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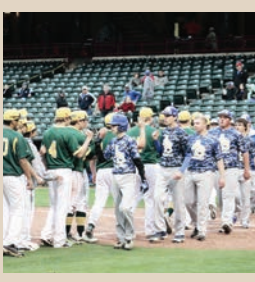
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A Beautiful You opens availability to accommodate more customers



Photo by John Lee

Gloria Harris opened A Beautiful You last summer and started going solo in August. Her shop is open weekdays, including Monday, from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and she even makes after hours appointments.

BY JOHN LEE
 jcllee@thepampanews.com

A Beautiful You opened last summer and was originally staffed by Gloria Harris and two other members. Since August, however, Harris has been flying solo and is doing her best to accommodate her customers. Harris is a retired teacher who used to work at Lamar and Wilson Elementary Schools. "Then I decided to retire and purchase this place here," Harris said. "[Then I went] to cosmetology school and got my license and I have been here since last year." Harris came to this decision because she needed something to do in retirement. "I didn't want to stay at home doing nothing so this gives me something to do. I am doing this as a hobby," Harris said.

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GRAY COUNTY FARMER RECEIVES GRANT FOR MEALS ON WHEELS



Submitted photo

Doris Stephens receives the check for \$2,500 from Terry Oneal on behalf of America's Farmers Grow Communities.

STAFF REPORT

America's Farmers Grow Communities launched in 2010 and has grown to include 1,324 eligible counties in 40 states. The program is sponsored by the Monsanto Fund, the program is part of the America's Farmers initiative, which highlights the important contributions farmers make every day. Mr. Terry Oneal of Gray County has been selected as a winner in America's Farmers Grow Communities, sponsored by the Monsanto Fund. The program enrolls farmers for a chance to win \$2,500, which is then donated to the farmer's nonprofit of choice. Terry Oneal selected Pampa Meals on Wheels Inc to receive the donation. The search for funding to sus-

tain and enhance programs is a year-round job for nonprofit organizations across the country. Through America's Farmers Grow Communities, farmers have been able to support a variety of groups, such as schools, fire departments, community centers and youth organizations like 4-H and FFA. Through generous donations such as Oneal's, Pampa Meals on Wheels are able to deliver lunches to homebound citizens who may not have the ability to easily go grocery shopping. Pampa Meals on Wheels also wanted to thank those who donate and support the organization. Pampa Meals on Wheels is located at 302 East Foster Avenue in Pampa. They can be reached at 806-669-1007.

Cruz lays out vision for presidential run

BY ABBY LIVINGSTON
 The Texas Tribune

LYNCHBURG, Va. — U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz declared his candidacy for the White House on Monday in a speech heavy on faith and hard on President Obama, making him the first major party candidate to formally jump into the race. "I believe in you, I believe in the power of millions of courageous conservatives rising up to reignite the promise of America," Cruz said to a college basketball arena filled with students. "And that is why today I am announcing that I am running for president of the United States."



Ted Cruz

The location of his announcement — Liberty University, a nerve center of Evangelical thought and activity — telegraphed an emphasis on the GOP's social conservative voters. The late Rev. Jerry Falwell Sr., a controversial figure, founded Liberty University in the 1970s in the Blue Ridge

Mountains of central Virginia. "Today, roughly half of born-again Christians aren't voting. They're staying home," Cruz said. "Imagine instead millions of people of faith all across America coming out to the polls and voting our values." The news came after several days of leaks about his impending campaign, and a tweet from Cruz early Monday morning announcing his decision. By mid-morning, Texas' junior senator was front and center at Liberty, with his wife, Heidi, and their daughters, Caroline and Catherine, in the audience. He laid out a vision for the country that included the repeal of Obamacare, abolishing the IRS, loosening gun laws, locking down the border and making school choice a civil rights issue. "Instead of a federal government that works to undermine our values,

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Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Agriculture Newsletter

BY ANDY HOLLOWAY
 CEA ANR Hemphill Co, Texas

Winter here in Hemphill County has been cold and fairly dry, although we have had some moisture, as of late. Winter wheat and cool season grazing crops are ready to come out of dormancy, as well as our warm season grasses and weeds. They will really start growing and our cows will be chasing that green

stuff! Hopefully the El Nino that the climatologists keep discussing will kick in this spring and summer and we can have a follow up to last year's great summer moisture. I have seen, and many have told me, they have grown more grass in the last growing season than in many years combined, previous to last year. I write that to caution all

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Today	Wednesday	Thursday
		
High 76 Low 44	High 73 Low 39	High 57 Low 35

Today: Sunny, with a high near 76. West wind 15 to 20 mph becoming north northwest in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph. Sunrise at 7:43 a.m.

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 44. West southwest wind 5 to 10 mph. Sunset at 7:59 p.m.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 73. South southwest wind 5 to 15 mph becoming north in the afternoon. Sunrise at 7:41 a.m.

Wednesday night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 39. Breezy, with a north northeast wind 15 to 25 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph. Sunset at 8 p.m.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 57. North wind 5 to 15 mph. Sunrise at 7:40 a.m.

Thursday night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 35. West northwest wind 5 to 10 mph. Sunset at 8:01 p.m.

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Cruz

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imagine a federal government that works to defend the sanctity of human life and to uphold the sacrament of marriage," Cruz said.

Cruz's speech delivery on the campaign trail often mirrors sermons, in both inflection and fluency with Scripture. His Monday speech to Liberty students — one that

was largely personal, and hit hard on his family's faith — was no different.

"Our rights, they don't come from man," Cruz said. "They come from God almighty."

He framed his speech for a youthful audience, touching on his own experience paying off student loans and promising a world where students have multiple job offers after graduation.

The appearance sealed the deal for a handful of Lib-

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producers, this drought may not be over, I pray that it is, but in all reality we need about 30 inches of actual moisture over and above our average normal rainfall to be officially out of the drought.

Though we have some grass due to last year's great summer; the water table, subsoil moisture, our tanks and lakes and normal flow of creeks and springs is still way below normal.

Therefore be cautious and rebuild your cattle numbers conservatively. We have been given an amazing cattle mar-

ket and thanks to the current value of cattle we can literally run half as many cattle and gross the same dollars as before the cattle market became so good.

This situation can really assist in the gradual rebuilding of our herds, without financial stress. This also gives our pastures continued rest as they work out of this drought. I was looking recently at a producers place here in Hemphill Co that was terribly over grazed.

On that place we found big soil erosion, tremendous grass death loss, thin cows and rough conditions to manage his cows through the cold winter conditions we have experienced.

erty University students interviewed after the speech, including journalism major Matthew Ozburn, who considers himself an Independent voter.

"He had a lot of good points that I think registered a lot with college students, especially my age, millennials, as they call them," he said. "I was excited about the job offer thing, after college, because that's one thing that really worries me and my friends, because we don't

want to spend all this money for a degree, and then get out of college and be stuck at McDonald's for several years."

Monday was not the first time Liberty University played a pivotal role in presidential politics. Mitt Romney spoke at the school's commencement ceremony during his 2012 presidential run.

Cruz won't be alone in the race for long; he's likely to be joined by at least a dozen other Republican contenders.

of our Hemphill County Extension Ag education which has been developed as priorities by our Hemphill County Ag Extension Committee.

There are thirteen members on this committee, mostly ranchers with a few farmers and agribusiness owners that will meet several times throughout the year to give our office direction to the Ag educational needs we should focus on.

If you have ideas or suggestions, please contact one of our committee members or our office, also please be watching for the announcement of our Hemphill County Ag Tour that will be coming sometime soon.

Pampa Fire Department — March 16-23

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.

March 16

- At 2:18 p.m., to an unauthorized burn in the 300 block of South Anne.

- At 4:52 p.m., four units and six personnel to a grass fire in the 1100 block

of South Price Road.

March 17

- At 10:39 a.m., to the 2000 block of Mary Ellen on a lift assist.

- At 4:22 p.m., to the 900 block of East Browning on a medical call.

March 19

- At 7:15 p.m., to the 2800 block of Charles on a medical assist.

March 20

- At 9:20 a.m., to the

1900 block of Dwight on a medical call.

- At 8:27 p.m., to the 2300 block of Dogwood on a medical call.

March 21

- At 7:38 a.m., to the 1000 block of South Nelson on a medical call.

- At 1:02 p.m., to the 2000 block of Mary Ellen on a lift assist.

- At 2:59 p.m., to the 2000 block of Mary Ellen on a lift assist.

March 22

- At 1:13 a.m., to the 1800 block of North Price on a medical assist.

- At 5:15 a.m., to the 400 block of Graham on a medical call.

March 23

- At 1:20 a.m., to the 1100 block of South Sumner on a medical call.

- At 1:21 a.m., to the 2100 block of North Dewight on a lift assist.

Correction

In the submitted article, "New report ranks voter turnout in all 50 states." The Pampa News received this correction from Jordan LaPier, outreach coordinator at the Bipartisan Policy Center to correct the submitted article. "Your story post-

ed Saturday makes a few incorrect assertions about recommendations issued by the Bipartisan Policy Center and the PCEA, and we are requesting a correction. The story states that BPC and PCEA recommended pre-registration of 16 and 17-year-olds, allowing ex-

offenders to re-obtain voting rights, and adoption of non-partisan redistricting commissions.

None of those statements are correct. Neither group addressed pre-registration or felon voting rights. BPC's Commission on Political Reform recommended re-

districting commissions, but the recommendations state that those commissions should have the 'bipartisan support of the legislature and the electorate,' not that they need be 'nonpartisan.'

Thank you in advance for your attention to these errors.

Gloria

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"I like the art of cosmetology. I can have the opportunity to make people look their best and that's something that requires personality. So I con-

sider it a type of art form."

Her favorite part about cosmetology is making people look the best the possibly can.

"That's what I am here for, to make people look their best," Harris said. "I like to make them feel like they are ready to walk to red carpet after they are done here."

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Constantly trying to improve at her new-found craft, Harris goes to different academies in Dallas, Austin and even California.

"For instance, the academy I am going to in California is one of the best academies there. They teach the intricacies of the haircut. The hair style and hair color," Harris said.

"How to apply certain colors to certain skin tones that will optimize the person's beauty. How to cut certain styles to go with a person's face."

As far as services for men, Harris said it doesn't hurt to be good to yourself, gentlemen.

