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File photo
 Fred Courtney, the city's emergency management coordinator, in January 2012.

City outlines its disaster plan

■ Coordinated response begins with 'all hazards' approach.

By **SASHA HELLER**
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In the event of a natural disaster, the City of Pampa's Office of Emergency Management steps into action using a strategic, coordinated plan to meet the immediate demands of Pampa's

citizens like providing food, water and shelter.

"The Office of Emergency Management looks at our response from an 'all hazards' approach," emergency management coordinator Fred Courtney said. "The basic plan states the basics of the response along with the overall responsibilities of the city and the legal authorizations to respond...because we have an all hazards approach, certain things will happen regardless of

the disaster type."

Courtney said the first thing to happen during a natural disaster is the warning period, including establishing communications between the National Weather Service (NWS) and the city and between the city and its residents.

Courtney said the three types of disasters most likely to affect Pampa are tornadoes, severe winter storms and wildfires.

"We can receive weather warn-

ings several days in advance, even for the probability of tornadoes," he said. "Winter weather is very predictable and again we should have adequate warnings. The NWS has also developed models that can predict conditions that accompany wildfire outbreaks."

For weather events, Courtney said the NWS will host meetings over the Internet with local emergency managers. From **PLAN** cont. on page 3

Pampa Fuels breaks ground

By **SASHA HELLER**
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Houston-based G2X Energy on Friday broke ground on the largest vacant facility site in Pampa, formerly the Celanese Chemical plant. Vacant for almost five years, the property will now serve as G2X's Pampa Fuels plant where natural gas will be converted into methanol and gasoline.

"There's just a brave new world out there in the energy industry," said Pampa Fuels CEO Timothy Vail.

He added that three years ago, all of the jobs at the Celanese plant were shipped to China and the plant closed down. Vail said China can keep those jobs.

"What we're all about at G2X is high-end manufacturing jobs here in the U.S.," he said. "We feel like we're going to be able to revitalize this site. We're also going to bring substantial value back to the Pampa area."

Texas Sen. Kel Seliger also commented on Friday's groundbreaking.

"Today, we've come together to recognize a Texas-based company working to create local jobs and revitalize a site that has been vacant for four years — achievements we can all celebrate," he said. "We're proud to welcome G2X Energy into our community and anticipate much success on the horizon, both here

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METHANOL MAKER



Photo by Sasha Heller

Elected officials join company representatives in the ceremonial groundbreaking held Friday for G2X Energy's new Pampa Fuels Plant. The plant is located at the site of the former Celanese Chemical Plant.

BETTER BLACKTOP



Photo by Dana Whinery

The access road between the emergency room and helicopter pad at Pampa Regional Medical Center is currently being resurfaced. All the asphalt at PRMC will be repaved and restriped. This work is expected to be a permanent fix to the cracks and damage that have occurred to the asphalt from years of truck traffic and heavy machinery. The repaving project, which costs several thousand dollars, will help with patient and public safety and the old asphalt will be recycled for other paving projects in Gray County.

King joins House Energy Caucus

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AUSTIN — State Rep. Ken King (R-Canadian) has been named a member of the newly created House Energy Caucus (HEC), a legislative caucus of the Texas House of Representatives, to focus on energy production and the issues facing adjacent communities.



Ken King

"I'm tremendously honored to be named to the new House Energy Caucus," said King, who represents Pampa at the State Capitol. "Considering how rich and diverse my district is in energy resources, it's important to be well versed on the issues in order to serve my district to the best of my ability."

The HEC will provide educational opportunities and information on policy issues regarding traditional energy production such as oil, gas,

and coal, as well as alternative energy including biomass, wind and solar power, and emerging technologies like clean coal/coal gasification. In addition, the HEC will also identify, research, and build coalitions to help resolve social and infrastructure issues faced by areas of the state experiencing significant impacts from increased activity related to the energy industry.

"The Caucus will also help to educate its members on the impact to energy production of legislation addressing water, transportation and workforce development needs," the HEC Chair State Rep. Drew Darby (R-San Angelo) said addressing the members during the organizational meeting. "This state's energy industry is revitalizing our state through innovative technologies and significant economic investment and I want to see that continue."

According to the U.S. Energy Information Administration, Texas is first in the nation in production **KING** cont. on page 3

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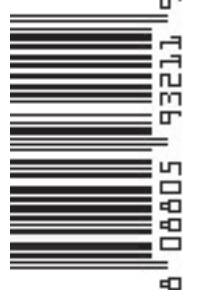
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PAMPA FORECAST

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High 60 Low 30	High 57 Low 24	High 44 Low 30

Saturday: Sunny with a high of 60. No chance of rain. Wind north northwest at 8 mph. Sunrise at 7:51 a.m.

