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 Members of contemporary Christian band Big Daddy Weave are, from left, Joe Shirk, Jeremy Redmon, Mike Weaver, Jeff Jones and Jay Weaver. The group will perform Feb. 10 in Pampa.

Big Daddy Weave to perform at M.K. Brown

■ **'Redeemed' No. 1**
 song on Christian charts for 9th week.

By **TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE**
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Regular listeners of Christian radio have undoubtedly heard "Redeemed" by Big Daddy Weave, which has been No. 1 on the Christian charts for nine consecutive weeks.

The popular Christian group, formed in 1998 by brothers Mike and Jay Weaver with some of their musician

friends while attending the University of Mobile, is performing at the M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium on Feb. 10.

Songwriter and lead singer Mike Weaver said the song reflects a day when he was overwhelmed with feelings of self-loathing, mainly because of his weight, while alone in his garage.

"I was feeling hurt; I was feeling like a failure," he said during a phone interview Thursday with The Pampa News. "I have always struggled with my weight. Even the name of the band is self-deprecating humor."

Weaver said originally there were no plans to turn "Redeemed" over to their record label, Word Records, until one day when their A&R guy (artist relations) asked whether they had another song left in the hopper.

"I sent him a little work tape by email and his response was, 'This is the strongest thing you have ever turned in,'" Weaver said. "It was my own brand of hurt, of feeling like a failure, but God takes the stuff we hate about ourselves and turns them into victories."

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ONE FINAL BREAKOUT



Photo by Charla Shults
 Coach Stuart Smith is being honored with a final breakout Wednesday night at M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium with the varsity football boys. Smith was the athletic director for Pampa until Dec. 21 and is now the transportation director. For a story and another picture from the banquet, turn to page 10.

Byrne named new chamber exec. director

STAFF REPORT

Lori Gyurnek Byrne was named the new executive director of the Pampa Chamber of Commerce by chamber board members during a meeting Thursday morning.

Byrne, who began working at the chamber in February 2011 as administrative assistant, had been serving an interim director since Jane Steele resigned earlier this month.

"I want to build on the positive growth we have made and am looking forward to 2013," she said.

Before moving to Pampa with her husband Eric in 2011, Byrne was the lead program secretary for a therapeutic day school in Arlington Heights, Ill., near Chicago. Eric is the district executive director for Boy Scouts of America.

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Obama's gun measures now face tough road

By **ERICA WERNER**
 Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama's sweeping gun-control package faces an uncertain future on Capitol Hill, where majority House Republicans are rejecting his proposals while the president's allies in the Democratic-controlled Senate are stopping well short of pledging immediate action.

The fate of his plan could ultimately hinge on a handful of moderate Democratic senators. Although they are unlikely to endorse the president's call for banning assault weapons, they might go along with other proposals, such as requiring universal background checks on gun purchases.

Several of these senators responded warily after Obama unveiled his proposal.

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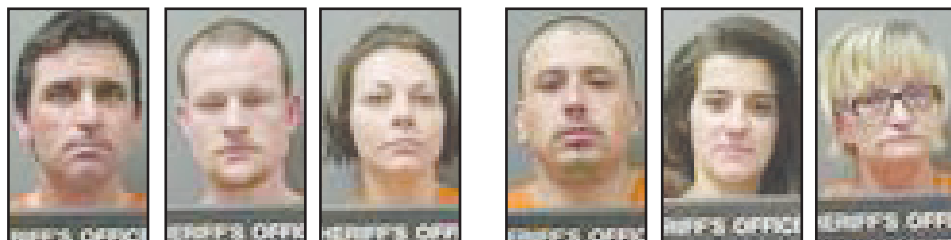
Six Pampanans arrested in meth bust

By **SASHA HELLER**
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The Pampa Police Department arrested a half-dozen Pampa residents Wednesday night for possession of methamphetamine after responding to a hangup call from a residence on North Sumner.

Police arrested: 41-year-old Harlton Earl Hankins for possession of controlled substance, blue warrant — Potter County; and 24-year-old Allen Bailey Huffman; 30-year-old Brook Nichole Pyle; 27-year-old Luis Baca Jr.; 19-year-old Ashley Nicole Brooks; and 55-year-old Willaina Louise Alexander for possession of controlled substance — more than 1 gram and less than 4 grams.

"Officers were sent there on a 911 hangup call," said PPD public information officer Stormy McCullar.



Harold Hankins **Allen Huffman** **Brook Pyle** **Luis Baca Jr.** **Ashley Brooks** **Willaina Alexander**

She said the police department will follow up to a caller's residence even after a hangup.

Police were dispatched to the 200 block of North Sumner around 8:05 p.m. after a caller had hung up.

McCullar said the PPD suspects the confiscated controlled substance to be methamphetamine but she could not

confirm it on Thursday, adding that all narcotics must first be sent to the lab to be tested.

Wednesday's meth bust by the PPD follows a much larger incident the previous day when a Texas Department of Public Safety trooper seized 4,658 grams of meth six miles east of Conway in Carson County.

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Friday night: Clear skies with a low of 30. No chance of rain. Wind southwest at 11 mph. Sunset at 5:58 p.m.

Saturday: Sunny with a high of 56. No chance of rain. Wind northwest at 8 mph. Sunrise at 7:51 a.m.

Saturday night: Clear skies with a low of 28. No chance of rain. Wind east northeast at 4 mph. Sunset at 5:59 p.m.

Sunday: Sunny with a high of 53. No chance of rain. Wind south southeast at 11 mph. Sunrise at 7:51 a.m.

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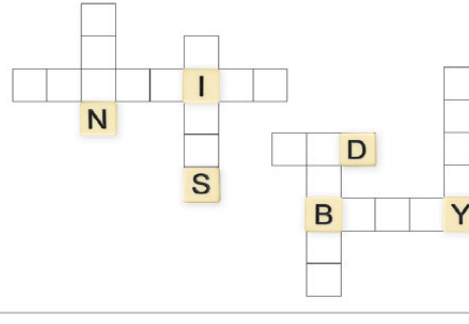
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Obituaries

Edwin Harold "Fitz" Fitzhugh

Ret. Sgt. Edwin Harold "Fitz" Fitzhugh (Amarillo Police Department) passed away on Jan. 13, 2013. Memorial services are at 2 p.m., Saturday Jan. 19, 2013 at LaGrone Blackburn Shaw Funeral Home, Martin Road Chapel in Amarillo with Pastor Mike Ecker officiating. Arrangements are by LaGrone Blackburn Shaw Funeral Directors of Amarillo.



Edwin Harold Fitzhugh

Sgt. Fitzhugh was born Feb. 20, 1930 to Zeke and Mahalie Fitzhugh in Lancaster, Texas. He married the love of his life Joy Cope on July 1, 1950. Sgt. Fitzhugh entered the United States Air Force where he obtained the rank of Staff Sergeant. Sgt. Fitzhugh then joined the Irving Police Department in 1955, before moving to Amarillo and joining the Amarillo Police Department in September 1957. Sgt. Fitzhugh was injured in the line of duty while serving in the patrol division of APD. Sgt. Fitzhugh made a full recovery, but was unable to return to patrol. He was reassigned to the radio communications division of Amarillo Police Department. Sgt. Fitzhugh became well known throughout the Texas Panhandle for his golden, deep voice, and superior knowledge of the communication age. Sgt. Fitzhugh was a legendary figure in the dispatch and police network. He was well known for his yearly Christmas Eve recital of his "BOLO" for the jolly St. Nick over the airwaves of the police radio. Sgt. Fitzhugh retired from law enforcement in 1986 after nearly four decades of service. Sgt. Fitzhugh was well known in his retirement to recall stories of his past with great detail and accuracy of events. His love of law enforcement could be seen in his smile when he told his memories of service.

