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## Snowstorm brings record snowfall to parts of Panhandle

By ZACHARY GREEN  
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Last week the National Weather Service in Amarillo had mentioned the possibility of a winter storm impacting our region on Wednesday and into Thursday of this week.

Many residents didn't buy into the potential snow storm. That might have been because of the 70 degree weather we had just this past weekend or the fact that so far all the snows have been "duds" this year.

As the storm system got closer and closer the forecast model projections went up and up in their total accumulation expected. It got to the point that it was not a matter of if we would see snow, but how much. A lot of that depended on where the convective bands of snow set up. One was on top of Pampa early in the system and that is why we got a higher total than projected.

A co-op observer recorded 4.4 inches of snow one mile northwest of Pampa. Another co-op observer recorded eight inches four miles west southwest of Lake McClellan. A public report came into NWS of nine inches for Pampa city limits.

Another band brought record-breaking snow to Amarillo and dropped snow at a rate of four inches per hour for the folks there.

Amarillo recorded 12 inches at the NWS office, which is near the airport. Some places in Amarillo recorded upwards of 15 inches. That broke the record for snowfall in Amarillo on Jan. 21. The previous record was for 4.9 inches that



Photo by Lindsey Tomaschik

Central park looked like a winter wonderland on Thursday morning. The snow that fell was a very heavy, wet snow which the farmers around the region should love. There was also very little wind with the system that helped create this beautiful site.

fell on that date in 1966.

Want to hear another fun fact? It was the eleventh snowiest day on record in Amarillo. The records kept by NWS go back to 1892.

Amarillo also received more snow Wednesday than Boston, New York City, Pittsburgh and Philadelphia have the entire winter

thus far. And that is just to name a few.

Other snow totals across the region:

- McLean — 10.5 inches, report by the public.
- Lefors — 1 inch, by a trained spotter. That report was as of 8:19 p.m. Wednesday.

- Borger — 5.7 inches, by a co-op observer.
- Miami — 6 inches, by the post office.
- Panhandle — 8 inches, by the public.
- White Deer — 9 inches, by the public.

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## City of Pampa announces retirement of Richard Morris

SUBMITTED BY  
 THE CITY OF PAMPA

The City of Pampa is honored to announce the retirement of City Manager, Richard Morris.

Mr. Morris will serve his final day as City Manager today following a 24 year career with the City of Pampa.

Mr. Morris began his career in City Government in 1991 when he was hired as the City Engineer. He would be promoted to Public Works Director/City Engineer in 1994 and would serve in that po-



Richard Morris

sition for 15 years.

Morris was appointed City Manager in 2009 and will end his career tied as the third longest tenured City Manager in its history.

The City Commission and staff would like to

say congratulations to Richard for his service, dedication and compassion for his work and wish him and his wife Jan a wonderful retirement.

A reception honoring Mr. Morris will be held today from 3 to 5 p.m. at the MK Brown Auditorium.

## Off-Road Vehicle Plan completed for Lake Meredith National Recreation Area

SUBMITTED

FRITCH — Superintendent Robert Maguire is pleased to announce the completion of the Off-Road Vehicle Management Plan (ORV Plan) for Lake Meredith National Recreation Area. The plan is a culmination of a great deal of time, energy, and input from members of the public, other agencies, and the National Park Service (NPS). The ORV plan provides a comprehensive document which will guide the management and control of ORV's at the national recreation area for the next 15 to 20 years. The plan will also form the basis for special regulations to manage ORV use at the national recreation area.

The Draft Off-Road Vehicle Management Plan / Environmental Impact Statement was distributed to other agencies and interested organizations and individuals for review and comment. This Final Off-Road Vehicle Management Plan / Environmental Impact Statement in-

cludes the comments received on the draft plan and the NPS responses. The document also includes a correction (errata) sheet that describes the minor changes made to the draft in response to comments received.

The Final Off-Road Vehicle Management Plan / Environmental Impact Statement is now available on the National Park Service website at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/lamr>. A limited number of hard copies and compact discs of the Off-Road Vehicle Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement are available from the park upon request.

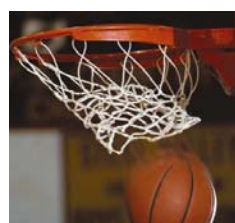
Everyone's input was instrumental in the planning process. The National Park Service values the public's interest in Lake Meredith National Recreation Area, and we look forward to implementing this plan with your support and collaboration.

For further information, contact park headquarters at 806-857-3151.

## Pack the Pit and Gold Out tonight at McNeely

STAFF REPORT

The Pampa High School Hustlin' Harvesters and Lady Harvesters want you to Pack the Pit tonight at McNeely Fieldhouse. They will also be having a gold out.



The first 500 people in will re-

ceive Gold out t-shirts.

The Lady Harvesters start at 6 p.m. Hustlin' Harvesters at 7:30 p.m.

Both teams play Bushland in a critical district game.

"Come out and pack the pit as the Harvesters and Lady Harvesters fight it out with the Bushland Falcons," head boys coach Matt Embry said. "Support these athletes for all the time and hard work they have put into preparing for a playoff push."

## Weather forces cancellations

STAFF REPORT

The weather forced many cancellations on Wednesday night and Thursday.

Pampa ISD started on a two hour delay on Thursday.

The boys soccer team did not travel for the Wichita Falls tournament on Thursday. They hoped to be able to go today and play

both today and Saturday.

The girls soccer tournament in Richardson has been cancelled.

The wrestling matches set for Thursday were cancelled.

We will try to keep everyone abreast of the cancellations if there are any more.

Please check our Facebook page for the latest updates.


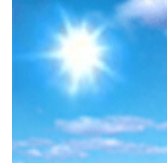
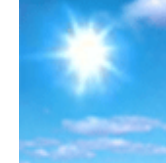
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## PAMPA FORECAST

Today	Saturday	Sunday
		
High 41 Low 23	High 47 Low 27	High 57 Low 33

**Today:** Sunny, with a high near 41. Wind chill values between 2 and 12. West wind around 10 mph. Sunrise at 7:50 a.m.

**Tonight:** Mostly clear, with a low around 23. Wind chill values between 13 and 18. North-west wind 10 to 15 mph. Sunset at 6:02 p.m.

**Saturday:** Sunny, with a high near 47. North-west wind 10 to 15 mph. Sunrise at 7:50 a.m.

**Saturday night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 27. West wind around 10 mph. Sunset at 6:03 p.m.

**Sunday:** Sunny, with a high near 57. West northwest wind around 10 mph. Sunrise at 7:49 a.m.

**Sunday night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 33. West northwest wind around 10 mph. Sunset at 6:04 p.m.

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# AAA Texas: Statewide gas price average drops 3 cents this week, national average drops 4 cents

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AAA TEXAS

IRVING — Drivers are saving a little more money at the pumps again this week. According to the AAA Texas Weekend Gas Watch the average price for a gallon of regular unleaded fuel in the Lone Star State is now \$1.84. That's 3 cents less than last week and \$1.26 less than one year ago. Of the major metropolitan areas surveyed in Texas, drivers in Corpus Christi are paying the most at \$1.87 per gallon while drivers in Amarillo are paying the least at \$1.74 per gallon. Drivers in Texas are paying 20 cents less per gallon than the national average of \$2.04.

The average price at the

pump is directly connected to the global price of crude oil, with crude costs accounting for more than half of the price of gasoline. Like pump prices, crude oil prices have also posted multi-year lows due to global supply outpacing demand, which has kept downward pressure on the price of crude and ultimately meant hefty discounts in retail gasoline for U.S. drivers. AAA expects the national and state averages to remain below \$3 per gallon in 2015, barring any major fluctuations in the global price of crude.

"Once again this week Texas has one of the top ten least expensive statewide gas price averages in the country," said AAA Texas/New Mexico

Representative Doug Shupe. "It now costs about \$26 to fill up a typical 14-gallon size fuel tank which is about \$17 less than this time last year."

While increased seasonal demand and maintenance at refineries may result in an increase in pump prices this spring, a major global price recovery is unlikely to be on the horizon, absent any major market disruptions or geopolitical events. These sustained lower prices would be a result of projected shifts in the balance between global oil supply and demand. This shift has been keyed by increased crude oil production in the United States and Canada and was accelerated by OPEC's decision this fall to sustain

production levels despite declines in the price of crude by electing to allow the market to self-regulate. By not continuing its traditional role as a market stabilizer and adjusting production to sustain higher prices, OPEC has put pressure on high-cost, oil-producing countries like the United States and Canada. Both countries are reportedly starting to respond by easing domestic production forecasts and trimming operations and administrative costs. Crude prices are less than half of what they were six months ago, and sustained low prices will also continue to test the resiliency of countries that rely on oil revenue to fund government services.

## Snow

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• Canyon and two miles south southeast of Amarillo — 13 inches, by the public and broadcast media. These were the highest official totals that the NWS office had on record as of 2 p.m. Thursday.

### When will the thaw happen?

Today should be sunny and highs in the 40s. The sun coming out will really up to thaw things out. There

was a lot of snow, so there will be a lot of melting in the day and icing at night. Travel should be taken with caution until the weekend.

Saturday should approach near 50. Sunday should be almost in the 60s and the first half of next week should see highs in the mid-60s with sun every day. All of the snow will be gone quickly once we start seeing those highs in the 50s and 60s.

### Is winter over?

It is far from over and if you are a lifelong Panhandle resident you should know that the winters here

are very unpredictable and we can sometimes see snow in May.

It is way too early to speculate on any precipitation more than a week out, but it looks like next weekend, Jan. 30-Feb. 1, we could see winter creep in here again with another cold shot of air.

