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## Mayor proclaims this week at Public Safety Telecommunicators Week

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*Editor's note: This article is being reran due to a mistake when it ran last week. The picture ran with the wrong proclamation. The Pampa News apologizes for any confusion this may cause.*



Submitted photo  
 Pictured with Mayor Pingel are dispatchers, Jessica Mann, Debbie Cantrell, Debbie McDonald and Holly Knox.

Proclamation  
 WHEREAS, the men and women serving as public safety telecommunicators-9-1-1 operators, dispatchers and other communications specialist-are dedicated to saving lives; and  
 WHEREAS, these professionals, the "unseen first responders", provide critical assistance to our community in times of great need; and  
 WHEREAS, their special skills and calm presence are invaluable; and  
 WHEREAS, they are the knowledgeable and skilled individuals who work closely with police, fire, and medical personnel.  
 Because emergencies occur around the clock, we rely on the vigilance and preparedness of these individuals 24 hours a day, 365 days a year; and  
 WHEREAS, the Commission on State Emergency Communications works with local and state governments to ensure reliable access to emergency telecommunicators, the commission annually designates a week in April for an awareness campaign.  
 NOW THEREFORE, I, Brad Pingel, Mayor of the City of Pampa, do hereby proclaim April 12 – 18, 2015 as:  
**"PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATORS WEEK"**  
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 Their diligent efforts ensure that help is on the way when we need it most.  
 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Pampa to be affixed this 7th day of April, 2015.

## City approves Pampa EDC Jump N' Jive loan

■ Jump N' Jive will use the loan to expand services, add laser tag.

BY LINDSEY TOMASCHIK  
 LKTomaschik@thepampanews.com

The Pampa City Commission held its first meeting of the month on Monday evening at City Hall.

The meeting began at 5 p.m. with a work session led by director of public works Donny Hooper.

Hooper spoke about Operation Community Pride, which had to cancel its community cleanup day that was supposed to be held on Saturday due to the rain the area received.

He also mentioned that the efforts of the city to clean up the alleys has cleared up 10 miles in just three days of work. During those days, 1,500 tires have been collected.

Since the last meeting, the two full-time employees hired to continue cleanup efforts during the week have completed their first week. Hooper said they averaged collections of 3.5 tons of debris a day in just their first week.

For the canceled event Saturday, he said about 30 city employees showed up, along with some additional volunteers and all were excited about having the opportunity to lend a hand, but mother nature had other plans that day.

The landfill still allowed community members to bring in their tires that day even though the event was canceled.

They reported that over the course of about five hours, 436 tires were brought in by the public.

During the work session, Hooper also spoke about the new app that will be accessible for



community members to use to continue efforts to clean up the city.

The app will be called Pampa Community Pride, and Hooper said it will essentially serve as the new front door of City Hall.

Rather than coming in to report ordinance violations, citizens will be able to take a picture of, say, a pothole in the street and submit it through the app. Citizens will also have the

option to receive push notifications to stay in the loop with the progress on work on their complaints.

The app can also be used to keep up with city events and programs and will have the potential to send out city alerts and reminders.

Hooper said the app is flexible as far as what they can include, and for every suggestion **JUMP** cont. on page 2

## House Approves Heart Exams for High School Athletes

BY RYAN MCCRIMMON  
 The Texas Tribune

The numbers assigned to legislative bills are usually meaningless, often reflecting nothing more than the order in which they were filed. That's not the case for House Bill 767, intentionally numbered in honor of a Texas high school football player who wore number 76 and died in 2012 from sudden cardiac arrest.

On Monday, almost three years after the death of Crosby High School senior Cody Stephens, the Texas House gave preliminary approval to HB 767, which requires students to receive an electrocardiogram (EKG) before they can play high school sports. Stephens, who planned to attend Tarleton State University on a football scholarship, fell asleep in his dad's recliner on May 6, 2012, and never woke up.

The screening required by the new legislation, written by a bipartisan group of lawmakers, could have caught the heart problem that cost Stephens his

life. "If we can save one kid's life, it's worth it," said state Rep. Wayne Smith, R-Baytown, one of the bill's authors.

A similar effort in 2013 by state Rep. Sylvester Turner, D-Houston, faltered in a House committee. But HB 767 — which boasts five authors, Republicans Smith, Dan Huberty and J.D. Sheffield and Democrats Turner and Eddie Lucio III — tentatively passed the House 86-57.

The measure adds an electrocardiogram — a non-invasive test of electrical activity in the heart — to the health assessment students are already required to pass before they're allowed to play high school sports. The EKG is required before an athlete's first and third year of participation, and parents have the option to waive the EKG requirement for their children "for any reason."

"All we're asking for is one more test," Huberty said.

The requirement wouldn't go into effect until the

2016-17 school year, giving rural school districts that lack EKG capabilities time to prepare for the change. A similar bill in the Texas Senate was filed by state Sen. Juan "Chuy" Hinojosa, D-McAllen.

Huberty said an EKG costs about \$15. Several organizations, including the Cody Stephens Go Big or Go Home Memorial Foundation, run by Stephens' father, Scott Stephens, offer free heart screenings.

But several House members who spoke in opposition to the bill voiced concerns about the high cost of further procedures if the initial electrocardiogram is inconclusive. State Rep. Stuart Spitzer, R-Kaufman, a physician, said subsequent tests could cost families hundreds or even thousands of dollars.

Lucio told his colleagues to imagine facing the parents who had lost a child to a heart problem that could have been detected by an EKG.

"What are you going to tell that parent when they come to you and say, 'Hey, there was a bill before you to make this test mandatory and you voted against it?'" Lucio said. "Think about that."

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Today	Thursday	Friday
		
High 76 Low 47	High 65 Low 44	High 65 Low 44

**Today:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 p.m. Mostly sunny, with a high near 76. SSW wind 15-20 mph, gusts to 30 mph. Sunrise: 7:12 a.m.

**Tonight:** A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 47. SSW wind 15-20 mph, gusts to 25 mph. Sunset: 8:17 p.m.

**Thursday:** A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 65. North wind 10-15 mph, gusts to 20 mph. Sunrise: 7:11 a.m.

**Thursday night:** A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 44. NNE wind 5-10 mph. Sunset: 8:18 p.m.

**Friday:** A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 65. NNE wind around 10 mph. Sunrise: 7:09 a.m.

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made by a staff member, there has been a way for the app to accommodate it thus far.

He is particularly looking forward to the statistic reporting capabilities of the app.

It will keep track of where the complaints are coming in from and other statistics.

Hooper and other members of the city staff are excited about the app and see it as a good way for community members to get involved without making a trip to City Hall. They believe it will also improve the service response.

Hooper is optimistic that the app will be complete about four weeks from now.

After the work session, the mayor and commissioners held a public hearing in regards to continuing the City's Nocturnal Curfew Ordinance for minors under the age of 17.

There were no public comments, and city manager

Shane Stokes mentioned there will be no change in the curfew, but it is required for the city to hold two public hearings on the ordinance every three years. When it came time to discuss this agenda item, it was approved unanimously. Police chief Kelly Rushing said this is a good thing to have in place as it gives officers the authority to tell the kids in the area they do not need to be out running around late at night, and it has been effective in the past.

From there, the mayor and commissioners got into the agenda items. The one that received probably the most attention during the meeting was in regards to the resolution approving a loan from the Pampa Economic Development Corporation to Tyler D. Grant, owner of Jump N' Jive in the amount of \$162,800.

Clay Rice of Pampa EDC said the loan will be used to expand the services offered by Jump N' Jive. Currently, the business' major customer draw is for ages nine and younger. With the addition of laser tag and a full arcade from which tickets can be

exchanged for prizes.

Grant is optimistic that these additions will bring in a wider range of customers by increasing the range of the target market and offering the community more activities to choose from.

The expansion of services will also offer additional employment opportunities. Jump N' Jive currently has six part-time employees. With the expansion, Grant anticipates having two full-time employees and 10 part-time. She is shooting to have the project complete come late June or early July. The commissioners voiced their excitement on the project and said it is a great draw for the kids of Pampa and surrounding communities.

Rice said the loan is a five-year loan at 4.25 percent. Up to \$80,000 is forgivable. A public hearing on the loan will be held at Pampa EDC April 16.

This was the commission's first reading on the loan.

During Monday's meeting, the mayor and commissioners also discussed and approved the following agenda items, unanimously:

- Authorizing the city manager to enter into a lease agreement with Rhino Communications, Inc. for space on the City of Pampa's communication tower, located at 2801 W. Kentucky. Rhino bought part of ERF, and the agreement between them and the city has expired. They agreed on \$900 per month, and the agreement will last five years. Stokes said this is the same agreement they had

with ERF with a different dollar amount.

- Authorizing the city manager to enter into a contract with David Teichmann for mowing and maintenance of select City of Pampa parks. Teichmann had the lowest bid for mowing and maintenance of about 14 local parks until the end of 2015. This agreement will allow the parks and recreation crews to have more time to mow the tax properties around town.

- Adopting on second and final reading an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinance, Chapter 6, Health and Sanitation by adding Article 6.08 Community Pride Bulky Waste Collection Program. Hooper said the first of the bulky waste pickups is set to take place in Ward 3 this Friday. Those who live in this ward are encouraged to have any bulky waste they wish to have collected by the curb by 7 a.m. that day.

To find out if this applies to you, a map of the wards can be found on the city website at <http://www.cityofpampa.org/DocumentCenter/View/105>.

- Adopting on second and final reading an ordinance approving a negotiated resolution between the Atmos West Texas Cities Steering Committee and Atmos Energy Corporation, West Texas Division.

- Consent agenda. The City Commission meets at 5:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Mondays of every month on the third floor of City Hall, 201 W. Kingsmill.

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# OBITUARIES

## Lora Nadine Westbrook

Lora Nadine Westbrook, 81, of Pampa, Texas, passed away Monday, April 13, 2015 at her home.



**Lora Westbrook**  
Hartsfield.

Lora was born on Sept. 2, 1933, to Frank and Mary Weiss in Shamrock. She retired from Alco after many years of service. She enjoyed fishing and playing Bingo, but her passion was spending time with her family.