"I offer haircuts. I had special training on that in Austin. I also do color for men and I also offer pedicures for men," Harris said.

"Men are also entitled to comfort themselves. Manicures, pedicures; why have dirty nails after work?"

Walk-ins are welcome.

Harris prefers appointments on the weekend so she can take her time on her customers. Is also available after hours by cell phone.

A Beautiful You also offers waxing, tanning and facial waxing.

She is open on Monday's, one quality many customers appreciate as several businesses are closed on Mondays.

Being a former teacher, Harris loves to offer discounts to students.

Those going to prom will receive a 10 percent discount. Straight A students receive a 50 percent discount. She will also offer a 20 percent discount if you mention this article.

Her shop even features wifi so students can work on homework while waiting for service.

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OBITUARIES

Robert Shawn Bruce

Robert Shawn Bruce, 39, of Pampa, died Sunday, March 15, 2015, in Pampa.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, March 26, 2015, at Briarwood Church, with Rev. Lynn Hancock, pastor, officiating. Cremation and arrangements are by Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Robert was born Aug. 11, 1975, in Pampa where he was a lifelong resident, and he attended Pampa schools. He married Kristi Cotton on Nov. 21, 2014 in Pampa. Robert loved riding motorcycles, fishing, and caring for his "four-legged family." He was a member of Briarwood Church.

Survivors include his wife, Kristi Bruce, of the home; his grandfather, Robert Bruce of Midland; a sister, Kaye Keese and husband Sid of Alanreed; a brother, Paul Bruce and wife Sarah of Canyon; his mother-in-law and father-in-law, Cora and Gary Cotton of Ozark, Mo.; an aunt, Sandy Bethune of Midland; and by several nieces, nephews, and cousins. Robert was preceded in death by his stepmother, Faye Bruce, in 1998, his father, Robert Bruce, in 2010, and his grandmother, Anita Bruce, in 2003. Memorials may be made to Eric D. Davis Sarcoma Foundation, P. O. Box 851846, Mesquite, TX 75185-1846, the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, 1515 Holcombe Blvd., Houston, TX 77030, or PAWS, P. O. Box 2095, Pampa, TX 79066-2095.

Sign the online register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com.



Robert Shawn Bruce

John Wayne Hassler

John Wayne Hassler, 64, died March 21, 2015, in Borger. Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 24, 2015, at Minton Memorial Chapel with Jake Minton officiating. Burial will follow at Highland Park Cemetery under the direction of Minton Chatwell Funeral Directors of Borger.

John was born to Benjamin Alexander Hassler and Julia Odell Taylor Hassler April 3, 1950, in Borger. He had lived here the last seven years of his life and before that he was an independent Welder and Fabricator. He also was an instructor for welding at Grayson County College. John loved to teach.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Alex and Thomas Hassler.

John is survived by his two sons, Wayne Hassler of Borger and Kurt James Hassler of Marshalltown, Iowa, his daughter Katrina Ward and her husband Nathan of Amarillo, his brother Jim Hassler of Amarillo, his three sisters Bertha Porter, Carol Rovner and Judy Hassler Bosley all of Skellytown and two grandchildren, Lexi Taylor and Kaiden Ward.

The family met friends at the funeral home from 5 until 7 p.m. Monday, March 23, 2015.

Dena Marcel Simmons

Dena Marcel Simmons, 52, of Borger, died March 21, 2015, in Borger.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Miss Simmons was born May 30, 1962, in Pampa where she attended Pampa Schools. She attended St. Mark CME Church.

The family wishes to thank the staff of Borger Healthcare Center for their loving care and compassion.

Dena was preceded in death by her parents, Curtis Irvine and Ethel "Kaye" Simmons; a brother, David Fields; and an aunt, Nettie Mae Irvine.



Dena Marcel Simmons

Survivors include six sisters, Demetra Simmons of Baytown, Delores James of Odessa, Dionne Simmons of Mangum, Okla., Diana Williams of Jacksonville, Fla., Delecia Cash of Houston and Delencia Fields of Dallas; paternal grandparents, Neva and Ira Thomas of Friendswood; an aunt, Terrie Thompson of Friendswood; and a host of cousins, nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to Borger Healthcare Center, 1316 S. Florida Street, Borger, Texas 79007.

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

Lillian Aldeana "Deana" Carter

Lillian Aldeana "Deana" Carter, 71, died March 22, 2015, in Amarillo.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 25, 2015, at Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel, with Rev. Byron Williamson, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Carter was born March 8, 1944, in Martinez, Calif. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1961. She married Bill Carter on Dec. 21, 1961, in Skellytown. She was a homemaker, and was the office manager of Carter Sand and Gravel, retiring in 2004. Deana attended First Baptist Church, and she enjoyed painting. She loved being around her grandchildren, who affectionately called her "DeDe."

Survivors include her husband, Bill Carter of the home; her son, David Carter and wife Brenda of Pampa; her daughter, Tammy Pickering of Pampa; eight grandchildren, Ryan Carter, Keri Carter, Dustin Forney and wife Candice, Trent Carter, and Braden Pickering, all of Pampa, Natasha Salas and husband Val of Brownfield, Trace Carter of Camp Pendleton, and Kyle McCullough and wife Kassie of Mansfield; five great-grandchildren; a brother, Pete McGee of Houston; and a sister, Carolyn Payne and husband Allen of Hobbs, N.M.

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

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

Stephen Don "Honey" Cloud

Stephen Don "Honey" Cloud, 68, died March 23, 2015, in Pampa.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 25, 2015, at Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel, with Rev. Jerry Webb, pastor of Lighthouse Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Cloud was born Dec. 25, 1946, in Higgins. He had been a resident of Pampa since

1968. He married Cathymarie Jinks on March 15, 2002, in Pampa. Stephen was an industrial electrician for National Oilwell/Varco for 15 years, retiring in 2012. He was a member of the Lighthouse Baptist Church where he served as a trustee. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving during the Vietnam War. Stephen loved spending time with his family, and enjoyed fishing. But most of all, he loved to serve the Lord.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Homer and Marie Cloud; and a brother, Kenny Cloud.

Survivors include his wife, Cathymarie Cloud of the home; three sons, Caleb Cloud of the home, Kerry Cloud and wife Tiff of Mobeetie, and Randal Cloud and wife Shannon of Denver, Colo.; a daughter, Cynthia Young and husband Terry of Bryan; four brothers, Dennis Carmen and wife Nancy of Georgetown, Guy Cloud and wife Charlotte of King, North Carolina, Bob Cloud and wife Wanda, and Alan Cloud and wife Cel, all of Pampa; sister-in-law, Renell Cloud of Pampa; and three grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Lighthouse Baptist Church Youth Camp Fund, 326 Rider, Pampa, Texas 79065.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 24, 2015, at Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Home.

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Stephen Don "Honey" Cloud



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FOR the RECORD

Pampa man arrested for DWI

STAFF REPORT

• Joseph Jediah Kenmore, 25, Pampa, was arrested Saturday by the Pampa Police Department for driving while intoxicated.

• Tammy Lynn McDonald, 46, was arrested Wednesday by PPD for possession of drug paraphernalia.

• Estevan Portillo, 32, Pampa, was arrested Wednesday by the Gray County Sheriff's Office for expired vehicle inspection — failure to maintain car insurance, failure to appear, possession of a controlled substance — between one and four grams.

• Gerald Paul Cookson, 50, Pampa, was arrested Wednesday by PPD for fictitious or counterfeit inspection or car insurance document for display.

• Andrew Michael Twork, 19, Pampa, was arrested Friday by PPD for theft of property — between \$50 and \$500.

• Nathaniel James Swindle, 26, Pampa, was arrested Friday by PPD for two charges of speeding, two charges of failure to appear, two charges of failure to maintain car insurance, violation of promise to appear, possession of marijuana.

• Brenda Feaster, 25, Pampa, was arrested Sat-

urday by PPD for disorderly conduct — language, assault by threat, theft of property — between \$50 and \$500.

• Brad Hinkle, 44, Pampa, was arrested Saturday by GCSO for public intoxication.

• Mark Trevathan, 51, Pampa, was arrested Saturday by PPD for his third or more driv-

ing while intoxicated offense.

• Talitha Anderson, 38, Pampa, was arrested Sunday by PPD for four capias pro fine offenses.

• Estem Jones, 26, Richmond, Calif., was arrested Sunday by GCSO for bond surrender — possession of marijuana — between four ounces and five pounds.



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I'll raise your red moon one more, but don't be blue



DENNIS PALMITIER

For me there's nothing better to do at exactly 5:45 on a Friday afternoon than to be sitting back in TGIF mode enjoying our 4.5 billion year old Earth shift on it's axis. For we nature and science types it was indeed a very good Friday. Prior to the axis shift, folks living in the northern reaches of Mother-ship Earth witnessed a total solar eclipse and what is known as a blood moon phenom. We folks living in the lower latitudes experienced only the Vernal Equinox. Spring is here, it's gonna get warm, but wait, what is this inanity?!?

Some, but not all humankind, on Earth this coming fall will experience another eclipse and blood moon thereby fulfilling, per demigod (to his flock) so-called minister John Hagee, his "Blood Moon Prophecy." Cue guffaw followed by another, then a yawn. There's an ongoing tetrad occurring, a series of four consecutive lunar eclipses, coinciding on Jewish holidays, with six full moons in between, and no intervening partial eclipses. Rev. Hagee says we had better beware.

Per Rev. Hagee and a few other pesky doomsayers, this tetrad began with the April 2014 lunar eclipse which in turn will bring about the end times as described in the Bible. The second one took place October 2014, the third will be next month April 4 and the fourth to follow

this coming September. Hagee also connects last Friday's solar eclipse in the middle of the sequence. Huh? Well, by my math that's not a 'tetrad', rather a pentatrad... Put that dunce cap on Rev. Hagee, it's off to that stool in the corner for you!

For the record, there have been 62 tetrads since the first century AD, though only eight of them have coincided with Jewish holidays. Thus, Hagee's beginning end of time event is not as unusual as he so religiously implies. Too boot, three of the four eclipses of this current tetrad, I mean pentatrad, will not even be seen in the biblical homeland of Israel. You know, where those earliest prophecy writer's of doom in Scripture first scribbled this stuff down, thereby casting further doubt on Hagee's interpretation of doom.