### How about the roads?

The Pampa News would like to give a big shoutout and thank you to all of the City of Pampa employees that worked countless hours on Wednesday and Thursday to ensure our roads were clear and that every-

one could make it to work or school safely. It may not have been the most fun for the kiddos have to tough it out and go to school Thursday, but come June when they don't have to make up that day and all of the other Panhandle students have to go to school one more day they will get to have the last laugh.

*Editor's note: Information obtained in this article came from the National Weather Service office in Amarillo. Let us know what you recorded as a total at your place and we just might use it in a future edition of The Pampa News. User submitted photos are also always welcome.*

## Pampa Fire Department call log — Jan. 16-22

### STAFF REPORT

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

#### Jan. 16

- At 10:23 a.m., to the 1600 block of Hamilton gas leak.
- At 12:39 a.m., to the 1000 block of North Wells on a lift assist.
- At 5:41 p.m., to the 1200 block of North Wells on a medical assist.

#### Jan. 17

- At 6:46 a.m., to the 300 block of East Frederic on a medical call.
- At 4:21 p.m., one unit and four personnel to the 8000 block

of Highway 70 south on a medical call.

- At 5:07 p.m., to the 1600 block of North Dwight on a lift assist.
- At 5:53 p.m., one unit and five personnel to the 1100 block of rider on a medical assist.
- At 6:15 p.m., to the 2700 block of West Harvester on a medical call.
- At 6:57 p.m., one unit and five personnel to the 1300 block of South Barnes on a medical assist.
- At 8:28 p.m., to the 1300 block of North Hobart on an investigation.

#### Jan. 18

- At 6:50 a.m., two units and five personnel to the 1000 block of South Hobart on a false alarm.
- At 12:17 p.m., to the 400 block of North Ballard on a person in distress.
- At 2:13 p.m., to the 2700 block of West Harvester on a medical assist.

#### Jan. 19

- At 2:17 a.m., to the 1300 block of Coffee on a medical call.
- At 5:40 a.m., to the 700 block of Magnolia on a medical call.
- At 9:46 a.m., one unit and four personnel to the 1500 block of West Kentucky on an investigation.

#### Jan. 21

- At 12:48 a.m., to the 700 block of Magnolia on a medical assist.
- At 3:33 a.m., to the 300 block of Oak Drive on a medical assist.
- At 8:59 a.m., one unit and four personnel to a medical call in the 400 block of North Red Deer.
- At 9:27 a.m., one unit and four personnel on a gas leak in the 800 block of West Brown.
- At 10:25 a.m., on a service call in the 1300 block of Garland.
- At 10:47 a.m., one unit and four personnel on a medical call in the 800 block of North Nelson.
- At 3:57 p.m., on a false alarm in the 300 block of North Christy.
- At 4:15 p.m., on a medical call in the 1400 block of North Hobart.

#### Jan. 22

- At 1:44 p.m., on a medical call in the 1200 block of North Wells.

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# Obituaries

## Rita Ann Gaines

Rita Ann Gaines, 71, of Pampa, died Jan. 21, 2015, in Amarillo.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, 2015, at Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel, with Rev. Charles Lowry, pastor of CrossPointe Church, officiating. Burial will follow in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Gaines was born Feb. 5, 1943, in Amherst. She was a 1961 graduate of Pampa High School. She married Ronnie Gaines on March 20, 1964, in Pampa. He preceded her in death on Oct. 4, 2001. Rita worked at WalMart Pharmacy as a pharmacy technician for 18 years, retiring in 2002. She enjoyed gardening and spending time with her grandchildren.

Rita was preceded in death by her father, Lester Marvin Bryant.

Survivors include her daughter, Kristi Gaines of Pampa; her son, Jeff Gaines of Pampa; her mother, Pauline Bryant of Pampa; her brother, Marvin Bryant

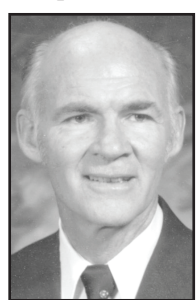
of Dimmitt; and four grandchildren, Zarek Baten, Zoie Baten, Brody Gaines and Chase Gaines.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, c/o Gerry Caylor, 2130 Charles, Pampa, Texas 79065; or the American Diabetes Association, 8008 Slide Road, Suite 12-A, Lubbock, Texas 79424.

Sign the on-line guest register at [www.carmichael-whitley.com](http://www.carmichael-whitley.com)

## Marvin E. Bowman

Marvin E. Bowman, 90, of Canyon, and formerly of Pampa, died Jan. 21, 2015, in Amarillo.



Marvin E. Bowman

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, 2015, at Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel in Pampa, with Rev. Byron Williamson, pastor of First Baptist Church of Pampa, officiating. Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery in Pampa, under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Bowman was born May 19, 1924, in Hollis, Okla. to Jess Earl and Faye Guthrie Bowman. He was a 1942 graduate of Lefors High School where he finished at the top

of his class, and lettered in four sports during his senior year.

He attended West Texas State College in 1942 on a football scholarship where he played football for four years, and earned both BS and MA degrees in 1949.

Marvin started his career as an educator in Pampa Independent School District in 1949 where he served as administrator, coach and teacher for 29 years. He was a member of First Baptist Church in Pampa.

Marvin was preceded in death by his parents, Jess Bowman and Faye Bowman Neill; a sister, Joyce Grant and her husband Jack, and a son, Barry Bowman.

Survivors include his wife of 64 years, Beth Bowman of the home; a son, Brian Bowman of Pasadena, Calif.; a daughter, Linda Carey and husband Darrell of Canyon; five granddaughters, Angela Bowman of Pampa, Kalee Carey of Canyon, Christine Bowman of Portland, Ore., Kacee Carey of Canyon, and Kristin Carey of Hereford; a grandson, Dylan Bowman of Austin; five great-grandchildren, Kinnlee, Brycen, Cassidy, Kaden and Chandler; his sister, Ann Wall and husband Wayne of Salida, Colo., and several nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to a charity of choice.

The family will receive friends from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., on Saturday, Jan. 24, 2015 at the funeral home.

Sign the online guest register at [www.carmichael-whitley.com](http://www.carmichael-whitley.com).

## For the record

# Pampa woman arrested for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon

### STAFF REPORT

Kathy Diane Edwards, 46, Pampa, was arrested Tuesday by the Gray County Sheriff's Office for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Adam Schulz, 31, Pampa, was arrested Tuesday by GCSO for two charges of forgery of a financial instrument of an elderly person.

Ruben Reyes, Jr., 27, Pampa, was arrested Tues-

day by GCSO for violation of probation — forgery of a financial instrument.

Jeremy Joe Hernandez, 36, Pampa, was arrested Wednesday by the Pampa Police Department for terroristic threat, insufficient

bond — harassment of a public servant.

Oscar Fabia Ceja-Gallardo, 27, Pampa, was arrested Wednesday by PPD for capias pro fine — failure to maintain car insurance.

# Church Calendar

### Hi-Land Christian Church

Wednesday nights, Pastor Mike Sublett teaches 2 special advanced classes at Hi-Land Christian Church.

From 7 - 8 p.m. The Judges and Kings of Israel (broken people, faithful God); from 8-9 p.m. 1-2 Corinthians (Jesus and His messy people).

Pastor Sublett said, "Both classes are advanced in that they have a weekly reading assignment and weekly hand-out pages that will supply each student with a significant notebook for continued study."

I will also be recording each class so that everyone can have the audio in case they want to review something later."

The classes are open to anyone interested in learning more about their Bible.

Child care will be provided for anyone who is attending either class.

### Cornerstone Baptist Church

Cornerstone Baptist Team KID (Kids in Discipleship) meets Wednesdays at 6:30 until 8:00 pm at 2410 W. 23rd St. All children ages 4 thru 5th graders are invited to attend.

For more information call the church at 669-6509.

### New Life Assembly of God

New Life Assembly of God is located at 1435 N. Sumner Street in Pampa. New pastor, Sergio Urrutia, said their mission is "New life Assembly of God is committed to fulfilling a four-fold mission."

Our primary reason for being is to evangelize the lost, worship God, disciple believer and to show compassion, to build a multi-ethnic body 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-ethnic mixture of disciples including Christian Latino music, contemporary music as well as the traditional hymns and songs of the church.

Outreach will have as its goal to produce new 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 Harvester Church of Christ

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

Right across from the high school.

Bible Classes start at 9:30 a.m. with Sunday Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Evening Worship is at 5 p.m. and Ladies Bible Class Wednesday 10 a.m.

Mary Ellen and 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 at 5:30 p.m. at Gathering Space in the church.

For more information call 806-669-7411.

### McLean Cowboy Church

McLean Cowboy Church is 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 information, 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.



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## Just a thought

### What is it that breaks your heart?

Life has a lot of moving parts. We can control some parts and we can't control others. Lived right, some parts of life are stable and predictable and other parts are on the move and ever changing. Regardless, life keeps coming at us. What we do with it is up to each of us.



**RICK KRAFT**

Inside each of us is a unique history, a path that we have walked to get us to today. Each of us has a story of our journey that has led us to who and where we are today. Although collectively many people share common thoughts, no two people see the world exactly the same. Your history and your present circumstances determine your view of the world.

For example, a person who was adopted will likely have a passion for an adoption cause or maybe adopt himself. A person who grew up with parents entrenched in a certain set of beliefs may become entrenched with the same beliefs or may rebel against

the beliefs. A person who grew up insecure about where the next meal will come from may carry that insecurity for life. A person who grew up being bullied in his neighborhood may learn to bully or to defend others who are bullied. You get the idea. We are each complex beings.