Saturday night: Clear skies with a low of 30. No chance of rain. Wind southeast at 6 mph. Sunset at 5:59 p.m.

Sunday: Sunny with a high of 57. No chance of rain. Wind south southwest at 6 mph. Sunrise at 7:51 a.m.

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Obituaries

Eva Jean Brown

Eva Jean "Jeanne" Brown, 79, died Jan. 18, 2013 in Pampa after she bravely battled with kidney disease. Memorial services will be at 2 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2013 at Briarwood Church, with the Rev. Lynn Hancock, pastor, officiating. Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.



Eva Jean Brown

Mrs. Brown was born Dec. 10, 1933 in Sayre, Okla., graduating from high school in Sayre. She married Gordon Brown in 1961 in Portland, Ore. She moved to California in 1962 and worked for the Contracosta Times Newspaper in Walnut Creek, Calif., retiring in 1996. She had been a resident of Pampa since 2003. She was a loving mother and she will be

dearly missed.

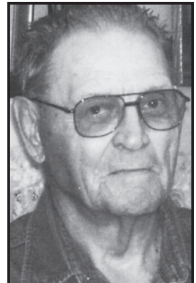
Survivors include her loving former husband: Gordon L. Brown of California; a son: Gordon J. Brown of Concord, Calif.; and a daughter-in-law: Susie Coffey of Durmas. She was preceded in death by a son: Brad Coffey.

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

Sign the online register at Carmichael-whatley.com.

Norris Lee Hoyt

Norris Lee Hoyt, 90, of Groom passed away on Wednesday, Jan. 16, 2013. Services will be held at 2 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 20, 2013 in The United Methodist Church of Groom with Pastor Todd Dyess and Chaplin Ken Haney Interim Hospice officiating. Viewing will be available prior to the service beginning at 1 p.m. Burial will follow at the Groom Cemetery. Arrangements have been entrusted to Robertson Funeral Home of Clarendon.



Norris Lee Hoyt

Norris was born on Nov. 17, 1922 to Carl and Lillian Hoyt at Odell, Texas. They moved to Groom when he was two. Most of his life was spent in and around Groom, a community he loved, with minor absences when his family followed work elsewhere or he stretched his wings as a young adult. He attended Groom School.

Norris served his country with honor during World War II. He was an soldier in the U.S. Army in the 351 Infantry, 88th Division of the "Blue Devils." He served in North Africa and Italy. He was highly decorated earning the Bronze Star, Combat Infantry Badge, European Theater Badge and Good Conduct medal. He was inducted into the Panhandle Veterans Hall of Fame in 2010.

When his time in the service was completed. He returned home, working where ever he could. Having learned to cook in the army and he operated several res-

taurants in the area including Gaithrights of Amarillo and the Western Bowl Restaurant. He married Allie in 1961.

They soon returned to Groom where he went to work for Producers Utilities Co. He retired in 1988 and took on the roll of the local handyman. He spent his days spoiling his grandchildren, and indulging his wife, Allie. Material things were unimportant to him.

Norris was the kind of man who commanded respect, but know how to have a good time. He and his wife Allie, welcomed people into their lives and treated all like family, kin or not. Many children called him, "PaPa" Above all things he loved his family and his friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Allie; his son, Jim Burton; his brother James Hoyt and his parents.

He is survived by his daughter, Donna Burton; two brothers Herbert Hoyt of Sacramento, Calif. and Leonard Hoyt of Amarillo; grandchildren Melody and David Miller of Kuna, Id; and April and Brandon Jones of Amarillo, Texas; his great grandchildren Jerome and Cedar Miller of Kuna, ID and Taylor James Jones of Amarillo.

The family suggest memorials to the United Methodist Church of Groom, P.O. Box 489, Groom, Texas 79039; The City Park Playground Equipment Fund c/o The City of Groom, P.O. Box 217, Groom, Texas 79039.

Sign the online guestbook at Robertsonfuneral.com.

Georgia Chattin

Georgia Modean Long Chattin, 76, died Jan. 17, 2013 in Pampa, Texas.

Services will be at 2 p.m. today at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel, with the Rev. Barry Owens, associate pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating.



Georgia Chattin

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 21, 2013 at Eubanks Memorial Park in Mabank, Texas, under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Chattin was born Nov. 30, 1936 in Sweetwater, Okla. She later moved to Pampa where she graduated from Pampa High School. She married Donald Stephens Chattin on Nov. 3, 1956 in Amarillo. He preceded her in death on Aug. 18, 2001. Georgia enjoyed collecting angels. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and sister.

