




PAMPA FORECAST

Today	Thursday	Friday
		
High 56 Low 31	High 65 Low 34	High 59 Low 31

Today: Partly sunny, then gradually becoming sunny, with a high near 56. Wind chill values between 25 and 35 early. Breezy, with a north northwest wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 31. Wind chill values between 24 and 29. West wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 65. Breezy, with a west southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Thursday Night: Clear, with a low around 34. Southwest wind around 10 mph.

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 59. Breezy, with a north northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 31. Blustery, with a north wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

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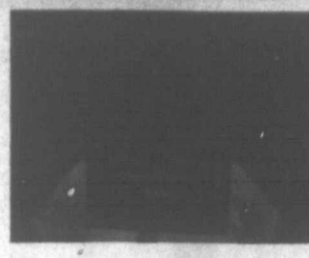
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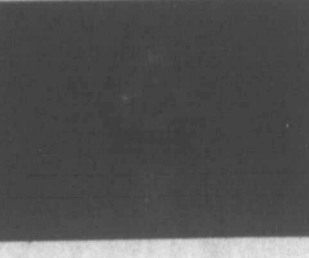
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If you have seen any of these people, please contact the Pampa/ Gray County Crime Stoppers at (806) 669-2222. Pampa/Gray County Crime Stoppers is offering up to a \$1000.00 reward for information that leads to the arrest or conviction of persons that commit felony crimes or drug dealing anywhere in the Pampa Gray County area. Remember, you will remain anonymous. The information contained on these fugitives was correct when published, but may no longer be current by the time it is read.

Obituaries

Ronald Alan Beard, 79

Ronald Alan Beard went to be with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Friday, December 30, 2011.

Ron was born in Pampa, on August 25, 1932, and was the son of Jesse Elijah and Pauline Beard. He served in the Coast Guard from 1950-1953 as a Boatswain Mate. His first tour of duty was in the Bering Sea and he was then transferred to Honolulu, Hawaii. After leaving the Coast Guard, he started work at Cabot Corporation (Ingersoll Rand) and retired in February 1996 after 43 years of employment.

Ron married Barbara Jean Wright on December 19, 1954, and they lived together in Pampa before relocating to Houston in 1976.

Ron was admired and respected by those who knew him. His girls were taught to be loving, generous and self-confident in all situations. Ron was generous in spirit and action and unselfishly devoted himself to others. Over his lifetime, he and Barbara enjoyed traveling and seeing the world and took numerous cruises. They enjoyed "land" cruises as well and would just take off in the van to destinations unknown.

Ron will be remembered for his ability to make a meal out of a morsel and his delicious dishes will be sorely missed. He loved collecting recipes from everywhere. Numerous times while sitting in various waiting rooms, he would see a recipe in a magazine and ask the nurses to make a copy for him to add to his recipe collection.

Ron was preceded in death by his father, Jesse Elijah Beard and mother, Pauline Beard.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Barbara Jean Beard of Katy; daughters, Vicki Lynn Busboom and husband Craig of Kosse, and Elizabeth Anne Straznicki and husband Jerry of Katy; granddaughter, Melody Kay Fraser and husband Dave of Houston; and grandsons, Alan Barrera of Houston, and Mark Alan Straznicki and wife Jennifer of College Station; great-grandchildren, Chloe June and Cody Wayne Fraser of Houston, and Liza Makayla and Kathryn Joy Staznicki of College Station; brother, Charles William Beard and wife Cleo of Beaumont.

Condolences may be offered at choicesbybj@aol.com.

Vivian "Cle" McQueen, 88

MEMPHIS—Vivian "Cle" McQueen, 88, died Saturday, December 31, 2011, in Memphis.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, January 5, 2012, in the First Baptist Church in Memphis with John McQueen and Dale Sexton, officiating.

Interment will be at Fairview Cemetery in Memphis. Arrangements are under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors, 1644 North 18th Street, in Memphis.

Cle was born August 14, 1923, in Snyder to Sidney and Vera White Ziegler. She married Winfred "Hap" McQueen on December 24, 1939, in Newlin. She had been a resident of Memphis most of her life.

She enjoyed sewing, writing poems and songs, and one song was published "When the Flame Burns Low." She always visited the sick and elderly. She was a Home Health Certified Nurses Aide and graduated the top of her class at the age of 62. She was a strong witness for the Lord and was a member of the First Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a son, Troy McQueen; a brother, Rayford Ziegler; and a sister, Imogene Gilchrist.

Survivors include two sons, Winfred McQueen and wife Susan of Memphis, and John McQueen and wife Debra of Andrews; four daughters, Venita Shultz and husband Robert of Pampa, Billie Sampley and husband E.M., Shirley Ward and husband Dale, and Vivian Martin and husband Danny, all of Memphis; two sisters, Trudie Wooten and husband J.R. of Tennessee, and Joy Coffman of Memphis; a sister in law, Betty Ziegler of Odessa; two stepbrothers, Jimmy Sexton of Houston and Dale Sexton of Memphis; a special friend, Peggy Gaston of Wellington; 17 grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren; and 15 great-great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be sent to Fairview Cemetery Association or Odyssey Hospice.

Visitation will be held from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., Wednesday at the funeral home.

Sign our online guestbook at www.RobertsonFuneral.com.

Velora McGee, 88

Velora McGee, 88, died January 1, 2012, in Pampa.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, January 5, 2012, at Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel, with Rev. Jim Fox, officiating.

Burial will be at Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. McGee was born September 11, 1923, in Shawnee, Okla., and was reared in Tecumseh, Okla.

She married Alba Ralph McGee on November 25, 1939, in Tecumseh, Okla. He preceded her in death in 1991. Velora moved to Skellytown in 1950 and to Pampa in 1978. She was a member of Hobart Baptist Church. She enjoyed quilting, sewing and crocheting. Velora loved being around her children, especially her grandchildren. She had a very strong Christian faith.

Survivors include a son, Richard Ralph McGee of Baytown; two daughters, Carolyn Payne and husband Dean of Hobbs, N.M., and Deana Carter and husband Bill of Pampa; four grandchildren, Charles Ray Payne and Laura Johnson Payne, both of Portland, Ore., Tammy Pickering and David Carter and wife Brenda, all of Pampa, and Michael Drew Moore of Baytown; two granddaughters-in-law, Lorie Payne and Carolyn Carter; 11 great-grand-

children, and three great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, two sisters, a brother, and two grandsons, Dean Payne and Billy Carter.

Memorials may be made to Interim Hospice, 2217 Perryton Parkway, Pampa, TX 79065, or Hobart Baptist Church, 1100 W. Crawford, Pampa, TX 79065.

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

Robert Ward "Bob" Curry, 98

Robert Ward "Bob" Curry, 98, died January 3, 2012, in Pampa.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Bob was born March 8, 1913, at Snyder, to Walter and Effie Curry. In 1924, Bob's father, Walter, bought the newspaper in Crosbyton, and moved the family of six to the plains of Texas in a Model T Ford. Bob graduated from Crosbyton High School in 1930 and attended McMurry University in Abilene, where he played football and basketball, setting a conference scoring record in basketball. He was later honored by being inducted into the McMurry Athletic Hall of Honor. After graduation in 1934, he coached athletics and taught school at Snyder, Miami, and Pampa.

Bob married Alleith Elliston in Hereford, in 1937. They were married 64 years when Alleith died in 2001.

Bob joined the U.S. Navy in 1944. He was a Lieutenant on a communications ship attached to the amphibious force in the Pacific War. He participated in the invasion of Iwo Jima and Okinawa. His ship was recognized for shooting down two kamikaze planes and sinking four suicide boats during the Okinawa invasion.

Bob worked for Cabot Company in Pampa, and was Vice-President of Morrow-Thomas Hardware Company in Amarillo before purchasing a welding and industrial supply company in 1958. Four R Industrial Supply grew over the next 40 years with stores in 5 cities and a compressed gas plant in Amarillo. He was active in the National Welding Supply Association and a member of the Union Carbide National Distributor Advisory Council for several years.

Bob was an active United Methodist for his entire life, holding many leadership positions at First United Methodist Church in Pampa. Curry was a civic leader in Pampa, serving two terms on the City Commission, president of the United Way, member of the Gray County Appraisal Board, member of the Youth and Community center board, and the City Planning and Zoning Commission. He further served as president of the Pampa Country Club and the Tri-State Seniors Golf Association. Bob served as President of the Adobe Walls Boy Scout Council. He was awarded the Silver Beaver Award for his years of service in scouting.

Bob was preceded in death by his wife, his parents, a brother, and two sisters.

Bob is survived by two sons, Don and wife Sue of Fort Worth, John and wife Faustina of Pampa; three grandchildren, Faustine of Mount Pleasant, Ward of Fort Worth, and Stewart and wife Brandi of Weatherford, Okla., and one great-granddaughter, Cambre of Weatherford, Okla., and close family friend, Della Mae McCampbell of Pampa.

The family suggests memorials to First United Methodist Church, Box 1981, Pampa, TX 79066, Golden Spread Boy Scout Council, 401 Tascosa Road, Amarillo, TX 79124, or McMurry University, 1400 Sayles Blvd., Abilene, TX 79605.

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Marsh fires extinguished

BEAUMONT (AP) - An emergency management coordinator in Southeast Texas says fires that swept through dry marshlands burned through about 10 acres before being extinguished.

Jefferson County emergency chief Greg Fountain says the fires were started Monday by somebody welding, and they spread because it was windy and the marsh grass is dead and dry in winter.

Fountain said Tuesday the fires were not related to a drought that has parched Texas in the past year, feeding some of the largest wildfires the state has ever seen.