Sgt. Fitzhugh was preceded in death by his wife Joy, a son Dwayne, a granddaughter Meagan Lamberson Green, two brothers and five sisters.

Survivors include his daughter Elaine Lamberson and husband Bob of Amarillo, daughter Gayle Fitzhugh of Amarillo, granddaughter Mandy Collier and husband Jason of Pampa, and four great-grandchildren Bailey and Tyler Collier of Pampa and Jaythan and Madison Green of Panhandle, and sister Louise Elliott of Duncanville plus numerous nieces and nephews.

Family suggests memorials to the Fitzhugh Memorial Service through the Amarillo Police Department.

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Andrew Jared "AJ" Swope

Andrew Jared "AJ" Swope, 27, of Amarillo died Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2013. Memorial service will be at 4 p.m. Friday, Jan. 18, at First Presbyterian Church, with Dr. Murry Gossett and Dr. Roger Hubbard officiating, arrangements are by Schooler Funeral Home, 4100 S. Georgia St.

AJ was born Jan. 29, 1985 in Amarillo, Texas to Rick and Leslie Swope of Pampa. He graduated from Pampa

High School in 2003. AJ was a 2007 graduate of West Texas A&M University where he majored in Broadcast Journalism. While there, he was very active in the broadcast program.



Andrew Jared Swope

After graduation, he was employed by KVII-TV as an on-air reporter, anchor and assignments editor. AJ then went on to become the Executive Director for Class 4 Winds. He was known for his intense love for his family and his passion for music and song writing. He showcased his musical talents throughout the Panhandle with his band AJ Swope and The Last Train Home. AJ most cherished his wife, Wendi, his family and friends and his dog Simon.

AJ was the perfect husband and devoted son and brother. The love he had for his wife and family was indescribable. Regardless of what AJ did — whether work or play — he was passionate. He was also famous for his adventurous demeanor and his quick sense of humor. His love of life included learning how to surf, sail, snorkel and kayak. He loved the outdoors and spent hours biking in Palo Duro Canyon and riding around the neighborhood with Simon the Dog in a cart behind him. In his abbreviated 27 years, AJ affected the lives of so many through various speaking and musical events. Teaching himself to play the guitar, mandolin, harp and harmonica, AJ believed in chasing his dreams. He leaves a hole in the heart of all those who love and admire him.

He was preceded in death by a very special uncle, Dirk Wright.

Survivors include his beloved wife, Wendi of Amarillo; his proud parents Rick and Leslie Swope of Pampa; a brother, Dirk Swope, wife Valeria and niece, Peyton of Amarillo; Simon the Dog and Buster; Jud and Jan Finney of Amarillo; Renita and Mark Mitchell of Lubbock. grandparents: Bob and Joyce Swope of Pampa; Carl and Linda Johnson of Pampa, Virginia Freeman of Lubbock, John and Jettie Spotts of New Caney, Texas. Aunts and uncles: David and Susan Boothe of Tuttle and cousins Mandie Boothe Ollinger and Emily Boothe; Kenneth and Jana Ford of Midland and cousins Mackenzie and Madison; Larry and Carol Johnson of Mena, Ark.; Ann and Guerry Wright of Follett, Texas; Randy and LauraLee Swope of Whitewater, Colo.; Gale and Stacy Brewer of Amarillo; Cindy Barnard of Amarillo; Leroy and Patty Freeman of New Deal, Texas and countless friends who loved him dearly. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made to the AJ Swope Memorial Scholarship in care of the WTAMU Foundation-WTAMU Box 60766, Canyon, Texas 79016.

Sign the online guestbook at Schoolerfuneralhome.com.

Nick Crutcher

Nick Crutcher, 23, died Jan. 15, 2013 in Pampa. Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 19, at Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel, with Gene Gee, minister of the Lefors Church of Christ, officiating. Burial will follow at Hillcrest Cemetery in McLean, under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Nick was born Oct. 1, 1989 in Pampa and had been a lifetime resident of Gray County. He worked for Snappy Services with his father for several years. He loved riding motorcycles and tinkering with his car. Survivors include his mother: Phyllis Ayres of Amarillo; his father: Roger Crutcher of Pampa; two sisters: Dana Crutcher and husband Terry Carpenter of Amarillo, and Megan Crutcher and husband Codee Bowman of Pampa; grandmothers: Faye Crutcher of McLean and Sue Marsh of Shamrock; a niece: Destinee Lynn Bowman; and three nephews: Tanner Carpenter, Hayden West and Dana Bowman. Memorials may be made to a favorite charity.

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Weave

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Weaver's father also said it was the strongest thing he ever wrote, he added.

Weaver went public with his struggle with weight in 2009 when he announced on Christian radio his goal to lose 90 pounds.

He came close, burning off 84 pounds, before his weight started to go back up again.

"I was destroyed because I hadn't met my goal," he said. "God spoke to me that day in the garage."

After that, Weaver said, he and the other band members began to share the story of his transformation.

And now, that message is being shared with millions of listeners on the airwaves with the song "Redeemed."

"People have shared stories about how the song has changed their lives," he said.

"It's wonderful when people accept what it is. This is really greater than what I had foreseen."

BIG DADDY Weave

Asked if the band would ever crossover into mainstream pop or rock, as Amy Grant did during the 1980s, Weaver responded, "Not unless God takes us there."

Weaver is keenly aware that Christian artists don't become multimillionaires like their pop and rock music contemporaries.

General seating for Big Daddy Weave's Pampa concert is \$10 and VIP seats are \$20, while a ticket to see The Rolling Stones will set you back a few hundred bucks.

"Nobody gets into Christian music for the money," Weaver said. "It's about the ministry, it's about the outreach. God takes care of us through good times or bad times."

Weaver said the band likes to sponsor children in underdeveloped countries through an organization called World Vision.

"We went to Tanzania (in East Africa) last year and were so blown away

by what a dollar can do in this country," he said.

Asked what his advice would be to somebody who wants to start a praise band or get into the Christian music business, Weaver referenced Proverbs 3, 5 and 6.

"Just let it happen. Just leave it to the Lord," he said. "When God opens the doors be faithful and walk through them and he will take care of the rest."

Big Daddy Weave will perform with Chris August and Citizen Way at 6 p.m., Feb. 10, at M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium, 1110 Coronado Drive.

Tickets are \$10 general admission or \$20 VIP, which includes premium seating.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit ITickets.com or Briarwoodchurch.org, or call 800-965-9324 or 806-665-7201.

You can visit the band's website at Bigdaddyweave.com.

Byrne

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Byrne said the chamber will soon be accepting resumes for a new administrative assistant.

At the same meeting, Shawn Boyd was appointed by his fellow board members as chairman.

Boyd, an insurance agent with Duncan Fraser and Bridges, is in his second year serving on the board.

He said he was pleased with the board's decision to hire Byrne as the permanent executive director.

"We are very encouraged about Lori and that she will be able to take the chamber forward," he said.

4-H livestock show set for Saturday

STAFF REPORT

The 4-H livestock show will be at 9 a.m., Saturday at the Clyde Carruth Pavilion, or the bull barn, which is behind the rodeo grounds. If you drive towards the rodeo grounds off of Highway 60, keep driving past the rodeo grounds and the road

will split. At the split go right and it will take you to the Pavilion. The sale will be at 6 p.m., Monday, preceded by dinner at 5:30 p.m. The sale will occur at the M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium. Dell West will serve as auctioneer and Michael Craig and Neil Fulton will be the hawkers.

