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PRMC prepares meals for needy families

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The turkeys will begin to take flight Tuesday. In this case, it will be Thanksgiving meals prepared by Pampa Regional Medical Center and their destinations will be to families here in Pampa.

"All they have to do," Barnes said of the families, "is heat and serve them." He said it is part of the charitable drive initiated by the hospital this holiday season. Volunteers and their families at Pampa Regional Medical Center prepared the Thanksgiving meals in the MEALS cont. on page 8



photo courtesy of Terry Barnes

Terry Barnes, director of communications for the hospital, said today that the meals will be cooked and delivered Tuesday and Wednesday. Volunteers came in Saturday morning to begin preparations. Some 27 meals are being prepared for families in the community, he said.

Among the volunteers at PRMC on Saturday were (back row, from left) Bill Buck, Andres Ruiz, Ann Ogletree, Cathy Land, Jeannine Day, DeDe Barnes, Cynthia Ackley; (front row, from left) Rosalie Carter, Karen Norwood and Lisa Needham.

WORKING WEATHER

staff photo by David Bowser

The wind may have been on the gusty side, but blue skies were the perfect backdrop as crews were busy working on the roof of the Pampa Youth and Community Center this morning. A cold front is forecast to move into the Texas Panhandle Thanksgiving Day, dropping temperatures from the 60s to the 30s. Temperatures will return to the 60s for the weekend.

Bell ringers start early at Walmart

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Captain Mark Martin of the Pampa branch of the Salvation Army was handed a piece of paper when he walked into work this morning.

It was a letter from a beneficiary of the Red Kettle Christmas Campaign, the Salvation Army's holiday bell ringing program.

"Dear friends," the letter read, "I just wanted to say thank you for blessing my family. I am 96 years old... Thank you for our tree and for the Christmas gifts for our children."

"That's why we do what we do," Martin said. "We do not ever ask for anything in return, but when you get a letter like that, it's like God brings something to us to uplift our souls."

This year, Martin and the Salvation Army's bell ringers hope to make even more of a difference. The Red Kettle Campaign, which has traditionally started on the day after Thanksgiving, is getting an early start in Pampa this year thanks to a collaborative agreement between the Salvation Army and Walmart.

This is the first year that the Salvation Army has started the program before Thanksgiving day. A small kickoff event for the bell SALVATION cont. on page 8

Roberts a Pampa newcomer, but still feels at home

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Joey Roberts knows that he's supposed to be in Pampa. "The Lord brought me," Roberts said. But, he said with a shrug, he has no idea why. "I don't have a clue," Roberts said. Before coming to Pampa, there were only three things that Roberts knew about Texas. "The Dallas-Fort Worth airport is horrible to get around in," he said. "San Antonio has the Alamo, and George Strait made Amarillo famous." Despite being a veteran law enforcement officer, the 40-year-old Roberts is a newcomer to Pampa. "Originally, I was born and raised in

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Lake Placid, Fla.," he said. Roberts attended a police academy in Florida in 2001. After graduating, he was recruited by a police department in Montana. "We spent a few years up there," he said. From Montana, Roberts went to Mississippi to work for a law enforcement agency there. From there, he came to Pampa in March of this year. "We have something that we have to do here," Roberts said. "I don't know what it ROBERTS cont. on page 8



staff photo by David Bowser

Veteran law enforcement officer Joey Roberts is a Florida native.

Pampa Boomtown Christmas
 Through December 3, 2010
 Two drawings, each for \$500 in Christmas Boomtown Bucks, will be held on December 4, 2010.
 1st: White Deer Land Museum at 3:00 p.m.
 2nd: Lighting of the Tree at 6:00 p.m.
 Must be present to win!

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For the record

Obituaries

PAMPA FORECAST

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
High 59 Low 36	High 57 Low 16	High 35 Low 16

Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 28. West wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 59. Wind chill values between 21 and 31 early. West northwest wind 5 to 15 mph becoming south. Winds could gust as high as 20 mph.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 36. South wind around 10 mph.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 57. South southwest wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 16. South southwest wind 10 to 15 mph becoming west northwest. Winds could gust as high as 25 mph.

Thanksgiving Day: Sunny, with a high near 35. North northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 16. North northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

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EMERGENCY SERVICES

Police Department

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents over the weekend.

Police reported 70 traffic-related calls and three accidents.

Animal Control Officers reported 23 animal-related calls.

Pampa EMS reported 13 ambulance calls. The Pampa Fire Department reported 4 medical calls.

Friday, Nov. 19

A vehicle was reported stolen in the 100 block of West 30th.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 4000 block of North Bad Cattle Lane.