Fountain described the fires about 80 miles east of Houston as minor compared to the wildfires that swept through Central Texas and West Texas last spring and summer.

3.2 quake shakes eastern Okla.

PRAGUE, Okla. (AP) - The U.S. Geological Survey says a magnitude 3.2 earthquake caused an early-morning rumble near Prague.

The quake hit just before 5 a.m. Tuesday and its epicenter was five miles north-northwest of Prague and seven miles southeast of Sparks. That's about 46 miles east of Oklahoma City.

A 5.6 magnitude quake, the strongest ever recorded in Oklahoma, shook the state Nov. 5. That quake damaged dozens of homes, buckled a highway and caused other damage. A number of smaller earthquakes have been recorded since then.

BP wants Halliburton to pay

NEW ORLEANS (AP) - BP is reiterating claims first made last April that it is entitled to payment from contractor Halliburton Energy Services for expenses and lost profits resulting from the 2010 Deepwater Horizon offshore oil well disaster.

BP's latest filing was made Monday in federal court in New Orleans, where complex litigation involving various companies involved in the disaster is playing out.

BP has accused Houston-based Halliburton of botching the cement job meant to seal the well. Halliburton says BP is trying to saddle Halliburton with far more than its share of the legal burden.

In Monday's filing, BP said Halliburton has made inaccurate statements about BP's legal claims. And BP, quoting from its own filing made last April, emphasized it is seeking damages from Halliburton, including costs and expenses for oil cleanup and remediation, lost profits and other costs.

The April 20, 2010, explosion off Louisiana killed 11 rig workers and led to more than 200 million gallons of oil spewing from a well a mile beneath the sea, according to government estimates. London-based BP PLC owned the well and was leasing the Deepwater Horizon rig from Swiss-based Transocean Ltd.

Amid numerous claims and counter-claims made by various parties since the well blew out, a federal civil trial in the case is set to begin in February to assign shares of fault to the companies involved in the worst offshore oil spill in U.S. history.

Monday's filing comes as Halliburton and BP argue over the extent of BP's indemnification of Halliburton. The Houston-based company says BP wants to avoid its legal responsibility to cover costs related to the spill. BP argues that "gross negligence" by Halliburton eliminates BP's indemnity obligation.

Job activity at Spaceport America

LAS CRUCES, N.M. (AP) - Virgin Galactic is beginning to ramp up activity in southern New Mexico in a sign of preparation for future space flights from Spaceport America north of Las Cruces.

The Las Cruces Sun-News reports some British-based staff has relocated to Las Cruces, Virgin Galactic has advertised some new jobs and the company has announced it's leasing office space in the city.

New Mexico Space Grant Consortium director Pat Hynes says the relocation of Virgin Galactic staff to Las Cruces is significant because it means Virgin Galactic head Richard Branson is following through on his commitment to base operations from New Mexico.

One injured in meth explosion

QUITMAN (AP) - Investigators say a methamphetamine lab explosion in North Texas has left a woman burned and the boyfriend who dropped her off at a hospital facing drug charges.

The Wood County Sheriff's Department says Russell Allen Love of Quitman was jailed Tuesday on charges of manufacturing and delivery of a controlled substance. Online jail records did not list an attorney for Love, whose bond was set at \$75,000.

Shanda Gail Simmons was left at a Quitman hospital Saturday night and told authorities that a meth lab explosion happened near her home.

Chief Deputy Wes Criddle says Love was later located at the residence he shared with Simmons, where deputies found a drug lab in the kitchen.

Simmons was hospitalized in fair condition Tuesday at Parkland Memorial Hospital in Dallas.

Horn-honking centennial event

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) - Albuquerque transportation officials want to try something a little different to ring in New Mexico's 100th birthday.

They're calling on people to honk their horns for about 30 seconds at 11:35 a.m. Friday.

That's the approximate time when then-President William Howard Taft signed New Mexico into statehood a century ago.

The horn honking is part of ABQ RIDE's planned birthday ceremony at the Alvarado Transportation Center.

The ceremony will feature a Rail Runner locomotive horn, a whistle from a vintage locomotive, horns from ABQ RIDE buses and air and car horns around the approximate moment New Mexico became a state a century ago.

Commemorative centennial ornaments created by students at Van Buren Middle School in Albuquerque will also be given out at the celebration along with cake and hot chocolate.

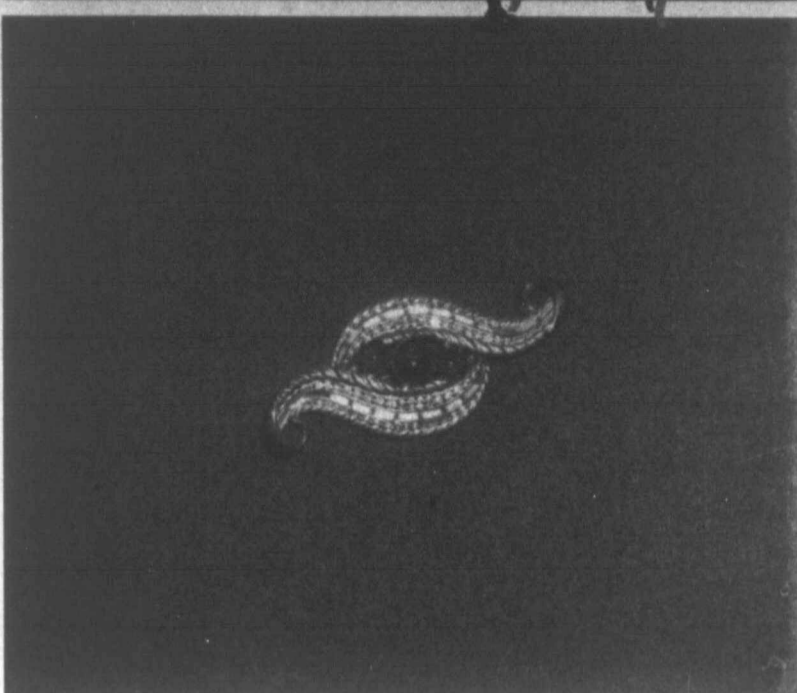
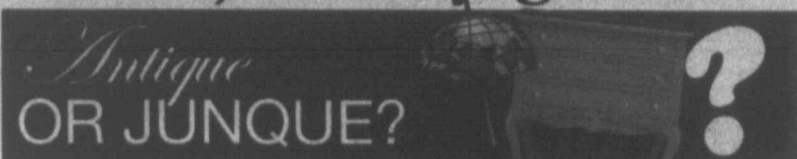
Vintage costume jewelry glitters

Q: This is a photo of a costume jewelry pin that my mother gave me around 1955. It is 3 inches long and is marked "Trifari." I also have the matching clip-on earrings. The stones are emerald, peridot and clear rhinestone. They are set in gold tone metal and in mint condition.

Is my set collectible, and what can you tell me about it?

A: Glittery costume jewelry from the early to mid 1900s is collectible. Gustavo Trifari and his uncle founded Trifari in 1910. The Great Depression adversely impacted the company's modest success. In 1930, Alfred Philippe was hired as the head designer and his creative designs jump-started the company. Philippe had been a designer with Cartier and also Van Cleef and Arpels. His early pieces were inspired by the Art Deco period. He later created large floral pieces that became known as the "fruit salad" line. Trifari used a variety of marks and yours is circa 1955. In 1975, Liz Claiborne acquired Trifari and sells its jewelry today.

Similar sets are selling in the range of \$75 to \$125. Some Trifari pieces can go much higher.



Alfred Philippe was head designer for Trifari.

of a set of dishes that were my mother's. Included in the mark is the word "Bavaria." I have almost enough pieces to complete a service-for 12, but some of the pieces are missing. Since I don't know the name of the pattern, I don't know where to start my research.

A: Rosenthal Porcelain and Glass Co. has been in business in Selb, Bavaria, Germany, since 1879. It can be extremely difficult to identify the name of the pattern. Even contacting the company is usually fruitless. One option is to send a clear photo and a description of the marks on the back of the dishes to replacement services. Replacements, Ltd. or Silver Queen are two such services available on the Internet.

Q: I have a child's plate and matching cup that belonged to my dad when he was a baby around 1919. The plate has the alphabet around the outer edge. Both the cup and plate are decorated with children playing. They were made in Germany.

I would really appreciate any information you can provide.

A: Your plate and cup are examples of children's ABC dishes. They were made in the late 1800s and early 1900s and are collectible. Your set would probably be worth \$50 to \$75.

Address your questions to Anne McCollam, P. O. Box 247, Notre Dame, IN 46556. Items of a general interest will be answered in this column. Due to the volume of inquiries, she cannot answer individual letters.



Rosenthal Porcelain and Glass Co. is located in Germany.

Q: This mark is on the back

Board sets vote on sale of Toledo Bend water

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) - The Jindal administration opposes, at least for the time being, a proposal by Republican fundraisers that would sell Louisiana drinking water to Texas.

"There's talk of a January vote and I think that is way too fast," Stephen Waguespack told The Advocate last week. He is reviewing the deal for Republican Gov. Bobby Jindal. The contract will need Jindal's signature.

The 13-member Sabine River Authority Board is expected to vote later this month on a contract of up to 99 years duration, which would sell to private investors up to 600,000 acre-feet of fresh water - about 195 billion gallons - from Toledo Bend for 28 cents per thousand gallons. The state is allowed to sell up to 1 million acre-feet of the 76-mile-long reservoir, which is capable of storing about 4.5 million acre-feet of water.

If the terms are met and agreed upon, the SRA could net about \$54.7 million a year. The SRA reports that in good years, its annual budget is about \$4.5 million.