It is almost like each of us has a remote control that connects to our inner depths and controls us from the outside. The remote control triggers actions and behaviors within us which at times can be quite predictable. In essence, our remote controls control our actions. External actions by another (or others) causes our internal reactions.

This leads to the question, "Who or what controls your remote control?" What is it inside you that can easily be triggered by another person?

Human nature is to seek to hold our own remote control, but that is not how we have been wired... that is unless we live alone on an isolated island in the middle of the ocean.

It is my hope that whoever holds or has access to your remote control is a good person who wants the best for you. Recognize that you have empowered others to have major influence over you.

Regardless, it all begins on the inside, in your very heart and soul. What

is deep inside your heart and soul? What is it that makes you tick?

At the end of each year and the beginning of the next year we talk about New Year's resolutions. We talk about how we can make ourselves better people. A large percentage of our world's population sets resolutions. Some say it is time that they lose weight or begin exercising. Some say they want to pay off debt or further their education. What is on your list for this year?

We set goals to improve ourselves, but at the end of the day most all of our goals are just looking inward. We are looking for things that we can accomplish by our self as a "lone wolf." In other words, success for the typical New Year's resolution can be accomplished without the help of anyone else. Whether or not I eat less or spend more time with my family is exclusively on my shoulders.

I like the saying, "Anything you can accomplish solely by yourself is not a great accomplishment." How many of your goals or resolutions cannot be accomplished without another coming along side you or joining you in your target objective? How much of what you are seeking to accomplish in your life at this time is bigger than you? What are you doing to help others fly

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## Tips, Tricks and Advice Beat the winter blues by making someone else smile

Instead of throwing out old magazines consider a magazine drive with



**ROWDY LEBEAU**

friends and family. Then pass them out at local nursing homes. Other things the facilities are expecting is puzzles, books, crossword and game books such as the word searches and Sudoku too.

Are you a pet lover, but not ready to commit? Volunteer as a dog walker at a local shelter. The animals need the TLC and this also helps them get them used to new people.

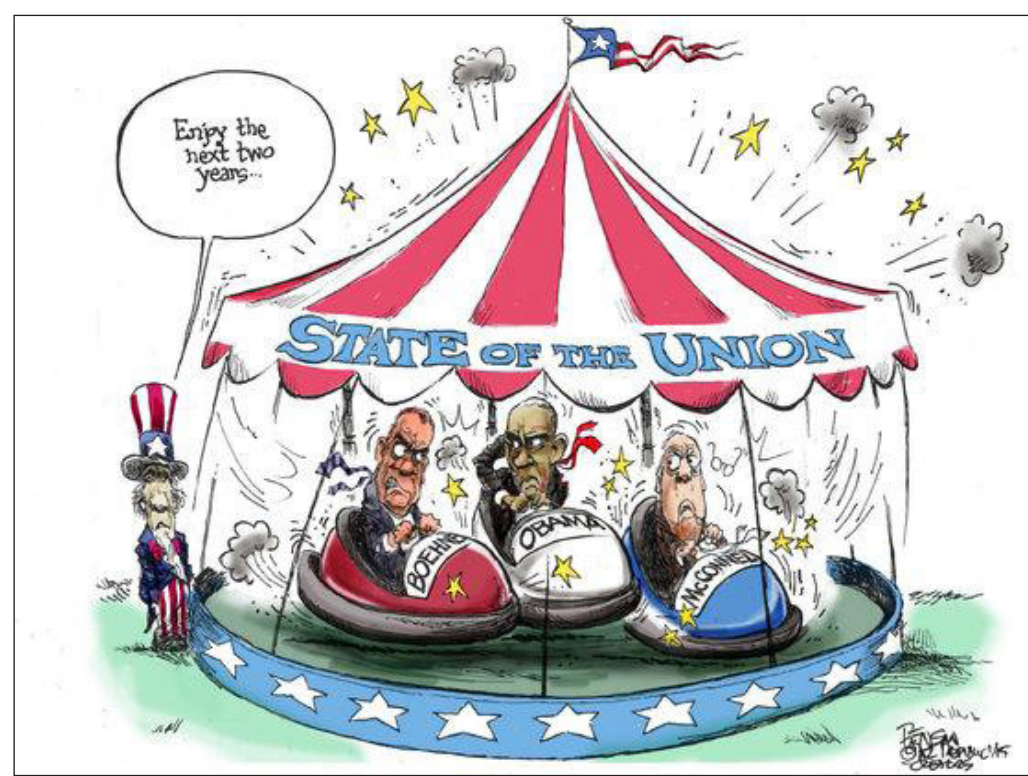
Have too much time on your hands? Volunteer at places like senior centers, nursing homes, Meals on Wheels or the good Samaritan. They are all in desperate need of helping hands plus you would get to many interesting people.

Not into teamwork? Do some spring cleaning and donate. Feel the freedom of unburdening yourself of the wardrobe you are hiding in your closet and will never wear. So many people benefit from donation from shelters to victims of natural disasters.

Food for thought: Meals on Wheels is currently in desperate need of volunteers to help with meal assembly and drivers. It is approximately 1-1.5 hours of work. They need help Monday through Friday, and their hours are 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. with meals being delivered from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. to more than 125 local residents.

Also Coronado Nursing facility is always accepting donations of prepackaged snacks and toiletries for the resident end of the month game buck cash in. They are also accepting volunteers.

As with any type of volunteer work background checks are done at every facility.



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## Government created the housing bubble and financial crisis — and could be doing so again

What caused the financial crisis? How can we prevent another one from happening again? The answers you most often hear to those questions are (1) greed and deregulation and (2) the Dodd-



**MICHAEL BARONE**

Frank law. But they're patently inadequate. Greed — or the desire for monetary gain — has always been with us and always will be. And no one has convincingly linked financial deregulation to the crisis. Dodd-Frank, enacted to increase regulation, confers too-big-to-fail status on very large financial institutions, which incentivizes unduly risky behavior and penalizes smaller competitors.

The real problem was housing finance, argues my American Enterprise Institute colleague Peter Wallison in his new book "Hidden in Plain Sight: What Really Caused the World's Worst Financial Crisis and Why It Could Happen Again." Without changes in housing finance policy, he says, there would have been no financial crisis in 2008.

Government policies encouraged the granting of mortgages to non-creditworthy homebuy-

ers, and government-sponsored enterprises Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac funneled securities laced with high-risk mortgages into major financial institutions. When house prices suddenly and unexpectedly dropped in 2007, these mortgage-backed securities became unsellable and the financial crisis quickly followed.

Wallison traces the policy mistake back to 1992, when Congress passed a law requiring the GSE's to purchase a certain percentage of its mortgages granted to low- and moderate-income homebuyers—30 percent originally, later adjusted up to 56 percent by the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Previously the GSE's bought only mortgages in which the buyer made 10 to 20 percent down payments. That was revised downward to 3 percent and even zero. Such subprime mortgages proliferated until in 2008 when they accounted for more than half of U.S. mortgages, 76 percent of which were on the books of the GSE's or government agencies such as the FHA.

This was in line with the policy priorities of the Clinton and Bush administrations. They hailed the increase of homeownership from the 64 percent that prevailed from the mid-1960s up

eventually, and temporarily, to 69 percent. They emphasized the importance of increasing homeownership by blacks and Hispanics who did not qualify as creditworthy under traditional credit standards, which were treated as superstitions.

The result was a house price bubble of unprecedented magnitude. Low-down payment mortgages inflated housing prices because buyers could afford a larger house with the same down payment. Above-average households, though not the intended beneficiaries of lowered mortgage standards, took advantage of them by converting inflated housing values into cash by refinancing their mortgages.

The problem metastasized into large financial institutions because of imperfect information and perverse government regulations. Fannie and Freddie classified as subprime only those mortgages they bought through traditional subprime lenders — an action for which their officers were later sued by the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The three rating agencies licensed by the SEC paid by the sellers, rather than the buyers, of securities — a classic case of misaligned incentives — gave mortgage-backed securi-

ties AAA ratings, which encouraged big banks to buy them. Similarly, the Basel II international banking standards rated mortgage-backed securities as ultra-safe investments.

When housing prices fell, the market in mortgage-backed securities tanked: No one would pay anything for them. Financial institutions that borrowed to buy them had to raise equity to account for the losses. Wallison argues that the government response made things worse: By rescuing Bear Stearns in March 2008, regulators led other firms to believe they would be rescued too — but Lehman Brothers was allowed to fail six months later, and panic followed.

That panic would not have occurred, Wallison argues, had not the government sparked the creation of defective securities and had not government regulations masked their defects. Private firms, after all, do not buy assets that they believe will become worthless.

Could it happen again? Wallison points out that government regulators are once again reducing the credit standards for mortgage seekers. The argument, as in the 1990s and 2000s, is that traditional standards are misleading and unduly prevent low-income and

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## Restate of the Union

President Obama sure is consistent. His State of the Union address sounded like his other speeches: What I've done is great! America is in a much better position. We've



**JOHN STOSSEL**

created a manufacturing sector that's adding jobs. More oil is produced at home. I cut deficits in half!

Give me a break. The deficit is lower now not because of any prudence on Obama's part but merely because the \$800 billion stimulus spending blowout didn't continue. All the president does is increase spending: free community college, free Obamaphones, free birth control, etc. Yes, our annual deficit is lower, but it's still \$488 billion! Our \$18 trillion national debt increases by \$3 million every minute!

Yes, more oil is produced at home, but

that's in spite of the administration. Oil production is down on public land.

Yes, the manufacturing sector added jobs, but that's mostly because of cheaper natural gas created by fracking, which Obama's cronies opposed. Also, America is finally recovering from recession. Obama's policies probably slowed that recovery.

