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## County approves tentative sell of Ag Barn to McLean ISD

By JOHN LEE

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The Gray County commissioner's court met on the second floor of the Gray County Courthouse Monday Morning for their semi-monthly meeting.

The Court discussed with Greg Houlett of Happy State Bank regarding the County's banking needs. Houlett was informing the County about their new processes in regards to banking.

Staying with the topic of banking, the Court

also approved the county treasurer, Scott Hahn, to go out for banking proposals. The County asks the various banking entities to give proposals so they can do business with the County. The County does this every two years, and has been with Happy State Bank for the last several years.

The Court also gave Hahn permission to increase the allowable amount that the County invests in their FICA account.

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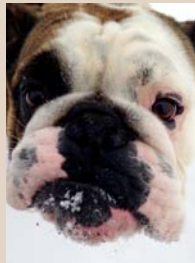
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## Business, Citizen of the Year announced at Chamber Banquet



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Top, Karl Rove was the keynote speaker at Saturday's Chamber of Commerce Banquet. The Chamber presented Carmichael-Whatley, bottom left, with Business of the Year and Jana Vinson, bottom right, with Citizen of the Year.

Former Deputy Chief of Staff Karl Rove served as guest speaker for the event.

By LINDSEY TOMASCHIK

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The Pampa Chamber of Commerce held its 84th annual awards banquet on Saturday evening.

The guest speaker for the evening was Karl Rove, who served as Deputy Chief of Staff for President George W. Bush from 2001 to 2007. Rove held a book signing before the event, where those who purchased tickets were able to get a copy of his book "Courage and Consequence" autographed by him and then got a picture taken with him as well.

Rove took the podium and spoke about what small towns need to do to remain successful in society. He also took questions from the audience after he spoke and told audience members about a phone call he received during the book signing portion of the evening.

He answered a call from President George W. Bush, who asked what Rove was up to on the Saturday night. Rove then told him that he was in Pampa, and without missing a beat, the former president said "Say hi to the Harvest-

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## Harrington String Quartet coming to Pampa

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The Harrington String Quartet and Lyudmil Angelov, piano, will be performing in Pampa on March 7.

This performance is sponsored by WTAMU program Showcase in a Suitcase and Pampa Community Concert Association.

There will be a public informal discussion about the composers and the selections HSQ will be performing at 6:45 p.m. The performance is free to the public and will be at 7:30 p.m.

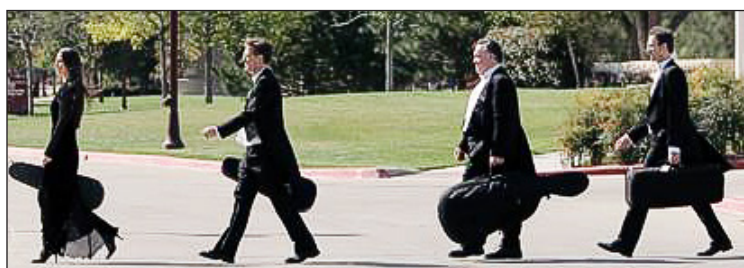
They will be performing two music pieces. One by Beethoven and one

By Franz Schmidt Lebhaft.

### About the Harrington String Quartet

A gem in the cultural landscape of West Texas, the Harrington String Quartet was established by a generous gift from the late Sybil B. Harrington to benefit the Panhandle community. From its founding in 1981, the quartet has brought "stellar credentials" and "a refined sense of ensemble and musical integrity" to performances across the nation and internationally. During

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## New home for Bella and more in update from PAWS

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Another month is crossed off and the PAWS group continues finding homes for lost/unwanted animals. This is a never-ending cycle: just the way life is.

As many bad, crazy stories that come into the shelter, there are some good ones. About a week ago,

there were two really nice ones.

A couple of weeks ago, Bella, a little skinny six-year-old chihuahua, was brought to the shelter because her owners had gotten a new pup and she and Bella did not get along. Bella was terrified, plus she had never been spayed. So several vol-

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## Wal-Mart sues Texas for right to sell liquor

By RYAN MCCRIMMON  
The Texas Tribune

Wal-Mart filed a lawsuit in an Austin federal court on Thursday challenging a Texas law that forbids the company from owning and operating liquor stores in the state.

The lawsuit says the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission code prevents Wal-Mart from obtaining a permit to sell hard alcohol because it is a publicly traded corporation.

Wal-Mart spokesman Lorenzo Lopez said the company is seeking a "fair and level playing field so we can offer our customers a full assortment of adult beverages."

"This is counter to Texas' belief in free enterprise and fair competition, limits our customer's choice and keeps the price of spirits artificially high, all of which harm Texas consumers."

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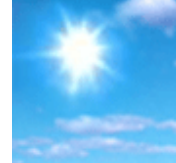
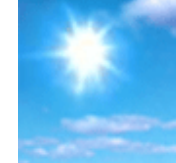
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**Tonight:** A 20 percent chance of snow before midnight. Mostly cloudy becoming mostly clear, with a low around 13. North northeast wind 5 to 15 mph. Sunset at 6:42 p.m.

**Thursday:** Sunny, with a high near 39. West wind 5 to 15 mph. Sunrise at 7:10 a.m.

**Thursday night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 21. South wind 10 to 15 mph. Sunset at 6:43 p.m.

**Friday:** Sunny, with a high near 51. Southwest wind 10 to 15 mph. Sunrise at 7:08 a.m.

**Friday night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 27. South wind 5 to 10 mph. Sunset at 6:44 p.m.

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“It’s an interest account,” county judge Richard Peet. “It has a little bit better interest than some of the others so we gave him (Hahn) permission to invest more in it.”

The next item on the agenda was a public hearing on designating the Reinvestment Zone No. 2. Reinvestment Zone No. 2 is an extension of the allotted zone in the south end of the Gray County for wind energy company, Cielo Wind Power. The extension goes over State Highway 70.

There is a question as to whether the County can legally re-amend the Reinvestment Zone, which caused the extension to be designated as Reinvestment No. 2.

The project included an abatement for 10 years

which included a PILOT (Payment In Lieu Of Taxes) in which they gave so much every year. It included all of both Reinvestment Zones and a power-line that goes from Lefors down Highway 70 into Donley County. They amended the abatement to take the power-line out because Cielo does not own the power-line.

Since the agreement hadn’t been reached, everything was delayed one year. Now construction on the wind farm will start in the Fall of the 2015.

The next item on the agenda the Court Approved involved an agreement with TxDOT Aviation Division on a grant program in which the County shares maintenance costs on Perry-Lefors Airport with TxDOT 50-50.

The County approved to bond the Elections Administrator.

“It’s a bond requirement

by law,” Peet said. “It insures that the elections administrator doesn’t take off and create any illegal activity as the elections administrator. All of our elected officials are bonded [annually]. It’s a bond to insure legal activity.”

The County then approved to close Gray County Road V. Judge Peet said the county closed the road because the road runs about half a mile and is fenced on each side. At the end of the road is a house with a locked gate in front of it. There are neighboring landowners on each side of the road who would like the road closed because people are going on the road and to the house and doing illegal poaching and vandalism. There is no need for the road and neither landowner wants it, thus the county agreed to close it.

There was no action taken for two elevated fuel tanks because there were no bids.

The next item involved 12925 FM 3143 in McLean in which the County leases. In 1983, Gray County leased the land from the City of McLean at \$1 a year. The County went on to build an agriculture barn. The county no longer has

any use for the barn.

McLean Independent School District would like to use the barn for their agriculture students.

The first action was to transfer the lease agreement with the City of McLean from the county to the school district. The second action was to sell the barn to the school district. As long as the City of McLean agrees with the lease, the County has tentatively sold the barn to McLean ISD.

The next item on the agenda involves the LIV-ESCAN project at Gray County Sheriff’s Office. GCSO was informed that the LIV-ESCAN program is outdated. GCSO is seeking a 50-50 grant to pay for it to be replaced. The program ties information with other states.

“If we get an individual here, and you’re not from here and we fingerprint you electronically, it goes into the state and we can pick up your fingerprints from another state,” Peet said. “It’s a very valuable tool.”

The final item was the request of Tax Assessor-Collector to replace an employee. The Court approved this item.

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Lopez said in an email.

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wine at 546 locations in Texas, is also challenging a provision of the law that would prevent the company from owning more than five liquor stores if the company did become eligible for a liquor license.



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# OBITUARIES

## John Neill Carr

John Neill Carr 67, of McLean, passed away in the early morning of February 27, 2015, in Amarillo.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, March 6, 2015, at Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel in Pampa, with John Curry, officiating. Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery, with military honors courtesy of U.S. Navy. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

John was born March 5, 1947, in Crowell. He grew up in Pampa, graduating from Pampa High School. He attended West Texas A&M University where he received a Bachelor's Degree in Biology. John served our country in the Vietnam conflict and spent 17 years in the Navy and Marine Corps as a medical officer, retiring in 1992.

His interests outside work were broad including photography, electrical work, computers, stock market trad-



John Neill Carr

ing, genealogy and automotive work. John was devoted to his four children, his family and was a generous help to friends and strangers alike when they needed it.

He is preceded in death by his father, Fred John Carr; stepfather, Robert B. Echols; and brother, David Carr.

Survivors include his four children, Jessica Bowley, David Carr, Kristina Ellis and Ryan Carr; his mother, Reed Echols of Pampa; his siblings, Susan Stiggins, Mike Carr, Robert Echols and Steven Echols; and 11 grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to a favorite charity.

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

## Danny Lee Martin

Danny Lee Martin, 55, of Wichita, Kan., died Feb. 28, 2015, in Wichita.

There are no services scheduled.

Mr. Martin was born March 27, 1959, in Pampa. He had been a resident of Wichita, Kan. for the past 15 years.

Survivors include his father, Charlie Martin of Pampa; a brother, David Dean Martin of Wichita, Kan.; a sister, Lillie Elizabeth Shoup of Big Spring; step mother, Bobbie Ruth Martin of Big Spring; and many cousins.

## Chamber

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ers for me!"