"I don't think they have worked through all the complex issues with those stakeholders. They need to do that," Waguespack, Jindal's chief of staff, said of the SRA. "Stakeholders" include farming communities that depend on the water for irrigation, natural gas drillers in the Haynesville shale fields who use water-intensive processes to extract natural gas, and downstream efforts that use the fresh water from the Sabine River to help rebuild marshes to stop coastal erosion.

But Donald T. "Boysie" Bollinger, the head of Toledo Bend Partners LP, the private company proposing to buy the water, said the contract would provide the SRA, the peo-

ple living in the parishes next to the reservoir, and the rest of the state, money from a resource presently not being used.

"We're throwing this water down the Sabine River into the Gulf. It's excess water for the needs of Sabine River basin parishes," Bollinger said. If the contract is approved, TB Partners would build a pipeline and sell drinking water to Texas municipalities, he said.

The 2007 State Water Plan for Texas projects future municipal demands will increase 92 percent between 2010 and 2060, from 1.5 million acre-feet to 2.9 million acre-feet.

The minutes of meetings of the Dallas City Council show that Texas' second largest city has been pursuing drinking water from Toledo Bend since 2008. Houston, that state's largest city, unsuccessfully sought the water before that.

Bollinger's family, as well as family members of Aubrey Temple Jr., a banker and businessman from DeRidder, and Billy

Joe "Red" McCombs, a San Antonio car dealer and investor, are listed in the proposed contract as owning 10 percent or more of TB Partners, a company with dozens of investors.

Bollinger, a Lockport shipbuilder, his family and their companies have given nearly \$1 million in 500 contributions to candidates seeking a vari-

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Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Wednesday, Jan. 4, the fourth day of 2012. There are 362 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 4, 1951, during the Korean War, North Korean and Communist Chinese forces recaptured the city of Seoul.

On this date:

In 1821, the first native-born American saint, Elizabeth Ann Seton, died in Emmitsburg, Md.

In 1861, Alabama seized a federal arsenal at Mount Vernon near Mobile.

In 1896, Utah was admitted as the 45th state.

In 1904, the Supreme Court, in *Gonzalez v. Williams*, ruled that Puerto Ricans were not aliens and could enter the United States freely; however, the court stopped short of declaring them U.S. citizens.

In 1935, President Franklin D. Roosevelt, in his State of the Union address, called for legislation to provide assistance for the jobless, elderly, impoverished children and the handicapped.

In 1948, Burma (now called Myanmar) became independent of British rule.

In 1960, Algerian-born French author and philosopher Albert Camus died in an automobile accident in Villeblevin, France, at age 46.

In 1964, Pope Paul VI began a visit to the Holy Land, the first papal pilgrimage of its kind, as he arrived in Jerusalem.

In 1965, President Lyndon B. Johnson outlined the goals of his "Great Society" in his State of the Union Address.

In 1974, President Richard M. Nixon refused to hand over tape recordings and documents subpoenaed by the Senate Watergate Committee.

In 1987, 16 people were killed when an Amtrak train bound from Washington, D.C., to Boston collided with Conrail locomotives that had crossed into its path from a side track in Chase, Md.

In 1990, Charles Stuart, who'd claimed to have been wounded and his pregnant wife fatally shot by a robber, leapt to his death off a Boston bridge after he himself became a suspect.

Ten years ago: Sgt. 1st Class Nathan Ross Chapman, a U.S. Army Special Forces soldier, was killed by small-arms fire during an ambush in eastern Afghanistan; he was the first American military death from enemy fire in the war against terrorism.

Five years ago: Nancy Pelosi was elected the first female speaker of the House as Democrats took control of Congress. Harriet Miers resigned as White House counsel.

One year ago: President Barack Obama signed a \$1.4 billion overhaul of the nation's food safety system.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Barbara Rush is 85. Actress Dyan Cannon is 75. Author-historian Doris Kearns Goodwin is 69. Country singer Kathy Forester (The Forester Sisters) is 57. Actress Ann Magnuson is 56. Country singer Patty Loveless is 55. Rock singer Michael Stipe is 52. Actor Patrick Cassidy is 50. Actor Dave Foley is 49. Actor Rick Hearst is 47. Singer-musician Cait O'Riordan is 47. Actress Julia Ormond is 47. Country singer Deana Carter is 46. Rock musician Benjamin Darvill (Crash Test Dummies) is 45. Actor Jeremy Licht is 41. Actress-singer Jill Marie Jones is 37. Comedian-actress Charlyne Yi is 26.

Thought for Today: "The last temptation is the greatest treason - to do the right deed for the wrong reason." - T.S. Eliot, American-born English poet (born in 1888, died this date in 1965)



Let's add civility to our goals for the year

This is a season of giving, good cheer, and forbearance. Too bad that, as the political season begins in earnest with the turn of the year, all those fine sentiments will become just a memory.

So maybe, as we jot down our New Year's resolutions, we could add this one: "Every action done in company, ought to be with some sign of respect to those that are present." And then let's hope that our political leaders add it to their lists, too.

That simple resolution came from the pen of George Washington. It was the first of his "Rules of Civility & Decent Behavior." Washington was a mere teenager of 16 when he wrote them down, which ought to make any number of our current elected officials pause and reflect.

For too often in recent decades our politics have been strident, polarized, coarse, even mean. We do not show respect to those present. We do not even show respect to those who are not present but, by virtue of television, newspapers and the Web, are just as tuned in as those who are there. And because we do not, we are all the poorer.

Incivility directly affects both the quality and the quantity of the hard work of governance. Along with the outright rudeness that often marks our public discourse, it makes it virtually impossible to reconcile opposing views and, therefore, to meet our civic challenges. Anyone can walk into a room where there are differences of opinion and blow it apart.

What is hard to do is to walk into the room and bring people together. That is political skill of the highest order.

So why shouldn't we just ask politicians to resolve to be more civil? Why do we need to put it on our lists, too? Because everyone in this country has a responsibility to foster a civic dialogue that respects the people with whom we disagree and that advances the interests of the nation.

Knowing how to disagree without obstructing progress is a basic civic skill. The more that ordinary citizens state their case and their principles cogently, in a manner that is substantive, factual, and does not attack the motivation or patriotism of those with whom they disagree, the better our political system will work and the stronger our nation will be. If we know how to do this ourselves and to accept no less from our leaders, then we can change our politics.

In a democracy, it is not enough just to let politicians set the rules of engagement. As citizens, we need to know how to cultivate our own skills: to stay informed, volunteer, speak out, ask questions, make discriminating judgments about politicians and policies, and improve our neighborhoods and communities.

And we need to know the values that underlie productive civic dialogue: mutual respect and tolerance; the humility to know that sometimes

we're wrong; the honesty to keep deliberations open and straightforward; the resolve to surmount challenges whatever the obstacles; and, of course, the civility that allows us to find common ground despite our disagreements. If we come to value all this, then the politicians who spring from our midst will have to, as well.

It seems a small thing resolving to be more civil. But it's not small if we put it into practice — if we get off the sidelines, engage with the issues in front of us both large and small, and learn firsthand a basic appreciation for the hard work of democracy: how to understand many different points of view and forge a consensus behind a course of action that leads towards a solution. It is the actions of many ordinary people rolling up their sleeves and digging into the issues they confront in their neighborhoods and communities that keep this great democratic experiment of ours vital.

This is because every one of us who hones the civic skills needed to renew our politics makes it that much more likely that our nation will thrive. That's not a bad goal, as we finish out one year and turn toward the future.



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2012 Medicare debate is all about the baby boomers

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WASHINGTON (AP) - Baby boomers take note: Medicare as your parents have known it is headed for big changes no matter who wins the White House in 2012. You may not like it, but you might have to accept it.

Dial down the partisan rhetoric and surprising similarities emerge from competing policy prescriptions by President Barack Obama and leading Republicans such as Wisconsin Rep. Paul Ryan.

Limit the overall growth of Medicare spending? It's in both approaches.

Squeeze more money from upper-income retirees and some in the middle-class? Ditto.

Raise the eligibility age? That too, if the deal is right.

With more than 1.5 million baby boomers a year signing up for Medicare, the program's future is one of the most important economic issues for anyone now 50 or older. Health care costs are the most unpredictable part of retirement, and Medicare remains an exceptional deal for retirees, who can reap benefits worth far more than the payroll taxes they paid in during their careers.

"People would like to have what they used to have. What they don't seem to understand is that it's already changed," said Gail Wilensky, a former Medicare administrator and adviser to Republicans. "Medicare as we have known it is not part of our future."

Two sets of numbers underscore that point.

First, Medicare's giant trust fund for inpatient care is projected to run out of money in 2024. At that point, the program will collect only enough payroll taxes to pay 90 percent of benefits.

Second, researchers estimate that 20 to 30 percent of the more than \$500 billion that Medicare now spends annually is wasted on treatments and procedures of little or no benefit to patients.

Taken together, that means policymakers can't let Medicare keep running on autopilot and they'll look for cuts before any payroll tax increases.

Privatization is the biggest divide between Democrats and Republicans.

Currently about 75 percent of Medicare recipients are in the traditional government-run, fee-for-service program and 25 percent are in private insurance plans known as Medicare Advantage.

Ryan's original approach, part of a budget plan the House passed in the spring, would have put 100 percent of future retirees into private insurance. His latest plan, developed with Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., would keep traditional Medicare as an option, competing with private plans.

Older people would get a fixed payment they could use for private health insurance or traditional Medicare. Proponents call it "premium support." To foes, it's a voucher.

Under both of Ryan's versions, people now 55 or older would not have to make any changes. GOP

presidential candidates Mitt Romney and Newt Gingrich praise his latest plan.