Lora is preceded in death by her parents; her loving husband, Kenneth Norman Westbrook; two brothers, Frank L. Weiss and Glen H. Weiss; a sister, Viola M. Meathenia; a son-in-law, Cecil Walker and a great granddaughter, Britney

Her survivors include five children, Clifton and wife

Ada Westbrook, Glenda Walker, Mona and husband Bo Delancy, Mark Westbrook, Marie and husband Larry Thompson all of Pampa; seven grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren.

Funeral services are scheduled for 10 a.m., Thursday, April 16, 2015, at Highland Baptist Church with Bro. Paul Nachtigall officiating. Interment will follow in Memory Gardens Cemetery. Arrangements are entrusted to the care of Winegeart & Eldringhoff Funeral Home of Pampa. Friends may call the funeral home from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today to offer condolences.

The family would like to express a sincere thank you to the employees of Interim Hospice for so lovingly taking care of our mother as well as a special thank you to Beverley Casey for the live-in care and love you have given.

The family will be gathering at 2713 Rosewood Lane, Pampa.

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## A year after kidnap of schoolgirls in Nigeria, hope dwindles

LAGOS, Nigeria (AP) — They have been gone a year now, the hundreds of girls abducted by Islamic militants from their school in northeastern Nigeria.

And while the cry to “Bring Back Our Girls” remains a worldwide cause, the new president Tuesday would not repeat his predecessor’s failed promise to find them — only that they won’t be forgotten.

A solemn march was held to remember the 219 girls seized from their boarding school in Chibok by gunmen from the Boko Haram extremist group. In Nigeria’s capital of Abuja, 219 girls paraded in the streets, with each carrying a placard bearing the name of a kidnap victim.

“We believe the girls are still alive,” said Dr. Allan Manasseh, the brother of missing 18-year-old Maryamu Wavi, in an interview with The Associated Press.

But it was clear that hope has dwindled a year after the April 14-15 mass abduction.

President-elect Muhammadu Buhari said he must

be honest about the prospects of getting the missing girls back to their families.

“We do not know if the Chibok girls can be rescued. Their whereabouts remain unknown,” Buhari said in a statement.

“As much as I wish to, I cannot promise that we can find them.”

The statement by Buhari, a former military ruler of Nigeria who was elected last month and takes over May 29, is a marked departure from President Goodluck Jonathan.

After Jonathan’s administration initially denied there had even been a kidnaping, he made repeated hollow promises that the girls would be rescued.

Campaigners have replaced the slogan of “Bring Back Our Girls — Now and Alive!” with a new one: “Never to be forgotten.”

Still, some of the marchers Tuesday held the new leadership accountable.

“We are here to appeal to the government to do better. We want our girls now and alive,” said Solamipe Onifade, 16.

## FOR the RECORD

### Pampa man arrested for public intoxication

#### STAFF REPORT

• John Braddock, 30, Pampa, was arrested Monday by the Pampa Police Department for public intoxication.

• Albert Garay, 59, Borger, was arrested Monday by the Gray County Sheriff’s Office for bond surrender — driving while

license invalid with a previous conviction.

• Cory Sandefer, 48, Borger, was arrested Monday by GCSO for public lewdness, assault by threat.

• Brandon Plemons, 35, Raydon, Okla., was arrested Monday by GCSO for insufficient bond —

possession of a controlled substance — less than one gram.

• Tonya Brown, 38, Pampa, was arrested Monday by GCSO for violating promise to appear, equipment violation.

• Marcus Brown, 19, Pampa, was arrested Monday by PPD for three

charges of capias pro fine — nonpayment of court costs.



### Pampa Fire Department call log — April 10-13

#### 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.

#### April 10

• At 2:24 p.m., to a motor-vehicle accident in the 1300 block of Hobart. No injuries.

• At 3:16 p.m., to a medical call in the 1800 block of North Coffee.

• At 4:22 p.m., one unit and four personnel to a medical call in the 12000 block of East Frederick.

• At 4:49 p.m., to a medical call in the 500 block of North Nelson.

• At 5:15 p.m., to a motor-vehicle accident at the intersection of Pennsylvania and Williston. One patient packaged to

Pampa Regional Medical Center.

• At 6:20 p.m., to a lift assist in the 2000 block of North Mary Ellen.

• At 6:50 p.m., to a medical call in the 1500 block of North Hamilton.

• At 10:38 p.m., one unit and four personnel to a motor-vehicle accident in the 500 block of North Doucett. No injuries.

#### April 11

• At 9 a.m., two units and six personnel to a public service call in the 1600 block of North Banks.

• At 12:25 p.m., to a medical call in the 2300 block of North Mary Ellen.

• At 6:34 p.m., to a medical call in the 1800 block of North Hamilton.

#### April 12

• At 9:19 a.m., to a medical call in the 2200 block of North Christine.

• At 6:03 p.m., to a medical call in the 100 block of East 28th.

• At 7:43 p.m., to a medical call in the 1300 block of North Coffee.

• At 8:06 p.m., to a medical call in the 1300 block of North Coffee.

#### April 13

• At 8:33 a.m., to a medical call in the 2700 block of North Beech.

• At 11:36 a.m., to a lift assist in the 1000 block of East Darby.

• At 12:38 p.m., two units and six personnel to a false alarm in the 1200 block of East Foster.

#### April 14

• At 2:46 a.m., to the 500 block of Warren to a CO alarm activation.



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## Texas House to debate, likely pass ‘open carry’ of handguns

AUSTIN (AP) — A bill overturning the Texas post-Civil War ban on the open carry of handguns is poised to clear the Legislature, making the state America’s largest to legalize wearing weapons in plain sight.

The Texas House plans to debate and approve the change Tuesday. A similar

measure passed the state Senate, clearing the way for the governor to sign it into law.

The Texas love affair with guns is such that those with concealed handgun licenses can bypass metal detectors at the state Capitol. Security assumes they’re armed.

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## Museum Musings

### Billy Dixon

Billy Dixon led an exciting life, however I wouldn't go so far to say that it was a simple life. Dixon was born in Ohio County, West Virginia, on Sept. 25, 1850. By the age of 12 he was orphaned and sent to live with his uncle, Thomas Dixon in Ray County, Missouri.



**COURTNEY OXLEY**

Dixon left his uncle's home in the fall of 1864, when he went to work in woodcutters' camps along the Missouri River. From there he gained employment from government freight contractors in Kansas as a bullwhacker and a muleskinner. Briefly during 1866 he quit working there and went to work for the McCall family's farm near Leavenworth, Kansas. While working for the family it was the only time in his life he attended any sort of formal schooling. After working for the McCall's for about a year he returned to his freight job. He was a skilled marksman and occasionally scouted for eastern excursionists brought out by the railroads to buffalo hunt.

In November of 1869 he joined a venture in hunting and trapping on the Saline River northwest of Fort Hays. In 1870 buyers offered a dollar each for buffalo cow hides and two dol-

lars for bull hides, and Dixon's marksmanship made hide hunting highly profitable. He invested in a road-ranch or supply store, a merchandizing venture that was successful until 1871, when, during Dixon's absence, the store manager, Billy Reynolds, sold out and departed with the proceeds.

Dixon returned to hunting buffalo, sometimes he stayed busy enough to employ four to five hunters and skinners. He scouted Texas as far south as the Salt Fork of the Red River when the buffalo hunters moved into the Texas Panhandle in 1874. He and his group hunted along the Canadian River and its tributaries. It was said when the spring migration occurred Dixon could shoot enough buffalo to keep ten skinners busy, and he found Adobe Walls a convenient place to store his wagonloads of hides hauled in from the field.

Dixon led the founders of Adobe Walls to the Texas Plains, where he knew buffalo were in abundance. The group of 28 men and one woman occupied the outpost built there and five buildings. The outpost was attacked that year by a band of 250 Comanche, and that is when Dixon went into the history books for firing "The Shot of the Century."

The story goes he became a hero only a few days into the battle, when a bullet from his

Sharps buffalo rifle knocked an Indian off his horse nearly a mile away, it's perhaps exaggerated. Dixon himself never claimed credit for his "long shot."

The WDLM would like to invite you to our Red River Wars event coming up on April 25th. The event will kick off with the Quanah Parker Trail arrow dedication at 4:00 pm. The arrow is located on Cuyler Street just across from the Museum. In the same lot as the old Pioneer Cottage. Following at 5:00 is a Friends and VIP reception with S.C. Gwynne. The reception will be held at the Historic First National Bank Building and tickets are \$25. At 6:00, at the First National Bank Building on Cuyler Street, we will introduce to the public, Mr. S.C. Gwynne, award winning journalist and author of Empire of the Summer Moon and Rebel Yell. There will be a Q&A session and book signing following the presentation. Books will be available for purchase.

For more information or to purchase tickets, please contact the museum.

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## Not a perfect ending but a better ending

My friend Julia died as we knew she would. Cancer had ravaged her



**DEBRA SAUNDERS**

body for a decade. She no longer could breathe. She was at home, under hospice care,

when she asked for a dose of morphine that she knew would kill her but also keep her final moments free of pain. I mention Julia's death because a blogger named Jazz Shaw took issue with my Sunday column, "Assisted Suicide — It's Civil Rights for the Affluent." Doctors have been killing people with morphine overdoses for the past century or so, he wrote. And: "Forcing someone to suffer to the last bitter moment because you want to save them from burning in hell is not dignity."

I don't know any credible opponent of assisted suicide who opposes doctors administering needed pain control, including lethal doses if necessary. That's how medicine is supposed to work. Doctors alleviate pain. They prescribe not with the intent to kill but to stop suffering. If a patient dies from needed pain control, so be it. That's how a compassionate health care system should work.

I'm revisiting the issue because there is so much misinformation — like Shaw's — about the issue. I've received emails from readers who talked about loved ones who endured unwanted treatment. They don't seem to know that patients have the right to refuse medical treatment.

Last week, I watched ALS patient Christina Symonds, 43, assert that she does not want to live her "last days in a wheelchair, fully paralyzed, connected to a breathing machine."