With these four, oops, I mean five eclipses, humankind is soon to have experienced, hold your breath, four, aw shucks, I mean five blood moon eclipses in a row. Science lesson: Blood moons are created by the sun's rays filtering around the blocking moon, similar to the same colors we see at sunset. That many eclipses and blood moons close together is a rarity! John Hagee and his fear mongering ilk swear Mothership Earth is nearing it's demise.

Before the end of time and some folks demise, we've a tad of tribulation to experience, with Jesus returning or possibly meeting us when it appears, halfway up that escalator into the clouds. Furthering the mayhem of those 4, I mean 5 blood moons, Rev. Hagee in 'Blood Moon

Prophecy' writes there's a rogue asteroid, comet, planet or ovoid like object called 'Wormwood' that will also make an appearance and sully things up even more for we Earth-kin! Wormwood???

It saddens me, concerns me these prophets of doom like John Hagee view life enriching events as portents of disaster and that people actually believe such bilge. With every affectation that is currently biting away at Earth and humankind, eclipses and blood moons are hardly something that concern me, excluding of course the fact, they are awe-inspiring occurrences. Eclipses and blood moons captivate me and I would have loved to have seen last Friday's.

Eclipses and blood moons also pique for me the primal urge thing, tugging at my subconscious, but certainly not in making me think the world is coming to an end. Makes me want to go and discover! Thank God that for the majority of humankind, eclipses and blood moons are what they have been ever since Earth's dawning, just naturally occurring events and not, omens of doom. Oh, there's also that thing about Zombies.

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Medical marijuana bill lost in smoke

Last year, Congress passed an amendment that barred the Department of Justice from using federal dollars to prosecute medical marijuana dispensaries in states that have legalized them. Last week, three senators proposed a measure to clean up the federal-state medical marijuana mess once and for all.



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of moving because it's so bipartisan in nature," said Bill Piper, the Drug Policy Alliance's man in Washington, D.C. But: "The hard part is going to be getting it through committee." Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, opposes the bill.

Will Grassley allow the bill to come to a vote? "The committee is unlikely to take up a bill in the near future that remakes these laws so broadly," spokeswoman Jill Gerber answered. She added that Grassley "is looking at ways to lift any unnecessary barriers" to scientific research into marijuana-based medicines to treat epilepsy and other conditions affecting children.

There are 11 GOP and nine Democratic senators on the committee. I see three R's who could vote yes; Mike Lee of Utah and Ted Cruz of Texas support states' rights, and Jeff Flake of Arizona voted for similar legislation in the House. Maybe I'm wrong. Maybe there are more.

That would put Sen. Dianne Feinstein in the middle. Other committee Dems are very likely to vote yes. On the one hand, Feinstein and Grassley often work closely on drug war issues. On the other hand, Feinstein does represent California. Her office told me DiFi is still reviewing the legislation.

Which leads to my final question: Would President Barack Obama sign the CARERS Act? Advocates believe that the White House could have and should have made marijuana a Schedule II drug years ago but didn't. The administration has been behind the curve. "Everyone pretty much believes that" Obama is not really for current federal marijuana laws, said Marijuana Majority Chairman Tom Angell, just as many believed Obama supported same-sex marriage back when he said he was against it. "I wouldn't be shocked to see him evolve on this issue the same way he did for marriage equality," Angell mused. "Maybe all we need is for Joe Biden to say that marijuana should be legal."

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Just a Thought

Ignoring the cobra in the house



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Don't worry, Mom. I know you don't like snakes, I will come get my cobra next weekend. The young man impromptu decided he wanted to travel home from college for the weekend. He called his parents Thursday evening to let them know he was coming home, only to find out that they were headed out of town themselves Friday morning. He considered remaining at school, but with the stresses that college brings, he decided he needed to get away and was going to go home anyway.

The young man had purchased a pet cobra in his college town several months earlier. He knew his mother did not like his pet as she was deathly afraid of snakes. The young man had always wanted to bring his pet home, but his mother had

denied every request he had made to do so. She told him she would freak out if she was even in the same house with the snake. Because mom and dad were going to be gone for the weekend, the son decided he would bring his cobra home and, since his parents wouldn't be there anyhow, they didn't need to know his plans.

Friday after class, he put his cobra in its cage and headed out for the several hour trip home. The young man made the best of an empty home and enjoyed the weekend break. When he got ready to leave Sunday afternoon to be back for classes first thing on Monday he realized that he had forgotten to latch his cobra's cage earlier in the day and that the cobra had escaped.

This had happened before in his college home, but it had not ever been a problem. He had always found his pet and gotten it back into its cage. He began the process of looking for the cobra and he couldn't find it. As he

searched, he realized that his parents had a floor vent that the air conditioning came out of that was uncovered. After quickly turning of the house upside down, the young man determined that his cobra must have crawled into the heating and cooling vents.

It was now early evening and he had a long trip to get back to his college campus. He had to be at classes early Monday morning, so he decided he better head back to school and he would travel home and get his cobra the next weekend. The young man knew he would miss his pet, but felt he could make it a few days without it and he headed back to school.

Late Sunday evening his parents returned home and called their son asking how his weekend went. He told them he missed them, but had a good weekend. His parents talked about their weekend and the son talked about his.

At the end of the call, just before hanging up, the son said, "Oh, before I forget, my cobra got loose

and crawled into your ventilation system. I couldn't get it out so I just left it. The good news is that I will be back next weekend to pick it up. Don't worry, Mom. I know you don't like snakes, I will come get my cobra next weekend. I love you Mom, I love you Dad, I'll call you later in the week. Goodbye." As he hung up the phone, mom's eyes grew big...

How well do you think Mom and Dad slept that Sunday night? How do you think their Monday went?

The cobra story makes me also think of the story about the young child who can't sleep at night because he believes there is a monster in his closet. The snake is real, the monster is not. I am not sure it matters. Either way we have people laying in bed unable to sleep.

I think each of us live our lives with the equivalent of a snake in our ventilation system or a monster in our closet.

There is something (or **COBRA** cont. on page 5A)



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Cobra

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some things) bigger than each of us that defines our lives. It is something that causes us to be anxious. To worry. Maybe to cry or be fearful. It is something that defines us. Something that we return to when our lives slow down. Something that can rob us of our daily quality of life. We get so focused on the cobra or the monster that our lives are regularly dragged down.

What is it that defines your life? Is there a snake loose in your home? Is there a monster in your closet? If there is a real snake in your home, is it something that you can take action and remove from your life? Or is

it something that your actions cannot change? Maybe it needs to be something you accept and move on.

If there is a monster in your closet maybe you need to turn on the bedroom light, open the door, and recognize that you are fearing an empty closet. You are fearing something that doesn't exist. Recognize this reality and stop defining your life by something in your closet that isn't there.

My challenge to you today is to enjoy the highest quality of life that you can enjoy. Stop and recognize what defines your life. What do you focus on? What you focus on expands. If your life is defined by something you truly want to define your life, don't change a thing...

carry on.

If you are not living life to the fullest, is it because there is a snake in your home? Is it because you believe there is a monster in your closet?

If action can remove the snake, how long is it going to be before you take action and solve the problem? If what shapes your world is a make believe monster in the closet, recognize that your fears are unnecessary and stop fearing an empty closet. Why lose sleep over something that doesn't really exist?

If the snake in your home will remain in your life no matter what you do, maybe you need to accept that you can't get rid of it and learn how to live with it. You don't have to like the snake, but you do need to learn how to overcome

the fact that the snake will be a part of your life going forward.

I believe that there are significant things that each of us need to be doing each day in the short lives that we have. There are things we need to be doing for others. To be able to make a difference in the lives of others, we need to have our own lives in order the best we can.

Learn how to handle the snakes and the monsters that define your life and change the world of those around you and for those who will come after you.

Just a thought...

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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 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

Tuesdays of each month from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Keith Feerer is the Preacher and Zac Green is Youth Minister.

For more information call 806-665-0031.

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 jclee@thepampanews.com or give us a call 669-2525. We will need the name, address, phone number and any other information about the event.

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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.

Free estate planning workshop coming to Pampa

CLA Estate Services is hosting a free Estate Planning Workshop Tuesday, March 31 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at The Plaza Restaurant located at 1201 N. Hobart St. in Pampa. The workshop will provide valuable information for seniors on securing one's estate and retirement planning. Guests will receive a workbook and gain useful information on: pros and cons of wills and trusts; how to avoid probate; long term health care concerns; and tax reduction planning. Please call 1-866-252-8721 to RSVP.

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 information, 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.

Quails Forever meetings

Quails Forever is a new chapter in Pampa. This club meets on the first Tuesday of every month in the main building of Clarendon College Pampa Center. The group focuses on habitat and conservation projects for quails. The goal is to get community members and volunteers interested in creating conservation habitat areas for quail to increase the animal's population and furthermore to improve the environment.

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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, 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.

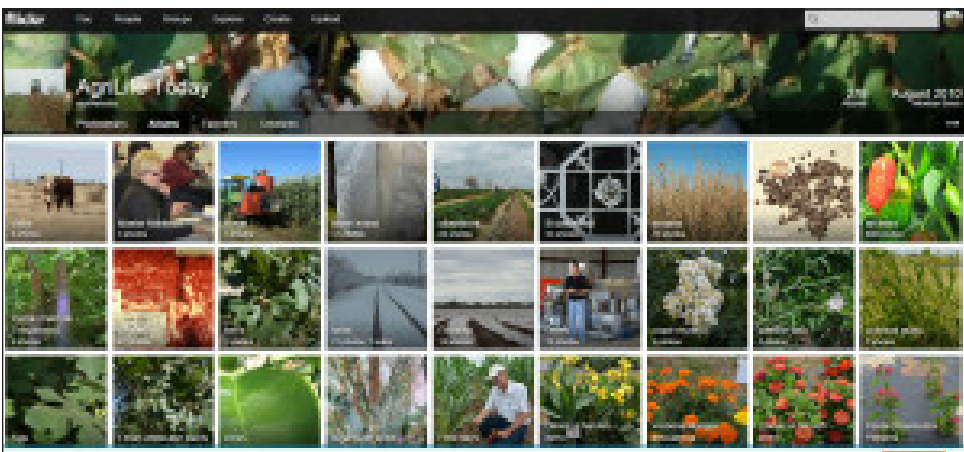
■ **Alcoholics Anonymous** Keep It Simple meets Thursdays at 6 p.m. at the Methodist church in White Deer.

