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BANDING TOGETHER FOR SGT. GASS



Photo by Lindsey Tomaschik

Several community members gathered at the north end of City Hall on Tuesday evening and held a prayer vigil for officer Houston Gass and all parties involved in Tuesday's standoff.

Pampa community bands together in support of Sqt. Gass.

By LINDSEY TOMASCHIK LKTomaschik@thepampanews.com

The Pampa community joined together after Tuesday morning's officer-involved shooting, which injured Pampa police officer Patrol Sergeant Houston Gass.

A wealth of prayer and support for Gass and his family began Tuesday afternoon with a Facebook event started by the non-profit organization 53 Hours, which has reached a national level of awareness, encouraging citizens to keep a porch light on in support of police. A blue light bulb is specified in the post, but any color will suffice as local stores quickly ran out of blue bulbs after an overwhelming increase in demand Tuesday evening for the event.

The name of the event was later changed to "Lights On for Officer Houston Gass" after his name was officially released to the public Tuesday evening. As of early Wednesday afternoon, the event had more than 9,200 attendees and dozens of pictures posted of lights left on for officer Gass.

Mary Ann of Top of Texas Ice stated that the store has ordered 1,000 blue bulbs, so they will have some available. They do ask for a one dollar donation for each blue light bulb. For every light bulb donation they receive, the company will match it, and donations will go to Sergeant Gass and his family.

A number of local businesses also started collecting donations for the injured officer Tuesday afternoon, and by Tuesday night, there were at least two accounts set up to do the same.

In addition to the Facebook event and business donation collections, a prayer vigil was held on the north end of City Hall Tuesday evening. Members of the commu-

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Thornberry takes reins of **Armed Services Committee**



SUBMITTED BY THE OFFICE OF MAC THORNBERRY

WASHINGTON, DC - Area Congressman Mac Thornberry officially became the Chairman of the House Armed Services Committee this afternoon. He is the first Texan--Republican or Democrat--to serve in

The Armed Services Committee has a responsibility to oversee the Pentagon, all military services, and all Department of Defense agencies. Each year it writes a defense authorization bill, which authorizes military spending and sets the policies for the Pentagon to fol-"I am only able to do this job because of the support

from my family, people at home, and others who have encouraged me and prayed for me. For these things, I am grateful," said Thornberry. "Serving as the Chairman of this committee is a great privilege and a tremendous responsibility. And now I am ready to get to

The 13th Congressional District of Texas has a strong

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Mayor Pingel issues statement on Tuesday incident

SUBMITTED BY THE CITY OF PAMPA

The City of Pampa, on behalf of the Pampa Police Department would like to express our heartfelt gratitude for the many prayers and words of encouragement that have been given for Patrol Sergeant,

Houston Gass, his family and members of our police department. Those words of encouragement have meant so much to all of us during this difficult time. A group of people from

our community came to City Hall last night and prayed on the front steps of the Police Department. There is also a social media movement, Lights On for Ser-

geant Houston Gass, that many across the

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Brad

Pingel

United Way at 65 percent

The Pampa United Way is at 65 percent of their goal for their 2014 campaign.

The goal for the Pampa United Way is to raise \$350,000 and they are currently at \$224,000.

Those interested in donating can call, mail or even visit the Pampa United Way office. Not only does 99 cents of every dollar stay in the Pampa or Gray County area, but those donating can specify which of the 17 agencies they wish for the donation to go to.

"If they have a preference on a donation no matter how large or small they can donate it to a particular agency," Gregory said. "The agencies are the ones that will suffer if we don't meet our goal cause they won't get the money they were allocated.'

Gregory does appreciate the Pampa community and reminds them that every dollar helps.

We appreciate the communities support and help," Gregory said. "Every dollar helps, it doesn't have to be a big donation."

Donations can be made either by mail to P.O. Box 2076, Pampa, Texas 79065, by phone at 806-669-1001 or by visiting their office at 200 N. Ballard St. in the Chamber of Commerce building.

CC Livestock Team named Reserve Champs

SUBMITTED BY CLARENDON COLLEGE

While most students were enjoying the New Year and time away from school, the Clarendon College Livestock Judging Team was competing in Phoenix, Ari. And their hard work and dedication paid off with being named the overall reserve champion high point team.

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Friday

PAMPA FORECAST



High 42 Low 14

Low 13

Saturday

High 37 Low 22

Today: Mostly sunny, with a high near 42. Breezy, with a south southwest wind 20 to 25 mph Sunrise at 7:54 a.m.

Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 14. North northeast wind 10 to 20 mph. Sunset at 5:48 p.m.

North northeast wind 5 to 10 mph. Sunrise at 7:54 a.m. Friday night: Partly cloudy, with a low around

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 23.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 37. South wind 10 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as

13. South wind 5 to 10 mph. Sunset at 5:49

Saturday night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 22. South wind 5 to 10 mph. Sunset at 5:50 p.m.

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Pastor Sublett said, "Both classes are advanced in that they have a weekly reading assignment and weekly handcontinued study.

I will also be recording each class so that everysomething later."

learning more about their Bible. Child care will be pro-

vided for anyone who is attending either class.

Cornerstone Baptist Church

Team

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Church Calendar Team KID (Kids in Dis- ples including Christian at 5:30 p.m. at Gathering cipleship) meets Wednes- Latino music, contemdays at 6:30 until 8:00 porary music as well as

All children ages 4 thru songs of the church. 5th graders are invited to

call the church at 669-

of God

New Life Assembly of God is located at 1435 N. Sumner Street in Pampa. New pastor, Sergio Urrutia, said their mission out pages that will sup- is "New life Assembly ply each student with a of God is committed to significant notebook for fulfilling a four-fold mission. Our primary reason

for being is to evangeone can have the audio in lize the lost, worship case they want to review God, disciple believer and to show compassion, to The classes are open build a multi-ethnic body to anyone interested in of believers.

New life commits to reaching out to Pampa in all areas of the township with special emphasis to our Latino brothers and sisters.