How would it work? Would it save taxpayers money? Would it shift costs to retirees as Ryan's earlier plan did? Would Congress later phase out traditional Medicare? Those and other questions must still be answered.

"I'm not sure anybody has come up with a formula on this that makes people comfortable," said health economist Marilyn Moon, who formerly served as a trustee helping to oversee Medicare finances.

White House spokesman Jay Carney says the Wyden-Ryan plan "would end Medicare as we know it for millions of seniors," causing the traditional program to "wither on the vine."

But what administration officials don't say is that Obama's health care law already puts in place one of Ryan's main goals by limiting future increases in Medicare spending.

Ryan would do it with a fixed payment for health insurance, adjusted to allow some growth. In theory that compels consumers and medical providers to be more cost-conscious. Obama does it with a powerful board that can force Medicare cuts to service providers if costs rise beyond certain levels and Congress fails to act.

Like several elements of Obama's health care overhaul, the Independent Payment Advisory Board is in limbo for now, but it is on the books. If the board survives Republican repeal

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attempts, it could become one of the government's most important domestic agencies.

The White House wants to keep the existing structure of Medicare while "twisting the dials" to control spending, said a current Medicare trustee, economist Robert Reischauer of the Urban Institute think tank.

Ryan's latest approach is arguably an evolution of the current Medicare Advantage private insurance program, not a radical change, Reischauer said. That's particularly so if traditional Medicare remains an option.

"In the hot and heavy political debate we are in, participants are exaggerating the difference between the proposals," he said.

During failed budget negotiations with Republicans last summer, Obama indicated a willingness to make more major changes to Medicare, including gradually raising the age of eligibility to 67, increasing premiums for many beneficiaries, revamping co-payments and deductibles in ways that would raise costs for retirees, and cutting payments to drugmakers and other providers.

"I was surprised by how much the president was willing to offer in terms of Medicare changes without a more thorough vetting and discussion," said Moon. Obama says he will veto any plan to cut Medicare benefits without raising taxes on the wealthy.

Democrats are still hoping to use Ryan's privatization plans as a political weapon against Republicans in 2012, but the Medicare debate could cut both ways. For the 76 million baby boomers signing up over the next couple of decades, it will pay to be watching.

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city of offices in Louisiana over the past dozen years, according to disclosures made with the Louisiana Board of Ethics. Temple has given about \$53,000 to GOP candidates in Louisiana.

Negotiations between TB Partners and the Sabine River Authority began in January 2011, said Jim Pratt, SRA executive director. A contract was hammered out in June 2011. But Jindal kicked it back, saying because the water is owned by Louisiana taxpayers, the SRA needed to follow established competitive bidding procedures, a process called "Request for Proposals."

The SRA is scheduled to close public comment period Friday and plans a Jan. 12 public hearing, Pratt said. A committee of the SRA Board recommended approving the contract at the next official meeting on Jan. 26.

Galveston to consider Broadway reforestation

GALVESTON (AP) - City leaders in Galveston are expected to consider a plan to reforest a well-known street where hundreds of trees have been wiped out by Hurricane Ike.

The 2008 hurricane caused at least \$29 billion in damage and claimed more than three dozen lives.

The Galveston County Daily News reported Tuesday that backers say reforesting historic Broadway Street from the East End to 61st Street would cost \$3 million.

The conservancy and the Galveston Island Tree Conservancy funded a consultant's study, which began last May. Special projects spokeswoman Lori Field Schwarz says city council members are expected to consider the proposal by March.

Volunteers and the conservancy have so far relied on donations to bring in more than two dozen live oaks and palm trees, some already 25 feet tall.

Texas fugitive caught

PASCAGOULA, Miss. (AP) - A Texas man who may be responsible for more than half a dozen Dallas-area bank holdups was arrested Tuesday in Jackson County, Miss.

Steven Ray Milam, 44, had been sought by Richardson, Texas, police after a Saturday morning incident in which a police officer who responded to a robbery call was fired on.

Jackson County, Miss., Sheriff Mike Byrd said Milam was spotted in a red BMW on Interstate 10 headed west on Tuesday but refused to stop for lawmen. Byrd said deputies threw down tire-spikes to halt Milam three different times, but he kept driving.

"That's when I pulled up beside him and shot out his tire," Byrd said. "We had cleared the interstate before I did it."

Milam was arrested when the car came to a stop.

Richardson police spokesman Sgt. Kevin Perlich said the first police unit to arrive at the bank Saturday received gunfire from the suspect. While there were at least three bullet holes in a squad car, no one was injured.

Police said Milam is a suspect in the robberies of more than a half dozen banks in the last year, wearing a latex mask each time. Perlich said Milam was wanted for attempted capital murder of a police officer and bank robbery.

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Scientists develop drought-tolerant alfalfa

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) - With much of the Southwest struggling with drought, many ranchers and dairy farmers are having difficulty finding enough hay for their livestock and making tough choices: pay up to twice as much as last year and ship it in from hundreds of miles away or do without and sell off some of their herd.

Farmers, ranchers and scientists say a perfect storm has turned hay into gold this year. The drought reduced forage on the range and led to an increase in demand for hay, including alfalfa and other grass mixes. At the same time, the drought and lower water allotments for agriculture reduced the supply and prices skyrocketed. Farmers as far as North Dakota and Minnesota have been feeling the effects.

Scientists at New Mexico State University are trying to help by using genetic analysis and traditional plant breeding practices to come up with more drought-tolerant varieties of alfalfa. The research is important because two-thirds of hay produced in the U.S. is grown in drought-prone areas of the Great Plains or the western U.S., said Ian Ray, the professor who runs NMSU's alfalfa breeding and genetics program.

Hay is the fourth most valuable crop grown in the United States with sales generating more than \$7.5 billion. It's essential to everything from the billion-dollar dairy and beef industries to the wool market and even horse racing.

NMSU has been working on developing tougher alfalfa plants for more than three decades. Ray and his team, with help from the Samuel Roberts Noble Foundation in Oklahoma, have identified a series of DNA markers on alfalfa chromosomes that they believe play a key role in producing more alfalfa with less water.

It took several years to map the alfalfa genome and identify the markers that influence development of the plant's shoots and roots during drought. Then a couple of years of breeding were needed to incorporate those characteristics into alfalfa cultivars typically grown by farmers in New Mexico.

The work is more precise than classical plant breeding because the scientists were able to introduce only the drought tolerance characteristics they were after.

"DNA markers just help us do a much better job of uncovering, tracking and selecting for natural genetic variation for drought tolerance," Ray said.

The team just wrapped

up its harvest of the first test crops grown with less water and the results are promising. All the plants had smaller yields because of the lack of water, but those with drought-tolerant DNA markers produced 9 percent to 15 percent more than those without the markers.

One of the most promising cultivars being tested has a leafy canopy. More leaves means more nutritional value, Ray said.

"If what we're seeing is real, and it can be demonstrated that we see a yield advantage in multiple environments, then we've got a high forage quality population with enhanced drought resistance. That's the best of both worlds," he said.

Other universities, the federal government and large corporations like Monsanto Co. have been trying to develop alfalfa varieties that can withstand cold weather, salt-laden irrigation water and various insects and disease. But experts say the NMSU team is at the cutting edge when it comes to research on drought tolerance.

Mark McCaslin, president of Forage Genetics International in Nampa, Idaho, and a board member of the National Alfalfa and Forage Alliance, said while drought is common in alfalfa country, this

year's has been particularly devastating.

"What happened this year was really a tragedy, so that puts a lot more energy behind this kind of work," he said.

Leon Porter, a rancher from central New Mexico, said he had to sell about 140 head because the tufts of grass on his ranch failed to green up this year. Even the native yucca plants wilted and turned brown.

Porter and other ranchers are paying more than \$300 a ton for hay and alfalfa grass mixes to get their herds through the winter. Last year, it cost about \$165 a ton.

"The more producers that produce hay and the more efficiently they can produce it, the more affordable it makes it for us," he said.

Alfalfa farmers across New Mexico have been turning away customers since early fall. Arizona is about out, and a number of dairies in southeastern New Mexico have had to go to the Dakotas to get orders filled.

"Basically anywhere in the western United States, there's no hay to be found right now," said Justin Boswell, a crop consultant and executive director of the New Mexico Hay Association. Any scientific breakthrough would be welcome, he said.

For the record

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests for the five day period ending Tuesday, January 3 at 7 a.m.

Thursday, December 29
Justin Billy Adams, 29, was arrested by deputies on a Potter County warrant for possession of a controlled substance.

Friday, December 30
Teresa Gail Mundell, 37, was arrested by deputies for deadly conduct and capias

pro fines times three.

Carl Allen Hinds, 28, was arrested by police for possession of a prohibited weapon.

Saturday, December 31
Billy Bob Stowers, 26, was arrested by police for assault causing bodily injury.

Jerry Lee Hicks, 46, was arrested by police for theft.
Johnnie Andrew Montgomery, 31, was arrested by police for capias pro fines times seven.

Sunday, January 1

Monday, January 2

Christopher Leon Turlington, 18, was arrested by police on warrants for possession of a controlled substance greater than one gram and less than four grams, evading arrest, burglary of a building and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Jay Gene Kelly, 47, was arrested by deputies on a warrant for fugitive from justice.

Joel Stacy Guel, 23, was arrested by deputies for burglary of a habitat.

Monday, January 2

Weldon Dale Black, 46, was arrested by deputies on a warrant for assault causing bodily injury.

Delbert Wayne Gifford, 43, was arrested by police on warrants of possession of a controlled substance and no valid driver's license.

Tuesday, January 3
Curtis Ray Smith, 24, was arrested by deputies on a warrant for possession of marijuana.