■ **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.

Photos from Texas worth a thousand words... and a million views



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The AgriLife Today collection of almost 5,000 photos surpassed one million views recently, according to Kathleen Phillips, AgriLife Today news manager in College Station.

The stock photo collection of AgriLife Today, by the news team for Texas A&M AgriLife, has surpassed one million views. See the collection at <https://www.flickr.com/photos/agrilifetoday/>

The photos are the works of the AgriLife Today news team, with some from Texas A&M AgriLife Research scientists and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service specialists and agents.

They represent programs and science conducted throughout Texas. The collection has appeared at <http://bit.ly/agrilifetoday-photos> since August 2010, Phillips said.

"The photos depict Texas as traditional as beef and as offbeat as buzzards," she said. "Our team is located around the state, so we've focused on snapping shots of all phases of agriculture production as well as gardening and lifestyle moments."

"And we continue to add to the collection, seeking photos to fill any areas we don't feel are adequately represented," she said. "Currently, we are working on depicting various fruit and vegetable crops at various stages in the growing cycle from planting to harvest this year, for example."

Because the photos are produced by a state agency, they are free for the news media and public for non-commercial uses. All are downloadable in high

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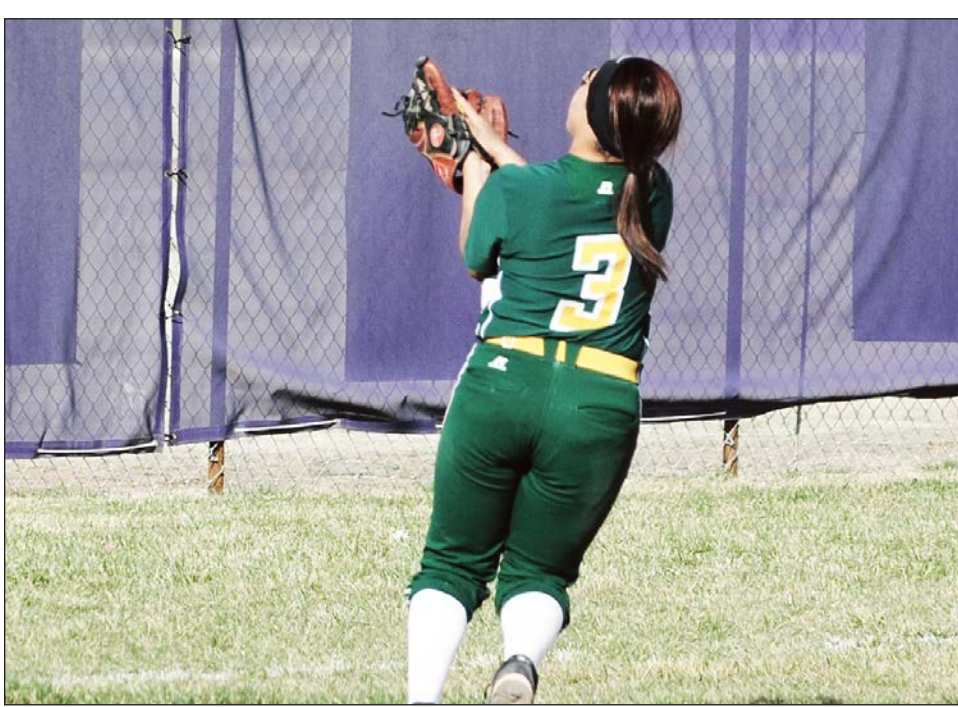
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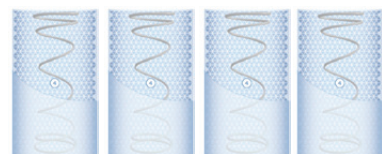
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PAMPASports

Lady Harvesters run-rule Dalhart to start district

BY ZACHARY GREEN
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The Pampa Lady Harvesters (7-11, 1-0) traveled to Dalhart on Saturday to face the Lady Wolves in the first district game of the season.

Junior Cameron Schaub started things off in the top of the first by reaching on an error. Junior Brittney Gonzalez followed suit by reaching on a fielder's choice. Junior Kassie Jerome walked and the bases were loaded. During sophomore Kaylee Arnzen's at-bat Schaub scored as all runners advanced on a passed ball.

Junior Jacie Studebaker was hit by a pitch and Gonzalez scored on a passed ball during her at bat. Junior Shiann Regalado walked.

Junior Ally Roberson reached on a fielder's choice to score junior Cherub Whittington who courtesy ran for Jerome. Senior Tori Robles grounded out to second but scored Studebaker on the play. Pampa plated four runs in their half of the first.

Studebaker hit the circle for Pampa and struck out the first Dalhart batter. The next batter was out on a strikeout. Jerome threw down to first to secure the out. The final batter flied out to short.

Pampa led 4-0 after one full inning.

Gonzalez singled to left on a line drive in the top of the second. Jerome reached on a fielder's choice. Arnzen walked and that was the last action for Pampa in the inning.

Dalhart got a few runners on in the bottom of the second from some walks but were unable to get anything going from it.

Pampa led 4-0 after two innings.

Regalado singled to center to start the top half of the third. She then stole second and scored on a passed ball during her teammates at-bats. The one run was all Pampa would get in the third.

Dalhart's first batter singled to left in the bottom of the third. Studebaker struck out the next batter and Dalhart would not get anything going in their half of the third.

Pampa led 5-0 after three innings.

Schaub walked to start the fourth. Gonzalez then reached on an error. Jerome grounded out to second and Schaub came home to score during the play. Studebaker and Regalado walked. Gonzalez scored on a passed ball during Arnzen's at-bat. Pampa scored two runs in the inning.

Dalhart was unable once again to get anything going in their half of the fourth.

Pampa led 7-0 after four innings.

Robles walked to start the fifth. Schaub then hit a single. Gonzalez singled to center to score Robles. Schaub came home during a Jerome at-bat. Jerome walked in her at bat. Whittington came in to courtesy run for Jerome. Arnzen walked.

Gonzalez came home after Studebaker reached on a fielder's choice. Regalado singled on a hard grounder to right. Roberson singled to right and scored Arnzen. Pampa led 12-0 at this point but they weren't done scoring in the inning yet.

Studebaker also came into score on the Roberson single. Robles reached on an error and Regalado scored.

Freshman Gracee Gill walked. Schaub singled to right and scored Roberson and Robles. Pampa now led 15-0, yet they still weren't done with the scoring.

Gonzalez walked. Jerome singled to score Gill and Schaub. Arnzen walked and Gonzalez scored on a passed ball during the at-bat.

Whittington grounded out to end the inning but not before Pampa put an 11 spot on the board. Pampa led 18-0.

Dalhart was down to their final three outs in the bottom of the fifth because of the run-rule. The first batter flied out to Schaub at second. The next batter singled to left. Another batter flied out to Regalado.


The game ended on a fielder's choice with a ground ball that Regalado tossed to Schaub for the final out at second base.

Final/5: Pampa 18, Dalhart 0.

Jacie Studebaker pitched three innings, walked two and struck out three batters. She only allowed one hit, no runs and picked up the win. She went 0-2 from the plate with a walk, two runs scored and an RBI. Gracee Gill pitched the final two innings. She allowed two hits, no runs and no walks. Gill was 0-3 from the plate with a walk and a run scored.

Cameron Schaub was 2-4 with two RBIs, a walk, a stolen base and four runs scored. Brittney Gonzalez was 2-4 with a walk, an RBI and four runs scored. Kassie Jerome was 1-3 with two walks and three RBIs. Kaylee Arnzen was 0-2 with a run scored and three walks. Cherub Whittington was 0-1 with a run scored. Shiann Regalado was 2-2 with two walks, two runs scored and two stolen bases. Ally Roberson was 1-4 with three RBIs and a run scored. Tori Robles was 0-3 with a walk, an RBI and two runs scored.

Pampa is now 1-0 in district play. They do not have a midweek game this week but will host Perryton at noon on Saturday.



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Top left, Shiann Regalado snags the ball out of the air. Top right, Kassie Jerome smashes a ball. Above, Cameron Schaub made plays behind the plate. Pampa won the game 18-0.



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PAMPA Sports

Pampa plays on big league field Friday

■ Pampa beat Hydro 5-4 Friday; Lost 3-0 to Mustang Saturday.

BY ZACHARY GREEN
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The Pampa Harvesters (5-5-1) traveled to the Oklahoma City area this past weekend for some games against Oklahoma teams.

Friday's game was against the Hydro-Eakly-Arapaho-Butler Bobcats. They are a consolidated school in Class 2A. The game was played at Chickasaw Bricktown Ballpark, home of the Oklahoma City Dodgers, as part of the High School Baseball Series this month. The OKC Dodgers are the triple-A minor league affiliate of the Los Angeles Dodgers. The teams were told before the game that they would get three hours or seven innings, whichever came first.

Pampa was designated as the away team and went to bat first. Senior Ty Hooper struck out to start things off. Sophomore Brendon Woelfle flied out to center. Junior Cade Engle lined to short and Pampa was held scoreless in their half of the first.

Hydro returned the favor, even though it wasn't a 1-2-3 inning, they were unable to muster any runs.

After one, Pampa and Hydro sat tied at 0-0.

Junior Adam Zuniga singled to short to start things in the second inning, but Pampa couldn't get the rest of the bats going and had to leave Zuniga on the bases.

Senior Brody Gaines was on the bump for the Harvesters and he struck out all the batters in the second inning, albeit one of the Hooper had to throw over to junior Ryan Lee to secure the out at first on a dropped third strike.

Pampa and Hydro remained tied at zero after two.

Senior Braden Keown hit a double to right on a fly ball with one out in the third. Woelfle walked with two outs to give Pampa two runners.

Engle then singled to center to score Keown. That was the lone run Pampa would score in the inning.

Hydro found their first two runners on base in the third after a walk and an error. Then a couple of singles and a couple of walks led to three Bobcat runs in the inning.

Pampa trailed 3-1 after three complete.

The Harvesters went quietly down in order in the top of the fourth.

Hydro threatened to add to their lead in the fourth but were unable to.

Pampa trailed 3-1 after four innings.

Junior Colton Thompson walked to start the fifth for Pampa. Woelfle came to bat with two outs in the inning and smashed a line drive to center to score Thompson. Pampa was only able to score the one run to cut the lead to one at 3-2.