Our worship will be a reflection of our multi-

dividual overall and high individual in the cattle division; Lane Harrington of Frost, was fifth high overall, high individual sheep, The individual placings and brought home a fifth in are below. These judgers reasons; Shannon Reeves are back at practice again of Munday, was sixth high this week as they prepare individual overall; and Kobie Jordan of Amado, Ari., for the National Western in was high individual in the Austin Adams of Hed- swine division and ninth ley, was second high in- high individual overall.

Baptist ethnic mixture of discipm at 2410 W. 23rd St. the traditional hymns and

Outreach will have as its goal to produce new For more information believers who in turn are able to witness effectively and make disciples who will in turn continue this cycle.

This will be effected through small group bible studies, both Bi-lingual services, and bibles.'

Services are Sunday at 10 a.m. and Sundays and Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Mary Ellen and Har-

vester Church of Christ Mary Ellen Harvester Church of Christ is located at 1342 Mary Ellen St. Corner of

Right across from the high school. Bible Classes start at 9:30 a.m. with Sunday

Mary Ellen and Harvester.

Morning Worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening Worship is at 5 p.m.

and Ladies Bible Class Wednesday 10 a.m. Ellen Mary Harvester Church of Christ also offers Wednesday

Bible Class at 7 p.m. Keith Feerer is the Preacher and Zac Green is

Youth Minister. For more information call 806-665-0031.

First United Methodist Church

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

The weekly event will be

Space in the church. For more information call

806-669-7411.

McLean Cowboy Church McLean Cowboy Church

a non-denominational spirit-filled Christian church. The pastor is Ronnie Ferguson.

Sunday worship is at 10:30 a.m. and children's ministry is Sunday at 10:30 a.m. and Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

The ages for the children's ministry are nursery through fifth grade.

The church is located at the intersection of state Highway 273 and Interstate 40 in McLean. For more informa-

tion, call 806-779-0260. Southside **Church of Christ** Southside Church of Christ is located at 11923

W. McCullough Ave. in Pampa. The church extends an open invitation to all to come and worship where

the gospel, "God's Word," is always taught and preached. Regular worship services

are: Sunday morning Bible study, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.; morning worship begins at 10:45 a.m. to noon; Wednesday night Bible study is from 5 to 6 p.m. If your church would like to be

added to this list or are hosting a special event let us know! Email jclee@thepampanews.com or give us a call 669-2525. We will need the name, address, phone number and any other information about the event.

Pingel

Denver, Colo.

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area are participating in. This says so much about munity. the wonderful community that we live in and the heart of the people who call Pampa home as well as the people of the Texas Panhandle and beyond. I am grateful. I

would like to encourage you to continue to pray for Officer Gass and his family as well as all of those who serve in our law enforcement com-They do an incredible

job and I am grateful for all of those who put their lives on the line every day.

Brad Pingel Mayor

Mac

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national security tradition. In addition to thousands which assembles the V-22 military personnel, the and makes upgrades to area is home to Sheppard Air Force Base in Wichita

Falls, as well as the Pantex Plant in Amarillo which is the nation's only weapons assembly and disassembly facility. Amarillo is also home to Bell Helicopter, of active duty and retired Osprey tilt-rotor aircraft the Cobra and Huey helicopters used by the Armed Forces.

Vigil

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nity gathered and braved the cold for an hour as they praved underneath the flag pole for officer Gass and all others involved in Tuesday's standoff.

If you are interested in showing your support by making a monetary donation, here are the current ways to go about doing so:

 Horst Woodworking, located at 516 East Tyng Avenue, has a jar on the counter inside to accept donations for Officer Houston Gass and his family. The Horst family has also offered to match the first \$1,000 in donations. Upon stating this, business owner John Horst challenged

each and every business in Pampa to match his offer. Several other local business owners, including Meredith Horton Bagwell of U-Top-It and One Stop Flooring, Kevin Monds of The Cottage Collection and Brenda Guess of Guess Insurance, among others, saw the post that was shared onto The Pampa News' Facebook page accepting the challenge.

 There is also a Go Fund Me page set up for Houston and Jessica Gass. By 12:30 p.m. Wednesday afternoon, which was within the first 15 hours the site was up, 101 donations had been made amounting to \$5,900. You can find the page and donate, publicly or anonymously, to the cause at http://www.gofundme. com/jt2ao8.

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Obituaries

Margery Dixon Salmon

Margery Dixon Salmon, 85, of Pampa, died Jan. 1, 2015. in Amarillo.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 9, 2015, at



Margery Dixon Salmon

First Presbyterian Church, with Rev. Jim Friedewald, pastor, and Nancy Ruff, commissioned ruling elder, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Salmon was born Nov. 23, 1929, in Washington, Pennsylvania. She was a 1948 graduate of Pampa High School and later University. She married L. Harrold Salmon on March 31, 1956,

at First Presbyterian Church in Pampa. He preceded her in death on Jan. 29, 2012. Margery had been a resident of Pampa since 1980. She was a homemaker and a member of First Presbyterian Church. She dedicated her life to her family.

Margery was also preceded in death by a brother, William S. "Bill" Dixon.

Survivors include two daughters, Laurie Daugherty and husband Marvin, and Linda Salmon, all of Pampa; a sister: Dorothy Barrett and husband Raymond of Pampa and two grandchildren, Amanda Daugherty of Pampa, and Matthew Daugherty of College Sta- three nephews.

Church, 525 N. Gray, Pampa, Texas 79065, or BSA Hospice, through Harrington Cancer Foundation, 1600 Wallace Blvd., Amarillo, Texas 79106.

Sign the on-line guest register at www.carmichaelwhatley.com.

Nancy Darlene Davis

Nancy Darlene Davis, 76, died Sunday, Jan. 4, 2015, in Clarendon.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 8,



Nancy Darlene **Davis**

2015, in Robertson Funeral Directors Saints' Roost Chapel in Clarendon with Rev. Dave Stout and Rev. C.W. Parker, officiating. Interment will follow at Citizens Cemetery in Clarendon.

Arrangements are under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon.