Does the President delude himself when he takes credit for oil production, lower deficits, etc.? Or does he mislead on purpose? I don't know.

More recently he bragged, "I created the lowest unemployment rate in years." He created it? He must know it's "low" only compared to the 10 percent reached during the recession — and because millions have simply given up looking for work. This recovery is the slowest in 70 years.

If Obama gave the State of the Union address I'd like to hear, he'd say this:

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# Union

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high? Another way of addressing this issue is to ask how much of what gets you up each day is about you and how much of it is about others?

Better yet, ask yourself a simple question, "What breaks your heart?" Give this question some thought. If something truly breaks your heart it may cause you to get emotional just thinking about it. It is something on the outside that touches your inner heart and soul.

Your failure to stop drinking or to exercise three times a week won't break your heart. If these objectives are not accomplished, it is the person in the mirror that controls his own failure.

What breaks your heart ought to be something outside you. Something you can't control exclusively; something you can't accomplish by yourself. It should be something you can impact, but that your single actions alone can't conquer. It may involve "righting" an injustice.

There are plenty of needs of others out there that are unfulfilled. There are needs of others that need

attention. There are needs of others that others can't meet without your help. These are needs that you alone can't fulfill.

My challenge to you today is to sincerely ask the question "what breaks my heart?" This involves an inward soul searching and an outer cause. This is a selfless question. This is an emotional question, one that invokes passion in your life.

The second part of my challenge is to take action on what breaks your heart whatever that looks like. Without action, you can't help bring about change.

What breaks your heart should be something bigger than you. Something from the outside that touches your inside. Something that does not die with you, but lives on after your days are done.

Make sure you have a "break your heart" resolution this year because at the end of the day your life should not be about you, but about what you can do for others.

Just a thought...

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minority households from buying homes.

Fannie and Freddie are now purchasing the large majority of mortgages and announced last month they would buy mortgages with only 3 percent down payments. The qualified mortgage standards laid down by HUD and other regulators in October allowed for mortgages with zero

down payments.

That sounds like a recipe for another housing bubble — and for mass foreclosures, which hurt the policies' intended beneficiaries — and perhaps for another financial crisis as well.

*Michael Barone, senior political analyst at the Washington Examiner, (www.washington-examiner.com), where this article first appeared, is a resident fellow at the American Enterprise Institute, a Fox News Channel contributor and a co-author of The Almanac of American Politics.*

# Stossel

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I heard you, voters, in November when you took control of the Senate away from my party. I get it. I overreached. I was arrogant. I imposed Obamacare on a nation that was deeply divided about it. I ruled through executive orders instead of legislation. I threw money at "green" nonsense. I'll give up the payments to the "green energy" industry if the Republicans stop coddling defense contractors.

I've been in government for years now. I know how badly it works. The last thing I should try to do is make

it bigger. In fact, with Republicans now in control of Congress, it's time I worked with them to shrink government. If we shrink it, we might even dig our way out of the debt hole we're in. Heck, if we just slow the growth of government to 2 percent a year, we'd be in better shape.

But I didn't even try to accomplish that. I pretended taxing the rich would solve our financial problems. But there aren't enough rich people to tax. I got drunk on the idea of promising voters "free" stuff such as low down-payment mortgages and guaranteed paid family leave. I told them that all good things come from government. That's nonsense.

We should put an end to all bailouts. Businesses that screw up should accept the consequences, just like ordinary people who spend recklessly. Main Street should never again be forced to rescue Wall Street.

Instead of expanding government control of health care, we should phase it out. That includes Medicare. I know Medicare is popular, but it is unsustainable. Let current retirees receive their benefits as promised, but younger people should pay for their own health care.

People criticize the economic distortion created by welfare, but Medicare and Social Security are almost as bad. Both redistribute money away from the young

and struggling toward those of us who have had decades to invest and save up.

To make these challenges a little easier to deal with, let's make America richer by abolishing most regulations. They strangle opportunity.

The more I think about it, the more Congress and I could transform America for the better just by getting out of America's way. The state of our union will be truly strong if the state — by which I mean government — is strictly limited.

*John Stossel is host of "Stossel" on Fox News and author of "No They Can't! Why Government Fails, but Individuals Succeed." For other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit www.creators.com.*

## Abbott appoints 2 new Texas regents, reappoints 1

AUSTIN (AP) — Republican Texas Gov. Greg Abbott on Thursday appointed two new members to the University of Texas System governing board, and re-appointed a long-standing member to a new six-year term.

Sara Martinez Tucker of Dallas is a former federal education official and is chief executive of the National Math and Science Initiative. David Beck is Houston trial lawyer who has represented the University of Texas at Austin in sev-

eral high-profile court cases.

Steve Hicks, of Austin, was first appointed by Gov. Rick Perry in 2009 and owns the investment firm Capstar Partners.

According to state records, Hicks has donated \$275,000 to Abbott political campaigns since 2010, and his wife was a member of Abbott's inaugural committee. Beck has donated \$99,500 to Abbott since 2010.

The appointments are subject to Senate confirmation.

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# Community Calendar

## City Commission meetings

The Pampa City Commission meets at 5:30 p.m. the second and fourth Monday 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 three 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. The Department of State Health Services can be reached at 806-669-5323 and is located at 121 S. Gillespie St. in Pampa.

## 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., the second Monday of each month, 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.

## Pampa Post VFW meetings

Pampa Post VFW, Men's Auxiliary, and Ladies Auxiliary meet the second and fourth Tuesday of every month. There is a social hour with meal at 6 p.m. and the meetings begin at 7 p.m. For questions, call Danny Martin at 806-662-4367.

## CASA of the High Plains

CASA of the High Plains will be open from 6-7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of every month for persons interested in becoming a CASA Volunteer. The CASA office is located in the Brown Alliance for Children at 315 N. Ballard Street in Pampa.

CASA volunteers are appointed by a Judge to represent the Best Interest of children who have been removed from their homes due to abuse and neglect. Volunteers are crucial to positive outcomes for children in the foster care system.

You may contact CASA at 806-669-7638 for more information.

*Editor's note: Email submissions to [jclee@thepampanews.com](mailto: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, starting June 26 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. They also have an **Alzheimer's support group**, which is held on the third Monday of each month at First United Methodist Church, located at 201 E. Foster, at noon. For more information, call Lindsey Presson at 806-665-9700 or 806-324-3230.

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# Feral Hog Management Workshop offered Jan. 29 in Seymour

**SUBMITTED BY TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION**  
 SEYMOUR — A Feral Hog Management Workshop will be offered by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in Baylor County on Jan. 29.  
 The meeting will begin with registration at 1 p.m. and adjourn at 5 p.m. in the Cliff Styles Activity Center, 1205 Archer Road, Seymour.  
 There is no registration fee and those in attendance can earn three hours of Texas Department of Agriculture private pesticide applicator continuing education units — two general and one laws and regulations.  
 To ensure an accurate number of handouts and food, those planning to attend need to RSVP by Jan. 27 by

calling 940-889-5581 or emailing Baylor@ag.tamu.edu, said Martin Shaw, AgriLife Extension agriculture and natural resources agent for Baylor County.  
 “Feral Hogs are a big financial concern for producers in Baylor County as they destroy crops and fencing every day,” Shaw said. “This program should provide landowners with different avenues to help with the control of feral hogs within Baylor County as we have several speakers coming to discuss different management techniques.”  
 Topics and speakers will be:  
 - Basic Biology of Feral Swine and Feral Hog Damage in Watersheds, Josh Helcel, AgriLife Extension wildlife

associate, Gatesville.  
 - Progression of the Wildlife Industry from Survival to Sport and Profit, Ricky Linex, U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources and Conservation Service wildlife biologist, Weatherford.  
 - Feral Hog Control, Bob Richardson, trapper from Stonewall County.  
 - Feral Hog Trap Demonstration, Don Gresham, Goin Fencing, Forestburg, and Helcel.  
 - Information about Helicopter Hog Hunts, Dustin Johnson, Cedar Ridge Aviation, Knox City.  
 Refreshments will be provided courtesy of Capital Farm Credit with door prizes for those in attendance.

# Ornamental, turfgrass conference set Feb. 27 in Amarillo

**SUBMITTED BY TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION**  
 AMARILLO — The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service’s annual Ornamental and Turf Conference will be held Feb. 27 at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center, 6500 W. Amarillo Blvd. in Amarillo.  
 “This conference is designed for those involved with caring and maintaining the landscape around buildings, schools and other public structures and grounds,” said Nathan Carr, AgriLife Extension agriculture and natural resources agent for Potter County.  
 Registration begins at 8 a.m. with the program from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Registration is \$10 per person.

Program participants are requested to RSVP by contacting the AgriLife Extension office of Potter County at 806-373-0713 by Feb. 25.  
 Five Texas Department of Agriculture private applicator continuing education units will be offered — one general, two integrated pest management, one drift and one laws and regulations.  
 Topics will include:  
 - Insect ID: Good bugs, bad bugs and when to control insects and how to manage or control the applications — Blaine Reed, AgriLife Extension integrated pest management agent in Swisher County.  
 - Management of trees in an urban landscape and urban pests — Vikram Baliga,

AgriLife Extension horticultural agent in Lubbock County.  
 - Lawn and garden weed identification and management methods — Dr. Russ Wallace, AgriLife Extension vegetable specialist, Lubbock.  
 - Control, safety and management of rodents, such as prairie dogs and gophers — Jim Knuth, Liphatch representative, Council Bluff, Iowa.  
 - Laws and regulations: the importance of management of record keeping — Levon Harmon, Texas Department of Agriculture retiree.  
 For more information, contact Carr at 806-373-0713 or rncarr@ag.tamu.edu.