Hydro answered in their half of the fifth with a single and a double to get that run back.

Hydro led 4-2 after five innings.

Junior Rhett Harden hit a double to left with two outs in the six to start the rally for Pampa. Sophomore Derek Norris hit a single to second and Harden came home to score during the play.

Pampa, once again had to settle for one run.

Hydro had one runner reach base in the bottom of the sixth on a single to right, but he was not able to come home. Pampa trailed 4-3 after six innings.

Keown hit a double to left to start things off in the top of the seventh as Pampa needed one run to stay alive in the game. Hooper then reached on an error. Woelfle singled to the pitcher and the bases were now loaded with no outs. Engle struck out and Zuniga sacrificed to score Keown. Hooper was thrown out trying to score at home. Pampa did get their one run to tie it at four all.

Woelfle came into pitch for Pampa in the sixth inning and he continued to shut down the Hydro bats in the seventh as the Bobcats went down 1-2-3.

The game was tied 4-4 after seven, but since the three hours were not up the teams headed to extra innings.

Harden singled to first and Norris singled to short, but neither runner could find their way home in the top of the eighth.

Woelfle struck out the first batter in the eighth. The next batter grounded out. Things got a little hairy with the next batter reaching on a single and the following batter walking. The final out was recorded on a fly out.

Pampa and Hydro remained tied at four through eight complete. The teams got to play at least nine innings like the big leaguers on a big league field.

Pampa recorded two quick outs in the top of the ninth

and it looked as if they wouldn't be able to score again. Woelfle then singled to short on a line drive and Engle followed suit with a single to right.

Zuniga was not to be outdone as he also hit a single. His went to short and Woelfle scored on the play. That was all she wrote for Pampa in the inning.

We headed to the bottom of the ninth with the last call for the Bobcats as Pampa led 5-4.

The first batter grounded out. The next batter struck out and you could sense Pampa ever so close to that comeback win. The final batter grounded out to second to end the game. It took all they had, but Pampa came back to win the game.

Final/9: Pampa 5, Hydro 4.

"We've tied and lost extra inning games this year. For us to win one, that's big for these kids. To get to play a full nine innings like the big leaguers do on a big league park, that may have been even cooler," head coach Kaleb Snelgrooves said. "These kids never do quit. They are always going to fight. Speaks about their character. To comeback and win like that was big for our program."

Brody Gaines pitched five innings and struck out eight batters. He walked four and allowed seven hits and four runs, three of which were earned. Brendon Woelfle pitched the final four innings. He got the win and struck out two batters. He allowed one walk, two hits and no runs. Woelfle was 3-4 from the plate with a walk, a double, an RBI and a run scored.

Cade Engle was 2-5 with an RBI and a stolen base. Adam Zuniga was 2-4 with two RBIs. Rhett Harden was 2-4 with a double and a run scored. Derek Norris was 2-4. Colton Thompson was 0-3 with a walk and a run scored. Braden Keown was 2-4 with two runs scored and two doubles. Brandt Logan didn't have an official at-bat but did steal a base.

Mustang game

Pampa traveled to Mustang, a suburb of Oklahoma City, on Saturday for a game with the Mustang Broncos. They are a Class 6A school in Oklahoma.

Engle singled in the first but that was the only action for Pampa in that half of the inning.

Mustang had a runner get walked by junior Zach Hill, who was on the mound for Pampa. The Broncos didn't score a run in the first though.

Pampa and Mustang were tied 0-0 after one.

Harden reached on an error and Norris also reached on an error, but Pampa was unable to bring the runners home.

The game remained scoreless as the Broncos had a walk and a single, but couldn't score.

Pampa and Mustang were tied 0-0 after two.

Hooper hit a double to center but that was the only action for Pampa in the third.

Mustang scored two runs in their half of the third on a single and two doubles.

Mustang led 2-0 after three.

Lee singled to first and Norris walked but once again Pampa left the runners on base in the fourth.

The Broncos added another run to their lead in the fourth on a double and a sacrifice fly.

After four, Pampa trailed 3-0.

Hooper walked. Engle singled to second and Zuniga singled to left in the fifth. It looked like Pampa would score some runs in the inning but two runners were thrown out trying to advance on the same play.

Mustang mustered only a single in the fifth.

After five, Pampa trailed 3-0.

Sophomore Cody Scarlett walked and Norris was hit by a pitch in the sixth, but Pampa left the ducks on the pond again.

The Broncos only recorded a single in the sixth.

After six, Pampa trailed 3-0.

It was now the final call for Pampa as they needed three runs to extend the game in the seventh. Woelfle walked, but he was the only runner to reach base in the inning.

Final: Mustang 3, Pampa 0.

"The story of today's game (Saturday's) was getting a guy in from second base or scoring a guy from third. They did a good job of that. It was a pretty clean game both ways. 3-0. We got a ball to fall here and there," Snelgrooves said. "We just gotta clutch up and get those guys in from second and third. That's the difference in the game."

Zach Hill went the distance on the mound with four strikeouts. He allowed three runs, all earned, on seven hits. He also walked two batters.

Ty Hooper was 1-3 with a walk, a double and a stolen base. Brendon Woelfle was 0-2 with a walk. Cade Engle was 2-4. Adam Zuniga was 1-3. Ryan Lee was 1-3. Cody Scarlett had a walk. Derek Norris was 0-1 with a walk.

Pampa moved to 5-5-1 on the season. They will be back in action Tuesday at 4:30 in Pampa when they host Muleshoe in the final non-district game of the season. They then host Perryton at noon Saturday to start district play.

"It was a good weekend for our guys. We'll go home and regroup and play Muleshoe on Tuesday," Snelgrooves said.

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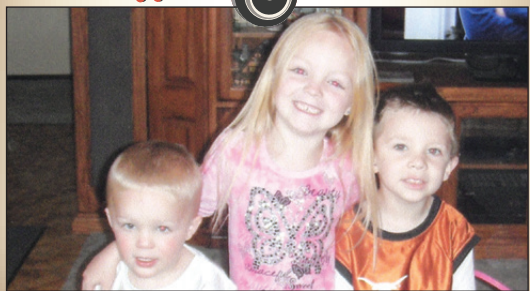
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Boys golf results from Amarillo Relay Invitational

STAFF REPORT

The Pampa boys golf team traveled to Amarillo over the weekend to participate in the Amarillo Relay Invitational.

As a team, Pampa shot 791, which was good enough for sixth place.

Bryce Parker, pictured right, shot 81 in the first round and 82 in the second for a total score of 163. He tied for third place at the invitational.

Kade Parker shot 96 in the first round and 92 in the second for a 188 total.

Dylan Childers shot 114 and 110 for 224. Ryan Roden shot 105 and 111 for 216. Ethan Brock shot 123 and 117 for a total of 240.



Basketball camp to be held at FPC

STAFF REPORT

Basketball coach Hackett, head coach at Frank Phillips College in Borger, will be holding a basketball camp this summer. The camp is for boys ages seven to 17 and will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the BCAC on the campus of Frank Phillips College in Borger. June 1 through 4 and June 8 through the 11th. The cost for the camp is \$95 per participant.

For more information about the camp or to register, visit www.fpcmensbasketball-camps.com.

About Coach Hackett

Coach Hackett has run summer basketball camps all over the world for the past 15 years. In the U.S., he has been involved with camps of all sizes; from small high school camps, to the University of Kansas' camp with over 2500 campers! He has also directed camps in England and the largest basketball camp in Europe; the Folgaria Basketball Camp in Italy, alongside the NBA's Mike Fratello and the legendary Rollie Massimino. This fall, Coach Hackett will begin his fifth year as the Head Coach at Frank Phillips College. The Plainsmen have made steady progress under his leadership; increasing both the number of overall wins and conference wins in each of his four seasons, including wins over four nationally ranked opponents. Prior to FPC, he spent five years as the Associate Head Coach at NCAA University, Florida Tech. During his time there, the Panthers were nationally ranked and had their best season in over a decade. Individually, he was named one of the top ten NCAA assistant coaches in the country.

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Wichita State back in Sweet 16 for second time in 3 years

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Wichita State should know how to avoid distractions by now.

When the NCAA Tournament field was first set, all anybody wanted to talk about was the Shockers finally getting a shot at Kansas. Nobody wanted to mention that they first had to take care of Indiana just to give the game a chance of happening.

It came to pass, of course. And behind a stellar effort on both ends of the floor, the No. 7 seed Shockers beat the Jayhawks 78-65 on Sunday night, advancing to the Sweet 16.

Now, all anybody will talk about is a potential rematch with overall No. 1 seed Kentucky, the same team that ruined the Shockers' perfect season in the NCAA Tournament a year ago.

Except Wichita State first

has to beat No. 3 seed Notre Dame.

"We're going to approach it the same way we did this time," Shockers star Fred VanVleet told The Associated Press. "We'll let y'all do all the looking ahead, anticipating."

Don't worry. There will be no shortage of it.

The Shockers (30-4) have played enough win-or-go-home games that they should be immune to looking ahead, though. VanVleet and fellow backcourt mates Ron Baker and Tekele Cotton were part of the team that advanced to the Final Four two years ago, beating No. 1 seed Gonzaga and second-seed Ohio State before falling to eventual national champion Louisville.

So even in the moments after an emotional victory over Kansas, a school that has refused to play the Shockers for years, VanVleet was

already able to focus on the Fighting Irish.

"Listen, Notre Dame is a heck of a team," he said of the ACC Tournament champs. "We don't have time to overlook anybody. That's what teams do with us. We know how it feels."

The Shockers beat the Jayhawks with the same formula that has carried them to so many wins under coach Gregg Marshall: They fought for every rebound, they pestered the Kansas guards in the half-court, and they executed flawlessly whenever they had the ball.

VanVleet had 17 points and six assists. Cotton poured in 19 points. Baker had 12 points without a turnover in 37 minutes. Even unheralded guard Evan Wessel drained four 3-pointers and had 12 points to go with nine rebounds against the bigger, longer Jayhawks.

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Pampa Crusaders end season

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The Pampa Crusaders volleyball team recently ended their Club volleyball season at the 20th Annual Texas Tumbleweed Volleyball Classic in Lubbock. The Crusaders topped off a stellar season by winning the Lubbock tournament with a 10-0 record in two days of play. They competed against twenty-eight Division 5 (12 years and under) teams from Lubbock, El Paso, Amarillo, Midland and New Mexico.