From there, Bush put Rove on speaker and told him to say hello to his wife, Laura, who also visited Pampa in recent years, and immediately guessed that Rove was speaking for the Chamber when he told her he

was following her footsteps.

It's personal stories like that one which made Rove interesting to listen to and captivated attendance members' attention.

2013 Citizen of the Year Mary McDaniel spoke at the event as well and introduced the 2014 Citizen of the Year, Jana Vinson. Vinson is very active in the community and was speechless as

she spoke through tears of joy accepting the honor and thanking community members and saying that she does not believe she is worthy of receiving such a high honor.

Pampa Regional Medical Center CEO Brad Morse spoke next. PRMC was the 2013 Business of the Year, so Morse spoke and introduced the 2014 Business of the Year, Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors. Owner Doug

Carmichael thanked the community for supporting the business for the three generations and more than 80 years it has been in Pampa.

The Pampa News congratulates Jana Vinson and Carmichael-Whitley on receiving these honors.

For more information about the Pampa Chamber of Commerce and upcoming events, call 806-669-3241.

## PAWS

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unteers would take her out and bring her into the office. We all tried to reassure her that she was going to be okay, but older chihuahuas are hard to find homes for. The Pampa News ran Bella and her story for the Animal of the Week, and a kind woman called and wanted Bella. She was at the beauty shop, but did not want Bella to spend another night in the shelter. So in between procedures she came and adopted Bella. She has been in touch with the shelter since adopting her and says they just love Bella and that she is the perfect dog for them. She could not understand why anyone would have given her up.

People often ask how volunteers can spend so much time at the shelter and what they do there. Faustina Curry said that time passes so quickly with all they do. Volunteers help intake and interact with the animals, many of whom are terrified, hungry and shaking. They then provide warm

clean beds and give extra food to those that need an extra boost. They also give shots and record them and take pictures to send out to pet finders and rescues.

From there, the effort begins to help potential adopters see and interact with animals. Contact does not end after the adoption is complete either. PAWS volunteers follow up on adoptions by calling people and reminding them their newly adopted animal needs a second or third shot, or that it is time to spay or neuter their young animal.

They also work diligently on socializing animals so they are more adoptable, talk to people, fund raise, research problems, walk dogs and file papers and get them ready for rescues. A few volunteers also work on the computer trying to update and record procedures and costs and take sick animals to the vet, give them medicine, give tours and baths and try to do whatever it takes to make an animal feel safe, secure and more adoptable. New volunteers are always welcome, too.

Currently, there is a small Billy goat at the shelter,

for those interested in volunteering by working on something a little different.

The second good story as of recently started out with good intentions and went downhill from there. PAWS was helping an older couple get their two small dogs fixed. They were delivered to the vet clinic the night before, with instructions about one of the little dogs, who was very skittish. Suffice it to say, that one escaped on Friday morning, which was a bitter cold morning with snow coming down on and off throughout the day.

Everyone was out looking for the little guy with no success. We called business in that area, plus various people to be on the look out. There was one sighting later in the day, but he was gone in an instant. Animal control set a trap. It got colder as night came on and it snowed some more. Volunteers looked on and off during the night with no luck. Then, a sighting was made Saturday afternoon. Fence climbing and chasing ensued from there, but he was afraid and uncatchable.

Finally, his owner got

close enough for him to hear her, and he ran excitedly around her but would not let her touch him. After doing this for awhile she had to sit down in a car. Then, he came around to the other side and jumped in the car and went and sat in her lap. Success was achieved after a nightmare for everyone involved. It was a relief for everybody, plus the little guy was safe.

Volunteers are taking dogs and cats to Colorado this week, and a meeting was held on Tuesday night at the shelter.

If you or someone you know has lost a animal, check with the shelter. Curry said there are many good animals that are never claimed, and yet they are well taken care of and many have collars, but no tags. Also, some have microchips but the numbers are disconnected. She reminds the community to always let the shelter know about missing pets.

PAWS also thanks the community for all the donations of food, supplies and money. All monies donated to PAWS goes directly to help animals be healthy and have good forever homes.

## Quartet

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the summer of 2014, the quartet toured Europe as performing guests at the International Music Festival of Toledo (Spain), Altmarm Festspiele (Germany), and the International Music Festival of the Adriatic (Italy).

Upon returning to the USA, they were featured as Distinguished Guest Artists at the Piano Texas Festival in Fort Worth, TX. Highlights from past seasons include a New York debut in Carnegie's Weill Hall and the PBS documentary A Sound Collaboration - The Harrington String Quartet.

The quartet has also enjoyed collaborations with world-renowned artists David Shifrin, Pepe Romero, James Dick, William Preucil, James Dunham, Robert Levin, Alon Goldstein, Guy Yehuda, Arthur Rowe, and members of the Cavani, Miró, and Pro Arte String Quartets.

For more than thirty years, the quartet has delighted audiences with their finely blended sound and heart-felt interpretations of a wide spectrum of repertoire, which ranges from Bach and Purcell to Bartok and Crumb. Harrington String Quartet's collaborative recording with the

Phoenix Chorale, Northern Lights, was distinguished as iTunes's Best Classical Vocal Album of 2012. In 2005, the quartet also released a Grammy nominated album of works by American composer Daniel McCarthy on the Albany Records label.

The Harrington String Quartet is in residence as string faculty at West Texas A&M University. Committed to both performing and teaching, the quartet regularly provides concerts, master classes, lecture-recitals and presentations for audiences of all ages, as well as collaborative projects with artists from various fields.



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### Just a Thought

## Let it go, let it go — don't let it own you

Whatever you own that you can't let go of you don't own, it owns you. More on this later.



**RICK KRAFT**

One of the greatest demoralizers in anyone's life is to live life looking over the fence into your neighbor's yard. Or worse yet, observing what is in their home. It starts with a look, moves to a covet, and then ends with a lowering of your quality of life. The trigger at the front end is the looking over the fence and the end result can be a miserable existence.

It is a case of the "I wish" disease. I wish I had this, I wish I had that. It can rob a person of a life of joy quicker than a pickpocket in a crowded subway. The cure for this disease is not at your local pharmacy. It is within you.

Are you content with your world? If you had a "contentment meter" and its meter scored from a low of 1 to a high of 10, what would your level of contentment be? What score do you give yourself? Why is your score what it is? Is there anything you can do to raise the number higher? The short answer most likely "yes." Read on...

Whether you are happy with what you have or unhappy with what you don't have, you still have the same things.

The first action you need to take to find contentment is to stop comparing yourself to others. Although it is human nature, it is a condition that you can conquer if you so desire. I truly believe this. There is always going to be someone whom you interact with that has

more than you. More belongings, a better job, a better spouse, better children, a better body. You get the idea.

We need to avoid playing the comparison game. Why can he have this and I don't? Why does she get to stay home and I have to go to work? Why do they get to travel? Your contentment meter can do a free fall as you look over your neighbor's fence.

If comparing yourself to others motivates you to do better yourself without any ugly feelings, compare away, change your own world and fly as high as you can. This type of comparison does not lower your contentment meter, nor does it include coveting.

The concept of coveting has been around since the beginning of mankind. It is so ingrained in human nature that it is included as one of the ten commandments brought down from Mount Sinai by Moses over 3400 years ago. We are told at Exodus 20:17, "You shall not covet...anything that belongs to your neighbor." Short and sweet advice that remains as sound over three millenniums later.

In Greek the word "covet" means "to grab or to grasp so tightly that your hands are tight, you can't even let it go." Wow! What are you clutching tightly in your hands?

One definition of coveting is "the uncontrolled desire to acquire." It is okay to desire, to wish, to set goals. But if in the process you are jealous of what others have, you are judging outwardly rather than being motivated inwardly.

Let me let you in on a little secret. It is alright for you to have nice things and it is alright for others to have nice things. If your things are nicer than someone else's, be grateful. If your

things are not as nice as someone else's, be grateful.

My challenge to you today is to live life with a high score on your contentment meter. Enjoy life each day with the highest quality of life you can. You are more apt to be accomplishing what you need to be accomplishing if you are content with the world you live in.

The popular Disney song from the movie "Frozen" tells us "Let it go, let it go, turn away and slam the door." Although Elsa's song isn't about coveting, it is good advice for each of us as we are tempted to look over our neighbor's fence.

If you are grateful for each blessing you have received (regardless of how that looks) and focused on what you need to be doing in your life to accomplish the calling placed on you, you will not have time to covet another and your experience on this planet in the years you have will be much better.

In the Bible at Ecclesiastes 6:9b we are told "It is better to be satisfied with what you have than to be always wanting something else."

You control your "contentment meter." You really do. If it is not pushing a 10, then maybe you need to "let it go, let it go, turn away and slam the door." You will never be content if you live your life playing the comparison game.

There are countless things you can not control, but one thing you can control is your attitude and in turn your attitude will control you.

Just a thought....

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## Museum Musings Sweetwater, Texas, ringtown saloon

Fort Elliott was the United States Army outpost in the eastern Texas Panhandle from 1875 to 1890. Though never involved in a major military engagement, it helped transform the Panhandle from Indian hunting territory into a settlement area. Troops from Fort Elliott patrolled the borders of Indian Territory to the east, policed cattle drives headed north to Kansas railroad depots, and in other ways protected and encouraged settlement of the region.

**COURTNEY OXLEY**

Catering primarily to the soldiers at the fort, during the war time of circa 1874, Sweetwater City, Texas was established. Like many old west settlements, the town was primarily home to bullwhackers, outlaws, buffalo hunters and gamblers. Before the town was called Sweetwater it was known as Hidetown, it's name coming from the buffalo hunters hide trading post there, and was located southeast of where Old Mobeetie is today.

The 15 women in the small town were the dance hall and saloon girls. Many of the saloons had names such as the Pink Pussy Cat Paradise, the Buffalo Chip Mint and the White Elephant. One saloon, called the Ring Town Saloon, located about two and a half miles northwest of Sweetwater was designated for black men only — primarily those Buffalo Soldiers employed at the fort.