An abandoned vehicle was reported in the 1200 block of Darby.

A theft was reported to police.

A suspicious person was reported in the 800 block of West Kingsmill.

Lost property was reported to police.

A threat was reported in the 1700 block of North Hobart.

An abandoned vehicle was reported in the 300 block of West Texas.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 500 block of North Doyle.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 300 block of West Foster.

Officer assisted a motorist at 23rd and Perryton Parkway.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1200 block of North Hobart.

A burglary was reported in the 1300 block of Coffee.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 700 block of North Russell.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 900 block of South Wells.

A suicide attempt was reported in the 1200 block of East Kingsmill.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 100 block of East Craven.

Saturday, Nov. 20

A suspicious person was reported on North Hobart.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 1900 block of North Hobart.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 800 block of West Kingsmill.

Officers had escort duty in the 11000 block of West McCullough.

Officers had escort duty in the 600 block of North Ward.

A sexual assault was reported to police.

Phone harassment was reported in the 1100 block of

Stella "Rose" Carlile, 87

Stella "Rose" Carlile, 87, died Saturday, Nov. 20, 2010, in Amarillo.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 23, 2010, at First Pentecostal Holiness Church with Rev. Albert Maggard, pastor, officiating. Graveside services will be at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, at Dreamland Cemetery in Turkey with Pastor Melvin Clinton, pastor of First Baptist Church of Turkey, officiating.

Mrs. Carlile was born on March 26, 1923, in Turkey and graduated from Turkey High School in 1942. She married Haskell Carlile on Jan. 16, 1943, in Auburn, Calif. He preceded her in death on Sept. 28, 1975. Rose worked for Burlington Industries in Memphis for 14 years. In 1978, she moved to Pampa where she resided until her death. She worked in retail sales in Pampa for many years and retired from Dunlap's in 2000. Rose was baptized when she was 82 and became a member of First Pentecostal Holiness Church.

Survivors include one son, Leonard Carlile and wife Gloria of Amarillo; three daughters, Nita Sanchez and partner Fred Yelton of Amarillo; Mary Nell Kiser and husband Larry of Fritch; and Doris King and husband Dennis of Pampa; like a daughter, Melba White of Borger; two sisters-in-laws, Jo Nita Gilbert of Lubbock, and Jimmie Pond of Needville; one brother-in-law, Sonny Carlile of Fairfield; seven grandchildren, Andrew Sanchez of Fritch, Robert Jones, Jr. of Borger, and Devin King and wife Lauren of Wiley; Sonja Luna and husband Joseph; Jessica Morris, all of Borger; Serenity King and partner Courtney Brecheen of Richardson; Tiffany Carlile of Amarillo; 11 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren, and a host of nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by a son, Calvin Ernest Carlile, two brothers, Gauvin Gilbert and Calvin Gilbert, a sister, Betty Ruth Thrasher, two great-grandsons, Robert Jones, III, and John Wayne Sanchez, and by three sons-in-law, Robert Jones, Andy Sanchez, and Carl Wayne Woods.

Memorials may be made to First Pentecostal Holiness Church, 1700 W. Alcock, Pampa, TX 79065.

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



Carlile

of the home; two daughters, Cathy Carter and husband Charles of Monahans, and Melinda Curtino and husband Joe of Muscat, Oman; son, Michael Collinsworth of Plano; brother, Bobby Troxell and wife Mary of Amarillo; brother-in-law, James Collinsworth and wife Gay of Big Spring; six grandchildren, Erica Krucke and husband Chris of Honolulu, Hawaii, Jason Carter of Borger, Tyson Carter of Lubbock, Meredith Curtino of Beaumont, Megan Curtino of College Station, and Mariah Curtino of Muscat, Oman.

Memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church Building Fund, P.O. Box 1981, Pampa, TX 79066-1981.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 5:30-7 on Tuesday, November 23, 2010.

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

Kenny Mayer, 47

Kenny Mayer, 47, went to be with his Lord on Sunday, Nov. 21, 2010, in Amarillo after suffering a massive heart attack.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 23, 2010, in Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel with Rev. Fred Palmer, pastor of the Carpenter's Church, officiating.

Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery.

Mr. Mayer was born April 29, 1963, in Pampa and was a 1981 graduate of Pampa High School. He worked for B & B Solvent for over 20 years and then worked in the maintenance department at the Jordan Unit. Kenny was a member of the Carpenter's Church. He was a complete outdoorsman where he loved his dune buggy, hunting, fishing, and riding his motorcycle. Even though he is in a better place, he will be missed by his daughter, mother, and sisters.