The Crusaders toughest competition of the weekend came from 3:23 out of Midland in the semi-finals. The Midland team was the only team to take Pampa to three games but the Crusaders continued their "Never say Die" attitude fighting until the last point winning the match 25-16, 17-25 and 15-11. The Crusaders dominated teams with their tough serving and solid passing along with much improved hitting. Pampa faced Next Level out of Lubbock in the Finals winning in two

games, 25-17 and 25-19.

The team capped off a very successful season where they made it to the Finals of the Gold Division of every tournament they entered. They came home with four tournament titles including the AEV Preseason Tournament in Amarillo, the TAV Regional Bid Qualifier in Amarillo, the Texas Fury January tournament in Amarillo, and the Tumbleweed Classic in Lubbock. The Crusaders also finished 2nd place in the Redlands Rendezvous

in Oklahoma City where their two losses came to the same team from Ft. Smith, Ark. The Pampa sixth graders overall match record for the 2014-2015 season was 29-2.

The team would like to thank their sponsors, Rohde's Ranch, Troxell Cattle Co., the Willett family, Gymnastics of Pampa, Baird Hotshot, Lick's Feed & Supply, Rodnie and Kathy Winborne and Lefors Credit Union for making their season possible.

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Crusaders receiving their medals and 1st place trophy at the 20th Annual Texas Tumbleweed Classic in Lubbock. Pictured from left to right are Jasmine Martinez, Celest Ostercamp, Mia McCracken, Marcee Troxell, Hallie Seick, Klaire Cambern, Shelbi Burrows, Chandler Petty and Coach Kristi Petty. Not pictured: McKenzie Willett (injured during the tournament) and Coach Larry Petty

Scientists launch study of emissions over fracking sites

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — Researchers are taking to the air to measure trace emissions over oil and gas production sites in the Bakken oil fields of North Dakota, the Niobrara shale formation of northern Colorado and Wyoming, and the Four Corners.

Scientists from the Cooperative Institute for Research in Environmental Sciences at the University of Colorado and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration plan 15 research flights out of Colorado and Texas between now and May, the Daily Camera, a Boulder, Colorado, newspaper, reported Monday.

The researchers are using aircraft equipped with chemical instruments, and tell the Camera that once their data is collected, it will take more than a year to synthesize.

Trace greenhouse gases are released during hydraulic fracturing, commonly referred to as fracking, a process that involves injecting water, sand and chemicals deep underground to fracture rocks and release oil and gas. U.S. natural gas production has increased thanks to fracking, and the drilling technique has raised environmental and health concerns.

Joost de Gouw, a research physicist and lead scientist on the project, said methane emissions are of particular interest. Natural gas, he said, is mostly methane. Although carbon dioxide is more abundant in the atmosphere, when compared molecule to molecule, methane is a more potent greenhouse gas.

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My wife tagged along and we decided to just make a weekend of it in OKC.

On Saturday we stopped at Casual Male to get me a belt after the games in Mustang. I needed a belt because I have lost 35 pounds since I started a diet in early February.

Anyways while we were there we saw some OKC Thunder players at Whataburger, so we went there in the drive thru to get something so we could talk to them.

The car right before us was the last one that Andre Roberson was doing for the TV station. He did swing by and tell me, "Hey."

Then we swung around

and I was fixing to leave disappointed but there was Steven Adams with some bracelets and he gave me some.

It seems like every time I go to OKC I get to meet a Thunder player.

One time I attended the playoffs and after the game my dad and I ate at Mickey Mantle's and there were all of the Thunder players.

That time I was actually able to snap a picture with James Harden, now of the Houston Rockets.

That is all I have for you folks today just a little fun short story about how I met a couple more Thunder players on Saturday.

Meanwhile, my wife just laughed at how in awe I was the entire time.

Maybe one day I'll meet Kevin Durant.

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PAMPA HARVESTERS AT BRICKTOWN BALLPARK



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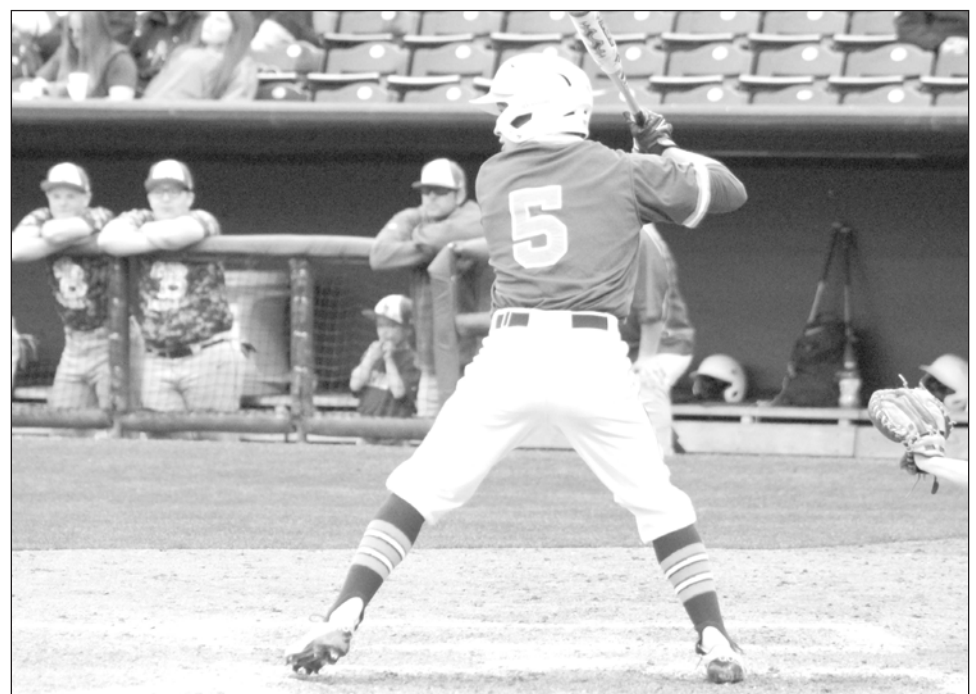
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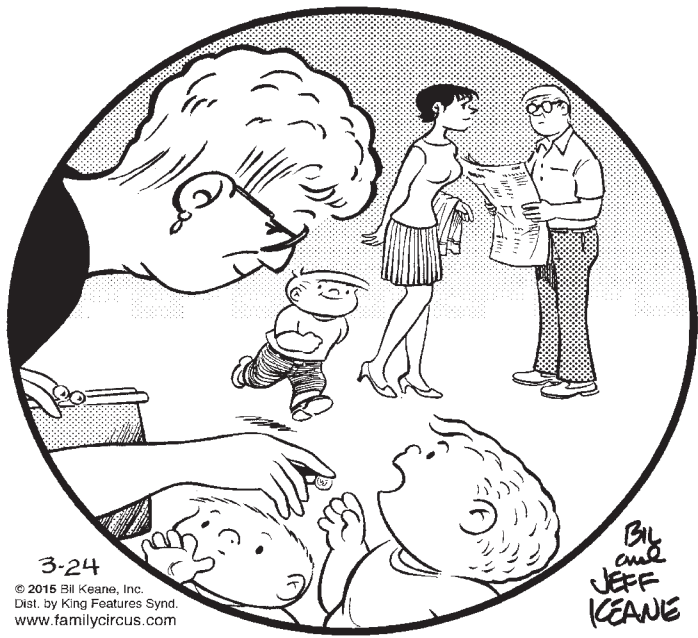
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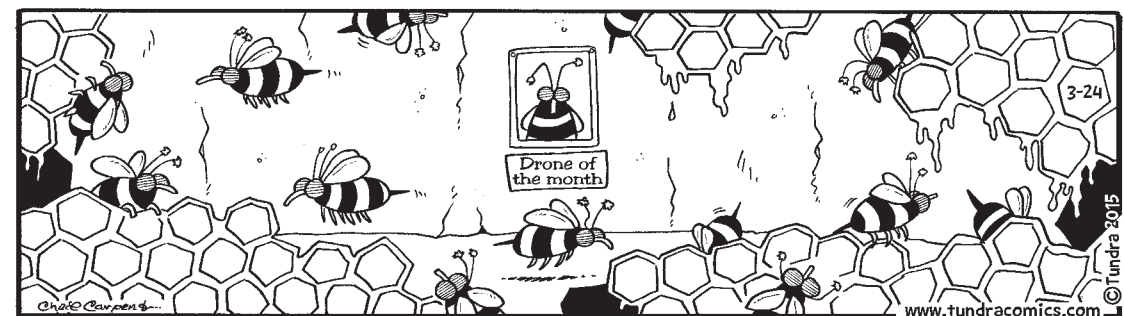
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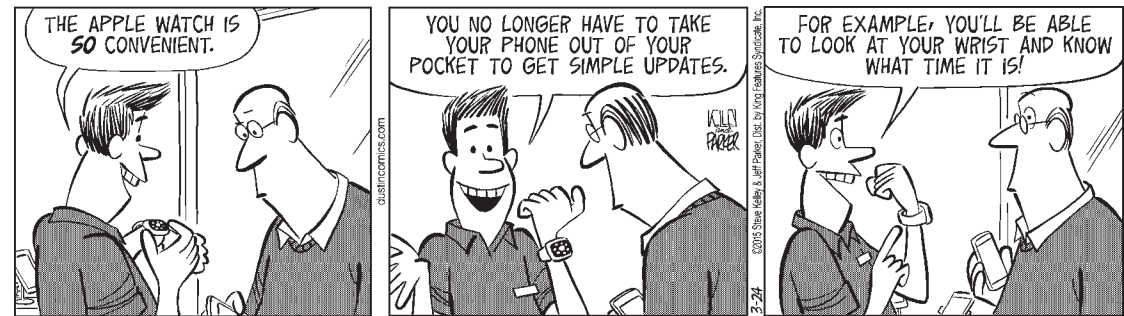
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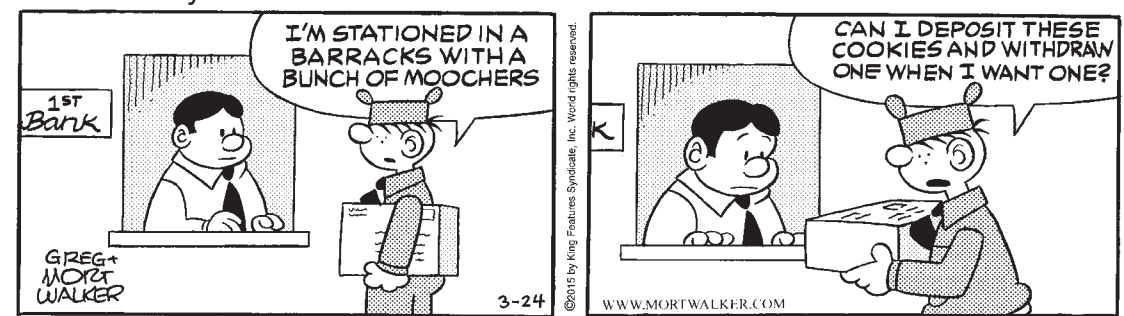
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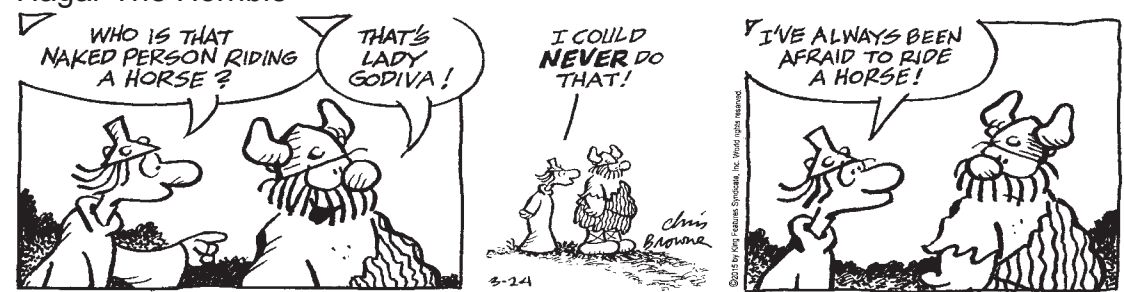
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DAILY Horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, March 25, 2015:

This year you seem to have two different sides to your personality. At times you can be very sensitive and intuitive, yet at other times you can be somewhat superficial. Ask for feedback, and you will find a way to blend the two together. If you are single, you might find that someone can relate to one side of your personality but not the other. Wait to commit until you find a suitor who loves you completely. If you are attached, the two of you could be arguing more because of your multifaceted personality. You will need to work on your communication as a couple. GEMINI always has an opinion.

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)

★★★★ Your optimism draws people out, and before you know it, you could find yourself backing off. Perhaps you are hearing more than you want to. You also might be considering a situation around an individual at a distance. Tonight: Expect a little upheaval. Look at it as excitement.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ You will want to weigh the pros and cons of your assets and what you offer to others. As a result, you will gain more of a perspective about how others view you. You might want to rethink your presentation. Tonight: Run an errand or two.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ You have a way of appealing to others and drawing them out. You'll gain more understanding of those in your life as a result. Try not to be overwhelmed by everything you hear. Others think you have all the answers. Little do they know! Tonight: Do what you want.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ You can go over the same situation only so many times. You might want to pull back and become more of an observer. Pretend that you are each person involved with this issue and go through the whole story in your mind as that person. Tonight: Get some extra zzz's.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ You might want to understand exactly what is needed to finish a project. You can ask insightful questions to get a better sense of what has kept this issue on the back burner. In-

fuse your energy into this situation, and you will be a lot happier. Tonight: Hang with your friends.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ You could be full of opinions right now. You need to say little and ask yourself why you are being so judgmental. Do some thinking, as your views might be causing problems with others when you least need them to. Tonight: Return calls and emails.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Keep reaching out to someone whom you are interested in getting to know better, whether it be professionally or personally. You might be copying more of an attitude than you realize. Detach some, but respond to that person openly. Tonight: At the movies with good company.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ You still might be wondering if you can lasso one specific individual who intrigues you. You probably need to be more open and willing to speak about what ails you. Remember that honesty is the best policy. Tonight: Paint the town red.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ You might want to consider making a change. You have been a bit down about recent events, and an adjustment could be in order. First, try taking a few days off. You could have a mental block, and you will need to clear your head. Tonight: Homework bound.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

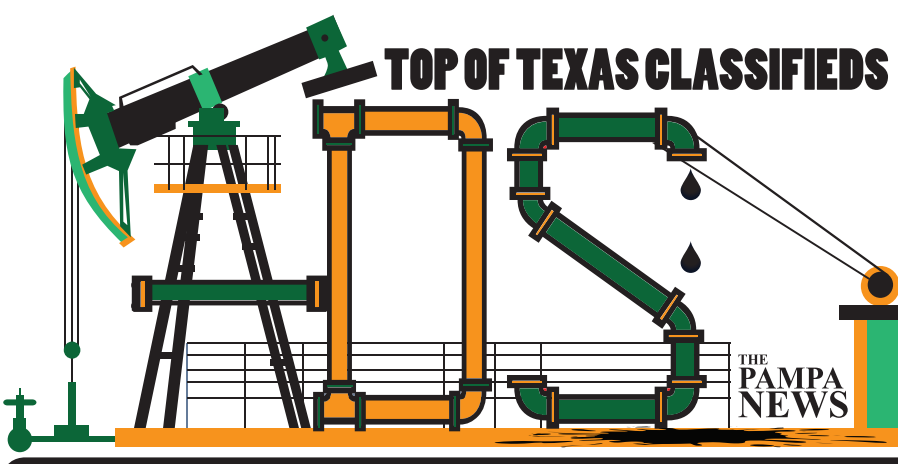
★★★★ One-on-one relating will take on new significance. Someone you have put on a pedestal will let you know how he or she feels. You never move quickly on issues like this. Consider picking up the pace this time. Understand what is happening with a friend. Tonight: At home.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Understand that others count on your humor, wisdom and willingness to chip in. Is this OK with you? All these requests could be the source of an inordinate amount of stress. Perhaps the time has come to take better care of yourself. Tonight: Out playing.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ A personal matter could be getting the best of you. Though you might not want to let others know what a toll this issue is taking on you, they will be able to see it in your face and in your energy levels. Tonight: Head home and make a favorite meal.



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Justices struggle with free speech case over license plates

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a dispute over a proposed Confederate battle flag license plate, the Supreme Court struggled Monday to balance worries about government censorship and concerns that offensive messages could, at worst, incite violence.

Nearly 150 years after the end of the Civil War, the justices heard arguments in a case over Texas' refusal to issue a license plate bearing the battle flag. Nine other states allow drivers to display plates with the flag, which remains both a potent image of heritage and a racially charged symbol of repression.

Specialty license plates are big business in Texas. They brought in \$17.6 million last year and state officials said there are now nearly 450 messages to choose from, from "Choose Life" to the Boy Scouts and hamburger chains.

The state rarely rejects a specialty plate, but it did turn down a request by the Texas division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans for a license plate with its logo bearing the battle flag. The group's lawsuit led to Monday's hearing.

The justices seemed uncomfortable with arguments advanced by both sides — the state in defense of its actions, and the Sons of Confederate Veterans in their appeal for

the symbol.

If the court finds the state must permit the battle flag on license plates, Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg asked in a series of questions, would it be forced also to allow plates with a swastika, the word "jihad," and a call to make marijuana legal?

Yes, lawyer R. James George Jr., a law clerk to Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall 45 years ago, responded each time on behalf of the veterans group.

"That's okay? And 'Bong hits for Jesus?'" Ginsburg said, reaching back to an earlier case involving students' speech rights.

Again, George said yes, and remained firm even when Justice Elena Kagan added in "the most offensive racial epithet you can imagine."

He told the justices that "speech that we hate is something that we should be proud of protecting."

The result of such a ruling, Justice Anthony Kennedy said, probably would be the end of the state's program of allowing many specialized license plates, and a loss of free speech. "If you prevail, it's going to prevent a lot of Texans from conveying a message," Kennedy said.

More skeptical about the state's argument, Chief Justice John Roberts and Jus-

tice Samuel Alito said the sheer number of messages and their wide range show that the state's only interest is financial.

"They're only doing this to get the money," Roberts said. "Texas will put its name on anything."

Texas Solicitor General Scott Keller said the state makes the plates and owns them. "Texas has its name on every license plate," Keller said.

Car owners remain free to express any message they wish by attaching bumper stickers or painting their cars, he said.

Keller urged the court not to force Texas to recognize offensive speech. "Texas should not have to allow speech about al-Qaida or the Nazi party simply because it offers a license plate propagating the message 'Fight Terrorism,'" Keller said.

But Roberts was unpersuaded by that argument. "If you don't want to have the al-Qaida license plate, don't get into the business of allowing people to buy...the space to put on whatever they want to say," the chief justice said.

Texas commemorates the Confederacy in many ways. The battle flag is etched on a century-old Civil War monument on the grounds of the state Capitol in Austin.

The First Amendment dispute has brought together some unlikely allies,

including the American Civil Liberties Union, anti-abortion groups, Americans United for Separation of Church and State, civil libertarian Nat Hentoff and conservative satirist P.J. O'Rourke.

"In a free society, offensive speech should not just be tolerated, its regular presence should be celebrated as a symbol of democratic health — however odorous the products of a democracy may be," Hentoff, O'Rourke and others said in a brief backing the group.

The case could be important for how the Supreme Court determines whether the speech at issue belongs to private individuals or the government.

Eleven states are supporting Texas because they fear that a ruling against the state would call into question license plates that promote national and state pride and specific positions on such controversial issues as abortion.

George said states concerned about seeming to endorse controversial messages could print on the plates "This is not the state's speech," in large orange lettering.

"Where is that going to fit on the license plate?" Justice Sonia Sotomayor asked.

A decision in Walker v. Sons of Confederate Veterans, 14-144, is expected by late June.

Police unable to confirm gang rape at University of Virginia

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. (AP) — A five-month police investigation into an alleged gang rape at the University of Virginia, described in graphic detail in a Rolling Stone article, showed no evidence the attack took place and was stymied by the accuser's unwillingness to cooperate, authorities said Monday.

The article entitled "A rape on campus" traced the story from a student identified only as "Jackie," who said she was raped at a Phi Kappa Psi fraternity house on September 28, 2012. Police said there were numerous discrepancies between the article and what they found in their investigation.