"She can refuse a breathing machine," bioethics professor Bill

Hurlbut, of Stanford University, told me. Also: "The argument that ALS is a very terrible way to die — you have to feel for that argument; you have to feel the sadness of that. But the alternative is" to turn medicine away from being a healing profession. "The minute we start participating in promoting the end of life with the intention of ending it, then we have a different relationship with the patient, and fear will enter the equation when people enter the hospital."

So let me repeat: Doctors can and should use pain control to alleviate pain and suffering. Palliative sedation is available to those who fear a bad end. And patients are free to refuse treatment — an important right. These safeguards do not guarantee the sort of choreographed final moments that "death with dignity" advocates seem to think they will get if more states legalize physician-assisted suicide; they do give patients the wherewithal to make the most of their last years, months or days.

A hospice near me has the perfect motto: "Design a better ending."

If you remove disinformation about inadequate palliative care and treatments being forced on people, advocates are left with one argument: Choice. They say they should be able to choose when they die.

I agree, but if you want to kill yourself, no government can stop you. This point tends to enrage advocates, who feel that they have the right to choose when they die and have someone else help them.

They want to pervert health care to cater to their perfect death ceremonies. That is their sorry idea of dignity.

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## Humphrey's not so singin' in the rain

Another week with Humphrey has passed, and this week I make preparations



**LINDSEY TOMASCHIK**

to leave my hound for the weekend. I'll be at my first District Nine Conference for Altrusa International, which requires me to be gone for about four days.

Humphrey will be in good hands, so I'm not particularly worried about leaving him this time. I did decide I wasn't ready to board him just yet, though. That will have to wait for my big trip in August.

It's not until trip season rolls around that I start to wish Humphrey was easier to travel with. I'd love to be able to take him to the beach with me in August, but let's face it, high maintenance Humphrey would not be able to cope with flying on a plane across the country.

We've been getting some rain here lately, which has made a lot of people

happy, but to be honest, the rainy season is not my favorite when it comes to walking Humphrey.

He hates being outside in the rain just about as much as I do, which makes things difficult. For an animal that loves the snow as much as he does, it's a little surprising that he hates the rain so much. Maybe it just reminds him of getting a bath.

Another thing, Humphrey hates the rain but loves the mud. This pretty much just adds to my headache when I do such things as leave the back door cracked to let in some cool air after a rainstorm. Without fail, Humphrey winds up sneaking out without my noticing and when he comes back in, I'm greeted with these adorable muddy paw prints. I'm irritated just thinking about it, even though I bring it on myself.

Little does he know, he's getting a bath this week because of it, which would give me the last laugh, but bathing him is pretty much my worst nightmare. Lifting that 65-pound mammoth into the bathtub when he's fighting you with all

his additional resistance weight is not my idea of fun.

I suppose without him being just the way he is and without me giving him these opportunities, I wouldn't have these stories to write about him. At the end of the day, he is my main source of entertainment, anyway.

I've mentioned before how much Humphrey enjoys lying on his back. Well, it's been awhile since he spent the majority of his day on his back. Lately, every time I walk in Humphrey's direction or he gets excited to see me, he rolls over on his back to have his belly rubbed or in refusal to go to his kennel. When he does this, I know I haven't been spending enough time at home because he is driven to the point of hating his kennel again.

When I have been home, Humphrey has felt the need to be attached to me, which I don't mind most of the time. I tried to sit down and read a book that I haven't touched in a few months, admittedly, and Humph didn't take to

kindly to the lack of attention. He took to sitting beside me Chewbaccaning until I gave in and went to play outside with him. I did finally catch the sound on video and it's on Humphrey's Facebook page for those interested in having a listen.

I'll close in readdressing Humphrey James III's page. We're up to 43 likes, which is about 38 more than I ever expected after I hinted at coworkers and family members to like the page to reassure me that I'm not just the crazy dog lady. Even better, I went back and counted, and of the 43, I know 20 of them personally, and then there's me. I've had the chance to interact with a few as well, so that's been fun for me too.

I really appreciate the continued support of this column, which got its start as something fun to fill pages and has now officially been around for a year.

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# PAMPA Faith

## CHURCH SPOTLIGHT

### Kids and sports: two emotions

Spring is here and it is time again for summer league baseball and softball to start. All the kids are signing up and beginning practice. All the parents are rearranging schedules to have the kids at practice and make it to all the games. The t-shirts are printed. The new glove has been purchased. The ping of a ball hitting an aluminum bat can be heard at parks around the city. It really is an exciting time of year.

This year, my wife and I have a daughter playing in her first competitive league. A few weeks ago she had her first game and to be honest it was nerve-racking. I had a lot of emotions going on during that game. I had a lawn chair at the game but never sat down in it because I was too busy pacing fence line. My apologies to the grounds crew at the ball field. Hopefully that strip of grass will grow back from where I was pacing.

There are two emotions that continually came up during the game. As I think about it now there were two extreme emotions that I experienced. The first one was the overwhelming sense of fear for her. The second, was the overwhelming sense of pride I had for her. So I want to take the next two weeks and address these two emotions I experienced. I think all parents of athletes experience these two emotions from time to time. And I think it is necessary as parents to keep these two emotions in check for the sake of our kids.

This week I want to start be addressing this overwhelming sense of fear I had for her. It was a fear specifically that she might fail. What if she loses? What if she messes up? What if.....?

And you know what? During the game she did make mistakes. She missed a few ground balls. She struck out a time or two. She was frustrated with herself. The fear that I was experiencing and my protective daddy instincts made me want to run to the dugout and make everything alright. But I didn't do that. I didn't do that because that would not help her learn anything.

You see, as my wife and I have talked about letting our daughter play in competitive sports we have talked seriously about the goals associated with her playing. One of the main things we want sports to be in her life is a platform for learning. Specifically learning life lessons. Yes, we want her to do well and win. But even more important than that we want her to learn how to handle failure. As painful as it is to say, she will be way better off in life

as she learns to overcome a strike-out than if she hits a home run every time at bat.

The fact is she is going to make a lot of mistakes on the ball field. And the fact is she is going to make a lot of mistakes in life. If she is expecting me to always be there and bail her out from her mistakes then she will never develop the mental and emotional capacity to overcome failure. She must develop these things and I must allow her to develop these abilities.

I have noticed in my daughter a desire to only do the things that come easy to her. I cannot allow her to settle for only doing the easy. The easy, no struggle life is no path to success. I am teaching her if she really wants to do something, she will have to work at it.

As crazy as it sounds, I think it would be best for her at this age to fail fast and to fail often. In those failures she will begin to understand herself. She will begin to understand what she likes. She will begin to understand what she wants to work at. She will build character. She will build determination.

I realize what I have said is contrary to the common--cover our kids in every protective item we can--approach. But protecting our kids from everything is a short-term approach. Our job as parents is to prepare our kids for the short-term for sure. But more importantly, to prepare them for a life of challenge and overcoming challenge.

Contrary to how this article may sound to you at this point, the goal is not to have our kids fail. The goal is to help them know that failure is a part of life and the real winners are those who learn to navigate and overcome failure.

Even if my daughter never wins a championship, or a trophy, or a medal, or a game. She will have won if she learns to work hard through difficult times.

I leave you with a quote this week from one of the greatest failures in all of sports history. He is such a failure that he didn't even make his high school basketball team.

"I have missed more than 9,000 shots in my career. I have lost almost 300 games. On 26 occasions I have been entrusted to take the game winning shot...and I missed. I have failed over and over and over again in my life. And that's precisely why I succeed." – Michael Jordan

Next week I will touch on the other emotion that I experienced, pride. And how I think we as parents (and grandparents) need to keep that emotion in check too. Have a great week!

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**RICHARD HAWTHORNE**

### Expressing yourself through clothing

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

As far back as I can remember people have been trying to do things to let



**PAUL NACHTIGALL**

people know who they are and where they stand in life. Years ago the "tough guys" always wore T-shirts with a pack of cigarettes rolled up in their sleeves. There are the guys, and gals, that ride motorcycles who wear the leather jackets usually with some patches on them. Usually there is some type of facial hair and long hair that they have to show who they are associated with. It goes much deeper than that. Today we see people making statements by the way they dress. There are those who are into the 'prep' look and wear the khaki pants and the @Polo shirts. Some wear only the baggy jeans with the loose fitting T-shirts. Others are into the 'Gothic' look where they wear black clothing, tend to have various body markings, and have numerous pierced parts on their body. It is amazing how many different types of statements are made through clothing.

It just goes to show you how many different types of people there are in our world today. There are many types of people and just as many needs in their lives. As I look around Pampa, I realize that there is a great diversity right here in our midst. We come from various cultures and backgrounds, bringing them together to reveal even greater diversity. Considering all of this makes me wonder what the driving force is in our lives.

It would seem that everyone is more concerned with making sure they are able to emphasize their own individuality. I've even found going on the defensive when someone mentions the fact that I need to wear something besides boots. At one point one of my girls even turned her nose up when I slipped my western belt through the loops of my suit. I put my foot down and said that no matter what I was wearing the belt. I guess just having that little bit of freedom of expression can be pretty important.

As I considered this a thought came to me. When it comes to sharing Christ what are we willing to do? What are we willing to give up so that they might be saved? I truly believe it is important for us to have that freedom of expression in our lives. We need to be able to allow our individuality to find expression in our lives so that people will know who we are. But we must also remember that

our freedom of expression rises from our freedom in Christ and we must reflect Him in all we do.