Nancy was born Feb. 25, 1938, to George Clifton and Dorothy Amelia Walker in Los Angeles, Calif. When she was six years old,

her parents moved to Briscoe when her grandfather, W.M. Lohberger became ill. This place was settled in 1905 and was recognized in 2011 on the senate floor at the Austin Capitol. She attended school at Briscoe and Clarendon College. She married Charles Davis on July 10, 1954, at the Catholic Church in Canadian, Texas, and into this family two daughters and two sons was born. In 1966 she joined the Pampa Chapter of "The Women of the Moose" serving in all the elective offices. She earned her Academy of friendship

and Chicago, Ill. in 1974. In 1979 she was selected to serve as Deputy Grand Regent of Texas in Los Angeles, Calif. International appointments from over half million members was College of Regent Board member (four-member board) appointed in New Orleans, LA 1984-1986. Grand council (eight-member council) appointed in Orlando, Fla. 1991-1993. In the spring of 1993 Charles and Nancy moved to Howardwick at Greenbelt Lake, retirement was planned by the City changed those plans. She served four and a half years as alderman and two years as Pro Tem Mayor. In 2000 she was elected Mayor of Howardwick and served two and a half years before resigning to care for their oldest daughter with cancer. She was graduated from Oklahoma State a member of the Clarendon Country Club and Card Club and also Classic Dames Red Hat Club. She also served on the Burton Library Board in Clarendon.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Ellie Darlene Usleton; one son in law, Harley Douglas Woods; one great-granddaughter, Brooke Baldwin; her parents, Cliff and Dorothy Walker; a brother, James Walker, and one nephew, Cody Reed Walker.

Survivors include her husband, Charles Davis of Howardwick; a daughter, D'Anne Woods of Pflugerville; two sons, Danny Davis and wife Julie of Amarillo and Don Alton Davis of Pampa; five grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; a brother, William Dean Walker of Ruidoso, N.M.; three nieces and

The family request memorials be sent to St. Jude's Memorials may be made to First Presbyterian Children's Hospital or the First Baptist Church in Howardwick. Sign our online guest book at www.RobertsonFu-

neral.com.

Avis "Kandy" Baker Tugwell

Avis "Kandy" Baker Tugwell, of Amarillo, 85, died Jan. 6, 2015, in Amarillo. Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan.

> 10, 2015, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel in Pampa, with Rev. Dr. Jeff Knighton, pastor of

> > officiating. Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa. Mrs. Tugwell was born Nov. 28, 1929, in Pampa. She was a 1947

First Christian Church in Pampa,

graduate of Pampa High School. Avis "Kandy" **Baker Tugwell** She married Bob Baker on July 4, 1952. He preceded her in death on Aug. 9, 2001. She also married Charles H. "Chuck"

Kandy lived in Pampa for 40 years and had lived in Amarillo for the past 30 years. She worked as an accounts payable clerk for Broome Optical in Amarillo for 30 years. She attended the Methodist church. She loved golf, bowling and dancing.

Tugwell on June 20, 1969, in Dallas.

Survivors include her daughter, Terri Wilterding and husband David of Amarillo; her son, Kelley Baker and wife Melody of Pampa; one grandson, Chad Wilterding of Castle Rock, Colo.; three granddaughters, Kristi Hines and husband Ryan of Round Rock, Jami Baker of Amarillo and Shanna Stone and hus-

and College of Regents Degrees in Ft. Worth in 1968 band Jereme of Mansfield, and six great-grandchildren, Dylan Wilterding, Kinley Hines, Hudson Hines, Jordan Baker, Keivan Baker and Lily Stone.

Memorials may be made to the Amarillo SPCA, 11901 South Coulter, Amarillo, Texas 79119; PAWS, P.O. Box 2095, Pampa, Texas 79066-2095; or a char-

Sign the online guest register at www.carmichaelwhatley.com.

Sara Belia Martinez

Sara Belia Martinez, 76, of Pampa, died Jan. 6,

Vigil Services will be at 6 p.m. Friday, Jan. 9, 2015, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial



Sara Belia **Martinez**

Vincent de Paul Catholic Church with Rev. Christopher Schwind, associate pastor, officiating. Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery, under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors. Mrs. Martinez was born on Dec.

Chapel and the Holy Sacrifice of

the Mass will be celebrated at 2

p.m. Saturday, Jan. 10, 2015, at St.

17, 1938 in Brackettville, Texas. In 1957, she married Demetrio Marti-

with three beautiful children. She was a bold entrepreneur. At a time when few businesses were owned by women or minorities, she opened her own drapery business (Sara's Draperies and Interior Design) in Pampa. She was the author of "The Art of Home Décor," a weekly advice column featured in The Pampa News, and she hosted a local Spanish-speaking radio show featuring Latin music by request. She was the first Hispanic female radio DJ personality in Pampa. She was not afraid to try her hand at new things and take risks. In her later years, Sara worked at Genesis House

nez, Jr. and moved to Pampa. The couple was blessed

in Pampa, a low cost home care facility for troubled teens who were receiving treatment for drug and alcohol rehabilitation and other life skill therapies and education. Sara had a passion for rehabilitating properties. Her

last property was a century-old home which was her dream home in Pampa. In her spare time she absolutely loved the thrill of haggling for interesting finds she would discover at garage sales.

She was a member of St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Pampa for more than 50 years. In her work and by her faith she touched many lives.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Simón Martinez and Manuelita Martinez; her husband Demetrio Martinez, Jr., her three brothers, Jose K. Martinez, and Lupe Martinez, of Pampa, Texas and Simon Martinez Jr, of Tulia, Texas.

Survivors include two daughters, Maria Rios and husband Joe Rios of Amarillo, and Cynthia Smith and husband Mackal Smith of St. Louis, Mo.; one son, Demetrio Martinez III and wife Dana Martinez of Amarillo; one sister, Alice Hernandez of Plainview; and one brother, Juan Martinez of Hart; 11 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

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Spain increases terror threat level after France attack

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cartoon-like offices of the lead- sociation the country prepared for pression" and "We Are the France attack when Charlie Hebdo shootings information.'