Survivors include a daughter, Chelsea Mayer of Pampa; his mother Lajuana Mayer of the home; two sisters, Pam Dittberner and husband Chris and Sue Campbell and husband Don, all of Pampa; uncle, Larry Holmes and wife Darlene of Pampa; two aunts, Connie Hoke and husband John of Lexington, Okla. and Judy Robertson and husband Jim of Pampa; and a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his father, Robert Mayer, his maternal grandparents, Rufus and Marie Holmes, and by his paternal grandparents, Earl and Mae Mayer.

Memorials may be made to Carpenter's Church, P. O. Box 1476, Pampa, TX 79066-1476.

The family will receive friends from 6-7:30 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

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



Mayer

Gerald Wayne (Popcorn) Walters, 86

COLORADO CITY—Gerald Wayne (Popcorn) Walters, 86, passed away in his sleep on Friday, November 19, 2010. Services are under the direction of Minton Chatwell Funeral Directors of Panhandle.

Mr. Walters was born on May 29, 1924, in McKinney, TX. A life-long farmer/rancher, Popcorn was known as a good neighbor and a loving family man. But his pride and joy was in being a Poppy to his grandsons, Jacob Luke Walters and Colton Mayo Walters. He is also survived by his son, Hayden Walters, daughter-in-law Sylvia Walters of Westbrook, and daughter, Marsha Walters and her husband John Wells of San Antonio as well as one brother, James Walters of Bullhead City, Ariz.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Hayden and Myrtie Walters, his first wife, Virginia Jones Walters, one sister, Annette Walters Mayo, and brothers, Kirby Walters and Aubrey Walters.

Graveside services will be held at Memory Gardens in Pampa at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, November 23rd. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you take your grandchildren fishing or donate to your favorite charity.

Billie Jean Collinsworth, 83

Billie Jean Collinsworth, 83, died November 19, 2010, in Amarillo.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, November 24, 2010, at First United Methodist Church, with Rev. Joe Jernigan, pastor of Calvary Christian Fellowship of Shamrock, and Rev. Blossom Matthews, pastor of First United Methodist Church of Pampa, officiating.

Private burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Collinsworth was born September 1, 1927, in Shamrock, and graduated from Shamrock High School in 1945. She married Ralph Collinsworth on February 28, 1947, in Shamrock, and they were married for 63 years. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1948. Billie was a member of First United Methodist Church and the Crusaders Sunday School class, and she taught 5th grade Sunday School for many years. She was a member of the Pampa Art Club, Texas Porcelain Art Club, El Progreso Study Club, Pampa Fine Arts Association, and Knife & Fork Club. Billie especially enjoyed china painting, and she loved to travel and read. She enjoyed her grandchildren very much.

Survivors include her husband, Ralph Collinsworth



Collinsworth

Elizabeth Etoyle "Toy" Best Nichols, 84

DELORES, COLO.—Elizabeth Etoyle "Toy" Best Nichols, 84, died Friday, November 19, 2010, in Delores, Colo.

Services will be at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, November 23, 2010, in the Robertson Funeral Directors Route 66 Chapel in McLean with Rev. Z.A. Myers, officiating.

Interment will be at Hillcrest Cemetery in McLean. Arrangements are under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors of McLean.

Toy was born May 22, 1926, in Matador to Leon and Maude Folley Nall. She was a longtime resident of McLean before moving to Delores, Colo. She was a Nurses Aide for the Nursing Home in McLean before her retirement. She enjoyed playing Bingo and loved her family dearly. She was a member of the former First Assembly of God in McLean. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Lloyd Best; a son, Milton Best; a daughter, Loretta Best; a brother, Elmo Nall; and a sister, Gwen Putman.

Survivors include a daughters, Wanda Wood and husband Weldon of Delores, Colo.; two sons, Allen Carlile and wife Carol of Odessa and Don Best and wife Donna of Owasso, Okla.; a sister, Dolores Franklin and husband Bill of Lindale; 19 grandchildren and 38 great grandchildren.

The family request memorials be to a favorite charity.

Sign our online guestbook at www.RobertsonFuneral.com.

Ruth Brookshire, 95

Ruth Brookshire, 95, died November 22, 2010, in Amarillo.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.



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EMERGENCY SERVICES

West Willow.

Hazardous material was reported in the 2000 block of North Christine.

A theft was reported in the 900 block of South Wells.

A theft was reported to police.

Disorderly conduct was reported at Harvester and Duncan.

A structure fire was reported in the 2300 block of North Evergreen.