US soldier: He didn't see explosives while packing

MIDLAND (AP) - A soldier accused of having explosives in his carry-on luggage when he entered a Texas airport told investigators he didn't notice any while packing.

Trey Scott Atwater of Fort Bragg, N.C., was to be arraigned Tuesday in federal court. Authorities say the 30-year-old went through a security check-

point Saturday at Midland International Airport with C-4, a powerful explosive.

Court documents say Atwater told the FBI he's a demolitions expert who returned from Afghanistan in April. He said his Army special forces team always carried C-4, but he didn't know it was in his bag when he returned to the U.S.

Atwater has been charged with trying to bring explosives onto an airplane.

Atwater and his fam-

ily were headed back to North Carolina after visiting relatives when he was arrested.

Chevron completes sale of Cook Inlet interests

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) - Chevron says its wholly owned indirect subsidiary, Union Oil Co. of California, has completed a sale of Alaska oil and gas assets in Cook Inlet to Houston-based Hilcorp Alaska LLC.

Chevron announced completion of the sale Tuesday in a press release. Hilcorp assumed operations Sunday.

The companies announced the deal in July. It covers Union Oil contracts and interests in the

Swanson River, Granite Point, Middle Ground Shoals, Trading Bay and MacArthur River fields.

It also covers interests in two pipeline companies - Cook Inlet Pipeline Co. and Kenai Kachemak Pipeline, LLC - plus 10 offshore platforms, two onshore gas fields and two gas storage facilities.

Chevron in July said it would maintain its interests in the Alaska North Slope and in the trans-Alaska oil pipeline.



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Police Department

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the four day period ending Tuesday, January 3 at 7 a.m.

Pampa PD reported 81 traffic related incidents.

Pampa EMS, Pampa PD, the Pampa Fire Department and the Lefors Volunteer EMS responded to 24 medical calls.

Animal Control agents and Pampa PD reported 18 animal related incidents.

Friday, December 30

An accident occurred at the 2500 block of North Hobart.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 700 block of North Hobart.

An accident occurred at Hobart and Kentucky.

A grass fire occurred at the 100 block of Western.

A suspicious person was reported at the 100 block of South Starkweather.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 1200 block of East Foster.

An accident was reported.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 1800 block of North Williston.

A domestic disturbance occurred at the 1800 block of North Williston.

A suspicious person was reported at Jordan and Warren.

A domestic disturbance occurred at the 1100 block of South Varnon.

A suspicious person was reported at Randy Matson and Russell.

A violation of city ordinance occurred at the 2600 block of North Cherokee.

Suspicious persons were reported at the 100 block of West Browning and the intersection of Ballard and Foster.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 1400 block of North Hobart.

A violation of city ordinance occurred at the 2100 block of North Zimmers.

A suspicious person was reported at the 1000 block of South McCullough.

A violation of city ordinance occurred at the 1000 block of South Huff.

Saturday, December 31

Suspicious vehicles were reported at the 700 block of Lowry and the 100 block of South Starkweather.

A violation of city ordinance occurred at the 1500 block of North Dogwood.

A suspicious person was reported at the 1400 block of North Hobart.

A suspicious vehicle was reported at the 1000 block of North Charles.

Criminal mischief occurred at the 2600 block of North Hobart.

A missing person was reported at the 700 block of East Jordan.

A suspicious vehicle was reported at the 700 block of

Grape.

A burglary occurred at the 1700 block of North Chestnut.

A theft occurred at the 1300 block of North Hobart.

A suspicious vehicle was reported at the 1800 block of North Sumner.

An accident occurred at Browning and Doucette.

Suspicious persons were reported at the 200 block of East Brown and the 700 block of North Hobart.

Suspicious vehicles were reported at the 700 block of Deane and the 1900 block of North Faulkner.

A suspicious person was reported at the 1800 block of North Lynn.

A burglary occurred at the 800 block of North Nelson.

A suspicious person was reported at the 800 block of North Christine.

A suspicious vehicle was reported at the 400 block of North Dwight.

A suspicious person was reported at the 2300 block of North Evergreen.

A theft occurred at the 700 block of North Christy.

Criminal mischief occurred at the 200 block of North Wells.

A domestic disturbance occurred at the 500 block of North Sumner.

Endangerment of a child or elderly person occurred at the 2300 block of West Kentucky.

A theft occurred at the 100 block of South Faulkner.

A suspicious person was reported at Craven and Cuyler.

A suspicious vehicle was reported at Starkweather and Kingsmill.

Suspicious persons were reported at the 2600 block of North Duncan and the intersection of 25th and Charles.

Violations of city ordinances were reported at the 2200 block of North Christy and the 1000 block of East Francis.

A suspicious vehicle was reported at the 1100 block of Cinderella.

Sunday, January 1

Violations of city ordinances were reported at the 700 block of North Zimmers, the 100 block of North Nelson and the 1100 block of West Sirroco.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the intersection of Hobart and Brown and the 1000 block of Terry.

A violation of city ordinance occurred at the 2600 block of North Cherokee.

A suspicious vehicle was reported at the 2100 block of North Lynn.

A violation of city ordinance occurred at Malone and Henry.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 800 block of North Christy.

A burglary occurred at the 600 block of North Banks.

A burglary of a motor vehicle occurred at the 1100 block of North Frost.

A suspicious person was reported at the 1800 block of North Lynn.

A structure fire occurred at the 400 block of North Lefors.

A suspicious person was reported at Starkweather and Browning.

A suspicious person was reported at Browning and Hazel.

A theft occurred at the 10 block of North Nelson.

A burglary occurred at the 300 block of North Somerville.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 1100 block of South Hobart.

A runaway was reported.

A prowler was reported at the 1900 block of West Gwendolyn.

Violations of city ordinances occurred at the 700 block of North Naida and the 1000 block of South Banks.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 1100 block of South Prairie.

A violation of city ordinance occurred at the 600 block of West Gwendolyn.

A burglary occurred at the 1100 block of North Starkweather.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 1400 block of North Hobart.

A prowler was reported at the 700 block of North Wells.

Criminal mischief occurred at the 600 block of North Dwight.

A suspicious vehicle was reported at the 2500 block of North Perryton.

A suspicious person was reported at the 1200 block of Williston.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 400 block of North Lowry.

Monday, January 2

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 400 block of Lowry.

A suspicious vehicle was reported at 23rd and Hobart.

A suspicious person was reported at the 500 block of North Somerville.

A suspicious vehicle was reported at the 2600 block of North Hobart.

A suspicious person was reported at the 300 block of North Davis.

A burglary of a motor vehicle occurred at the 1300 block of Mary Ellen.

Suspicious persons were reported at the 500 and the 300 block of West Pennsylvania.

A violation of city ordinance occurred at the 1800 block of North Dwight.

Suspicious vehicles were reported at the 2100 block of North Dwight, the 600 block of Talley and the 2400 block of North Fir.

A suicide attempt occurred at the 100 block of Village.

A theft was reported.

A theft occurred at the 100 block of South Faulkner.

A violation of city ordinance occurred at the 600 block of North Roberta.

Suspicious persons were reported at the 1500 block of North Hobart and the intersection of Alcock and Doyle.

Wellness

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right now with the aging of America, but even young people have to have that kind of care from time to time as well, and when you think about it, if you live in Perryton, and you had to drive all the way to Amarillo to get your shot, that's 250 miles round trip."

"We worked a lot with the pain management doctors over the years, and I just hated seeing our patients have to travel so far, and that's going to be a big benefit," he added.

Occupational medicine is another priority at the facility, and this area includes pre-employment and post-accident drug testing, as well as pre-employment testing.

"If somebody's wanting to get a job at a plant, and (their employer) wants to know if this individual can lift something over a period of time, they'll actually come here and spend several hours simulating their job, and then (our physical therapist) will evaluate them, and determine if they're fit for that job or not," said Ford. "That prevents someone going onto a job, having a work injury right off the bat, and being very costly to the business and to the client as well."

Joshua Godwin, the physical therapist, also visits job sites to check ergonomics, and find ways to prevent carpal tunnel and neck problems.

The New Life Wellness Center will also return to its weight loss program, which ran for about a year and a half before entering a hiatus. The doctor mediated program avoids medication, striving for a natural approach to weight loss.

"Obesity is the number one problem in America right now, as far as health issues," said Ford. "If you're Type 2 diabetic, it's probably due to the fact you're obese. If you're having heart issues, it's probably because you're overweight."

"There's a big need (for weight loss) in our community," he added. "There's a big need in the whole country, and if nothing else, I'm hoping to educate people on simple things. From a biomedical perspective, for every ten pounds you lose, it reduces the amount of stress on your joints by 40 pounds, so if you have somebody who has chronic knee issues, and they lose ten pounds, their knees feel better. They maybe won't have a knee replacement down the road."

Ford described the New Life Wellness Center as a multidisciplinary facility that will add a new element of convenience for his patients, which come from all around the Panhandle and even as far as Oklahoma.

"It was just kind of placed on me as a dream to try to develop this, and I've been in practice 30 years, and it's finally come into fruition, and Pampa is my home, and the community's done a lot for me," he said.

"I want to give back, and this is a way of doing it. I'm at a point in my career where people may think I'm at the sunset of my career, but this is like a rebirth, because I can see something that's going to last well beyond me, and it's going to be great for our people and our community, to have basically a one stop shop. And we're not trying to detract from any of the other medical services that are here. We need all those. We need our hospital to get recruited back in, and our other offices, but we're providing something different as an adjunct to what's already out there to just complement it."

Ford hopes to add aqua therapy and a senior fitness center down the line, but for now, he's excited about the transformation of Ford Family Chiropractic. He expects to hire 10 employees as part of the facility's expansion, and looks forward to what the New Life Wellness Center will add to Pampa.