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explosive.

a person left a package as a "blatant attack on A similar rally with that security personnel freedom of the press intended at fostering a cli-Journalists spent about mate of journalistic fear

The association added But Interior Minister crease security measures voice their outrage about on rush-hour trains killed termined the package in its statement: "Kill-Jorge Fernandez Diaz at key infrastructure in- the attack on the Charlie 191 people in Madrid in containing a bottle con- ing the messenger, in this said there was no intel- stallations, but Fernan- Hebdo newspaper. Some Europe's most deadly Is- nected to a cable wasn't case journalists, has always been the method of The Madrid Press As- intolerant and fanatical representing people to restrict freecade after it was hit with ror Level 3 measure in drawings while others ing El Pais newspaper journalists in the Spanish dom of expression and to Europe's worst Islamic June for nine days when chanted "Freedom of Ex- were evacuated after capital condemned the restrict citizens' rights to



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GOP, stop making excuses for Scalise

The unsavory story of Rep. Steve Scalise, Louisiana Republican and House

majority whip, should serve as a clear warning to the leaders of the Republican Party. They need **JOE** to ask why

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sage attracts some of the most despicable elements in American society — and why they can't effectively reject those extremists. Despite many fervent

their mes-

vows of "outreach" and "inclusion" by top Republicans, they keep making the wrong choices. Both House Speaker John Boehner and House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy have expressed their confidence in Scalise despite his 'mistake." And the excuses they now offer on behalf of the man chosen for the third-highest position in their congressional caucus are rapidly eroding.

Twelve years ago, Scalise was merely a state legislator with ambitions to run for Congress. In May 2002, he accepted an invitation to speak before the national conference of the European-American Unity and Rights Organization at a hotel in Metairie, Louisiana. EURO is a racist and anti-Semitic hate group founded by the notorious neo-Nazi David

None of those facts is disputed. But since local blogger Lamar White Jr. exposed Scalise's participation in the conference, Scalise has insisted that he was unaware of EURO's ideology and its connection with Duke, a former grand wizard of the Ku Klux Klan. He blames the incident on his staff and claims he only showed up to talk about the state budget. As additional facts

emerge, however, Scalise's version is increasingly implausible. Certainly, he must have known about Duke, a former state representative in the same district who had campaigned for governor and Senator in a glare of international publicity. But if Scalise somehow didn't notice all the neo-Nazis, members of the KKK and other white supremacists present at the EURO conference, they surely noticed him. When he ran for Congress a few years later, one of them wrote:

that Rep. Steve Scalise, R-Jefferson will enter the race in the 1st Congressional District. Those that attended the EURO conference ... will recall that Scalise was a speaker, offering his support for issues that are of concern to us.

"It was just announced

"I suppose if Duke does not make the election for whatever reason, this

gentleman would be a good

alternative." Evidently, Scalise's legislative record was worthy of such approval. He was one of only six Louisiana legislators to vote against establishing Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday as a state holiday.

Over the past few days, Duke himself has spoken out repeatedly to defend Scalise as a "nice guy" and 'family man," noting that they share what he calls 'conservative' values. Although the veteran Klan leader says he doesn't know Scalise well, he noted that one of his top aides has known the congressman for

"Scalise would communicate a lot with my campaign manager, Kenny Knight," Duke told The Washington Post. "That is why he was invited (to the EURO conference) and why he would come. Kenny knew Scalise; Scalise knew Kenny. They were friendly.'

So friendly that Knight personally donated \$1,000 to Scalise's congressional re-election war chest in 2008, six years after the EURO meeting, according to Federal Election Commission records. Today Knight is president of the southern Louisiana chapter of the Council of Conservative Citizens, the racist organization that succeeded the segregationist White Citizens Councils. It was a series of connections with the CCC — including a speaking engagementthat ultimately forced Trent Lott, the Mississippi Republican and Senate majority leader, to resign his post in 2002.

Before Lott stepped down, he briefly offered some of the same excuses that Scalise deploys now. Lott's defenders rolled out some of the same distractions, blustering about the 1940s Klan associations of the late Sen. Robert Byrd, D-W.Va., or various stupid remarks by Al Sharpton. Yet even Karl Rove quickly realized that Lott had to go.

It is a different Republican Party now, more reactionary and revanchist, dominated by tea party nativism and Confederate nostalgia. For more thoughtful conservatives, this is an opportunity to drop the partisan debating points and confront the troubling truth exposed by the Scalise scandal. What matters is the persistent coddling of bigotry — and the damage that may inflict on their future and ours.

To find out more about Joe Conason and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate website at www.creators.com.

Tales from the Final Frontier

My 2015 nerd to-do list.

Happy belated New Year to everyone! As many people are making their New Year's Resolutions which include everything from eating

myself.

better, losing weight

and cutting/dropping

the vices, I tend to

make to-do list for



JOHN LEE

So I have thrown together a little nerd todo list for myself that perhaps I can finish by the time the ball drops

• Read the Tolkien books — It

in 2016.

doesn't appear that George R.R. Martin will be finishing "Winds of Winter" anytime soon, so I need something to occupy my time while I wait. Now a lot of fellow nerds are appalled that not only I haven't read "The Hobbit" and "The Lord of the Rings" series, but I also found the first two in "The

Lord of the Rings" to be boring. I didn't even bother watching "Return of the King" or any of the recent "The Hobbit" movies. Maybe I will find some appreciation for the movies if I actually read the books.

• Finish "The Legend of Zelda: Skyward Sword" – I am the worst procrastinator when it comes to the Wii and any RPG's that come out on it. Growing up with standard controllers like those on Xbox and Playstation consoles, playing games on the Wii that aren't friendly to their stick controller generally aren't enjoyable to me. Thus the case with "The Legend of Zelda: Skyward Sword." I was a trooper and actually played probably about 80 percent of the game, if not more, before getting intrigued with another game and setting this game back on the shelf. I have been working on this game off and on since it's release in November of 2011. Maybe I can take the final hour and half that probably remains on that game and finish it to put another notch in my Legend of

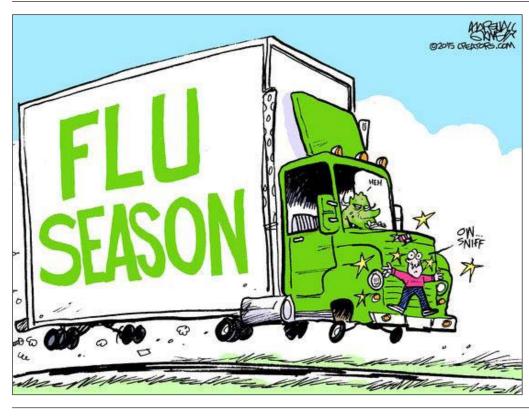
Zelda belt.