Except during its first months, when more than 400 troops were stationed there, Fort Elliott's strength was normally slightly fewer than

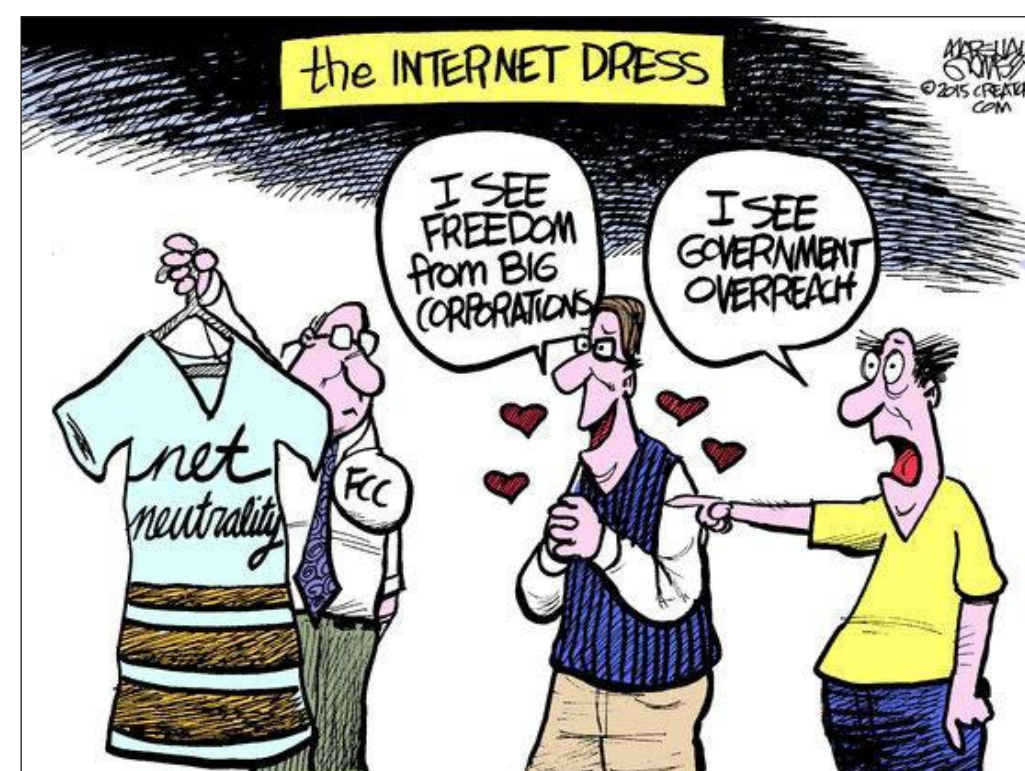
200 men. After 1883, a company of forty Indian scouts was also stationed at the post. In 1879, a company of the black Tenth United States Cavalry was assigned to the garrison, and between 1880 and 1888 other black units, companies of the Twenty-fourth United States Infantry and Ninth United States Cavalry, served there. From November 1881 until February 1884 all of Fort Elliott's troops were black. The commissioned officers were all white, however, with the exception of Lt. Henry O. Flipper, the first black graduate of West Point.

The Buffalo soldier units were formed in 1866, a year and a half after the civil war ended. Named by Plains Indian Warriors, the Indians saw two things in the soldiers that they saw in the buffalo — naturally curly hair and a ferocious fighting spirit. Throughout the years, these soldiers have worn these names with pride.

Throughout the era of the Red River Wars, approximately 20 percent of the U.S. Cavalry troops were buffalo soldiers.



*To learn more about Pampa and the Gray County area, visit the White Deer Land Museum in downtown Pampa. Regular tours are offered Tuesday through Saturday from 1 to 4 p.m. If you would like to schedule a special or group tour, please call or email the museum at 806-669-8041 or [courtney.oxley@graycch.com](mailto:courtney.oxley@graycch.com).*



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### Hump Day with Humphrey

## Humphrey's clingy ways

Well last week I fought through a lack of sleep writing this column as



**LINDSEY TOMASCHIK**

Humphrey slept for most of the night in my bed. I mentioned that it would never happen again, but as many of you know, I'm a pretty big pushover when it comes to my English bulldog.

I think every night since then, he has cried until I have put him on the bed with me. He hadn't stayed there very long again up until the past couple of nights. I finally learned what it's like when Humphrey can reach to jump up on the bed I'm sleeping on when we stayed with grandma and grandpa Tomaschik.

Let's just say that Humphrey gets an overload of energy when we go visit, and I really don't know if he slept at all that night. He wandered around the room and jumped on and off the bed all night. Plus, when he would jump back up onto

the bed, he wouldn't do it quietly. Oh no, he likes to make his presence known, so he would creep up to the pillows and lick my face to wake me up.

It was pretty much another miserable night of sleep for me, and I was glad to return home to my own bed that Humphrey cannot reach to do that to me.

Last night, although he was tired, Humphrey was a restless sleeper in my bed with me.

I put him up there while I was getting ready for bed, and by the time I crawled in, he was sitting directly in the middle. With very little covers or space to myself, I rolled over and tried to drift off to the sound of Humphrey's loud snoring, which I may be starting to get used to.

As Humphrey and I battled over space and covers, he frequently got up throughout the first few hours of the night and would go and sit at the foot of the bed, which eventually turned into him lying at the foot of the bed and sprawling out toward the middle, completely eliminating any foot room

I hoped to have. So there I was, yet again waiting for him to get uncomfortable enough to jump down and retreat to his own bed, which did eventually happen some time after I drifted off.

Humphrey has been weirdly protective, still. He has barely left my side lately, which I really don't mind for the most part. As he was hogging my bed last night, I briefly gave up on the idea of falling asleep and looked up studies on dogs behavior depending on their owner's emotions.

Although there is no solid proof that human behavior has an effect on dogs, there did appear to be correlation between the two. So that made me feel like I'm not completely crazy and that he has been acting this way for a reason, though he has pretty much always been a mamma's boy anyway. Guard dog Humphrey has definitely been on edge lately, so hopefully he'll let up eventually. I'm not sure I want him to become grumpy, old man Humphrey just yet.

Meanwhile, it snowed again last week, and

although we didn't accumulate enough to bring back the dog-paddling Humphrey, I still had fun letting him run around in it, which is where today's picture is from.

Humphrey really enjoys eating the snow, and when he's outside in it, he runs around like a crazy dog, dragging his nose across the ground the whole time, which provided me with some pretty hilarious videos I wish I could share in print.

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Photo by Lindsey Tomaschik  
Humphrey still had some snow on his face after frolicking around in it last week when he posed for this picture.

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# PAMPA Faith

## Just so they would feel at ease

God opened my eyes today to see something in the Advent story that I have missed all the years of my life. I was once again amazed and in awe of the limitless magnificence



**MIKE SUBLETT**

of God's love and mercy. He cares about so many things only because those details are meaningful to us. Isn't that remarkable? The Creator of the universe cares about tiny details because they are important to His human creation. So it was with the shepherds on the

night of the Advent. They were a smelly, uneducated lot who hardly ever spent time around people. They were shepherds who couldn't ever leave the defenseless sheep with whom they had been entrusted. So they spent most of their lives with the sheep and each other. And the only good thing about living their lives with the other smelly shepherds was that they didn't notice their own personal odor so much. This was the life of the shepherds in the Advent story.

Even though it was one of the lower class occupations, the shepherds could at least take great comfort from time to time in knowing that the sheep they watched over would one day be the sacrificial part of one of the great Jewish festivals. Their greatest hope was for each of the sheep in their care to be offered on the Temple altar in Jerusalem.

But on the night Jesus was born those hopes changed. The stinky, ignorant shepherds were selected by God Almighty to be humanity's only representatives to welcome the Christ child into the world. They were the only ones who received a personal invitation from heaven. They didn't even have to RSVP; all they had to do was walk to the stable in Bethlehem. But don't you know that as they

headed for Bethlehem, their hearts filled with worry. After all they were no doubt smelly and dirty and so were their clothes. They must have discussed among themselves that they were hardly appropriately cleansed and attired to welcome the new king. But to their surprise they found Him in the one and only place in Bethlehem where they were completely comfortable, perfectly at ease. They found Him in a smelly, dirty stable.

If Jesus had been born in any of the houses in Bethlehem, the shepherds would have felt totally out of place, maybe so much so as not to even enter. And if He had been born in the inn, the inn keeper would surely have denied them entrance because of how they smelled or due to the complaints of his other guests about their bodily odor. This part of God's plan was for the ease of the shepherds. Mary would surely have preferred a nice room in the inn and so would Joseph. The stable part of the Advent story was God's way of telling the shepherds that He cared about them too and that He wanted them to feel at home with the new infant king.

Father God wants to do for you what He did for the shepherds that night. In this Advent story Father God is sending you a personalized invitation to meet His Son and doing it in such a way so as not to intimidate you. He doesn't want to frighten you away. He just asks that you meet Jesus in the same place where the shepherds met Him. It isn't a matter of you getting all cleaned up on your own, somehow becoming worthy of meeting the Redeemer. All you have to do is just meet Jesus in the stable; arriving all smelly in your sin will be fine, just come. So is it time for you to do what the shepherds did? Luke 2:16 "They hurried to the village" and met the Christ child. God bless. Mike

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### CHURCH SPOTLIGHT

## Have you ever been on a game show?

Last week I was watching "Wheel of Fortune" with my daughter. We had a lot of fun trying to guess what each puzzle was. As I watched, my mind drifted to



**RICHARD HAWTHORNE**

the thought that I used to watch "Wheel of Fortune" with my grandparents a long time ago. Curiously, I looked up how long the show has been on the air. Here is what I found. It is the longest running syndicated game show with more than 6,000 episodes and it started its 33rd season in 2015. That certainly is amazing.

As I watched I also thought about all the contestants that had been on the show. Quick math told me that at least 18,000 contestants had been on the show during its history. That is a lot of people.

I also thought about Ken Jennings, who holds the record for the longest running winning streak in game show history at 74 wins on Jeopardy. Jennings has quite a story as he is also second all-time in game show winnings at just more than three million dollars.