"Looking at it from a community standpoint, people are going to come here, and they're going to go to Walmart, or they're going to go to Pak-a-sak or they're going to buy some gas," said Ford. "If they're getting an injection, they may need to spend the night, and they're going to go to a local hotel. It's a big benefit for our community as a whole, not only health-wise, but business-wise, too."

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Perry voices support for Dewhurst's US Senate bid

AUSTIN (AP)—Texas Gov. Rick Perry has voiced support for Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst's campaign for the U.S. Senate.

GOP presidential hopeful Perry was campaigning Monday in Iowa when he said of the Senate, "which David will be a member of, Lord willing."

Perry also mentioned would-be legislation repealing federal health care reform, saying Dewhurst "can be the cosponsor in the Senate."

Dewhurst is the frontrunner in the Republican primary for retir-

ing Republican Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison's seat.

He is among a group of Texas political operatives who have gathered in Iowa to campaign for Perry.

Dewhurst's campaign on Tuesday launched an online video with footage of Perry's support.

Also Tuesday, a political action committee tied to the conservative Club for Growth unveiled two 15-second television ads attacking Dewhurst as overly moderate.



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Sports

Lady Harvesters rally in fourth, down Lady Falcons



staff photo by Joe Murray

Senior Kailyn Troxell blocks a Lady Falcon shot Tuesday. Troxell was key to Pampa's offense in the third quarter. The Lady Harvesters beat Bushland 47-46. The victory is Pampa's third straight and improved its record to 10-10.

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Pampa senior Kirsten Kuhn entered Tuesday's game not feeling well. In the first half, it showed as she missed her first three three-pointers. In the closing seconds of the game, Kuhn shot another without hesitation and that one went in giving Pampa its only lead of the game in a 47-46 victory over the Bushland Lady Falcons at McNeely Fieldhouse.

"It definitely came at the right time," Kuhn said. "I had to gather myself the last couple of games. It felt good to finally put one in."

Head coach Gene Valentine said his team made two big threes late.

"Taylor (Morgan) hit one in the corner that chipped the lead down," Valentine said. "I called timeout and told them realistically all we need is a two. We'll take it."

Morgan's three cut Bushland's lead to 45-42. The Lady Harvesters entered the quarter down by 11. Kuhn said they decided in the huddle before the fourth that they had to do something.

"It was a really slow paced game for us today coming off a big weekend," Kuhn said. "Hopefully we will gather ourselves for next week against Borger."

Neither offense was able to get in a

rhythm in the first half. The Bushland Lady Falcons turned the ball over 16 times. Pampa wasn't able to take advantage as it had eight turnovers of their own and settled for quick jumpers.

The Lady Falcons scored the first seven points of the game and led 11-7 after the first. Bushland led by as many as 10 in the first half. Pampa tied it up once but didn't get closer than three afterwards, trailing 23-19 at halftime.

Valentine said he was proud of his team for coming back but doesn't want his team to rely on that.

"I told them that they can't take for granted that is going to happen every time," Valentine said. "It's something for us to learn before Tuesday."

Sophomore Hayley Burnett led the team in scoring with nine. The victory gives Pampa 10 wins in non-district which is its best start under Valentine.

"It's good," Valentine said. "You look at the nine losses and they were against good teams. We've won six of the last seven, which is good for us."

"It feels good," Kuhn said. "Hopefully we will let that momentum continue on and start district with a couple of wins."

The Lady Harvesters (10-10) open district with Borger January 10 at McNeely Fieldhouse.

Harvesters defense carries them to win over Falcons

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Offense has been a struggle for the Pampa Harvesters this season. Tuesday against the Bushland Falcons didn't prove to be different, but Pampa's defense carried them in a victory at McNeely Fieldhouse.

Head coach Dustin Miller said he can't place his finger on his team's offensive struggles.

"We seem to play to whoever we are playing for some reason," Miller said. "It's a win. That's where we are at with it."

The Harvesters (11-5) offensive struggles were due to rushing shots and not having proper form. Bushland wasn't able to take advantage as missed shots and turnovers hampered its offense. The Falcons scored seven of its 14 points from the free throw line. Pampa led 18-14 at halftime.

Senior Latigo Collins said the team shot terrible in the first half.

"It was pretty bad," Collins said. "I don't what it is, but we got to fix it. I think we are playing down to our competition. There's no reason why we shouldn't have won by 20 or 30."

Junior Tyler Powell said playing well on defense helped them win.

"That's where we got to pick it up," Powell said. "Without defense, the offense won't really do it's job. Defense is what really matters."

Miller said Pampa needs to be more aggressive on offense.

"We're taking poor shots," Miller said. "For whatever reason we are assuming they are all going in and just watching. I

told them at halftime, we aren't that good of a shooting team to assume everyone is going to make it. We need to assume that they aren't going to make it and crash the boards."

Pampa's shooting improved in the second half. Collins scored a pair of transition layups and hit a three. Senior Reid Miller also contributed a three. Bushland grabbed a two-point lead at the beginning of the quarter with a basket by Jared Vogler. The Harvesters closed the quarter on a 10-2 run, taking a 28-23 lead into the fourth.

Pampa pushed its lead to seven at one point in the fourth but allowed the Falcons to stick around with missed free throws. Dustin said that's something his team needs to fix.

"It's a game we should have won by 10 or 12 as bad as it was," Miller said. "We had a turnover, they hit a three. We missed free throws. It was a five-point game, you make those it's a 10 or 12."

Collins led the Harvesters in scoring with 18 points. 14 of those came in the second half. Senior Cole Engle followed with 11. Vogler led the Falcons in scoring with 17.

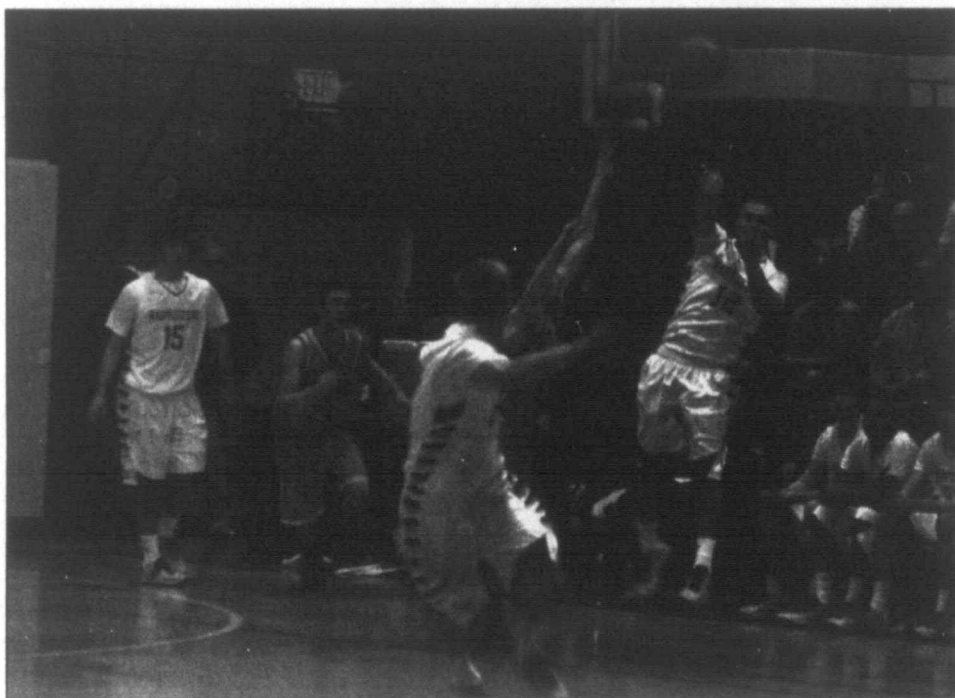
The victory avenged last season's loss in Bushland. Collins said he is happy the team win but wish it won by more.

"We wanted to go out and kill them," Collins said. "We won but I guess we will move on to Friday."

Powell said they are still trying to reach their potential.

"We need to get things together and connect more," Powell said.

Pampa hosts Lubbock Monterey 7:30 p.m. at McNeely Fieldhouse.



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Senior Cole Engle makes a pass to Latigo Collins in the first half against Bushland Tuesday. Engle was the second-leading scorer in Pampa's 43-39 victory.

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Worship

How does God guide your choices

"One of the decisions was what kind of ice cream I wanted, strawberry or vanilla," says Christen, 11. "That is a hard decision for me. I really don't know how God showed me the sign, but I picked strawberry."

Christen, are you writing from Earth? This sounds like a decision from heaven. If all of life were filled with these kinds of decisions, we would all be happy . . . or look like 300-pound blimps.

"God lets the answer come to me, and I got something for it like an A-plus," says Lauren, 7.

Some of my most fervent praying occurred before big tests in two graduate programs. Amazingly, I found that the answers to those prayers were closely associated with the amount of study I had done.

"God helps me make hard decisions by talking to me through prayer," says Sarah, 11. "He talks to me through actions and consequences. He helps me through my parents, my friends and my teachers. He helps me every day in hard and easy decisions. I know I can go to Him whenever I need help."

Sarah shows us that God leads in a variety of ways. Sensitive Christians look for clues along life's journey. God is always at work around us. We should pray that our eyes will be open to what he is doing.

Sarah says God talks to her in prayer. At one level of prayer, we speak to God. At another, God speaks to us. The Bible contains many examples of God's audible voice breaking into conversations, but this is the exception rather than the rule. God usually speaks through a quiet mind informed by the Word of God filled with the Holy Spirit.