# CASA OF THE HIGH PLAINS CELEBRATES 20 YEARS IN PAMPA



Submitted photo  
 From left, CASA of the High Plains Board Members Annette Chase, Jeanne Townson, Janet Watts, Executive Director, Representative Warren Chisum, Mark McVay, and Guadalupe Valenciano. Recently, CASA of the High Plains celebrated their 20th anniversary at the Pampa Country Club. CASA board members presented a gift of appreciation to Janet Watts, Executive Director to honor her for 20 years of service and dedication to the program. Janet Watts has served as executive Director of CASA of the High Plains since the beginning as CASA of Gray County was established in 1994.

# Area students make ASU Dean's list

**SUBMITTED**  
 Students achieving the Dean's List for the 2014 fall semester have been announced by Angelo State University in San Angelo.  
 To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must be enrolled fulltime at ASU and must maintain a 3.25 or better grade

point average on a 4.0 scale.  
 Students making the honor roll are listed by their hometowns:  
 Borger: Keshia M. Parker.  
 Canadian: Abilene Cervantes.  
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# AgriLife Extension to present Commodity Outlook 2015 in Dimmitt Jan. 27

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 DIMMITT — The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will conduct “Commodity Outlook 2015” from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Jan. 27 at the Castro County Expo, 405 S.E. 4th St. in Dimmitt.  
 “We’ll have talks on the 2015 agricultural commodity outlook to include international markets and the cash grain markets,” said Nancy Andersen, AgriLife Extension agent in Castro County.  
 “Another highlight of interest to producers will be a presentation on the pros and cons of the

new farm bill’s Agricultural Risk Coverage vs. the Price Loss Coverage, which producers must decide on in the coming weeks.”  
 Speakers include Jeff Beal with The Gulke Group, Chicago, Illinois; Derrick Hobbs with Silveus Financial, Warsaw, Indiana; and Matt Gruhlkey and Lauren Payne with Attebury Grain, Amarillo.  
 Individual registration is \$15 due upon arrival.  
 The fee includes lunch. For more information, contact the AgriLife Extension office in Castro County at 806-647-4115.

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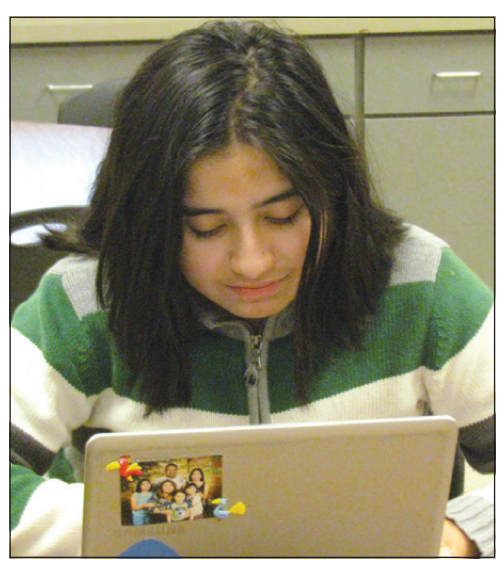
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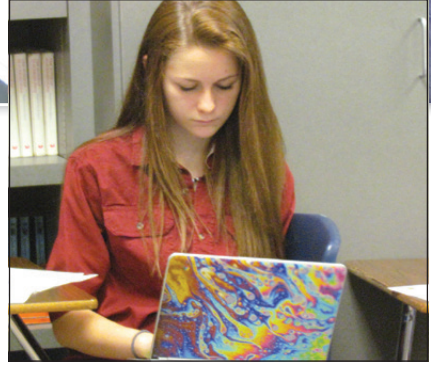
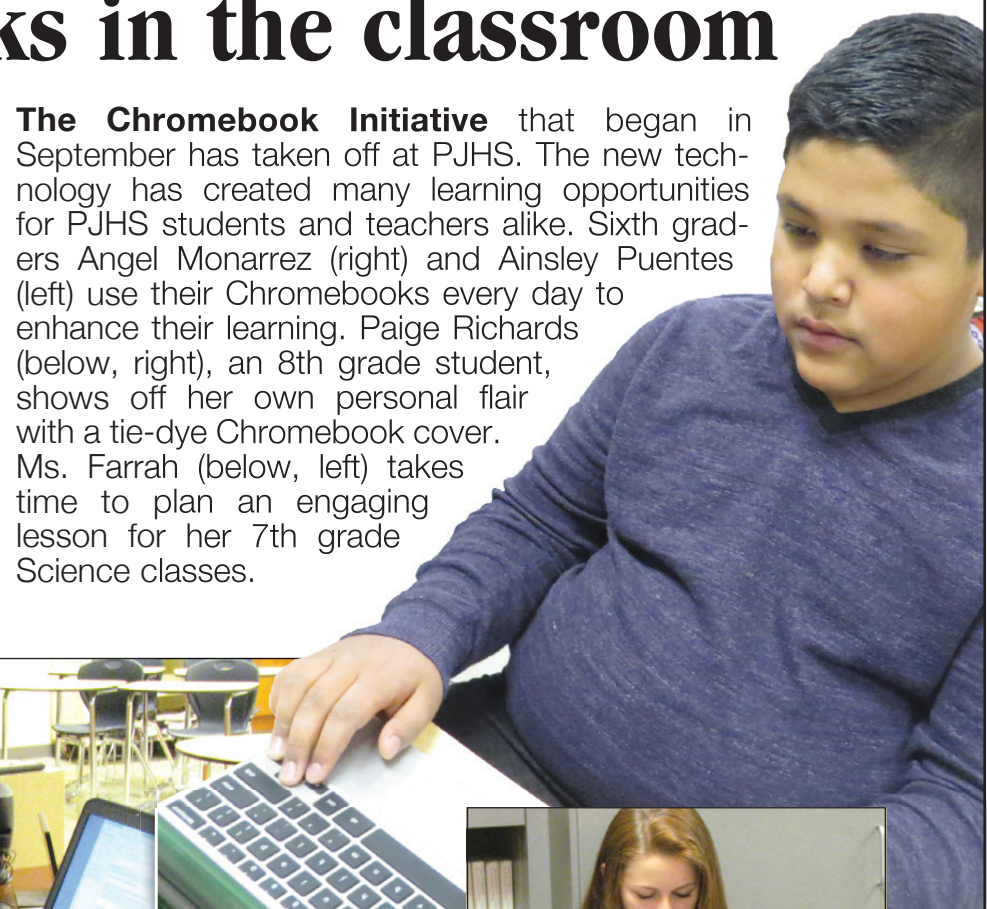
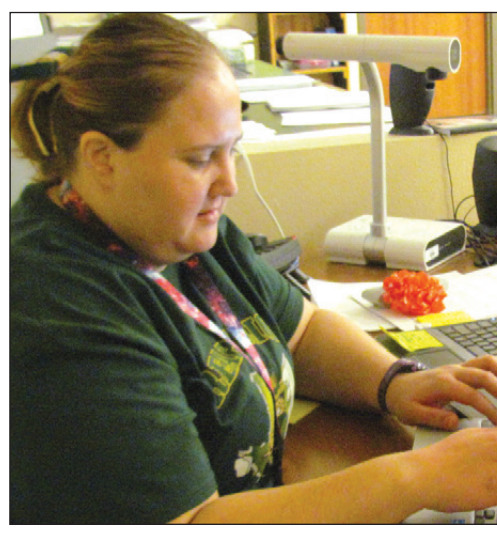
## Pampa Junior High School—celebrating success!

AS THE SECOND HALF OF THE SCHOOL YEAR BEGINS, PJHS is starting 2015 by celebrating the successes of the last semester and the potential of the one ahead. Several students have been recognized for their achievements in the classroom, in the gym, and on the stage! PJHS looks forward to many more celebrations before the year comes to a close.

### Chromebooks in the classroom



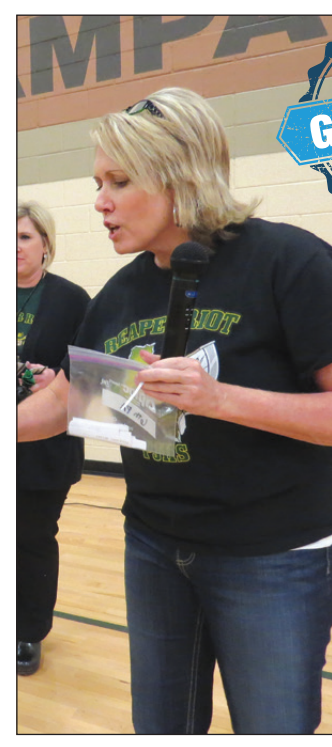
The **Chromebook Initiative** that began in September has taken off at PJHS. The new technology has created many learning opportunities for PJHS students and teachers alike. Sixth graders Angel Monarrez (right) and Ainsley Puentes (left) use their Chromebooks every day to enhance their learning. Paige Richards (below, right), an 8th grade student, shows off her own personal flair with a tie-dye Chromebook cover. Ms. Farrah (below, left) takes time to plan an engaging lesson for her 7th grade Science classes.



**At the end** of each six weeks, PJHS celebrates those students who have worked hard and achieved a place on the honor roll and/or perfect attendance. The students are recognized for their commitment at an awards assembly, so their fellow students and the PJHS staff can celebrate their success. Above, Jet Petit receives his A/B Honor Roll certificate. Below left, Mrs. Faubion hands out a student award, below right, 7th graders with their awards, and bottom right, 8th graders who received certificates.