· Get caught up on many of my **comics** — I was an avid comic buyer in late 2013. I was probably buying 10-12 different series monthly which got to be pretty costly. In early 2014, with my lovely wife three months with child, my priorities both financially and personally needed to shift in order to prepare for my first-born son. Since the dust has settled, as far as pregnancy and delivery is concerned, I have tried to catch up on some of the series, but this time limiting myself to a max of five series. I have gotten caught up on Batman, now working on Green Lantern. Maybe by the end of 2015 I will be completely caught up on my chosen series

• Finish 'Arrow' and watch 'Flash' – If there is one thing the network, "CW," seems to do well it's with it's superhero franchises. I have recently started watching "Arrow" and am enjoying it quite a bit. I have also heard that "Flash" is a solid show so I guess I need to watch it too.

What kind of nerd resolutions do you have in mind? Needing to catch up on a book series? Maybe watch a show or movie that you haven't seen yet?

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Bereavement and Healing

New beginnings

The holidays are over and everyone has gone home. If you have lost a



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loved one during the holidays, you may suddenly find yourself all alone. Friends and family are now busy getting back into their

usual routines of school, work and children, yet your usual routine has been forever changed.

Sadness after the holidays is not unusual. Many people are disappointed with the gifts they did

or did not receive, they are sad to leave family that they love and miss throughout the year and many people are just sad to return to their miserable lives. Sadness in and of itself is not dangerous, but when it turns from sadness to depression, danger lurks and abounds.

Survivors who have lost a loved one during the holidays are at an incredible disadvantage. Life has forever changed for them and in particular, so too has the holiday. For the rest of the survivor's life, this particular holiday will always be a reminder of their loss. In addition, all of those around the survivor will

be in the thralls of holiday spirit, yet the survivor will be estranged from the gaiety. This exuberance and joy will inevitably weigh heavily upon the survivor, making recovery just that much more difficult.

If you have lost someone this holiday season, do not worry about the holidays next year. Focus on recovery now. You have a full year before you will experience the holidays again, so work on feeling better now, in the present. If you feel you need help, seek out a support group, your clergy, or if necessary, a professional counselor. Life is going to be difficult for quite some time, but

eventually, with determination and hard work, it will become bearable again.

My name is Tracy Renee Lee. I am a funeral director, author and professional speaker. I write books and weekly bereavement articles related to understanding and coping with grief. I am the American Funeral Director of the Year Runner-Up and recipient of the BBB's Integrity Award. I deliver powerful messages and motivate audiences on their "Road to Recovery". 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 @ PushnUpDaisies and visit my website for additional encouragement, information or booking speeches at www.QueenCityFuneralHome.com.

Church gets the boot by county government

My wife, Gena, and I discovered this past week that in her small



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mountain hometown in Plumas County, California, our pastor's church was kicked out of the county building it had been

renting for Sunday church services. What's disgusting is that the eviction is engulfed in political moves to stop the church from meeting

Mt. Lassen Community Church started last Easter, spearheaded by some long-term residents and respected community leaders, including

teachers, law enforcement, principals, business owners, community activists and our pastor and former chaplain.

They rented a countyrun and taxpayer-funded public recreational building, built in 2012, to meet in for a few hours every Sunday morning. After two months of meeting there, they were blessed by being given (free and clear) an old closed-down theater building. But instead of initially moving the church services there, those church leaders, who loved their community and raised their families in the vicinity, decided to gift the old theater building's primary use back to the community. They created

a separate nonprofit theater (Mt. Lassen Theatre) to help bolster the small town's flailing economy and encourage community involvement among youths and other local businesses.

It was a perfect plan to help small-town America until the county government decided to prioritize its own projects over the people's needs.

Instead of supporting the local constituency and these great nonprofit endeavors, the county government was bent on renovating a kitchen in the recreational building that was built in 2012, which would allegedly take several months to finish and shut down the entire building. Then the kitchen renovation grew

into a few more nonessential projects, which would take several more months to complete. And the church leaders were given a 30-day eviction notice (effective Jan. 1) with no contract to

Of course, the county's eviction notice "provided another option" (at least for the county) by offering the church a 70-year-old badly insulated, dilapidated community hall across town in that snow country for the same rental price as the new recreational building. And there was one more major problem and catch: There was nowhere for the church's nursery and kids class to meet in that commu-

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nity hall besides an old kitchen area full of items that could risk child safety.

The church members had no other choice, if for no other reason than their concern for the babies and children. They were forced to occupy the theater building and postpone its complete renovation and theater opening because of the immediacy of their disposal during a busy Christmas season and because there was no other building in their small town suitable for the new and growing church, its nursery and

its classrooms. (On WorldNetDaily, which has an expanded version of this column, you can read roughly a dozen bullet points about several additional spurious county actions taken to politicize and soft-pedal the church's eviction from the county's recreational building, starting before the church even met in it. Go to http://www.wnd. com/2015/01/churchgets-the-boot-by-countygovernment.)

I guess I've just become too conspiratorial in an age of White House cover-ups, but something

a change is necessary.

Center at 806-669-1131.

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- Rufe Jordan Unit also meets at

Victims of domestic violence

a contact number for each group.

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As I wrote in my New York Times best-seller "Black Belt Patriotism," our Founding Fathers created the First Amendment to prohibit government from infringing upon our religious practices and free speech. What doesn't the county government get about the fact that its duty is not to prohibit "the free exercise" of religion or "the right of the people peaceably to assemble"?

Case in point, here's what Thomas Jefferson (the so-labeled chief of all separatists) and James Madison ("the Father of the Constitution") practiced and had to say about churches meeting in civic buildings. Warning: For those who don't know, the following information over where Jefferson and Madison (and other founders) met for church services throughout their presidencies.