Survivors include: her daughter, Gereta Kay Lunsford of Big Clifty, Ky.; two granddaughters, Charalisa Elizabeth Tucker Garrity of Greensburg, Ind., and Dena Victoria Marie Lunsford of Mexia, Texas; her brother, CW Long and wife Mary Frances of Pampa; two sisters, Amy Gereta Strickland and husband Johnny Joe of Wichita, Kan., and Alberta Loeva Beesinger and husband Leon of Alpine; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Memorials may be made to the Susan G. Komen for the Cure, Greater Amarillo Affiliate, PO Box 56010, Amarillo, Texas 79159.

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The families of Kristi Dawn Slatten would like to thank the 911 dispatch, the city of Lefors EMTs, volunteer fire department, OnStar and all branches of law enforcement for their rapid response during our recent tragedy.

We also want to thank Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors, and especially Rusty Tapp, for their attention to detail and kindness.

Our thanks to South Cross Energy employers and all of my co-workers, and to all of our friends at Eagle Rock.

Many friends and family members who gave of themselves during this difficult time are very much appreciated. Regina Woods, Sonia Hulsley, Sara Wheeley, Cindy Lang, the girls at Glistening Tans and those at CINZ Chop Shop, we appreciate you.

So many others who showed love and care, Milton and Julie Cooke, the girls at Easy's East Side — Tammy, Bev, Deidra, Amber, Heather and Corey. The family would also like to thank friends at Prestige Auto — Chad, Amy, Larry and all other employees, Nathan Switzer and family.

We thank Kristi's employer for 15 years, Dannie Hoover and family with State Farm Insurance for loving her.

So many people who have touched us in so many ways include Debbie Hoover at Triangle.

One never expects such heartbreak as we have experienced, but it helps so very much having our friends, neighbors, family and people we don't even know praying for us and loving us.

If we have forgotten anyone in this letter, please forgive us and know you have our loving gratitude.

Jarrod Slatten, Ryan Lee and Joseph Slatten
Barbara Roe and family

Plan

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there, the local managers form their response, including holding meetings with their staff members. Notifications are made to the American Red Cross and Salvation Army and transmissions are conducted over the city's Mass Emergency Notification System and Cable One City Access Chanel 11.

Tornadoes

"When a tornado that threatens the city of Pampa is spotted by a person and is confirmed, or when the National Weather Service says a tornado is indicated, in the radar echo, the Outdoor Warning System will be activated," Courtney said.

He added that there are 12 sirens in the area — 10 in Pampa, one at Walnut Creek and one in the Cole Addition.

"In addition, Cable One TV, not satellite like DISH or DirecTV, customers will have their programming interrupted with an announcement of the situation," Courtney said.

Residents may also receive messages on their home and cell phones, or by email, if they have registered with the city's notification system.

When a tornado touches down, fire, police and EMS personnel will respond and begin rescue operations. The Pampa Fire Department will set up an Incident Command post; the Pampa Police Department will establish a perimeter around the affected area. The Public Works Department will provide manpower and equipment. Further, tility companies will eliminate threats caused by their equipment, like downed power lines or busted water manes.

Winter storms

"Winter storms are different," Courtney said.

"There are two areas of concern. First is loss of power. Second is inability to travel.

Winter storms can involve heavy snow or heavy ice or below freezing temperatures and wind."

Courtney said issues with food shortages and water production can also arise but he thinks most people would be concerned about staying warm.

"Sheltering individuals and families that cannot stay warm in their own homes will be a big concern," he said.

Transportation during a winter storm is another key issue that the emergency management department would encounter.

"Transportation is a really important part of a response to any disaster," he said. "Major snowfall and icy conditions will prevent most people from leaving their house. Add a little wind and people may not be able to get their vehicles out of the driveway."

Courtney added that the National Guard will be contacted if conditions are bad enough.

Wildfires

"In this instance, I think we are talking about two types of fires," Courtney said. "The first would be an in-town fire that, because of certain conditions, gets out of control and spreads to several homes or buildings. The second is a wildfire outside of town."

Courtney said Pampa has a capable fire department, but sometimes wind can overwhelm even the most effective firefighters. Similar steps are taken by local EMS as in the case of a tornado strike, including setting up an Incident Command post. Notifications are then sent out via phone and email.

With a wildfire, the city's Water Department is notified to secure sufficient quantities of water to be used by firefighters trying to stop the blaze.

"There are three volunteer fire departments in the county," Courtney said. "The incident commander will request them directly, usually."

Courtney added that when it comes to protecting its citizens, the city will hold nothing back.

"Some, but not all, of the firefighting equipment from Pampa will be assisting the volunteer fire departments, generally speaking, if the fires are close to Pampa," he said. "When the fire gets to the city limits, nothing will be held back."