I believe that is what Paul was referring to in 1 Corinthians 9:19-23. Listen to this –19 "FOR THOUGH I AM FREE FROM ALL MEN, I HAVE MADE MYSELF A SLAVE TO ALL, THAT I MIGHT WIN THE MORE. 20 AND TO THE JEWS I BECAME AS A JEW, THAT I MIGHT WIN JEWS; TO THOSE WHO ARE UNDER THE LAW, AS UNDER THE LAW, THOUGH NOT BEING MYSELF UNDER THE LAW, THAT I MIGHT WIN THOSE WHO ARE UNDER THE LAW; 21 TO THOSE WHO ARE WITHOUT LAW, AS WITHOUT LAW, THOUGH NOT BEING WITHOUT THE LAW OF GOD BUT UNDER THE LAW OF CHRIST, THAT I MIGHT WIN THOSE WHO ARE WITHOUT THE LAW. 22 TO THE WEAK I BECAME WEAK, THAT I MIGHT WIN THE WEAK; I HAVE BECOME ALL THINGS TO ALL MEN, THAT I MAY BY ALL MEANS SAVE SOME. 23 AND I DO ALL THINGS FOR THE SAKE OF THE GOSPEL, THAT I MAY BECOME A FELLOW PARTAKER OF IT." (NASB)

Paul was more concerned with winning the lost to Christ than his individual right of expression. He became all things to all men that using every means available some might be saved. Across our nation we are seeing Biker churches, Cowboy churches, house churches and cell groups. Many of them do not contain the "traditional" worship experience, yet they continue to reach the lost for Christ. As I look at them I am convinced they are using Pauline methods to reach the lost of our world.

We may have trouble looking at a young person dressed in Gothic clothing, but underneath the nose ring, tattoos, and black clothing is a soul that Jesus longs to save and for which He died. The same would apply for the baggy jeaned skateboarder, the cowboy in his boots and jeans or the one with a suit and a tie. God didn't call us to be comfortable; He called us to tell the good news. So pull on whatever clothes you've got and be all things to all people that by all means some might be saved. Do it all for the sake of the gospel that you might be a part of it. It's something to think about!

JESUS, JESUS, JESUS, there IS something about that name!

Christ only, always,  
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# PAMPA Faith

## Helping God when he is in a bind

Isn't that a hilarious title? Now unbelievers might not chuckle, but surely those of you who are real deal believers see the humorous insanity of anyone thinking that God could get Himself into a fix He couldn't get out of and even more so that we puny humans could help Him out of that mess. Only a fool would think that way. Which leads me to King Jehu of Israel in 2 Kings 9-10. Recently I was preparing the handouts on King Jehu for my advanced class on the Kings of Israel and Judah. I was stunned at the comments I found in about half a dozen commentaries and even more places online concerning God's instructions to King Jehu and the King's fulfillment of those orders.

God's commands to Jehu were: "You are to destroy the house of Ahab your master, and I will avenge

the blood of my servants the prophets and the blood of all the Lord's servants shed by Jezebel. The whole house of Ahab will perish. I will cut off from Ahab every last male in Israel—slave or free. I will make the house of Ahab like the house of Jeroboam son of Nebat and like the house of Baasha son of Ahijah." 2 Kings 9:7-9

King Jehu fulfilled God's command in chapter 10. There he executed: 1-Ahab's son Jehoram, 2-Ahab's grandson Ahaziah, 3-Jezebel, 4-Ahab's 70 sons, 5-Ahab's many followers in Jezreel, 6-42 of the brethren of Ahaziah, 7-Ahab's many followers in Samaria and 8-the many prophets, servants, and priests of Baal. Now by anyone's definition that is a lot of bloodshed.

This is where modern commentators, preachers and Bible teachers start finger-pointing.

Now they don't dare accuse God of wrong doing, but they blister Jehu for being an ungodly, blood-thirsty

reprobate who went way beyond what God wanted. Why do I find that strange?

Consider 2 Kings 10:30: "The Lord said to Jehu, 'Because you have done well in accomplishing what is right in my eyes and have done to the house of Ahab all I had in mind to do, your descendants will sit on the throne of Israel to the fourth generation.'"

That's right, God said that Jehu DID WELL. That means that God put His heavenly seal of approval on the blood that Jehu shed. Why? Because it was Jehovah's vengeance on how Ahab and his family/associates treated God's faithful children in Israel. It was JEHOVAH KANNA in action, using King Jehu as His sword.

So why then do modern commentators, preachers and Bible teachers try to put so much distance between God and King Jehu?

Because they think it makes God look bad and therefore puts Him in

conflict with the thinking of people today. So they end up trying to do God a favor by making Him tastier, more palatable to modern civilized humans. What a dangerous thing to do.

What then is the lesson? When we read something about God in the Bible that makes us uncomfortable, there is a problem. But the problem is NEVER with our Bible or with God or His words or His actions. The problem is always with us. God is a God of love, a truth which thrills us all.

But Jehovah is also a God of scary VENGEANCE. And remember this: God's love and vengeance are both equal truths; one no truer than the other. So if in your heart and mind you've colored God with only your LOVE crayon, you better tear that picture of God up. God bless. Mike

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DAVID BOULTER

## Simple happy rules

The Bible tells us in Psalm 118:24, "This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it."

The 92-year old, petite, well-poised and proud lady who is fully dressed each morning by eight o'clock, with her hair fashionably coifed and make up perfectly applied, even though she is legally blind, moved to a nursing home today.

Her husband of 70 years recently passed away, making the move necessary. After many hours of waiting patiently in the lobby of the nursing home, she smiled sweetly when told that her room was ready.

As she maneuvered her walker to the elevator, she was provided a visual description of her tiny room, including the eyelet sheets that had been hung on her window. "I love it," she stated with the enthusiasm of an eight-year-old just being presented with a new puppy. The attendant said, "Mrs. Jones, you haven't seen the room ... just wait." "That doesn't have anything to do with it," she replied.

"Happiness is something you decide on ahead of time.

Whether I love my room or not doesn't depend on how the furniture is arranged ... it's how I arrange my mind. I already decided to love it. It is a decision I make every morning when I wake up. I have a choice; I can spend the day in bed recounting the difficulty I have with parts of my body that no longer work well, or get out of bed and be thankful for the ones that do. Each day is a gift from God, and as long as my eyes open I'll focus on the new day that God has given and all the happy memories I've stored away ... just for this time in my life. Old age is like a bank account ... you withdraw what you put in. So my advice to you would be to deposit a lot of happiness in the bank account of memories. I am still depositing."

Remember the five simple rules to be happy:

1. Free your heart from hatred.
2. Free your mind from worries.
3. Live simple.
4. Give more.
5. Expect less.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

■ **Accolade Home Care** sponsors a **Parkinson's Support Group** the second Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. The group meets at Accolade at 1313 N. Hobart St. They also have an **Alzheimer's support group**, which is held on the third Monday of each month at First United Methodist Church, located at 201 E. Foster, at noon. For more information, call Lindsey Presson at 806-665-9700 or 806-324-3230.

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# The PAMPA NEWS 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 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.

## April 2015 DSHS Immunization Clinic

The April 2015 Department of State Health Services Immunization Clinic Schedule has been announced. All six clinics will be at 121 S. Gillespie from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 3:30 p.m. Each time-frame is for the first 10 clients.

The clinics will be on April 1, April 2, April 8, April 15, April 21 and April 22.

There is one available in McLean from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on April 14 at the Lovett Library located at 302 N. Main.

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.

## Gospel Pickin' and Grinnin'

First United Methodist Church, located at 201 E. Foster, holds their weekly Gospel Pickin' and Grinnin' at 6 p.m. every Friday. Everyone is welcome to come out and bring their instruments or their voice. For more information on this weekly event, call Jerry Lister at 806-676-0711 or the church at 86-665-7411.

*Editor's note: Email submissions to jcllee@thepampanews.com. Submissions should be 100 words or less and written in the third person. Please include the title of the event, the date and time, physical address, the admission cost or whether it is a free event and a contact number and/or email address for the public.*

# Impoverished tribe struggles to stop surge in teen suicides

PINE RIDGE, S.D. (AP) — The people of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation are no strangers to hardship or to the risk of lives being cut short.

But a string of seven suicides by adolescents in recent months has shaken this impoverished community and sent school and tribal leaders on an urgent mission to stop the deaths.

On Dec. 12, a 14-year-old boy hanged himself at his home on the reservation, a sprawling expanse of badlands on the South Dakota-Nebraska border. On Christmas Day, a 15-year-old girl

was found dead, followed weeks later by a high school cheerleader. Two more young people took their lives in February and two more in March, along with several more attempts. The youngest to die was 12.

Students in the reservation's high school and middle school grades have been posting Facebook messages wondering who might be next, with some even seeming to encourage new attempts by hanging nooses near homes. Worried parents recently met at a community hall to discuss what's happening. And the U.S. Public Health Service has dispatched teams of mental health counselors to talk to students.

"The situation has turned into an epidemic," said Thomas Poor Bear, vice president of the Oglala Sioux Tribe, whose 24-year-old niece was among two adults who also committed suicide this winter. "There are a lot of reasons behind it. The bullying at schools, the high unemployment rate. Parents need to discipline the children."

Somewhere between 16,000 and 40,000 members of the Oglala Sioux Tribe live on the reservation, which at over 2 million acres is among the nation's largest. Famous as the site of the Wounded Knee massacre, in which the 7th Cavalry slaughtered about 300 tribe members in 1890, it includes the county with the highest poverty rate in the U.S., and some of the worst rates of alcoholism and drug abuse, violence and unemployment.

Suicide has been a persistent problem, a fact that is hardly surprising considering the grim prospects for a better life on the remote grasslands, say tribal officials.

Most people live in clusters of mobile homes, some so dilapidated that the insulation is visible from outside. At night, trailers are surrounded by seven or eight rusting cars, not because someone is hosting a party, but because 20 or 25 people live inside. Horses wander on the seemingly endless pastures, some with their ribs bones showing.

Nearly 1,000 suicide attempts were recorded on the reservation between 2004 and 2013. Few weeks go by without a suicide, said Yvonne "Tiny" DeCory, a suicide-prevention outreach worker at Pine Ridge.

But the deaths of the young people are especially shattering.

"Why so young?" she said. "Why do these kids think there is no hope? Well, look around," DeCory, who has worked on the reservation for almost 30 years.

"The economic structure here does not support the population. You have a gas station, a little boutique, a big grocery store, Taco John's, Pizza Hut and Subway.

You have people of all ages vying for those jobs. People that are 50 and 60 years old are competing against the teenagers who want to work."

Federal experts say that some reservation children experience a form of post-traumatic stress from exposure to family turmoil.

The symptoms are comparable to those of military veterans returning from war zones.