The Library of Congress website states the following (italics mine):

"It is no exaggeration to say that on Sundays in Washington during the administrations of Thomas Jefferson (1801-1809) and of James Madison (1809-1817) the state became the church. Within a year of his inauguration, Jef-

Area Support Groups

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church services in the House of Representatives. Madison followed Jefferson's example, although unlike Jefferson, who rode on horseback to church in the Capitol, Madison came in a coach and four. Worship services in the House a practice that continued until after the Civil War - were acceptable to Jefferson because they were nondiscriminatory and voluntary. Preachers of every Protestant denomination appeared. (Catholic priests began officiating in 1826.) As early as January 1806 a female evangelist, Dorothy Ripley, delivered a camp meetingstyle exhortation in the House to Jefferson, Vice President Aaron Burr, and a 'crowded audience.' Throughout his might leave you in shock administration Jefferson permitted church services in executive branch buildings. The Gospel was also preached in the Supreme Court cham-

> "Jefferson's actions may seem surprising because his attitude toward the relation between religion and government is usually thought to have been embodied in his recommendation that there exist 'a wall of separation between church and state.' In that statement, Jefferson was

more info, contact Beth Kean at 800-

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information, call 665-9072.

at 112 W. Foster Ave.

apparently declaring his opposition, as Madison had done in introducing the Bill of Rights, to a 'national' religion. In attending church services on public property, Jefferson and Madison consciously and deliberately were offering symbolic support to religion as a prop for republican government."

So much for separation of church and state!

The following is the contact information for those officials in my wife's home county:

—Supervisor Sherrie Thrall, sherrie.thrall@ almanorpost.com, 520 Main St., Room 309, Quincy, CA 95971, 530-283-6170.

—Dony Sawchuk, director of facilities/ airport, donysawchuk@ countyofplumas.com, 198 Andy's Way, Quincy, CA 95971, 530-283-

Please also write those local church and theater community leaders back in my wife's hometown, and consider helping them raise the funds to find a new place to meet and restore that old theater for their community's benefit. Maybe patriots everywhere will consider donating one of the theater's engraved foundational bricks, mentioned on its website, with the words "For God and country" inlist their hometown's name. If you'd like to help out, go to http:// www.mtlassentheatre. org. (All donations are tax-deductible.)

Friends and fellow countrymen, it's time to fight back against local and national government that opposes your First Amendment rights and simultaneously help small-town America and our country at large in doing so.

What happened in my wife's hometown could happen in yours next.

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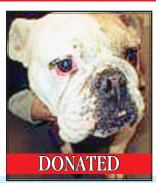
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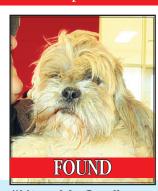
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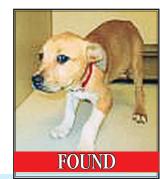
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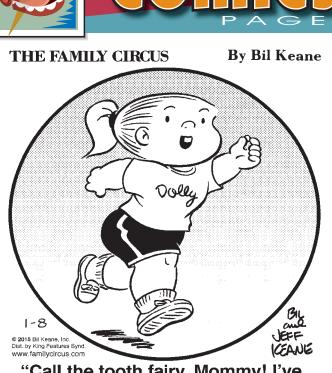
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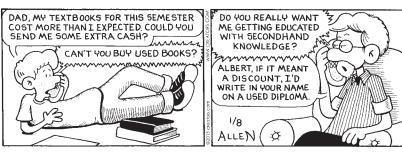
"Call the tooth fairy, Mommy! I've got a job for her tonight!"

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Nest Heads





HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, Jan. 9, 2015:

of living. Simplicity and authenticity will be the key elements to focus on for improving your life. If you are single, someone you choose to be your sweetie today might not be of any interest to you by your next birthday. Take your time getting to know any potential suitors! If you are attached, the two of you enjoy sharing your personal dream world together. You will help each other manifest what you both desire. CAPRICORN needs to be less involved.

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 seem to be "all work and no play," even if you are not at your job. This very serious approach allows you to be focused and driven. Follow your instincts if you are facing some confusion. A partner or associate could be extremely controlling. Tonight: Relax to good music.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Your circle of friends could have different concerns from your loved ones. Today, they might pull you in different directions, and you'll feel the resulting tension. Detach, and see if there is a way you can find a solution that works for everyone. Tonight: Have some fun.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ Tension continues to build on the homefront. The only person you can control is yourself. Therefore, it would be wise to take up a stressbusting activity or pastime. When you relax, others will, too. Be careful with a loved one who is very controlling. Tonight: Be a duo.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ Reach out to a close rela-

tive or neighbor who understands where you are coming from. You cannot deny the bond that exists between you. Be sure to listen to your inner voice. Romance, music and a foreigner could intertwine. Tonight: TGIF!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ You might be deluding yourself about the ramifications of a recent major purchase. Relax with others, and know that you can make a different choice. A conversation could lead to a power play. Don't lose sight of your long-term objectives. Tonight: Don't push too hard.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

**** You might be confused by This year you open up to a new way a friend who doesn't always hear you well. Be patient; otherwise, you could lose your temper. Go along with the moment, and know full well that you could be dealing with a manipulative person. Tonight: Paint the town red.