After going through this thought process another thought crossed my mind, "I would love to be on a game show. It would be a lot of fun. Why have I never been on a game show?"

It is a good question to ask I guess. My first answer to the question was, "I have never been on a game show because the producers of a game show have never called and asked me to be on a show." But that brings up another question, "Why have the producers of a game show never called and asked me to be on a game show?"

The answer to that question is simple, I have never auditioned to be on a game show. The producers do not just randomly call up people and put them on the show. A contestant has to first try out to be on a show. You have to TRY.

Isn't that true about other areas of life. You look at something and think,

"I would love to \_\_\_\_\_." But you never do it because it stays as a nice little thought in your mind. You never TRY.

What keeps you from trying something new?

I think the number one reason you do not try new things is fear. Fear of failure, fear of defeat, fear making a fool out of yourself, and the list goes on and on. It is this fear that keeps you paralyzed and prevents you from trying new things.

How do you overcome the fear of trying something new? Here are three thoughts:

1. Identify. Identify that one thing that you have always wanted to try. You may not want to be on a game show but there is certainly that thought that you have always pushed to the back of your mind. The thought that says, "I would love to try \_\_\_\_\_."

2. Educate yourself. Learn all that you can about what it is that you want to try. Find stories of people who have done what you want to do and learn from them. In the information age that we live in there are endless opportunities to learn new things.

3. Step. Take the first step. Educating yourself can be a powerful motivator but there comes a point where you just have to step out and TRY.

Last year more than one million people tried out for "Wheel of Fortune" but only 600 made it on the air. 600 people made it on the air because they identified what it was that they wanted to do, then they educated themselves and finally they stepped out and gave it a shot.

These 600 would have never had the chance if they had sat at home with the thought, "It sure would be nice to be on a game show." They would have never had the chance if they had not taken the steps to overcome their fear.

What is it that you are going to try for the first time?

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## The PAMPA NEWS 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 handout pages that will supply each student with a significant notebook for contin-

ued 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 chil-

dren 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**

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## Christian one liners

- Many folks want to serve God, but only as advisors.
- People are funny; they want the front of the plane, the middle of the road, and the back of the church.
- Quit griping about your church; If it were perfect, you couldn't belong to it.
- Don't let your worries get the best of you; Remember, Moses started out as a basket case.
- We are called to be witnesses, not lawyers or judges.
- Some minds are like concrete, thoroughly mixed up and permanently set.
- Be ye fishers of men. You catch them and God will clean them.
- God grades on the cross, not on the curve.
- Don't wait for six strong men to take you



**DAVID BOULER**

- to church.
- The task before us is never as great as the power behind us.
- Don't put a question mark where God put a period.
- He who angers you, controls you.
- If God is your co-pilot, swap seats.

- I don't know why some people change churches; what difference does it make which one you stay home from.
  - Opportunity may knock but once, but temptation bangs on the front door forever.
  - It's easier to preach sermons than it is to live one.
  - When you get to your wits end, that is where you usually meet God.
  - Some church people are kind, polite, and sweet-spirited until you sit in their pew.
  - God promises a safe landing, not a calm voyage.
  - Forbidden fruit creates many jams.
  - We don't change the message, the message changes us.
  - You can tell how big a person is by what it takes to discourage him or her.
  - The best mathematical equation I have ever seen is 1 cross + 3 nails = 4 given.
- It's amazing what we learn when we go to church and listen.

*Dr. David Bouler is from Tennessee Temple University in Chattanooga, Tenn., who writes "God's Good News For Today." He can be reached at davidbouler@intemple.edu.*

## It's that time again!

We are going to be having a parent meeting on March 12, 2015. The main focus of this meeting is to discuss our new involvement with Community Partners. We are expanding our resources and can now help meet families needs in a new way. As a whole we strive to assist our children and families to the best of our ability. Resources are vast in our facility and we are excited to see what this new one will offer for not only us but for our families and children. Come out and see what the future for Community Daycare Center holds for you.



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## Church Calendar

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.

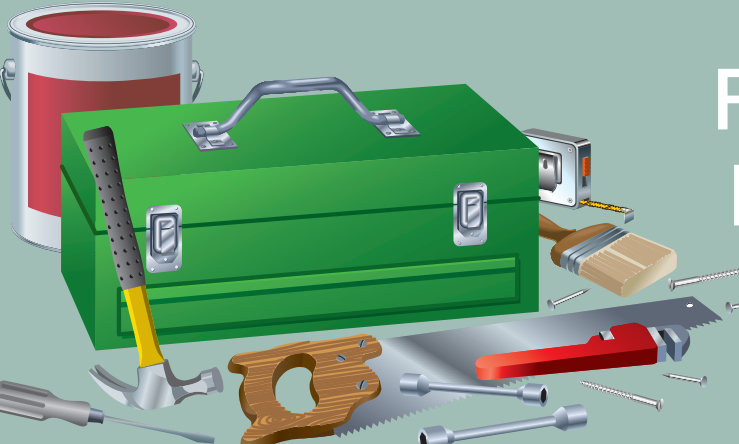
Regular worship services are: Sunday morning Bible study, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.; morning worship begins at 10:45 a.m. to noon; Wednesday night Bible study is from 5 to 6 p.m.

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

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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 5-6 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.

## Citizens for a Better Pampa Meetings

The Citizens for a Better Pampa meetings are scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 1925B North Hobart. The group is made up of individuals who want to work with our city commissioners and the city government/employees to help make Pampa a better place to live for all Pampa residents and visitors. All who have concerns, positive ideas, suggestions, and solutions for concerns are encouraged to attend these meetings.

Group members attend the City Commission meetings, then grab a bite to eat and meet at the office conference room (1925B North Hobart) to get acquainted and visit before starting.

For more informa-

tion, please contact Dale or Phillis at (3 Par Ranch office), 806-665-0805.

## March 2015 DSHS Immunization Clinic

The March 2015 Department of State Health Services Immunization Clinic Schedule has been announced. All three clinics will be at 121 S. Gillespie from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m. Each time-frame is for the first 10 clients.

The clinics will be on March 4, March 11 and March 18.

All times are subject to change or cancellation in case of extenuating circumstances.

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## Area Support Groups

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

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

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

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

■ **Cancer Support** meets from 12-1 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month at Central Baptist Church. For more info, contact Beth Kean at 800-274-4673

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

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

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

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

■ **Accolade Home Care** sponsors a **Parkinson's Support Group** the second Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. The group meets at Accolade at 1313 N. Hobart St.

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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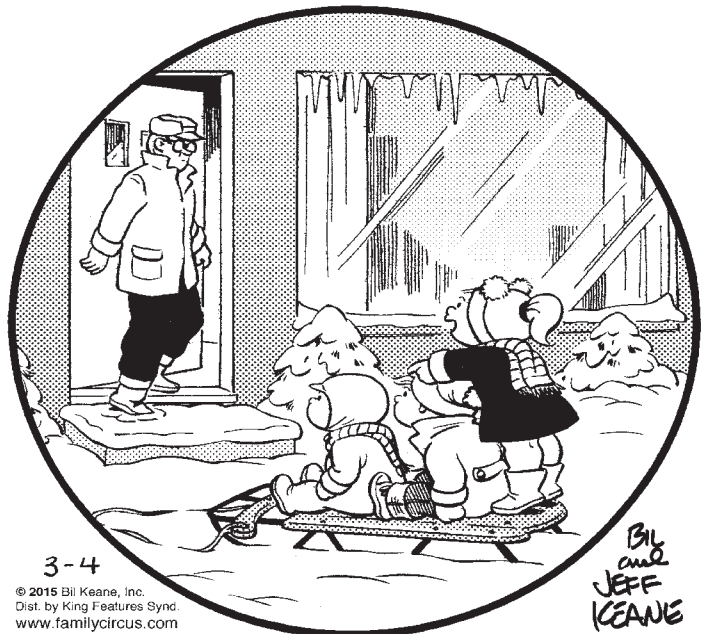




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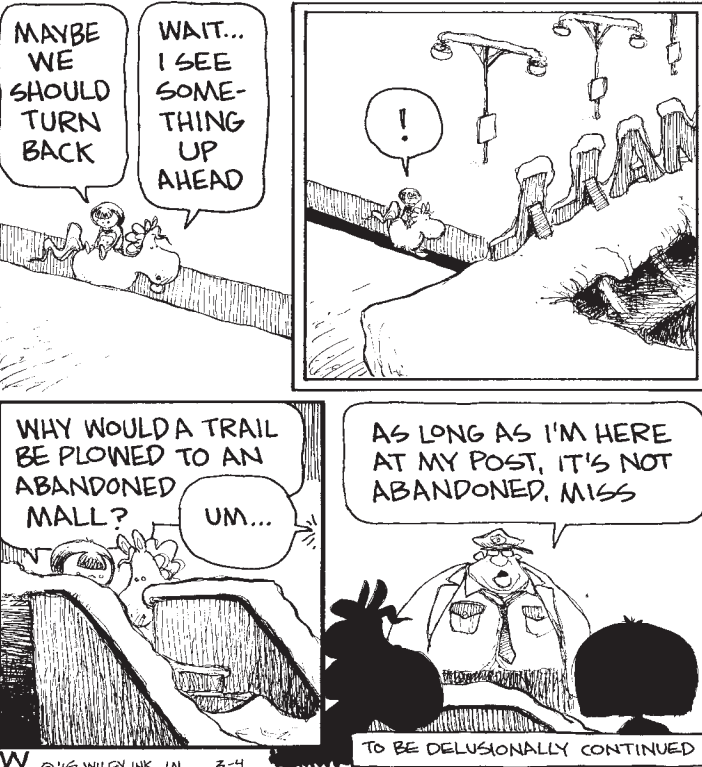


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# DAILY Horoscope

A baby born today has a Sun in Pisces and a Moon in Virgo.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Thursday, March 5, 2015:

This year you are open to many fast changes. Others sometimes express frustration at your tendency to go back and forth with some issues. Use your sixth sense to determine what stance you should take. If you are single, you are likely to meet someone important to your life sometime after mid-August. Make sure this person accepts you as you are. If you are attached, you often might be on the other side of an issue from your significant other. Accept and embrace your different views. Remain spontaneous, and the romance will continue to blossom. **VIRGO** can be quite picky.