Friends of Alanie Martin, a 14-year-old who hanged herself on Jan. 31, are still trying to understand her death. The cheerleader at Pine Ridge High School traveled to basketball games and, by various accounts, had lots of friends and was all smiles.

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Contact: Pampa Community Daycare Center  
Kim Winegeart-Kira Grenon-Angela Bowman- Keisha Hendrick-Dora Ryan-Kenzie Clendennen  
1-806-665-0735

Community Partners provides assistance with applying for Medicaid, Food Stamps, TANF, HUD, etc. On site help will be available.



# The PAMPA NEWS Church Calendar

## Hi-Land Christian Church

Wednesday nights, Pastor Mike Sublett teaches 2 special advanced classes at Hi-Land Christian Church. From 7 - 8 p.m. The Judges and Kings of Israel (broken people, faithful God); from 8-9 p.m. 1-2 Corinthians (Jesus and His messy people).

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

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

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

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

## Cornerstone Baptist Church

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

For more information call the church at 669-6509.

## New Life Assembly of God

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

Our primary reason for being

is to evangelize the lost, worship God, disciple believer and to show compassion, to build a multi-ethnic body of believers.

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

Our worship will be a reflection of our multi-ethnic mixture of disciples including Christian Latino music, contemporary music as well as the traditional hymns and songs of the church.

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

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

Services are Sunday at 10 a.m. and Sundays and Wednesdays at 7 p.m. **Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ**

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

Right across from the high school. Bible Classes start at 9:30 a.m. with Sunday Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.

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

Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ also offers Wednesday Bible Class at 7 p.m.

The clothing room is open on the second and fourth 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.

## First Presbyterian Church

Each Wednesday we have our children and adult Worship On Wednesday (WOW) classes from 5:30-6:30 followed by a light meal. We have an awesome youth program that is trying to grow for sixth graders through high school.

They meet from 6:30 -7:30 on Wednesday evenings.

All of our classes are open to anyone who would like to attend and learn more about God. This is followed by our choir practice at 7:30 if you would like to join the choir too.

We also offer a Twenties & Thirties, TNT, a group for young adults, that meets on Sunday evenings at 7 p.m. for bible study.

If your church would like to be added to this list or are hosting a special event let us know! Email [jclee@thepampanews.com](mailto: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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Texans should be wary of any private charitable solicitation by a telemarketer that appears to be on behalf of the Department of Public Safety. DPS is funded by tax dollars and will never call your home or business to solicit donations. DPS has received many complaints over the years from citizens complaining about rudeness and high-pressure tactics used by callers representing organizations who take advantage of the department's good reputation by using our name and/or logo--oftentimes in conjunction with the untimely death of a state trooper or other peace officer.

Some of these organizations include in their names terms such as, "Texas Rangers," "State Troopers," "Texas Highway Patrol," or "Department of Public Safety." While some current or former employees may be members of some of these organizations on their own time, these groups are not affiliated with DPS, nor do they represent the department. Private organizations cannot use names, symbols or statements that are similar to those used by the Texas Department of Public Safety, Texas Rangers or other police agencies in a manner that is intended to confuse or mislead a person being solicited. Violations are criminal offenses and punishable by a fine of up to \$4,000, a jail term up to one year, or both. The Department will vigorously pursue criminal charges and convictions against groups or individuals who misuse our name, logos or other items.

DPS advises citizens not to give money to these organizations, as the funds are not likely to go to the causes claimed. Many of these organizations provide only a small percentage of their donations for charitable causes, with the vast majority of the donations being used for the organization's administrative and operational purposes. There is also a lack of public accountability and transparency by many of these organizations.

Some of these organizations provide official-looking decals resembling official DPS affiliation, with the suggestion that placing them on personal vehicles may some-

how keep an individual from receiving a traffic citation from law enforcement. No sticker will keep you from receiving a citation if you have violated Texas traffic laws. Our state's commissioned officers routinely ignore these deceptive window stickers.

Do not be misled by the unscrupulous tactics used by telemarketers to solicit donations for these organizations. If you are contacted by a group you believe is misrepresenting itself as part of the Texas Department of Public Safety, we encourage you to contact the Consumer Protection Division of the Texas Attorney General's Office at 1-800-621-0508.

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- Telephone Solicitation Act Registered Organizations
  - Have you been asked to contribute to a "Highway Patrol Museum" in San Antonio?
  - Fundraising Reports
    - THPAM 2010 (PDF)
    - THPAM 2009 (PDF)
    - TSTA 2010 (PDF)
    - TSTA 2008 (PDF)
    - DPSOA 2009 (PDF)
  - AG Consumer Alert
  - Badge Fraud
- If you have been contacted by an organization that you believe is misrepresenting itself, you can contact the Texas Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division at 1-800-621-0508.

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# PAMPA Sports

## Gymnastics of Pampa State Champions

**SUBMITTED**

Gymnastics of Pampa team members recently competed in the 2015 Texas State Championships at the Amarillo Civic Center bringing home multiple Gold medals. The team had twenty-six athletes competing at the state meet and had every girl place in the top ten in one event or more. Many of the team members were competing at their first State meet but that did not hinder their performances. In fact, many had personal best performances.

Results are as follows:

Tumbling — 7 and 8 year old, Level 2 – 1st place, Heiley Guerra 57.2, 6th place, Jolie Groomer 55.1, 7th place, Naomi Marker 55.0, 9th place, Preslie Segura 53.9, 10th place, Bentley Brooks 53.8.  
 7 and 8 year old, Level 3 – 1st place, Emma Perry 56.4.  
 9 and 10 year old, Level 2 – 1st place, Alex Arnzen 55.9.  
 9 and 10 year old, Level 3 – 3rd place, Skyler Sellers 55.3, 5th place, Cassie Stub-

blefield 52.9.  
 9 and 10 year old, Level 4 – 7th place, Macy Robinson 56.3.  
 13 and Over, Level 4 – 3rd place, Jordan Demetriades 53.5.  
 11 and 12 year old, Level 5 – 4th place, Haley Fossett 54.7, 9th place, Natalie Monds 53.9.  
 Trampoline- 7 and 8 year old, Level 1 – 1st place, Naomi Marker 21.5.  
 7 and 8 year old, Level 2 – 1st place, Emma Perry 25.2, 3rd place, Jolie Groomer 24.4, 4th place, Carsyn Hunt 23.6, 5th place, Heiley Guerra 23.1, 6th place, Marley Pate 22.9, 8th place, Preslie Segura.  
 9 and 10 year old, Level 2 – 2nd place, Skyler Sellers 23.9, 3rd place, Alex Arnzen 23.8, 5th place, Cassie Stubblefield 23.3, 7th place, Kadence Martinez 21.3.  
 9 and 10 year old, Level 3 – 6th place, Macy Robinson 24.4.  
 9 and 10 year old, Level 4 – 2nd place, Ashley Perry 21.6, 3rd place, Saylor Stribling 21.5.

11 and 12 year old, Level 2 – 1st place, Kloe Bravo 22.2.  
 11 and 12 year old, Level 4 – 2nd place, Ashley Albus 23.2, 4th place, Savannah Sellers 22.7, 5th place, Macie Whittington 21.0, 6th place, Katie Smith 20.9, 7th place, Haley Fossett.  
 13 and 14 year old, Level 5 – 5th place, Jordan Demetriades 22.9.  
 Double Mini Trampoline- 7 and 8 year old, Level 1 - 1st place, Naomi Marker 55.5.  
 7 and 8 year old, Level 2 - 5th place, Bentley Brooks 57.4, 7th place, Heiley Guerra 53.6, 8th place, Jolie Groomer 37.2.  
 7 and 8 year old, Level 3 – 1st place, Preslie Segura 57.0, 2nd place, Addison Appier 56.9, 4th place, Marley Pate 56.3, 5th place, Emma Perry 55.6, 7th place tie, Quin Billingsley and Lilye Ogle 55.2, 10th place, Carsyn Hunt 53.1.  
 9 and 10 year old, Level 2 – 3rd place, Alex Arnzen 38.5.  
 9 and 10 year old, Level 3 – 2nd place,

Kadence Martinez 56.7, 3rd place, Macy Robinson 56.2, 5th place, Cassie Stubblefield 55.4, 6th place, Skyler Sellers 55.2.  
 9 and 10 year old, Level 4 – 2nd place, Ashley Perry 56.2.  
 11 and 12 year old, Level 3 – 2nd place, Kloe Bravo 54.3.  
 11 and 12 year old, Level 4 – 1st place, Ashley Albus 56.1, 3rd place, Macie Whittington 55.2, 5th place, Savannah Sellers 53.9.  
 13 and 14 year old, Level 5 – Jordan Demetriades 56.3.  
 Gymnastics of Pampa's team is made up of 1st grade through 8th grade students from Pampa, Clarendon, Borger, Mclean, Canadian, and Wheeler and are coached by Kristi Petty, Christie Demetriades and Christa Perry.  
 They will be showing off their talents along with other Gymnastics of Pampa students at the annual recitals that will be held on Monday, May 11th and Thursday, May 14th.



Above left, Gymnastics of Pampa's Mighty Mites Team members: Front row, from left, Jolie Groomer, Emma Perry, Carsyn Hunt, Marley Pate, Bentley Brooks, Heiley Guerra and Ashley Perry. Back row, from left, Quin Billingsley, Addison Appier, Skyler Sellers, Naomi Marker, Preslie Segura, Alex Arnzen and Cassie Stubblefield. Above right, Gymnastics of Pampa's Advanced Team members: Back row, from left, Macie Whittington, Jordan Demetriades, Ashley Albus, Katie Smith and Natalie Monds. Front row, from left, Kloe Bravo, Kadence Martinez, Macy Robinson and Saylor Stribling. Not pictured: Savannah Sellers, Lilye Ogle and Haley Fossett.

Submitted photos

### HOLE-IN-ONE!

**SUBMITTED**

Bryson Paronto of pampa made his first hole-in-one at Hidden Hills.

He made it on hole No. 6 using a seven iron from 143 yards. Playing with him was Ryan roden.

### Watch the Pros

**NBA Basketball**

Charlotte Hornets at Toronto Raptors.....ESPN 6 p.m.  
 Indiana Pacers at Memphis Grizzlies.....ESPN 8:30 p.m.

