been at least six major oil-train derailments in the U.S. and Canada.

A U.S. Department of Transportation spokesman said the agency was reviewing the trade group’s Thursday announcement.

The Association of American Railroads supports the oil industry’s standards, spokesman

Ed Greenberg said. The group representing major Canadian and U.S. rail-

roads recently reported almost 230,000 carloads of crude moved in the U.S. during the first six months of 2014, a 12 percent increase versus the same period in 2013.

Hazardous-materials shipments are supposed to be classified into one of nine categories depending on the risk involved. If the materials are misclassified, they could wind up being shipped in less protective rail tank cars, and emer-

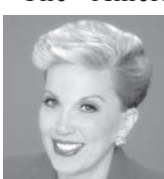
gency personnel might follow the wrong protocols when responding to a spill.

The oil in the train that derailed in Lac-Megantic was misclassified as “packing group III,” which the Department of Transportation equates to minor danger.

Oil can no longer be shipped using that less protective category of safety requirements under an emergency order from U.S. Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx. As a result, the fuel could no longer be carried by tank cars that lack certain safety features.

That included only about 3 percent of the total crude fleet, and it did not restrict oil companies from continuing to ship oil using tens of thousands of tank cars that were identified decades ago as a potential safety risk.

In February, federal regulators said they would pursue fines against Hess, Marathon Oil and Whiting for failing to properly classify their oil.



Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My husband recently passed away, and among his papers I discovered evidence of another previous marriage. It came as a shock because he had never told me.

Should I ask his family how long this previous marriage lasted, or should I let it go and be grateful for the good and loving husband he was during our 27 years together? He was a widower with no kids and I was a widow when we met. What do you think?

— NUMBER THREE IN ARIZONA

DEAR NUMBER THREE: Your husband may have been divorced from wife No. 1, or the marriage could have been annulled and he didn’t think it “counted.” While I agree that you should be grateful for the 27 happy years you spent together, I can’t ignore the fact that such an important piece of information was withheld from you. If you have questions and think the family can answer them, you are entitled to know.

DEAR ABBY: My sister is difficult, and our relationship has been extremely rocky over the years. She insists upon doling out unsolicited advice and asking pointed personal questions about my finances, health, sex life, etc. I have told her more than once that these things are none of her business unless I choose to discuss them. Her response is she’s “only trying to help.”

Our mother died six months ago and my sister is again making overtures. I’m hesitant about speaking with her again because she’s so volatile. I’ll do it only if she respects my boundaries.

I am searching for the right words to tell her a relationship will work only if both parties respect each other, and that trust has to be earned. I’d appreciate any suggestions. — GUARDED SIBLING IN FLORIDA

DEAR GUARDED SIBLING: Please accept my condolences for the loss of your mother. I am unclear as to why you would want to accept the overtures from someone with whom you have such a difficult relationship. However, because you feel that it would be possible under your terms, my advice is to write her a letter and tell her you will be willing to try only under the circumstances you described to me. To do so would not be rude, and it will be interesting to see if she is able to comply.

DEAR ABBY: I’m being married next year and want to make sure I send written thank-you notes to everyone. I have been a diligent thank-you note writer for years.

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I want the information. Would it be OK to have as part of the wedding website a place where guests who attend can confirm their mailing address? — BRIDE-TO-BE IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR BRIDE-TO-BE: How do you plan to invite your guests to the wedding? Most brides send their invitations via U.S. mail, which requires the person’s name, address and ZIP code on the envelope.

However, if you plan to issue your invitations online, then I see no reason you can’t ask your guests to confirm their information on your wedding site. It wouldn’t be a breach of etiquette.

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Harvesters seek to upset the red-hot Tulia Hornets

By JOHN LEE
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In what looks like, on paper, a David and Goliath match-up, the Pampa Harvesters (1-3) will hit the road to Tulia to take on the Hornets (3-1) tonight.

Tulia statistically appears to be a balanced team. Rushing for 247 yards/game and passing for 259.5 yards/game. Harvesters head coach Greg Poynor knows that Pampa will have their hands full with this squad.

"They're definitely a good football team," Poynor said. "Especially offensively, they run the ball well, they throw the ball well, but they are so much better defensively than they have been."

One of these pieces is senior wide receiver Maliek Yarbrough who has 499 yards on 16 catches.

"He is a dang good player, and not just in the pass-

ing game," Poynor said. "They'll give it to him on jet sweeps and other trick run plays. We spent the whole week making sure our guys know where he's at. Whether we have to double him up or take another approach. But they have other good receivers as well."

The other receivers Poynor is referring to are seniors Zane Childer's (seven catches, 128 yards) and Cash Love's (14 catches, 251 yards).

As Poynor alluded to earlier, Tulia also runs the ball really well with a pair of running backs, junior Ricky Johnson (31 carries, 324 yards) and senior Tony Kelly (47 carries, 376 yards).

"They are a very good run team," Poynor said. "Some of it is with their running backs, but a lot of it pop-type motion. They have a lot of ways to get it to their skill guys.

"They are the type of team that if you let them just run the ball on you they will just continue to do that. That's something that happened to us last week, and we've spent a lot of time in practice doing (preventing the run)."

Speaking of the loss versus Bushland, Poynor said it was the first time he felt like as a team, coaches and players alike, they didn't play well.