Above, students gather in the gym for the awards assembly.



### One Act Play



Another cause to celebrate was the return of PJHS to the One Act competition this fall. Many brave students auditioned for parts in this year's show, and those who made the cast and crew travelled to Dalhart in November to compete with three other schools. PJHS's presentation of The Giver garnered several acting awards for the students and was a great success thanks in large part to the dedication of the students and their director, Ms. Whetstone.



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# PAMPA Sports

## HARVESTERS AND LADY HARVESTERS IN ACTION AGAINST BORGER TUESDAY



Photos by Zachary Green

Above left, Madison Brown with a nice pass in Tuesday's game. Above right, Bryson Burell brings the ball upcourt during the guys loss to Borger. Below left, Dante Jordan shoots a three in the game. Below right, Taylor Eubank shoots over a defender. Bottom left, Caragan Niccum shoots a wide open jumper. Bottom right, Kambrin Scott prepares to pass or shoot a three-pointer in the game. Pampa girls won, but the Pampa guys lost. Both are back in action tonight against Bushland in McNeely Fieldhouse.



### Hidden Hills scramble

**STAFF REPORT**

Hidden Hills hosted a seniors scramble on Friday Jan. 16.

First place, with a score of 60, was the team of Jim Brashears, Larry Pruitt, Dick Dunham and James Stavenhagen.

Second place, with a score of 61, was the team of RD Stephens, Gene Hall, Ray Covalt and Ken Burkett.

Third place, with a score of 62, was the team of Eldon Maxwell, Charles Byrum, Doug Reeves and Frank Snow.

Fourth Place, with a score of 62, was the team of Kelly Everson, John Howell, Johnny Gilbert, Jerry Davis and Lucio Moreno.

Closest to the pin for hole No. 6 was Dick Dunham. The closest to the pin for hole No. 15 was Jim Brashears.

### Watch the Pros

**College Basketball**

- Virginia Commonwealth at St. Louis.....ESPN2 6 p.m.
- Manhattan at Quinnipiac.....ESPNU 6 p.m.
- Valparasio at Wisconsin Green Bay.....ESPNU 8 p.m.

**Women's Gymnastics**

- Southeast Missouri State, Tx Women's Univ.....FSSW 7 p.m.

**Women's College Basketball**

- Seton Hall at Villanova.....FS1 6 p.m.
- Creighton at DePaul.....FS1 8 p.m.

**NBA Basketball**

- Chicago Bulls at Dallas Mavericks.....ESPN 7 p.m.

**College Hockey**

- Minnesota Duluth v. Bemidji State.....FCSP 4 p.m.
- Ohio State at Michigan State.....FCSA 6 p.m.
- Minnesota State v. Minnesota.....FCSP 7 p.m.

**Soccer**

- Manchester United at Cambridge.....FS1 2 p.m.

**Golf**

- Qatar Masters.....GOLF 3:30 a.m.
- Humana Challenge.....GOLF 2 p.m.
- Mitsubishi Electric Championship.....GOLF 6:30 p.m.

**Tennis**

- Australian Open third round.....ESPN2 8 p.m.

**X Games**

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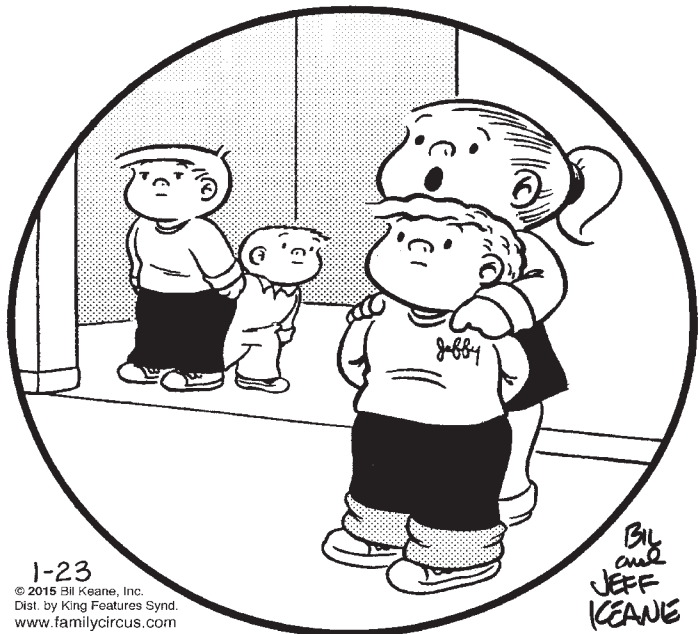
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**"Billy's the oldest and PJ's the youngest. What are Jeffy and I?"**

## Non Sequitur



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# DAILY Horoscope

A baby born today has a Sun in Aquarius and a Moon in Pisces if born before 10:26 a.m. (PST). Afterward, the Moon will be in Aries. **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Saturday, Jan. 24, 2015:

This year you make a big difference in others' lives by helping them to get past obstacles. You learn to be more flexible as well. Your ability to follow through on what is important will mark your actions and plans. If you are single, Cupid will be hanging out in your neighborhood. Trust that he will let you know when you choose the right person! If you are attached, the two of you love avidly discussing anything and everything. Others find you to be entertaining as a couple, and as a result, you are frequently invited out. Private time will be the glue that holds you together during rough periods. **ARIES** knows how to rev up your energy! **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'll be energized and ready to take off at the drop of hat. Consider whether you really want to visit someone at a distance. You might prefer to stay close to home and head to the movies or meet a friend for a leisurely lunch. Tonight: All smiles.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) **★★★** Take care of a personal matter before you consider making plans. You might want to single out a loved one who seems to have a very different perspective from you. You would like to be on the same page, but just accept that this might not be possible. Tonight: Dinner for two.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) **★★★★** You could be more direct than you have been as of late. If you proceed in this manner, a difference of opinion could become a problem. You will need to learn how to be more accepting of the differences between the two of you. Tonight: Out among pals.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) **★★★★** You might decide to invite others over for a fun get-together. Incorporate a theme and dress up in costumes in order to make it even more entertaining. An older friend or loved one tends to add a lot of spice to any dull moment. Tonight: You run the show.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) **★★★★** Take a risk and accept an invitation that throws you into a totally new experience. Stepping out of your comfort zone will allow you to experience what it is like to be 100 percent vulnerable. You also

will feel revitalized as a result. Tonight: Tap into your imagination.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) **★★★★** Relate on a one-on-one level with those you come into contact with. Have a conversation with someone to whom you usually just say "hi" and "bye." You are likely to gain a greater understanding of this person as a result. Tonight: Quality time with a special person.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) **★★★★** Defer to someone who often challenges you to do something different. You can learn a lot by observing this person. Understand that, while you might have similar issues, you both will have very different approaches for how to handle them. Tonight: Go along for the ride.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) **★★★★** You will have a lot of energy right now. Avoid making any unnecessary changes or adjustments. Someone close to you could be challenging, but it will motivate you to work hard. This experience is likely to benefit both of you equally. Tonight: Be a couch potato.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) **★★★★** You might not be in the mood to be silly or frivolous, but a child or friend will try to coax you into it. Handle whatever is on your mind first, and then relax. Your more adventurous and fiery side is likely to emerge. Tonight: Wherever you are, there is a party.

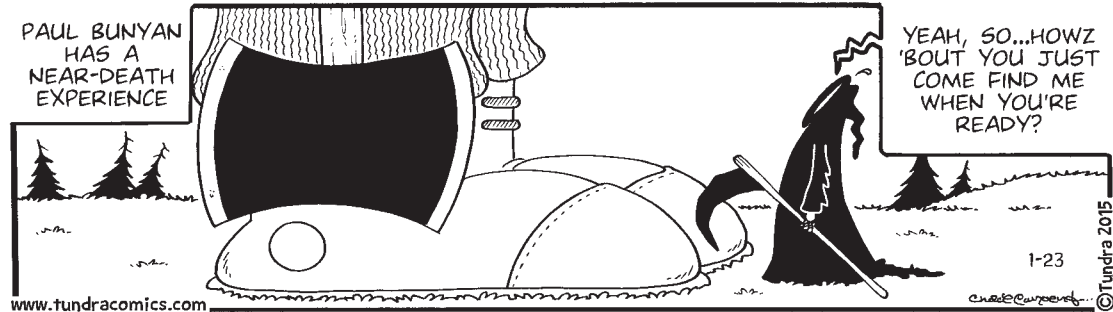
**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) **★★★** A project on the homefront or an involvement with a loved one might encourage you to stay close to home. You would be wise to do so, as it would be time well-spent. You could be forced to deal with both your emotional and financial well-being. Tonight: Order in.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) **★★★★** Don't stand on ceremony with a friend, especially if there is negative energy in the air. Refuse to allow this situation to gain any power. You could be surprised by what a friendly call seems to do for the relationship. Make plans for a late lunch. Tonight: Catch up on news.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) **★★★** Be aware of the costs of proceeding as you have. You suddenly might hit a problem that forces you to step back. Your ability to handle a personal matter quickly can make all the difference. Loosen up when dealing with an older person. Tonight: Make it your treat.