**MLB Baseball**

LA Angels at Texas Rangers.....FSSW 1 p.m.  
 Seattle Mariners at LA Dodgers.....ESPN2 9 p.m.

**NHL Hockey**

Ottawa Senators at Montreal Canadiens.....NHL 6 p.m.  
 New York Islanders at Washington Capitals.....USA 6 p.m.  
 Chicago Blackhawks at Nash. Predators.....NBCS 8:30 p.m.  
 Vancouver Canucks at Calgary Flames.....USA 9 p.m.

**Horse Racing**

From Hong Kong.....TVG 6 a.m.

**Soccer**

Paris Saint-Germain v. Barcelona.....FS1 1:30 p.m.  
 Porto v. Bayern Munich.....FS2 1:30 p.m.  
 United States v. Mexico.....FS1 8 p.m.

**Golf**

LPGA Lotte Championship.....GOLF 6 p.m.

### Another season in the books.

Sunday night at Briarwood Church we held our boys basketball banquet. It was a great night that was filled with reflection, laughter, celebration, and fellowship. The players sit with the team that they played for (fresh-



**MATT EMBRY**

man, junior varsity, and varsity) and it always amazes me how quickly they get from that freshman table to being Seniors. The time with these young men that I have the pleasure of spending with them is never enough. I always feel like there is one more thing I need to do

for them or help them with but they are off to bigger things far too quickly. I wanted to take a moment and reflect on my five seniors a little bit.

Avery Malone- Avery played for me in softball her sophomore and junior year and I learned a lot about her as a person. She is very unselfish and willing to do whatever she can to make a tough situation better or a good situation great. She was a team player in softball and was reliable, dependable, and witty as well. When Gage Greenhouse moved to Canadian we were in desperate need of a new filmer.

To those who haven't been around a program the filmer is a VERY important job and takes on more responsibility than just moving a camera from side to side. I knew I had to find someone responsible, punctual, and trustworthy. When I found out that Avery wasn't going to be playing softball, this choice was a no brainer. She had no experience in filming but said she would help in any way I needed and I really appreciated that. She did a fantastic job and I can't wait to see what the future holds for her. Thanks for everything you have done for myself and the HH and I can't wait to see where life takes you.

Calven Webb- Calven is a man of many talents. He is a member of the Pride of Pampa band and was a part of a fantastic drum line that had a great year. He came up through the program from the very beginning (7th grade-12th) and did a great job when his number was called. He is a young man of great character and was a tireless worker for us. He pushed

his teammates in practice with his effort and energy. Some people lead with actions and some lead with words, he is a player who does things the right way and bring his lunch pail with him every day. Calven to me represents quiet strength. He was always where he was supposed to be, when he was supposed to be there, and rarely heard. He just worked and fought and pushed and not by screaming and yelling, just by doing his job. He embraced his role on this team and I know that his teammates had the upmost respect for him by voting him the winner of the "I am third award" at the banquet. This award is for the person that puts the team before themselves and handles their business in a way that we want our younger athletes to model. I know the future is a bright one for Calven and I can't wait to see what it has in store for him. Continue to lead by example Calven, it fits you well and people will follow suit.

Dante Jordan- When Dante was in the eighth grade I used to spend every morning with him at the Junior High. He was a ball of energy and that hasn't changed a bit. When Dante moved to Oklahoma City I was devastated. Not only were we losing a potentially great basketball player, we were losing a young athlete that we loved and wanted to see every day as he brightens your day with that infectious smile and LOUD jabbering. We were beyond excited when Dante returned to Pampa for his Junior and Senior seasons. He not only helped our team this year to a 22-6 record, he kept us on our toes and had everyone in the room laughing, crying, or putting on headphones).

Dante, like many others, wanted to see the team win more than he wanted to be the star. Dante's defense was as good as it gets and that why his team voted him defensive player of the year. He turned ball handlers over and took charges as good as anyone I have coached. This is a quality that leads to special seasons and championship caliber teams. Dante pushed everyone to be their best and encouraged his team when they were down on themselves. Every team takes on a personality and Dante was at the forefront of declaring what kind of team this was going to be. Keep pushing forward Dante, you will always land not only on your feet but better than where you started. Great things are on your path and I am excited to see where you take it. Proud of you.

Jett Gibson- Anyone who has ever been a head coach in any sport has had the email labeled "move in" from the school counselor. We have to assess a student and make sure that he will be able to handle our workouts and would have a chance at making the team for them to stay in our athletic period. The majority of the time they come in and work out, and we send them back to the counselors to find something that might suit them better. Well this assessment took about 20 seconds. Jett walked in, grabbed a ball, and dunked the ball with authority. Needless to say I went to the counselor's office and solidified his spot in our athletic period. Jett is a superb athlete and was a huge part of the success that we had on the court this year. There was a bit of a learning curve for him because our defensive

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scheme can be complicated but once he picked up on it, he was a force to be reckoned with. His huge rebounds or his high flying dunks were sure to get our crowd involved in the game.

It's not too often that you get an impact player who moves in during his junior year, but we are sure glad we did. Jett cared deeply for this team and wanted to see not only himself do well but his teammates too.

His heart is huge and that will lead him to many good things in his adult life. He is an outstanding young man and was always willing to talk to the younger kids at games who marveled at his athletic

ability. Best of luck in the future Jethro, although I don't think you will need it to succeed.

Johnathan Stevens- When Johnny was a freshman I remember telling coach Miller that I felt he would become a special player for this program.

His footwork was bad and his shot was average at best during that season. He came in that spring and worked on his game like a man on a mission. By the time the Summer came he was playing so well he was invited to the varsity team camp at OU. That weekend he didn't do anything special, but I have pin-pointed that weekend as a turning point for his game.

He became much more aggressive, his ball handling skills improved, and he started finishing at the rim much better than he had as a freshman. As he began

to grow taller we were concerned that his footwork would suffer and it did at times, especially when that sneaker got to be a size 16. He worked on his game more and more and it is the reason he was able to achieve the things he did this year for us. Watching Johnny succeed on the court didn't make me feel good as his coach, it made me feel good as a fan of his.

Johnny played four years in this program and I don't think I have ever seen him be negative, make a mean face, or just get flat out angry and act on it. I wanted to see him get angry but that just isn't who he is, and in his adult life, it will pay dividends. He recently played in the Golden Spread All-star game at WTAMU which is put on by the officials, which is a great honor. Maybe the officials wanted to repay him for always

putting him in foul trouble ;) Normally I would say a player like Johnny is hard to replace, but we have a slightly shorter Johnny ready to fill his shoes. Johnathan's future in this world is so bright, I am already wearing sunglasses to prepare for it. Some people say change is good, but Johnny, don't change a thing you are doing it right.

For all that you have done for this program and all you have done for me, I thank you from the bottom of my heart. My family and I are better off now for having known you and being able to spend an extended period of time with you. I love you guys and gal and the door is always open, but you already knew that.

Matt Embry is the head basketball coach at Pampa High School. He can be reached at the high school at 806-669-4800.

## Big score: College bowl game payouts surpass \$500 million

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Bowl games paid more than a half billion dollars to college football conferences and schools last season, the most ever and an increase of almost \$200 million from the final season of the Bowl Championship Series to the first of the College Football Playoff.

According to an NCAA report to be released Tuesday, the 39 postseason FBS games distributed \$505.9 million to the participating conferences and schools. The schools spent \$100.2 million to take part in bowl games.

Total payouts from 35 postseason games from the 2013-14 season were \$309.9 million while schools spent \$97.8 million to participate. For the 2012-13 season, payouts were \$300.8 million and expenses were \$90.3 million.

The increase in payouts is due mostly to the increased value of media deals with the seven games — six bowls and a national championship game — that are part of the College Football Playoff.

The College Football Playoff replaced the BCS last season. The playoff matched the four top teams in the nation, as selected by a selection

committee, in two semifinals with the winners playing for the national title a week later.

The BCS paired the top two teams in country chosen by polls and computer rating

in a national championship game.

ESPN pays the FBS conferences and schools that run the College Football Playoff about \$470 million a year for