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Deficient levees found across America

ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Inspectors taking the first-ever inventory of flood control systems overseen by the federal government have found hundreds of structures at risk of failing and endangering people and property in 37 states.

Levees deemed in unacceptable condition span the breadth of America. They are in every region, in cities and towns big and small: Washington, D.C., and Sacramento Calif., Cleveland and Dallas, Augusta, Ga., and Brookport, Ill.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has yet to issue ratings for a little more than 40 percent of the 2,487 structures, which protect about 10 million people. Of those it has rated, however, 326 levees covering more than 2,000 miles were found in urgent need of repair.

The problems are myriad: earthen walls weakened by trees, shrubs and burrowing animal holes; houses built dangerously close to or even on top of levees; decayed pipes and pumping stations.

The Associated Press requested, under the Freedom of Information Act, details on why certain levees were judged unacceptable and how many people would be affected in a flood. The Corps declined on grounds that such information could heighten risks of terrorism and sabotage.

The AP found specifics about the condition of some levees from federal and state records and in interviews with more than a dozen officials in cities and towns. The number of people who might be affected by a breach could not be

determined because there are many different factors in a flood, such as terrain and obstacles.

Local governments are responsible for upgrading unacceptable levees. Some local officials say that the Corps is exaggerating the dangers, that some deficiencies were approved or not objected to by the federal government and that any repairs could cost them hundreds of thousands, if not millions, of dollars.

"It's just not right to tell a little town like this to spend millions of dollars that we can't raise," said Judy Askew, mayor of Brookport, a hardscrabble town of about 1,000 on the banks of the Ohio River.

Compared with other types of infrastructure, the nation's levees, within and outside federal jurisdiction, don't fare well. They earned a D-minus for overall condition from the American Society of Civil Engineers in its latest report card in 2009, ranking behind dams, bridges, rails and eight other categories.

The condition of flood control systems came into dramatic focus in August 2005 when Hurricane Katrina's rain and storm surge toppled levees in New Orleans and tore up the Gulf Coast. It left 1,800 people dead and was the costliest storm in U.S. history with damage estimated at \$108 billion.

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Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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Motivation to prosper

On Nov. 29, 1766, Benjamin Franklin wrote for the London Chronicle: "I am for doing good to the poor, but I differ in opinion of the means."



CHUCK NORRIS

— I think the best way of doing good to the poor, is not making them easy in poverty, but leading or driving them out of it. In my youth I travelled much, and I observed in different countries, that the more public provisions were made for the poor, the less they provided for themselves, and of course became poorer. And, on the contrary, the less was done for them, the more they did for themselves, and became richer."

I love seeing and hearing stories of people rising above adversity. Here is a story of one of those special people. Eighteen-year-old Dawn Loggins embodies what can help the poor and at the same time reduce entitlements, government control and dependency.

Dawn was raised in abject poverty by drug-addicted parents, who were in and out of jail, squatted in houses and faced multiple evictions. By her teenage years, she had bounced around to eight different schools and often had to study at home by candlelight because they didn't have electricity. She went days, weeks and even months without showering because they didn't have running water. She and her elder brother, Shane, would have to fill up milk jugs with water from local parks just to flush their toilets, cook or take a bath. In the summer of 2011, in between her junior and senior year, Dawn was invited to attend a six-week residential summer school program in Raleigh, N.C. But when she called to return home at the end of it, she discovered that her mother and stepfather's phone had been discon-

nected. They had moved again, but this time, they had gone without Dawn, her brother and leaving a forwarding address.

Dawn should have been turned over to the state, but her school and local community of Lawndale — a small town of about 600 in the Appalachian foothills of western North Carolina — rallied around her and helped her through instead. At first, Dawn crashed on the couches or floors of friends' houses. Eventually, a woman who is a custodian and bus driver took her in and allowed her to finish her senior year while living in her house. And high-school counselors, teachers and others in town made sure she had food, clothes and school supplies.

But Dawn never expected handouts. She got a job as a janitor at her own high school, where she cleaned the hallways, classrooms and bathrooms — before and after school.

Despite her family neglect, abuse and abandonment, Dawn learned the power to overcome the past. She told NBC News: "There were times when I felt like it would just be easiest if I gave up. ... But it was never in me to give up, because I did realize that I was never going to be successful unless I got an education."

Throughout it all, Dawn earned an A average in her classes, including three Advanced Placement courses and an honors class. She was also president of the photography club and was involved in band club and the National Honor Society.

She also started a community service program collecting thousands of letters for active-duty troops.

And after she graduated, she applied to five colleges and was accepted at none other than Harvard University, where she is in her freshman year.

To read Wilma Norris Knight's new autobiography, "Acts of Kindness: My Story," go to ChuckNorris.com.

Attention-starved during the sophomore slump

Dear John, Why is it that, at the start of a relationship, most guys tell you how beautiful and wonderful you are, then two years down the road, they don't even see you when you march around the house naked? —Attention Starved, in Jackson, Miss.



JOHN GRAY

Dear Starved, When it comes to romance, most couples fall into a "sophomore" (take-it-for-granted) slump within the second or third year of their relationship.

Unfortunately, it's usually the man whose passion has to be re-ignited.

Of course, this encouragement has to come from you, and it only happens if you approach your goal in the same manner as when you were first dating.

That means pulling out all stops in the way you look (war paint),

the way you act (flirtatiously) and the way you feel (romantic), and what you do (something new and unexpected).

In most cases, if you put out that vibe, he'll pick it up and follow your lead.

Dear John, I have been dating "Jack" for almost six months. He has one annoying habit: he is thrifty, although I know he has money. I noticed this right off the bat, but I discounted it because I had a husband who went bankrupt, so I understand and appreciate the value of thriftiness.

But Jack takes it too far, and it's beginning to bother me. I feel like a financial expense rather than an emotional investment.

Recently, we went skiing, and he insisted that we take my car.

I offered to buy gas, thinking that he would say "No way," but he kept his mouth shut instead.

I know how guys must feel about picking up the tab, so I've contributed. I've bought him nice gifts and an occasional dinner, and

I always give him thank-you gifts. —Tight Times, in East Orange, N.J.

Dear Tight Times, In truth, Jack is not thrifty; he's cheap. If you want to give him the message that you expect better, do it now, because you won't G-E-T if you don't A-S-K.

For example, if he asks to use your car, say, "I'd prefer if you drove."

If he does not offer to pay for gas, ask for a donation. Only you can set the criteria by which you choose to be a part of this relationship.

If you don't like having to regularly do that, and I don't know why you would, move on.

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An unqualified Jack Lew will tax and spend

The worst part of the Jack Lew nomination for treasury secretary is not simply that he has



LAWRENCE KUDLOW

no qualifications, standing or experience in the financial world or international sphere (think G20 and European debt crisis).

Nor is it simply that he doesn't have any seasoned currency opinions (under Obama, the greenback has dropped 10 percent, while gold has doubled).

Yes, these are big disqualifiers. But the real problem is that Lew is a left-liberal Obama spear-carrier, whose very appointment signals a sharp confrontation with the Republican House over key issues such as the debt ceiling, the spending sequester, next year's budgets and taxes.

From all the way back when Lew was staff advisor to Tip O'Neill, he has been a man of the left.

So as treasury secretary, I expect the former Obama budget director to push for trillions of dollars in new tax hikes, absolutely minimal spending restraint and no serious entitlement reform.

Instead of being a fresh face who can generate a clean start for a new slate of fiscal compromises, Lew — who doesn't play well with the other kids

— is going to represent the same old Obama confrontation with the Republican House.