The deepest level of prayer is communion with God. Jesus always knew what to do and say because he stayed in constant conversation with his Father. Many times, he retired from the demands of ministry to pray in remote places.

Jesus said: "I can of Myself do nothing. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is righteous, because I do not seek My own will but the



CARY KINSOLVING

KIDS talk about GOD

will of the Father who sent Me" (John 5:30).

"When we do something, even if we know it won't get us into any trouble, we should always ask God about it," says Jessica, 10.

Do you talk to a friend only when you're in trouble? God wants to be your friend. Toward the end of his ministry, Jesus told his disciples he would no longer call them servants, but friends. Friends have things in common. Friendship with God depends on our obedience to him (John 15:14-15).

"When you ask God for help, he helps you with your tough times, and he helps your conscience tell you what's right or wrong," says Taylor, 11. "God loves us, and he is willing to do anything for his children. He loves us so much that he sent his only Son to die on a cross to save us from our sins."

Jesus made the hardest decision when he prayed in the garden: "Abba, Father, all things are possible for You. Take this cup away from Me; nevertheless, not what I will, but what you will" (Mark 14:36).

Think about this: The figurative cup Jesus drank contained our sins. He didn't want this cup, but he drank it in submission to his Father, so that we could live.

Memorize this truth: John 5:30, quoted above.

Ask this question: Is there a distasteful decision before you today?

Cary Kinsolving is an experienced public speaker, syndicated newspaper columnist, author, and producer. Many of Kinsolving's feature articles have appeared in The Washington Post and other major newspapers.

CHURCH SPOTLIGHT

Bible Baptist digging into scripture on weekly basis

ANDREW GLOVER
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Bible Baptist pastor Bob Hudson has been at the church 18 years and has a weekly tradition on Sunday night.

"Every week we read a passage from the Bible," Hudson said. "I'll preach on something we read on Sunday night."

The church is reading through the whole Bible in a year.

Hudson said several people have been able to read the whole Bible because of the services.

"I encourage people to read their Bible," Hudson said. "There's a lot of truth from Genesis through Revelation."

Tonight, Hudson is continuing his series on "Sharing a Good Report." The series focuses on the Apostle Paul's letters to churches.

"Paul tells these churches that they will continue to do good things if they remain faithful," Hudson said.

On Sunday mornings Hudson said his messages focus on Christ's sacrifice on the cross.

"I don't know if we will have anyone that doesn't know God," Hudson said. "I usually always go back to Calvary. The topics change every week."

Last week the church did a service at the Jordan Unit.

Bible Baptist has a nursery, Sunday School classes for all ages and special music in the service.

GOD'S GOOD NEWS

New year brings new beginnings



DAVID BOULTER

It's a new year. All of us love new things. The things most of us have in common on New Year's Day are resolutions to endeavor to change our old ways. One young boy asked his dad what his New Year's resolution was and

his father said he was going to do everything possible in the new year to make his mother very happy. The boy then asked his mother what her resolutions were. She said, "To do everything possible to help your father keep his resolution."

Ask Him to come into your life and guide you this year. **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

David Boulter is the pastor at Highland Park Baptist in Chatanooga, Tenn.

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Factories, builders boost economy at year end

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. manufacturers ended 2011 with their best month of growth since the late spring. And the struggling construction industry spent more on projects for the third time in four months.

The data bolstered hopes that the economy is gaining momentum and helped Wall Street start 2012 with a bang.

Factories hired more workers in December, saw the most growth in new orders since April and ramped up production. U.S. builders spent more in November on single-family homes, apartments and remodeling projects.

The strong reports correspond with other positive signs for the economy. Consumer confidence is up, unemployment benefit applications have tumbled and the unemployment rate is at a three-and-a-half-year low.

Economists caution that Europe's debt crisis will likely slow global growth in the first half of the year.

But on Tuesday, the outlook was mostly positive.

The Institute for Supply Management, a trade group of purchasing managers, said its manufacturing index rose to 53.9 from 52.7 in November. Readings above 50 indicate expansion.

The Commerce Department said spending on construction projects rose 1.2 percent in November. The increase

was the largest since a 2.2 percent rise in August.

"The trend for the U.S. economy is most decidedly to the upside," said Dan Greenhaus, an analyst at brokerage firm BTIG LLC in New York.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose by 215 points in midday trading. Broader indexes also climbed. Reports that manufacturing grew in China and India, two of the world's largest economies, also drove markets higher.

U.S. manufacturing has expanded for more than two years. Factories were one of the first areas of the economy to start growing after the recession officially ended in June 2009. They faltered over the summer after Japan's March 11 earthquake disrupted auto and electronics supply chains.

The December ISM survey showed many factories have largely recovered from their slump earlier this year.

Exports rose despite the trouble in Europe. Growth in new orders means output will likely increase in the coming months. And U.S. factories hired last month at the fastest pace since June, an optimistic sign ahead of Friday's important measure of job growth in December.

"All in all, an upbeat report," said Peter Newland, an economist at Barclays Capital, who noted that the stronger manufacturing activity should contribute to faster economic growth

in the October-December quarter.

Construction spending rose 1.2 percent in November to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of \$807.1 billion. While that's barely half the \$1.5 trillion that economists consider healthy, home construction has begun a gradual rebound and likely added to the nation's economic growth in 2011.

Spending jumped 9.5 percent on home improvement projects in November. It rose 1.5 percent on single-family home construction and gained 1.3 percent on apartment building.

"While spending on single-family construction still remains extremely depressed, it has now increased for six straight months and looks consistent with other indicators signaling some improvement in the housing market," said Daniel Silver, an economist with JPMorgan Chase.

The U.S. economy still faces plenty of challenges. Europe is likely already in recession because of its ongoing debt crisis.

A separate survey of European manufacturers released earlier this week found that factory activity shrank last month for the 17 nations that use the euro.

"It is hard to see the U.S. economy strengthening this year when the euro-zone is on the cusp of a potentially severe recession and when growth in Asia is set

to slow," said Paul Dales, an economist at Capital Economics.

Consumers could also pull back on spending. That would hurt growth because consumer spending accounts for 70 percent of economic activity.

But for now, Americans are feeling a little better about the economy.

The Conference Board said last week that its consumer confidence index rose in December to the highest level since April.

And the number of people applying for unemployment benefits each week is dropping steadily, evidence that companies are cutting fewer jobs. Weekly applications have dropped by 10 percent in the past three months.

Employers are hiring more workers, too. The economy generated an average of 143,000 net jobs a month from September through November. That's almost double the pace for the previous three months.

The economy likely grew at an annual rate of 3 percent or more in the final three months of this year, analysts say. That would top the 1.8 percent growth rate in the July-September quarter, and the 0.9 percent growth rate in the first half of the year.

Analysts forecast a modest expansion of 2.4 percent in 2012, an Associated Press survey of economists found.

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Level: Intermediate

A look at stock market highs and lows in 2011

NEW YORK (AP) — A look at the best and worst performers in the Dow Jones industrial average, which tracks 30 key U.S. companies; the "biggest industry gainers and decliners in the broader S&P 500 index, which ended nearly flat for the year; and some companies that rattled investors in 2011.

BEST OF THE DOW

• McDonald's Corp., up 31 percent. The burger chain has remodeled stores and added healthier items to menus in the U.S. while expanding abroad.

• IBM Corp., up 25 percent. The 100-year-old tech company sells high-margin software and technology services that can help corporations and governments cut costs.

• Pfizer Inc., up 24 percent. The world's largest drugmaker has been advancing new drugs to offset generic competition for

Lipitor, the biggest-selling drug in history.

WORST OF THE DOW

• Bank of America Corp., down 58 percent. One of the country's largest financial institutions is still dealing with fallout from the housing meltdown.

• Alcoa Inc., down 44 percent. The aluminum producer is a barometer for the health of the global economy. Investors worried about a slowdown in China and a prolonged debt crisis in Europe.

• Hewlett-Packard Co., down 39 percent. The PC and printer maker struggled with executive dysfunction and indecisiveness on whether to sell its low-margin PC business.

OTHER BIG MOVERS

• First Solar Inc., down 74 percent and worst in the S&P 500. Chinese companies are producing cheaper solar products while governments cut subsidies for

alternative energy.

• Cabot Oil & Gas, up 101 percent and best in the S&P 500. The oil and gas company ramped up production, and lucrative natural gas reserves in the energy-rich Marcellus Shale bode well for its future.

• Netflix Inc., down 61 percent. The video company alienated subscribers with changes to prices and an ill-fated attempt to separate its streaming and DVD-by-mail businesses.

• Apple Inc., up 26 percent. The company's newest iPads and iPhones sold briskly while investors looked to new CEO Tim Cook to fill the shoes of Steve Jobs, who died in October.

THE TOP S&P INDUSTRY SECTORS

• Utilities, up 15 percent
• Consumer staples, up 10.5 percent
• Healthcare, up 10 percent

THE WORST S&P INDUSTRY SECTORS

• Financials, down 18 percent
• Materials, down 12 percent
• Industrials, down 3 percent



Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My long-distance boyfriend, "Wayne," moved here two years ago to take a job working for my twin sister "Kim's" mentor. After five months on the job, Wayne was terminated and was replaced by — my sister! To say there are hurt feelings is an understatement.

Wayne and I were unaware that Kim had been having an affair with this much older married father of two. He has now left his wife and kids and is living with my sister. Kim is enjoying her job as his assistant and reaping all the benefits of his long-established business.