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 have a lot of ground to cover with new, unexpected items popping up. You easily could spread yourself too thin. You might need to pay extra attention to a boss or loved one who dominates your daily life. Tonight: Stay in the neighborhood.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)  
★★★★★ You know how to deal with a loved one who seems intent on stirring up some controversy. However, understand that this type of behavior could resurface. Friends surround you with advice. Tonight: Express your caring in your own terms.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)  
★★★ Stay close to home. There could be an unusual amount of activity bubbling up around you. Juggling the different forces in your life might be dependent on a partner's goodwill, sense of humor and suggestions. Tonight: Invite a friend over for munchies.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)  
★★★★ You could be in a situation where you need to look at your alternatives. Pressure builds around communication as you attempt to deal with a changeable situation. Double-check meeting times and places. Misunderstandings are likely. Tonight: Catch up on a friend's news.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)  
★★★ Tension surrounds your finances. It would be wise not to make any decisions in this highly pressured moment. You could feel as if a day-to-day matter has been blown out of proportion. Be one of the few who decides to remain nonreactive. Tonight: Think "week-end."

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)  
★★★★ You are a key figure in today's Full Moon. You might want to handle a creative endeavor or a new relationship with care. Be aware of how little you know about the situation. Stay open-minded, and avoid making snap judgments. Tonight: Let others act out.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)  
★★ You might look around and wonder what is going on. Lie low, and try to steer clear of controlling people. Your sense of humor emerges when you walk into a similar situation with someone you consider to be profoundly logical. Tonight: Get as much sleep as need be.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)  
★★★★ Keep your eye on the big picture, even if you don't agree with what is going on. You would be well-advised to keep your opinions to yourself for now. When things calm down, then you might be in the position to have this discussion. Tonight: Where all your friends are.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)  
★★★★ Listen to a higher-up, as you aren't likely to be able to avoid him or her. You might want to re-think your decisions involving this person. You have a lot going on around you that you'll need to gain a different perspective on. Tonight: Try to juggle different people's needs.

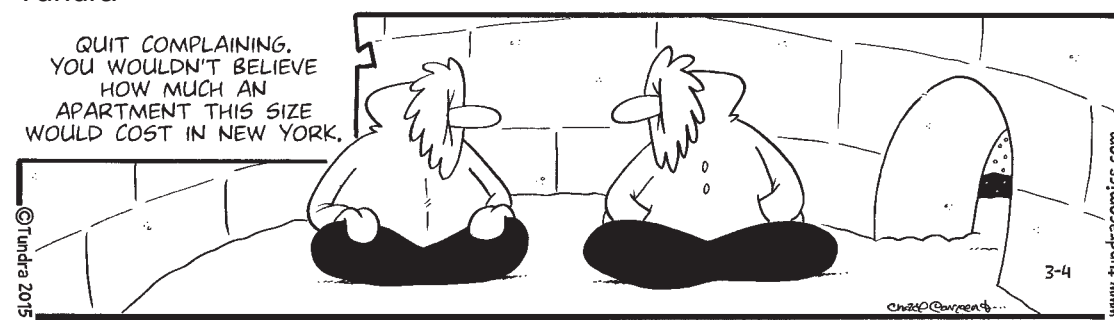
**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)  
★★★ You'll be taken aback by news that heads your way. You might need to make a call or clarify information. There could be some facts that are missing. Be sensitive and listen well. Adjust your plans accordingly. Tonight: Meet a friend at a preferred hangout.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)  
★★★★★ Be aware of how much you can give to someone else. This person might be subtle about asking for what he or she wants. Be bold and clarify. You'll need to keep communication open. You don't need to agree to anything right now, even if you feel pressured. Tonight: Your treat.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)  
★★★★ Before people and situations demand your attention, ask yourself how you feel. If you feel tired or pressured, that could explain your recent lack of patience. Try not to get too wound up in today's Full Moon tales. Tonight: Start the weekend now.

**BORN TODAY**  
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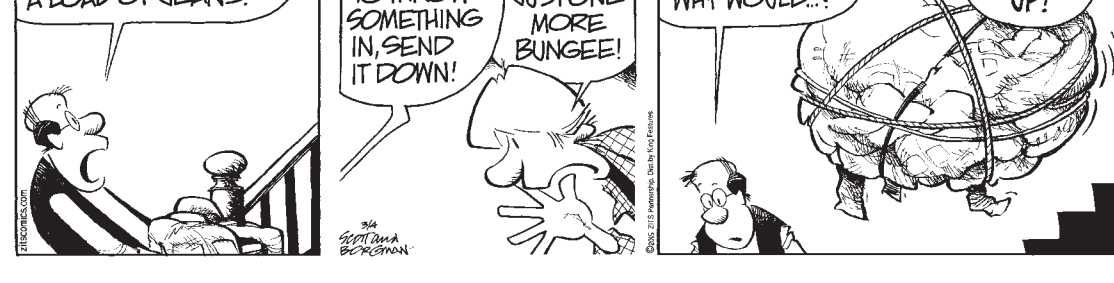
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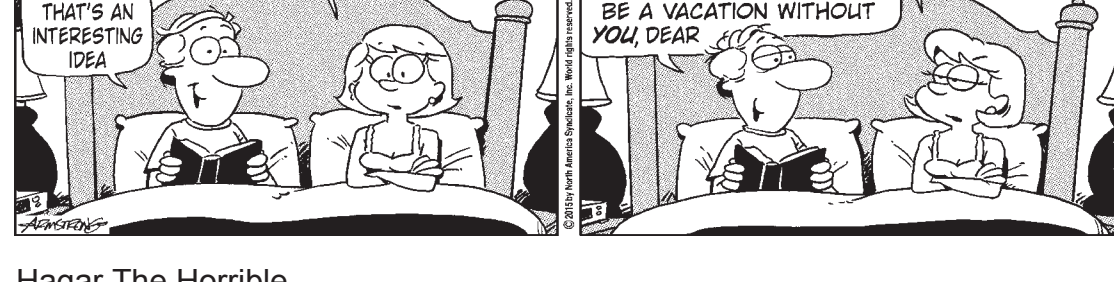
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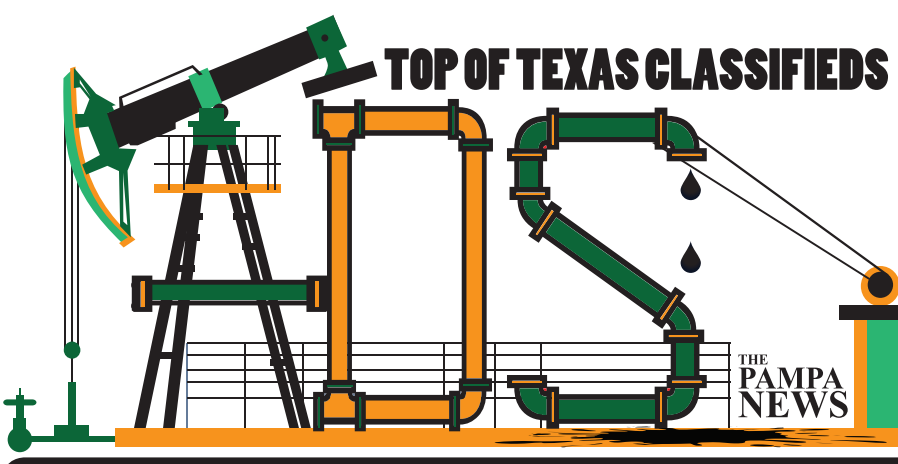
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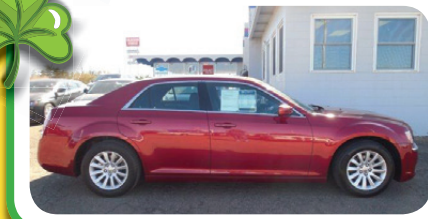
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## Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I was recently told by a friend that my husband had sent her texts of an inappropriate and sexual nature. My husband didn't deny that he sent them and refused to tell me what he sent.

This woman is envious of my husband and jealous of our relationship. She often comments about how she'd love to have a man like mine, etc. My concern is, he admits he texted her, but I don't understand why. My intuition tells me she told me the truth, but I want to trust my husband.

Now I'm suspicious. I always want to check his phone, and analyze every aspect of our life and marriage. I feel this has put a huge wedge between us, and I no longer feel the same love and passion for him. Please help. What do I do now? Is my marriage over? — SUSPICIOUS IN MICHIGAN

DEAR SUSPICIOUS: Your marriage may not be over, but it could be in jeopardy. Considering what has been going on, you have every right to be concerned.

Marriage counseling may help you and your husband get back on track if he's willing to go with you. But if he isn't, then for your own sake, get counseling on your own because you may need to talk to someone who isn't emotionally involved in your turmoil. It will make you stronger.

DEAR ABBY: Every time my new wife and I visit my mom or she visits us, my mother scratches my back, rubs my arm, rests her hand on my inner thigh, tickles me, hugs me or touches me any chance she gets. I don't reciprocate or validate the touching, but I don't discourage it either. She has been this way for so long that I've just gotten used to it. I never noticed how creepy it was until my wife mentioned something.

The problem is, how do I address this with my mother? I don't want to throw my wife under the bus as the reason for the discussion, but I am not sure how believable it will be if I suddenly say after 30-plus years that it bothers me. I want the mes-

sage that I feel she should stop touching me at every opportunity to come from me. How do I have this conversation? What can I say? — NO MEANS NO

DEAR NO MEANS NO: Say, "I love you, Mom, and I know I should have mentioned this before, but when you do that, it makes me uncomfortable, so please stop." If she wants to know why, all you have to do is tell her you know she loves you, but you think what she's doing is excessive.

DEAR ABBY: We go out to eat occasionally with another couple I'll call Jack and Jill. Most restaurants around here offer free refills on soft drinks or self-serve. Jack will order water (free) to drink while Jill orders a soda. They then take their empty glasses and refill them with a colorless soft drink.