It didn't have to be this way. As treasury secretary, Obama supporter Larry Fink of Blackrock would have tremendous support from the financial community in the effort to solve our fiscal imbalances. So would budget reformer Erskine Bowles. Or Amex CEO Kenneth Chenault. Or even the outspoken Democratic banker Jamie Dimon.

These are all men of experience, high standing and respect within financial circles. Any one of them would have given Obama credibility and led us to serious talks about growing the economy and keeping us out of bankruptcy. Lew has none of their qualities.

And did I say Lew doesn't play well with the other kids? He may have singlehandedly sabotaged the Boehner-Obama deficit talks in 2011.

"Jack Lew said 'no' 999,000 times out of a million," House Speaker John Boehner told Woodward. "At one point I told the president, 'Keep him out of here.'"

Many believe Lew was responsible for the last-minute \$400 billion tax hike that doomed the talks.

Because there are so many more Democrats than Republicans, I have no doubt that Lew will be confirmed in the Sen-

ate. But he's going to take a lot of flack over his short experience on Wall Street, where he got a \$1 million bonus for administering Citigroup's proprietary trading operation. Oh, that came on top of his \$1 million compensation. And there was the big money made by shorting the subprime mortgage market, all back in 2008, when Citigroup got a \$47 billion taxpayer bailout.

Now, you know what? I have no problem with guys on Wall Street or anyplace else making good money.

No problem at all. But here's Lew's problem: His boss, Barack Obama, keeps lashing out at fat-cat bankers who receive obscene bonuses. Which means, during the Senate hearings, Lew is going to be hoisted on Obama's petard.

Lew is to the left of the departing Tim Geithner, just as Chuck Hagel is to the left of Leon Panetta, and John Kerry is to the left of Hillary Clinton.

It gives you a sense of Obama's second-term direction, which is likely to move toward high taxes at home and weak national security abroad.

Some highly placed senior Obama advisors are telling me that Jack Lew is really a fiscally conservative Democrat who will sell spending and entitlement reforms to all those liberals in the Senate. Look, I don't even

know the guy. None of my criticisms are personal. But I don't see any evidence of this fiscal conservatism. And I sure don't see an influential presence on the world stage to keep America front and center.

Jack Lew is no George Shultz, or William Simon, or Lloyd Bentsen, or Robert Rubin, or Hank Paulson.

He is an inside, Obama political operator, not an independent voice.

This is degrading to one of the biggest jobs in the government.

For my Republican friends out there, here's a piece of free advice: In the coming economic battles, stay away from debt-ceiling defaults and government shutdowns.

Instead, keep a laser-like focus on implementing the \$1.2 trillion sequester spending cuts, which would actually pay for last year's debt-ceiling hike, and put together a tough-minded cut, cap and balance spending-cut package for the upcoming budget cycle.

As John Boehner told me a couple of years ago, his primary purpose is to "stop the bad stuff." Please, Mr. Speaker, hold that thought.

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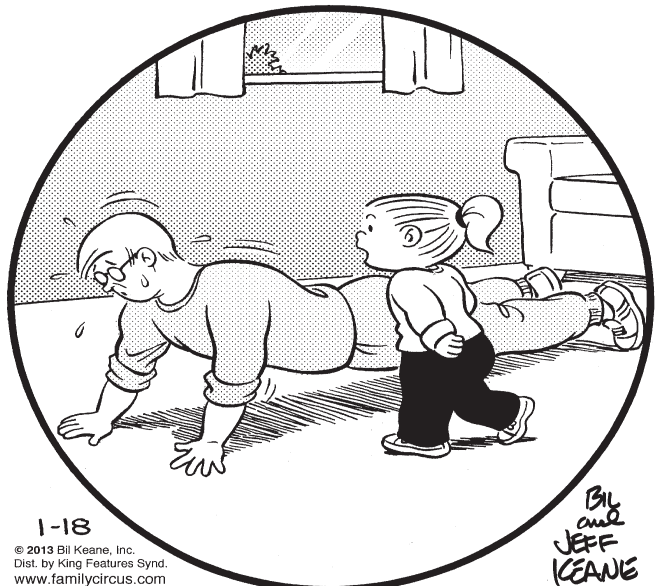
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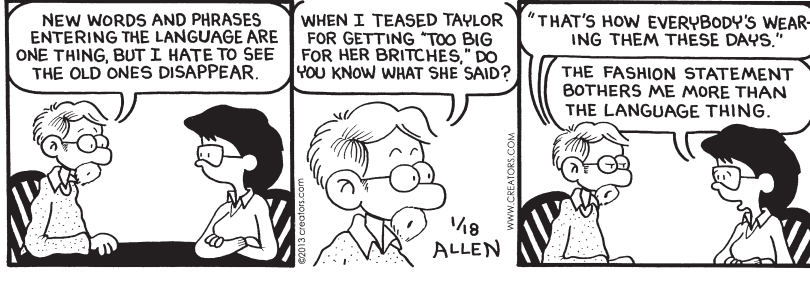
“Are you allowed to count by fives like that?”

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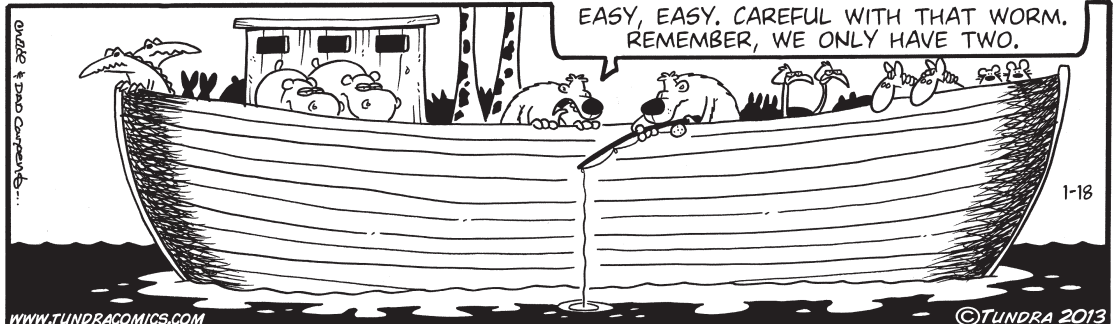
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daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, Jan. 19, 2013:
 This year you often question your direction and energy. You have what it takes; you are just being challenged. Your creativity soars for the most part, except at key moments. Learn to defer to others. If you are single, your desirability summons many potential lovers. You will have choices to make. If you are attached, you do a lot of kissing and making up this year. Respect each other, and don't quarrel over your differences. TAURUS' earthiness appeals to you.
 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)
 ★★ Note how different your ideas are from a close friend or family member. Avoid giving this person the cold shoulder or picking a fight. Simply accept this individual as he or she is. Join friends at a movie or for a special get-together. Tonight: Treat a loved one to an event.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 ★★★★★ You might feel more in harmony or sure of yourself in the morning. Make phone calls, and catch up on a friend's news. Do not forget to reach out to someone at a distance. Handle a responsibility that pops up later in the day. Tonight: You are the lead player.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 ★★ Back off from a situation that obviously is transforming. Express your caring to someone you put on a pedestal. Detach, and you will understand this person better. Make plans to go to the movies or a nice dinner. Tonight: Let your imagination call the shots.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 ★★★★★ Share a goal or desire with friends; their support will surprise you. They also might shorten the path to your objectives. A child or loved one does not see or understand his or her own negativity or coldness. A discussion might be in order. Tonight: Follow the party.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
 ★★★★★ Take a stand. You might not be as sure of yourself as you would like to be. Others seem more challenging than in the past. You are ready for a change, but getting there without others' support could be challenging.