A 911 hangup call was reported in the 900 block of South Love.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 700 block of North Wells.

A vehicle fire was reported in the 600 block of North Magnolia.

Lost property was reported in the 900 block of Cinderella.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 300 block of

South Miami.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1100 block of East Foster.

Sunday, Nov. 21

Officers checked a building in the 100 block of East Craven.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 700 Powell.

Officers checked a building in the 400 block of West Foster and in the 100 block of West Foster.

Officers assisted another agency at Foster and Somerville.

A suspicious person was reported at Francis and Frost.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 900 block of East Malone.

A suspicious person was reported in the 300 block of North Starkweather.

Continued Tues.

AFTERNOONRUSH

Spill panel details goofs

WASHINGTON (AP) — A new study from the presidential oil spill commission details behind-the-scenes tension and mistakes behind the three-month effort to cap the busted BP oil well, with a lone scientist working from a cell phone photo saving the day.

Monday's draft report said some BP attempts to stop the gusher probably were doomed from the start. That's because the oil giant had underestimated how much oil was spilling. Both BP and the government were unprepared for capping a blowout well and cleaning up the mess it make, the report said.

BP capped the well in July. That cap might have been yanked after a few days if it weren't for government scientist Paul Hsieh (SHAY), who showed by analyzing a cell phone photo of pressure readings that the cap wasn't going to cause a feared bigger spill.

Transgender lawyer becomes judge

HOUSTON (AP) — Thirty years ago, Phyllis Frye, a longtime activist for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender causes, could have been arrested for wearing women's clothing in the Houston City Council chamber.

Frye, a transgender Houston attorney born as Phillip Frye, fought back tears last week as the mayor appointed her to a municipal bench in the same room where she helped repeal Houston's "cross-dressing ordinance" in 1980.

"I almost started crying, because I remembered 31 years ago, in that very same chamber, I was subject to arrest," Frye said.

The 63-year-old will hear traffic ticket cases and other low-level misdemeanor trials. Municipal judges are not elected, she noted.

Frye said she would be the first transgender judge in Texas. She knows of at least two transgender judges in other parts of the country.

Frye applied for the position several months ago and was vetted before being appointed by Mayor Annise Parker on Wednesday with seven other new associate judges.

Recount down to final batch

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Authorities in South Texas have begun recounting a final batch of 15,000 ballots, with U.S. Rep. Solomon Ortiz still trailing Republican Blake Farenthold by the about 800 votes he did after Election Day.

Poll officials on Monday were working through early and absentee ballots in Cameron County, which includes Brownsville. Those were the last votes not tallied in a manual recount demanded by Ortiz.

Almost 106,500 total votes were cast in the Texas 27th Congressional district and all other areas have completed recounts. But so far, that has had little effect on the results, with Ortiz and Farenthold each picking up a few votes.

Ortiz, who has held the district's House seat since 1982, paid a deposit of \$23,500 for the recount.

Unofficial results have Farenthold winning by 799 votes.

Social Security lesson for teachers

TOM MARGENAU
Creator's Syndicate

Social Security and you



Several weeks ago, I wrote a column in which I explained a complicated provision of the law called the "government pension offset" or GPO. The law applies to anyone who will get a pension from a job not covered by Social Security. But I primarily directed that column to teachers in those few states (like Texas, California, and Ohio) where educators do not pay Social Security taxes — because experience has taught me they are often most confused by the offset.

In that prior column, I explained that Social Security retirement pensions have always offset spousal benefits. In other words, if you work at a job where you pay Social Security taxes, and then one day retire and collect a Social Security pension, the pension offsets any dependent's benefits you might be due on your spouse's Social Security record. And the GPO law simply treats teacher's pensions (and other non-Social Security pensions) like a Social Security pension and applies a similar offset.

Based on hundreds of e-mails I've received from teachers around the country, I generally got an "A" for my efforts. But more than a few teachers gave me an "incomplete," since I didn't adequately explain a second law that also impacts teachers and other people who spend the bulk of their careers working at jobs not covered by Social Security. That law is called the "Windfall Elimination Provision" or WEP.

WEP applies to those people who primarily work in professions not covered by Social Security, but they have spent enough years in jobs that were covered by Social Security to get their "40 quarters." In other words, they've worked enough under Social Security to be eligible for Social Security retirement benefits. And as a general rule, the WEP reduces that Social Security benefit — by as much as half.