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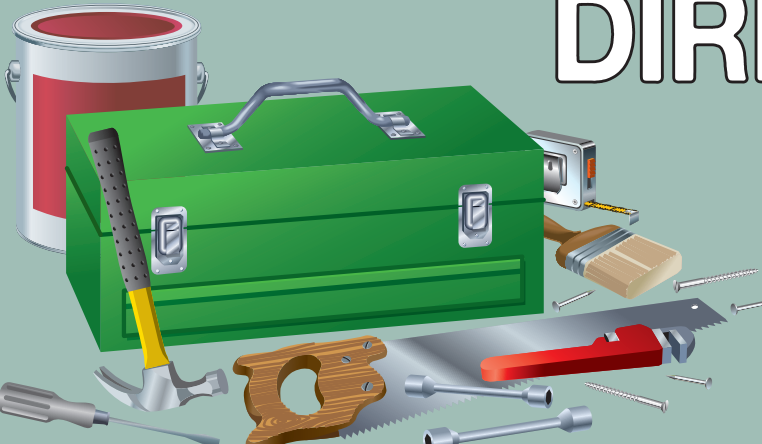
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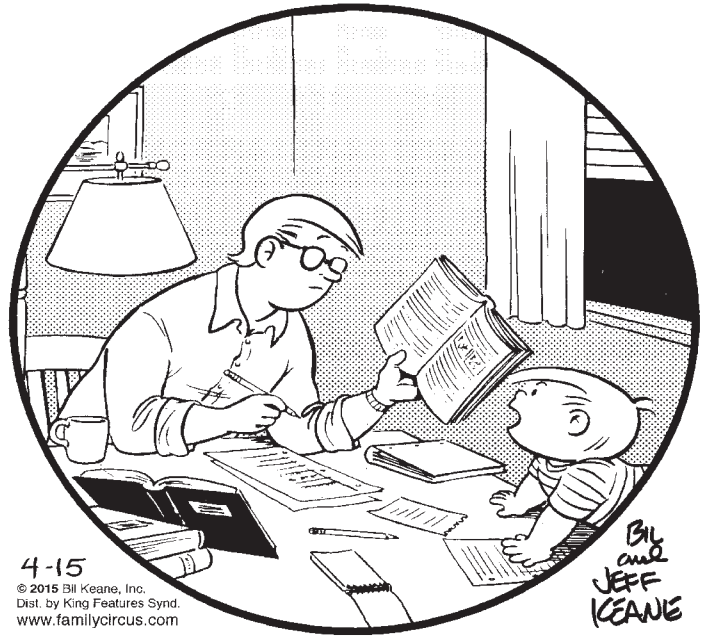
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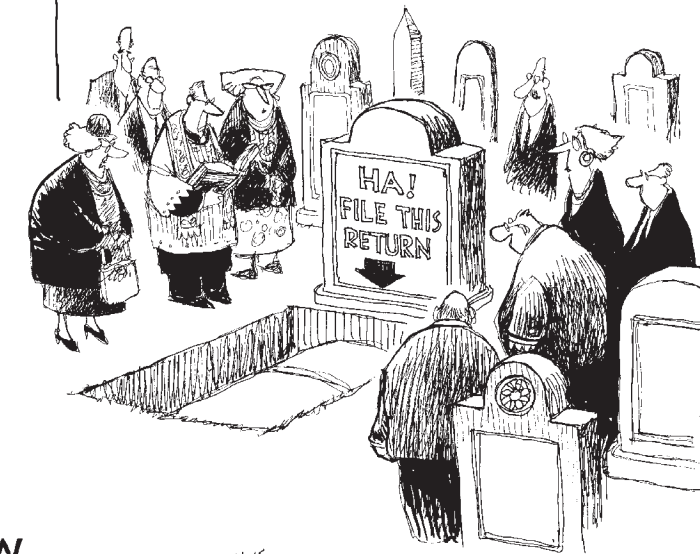
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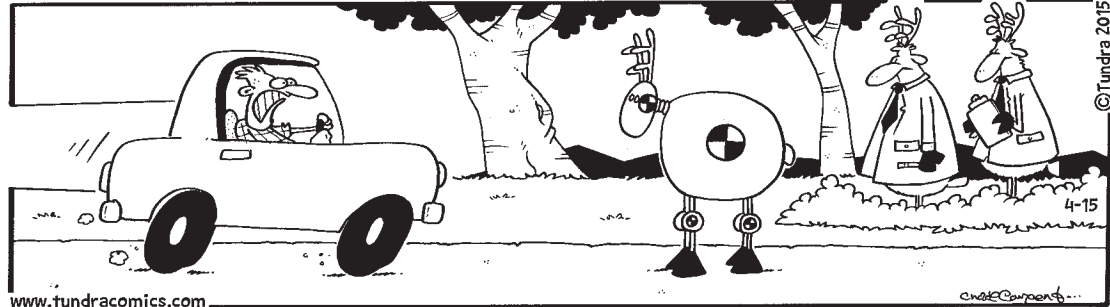
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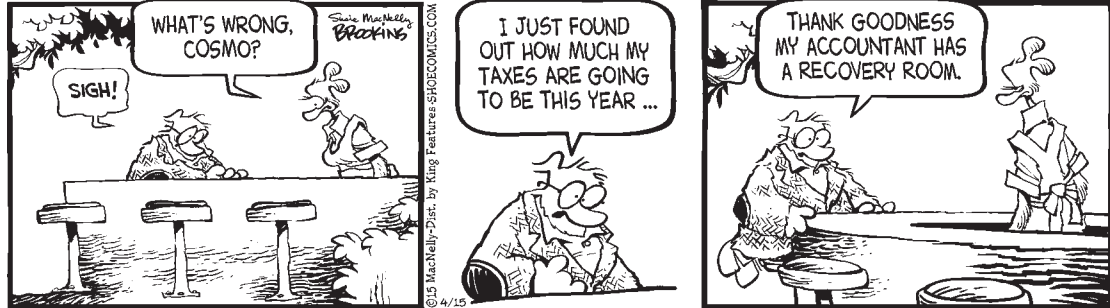


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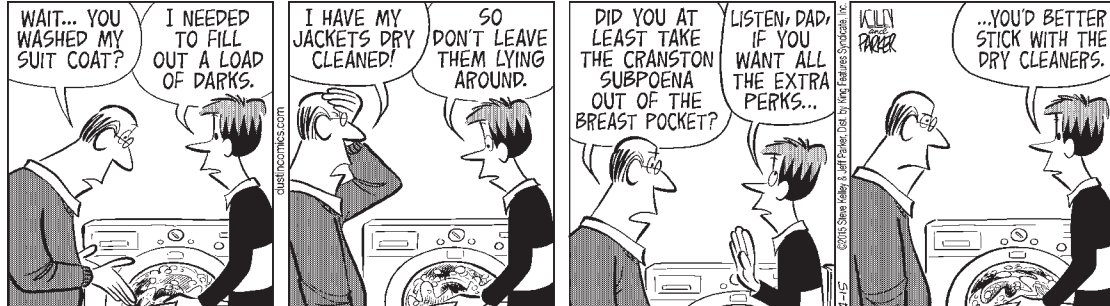
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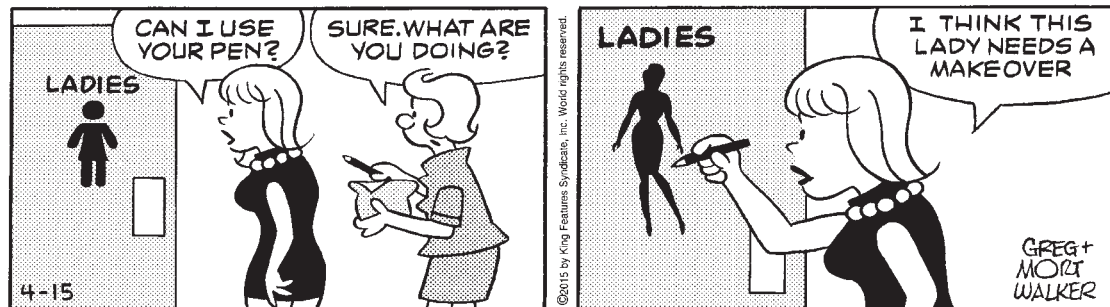
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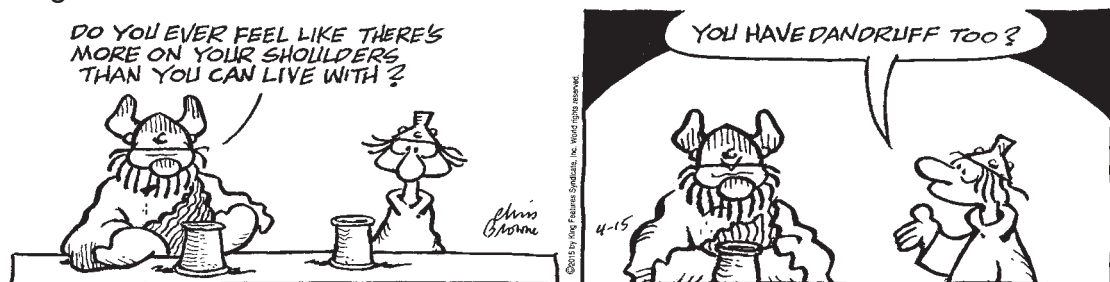
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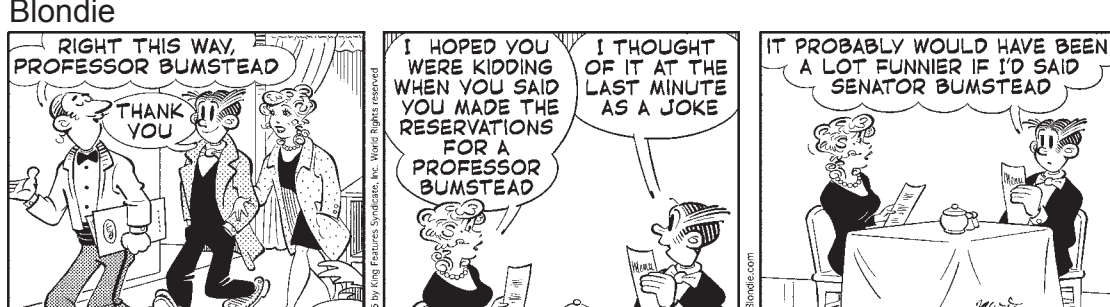
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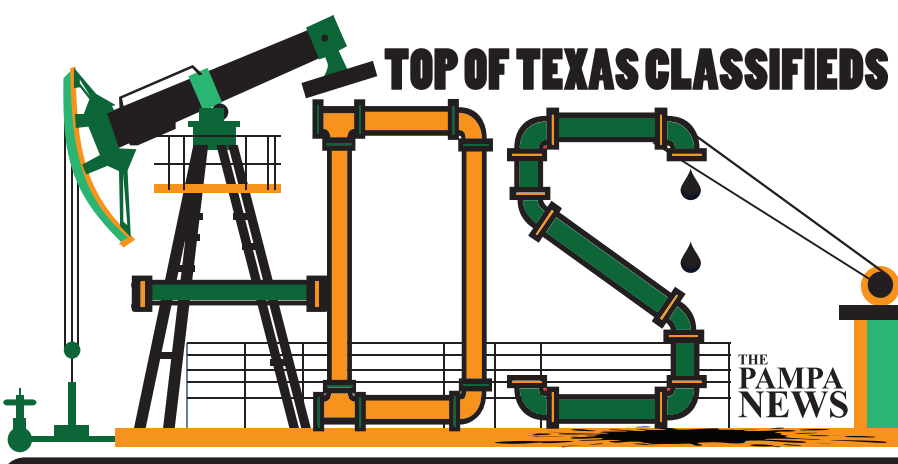
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# DAILY Horoscope