Express your caring to a loved one. Tonight: A must appearance.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 ★★★★★ Opt for an escape. For some, this happening could be taking a drive to a flea market. For others, this will involve losing themselves in a movie. You'll enjoy yourself no matter what; however, be ready to return to your daily routine. Tonight: Try a new restaurant.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
 ★★★★★ Deal with someone directly. A subtle comment might not be heard or internalized. You would prefer to be more discreet, but you also want to be effective. Someone lets you know how important you are in his or her life. Tonight: How about dinner for two?
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
 ★★★★★ Tension builds as the day goes on. You understand where others are coming from and why they are doing what they are doing. Fatigue spells a cat nap today. You might find that when you wake up, you will be less stressed. Tonight: Go along with a suggestion.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
 ★★★★★ You are willing to express your ideas, and you are prepared to act on them. Still, someone could be unusually testy, or you could be worried about this person's reaction. Your caring comes out with a child or loved one. Tonight: Put your best foot forward.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 ★★★★★ Your creativity peaks early in the day as you are making plans. You could be justifiably cynical about the cost of bringing certain loved ones together. Express your concern before this happens, and you will enjoy yourself more. Tonight: Act as if there is no tomorrow.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
 ★★★★★ You might decide to stay close to home, but by the end of the day, you are likely to be throwing the party of all parties. On the other hand, you could opt to be more sedentary, and invite certain friends over for a special meal. Tonight: Trust your judgment.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
 ★★★★★ Use the morning for making calls and visiting those at a distance. In the afternoon, you might become more critical about your company. A problem with a key person could be preoccupying your thoughts. Try not to act on any coldness. Tonight: Not to be found!

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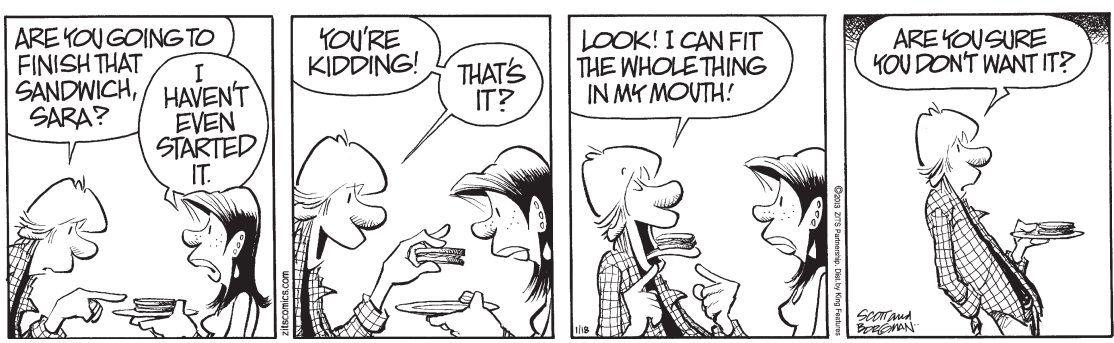
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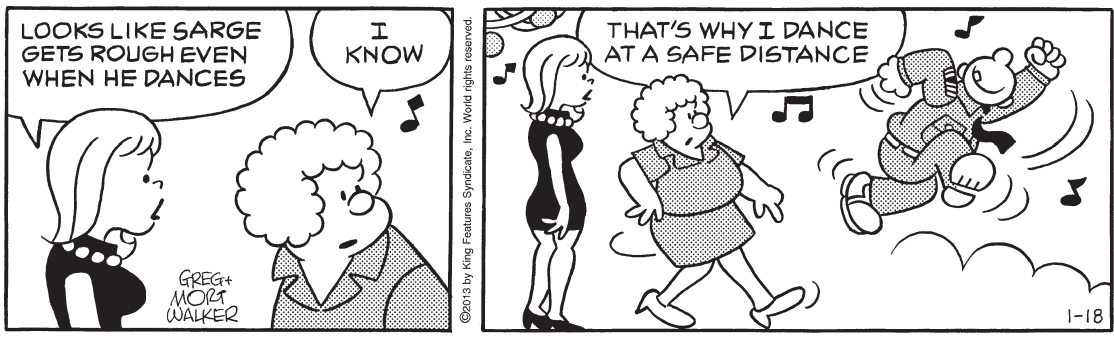
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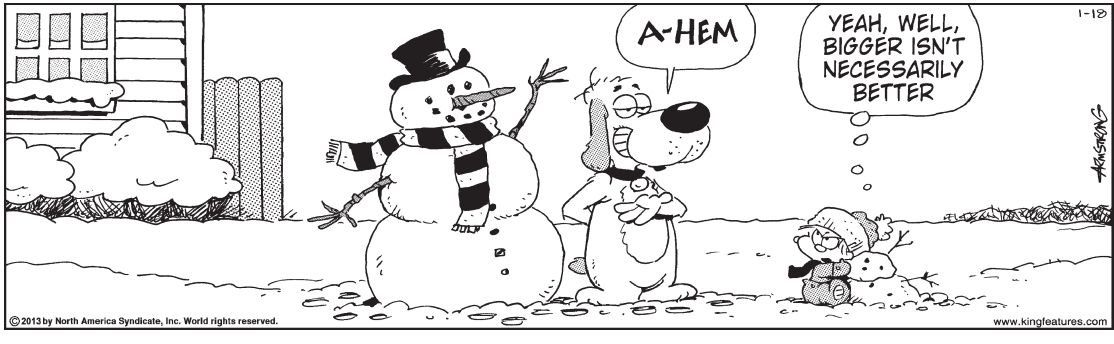
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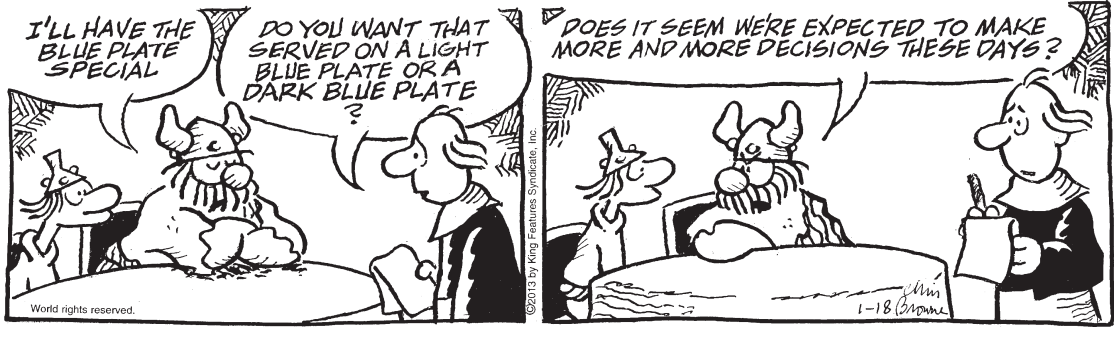
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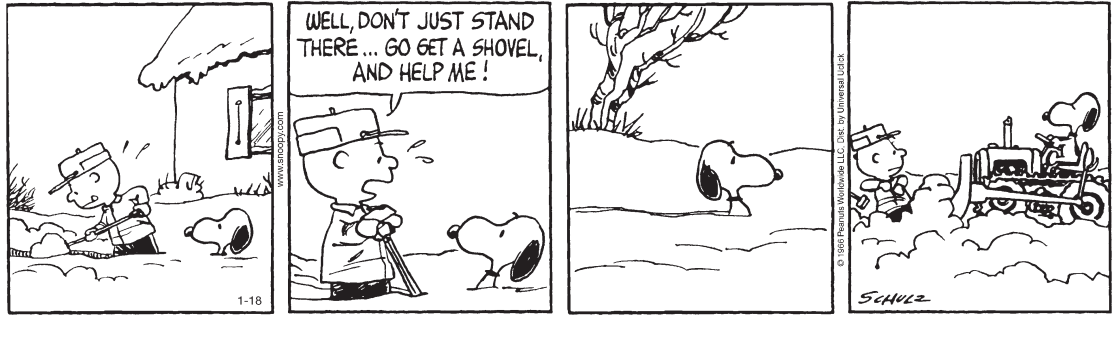
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als Wednesday with the challenge that “Congress must act soon.”