The key to understanding this provision is to realize that the word "social" in Social Security means something. Unlike private and other public sector pension plans, there are social goals built into the Social Security program. One of those goals is to raise the standard of living of lower-income workers in retirement. This is accom-

plished through a benefit formula that is designed to give lower-paid workers a better deal than their more highly-paid counterparts. Very low-paid workers could get a Social Security benefit that represents up to 90 percent of their earnings. This percentage is known as a "replacement rate." In other words, the Social Security benefits paid to low-income workers are intended to replace 90 percent of their pre-retirement earnings. People with average incomes (the middle class) generally get a 40 percent replacement rate. Higher income people get a rate that's around 30 percent.

The problem is that some teachers and government employees who spend the bulk of their working lives not paying into Social Security are automatically treated as low-income people by the Social Security Administration's computers. That's because there are "zeros" on their Social Security earnings record for every year they spent in their non-Social Security job. SSA's records won't show they were actually working at the other job and earning another pension. Instead, their Social Security earnings record simply shows gaps in their work history.

So when figuring out their Social Security retirement benefit, SSA's computers automatically use the formula intended to compensate a lower-income person. But teachers and government employees generally can be classified as people with average incomes, so they should get the same Social Security replacement rate paid to all middle-class workers. That's why a modified formula is used to refigure their benefits and give them the proper — and fair — replacement rate. If you're a teacher or government employee impacted by this law, that modified formula takes you from the 90 percent (poor person's) replacement rate to the 40 percent (middle-class person's) replacement rate, thus reducing benefits by about half.

To further illustrate, I will use myself as an example. I was a career federal employee who paid into the civil service retirement system, not into Social

Security. But I did work enough before and after my government career to earn my 40 quarters. I have about 12 years of Social Security-covered work. All Social Security retirement benefits are based on a person's average monthly income over a 35-year time span. So when SSA calculates my benefit, they take my 12 years of earnings, but then they have to factor in 23 years of "zero" earnings to get to the 35-year base.

The addition of all those blank years artificially lowers my "average monthly wage" for Social Security purposes. In effect, I look very poor to SSA, so their computers give me that 90 percent return rate. But I'm not poor. I'm a middle-class guy, so I should get the middle-class (or 40 percent) return rate. The WEP law takes my benefit down to the middle-class rate where it belongs.

This is actually a simplified explanation of a very complicated benefit formula. If you're the kind of person who wants to know every last detail of that formula, you can go to Social Security's website and read a fact sheet called, "Your Retirement Benefit: How It's Figured." You can find that fact sheet at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10070.html.

Like me, most career teachers and government employees generally have just barely over the qualifying 40 quarters (10 years) of Social Security-covered work. But if you have 30 or more years of "substantial" Social Security earnings, the windfall provision won't apply and your benefit will not be reduced. If you have between 20 and 29 years of substantial earnings, your Social Security benefit will be only partially reduced. A chart giving a year-by-year breakdown of what the government considers substantial earnings is available at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10045.html.

One final note: If you are affected by the Windfall Elimination Provision, the retirement estimates in the annual Social Security Statement are probably wrong. To find out how your Social Security benefit will be impacted by WEP, you can use the WEP calculator at SSA's website at www.socialsecurity.gov or call them at 800-772-1213.

If you have a Social Security question, Tom Margenau has the answer. Contact him at thomas.margenau@comcast.net.



Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I am hosting Thanksgiving this year. I consider it a joy to bring family together to share traditions. However, two of the uncles insist on blaring sports games on our TV during these gatherings. Neither I nor my husband or parents are interested in sports. Usually there is money riding on these games, and there are loud discussions about bets and other things I would rather my kids not hear. We can't move the TV because it's too large, and forcing them to turn it off kills the holiday cheer.

How do I learn to live with the noise of a stadium gamecast over EVERY holiday? My home is where the family gathers on most of them. -- NOT AN ARMCHAIR QUARTERBACK IN INDIANA

DEAR NOT: The sports events have become part of the tradition, and nothing you or I can say will change that. If you are concerned about your children overhearing something they shouldn't, have them play in another room and provide games to occupy them, or ask that they "help" you pre-

pare the meal or set the table. That should keep them occupied and out of the way.

As to your learning to live with the noise of the telecast, it might help if you repeat the Serenity Prayer from AA:

God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change,

courage to change the things I can, and wisdom to know the difference. — REINHOLD NIEBUHR

DEAR ABBY: My wife "Julie" and I have been married a year. On our first date she asked me if I liked dogs. I told her no because I'm allergic to them. However, because we were compatible in so many other ways, I worked past this difference and tolerated "Fido." I walked him at times and began taking allergy medication when we started living together. I did it out of love and respect for my wife.