"We were very disappointed in how we played," Poynor said. "We felt like last week was an aberration for us. We went back to the basics on reading plays and stopping the run. We made a couple of personnel changes but we have really spent a lot of time with the kids working on the fundamentals."

Stratford is the lone loss for Tulia, and they did so by running for a total of 232 yards on Sept. 5. While Pampa is offensively a

pass-happy team, junior Colton Thompson and senior Brycen McClenden gave Pampa some life to the rushing attack last week.

On several third and shorts, Thompson and McClenden powered their way through the defensive line. They finished with a combined 20 carries for 69 yards.

Sometimes screens and short passes can act as an "extended hand off," which Pampa's receivers execute very well. Senior Zack Gates has 378 yards on 15 catches and sophomore Jayson Thomas has 435 yards on 25 catches.

Including tonight, the Harvesters have two games and a bye week remaining before district play opens up and Coach Poynor said these games will help them prepare for district.

"I think it is going to help us," Poynor said. "Our goal is to be playing our best



Photo courtesy of Charla Shults
Brycen McClenden (8) moves around his blocking to gain more yards. Blocking and a rushing attack may be key to winning this match-up.

ball by district. We just got to keep getting better through these two games."

It starts tonight in Tulia, and Poynor is going to have his guys ready.

"We're going to play good," Poynor said. "I guarantee it."

Kick-off is tonight at Tulia at 7:30 p.m.

Saints' defense bracing for dynamic Dallas offense

METAIRIE, La. (AP) — Saints safety Jairus Byrd is certain New Orleans' defense has corrected costly early season errors.

If he's wrong, the Saints could be in for a long Sunday night against a Dallas offense driven by Tony Romo, Dez Bryant, Jason Witten and DeMarco Murray.

Byrd said Wednesday that proof of New Orleans' progress on defense is evident on coaches' video of the Saints' Week 3 vic-

tory over Minnesota, even though the Vikings' offense was missing key players.

"You go by what you have on film. Did you do the fundamentals well?" Byrd said. "The first two games we were beaten by fundamentals — communication and tackling. Did we improve on that? That's what you look at and (the improvement) showed up."

The Vikings were without star running back Adrian Peterson, then starting quarterback Matt Cassel

went down early in the second quarter with a broken foot, leaving rookie Teddy Bridgewater to lead the offense.

The Saints did not give up a touchdown and held the Vikings to 247 total yards while sacking Bridgewater twice, by far the best performance by the Saints' defense. New Orleans ranks 24th in the NFL in yards allowed per game at 397.7 and 29th in yards passing allowed at 278.3 per game. "They're a really good

defense," asserted Cowboys coach Jason Garrett, whose defensive coordinator in 2012 was current Saints coordinator Rob Ryan.

"We obviously know Rob Ryan well," Garrett said. "He's an outstanding football coach and challenges you in a lot of different ways."

After practice Wednesday, the Saints' defenders said keys to containing Romo would include discipline among defen-

sive linemen and stamina among defensive backs because Romo routinely scrambles laterally to keep passing plays alive.

"You want try to let the sacks come to you," outside linebacker Junior Galette said.

"You don't want to rush him, because he's going to try to run around and make plays with his feet."

Meanwhile, defensive backs have to be prepared to cover longer than usual.

"Any time a quarterback can extend a play, it's tough on a defense," Vaccaro said. "You've got to keep playing."

Romo has been known to make risky throws, particularly under pres-

sure. This season, he has as many interceptions — four — as touchdowns passes.

"You're aware of guys that like to take chances. He's one, but a lot of great quarterbacks take chances," Vaccaro said. "Brett Favre took a lot of chances. You've got to respect Tony Romo as a quarterback. ... He's got the ability to make all of the throws."

Romo's primary target has been receiver Bryant, who was 20 receptions — twice as many as Witten, who is second on the club with 10.

Byrd said knowing that Romo will look for Bryant is not enough.

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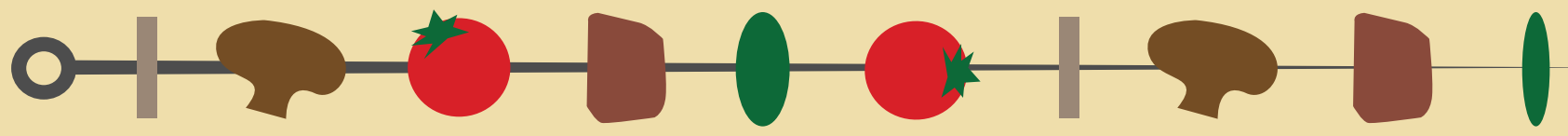
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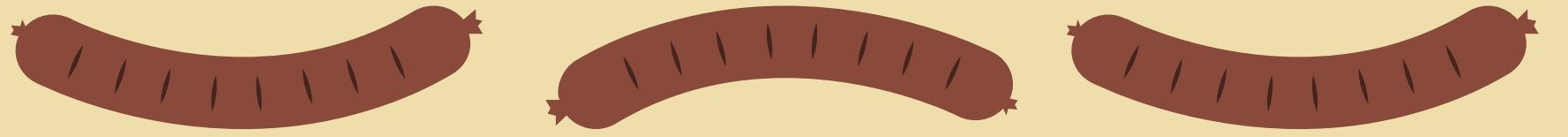
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