“I will look closely at all proposals on the table, but we must use common sense and respect our Constitution,” said Sen. Jon Tester, D-Mont. Tester told the Missoulian newspaper in his home state recently that he supports background checks but doesn’t think an assault weapons ban would have stopped the shootings at an elementary school in Newtown, Conn., where a gunman massacred 20 children and six adults before turning the gun on himself.

Obama’s proposals came a month after the shootings in Newtown, which he has called the worst day of his presidency.

His announcements capped a swift and wide-ranging effort, led by Vice President Joe Biden, to respond to the deaths.

The \$500 million plan marks the most comprehensive effort to tighten gun laws in nearly two decades.

It also sets up a tough political fight with Congress as Obama starts his second term needing Republican support to meet three looming fiscal deadlines and pass comprehensive immigration reform.

The White House strategy for pressing Congress centers on building public support for the president’s measures.

“There’s only one voice powerful enough to make this happen: yours,” Obama wrote in an op-ed Thursday in The Connecticut Post.

The president is also expected to travel around the county pitching for his proposals and could activate his still-operational campaign organization, Organizing for America, to fight for the plan as well.

Campaign manager Jim Messina sent an email to Obama supporters Thursday urging them to sign a petition backing the president’s proposals and promising “more soon” from the organization.

Obama, seeking to sidestep some congressional opposition, also signed 23 executive actions Wednesday, including orders to make more federal data available for background checks and end a freeze on government research on gun violence.

But he acknowledged that the steps he took on his own would have less impact than the broad measures requiring approval from Capitol Hill. He is also calling for limiting ammunition magazines to 10 rounds or less.

“To make a real and lasting difference, Congress, too, must act,” Obama said.

The question now is

how and whether that happens.

House GOP leaders have made clear they’ll wait for the Senate to act first, since they see no need to move on the contentious topic if it doesn’t. “House committees of jurisdiction will review these recommendations. And if the Senate passes a bill, we will also take a look at that,” said Michael Steel, spokesman to House Speaker John Boehner.

Many rank-and-file Republicans scorched Obama’s proposal. “The right to bear arms is a right, despite President Obama’s disdain for the Second Amendment,” said Rep. Tim Huelskamp, R-Kan.

While the assault weapons ban is seen as having little if any chance of passage, support may coalesce behind requiring universal background checks, which is a top priority for advocacy groups that see it as the most important step to curbing gun crimes.

The Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence says 40 percent of gun sales are conducted with no criminal background checks, such as in some instances at gun shows or by private sellers over the Internet. Obama would seek to require checks for all sales.

Sen. Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., already has sponsored a bill to require universal background checks that the Senate could take up, while Sen. Frank Lautenberg, D-N.J., has legislation banning ammunition magazines with more than 10 rounds.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., a gun-rights backer who’s been supported by the National Rifle Association in the past, responded cautiously, saying he was committed to ensuring the Senate considers legislation on gun violence early this year. He didn’t endorse any of Obama’s proposals.

Gov. Perry on Obama’s executive actions

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AUSTIN — Gov. Rick Perry on Wednesday released the following statement regarding President Obama’s executive actions on gun control:



Rick Perry

“The vice president’s committee was appointed in response to the tragedy at Newtown, but very few of his recommendations have anything to do with what happened there.

“Guns require a finger to pull the trigger.

The sad young man who did that in Newtown was clearly haunted by demons and no gun law could have saved the children in Sandy Hook El-

ementary from his terror.

“There is evil prowling in the world — it shows up in our movies, video games and online fascinations, and finds its way into vulnerable hearts and minds.

As a free people, let us choose what kind of people we will be. Laws, the only redoubt of secularism, will not suffice.

Let us all return to our places of worship and pray for help. Above all, let us pray for our children.

“In fact, the piling on by the political left, and their cohorts in the media, to use the massacre of little children to advance a pre-existing political agenda that would not have saved those children, disgusts me, personally.

The second amendment to the Constitution is a basic right of free people and cannot be nor will it be abridged by the executive power of this or any other president.”

Senior SPOTLIGHT



Photo by Christin Chisum

Kelsi Bagley is a senior in high school and a 4-H/FFA member. Kelsi Bagley and other 4-H and FFA exhibitors will participate in the Gray County Livestock Show at the Clyde Carruth Pavilion on Saturday, Jan. 19, and the sale on Monday, Jan. 21, at the M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium. For show information or to support these kids as a sale buyer, contact Becky Bailey at 806-669-8033.

Choose and work with plywood correctly

Dear Pat: I want to do some remodeling projects around my house. I went to a home center store to buy plywood, but there must have been 20 types. How do I know what type to use for various projects? — Sabina K.

Dear Sabina: Various types of plywood are used in most home-improvement and woodworking projects. In order to meet all the needs of these varied projects, many plywood types with various properties are offered, as you have found.

The plywood types are categorized in general grades and then further defined by specific properties, wood species and adhesives. The prices can vary significantly, and some high grades of plywood will cost more than solid woods.

Before discussing the various grades and uses of plywood, it helps to understand how plywood is produced and what gives it its specific properties. Plywood is made by laminating thin layers of wood together with adhesives to create a strong, thick sheet.

The layers are oriented such that the grain on each adjacent sheet is perpendicular to the one above and below it. This gives it its strength, size and stability, and minimizes the possibility of warping as moisture levels change throughout the year. It has an odd number of layers (from three to seven) so that the exposed layer on each side has the grain running in the same direction.

Most plywood has a face side and a back side because only one side is generally exposed. The face side is higher quality wood with less imperfections, so check both sides of the sheet when purchasing plywood. For projects where both sides can be seen, plywood with two face sides is available.

Basic plywood grades are from A to D, with A being the best and most expensive. A sheet of Grade A plywood should have no or very few minor blemishes and be finely sanded. Grade D is the least expensive plywood, and it usually has the maximum number and severity of blemishes allowed.

Depending upon your project, you may not need a high-quality finish on both sides. For these applications, select plywood which is

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graded A-C. This sheet of plywood will have Grade A quality on the face side, but only Grade C quality on the back side. For strictly structural use, C-D (commonly called CDX) plywood is adequate.

The type of adhesives used depends upon the application. Indoor plywood, which will not be exposed to high levels of moisture, uses one type of adhesive. This type of plywood can be made of select hardwoods and softwood and can be used for cabinets, furniture, indoor sheathing, etc.

Exterior plywood is the most common type you find at most home-center stores. The adhesives

are more resistant to high levels of moisture. It is available in the highest grades through CDX. Structural plywood uses the strongest adhesives and is most moisture resistant. CDX is the most common grade used.