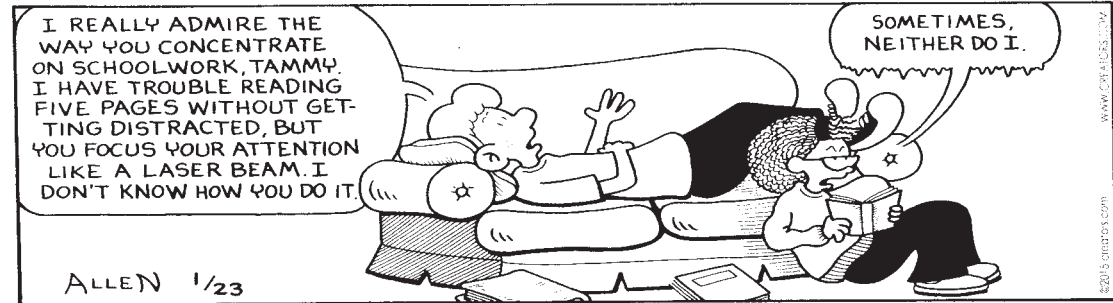
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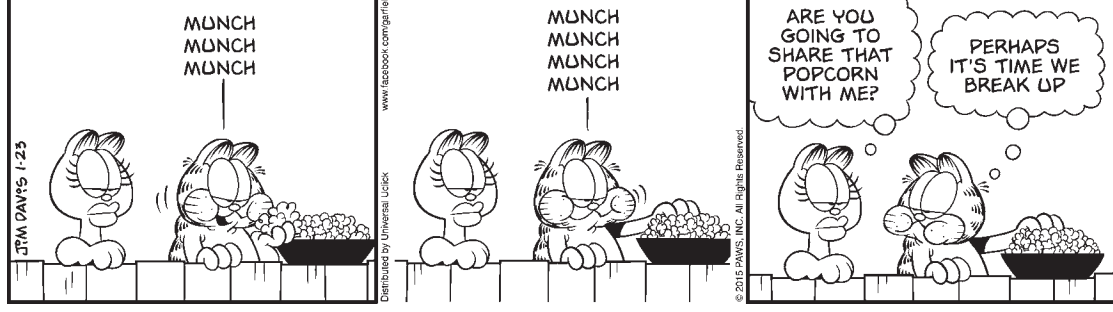
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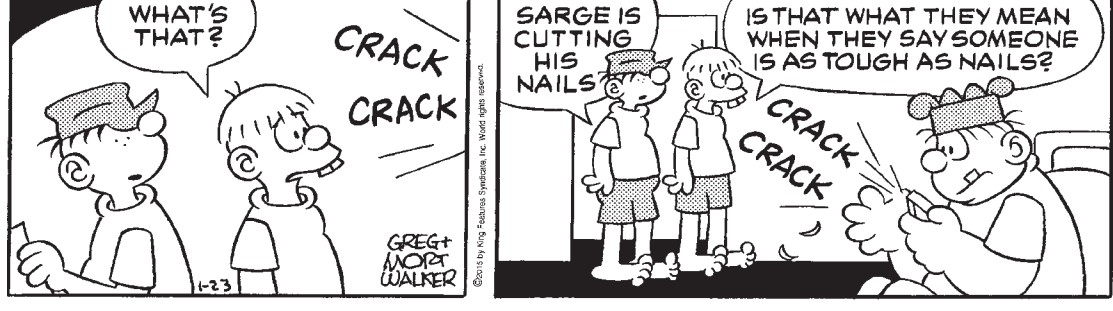
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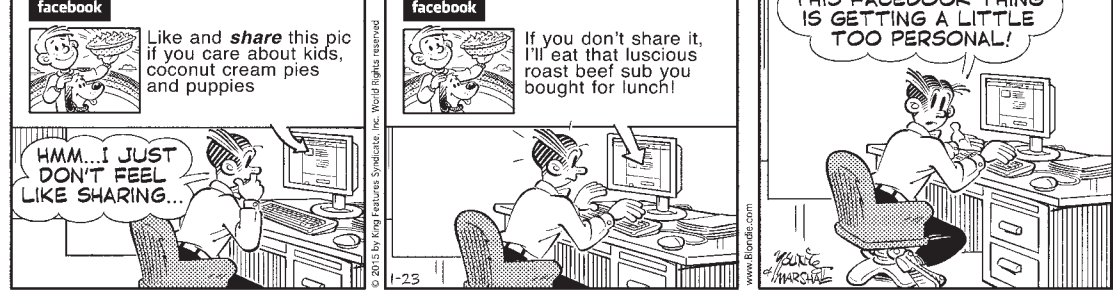
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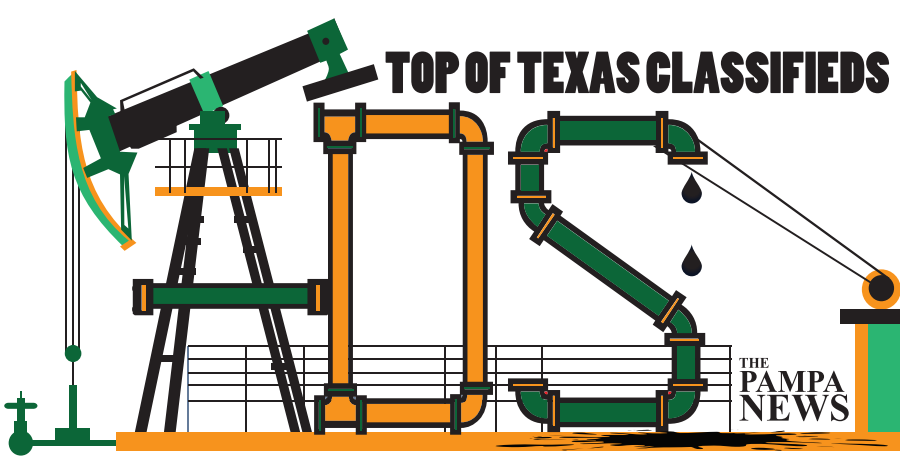


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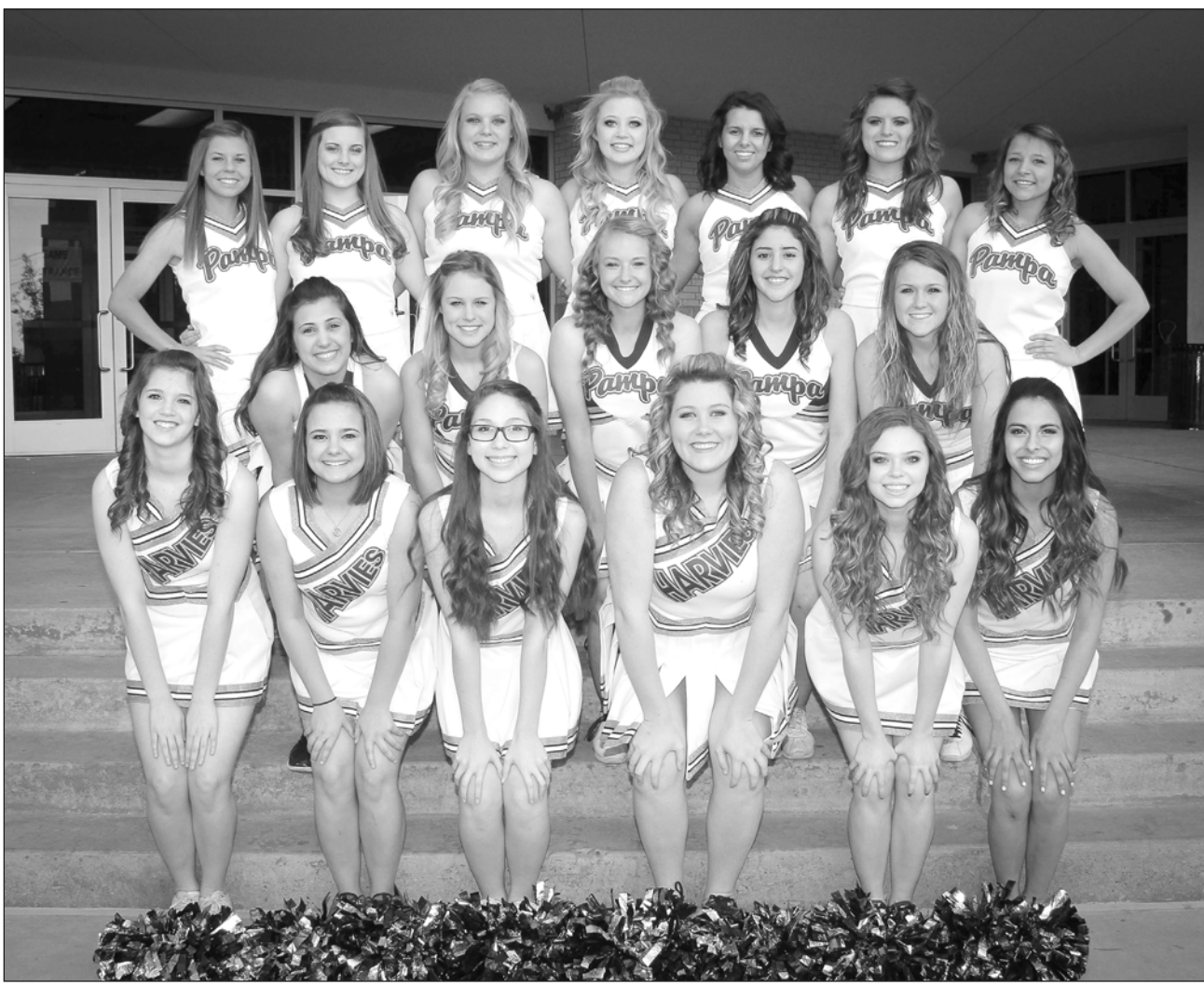
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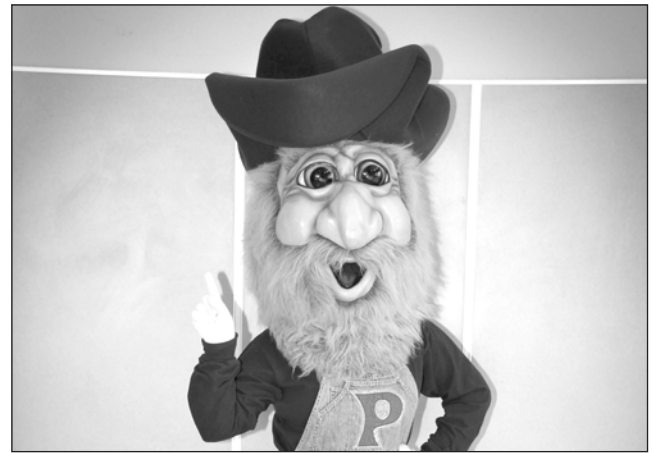
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## PAMPA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC EVENTS



Photos by Charla Shults

Above left, the 2014-15 Pampa High School cheerleaders. They go to all of the football and basketball games, even the away games. Above right, Jett Gibson plays great defense on a defender during a game this season. Right, Harvey is the Pampa High School mascot. He is very friendly and can be seen at home games cheering on the Pampa Harvesters.



### Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I like my job a lot, but I have recently been assigned a different desk. I now sit next to someone who regularly draws his blood with a lancet and gives himself a shot for his diabetes just a foot away from me.

I am extremely uncomfortable around blood and needles. I don't want to make waves because this person has been here a lot longer than I have, and apparently, no one has ever been bothered by it.

Am I being silly? Would it be improper to ask my supervisor to move me? Moving desks is a big enough deal that I will have to give a reason. Help. — SQUEAMISH IN GREAT FALLS, MONT.

DEAR SQUEAMISH: Because the sight of blood and needles makes you uncomfortable, discuss this with your supervisor ASAP. While these are procedures many people with diabetes must attend to on a daily basis, you shouldn't have to watch if you don't want to.

DEAR ABBY: My daughter and son-in-law were blessed with a child two years ago. My ex-husband (not my daughter's father) has hardly been in her life since our divorce 15 years ago. She never called him Dad. We have

both remarried. He and his new wife have moved close to the kids and want to be grandparents. I don't have a problem with them being close to my daughter, but I resent them being called "grandparents." I feel that title should be reserved.

Frankly, this has put a chasm in an otherwise close relationship. My daughter and son-in-law don't understand why I'm having a problem with it. Please give me some advice. — EARNED THE RIGHT IN VIRGINIA

DEAR EARNED: OK. While I understand your jealousy, for all concerned, you need to realize that the more love and attention a child has, the better. Your grandchild will benefit from having many caring adults in his/her life as long as they're not at each other's throats. While your ex and his wife may not technically be grandparents, if you blow this out of proportion, you risk alienating your daughter, so I advise against it.

DEAR ABBY: I am a professor at a university on a military base in Germany. Most of my students are soldiers, their families or retirees, so my students range in age from 18 to 60. I do not yet have my

Ph.D., only my master's.

I communicate a lot with my students through email. How should I sign my emails to them? I can't say Dr. So-and-So. Do I use my full name or Professor So-and-So? While I'm friendly with my students, I still believe in keeping a professional distance, and I want to convey a sense of professionalism in my emails. — PROFESSOR SO-AND-SO

DEAR PROFESSOR SO-AND-SO: Sign your communications with your students exactly the way you have signed the one you have written to me.

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### CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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Replace each of the question marks below with one of the vowels **A, E, I, O** or **U**, and then rearrange the letters to form a common word. Each vowel will be used once at most.

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**A B D N U ?**

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**C E L R Y ?**

Yesterday's Answer: MAYOR, PRINCE, PREMIER

# PAMPA Sports

## From the Press Box

### Deflate-gate another example of the flawed 'Patriot Way.' Seattle doesn't exactly help situation.

Championship Sunday went the way many pundits expected it to go.

The Seattle Seahawks had an amazing comeback against the Green Bay Packers while the New England Patriots mopped the rain-soaked floor of Gillette Stadium with the Indianapolis Colts.

So the Super Bowl is set, the two No. 1 seeds meeting in the Big Game for the second straight year.

But not even six hours after the AFC Championship game, reports come out of Foxboro of the New England Patriots using deflated footballs.

The NFL rules state that the two competing teams provide 12 footballs each to officials two and a half hours before the game. The officials will make sure the balls meet regulation, thus

ensuring a fair contest as far as inflation is concerned.

Well it turns out 11 or the 12 balls used by the Patriots were under-inflated by two pounds per square inch.

Who is to blame for this? The Patriots? The officials? Patriots head coach Bill Belichick?

It doesn't matter. Everyone is at fault. If the weather was sunny and 75 degrees I personally wouldn't care.

But the fact of the matter is the balls were conveniently under-inflated on a day when Foxboro was enduring heavy rains. Tom Brady threw the ball 35 times for more than 300 yards. How is throwing with an under-inflated ball (which allows for more grip), in extreme conditions while your opposition is throwing a "normal" ball not an unfair advantage. Is playing in the rain against a dome team not already an advantage?

Now I am not letting the Colts off the hook, they lost 45-7. They need to learn to stop the run! Patriots running back LaGar-

rette Blount had three touchdowns and more than 100 yards on 30-plus carries.

This is a PR nightmare for both the NFL and the Patriots, two organizations that would need to find a cure for cancer to be removed from anyone's bad list.

The NFL did have what looked to be an awesome match-up between the NFL's best teams in the Super Bowl, but now it appears to be tainted.

Albeit not recently, but for a while the Seattle Seahawks had six players suspended for violating the league's substance abuse policy.

Only one, Brandon Browner who is on the Patriots now oddly enough, has been released by Seattle.

The NFL needs to come down hard on New England. Equipment tampering is just a \$25,000 fine, but the fact is the Patriots have spit in the face of the NFL, twice now.

Goodell needs to dock them a draft pick or two and perhaps even suspend Belichick.

In the meantime, let's try to make the best out of the Se-Adderall Seahawks vs. New England Deflate-triots.

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## Hidden Hills scramble results

**STAFF REPORT**  
 Hidden Hills hosted a seniors scramble on Tuesday Jan. 20. Here are the results.  
 First place, with a score of 61, was the team of Kelly Everson, Gene Hall, Bob Henderson and Howard Wells.  
 Second place, with a score of 64, was the team of Rod Porter, Charlie Ritthaler, Carl Johnson and Jimmy

Cantrell.  
 Third place, with a score of 66, was the team of Jerry Stephens, Gerald Owens, Lucio Moreno and Larry McReynolds.  
 Fourth place, with a score of 66, was the team of Fred Courtney, OK. Lee, Leroy Morris and Frank Snow.  
 Kelly Everson was the closest to the hole winner for hole No. 6.

## Brewers trade pitcher Yovani Gallardo to Rangers

**STEPHEN HAWKINS**  
 AP Sports Writer

Yovani Gallardo is getting a chance to pitch at home.

The Milwaukee Brewers traded Gallardo and \$4 million of his \$14 million salary to the Texas Rangers for infielder Luis Sardinas and right-handers Corey Knebel and Marcos Diplan on Monday.

"It definitely means a lot. I grew up here, went to high school here," said Gallardo, who lives in North Texas. "I'm very excited for this opportunity and looking forward to it."

While the deal gives the Rangers a needed proven starter in the middle of their rotation behind Yu Darvish and Derek Holland, it could also indicate the Brewers may try to pursue free-agent pitcher James Shields

Gallardo, who turns 29 next month, was 8-11 last year with a 3.51 ERA in 32 starts last season. He was 89-64 with a 3.69 ERA in an eight-year career with Milwaukee.

The right-hander's contract specifies his 2015 salary increased from \$13 million to \$14 million when he was traded. Gallardo is eligible for free agency in November, though there seemingly is already interest on both sides from a longer stay in Texas even without such discussions so far.

"It's something I expect we will revisit with him and his agent," general manager Jon Daniels said.

Gallardo said "of course" he would like to be pitch in Texas for more than one season, but that his focus now is getting ready for spring training.

Daniels said Gallardo was one of the pitchers the Rangers had targeted this off-season, and fills a specific need. Gallardo worked at least 180 innings in each of the last six seasons.

"The biggest thing we were lacking was

innings in our rotation," the GM said.

Milwaukee took Gallardo in the second round of the 2004 amateur draft out of Trimble Tech High School in Fort Worth, less than 20 miles from the Rangers' ballpark.

"Yovani has been a huge part of the Brewers organization and has left a mark as one of the best pitchers in franchise history," Brewers general manager Doug Melvin said in a statement. "He is a great competitor and professional who will be missed. At the same time, we have added three young and talented players to our organization."

Gallardo's departure presumably frees up a spot for young right-hander Jimmy Nelson to join Kyle Lohse, Matt Garza, Wily Peralta and Mike Fiers in the Brewers' rotation.

Milwaukee went 82-80 last year after adding free-agent pitcher Matt Garza with a \$50 million, four-year contract and burst to a 20-7 start that allowed the Brewers to open a 6 1/2-game NL Central lead and stay atop the division for five months. Milwaukee dropped out of first place on Sept. 1, lost 22 of its last 31 games and missed the playoffs.

Texas is coming off a last-place finish in the AL West. Plagued by injuries, the Rangers lost 95 games — their most since 1985 — and are hoping for a turnaround under new manager Jeff Banister, who as a coach on Pittsburgh's staff was in the same division as Gallardo the past six years.

"He was a workhorse against us. We didn't really barrel him up very good," Banister said. "When he's on top of his game, the command was plus. ... More than anything else, it was the tenacity by which he pitched and he loved to compete. He really wanted to show our hitters that he was in command anytime he faced them."

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