"All I can tell you is that

there is no substantive basis to conclude that what was reported in that article happened," Charlottesville Police Chief Timothy Longo said.

Longo said Jackie first described a sexual assault in May 2013 when she met with a dean about an academic issue, but "the sexual act was not consistent with what was described" in the Rolling Stone article. When she met with police, she didn't want them to investigate the alleged assault.

She also refused to talk to police after the article was printed in November and ignited the national conversation about sexual assaults on college campuses. Discrepancies in the article were found

by news organizations soon after it was published.

Rolling Stone has apologized and said it would investigate.

Longo said the case is suspended, not closed. He said the fact that investigators could not find evidence "doesn't mean that something terrible didn't happen to Jackie."

Investigators spoke to about 70 people, including friends of the accuser and fraternity members, and spent hundreds of hours on the investigation, Longo said.

Police said in January they had been unable to confirm that the alleged gang rape occurred at the Phi Kappa Psi house, but added that they

were still investigating.

In addition to the alleged gang rape, the article described a hidden culture of sexual violence fueled by binge drinking at the university.

In the article, Jackie said that during her first semester on campus, she had gone on a date with a classmate named "Drew" who later that night lured her into a secluded room at a fraternity house. Inside the room, she said, she was raped by a group of seven fraternity brothers while her date and one other man watched.

The magazine described a distraught Jackie later telling three friends about the assault, and two of them discouraging her from reporting it to

authorities because she could become a social outcast. In interviews with The Associated Press, the friends said the opposite was true — that they insisted Jackie contact police, but she refused.

The article also reported that Jackie was gang-raped by seven men who beat her and threw her through a glass table while two other men urged them on in a fraternity house. The friends said Jackie told them that she was forced to perform oral sex on five men.

Phi Kappa Psi said it did not host a party at the house on the date Jackie said she was assaulted.

Contacted before the news conference, Jackie's attorney Palma Pustilnik said she

would not have any comment afterward.

Social activities at fraternities were suspended after the article was published but were reinstated after Greek organizations agreed to rules banning kegs, requiring security workers and ensuring at least three fraternity members are sober.

The university said the new rules will be re-examined in May to determine whether adjustments are warranted.

Rolling Stone has asked the dean of the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism to conduct a review of its reporting. The magazine is expected to publish those findings in a couple of weeks, media outlets reported.

Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips



DEAR ABBY: My wife has stage 4 breast cancer. She is only 51, and our most optimistic prognosis is three to four more years. Our children, 15 and 16, understand her disease, but don't really have a sense of how much longer we all have together.

Recently we went out to dinner, and the kids started talking about my retirement plans and their college plans. Later that night, my wife told me how sad it was hearing the kids talk about things she knows she will never see.

I have been debating whether I should have a talk with the kids and perhaps suggest they avoid subjects that make their mother sad. What do you think? — NOT TALKING ABOUT THE FUTURE

DEAR NOT TALKING: Before talking to your children, I think you should talk to your wife. Although your instinct is to protect her, I don't think you can. Sadness in her situation is normal. I'm sure if you were to ask her if she'd prefer the kids censor their remarks in front of her, she would tell you she wants to hear everything she can about what they are thinking.

When people have a terminal illness, they have a right to be sad when contemplating the things they will be missing — in your wife's case it will be seeing her children get married, her grandchildren and more. Let your children express themselves fully with their mother, and if she's having a bad/sad day, listen and let her unburden herself. A joy shared is twice a joy, and a burden shared is half a burden.

DEAR ABBY: As a gift, my boyfriend, "Seth," gave me a Chihuahua pup-

py. I like dogs, but have never expressed a desire to have one. In fact, I have repeatedly mentioned my dislike for small dogs and that I wouldn't have a dog due to my travel schedule for work. I'd have to pay for food, veterinary care, toys, boarding, etc., and the dog would be alone in my apartment all day while I'm at the office.

Seth still chose to give me one. When I refused his gift, he yelled and left. My friends think I was rude, and that Seth was sweet for buying me a puppy. I tried explaining to them, but they were sarcastic and mean about my decision not to accept the dog.

This isn't the first time something like this has happened with Seth. For my birthday he bought me a smartphone, signed me up for a two-year contract and expected me to pay the monthly bill. I refused that, too. Am I wrong? — SIMPLE GIRL IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

DEAR SIMPLE GIRL:

You and Seth appear to have a serious disconnect when it comes to communication. Is this the only area of your relationship in which he is tone-deaf? Your boyfriend seems to be the master of the "grand gesture," with no thought about the responsibilities his generous gifts will impose on the recipient.

Because you told him clearly that you dislike small dogs, he should not have forced one on you. In fact, he shouldn't have given you any living, breathing dependent creature without first having made sure it would be welcomed. You did the right thing — the humane thing — in not accepting the animal.

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BANANA BITE: One word means "more courageous."

BANANA BITE: One word means "root for."

Yesterday's Answer: THIRD, MEDIAN, ADDED

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- Man in a fish story
 - Follow, as orders
 - Church part
 - Louvre location
 - French friend
 - 44th president
 - Emotional problem
 - Official documents
 - In the style of
 - Loaded
 - Words of understanding
 - River of Hades
 - Sailing site
 - Suppress
 - New Zealand natives
 - Guy's friend
 - Blended
 - Promotes
 - Binary base
 - Have lunch
 - Airport screening org.
 - "House of Cards" co-star
 - Kitchen come-on
 - Figure of speech
 - Tiny sounds
 - Casual eateries
 - Gag
- DOWN**
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 - 34 Snare
 - 35 Had on
 - 36 Clarinet cousin
 - 38 End-of-week letters
 - 39 Loafer, for one
 - 40 Money machines
 - 42 Little rascal
 - 43 Writer Tarbell

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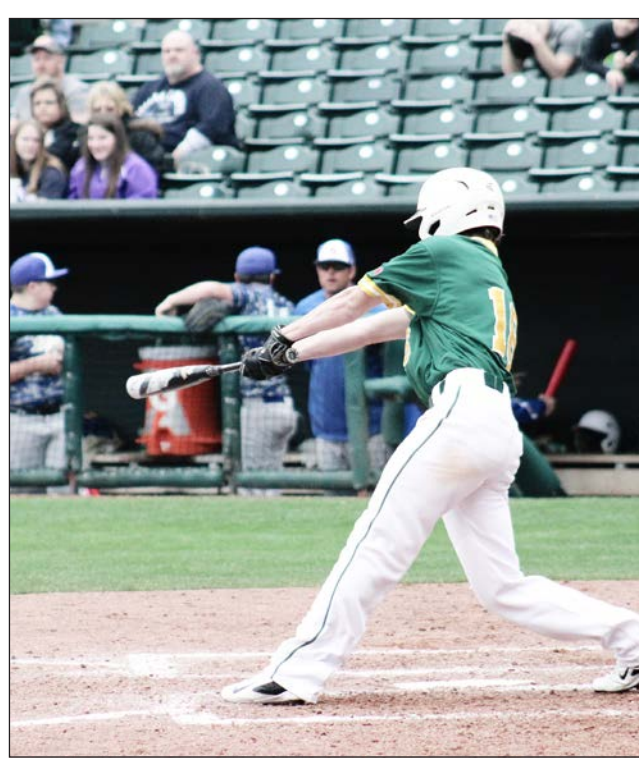
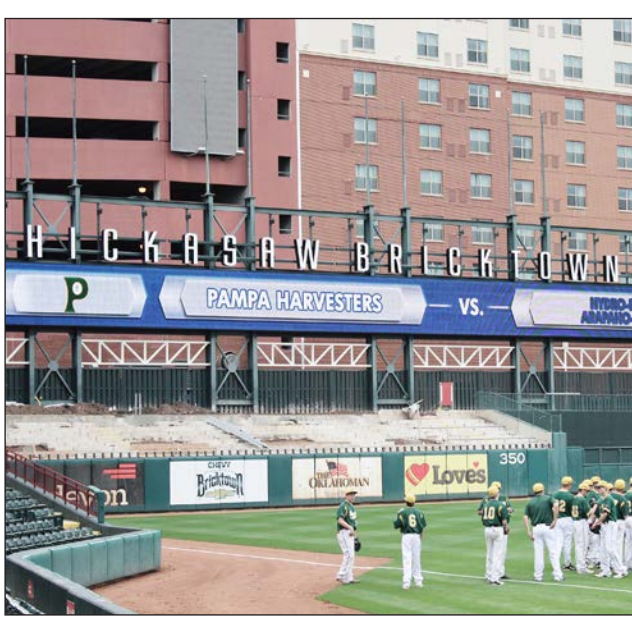
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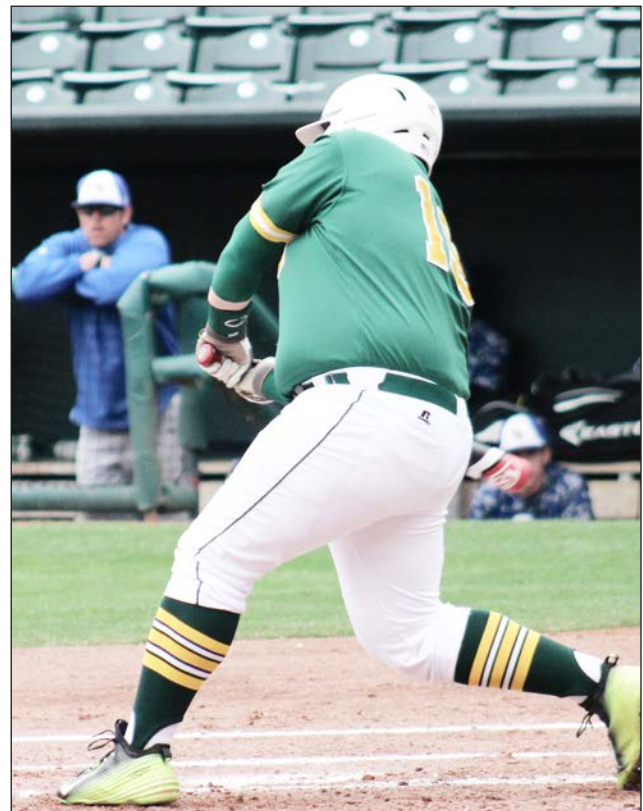
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