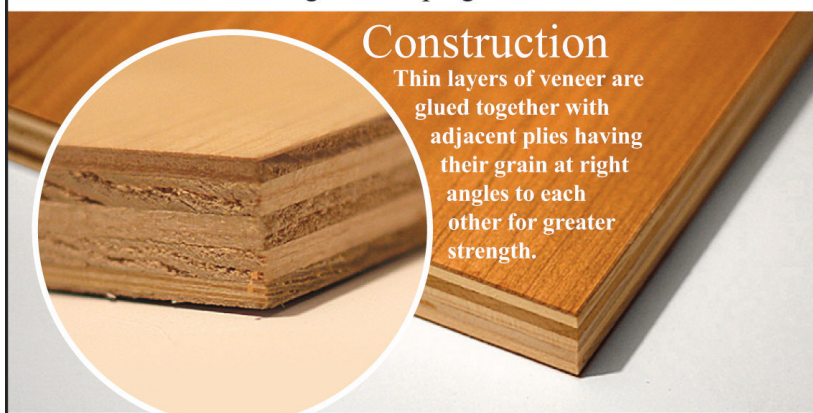
There are also specialty plywoods for very high quality cabinetry and furniture. These use finely finished hardwood veneers of various species and hardwood core sheets often made of poplar for stability. These hold a screw well and can be used similarly to solid hardwood sheets. For a curved surface, bending plywood is available. The grains in the layers all run in the same direction for easy bending.

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Plywood

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Construction

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Exterior Plywood

Constructed with glue (not the wood) that is rated for outdoor exposure. By far much sturdier and more moisture-resistant than interior plywood.

Plywood Grades

When selecting, be sure to look for its grading stamp. The grade identifies its quality and suitability for specific construction purposes. Plywood is graded on a letter scale of A to D. Grades are (best to worst) A, B, C and D for face or front face.

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TWO PHS STUDENTS MAKE ALL-STATE BAND



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Pictured are the students who made All-Region band. Back row, from left, Calvin Ambrister, Ethan DeFever, Dakota Roberson, Chris Smith, Austin Young, Miguel Salazar, Michael Parnell, Paul Cuellar, Adrian Lopez, Jacob Sexton, Logan Boehmisch, Josh Archibald, Matthew Porter, Bryce Parker and Caitlin Penaranda. Front row, Kassie Jerome, Cristel Enciso, Christian Penaranda, Greg Smith and Nick Penaranda. The All-region band concert is Jan. 19 at West Texas A&M. Greg Smith and Sexton made the All-State band. All-State band is the highest accomplishment a band individual can receive. They will go to San Antonio during the second week of February during the TEMA convention. They will rehearse with others that made the band and then perform a concert. Feb. 16 is the day of the performance, and they will leave on the Tuesday or Wednesday before that to go down there. This is the second year Greg made it and the first year Jacob made it. "Both students played exceptionally well and placed ahead of many other talented students from the West Texas area, including the Permian Basin, El Paso area and the Panhandle," said Joe Barrow, Pampa High School band director. "It is a huge honor to have two students from Pampa representing our school district in the All-State band. Every student that auditioned did a great job and represented our school very well. I am proud of all the students that auditioned."

Texas advocate calls Obama's gun safety proposals 'common sense'

By JOHN MICHAELSON
Texas News Service

AUSTIN — President Obama has unveiled a plan aimed at curbing gun violence in America. The package of legislation for Congress includes a ban on high-capacity magazines, the reinstatement of a ban on some assault-style weapons and a proposal to have mandatory background checks for all gun purchases, including private sales.

Tommie Garza, once the executive director of the now-defunct Texans for Gun Safety, calls the measures reasonable, even for a strong Second Amendment state like Texas.

"We definitely are and we have to keep that in mind. It's going to have to be a balance, a good balance and just bringing good sensible ideas to the table, on all sides."

The National Rifle Association says law-abiding gun owners should not be blamed for the acts of criminals and madmen, and the organization claims the push is more about attacking the Second Amendment than keeping children safe.

Heather Martens is also a gun safety advocate in mid-America. She says the Second Amendment

and public safety are not contradictory. She says moving forward with these plans is something many gun owners can get behind.

"I grew up in a hunting family, myself. I learned to shoot when I was 10 years old. The NRA I knew as a child is not the NRA of today. NRA lobbyists today represent the firearms industry, especially manufacturers of assault weapons."

President Obama also announced 23 executive actions, which include a directive to strengthen the national criminal background-check system. Martens likes the move to allow for the study of gun violence at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"Congress has prevented these studies for a number of years now. President Obama said 'We don't benefit from ignorance.' We need to find out what's really happening out there in order to understand how to better prevent gun violence."

For every 100,000 people in Texas, there are about 11 firearms deaths per year, slightly higher than the national average.

More information about Martens' group's positions is available at Protectmn.org.

The PAMPA NEWS

Community Calendar

City Commission meetings

The Pampa City Commission meets at 4 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. The meetings are held on the third floor of City Hall.

School board meetings

The Pampa Independent School District board meets at 6 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month. Check The Pampa News for meeting locations.

County Commission meetings

The Gray County Commission meets at 9 a.m. on the 15th and 30th of each month. If the date falls on a Saturday, the meeting will be held on Friday.

If the date falls on a Sunday, the meeting will be held on Monday.

The meetings are held on the second floor of the Gray County Courthouse.

Meredith House presents live music

Meredith House, an assisted-living facility at 812 W. 25th Ave., has a band performing at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday and Saturday night. Join them for Western music, gospel and the classics. For more information, call 806-665-5668.

Jam sessions every Friday night

The Woody Guthrie Folk Music Center has a jam sessions every Friday night starting at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to play or listen. The center is located at 320 S. Cuyler St. For more information, call 806-664-0824.

Pampa Pride religion section

The Pampa News will publish multiple special sections in the paper on March 29. One of those sections is the religion section. To have your church

featured, please contact the paper.

Send us a story and/or picture about your church or bring it by the paper. Submissions must be received by Jan. 31. For more information, call 669-2525.

Pampa Pride

The Pampa News will publish multiple special sections in a paper on March 29. Send us a story and/or picture you want featured.

You may also bring the story to the paper. Submissions deadlines vary by section.

Please get the stories in ASAP to increase the chances of the story being included. For more information, call 669-2525.

Poetry reading Jan. 26

Local area poets will hold an open Poetry Reading at Lovett Memorial Library on Jan. 26. The following poets will be

reading: Virginia Yates, Panhandle; Gaye Robinson, Pampa; and Gloria G. Bowen, Pampa. Any other poets who wish to read, please contact Bowen at 669-1942 or 663-0448.

Chamber citizen, business of year

The Pampa Chamber of Commerce is now seeking nominations for the Pampa Citizen of the Year and Business of the Year for 2012.

Forms may be picked up at the chamber office, 200 N. Ballard St., or by sending an email to admin@pampachamber.com. Nominations must be in to the chamber office by 5 p.m. on Jan. 31.

The winners will be announced at the annual awards banquet at 7 p.m., Tuesday Feb. 26, at the M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium Heritage Room. The cost is \$25 per person and tickets can be purchased at the chamber.

Clarendon enrollment until Jan. 25

Enrollment to Clarendon College is open until Jan. 25. To enroll visit the college or contact Aaron Lopez.

For more information or to enroll contact Lopez at 665-8801 ext. 2007 or email him at aaron.lopez@clarendoncollege.edu.

Sweetheart Social set for Valentine's Day

The Meredith House is celebrating its community sweethearts at 2 p.m. on Valentine's Day.

All visitors will have a chance to win a grand prize and join them as they crown the Meredith House King and Queen. RSVP by Feb. 11 by calling 665-5668.

Editor's note: Email submissions to thowsare@thepampanews.com. Submissions should be 100 words or less and written in the third person.

Please include the title of the event, the date and time, physical address, the admission cost or whether it is a free event and a contact number and/or email address for the public.