They see nothing wrong with the practice. We think it's stealing, and we are embarrassed. What are your thoughts, and how should we react when

this is done in front of us? Lately we have been making excuses to avoid going out with them. — EATING WITH CHEAP-SKATES

DEAR E.W.C.: I agree that it's stealing. Jack and Jill are taking something to which they are not entitled. Have you spoken to them about it? If you have, then because their behavior makes

you uncomfortable, you are justified in not going out with them.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at [www.DearAbby.com](http://www.DearAbby.com) or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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Yesterday's Answer: Common K; SMOKER, WICKET, HECKLE, GASKET

### Sudoku

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Level: Intermediate

### CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS 39 Queen — lace

1 Jack of rhyme

6 Small nail

10 "— de Lune"

11 Madrid museum

12 Rosy-cheeked

13 Inform against

14 Fancy flower

15 Moolah

16 Buddy

17 Add up

18 Filming site

19 Flower boxes

22 Wow 'em at the comedy club

23 Cry from a sty

26 Bandages, to Brits

29 Argon or xenon

32 Motel freebie

33 Flower visitor

34 Gallery star

36 Heart, essentially

37 Minimum amount

38 Lily variety

40 Benefit

41 Benefit

42 Prom crowd

DOWN

1 Be frugal

2 Mice and men, e.g.

3 Extreme

4 Helps out

5 Attempt

6 Muffin

7 Billing info

8 Find darling

9 Words of prohibition

11 Snowbell's cousin

15 Expected

17 Salon staffers

20 Snooze

21 Canine command

24 Interstellar clouds

25 Cold War citadel

27 Do something

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Yesterday's answer

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- 29 Fancy events
- 30 Fight site
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- 35 "Got it"
- 36 Make streets
- 38 Purr producer

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# Texas' defense the key in 61-59 win over No. 14 Baylor

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Longhorns had just gone ahead of Baylor in overtime, and Bears' guard Kenny Chery had less than 5 seconds to bring the 14th-ranked Bears back.

Chery drove up court but missed a shot at the rim — Texas' Myles Turner was credited with a block — and the Bears lost 61-59 Monday, snapping their four-game winning streak and the Longhorns' four-game losing streak.

"They're a good defensive team," Chery said. "They are going to contest every shot."

Texas (18-12) improved to 7-10 in the Big 12 with one game remaining, keeping its hopes for an NCAA tournament bid alive. Last season, Oklahoma State became the first Big 12 team to get an at-large bid with a losing conference record (8-10).

"Coach (Rick Barnes) said this gives us another breath," Texas guard Javan Felix said.

The Longhorns took the lead when Isaiah Taylor made a tear-drop shot in the lane with 4.8 seconds remaining.

Taylor, the point guard, played only 6 minutes in the first half because of foul trouble. He was on the bench for all but 5 minutes in the second half and that was Barnes' choice.

"He wasn't doing what we needed him to do defensively," said Barnes, who won his 400th game at Texas.

But Taylor was back for the overtime, making another tear-drop shot early in the overtime before the game-winner.

Seven players from both teams were ejected in the overtime for leaving the bench during a brief skirmish between Taylor and Baylor's Royce O'Neale.

Demarcus Holland led Texas with 12 points. Kendal Yancy scored 11, one more than Felix, who began the overtime with a 3-pointer.

Taurean Prince led Baylor with 17 points. Rico Gathers had 12 points and 11 rebounds.

After an exchange of turnovers in the overtime, Taylor and O'Neale fell to the court, prompting the brief skirmish. Four Longhorns, including starters Yancy and Cam Ridley, were ejected along with key reserves Prince Ibeh and Connor Lammert. Three Baylor players, starter Johnathan Motley and subs Ishmail Wainright and John Heard, were tossed.

Barnes and Baylor coach Scott Drew said they expected that none of the players would be suspended by the Big 12.

The Bears (22-8, 10-7) led by 10 points with a little more than 6 minutes remaining, a lead they built with 3-pointers by Prince, Lester Medford and Al Freeman in a span of less than 3 minutes.

Texas' Jon Holmes hit a long 3-pointer with 1:04 left in regulation to tie the game at 54. Ibeh then blocked a driving shot by Chery. Texas had 11 blocks in the game, six by Turner.

"I thought I had a clear lane," Chery said.

Said Drew, "We had too many times when we challenged the shot-blockers."

Even so, Baylor, unlike Texas, doesn't have to worry about receiving an invitation to the NCAA tournament.

"They played hard, and they won," Prince said. "It's frustrating, but we're still in a good position. We're going home happy."

## Texas announces loyalty points system for football tickets

AUSTIN (AP) — Getting the best seats for Texas sporting events will be based on a new loyalty points system tied to how much a fan donates or spends on tickets.

The UT Athletics Department on Tuesday announced what it calls a simplified process to determine priority for season tickets, parking, postseason games and other high-demand events.

The 2015 football season ticket-renewal process will be the first use for loyalty points. Totals are based on full-season

ticket history, seat-related contributions and philanthropic gifts.

Renewing foundation and season-ticket members earn points from past contributions and purchases since 1986. That's when the Longhorn Foundation was established.

Five points are awarded per \$100 contribution for philanthropic gifts received since Sept. 1, 2014. One point will be awarded per \$100 contribution for all ticketed sports since 1987.



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- St. Bonaventure at St. Louis.....FCSC 7 p.m.
- USC at UCLA.....ESPN2 8 p.m.
- TCU at Oklahoma State.....ESPNU 8 p.m.
- St. John's at Marquette.....FS1 8 p.m.
- Oregon at Oregon State.....ESPNU 10 p.m.

**NBA Basketball**

- LA Lakers at Miami Heat.....ESPN 7 p.m.
- Portland TrailBlazers at LA Clippers.....ESPN 9:30 p.m.

**NHL Hockey**

- New York Rangers at Detroit Red Wings...OLN 7 p.m.

**Soccer**

- United States v. Norway.....FS1 1 p.m.
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# King joins lawmakers to pass stronger border, Safer Texas Act

■ Legislation strengthens border security, toughens penalties for smugglers and gives DPS new tools to crack down on crime syndicates statewide.

**SUBMITTED**

AUSTIN — Rep. Ken King and a bipartisan group of Texas House members Monday called for passage of House Bill 11, the Stronger Border, Safer Texas Act, because it will strengthen border security and help law enforcement stop border-related crime wherever it occurs across the state.

“Border security is a federal responsibility but Texas cannot afford to wait for Washington to act,” said Rep. King. “The Stronger Border, Safer Texas Act will permanently strengthen the presence of DPS Troopers on the border, curb the flow of the cartels’ supply lines and create a new team of investigators who will help police crack down on crime syndicates wherever they operate in Texas.”

Key provisions of House Bill 11, co-authored by Rep. King, include:

- Hiring of certified police officers at the DPS Trooper II level and authorizing 10 hour work days for DPS Troopers serving in the border region, ending the current practice of periodically shifting officers from other parts of the state.

Creating a DPS Officer Reserve Corps of retired officers who will assist police statewide with background investigations, sex offender compliance checks and other duties.

- Imposing tougher penalties for smugglers, and classifying human smuggling as organized crime.

- Cutting the cartels’ supply lines with new southbound checkpoints within 250 yards of the border to curb the flow of stolen vehicles, guns and money from being smuggled into Mexico.

- Establishing a multi-agency border crime information center in the Rio Grande Valley led by local law enforcement with assistance from DPS.

- Requiring law enforcement entities to adopt the National Incident Based Reporting System to ensure the transparency and uniformity of crime data throughout the state.

# DPS reminds Texans to use online services, mega centers during Spring Break rush

**SUBMITTED**

AUSTIN — The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is encouraging customers to plan ahead for the busy weeks surrounding Spring Break and take advantage of early renewals, online services or visit a driver license mega center when renewing their driver license or identification card. Residents who are eligible can skip the trip to the office completely by using Texas.gov to renew their license or identification card.

“DPS offers several options for cus-

tomers to complete driver license or identification card transactions online or at high-capacity mega centers — which can be especially convenient during the busy Spring Break period,” said DPS Director Steven McCraw. “Many Texans qualify to completely forego visiting a driver license office by renewing online or they can visit one of DPS’ mega centers, which feature leading-edge technologies that allow customers to reserve a place in line

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# Senator Seliger files bills to enhance teacher development

**SUBMITTED**

AUSTIN — Recently, State Senator Kel Seliger (R-Amarillo) filed Senate Bills 892 and 893 — two bills that will enhance the preparation, readiness and effectiveness of teachers.

SB 892 recognizes that high-quality educator preparation programs are of critical importance in balancing teacher shortages with teacher preparation. This bill implements an innovative policy of averaging the grade point average requirement across an entire class of teacher candidates, allowing maximum flexibility for admissions decisions. It also increases the hours that teacher candidates must spend in a classroom before they are eligible for certification.