Julie returned the respect in kind. My late grandmother had given me a blanket decorated with characters from a favorite TV show when I was a child. Although it clashed

with our furniture, Julie draped it over the couch in our den because she knew it was meaningful to me.

I was away on a business trip when Fido died. I sent flowers and called my wife, expressing my condolences. When I returned a few days later I noticed my blanket was missing. When I asked where it was, Julie tore into me saying I had never liked Fido and she had buried him with my blanket! I was furious and let her know with a few choice words.

It has been a week and the mood here is strained. I'm still angry about what she did. Do I have the right to be upset? — STRESSED AND STEAMED

DEAR STEAMED: Anger is a part of grief, but what your wife did was wrong. She took something that didn't belong to her and that was precious to you and destroyed it. She did it because she wanted you to feel the same kind of loss that she was suffering. It was immature, unkind and hostile. You are certainly entitled to your feelings. She owes you a sincere apology.



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There will be early deadlines due to the Thanksgiving Holidays. The paper for November 26 - 28 will be combined into one edition. There will be no paper on November 25th.

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Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Monday, Nov. 22, the 326th day of 2010. There are 39 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 22, 1963, President John F. Kennedy was assassinated while riding in a motorcade in Dallas; Texas Gov. John B. Connally, in the same car as Kennedy, was seriously wounded. Suspect Lee Harvey Oswald was arrested.

On this date:

In 1718, English pirate Edward Teach — better known as "Blackbeard" — was killed during a battle off the Virginia coast.

In 1928, "Bolero" by Maurice Ravel was first performed, in Paris.

In 1930, listeners of the British Broadcasting Corp. heard, for the first time, radio coverage of an American college football game as Harvard defeated Yale, 13-0.

In 1935, a flying boat, the China Clipper, took off from Alameda, Calif., carrying more than 100,000 pieces of mail on the first trans-Pacific airmail flight.

In 1943, President Franklin D. Roosevelt, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Chinese leader Chiang Kai-shek met in Cairo to discuss measures for defeating Japan.

In 1967, the U.N. Security Council approved Resolution 242, which called for Israel to withdraw from territories it had captured the previous June, and implicitly called on adversaries to recognize Israel's right to exist.

In 1975, Juan Carlos was proclaimed King of Spain.

In 1990, British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, having failed to win re-election of the Conservative Party leadership on the first ballot, announced her resignation.

Ten years ago: Amid the Florida recount battle, Republican vice-presidential candidate Dick Cheney was hospitalized with what doctors called a "very slight" heart attack.

Five years ago: Jose Padilla, a U.S. citizen in Navy custody, was charged with supporting terrorism, but the indictment did not mention the alleged "dirty bomb" plot that had prompted his three-year detention. (Padilla was later convicted along with two other defendants.)

One year ago: Iran said it had begun large-scale air defense war games aimed at protecting its nuclear facilities from attack. Michael Jackson posthumously won four American Music Awards.

Today's Birthdays: Movie director Arthur Hiller is 87. Actor Robert Vaughn is 78. Actor Michael Callan is 75. Actor Allen Garfield is 71. Animator and movie director Terry Gilliam is 70. Actor Tom Conti is 69. Singer Jesse Colin Young is 69.

International Tennis Hall of Famer Billie Jean King is 67. Rock musician-actor Steve Van Zandt (a.k.a. Little Steven) is 60. Retired MLB All-Star Greg Luzinski is 60. Rock musician Lawrence Gowan is 54. Actor Richard Kind is 54. Actress Jamie Lee Curtis is 52. Alt-country singer Jason Ringenberg (Jason & the Scorchers) is 52. Actress Mariel Hemingway is 49. Actor Stephen Geoffreys is 46. Rock musician Charlie Colin is 44. Actor Nicholas Rowe is 44. Actor Mark Ruffalo is 43. International Tennis Hall of Famer Boris Becker is 43. Actress Scarlett Johansson is 26. Actor Jamie Campbell Bower is 22.

Thought for Today: "Nothing great will ever be achieved without great men, and men are great only if they are determined to be so." — Charles de Gaulle (born this date in 1890, died 1970)



Simple rule of thumb: Do the right thing

JUST?

Do the right thing

RESPECT?

Yourself and others

TAKE?

Responsibility

CONSIDER?

The consequences of your actions.

THE SECRET TO YOUR

SUCCESS?

Good decisions and daily discipline

SHOW ME?

Your friends and I'll show you your future

LIFE IS?

Performed based

THE THREE MOST IMPORTANT

THINGS IN LIFE?

Faith, family and honor

KNOW?

Your purpose in life.