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Thursday, April 16, 2015:  
This year you will have a great deal of energy to initiate activities, projects or any other priority that is important to you. As a result, you might change your role in the public or at work. If you are single, you are in a period when you could meet someone quite special to your life's history. If you are attached, you feel more connected to your sweetie than you have in a long time. You will enjoy spending a lot more one-on-one time together. Go off and re-create a first date, or take off for a few days. A fellow ARIES can be explosive, especially over money matters.  
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 feelings might be much more intense than usual. Note what is going on with your emotions. You might want to have a discussion with someone who is involved. Don't worry so much -- this, too, will pass. Tonight: Blaze a new trail.  
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)  
★★★ You might feel uncomfortable dealing with a particular person. Understand what is happening with a loved one. Plans around a trip could change. It would be best to avoid making any major decisions right now. Tonight: Take some much-needed personal time.  
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)  
★★★★ Zero in on a key priority this morning, and you will be able to wade through a lot of paperwork as a result. You might want to vanish in the late afternoon and join a dear loved one. You will feel much better if you take more time off for yourself. Tonight: Not to be found.  
CANCER (June 21-July 22)  
★★★★ You are on top of your game, and you know what you want. A meeting of friends will add to the fun of the afternoon. You might not have expected to run into a special person. Changes that come to the forefront could affect how you deal with others. Tonight: Where people are.  
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)  
★★★★ You might be listening to some interesting tales that don't seem to make sense. Detach and try to get a different perspective. A loved one will make sure that you don't forget to spend some quality time with him or

her. Tonight: You can't avoid someone else's request.  
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)  
★★★★ Remain sure of yourself. You might find that someone is determined to have his or her way, and all the talk in the world won't seem to make a difference. Detach. Once you see the big picture, you will see a humorous quality to the situation. Tonight: With a favorite person.  
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)  
★★★★ You could be in a situation where you have no choice but to go along with someone else's wishes. This person often thinks that his or her way is the only way. Even logical explanations won't be able to make a dent in this person's mental armor. Tonight: Speak your mind.  
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)  
★★★★ Allow your imagination to add to conversations in the morning. By the afternoon, you'll have to act. Use caution regarding a money matter. You could make a bad choice without intending to or even realizing it. Tonight: Run errands, then squeeze in a walk.  
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)  
★★★★ You might decide to approach a matter quite differently from how you've handled it in the past. Honor your feelings, especially when dealing with a friend or loved one. Try to be more open. Make an important decision after having a long-overdue chat. Tonight: At home.  
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)  
★★★★ You could feel as if you have gone beyond your normal limits with offering a new opportunity to a family member. You have boundaries, and at this moment, you might feel pushed to the max. Share your feelings. Tonight: Maintain a sense of humor.  
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)  
★★★★ You say what you think, and others come forward as a result. People often tap into your resourcefulness in search of solutions. Ask for what you want, but know that you could have mixed feelings once you get it. Tonight: Swap news with a new friend.  
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)  
★★★★ Recognize the costs of continuing as you have been. You could go overboard trying to appease someone. A new friend might enjoy spending time with you more than you realize. Be more aware of what is happening between the two of you. Tonight: Make it your treat.



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DEAR ABBY: I'm writing to warn as many other young women as I can about the dangers of unprotected sex. I thought I had met the man of my dreams. I knew from the beginning he had a girlfriend in his hometown, but he assured me he was breaking it off, so I didn't think twice about starting a relationship.

Well, she moved here and found out about us. He swore to me that there was no one else besides her and me. We have now discovered a third girl — his roommate — with whom he was involved.

Abby, he used no protection with any of us. He swore to us all that he always used it and was regularly tested for STDs. Another lie.

Now his former girlfriend thinks she may have picked up an STD from him, and we all have to be tested to ensure we don't have one.

I now know you can't trust anything you're being told unless there's proof. Go with the guy to get tested and demand to be there for the results. If you suspect (or know) he's seeing someone else, always use protection and insist he be tested regularly.

All three of us could have saved our hearts, our bodies and a lot of turmoil if we hadn't been so trusting. This has left a lasting impression, and now we wonder whether we will be able to trust another man again. — AWAITING THE RESULTS

**DEAR AWAITING: Your "boyfriend" was dishonest and irresponsible. You can't be blamed for feeling bitter. Now might be a good time to re-evaluate whether premarital sex is worth the headache and the heartache.**

**That said, I can't help but wonder how you intended to avoid infection if you and the man of your dreams were having unprotected sex.**

**Please take this sad experience as a wake-up call, and schedule an appointment with your doctor to discuss**

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DEAR ABBY: I recently bought a new cellphone and was assigned a number by the company that sold it to me. I have been receiving calls and messages for the person who had the number before it was given to me. While the number of the person calling or texting comes up, I do not know the numbers of all my friends and associates, so I have been accepting the calls or texts.

At first, I would let the caller or texter know that the person he/she was trying to reach no longer had this number. However, it takes up my expensive minutes to make those replies. Am I under any obligation to contact these folks, or can I just ignore their contacts? — POLITE IN PENNSYLVANIA

**DEAR POLITE: No rule of etiquette "compels" you to respond to these callers and texters, so consider yourself off the hook.**

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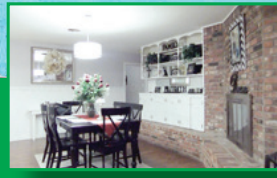
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## CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 1 Sullen
  - 5 Insolent talk
  - 9 Urge forward
  - 11 Solitary sort
  - 12 Italian seaport
  - 13 Extreme
  - 14 Historic time
  - 15 Schedule C, e.g.
  - 17 CPA's study
  - 19 Golf position
  - 20 Remains
  - 21 Music store buys
  - 22 Syrup source
  - 24 Phone download
  - 26 Brings in
  - 29 Massage setting
  - 30 CPA's pointers
  - 32 Government revenue increaser
  - 34 Pasture grazer
  - 35 Took steps
  - 36 Alarm trigger
  - 38 Resort site
  - 39 Like some roofs

- 40 Coop group
  - 41 Heredity unit
- DOWN**
- 1 Probe persistently
  - 2 Last Greek letters
  - 3 On deck
  - 4 Old auto
  - 5 Course activity
  - 6 Incalculable
  - 7 Wheel maker
  - 8 Bowling round
  - 10 Sister of Janet and Michael
  - 11 Sumptuousness
  - 16 Marketing lingo
  - 18 Tent city
  - 21 "Dead —"
  - 7 Wheel maker (Dick Francis book)
  - 23 Least strict
  - 24 Cochise's people
  - 25 Bill of "Big Love"
  - 27 Kidman of film
  - 28 Said
  - 29 Secret supply
  - 30 Ocean motion
  - 31 Garbo, for one
  - 33 Towel word
  - 37 Soviet jet

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### Yesterday's answer

- 11 Sumptuousness
- 16 Marketing lingo
- 18 Tent city
- 21 "Dead —"
- 7 Wheel maker (Dick Francis book)
- 23 Least strict
- 24 Cochise's people
- 25 Bill of "Big Love"
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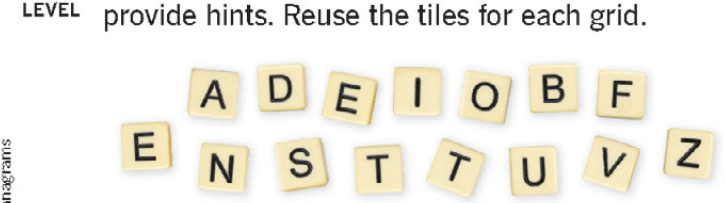
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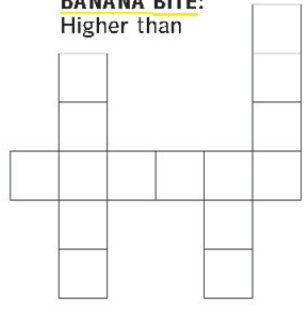
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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: PERSONALITY HAS POWER TO UPLIFT, POWER TO DEPRESS, POWER TO CURSE, AND POWER TO BLESS. — PAUL HARRIS

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Use the 15 tiles in this bunch to create words that fit into the grids below. The BANANA BITES provide hints. Reuse the tiles for each grid.



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BANANA BITE: Soy product



Yesterday's Answer: POKER, SLOTS, KENO



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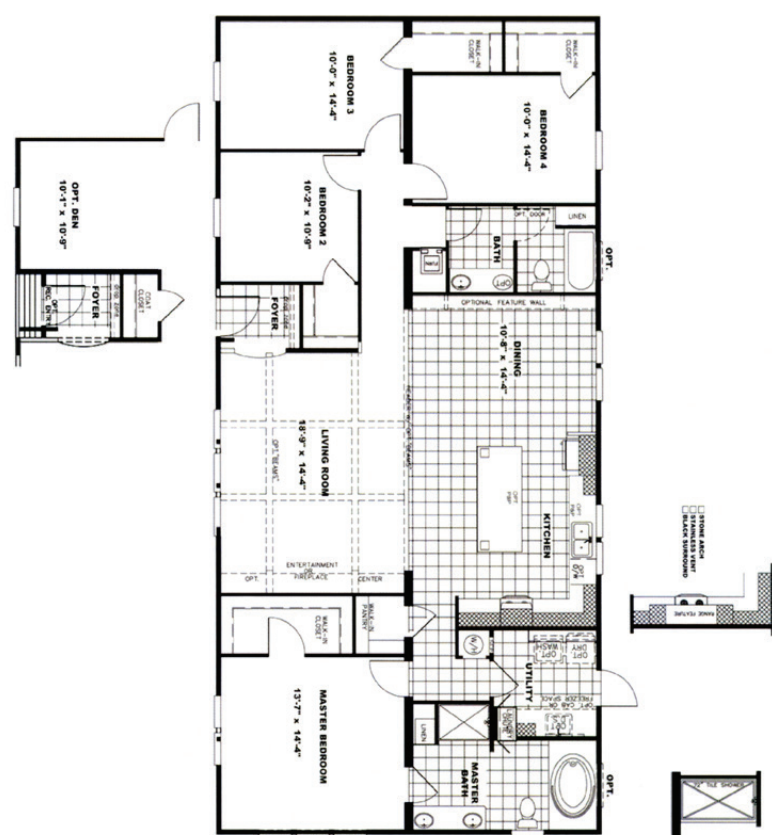
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