“As a state, we have made significant progress in improving the standards and requirements of educator preparation programs, but more must be done to continue to better prepare

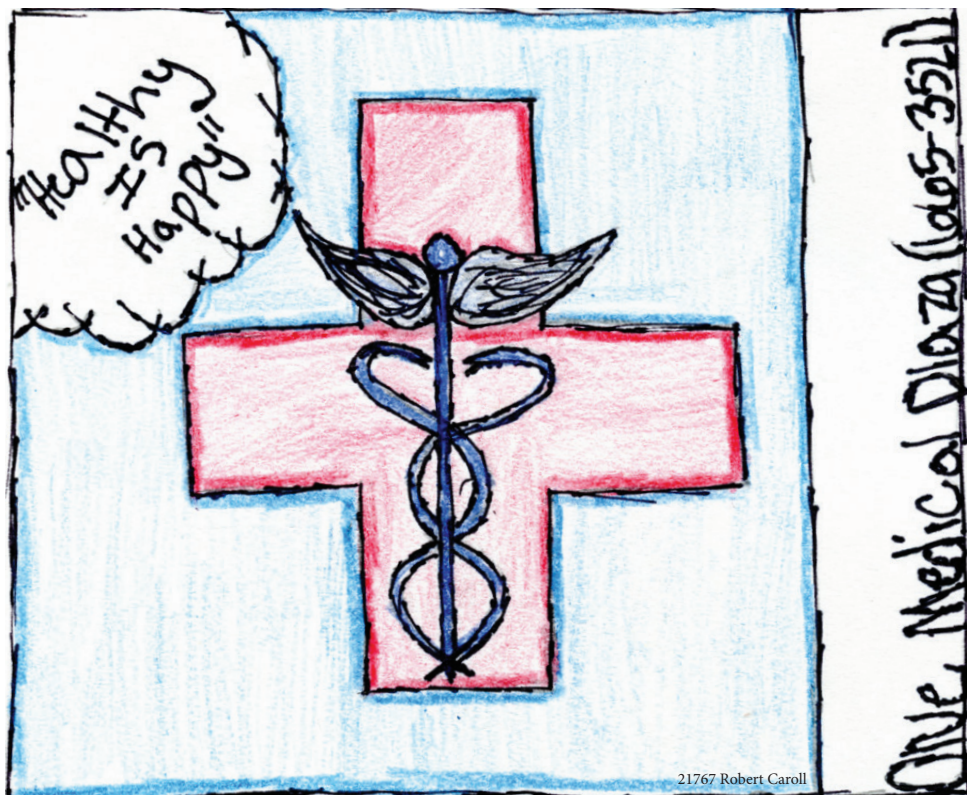
teachers for the diverse classrooms they are entering,” said Seliger.

SB 893 focuses on the critical importance of effective teachers by providing more opportunities for teacher leadership and promoting continuous professional growth and improvement.

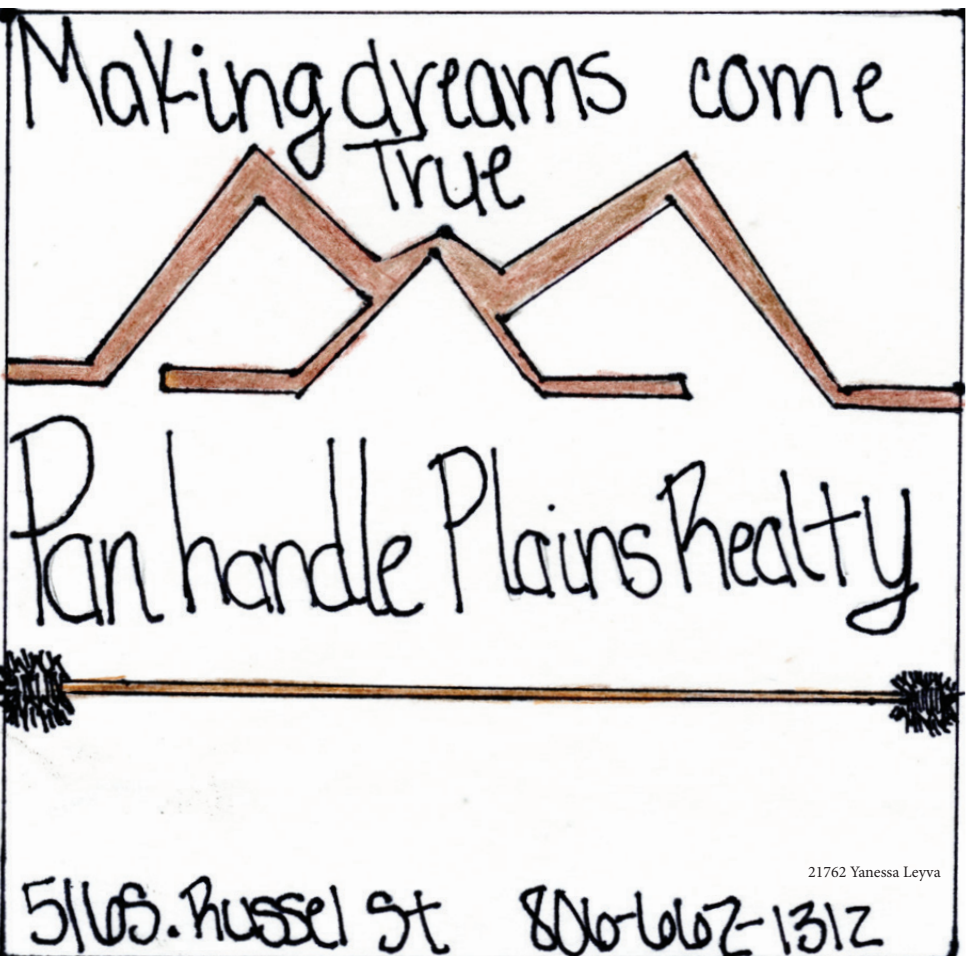
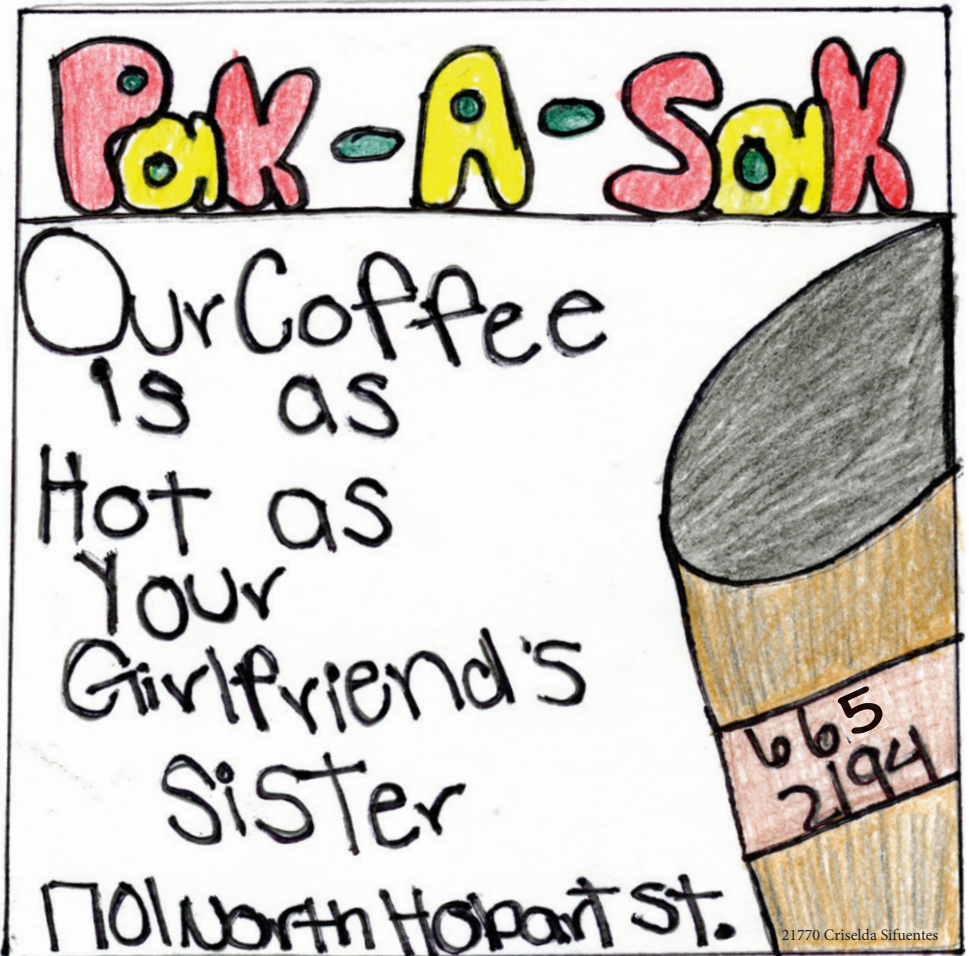
Studies have found that teacher effectiveness is the greatest equalizer of obstacles related to student learning. This legislation provides for annual evaluations to improve communication and feedback and enhance best practices; enhanced, high-quality and targeted professional development; and strategic compensation.

“This bill positively impacts both students and teachers,” said Senator Seliger.

“If we attract, develop, engage and reward effective teachers, we will inevitably see gains in student achievement as well as the enrichment of teaching as a profession.”



Pampa Regional Medical Center





# Pampa Fire Department call log — Feb. 27-March 2

## 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.

### Feb. 27

- At 12:57 p.m., to the 1400 block of Gwendolyn on a good intent call.
- At 1:17 p.m., to the 900 block of East Gordon on a medical assist.
- At 1:23 p.m., to Loop 171 and U.S. Highway 60 on a vehicle fire.
- At 7:51 p.m., two units and six personnel to the 200 block of East 18th on a fire alarm activation.
- At 9:05 p.m., to the 1300 block of East Kingsmill on a medical assist.

### Feb. 28

- At 1:24 a.m., to the 700 block of North Somerville on a good intent call.
  - At 9:28 a.m., to the 100 block of North Sumner on a medical assist.
  - At 9:20 p.m., to the 200 block of Tignor on a medical assist.
  - At 11:03 p.m., to the 2000 block of Mary-Ellen on a lift assist.
- March 1**
- At 12:19 a.m., to the 2000 block of North Russell on a motor-vehicle accident. No injuries.
  - At 1:10 a.m., to the 400 block of West Foster on a medical assist.
  - At 2:39 p.m., one unit and five personnel to the 900 block of South Nelson on a gas leak.
  - At 4:43 p.m., one unit and four personnel to the

- 700 block of North Wells on a medical assist.
  - At 7:52 p.m., one unit and five personnel to the 1100 block of East Kingsmill on a lift assist.
  - At 9:10 p.m., to the 1600 block of North Faulkner on a medical assist.
  - At 11:46 p.m., one unit and five personnel to the 500 block of Sloan on a medical assist.
- March 2**
- At 9:18 a.m., to the 800 block of West 25th on a medical call.
  - At 4:01 p.m., to the 1700 block of North Hobart on a medical call.
  - At 5:56 p.m., to the 1400 block of Williston on a public assistance.
  - At 6:21 p.m., to the 1900 block of Duncan on a medical call.