MAKE TODAY?

The best day of your life.

These questions and their responses can be heard ringing back and forth throughout Pampa Elementary schools during the school days this year.

Pampa Elementary schools have found a fun and effective way of conveying some great big ideas to the elementary students of Pampa ISD. We have initiated a new character education program called

County Class



BEVERLY UNDERWOOD

year High Stakes Assessment. In general, teachers don't choose the profession in order to help children pass tests, but to help children be successful, both in school and in life.

It is a challenge that requires a bit of a balancing act. Pampa elementary schools, which have implemented the program in various ways, have found that it has been energizing for the students, easy to implement, and also effective in communicating some very powerful ideas to the elementary students of Pampa.

With the easy phrases and the repetition, the children quickly understand the connection between the phrases and their behavior. The teachers at Austin Elementary introduced one phrase per week at the beginning of the year, teaching the concepts as the year progressed. Now that the children know them all, it takes only 30 seconds or so per day to repeat the entire set of "reminders". We have the phrases hanging in the hall from the ceiling as a reminder as well. On Wednesdays, many staff members also wear t-shirts with their favorite question in the front and its answer on the back.

The program was created by Brian Faught of Little Rock, Arkansas. Parents who are interested in more information on the program can see www.justdotherightthing.org. At the website, you will find alternate versions, such as after school versions and Christian versions with scripture references. These can be used at home to teach a spiritual correlation to what we are teaching at school if parents would choose to. I urge you to check it out... sometimes we all need a reminder to "Just Do the Right Thing!"

Beverly Underwood is the principal of Austin Elementary School.

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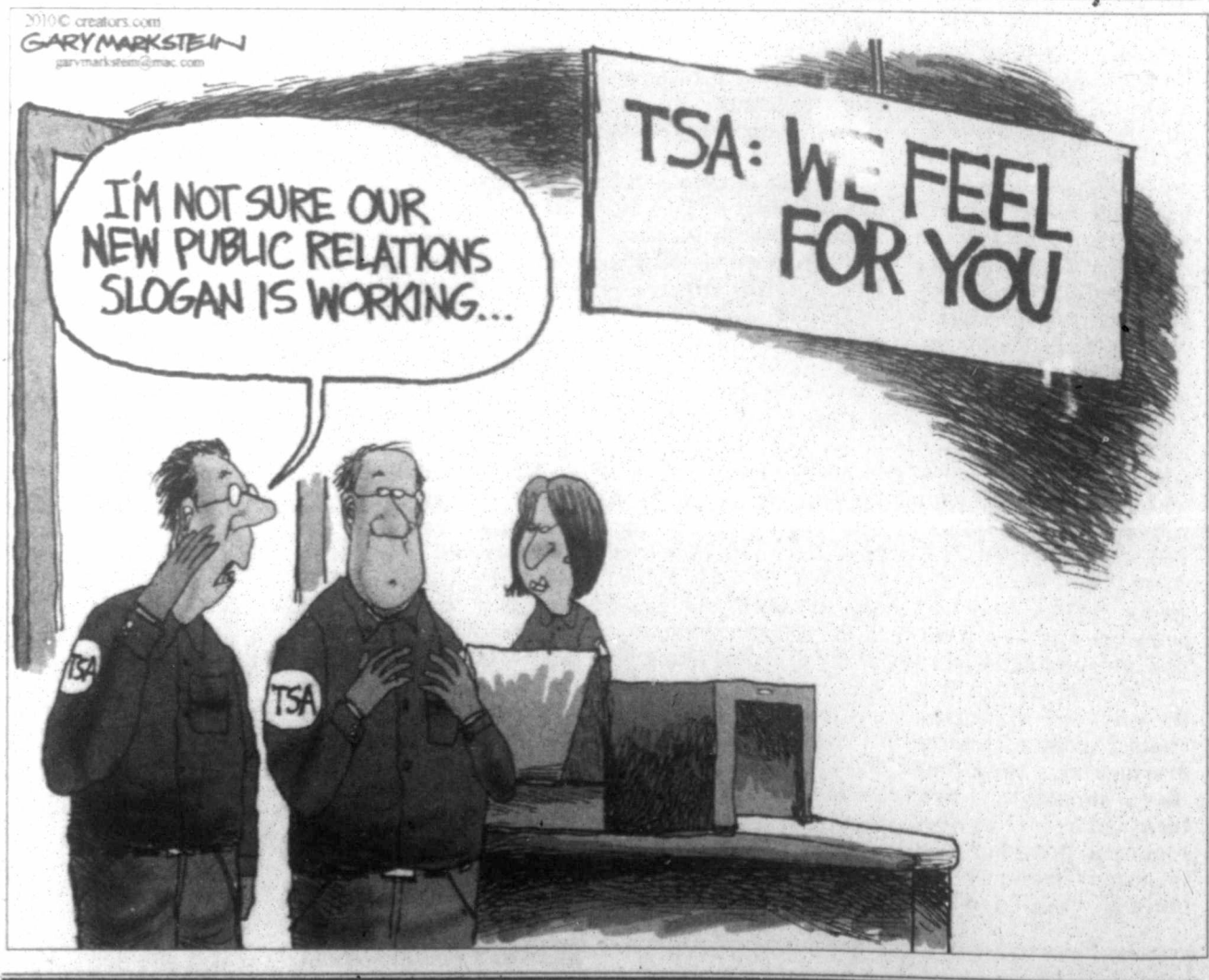
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A kickoff event for the Salvation Army's Red Kettle Campaign bell ringers was held Friday at the Pampa Walmart. Present for the event were (from left) Josh Hess, Walmart general manager; Jerry Hughes, Salvation Army seasonal employee; Captain Mark Martin; Captain Laura Martin and Mayor Lonny Robbins. This is the first year that the Salvation Army has started its bell ringing efforts before Thanksgiving.