I'm devastated by the betrayal. It frustrates me that after months of deception, my twin is benefiting from a massive indiscretion that ended a marriage and destroyed a family. We were always close, but I don't want to include her lover in any upcoming events in my life. She says they're a "package deal." How do I move past this — or should I? — DECEIVED BY MY EVIL TWIN

DEAR DECEIVED: I'm not sure what "upcoming events in your life" you're referring to, but if they include Wayne, his feelings should also be taken into consideration. How angry and resentful will he

feel if he's forced to interact with the man who fired him so he could be replaced by your sister?

I can't decide for you how you will work this out, but I will offer this advice: For the present, make no hard and fast decisions. This could play out in any number of ways. Her boss could marry her, or he could return to his wife and family. Wait and see what the future brings. It's often full of surprises.

DEAR ABBY: I am a single adult female. I have a neighbor and friend I'll call Kurt. He has been terrific to me. He has given me things, taken me out a few times and seems very caring. I enjoy the time we spend together and I have developed romantic feelings for him. My problem is Kurt is gay.

I know I can't have the kind of relationship with him that I'd like to. Once, we spent the whole day together and I spent the whole time wishing it had been a real date. It seems like whenever we go out together I don't know how to handle the situation. Because he's a neighbor, I run into him a lot. I could use some advice on this. — SO NEAR AND YET SO FAR IN TEXAS

DEAR NEAR AND

FAR: You and Kurt appear to be compatible on many levels, but you must accept that as wonderful a person as he is — he cannot give you the romantic love you're looking for. He isn't "wired" that way. Wishing, hoping and dreaming won't change that — but it WILL waste your time and prevent you from looking for eligible men.

You need to put the brakes on this friendship until you have regained your balance and/or have met someone else. And tell Kurt why, so his feelings won't be hurt. I'm betting it won't be the first time he's heard it.

DEAR ABBY: Is a grandmother being disrespectful when she purposely continues to misspell her 12-year-old grandson's name on cards and gifts? — HIS NAME IS JOE!

DEAR H.N.J.J.: Not knowing the grandmother, I can't say for certain. She may be letting you know she's disappointed you didn't name the boy after his grandfather "Morris." She could also be illiterate or somewhat demented, but I'm betting she's letting you know she's not happy with the name you chose.

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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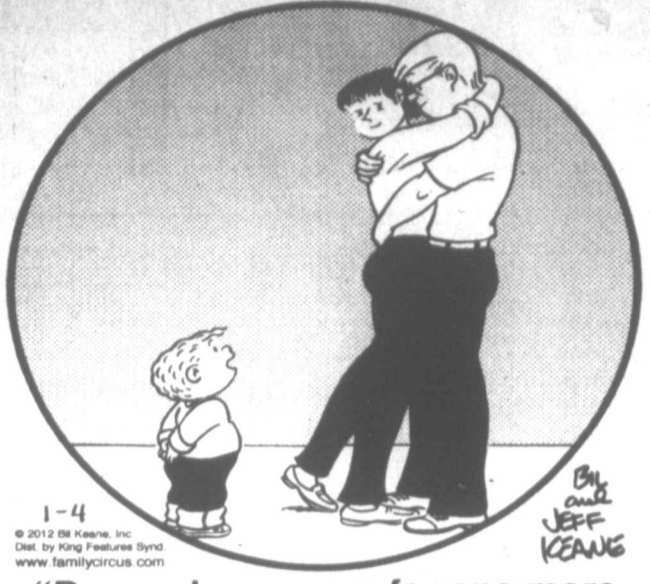
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"Do you have room for one more in there?"

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Nest Heads



daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2012:

You easily could go overboard this year. This behavior might shake you up as you let your normal self-discipline melt away. Look at this period as a phase: You haven't lost the ability to rein yourself in; you simply choose not to, as you are enjoying yourself. You have a lot of vigor and excitement. If you are single, many people are drawn to you. So many choices lie ahead. If you are attached, the two of you enjoy each other more and more. You enjoy being with TAURUS.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★ You could have a disagreement with someone you are dealing with financially. At times, you need to -- and must -- say "no." A discussion about what is practical has the decision tumbling into your space. Tonight: Out to dinner with a friend.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ A morning tiff might set you off, but let it ride right on by. What is at the base is a misunderstanding. Be gracious, and you'll discover the situation works itself out. You magnetize others right now. Be specific in your interactions. Tonight: Let love in.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★ Much is going on behind the scenes. You are able to do more than many people once you pick yourself up from a little stumble this morning. Understand that your effectiveness comes from thought and research. Ask for opinions before solidifying plans. Tonight: At home.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Zero in on your priorities in a meeting. Understand what is happening behind the scenes. Play it like you don't know, and keep discussions flowing. You will enlist many supporters in your cause. If you relax and work with others, your popularity will flourish. Tonight: Only where people are.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ Others look to you to take the lead. You might not be in the mood, and you let others know it in no uncertain terms. You are tired and drained. Perhaps you need to take better care of yourself. Be careful with your funds -- you could make

an error or overspend. Tonight: Out late.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Break past your normal thinking. Try walking in another person's shoes. You might be confused by everything that happens. Your anger comes out in being judgmental rather than addressing the issue. Tonight: Opt for something different.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ You could be tired and withdrawn from dealing with a partner. Part of the fatigue is the result of employing unusual self-discipline. You could be reading more into a situation than exists. Others are not as clear as you would like. Tonight: Togetherness works.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Defer and make it a little easier on yourself. A friend who generally is easy-going drives a hard bargain. In fact, this person is nothing less than pushy. Be willing to mix what doesn't seem like a good idea. Tonight: Sort through your options.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ You work well with others and get to the bottom of problems quickly and effectively. The problem lies in the fact that a boss isn't getting your message and confusion surrounding the instrumenting of an idea. You have a strong sense of direction when you relax. Tonight: Off to the gym.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Sometimes you might seem stern to others. Tap into your imagination, and understand what is happening with a co-worker or a friend you see nearly every day. Trust yourself to choose the right direction in which to head. Tonight: Make it fun.

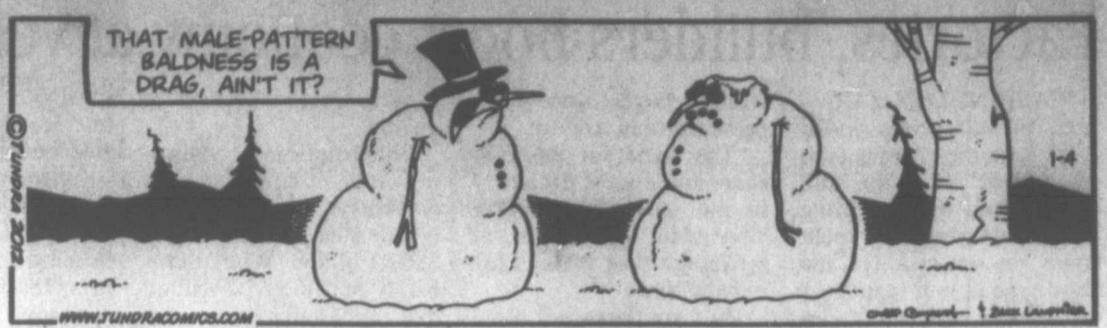
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ You might not want to stay focused on a personal matter, but until it is resolved in some form, it could prevent you from tossing yourself into anything else. A partner gives you strong feedback, whether you like it or not. Tonight: Chat over dinner.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ You can and will make the needed difference. Though you might not be sure of yourself or able to get past an important detail because you aren't hearing all the facts, let go of the issue for now. Make calls; clean up a project; do what you do well. Tonight: Hang out with some friends.

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some of these cases, and if they're not, they send (patients) off to Amarillo, so that's part of it," he said. "It's a matter of staffing for the hospital, and there have been gaps occasionally where we didn't have a surgeon on call, because two of the surgeons there have left town."

"If we don't turn that around in a bit, it's going to get even more costly, because the bottom line is, think about the hours out of service, the expenses of the crew, the wear and tear on the ambulance and the fuel cost," he added. "With reimbursement for transfers to Amarillo, if (patients are) insured, you can probably make a little money on it, but if they're not, it loses a lot of money, and it's also very stressful for the crews, because you can only do so many transfers in a day at three to four hours per transfer."

On the bright side, Pampa EMS plans to move into its new facility behind Pampa Regional Medical Center after construction is completed on the building around March.

In other business, the commission:
 • approved a changing Gray County Jail medical services from Panhandle Correctional Care to ConMed, a company based in New York;
 • approved renewal of agreement for



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Dr. James Hall and EMS Director Brant Aaron address the commissioners court at a meeting Tuesday morning, where Hall expressed concerns about the growing number of EMS patient transfers to Amarillo.

the National Airspace Data Interchange Network service for the Automated Weather Observing Systems at the Perry Lefors Airport;

- approved minutes from its previous meeting;
- paid bills and salaries as approved by the County Auditor;
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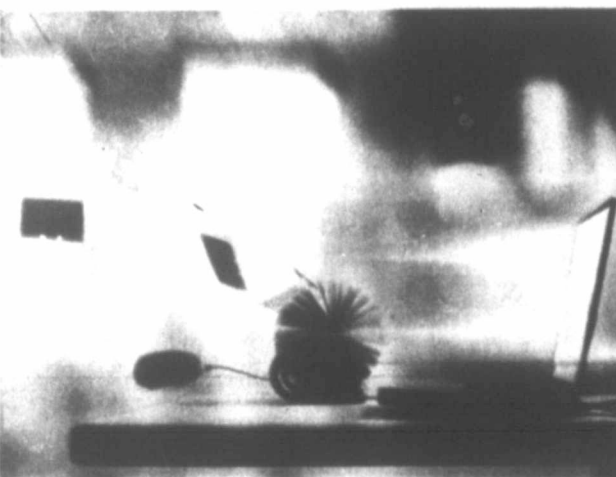
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