# Authorities seeking information on theft of livestock at Braum's Farms

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FOLLETT — Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association Special Ranger Ben Eggleston is seeking information on the theft of 1,121 head of Holstein/Jersey cross steer calves from a Braum's dairy farm in Follett, Texas.

Employees at Braum's Farms noticed the steer calves, weighing from 300 to 750 pounds, were missing after doing their 2014 yearly inventory. The dairy farm is located on the border of Lipscomb County, Texas and Ellis County, Okla.

Anyone with further information regarding this case should contact TS-CRA's Operation Cow Thief hotline at 888-830-2333 or call Eggleston at 806-852-4741. A cash reward of \$10,000 may be paid to individuals who can provide useful information leading to the arrest and grand jury indictment of suspect(s). Individuals reporting information may choose to remain anonymous.



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before arriving."

Located in the Austin, Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston and San Antonio metropolitan areas, driver license mega centers offer larger facilities and technology designed to improve efficiency and customer service. Mega centers leverage an innovative queuing system that offers customers the convenient option to reserve a spot in line before going to the office. Customers can virtually enter the line via cell phone, online or using a land line. For a list of the 16 driver license offices that offer this feature or to schedule an appointment before arriving, visit: <http://www.dps.texas.gov/DriverLicense/onlineScheduling.aspx>

Many offices require online scheduling in order to obtain an appointment for a driving test. To see if an office near

you offers online scheduling, visit [http://www.dps.texas.gov/administration/driver\\_licensing\\_control/Rolodex/scheduleDriveTest.htm](http://www.dps.texas.gov/administration/driver_licensing_control/Rolodex/scheduleDriveTest.htm).

To be eligible to renew online, the card holder must be a U.S. citizen and the expiration date on the card must be within one year. Customers can renew their card early at any time within one year of the expiration date and choose a convenient time that fits their schedule. When the card is renewed, the expiration date on the new card will be six years after the current card's expiration date, whether customers renew early or not. Additionally, in order to renew online, the card cannot have been expired for more than two years. Requirements for renewing online are available at Texas.gov, the official website of the State of Texas. Customers can also renew by phone at 1-866-357-3639. The eligibility requirements for phone renewal are the same as for online renewal. The fee is the

same for online, in-person and telephone renewals.

Licenses must be renewed in person every 12 years, so an updated photo can be taken and eyesight can be tested. If residents need to come into the office to renew, they can do so within one year prior to the expiration date, which means they can pick a time that is convenient for their schedule.

Customers may obtain a replacement driver license or identification card online if they are able to provide the 20 character code on the front of their current license or card.

Visit the DPS website to make sure you have the proper paperwork (including documents needed for residency requirements) before making the trip to the office: <http://www.dps.texas.gov/DriverLicense/ApplyforLicense.htm>.

To find out more about online renewal services, visit: <http://www.dps.texas.gov/DriverLicense/OnlineServices.htm>.

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# How shopping locally can help you and your community

Today's consumers have more shopping options at their disposal than they did in years past. Though the Internet may put the world at one's fingertips, more and more shoppers are discovering that buying locally makes for a superior shopping experience.

The benefits associated with shopping locally are many, and the following are just a few reasons why shoppers may want to look no further than their own communities when planning their next shopping excursions.

### Keeps money in the local economy

Locally-owned businesses often put a larger share of their revenue back into their communities. Small business owners may be more inclined to employ local residents, giving more people in the community solid employment. Business owners may reach out and support other neighborhood efforts, such as fundraising initiatives for charities and schools. By shopping at local stores, you have a hand in supporting these efforts as well.

### Save money

When factoring in travel time and the cost of fuel, shopping locally makes more sense than driving to a faraway mall. In addition, repeat customers who establish a rapport with a local business owner may find that such owners are more inclined to price match or work with loyal customers to find lower prices through suppliers.

### Diversify your home and lifestyle

Shoppers who prefer more unique styles may find local businesses cater to their needs better than large chain stores. Larger retailers offer the same products to customers regardless of where those customers live, so a person in California may be decorating his or her home with the same furnishings as a person in

North Carolina. But local shops tend to produce more unique items that are not available nationwide.

### Promote entrepreneurship

Small businesses are an essential element to the country's economic growth. By shopping locally, consumers are showing their support for this important segment of the national economy.

### Help establish local pride

Independent shops contribute to the fabric of a community and what makes it special and unique. Tourists and other visitors will be much more inclined to remember a local shop rather than a big chain in a particular neighborhood. When travelers want to get a feel for a community, they seek out small, local stores that are much more likely to stock a high percentage of locally-sourced goods.

### Attract other businesses

Private and public sector businesses tend to gravitate around anchor stores. Should a local store be successful, banks, restaurants, salons, and other businesses may move in as well.

Shopping locally benefits consumers in various ways, many of which contribute to a healthy local economy.



# Community Christian School fourth six weeks Honor Roll

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### A Honor Roll

**First grade:** Hayleigh Covalt, Dietrich Keller, Blake Reed and Logan Baker.

**Second grade:** Jordan Stroud, Lauren Schwiegerath, Derrick Addington and Analiese Whittington.

**Fourth grade:** Angelina Alcozer, Margaret Haley and Jacob Stroud.

**Fifth grade:** Mathew Day and Hannah

**Sixth grade:** Leah Ohsfeldt.

### A-B Honor Roll

**First grade:** Brooklyn Blain and Levi Whatley.

**Second grade:** Jaylee Johnson.

**Third grade:** Beau Baker and Keighly White.

**Fourth grade:** Tyler Reed.

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# The right car seat makes for a safer ride for children

No matter what is stored in the trunk, a driver's most precious cargo is his or her passengers. Never is that more apparent than when children are on board. Finding the right car seat can be challenging. When used correctly, such seats can reduce the risk of death by as much as 71 percent, according to the Safe Kids Worldwide organization. Whether you are buying a car seat for the first time or upgrading an existing seat as your child grows, being informed can help with the decision-making process.

## Access professional reviews

A number of organizations rate available car seats on the market. Consumer Reports and the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety are just two of the groups that provide ratings that can take the guesswork out of selecting the best car seats. Regulations change frequently, and car seat engineers continually modify designs to keep kids as safe as possible. Frequently revisit car seat reviews to check whether your seat is still receiving high marks or if it's time to invest in a new car seat.

## Rear-facing, longer

Many experts now advise keeping children in rear-facing car seats as long as possible - even up to age two. These seats are being manufactured to meet higher weight limits in the rear-facing position. However, always verify the exact height and weight limit for the seat by reading the information booklet or the safety data that is printed directly on the seat.

In addition, know how to safely use the seat, including which tethers should be used in which seating positions. Children should sit in the back of the vehicle away from airbags.

## Learn proper installation

Consumer Reports notes that about 80 percent of parents and caregivers misuse car seats in one way or another. Follow the directions for safe seat placement and positioning of tethers and safety belts. You can watch videos online on how to install safety seats properly, and many seat brands may direct you to an informational video. Some First Aid and police squads offer complimentary seat

checks to reassure parents that seats are installed correctly.

Older children in booster seats, which are designed to position passengers correctly to make use of the vehicle's seat belts, should have a proper fit. The lap belt should lie flat and on top of the thighs. The shoulder belt should rest directly in the middle of the shoulder and not too close to the neck.

## Know the types of seats

Children may go through three or more safety seats before they're allowed to safely ride using the vehicle's own passenger restraint system. In addition to infant car seats, manufacturers offer convertible seats, harness seats, belt-positioning booster seats, and built-in safety seats. Many children are ready to bid farewell to car seats when they reach about 4-feet-9-inches tall.

## Avoid used seats

Unless you can verify the full crash history of a car seat, it is best to buy it new rather than from a thrift store or on the Internet from a third party. Al-

though car seats do not "expire" in the traditional sense, they are stamped with a use-by date. Materials in car seats can degrade over time, and harnesses may stretch. It's wise to replace car seats after several years and treat a new baby in the family to his or her own car seat instead of using a hand-me-down.

Car seats can prevent injuries and death. They're one of the best safety investments parents can make, as long as they're researched and used properly.



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# Create religious Easter traditions

Easter is on the way, and practicing Christians across the globe have spent the Lenten season preparing for the day when they celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Lent is a season best spent in the company of close friends and family, and the following are a few ways for Christians to celebrate their faith in the weeks leading up to Easter Sunday.

- Give Easter eggs a different meaning. Easter eggs are popular among youngsters, and that popularity can be used to teach kids about their faith.

Eggs are frequently viewed as a symbol of new life, so parents can use them to show their children how Christ died and was born anew. Eggs can be filled with small items that symbolize something related to Christ's story. Or they can be left empty to represent the empty tomb after His resurrection.

- Eat food that conveys Biblical stories. For Easter dinner, enjoy foods that are mentioned in the Bible. A fish dinner can convey the story of how Jesus multiplied fish to feed the crowds, or dine on lamb and share the story of Passover.

- Participate in church services. Throughout Lent, many parishes offer Easter vigils or specialized services that relate the account of Jesus' life and subsequent death on the cross. Some

churches may recreate realistic stations of the Cross. Employing pageantry to bring biblical stories to life can help young children visualize and better understand the meaning of Easter.

- Create a Christ-centered Easter basket. Parents can still fill kids' Easter baskets with some of the familiar confectionery treats, but those parents who impart lessons about their faith to their kids also can include books about the story of Easter, rosary beads, a crucifix for a child's room, and maybe a children's Bible.

- Make time for volunteer work. Many families reserve voluntarism for the Christmas season, but Easter also marks a great time to volunteer. In a season that focuses on the ultimate sacrifice, families can open their hearts to others. Invite someone over for Easter dinner who has nowhere to go. Share your holiday celebrations with a person of another faith so that he or she may be able to see what makes this time of year special. Create a service jar filled with small, loving tasks everyone in the family can do each day.

The Lenten season, including Easter, is the most celebrated time of the year for Christians. Families can enjoy the festivities by blending many different traditions together and by focusing on the spirituality of the season.

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