Salvation

ringers was held Friday at Walmart.

"I was just tickled to be able to get this thing going a week early," Martin said. "Hopefully, that will help us help more people."

Martin credited Walmart general manager Josh Hess for helping give the Salvation Army bell ringers the extra week at the store.

"We couldn't ask for a nicer guy than Josh," Martin said.

"He's helped us get this thing going last year, and he's really done a good job this year. (Walmart) has been very good to us. We're very thankful for the Walmart partnership."

Hess said that he hoped the extra week would not only help bring more funds in, but also remind Pampa that the holidays are a season for giving.

"We just decided to get the community in that mindset," he said. "It's the right thing to do, to make the customers aware of it early. We're happy to do it and I hope it helps."

Hess added that the partnership between Walmart and the Salvation Army has yielded nothing but positives.

"They do a fantastic job and we're excited to get them out here early," said Hess. "We're happy to help anyone in the community that we can."

Proceeds of the Salvation Army bell ringing program are funneled into the group's programs for aiding the underprivileged, including buying toys and clothing for needy children this holiday season and helping low income households with rent and utilities.

The Salvation Army is setting a local collection goal of \$50,000 through the bell ringers, Martin said, though the possibility of reaching that number can be hard to predict.

"Every year has its own personality," Martin said. "It depends on what the economy is doing, the influx of new people, a lot of different things."

Still, Martin said that he is encouraged this year by the support the Salvation Army has received from Pampa locals.

"We have more volunteers this year," he said. "Last year was great. We had a lot of churches and community groups call us and say that they wanted to help. We have a lot of support in the community, and that's a big thing. That's a blessing all by itself."

Roberts

is yet." Roberts said that he feels at home in the Texas Panhandle.

"Where I was born and raised," he said, "it was small, rural farming and ranching community."

Roberts said Lake Placid is an hour and a half south of Orlando and in the middle of the peninsula that forms Florida.

"It was almost equal distance from coast to coast," he said. "You probably couldn't get closer to the middle."

The community where Roberts was located in Montana was much the same. He said the area's economy was based on farming and ranching.

"We were in Bridger," Roberts said.

It was just south of Billings and north of Cody, Wyo.

"We were right up on the Wyoming line," he said.

Big Horn County where Custer made his last stand was just to the east of Bridger.

Half of the county was covered by an Indian reservation.

"It's gorgeous country," Roberts said.

He added, however, that it can be cold country.

With a grin, Roberts said he'll feel right at home if Pampa gets a good snowfall this winter.

As far as choosing law enforcement for a career, Roberts said, it was something he wanted to try ever since he was a kid watching television.

"I watched COPS a lot when I was a little kid," he grinned. "The more I watched it, the more I liked it."

He thought he'd try it. "The next thing I knew," Roberts said, "I was at the academy."

He said he's the first in his family to go into law enforcement. All his relatives are involved in agriculture.

In Florida that means ranching with some citrus groves thrown in, Roberts said.

"It's good country down there for cattle," he said.

They can raise one animal unit to an acre to an acre and a half on a good grass patch, he said.

"All our rough country," Roberts said, "we can do a unit on about eight or nine acres. It's just pretty good country."

He said he's enjoying every day in Pampa.

"The Lord's led us here for some kind of a reason," he said.

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Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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Meals

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