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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ Your ability to get past an issue will depend on whether you can let go of your need to control others. You might express a tentative interest in opening up a discussion. Think carefully about this before making a decision. Tonight: Vanish before your popularity overwhelms you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Friends pave the way to your success. You also will receive a lot of support from these same people. Perhaps it is time for a thank-you card. When all of you are together, there tends to be an air of camaraderie among you. Communicate with care. Tonight: Hang out at home.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ Take charge of an important project with which you have been involved. Your ability to move past obstacles will emerge. Others seem delighted to have you at the helm of the ship because of your leadership capability. Tonight: A force to be reckoned with.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

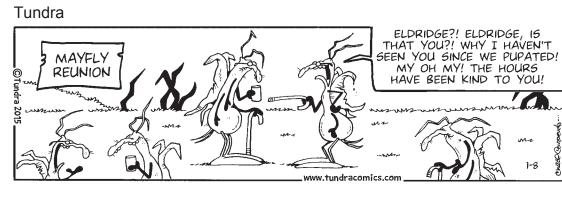
*** Reach out to someone at a distance once more. If you can take off for a day trip, by all means, do. Be sure that you and this person are on the same page. A misunderstanding could result in a rift between the two of you. Tonight: Let your feelings lead the way

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ You will see a personal matter differently after you have a chat with a key person. Pressure could force you to look for an unusual answer. Refuse to get uptight about a problem you tend to focus on too much, which could make a situation even more difficult. Tonight: Opt for togetherness.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

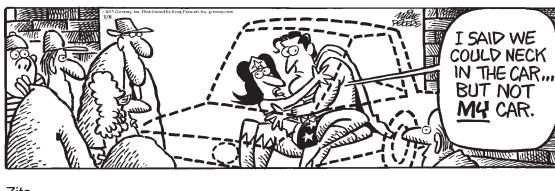
★★★★ You could wake up feeling as if you have not a care in the world. You certainly seem to be wearing a pair of rose-colored glasses. See where your optimism takes you. For many of you, it will help you manifest more positive interactions. Tonight: Let the party begin!



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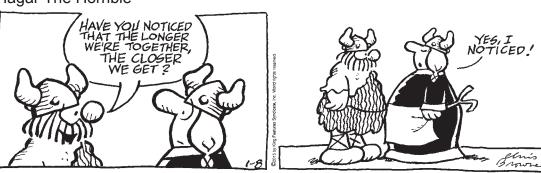
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Harvesters, now 16-1, keep on winning with 68-59 victory over Childress

Kambrin Scott drained 3 threes in 4th. Brendon Woelfle added one also.

By Zachary Green

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The Pampa Hustlin' Harvesters (16-1) hosted the Childress Bobcats (14-4) on Tuesday night.

Junior Cade Engle started things off with a layup on the Harvesters' first possession. It was a back and fourth first quarter with the teams trading buckets for the most part. Pampa's biggest lead was five at the end of the quarter. That lead was built thanks to Junior Shanoaha Bridges' basket and then he added a three as well.

Engle had four in the quarter. Bridges had five in the quarter. Junior Bryson Burrell had six in the quarter. Seniors Jett Gibson and Johnathan Stevens each added two points in the quarter.

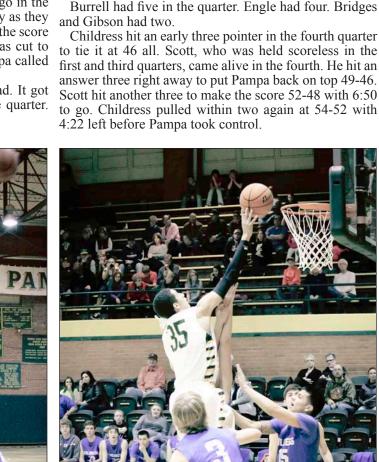
Sophomore Brendon Woelfle started off the second quarter just like Engle did the first. Pampa had an early seven point lead in the quarter. Childress hit a three with 4:45 to go in the half to cut the lead down to 24-19. Stevens decided to go on a 4-0 run by himself to give Pampa a 28-19 lead with 3:15 to go.

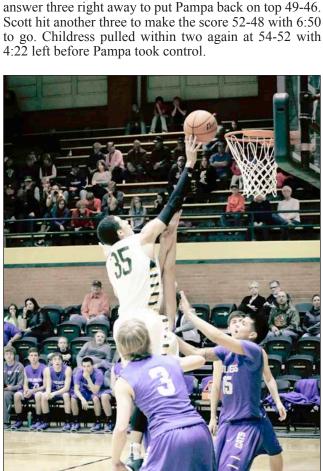
Childress hit a three and two free throws to cut the Pampa lead down to 30-24 with 1:03 left in the first half. Junior Kambrin Scott was quiet in the first quarter but drained a three with 26 seconds to go before the half to give Pampa a 33-24 lead. At half, Pampa led 33-26.

Engle had five points in the second quarter. Stevens had four points and Scott had three points.

Gibson hit a layup with 6:55 to go in the third quarter to make the score 35-29. Burrell hit a three with 5:42 to go in the quarter to make the score 40-31. An Engle layup made the score 42-31 with five minutes to go in the quarter. Childress didn't want to go away quitely as they kept hitting three-pointers. This latest one made the score 42-34 with 4:05 left in the quarter. The lead was cut to six at 44-38 with 1:49 to go in the quarter. Pampa called a timeout with 1:40 to go.

Childress continued to cut into the Pampa lead. It got down to 44-42 with just one minute left in the quarter. After three, Pampa led 46-43.





Stevens hit two free throws to make the score 57-52 with 3:30 to go. Bridges went 1-2 at the line to make it 58-54 with 3:07 to go. Scott hit yet another trey with three minutes to go in the game that gave Pampa a 61-54 lead. Woelfle added in on the party from downtown with a trey of his own to make it 65-54 Pampa with 2:15 to go. Engle hit two free throws with 1:40 to go to put Pampa on top 67-57. Final score, Pampa 68-59.

Cade Engle led scorers with 17 points and hit 3-4 from the line. Kambrin Scott had four threes and finished with 12 points. Bryson Burrell had 11 and one three. Shanoaha Bridges was 1-2 from the line with eight points. Johnathan Stevens was 2-5 from the charity stripe and had eight points. Jett Gibson went 1-2 from the line and had five points. Brendon Woelfle was also 1-2 from the line and had four points. Senior Dante Jordan was 1-2 from the line and had one point.

Head coach Matt Embry was pleased with the Harvester performance.

This game is what our team needs going forward. We needed a game like this. We needed to be tested, needed to be pushed," Embry said. "I can't remember for sure but I think Childress is 17th ranked in 3A. To beat a ranked opponent right before district is a big win for us."