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AAA Texas: statewide average drops slightly, down one cent

The statewide average for a gallon of regular unleaded fuel in Texas is one penny less than last week and now sits at \$3.17, according to the AAA Texas Weekend Gas Watch. People in Dallas are paying the most on average at \$3.20, and drivers in El Paso are paying the least at \$2.96 per gallon. Today's statewide average is twelve cents less than the national average of \$3.29.

Drivers in certain regions of the country may be seeing price increases as a result of an operational glitch at a California refinery and an electrical fire at a refinery in Illinois. Crude oil prices have traded in a narrow range to begin the year and analysts say there's an ample supply of product inventories in most parts of the country. They also say there's continued weak demand which has largely offset upward pressure on prices from a weaker U.S. dollar and some positive economic news.

"Currently drivers in Texas are paying about \$44 to fill up the typical 14-gallon size fuel tank," said AAA

Texas/New Mexico Representative Doug Shupe. "While the national average price at the pump is up

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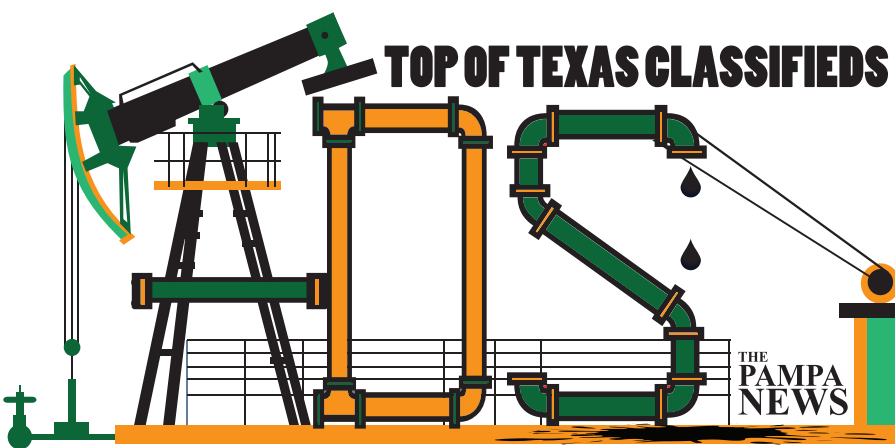
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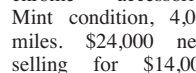
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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My elderly uncle and aunt have a son-in-law who — to put it mildly — spins tall tales. "Tom" has been EVERYwhere, done EVERYthing and insists on telling anyone who will listen all about it. He speaks many languages fluently (until someone addresses him in one of them) and has had countless adventures in various countries, although he can't locate them on a map. My uncle and aunt have bought two cars for their financially unstable daughter and this phony. Both times, Tom insisted on maintaining them himself (another of his legendary skills). Afterward, both cars required major repairs and eventually had to be scrapped.

After Tom's stint as a highly decorated Navy SEAL, he morphed into a genius at creating computer software, when he

wasn't touring with a famous bluegrass band — the name of which he can't remember. I am concerned that my uncle and aunt are so awed by this man that they might one day allow him to manage their finances (there is no topic Tom is not an expert on) or let him fix the brakes on their vehicle. I think you know where I'm heading.

I have to bite my tongue to keep from saying, "Tom, Yokohama is a city, not a country. And if you're really best friends with Johnny Depp, why not invite him over so we can all meet him? Oh, and what you're passing off as Farsi is Pig Latin."

Is there a way to tactfully intervene before something awful happens without upsetting anyone? — THE QUEEN OF ENGLAND

DEAR ROYAL HIGHNESS: Yes,

if you do it privately, and say you are speaking up only because you are worried about their welfare. Then explain why you think Tom's stories don't hold water and point out that if he should volunteer any financial advice to them they should first run it past an unbiased non-family member such as their banker, lawyer, CPA or pastor before making any investments.

From your description, Tom appears to be a con man or compulsive liar. But whether your uncle and aunt choose to accept your input is up to them.

DEAR ABBY: I work at home and use my computer. Everyone who lives here is over 35.

My step-grandchildren visit regularly, and I have told the children's mother that I have no parental restrictions on my

computer. She assured me not to worry about it because she has reinforced the rules of responsible Internet usage with them and is confident her children won't break the rules. As far as I know, they haven't.

Today, one of my brothers-in-law visited and brought along his young teenage daughter. I let her play on the computer, and he caught her in a chat room with an older teenage boy. Instead of blaming her, he attacked ME for being too permissive with children and computers.

Do you think it is my responsibility to "protect" his teenager on my computer? — JUST A GEEK IN SOUTH CAROLINA

DEAR JUST A GEEK: No, I do not. I suspect that you were attacked because of displaced anger. His daughter deserved the scolding; however, because he could not (for whatever reason) scold her, he directed his anger at you instead.

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PHS football program recognized at banquet



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Tyler Powell with the Casey Trimble persistence award. Ryan Smith with the El Norma award for leadership by a Harvester. Sheldon Reeve with the Vance Bruce award for spirit of the Harvester. Chris Rivera with the fighting heart award.

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The 16 seniors who played varsity football for the Pampa Harvesters were honored Wednesday night during a banquet at

the M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium. However, the banquet was more than just a ceremony to honor the seniors as Pampa High School's entire football program was recognized, from the boys who played on the field, to the cheerleaders,

equipment managers and booster club. Head Coach Heath Parker said the varsity team's dedication and spirit was best shown during the last week of practice, when the team was preparing for a chance to be in the playoffs.

Though the chances to go to the playoffs relied on other team's games and Pampa didn't have a game that week, all the players showed up for practice.

"The thing I think most about you is the last week we had together," he said.

"We hadn't had a day off since August but it was the best practice week we ever had."

Parker said the team not only wanted to make the playoffs, but wanted to be district champions.

"Our team was there," he said. "We all wanted a 12-2 or a 13-1 season, but it wouldn't have changed the journey we went through."

Several of the seniors introduced their position groups with their position coaches.

Senior kicker Miguel Blanco thanked all the coaches for their hard work and positive attitude.

"Having a positive attitude in football is very important," he said. "Having faith in your team is very important. You have to have heart and be willing to give everything from the day it starts until the day it ends."

Senior Scott Kelly, who introduced the defensive line, said the coaches not only built them up as better players, but as better men.

Senior Taylor Reeve echoed Kelly's sentiments: "I am grateful to every coach in this room. Without you I wouldn't be the man I am."

Near the end of the program, several varsity players were recognized for their achievements in the classroom.

The awards were given in two categories, Academic All-District and Academic All-State.

For Academic All-District, players had to maintain an average of 90 or above in all the classes.

They are sophomore Kristian Vizcaino, junior Ryan Powell and seniors Dallan Poole, Tyler Powell and Ryan Smith.

The Academic All-State awards are for seniors who maintained a 92 or above in all their classes.

They are Nathan Fuentes, Sheldon Reeve, Johnny Price, Tyler Powell and Ryan Smith.

Parker said he was proud that five out of 16 seniors achieved Academic All-State.

The head coach then announced the peer recognition awards, which he said were important because "these are the guys who truly know you."

They are Sheldon Reeve for most consistent positive attitude, Tyler Powell for persistence, Ryan Smith for inspiration and leadership, and Chris Rivera for his "fighting heart."

Parker concluded the awards portion of the program stating:

"It's a privilege each and every day to be coach here."

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Left, Taylor Eubank goes up for a jumper against Dalhart. Bottom left, Hayley Burnett soars for a layup against Dalhart. Right, JV player Tyranda Johnson watches as her layup sinks through the hoop in the game against Dalhart.



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