Embry also said that Dante Jordan had some great defensive plays and Bryson Burrell got Pampa off to a fast

Kambrin Scott had four threes in the ballgame. Emrby

"Kambrin had three threes in the fourth. Woelfle had one. We scored 22 in the fourth. Twelve of the 22 came from those baskets. That was huge," Embry said. "Kambrin had some monster rebounds in the first half. I was proud to see him show up to the party.'

Embry added that Engle did a really good job controlling the pace of the game and Shanoaha came off early and sparked Pampa in the first quarter with a three and a two early in the first quarter.

Pampa is now 16-1 on the season. They travel to Fritch for a 6:30 p.m. tip on Friday, Jan. 9. Then Pampa will head to Dumas for a 7:30 p.m. tip on Monday, Jan. 12 to wrap up non-district play. District play begins on Friday, Jan. 16 when the Perryton Rangers come to town.



Photos courtesy of Charla Shults

Photo with story, Kambrin Scott shoots a three with a defender in his face. He made four of them on the night in Pampa's 68-59 win over Childress Tuesday. Above left, Brendon Woelfle shoots a three in the game. He had four points in the game. Above center, Jett Gibson powers over Bobcats for the layup. He had five points. Above right, Bryson Burrell with an easy layup on a fastbreak. He had 11 points in the game.

Lady Harvesters fall on the road to Tascosa

By JOHN LEE

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AMARILLO — In what was the final non-district game before the team takes the road to Dalhart Friday for the opening of District basketball, the Pampa Lady

Harvesters (10-12) fell to the Tascosa Lady Rebels 73-31 Tuesday night in Amarillo.

Head coach Kim Chaffin said the team should not take this loss hard, as the games won't count towards the playoffs until Friday.

"I told the girls, right now we are 0-0. This is

the big show now, we don't scout a lot of non-district games, but we have scouted our district opponents," Chaffin said.

Chaffin

"We know what's ahead of us. We know what we need to do. We need to execute. We need to worry about us. We are coming in tomorrow to practice with a focus that hopefully we haven't had all year. A real intensity to be ready for Friday.'

The game started out with senior Madison Brown hitting a basket to put the Lady Harvesters up 2-0. A pair of fouls by Pampa allowed the Lady Rebels to go 4-4 in free throws giving them a 4-2 lead.

by a free throw from senior Rayna Wall cut the lead to four, 9-5. The Lady Rebels added three more points before senior

Taylor Eubank converted a free throw to make it a

ers 17-5 in the second

quarter. Brown went 3-4 from the free throw line, while junior Reata Collins went 2-2. The Lady Rebels took a 35-12 lead going into halftime.

Taylor

"What I told the girls is they were calling just as many fouls against them (Tascosa) and we just weren't finishing. We would get good execution near the rim and we wouldn't make them pay at the free throw

The Lady Harvesters were the most productive in the third quarter scoring

The Lady Rebels continued their 9-2 run bank. Eubank also went 1-2 in free throws. until another basket from Brown, followed Brown scored a pair of baskets and a free ready for everything." throw on a one-and-one. Senior Keisha Daniels scored a basket and went 1-2 in free throws. But the Lady Rebels out-

scored the Lady Harvesters 15-12 and took a 50-24

lead into the final quarter. The Lady Harvesters scored their final seven points off baskets from Wall and Hannah Nichols. Wall also went 2-4 in free throws to add to Brown's 1-2 from the stripe. But Tascosa continued to run up the score, finishing

Madison **Brown**

the game with the 73-31 Both teams were called on numerous fouls and had moments where both teams

were receiving bonus free throws. Pampa finished with 15 fouls.

"It was foul-heavy. It was a different kind of foul heavy," Chaffin said. "Normally we're getting the hand checks but tonight they were calling stuff in the paint. It was a little bit different than what we have seen all year. But we could

12 points, including a 3-pointer from Eu- completely different refereed game than we have seen all year. So we just gotta be

> Madison Brown was the leading scorer on Tuesday with 12 points and went 5-7 from the charity stripe; Taylor Eubank had a 3-pointer and went 3-6 from the line; Rayna Wall had five points and went 3-6 in free throws; Keisha Daniels had three points and went 1-3 from the line; and Reata Collins and Hannah Nichols each had two points, with Collins going 2-2 from the free throw line.

> As for Friday's game in Dalhart, Chaffin said the girls just need to touch up on transitions and defense, and the rest will take care of itself.

> "I think our defense (is what we need to work on), we just need to polish it up a bit. Our offense will come around and we are just fine with that," Chaffin said.

> "We just really need to polish up our defense and make sure we really know where our transition points are, whether it be from offense to defense or defense to offense. I think that's what we're going to focus on the most. Just staying focused."

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So far, we haven't said anything to my sister or her boyfriend, and I am unsure what to do. I have a small child and it makes me nervous. I don't know if my sister knows, and I don't know how to bring it up.

I am upset with my family member because he didn't say anything immediately after finding this information. I'm upset

at my sister if she knows and hasn't been honest with us, and I am upset with this man. What should I do? — UPSET IN VIR-

DEAR UPSET: First let me tell you what NOT to do. Do not remain silent and stew. Tell your sister everything you have written to me and ask if she's aware that her live-in boyfriend is on a sex offender website. If his offense concerned a minor child, it is possible that he is not supposed to be around children — and if he has been that the authorities would like to know. But first,

discuss this with your sister get to control her hubby from the er, if this is a deal breaker, then who may — or may not — be able to put your fears to rest.

DEAR ABBY: I have been datdating pool, he still has a mini shrine of his late wife's ashes and belongings in their house. I can't bring myself to have dinovert presence.

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DEAR WAITING AND ing a widower for a year. While WONDERING: Realistically, he was eager to jump into the this has less to do with what you should "expect" than conclusions the widower must arrive at on his own. Ask him in a nonconfrontational way how ner or sleep over there with that he FEELS about carrying out all of his deceased wife's wishes — and whether he thinks it is fair to himself or you. Be prepared to discuss it without becoming emotional. His answers will tell you everything He's in good health. I figure he you need to know about a future with him.

P.S. If your relationship with him is good, why not focus pect more than second best in his on the present and not worry world? Is there a time limit for about what happens to his grieving, or does the deceased body when he's gone? Howev-

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