Be prepared

In the event of a disaster uprooting a large amount of residents from their homes, the city's Office of Emergency Management will coordinate with the Gray County Chapter of the American Red Cross and The Salvation Army to provide housing and basic necessities.

If necessary, the Red Cross and Salvation Army will establish shelters to house displaced citizens, typically at a neighborhood school or church.

"The Red Cross and the city damage assessment team will make a very preliminary estimate of the damage," Courtney said. "The Red Cross will use this estimate plan for sheltering of survivors."

The city's website recommends residents maintain the following supplies: water, nonperishable food items, outdoor grills, cooking pots/pans, sleeping bags, extra clothing, basic hand tools, portable radios, flashlights, and first aid supplies like prescription and non-prescription drugs, bandages and soaps.

The State of Texas does not currently maintain a forced evacuation law so residents will never be forced to evacuate from their properties.

For more info, visit Ready.gov or contact the city's Office of Emergency Management at 806-669-5820.

For the record

Pampa woman arrested for forgery of a financial instrument

26-year-old Brittney Paige Jones, Pampa, was arrested Thursday by the Pampa Police Department for forgery of a financial instrument.

30-year-old Rodney Allen Mendoza, Pampa, was arrested Thursday by the Pampa Police Department for theft of property by check.

21-year-old Gerardo Dominguez, Pampa, was arrested Thursday by the PPD for evading arrest/detention, ca-

pias pro fine — ran stop sign and fail to signal intent to turn.

22-year-old Keonti L. Nickleberry, Pampa, was arrested Thursday by the PPD for failure to appear and no valid drivers license.

Troyce Brewer, age unknown, Pampa, was arrested Wednesday by the PPD for public intoxication.

31-year-old Steven Soto, Pampa, was arrested Wednesday by the PPD,

King

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of oil, natural gas and wind energy.

Texas coal and lignite production is also a key supplier for energy demands.

As technological capability and demand has increased, the growth and expansion of these forms of energy production has

affected all areas of the state.

"There are many complex challenges to engage with during the 83rd Session regarding energy policy", King said. "Being a member of this caucus will give me the opportunity to roll up my sleeves and get to work on meeting these challenges head on and utilizing all of our energy resources to create a better Texas."

Correction

A direct quote in Thursday's article about the football banquet, "I am grateful to every coach in this room.

Without you I wouldn't be the man I

am," should have been attributed to Sheldon Reeve.

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Texas jobless rate declines for 4th month

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AUSTIN — Texas' unemployment rate fell to 6.1 percent in December, down from 6.2 percent in November and from 7.4 percent a year ago. This marked the fourth straight month that the unemployment rate in Texas has declined.

Texas employers added 4,100 total nonfarm jobs in December for a total of 260,800 jobs added over the year.

In December 2012, Texas employers reported 10,904,000 total nonfarm jobs.

"In December, we saw annual growth in 10 major industries, for an overall annual growth of 2.5 percent in Texas," said Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) Chairman Andres Alcantar.

"With those positive strides and 11,800 private sector jobs added in the past month, 2012 was a strong year for Texas and my hope is that the Texas economy will build on that success in 2013."

Six out of 11 major industries in Texas added jobs in December, led by 13,300 jobs added in Professional and Business Services — the largest over-the-month expansion for this industry since January 2012.

"I'm glad to see the unemployment rate has dropped by more than a full point over the course of the year," said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Ronny Congleton.

"Positive economic growth is good news for the workers of Texas, and TWC is committed to

helping those still looking to get back to work."

Manufacturing added 3,000 jobs between November and December, while another goods-producing industry, Mining and Logging, expanded by 1,600 jobs during this time.

Service-providing industries that also showed positive growth over the month included Education and Health Services, Other Services, and Trade, Transportation, and Utilities.

"Private sector employers in Texas added 257,400 jobs since December 2011 for an annual growth rate of 2.9 percent," said TWC Commissioner representing employers Tom Pauken. "Texas is leading

the way in helping to make the United States energy independent. Our robust energy sector not only is creating good paying jobs for many Texans in that industry but also is spurring job growth in many other industries."

The Midland Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) had the lowest December unemployment rate in the state at 3.1 percent.

The Odessa MSA came in second at 3.7 percent, and the Amarillo MSA third at 4.1 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

Audio downloads from TWC Chairman Andres Alcantar on the latest labor market data are available at: Texasworkforce.org/news/press/2012/praudio12.html.

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The promise and the pontificators

My eyes filled with tears as I listened to the parents of the victims of the shooting in Newtown, Conn., speak out, many for the first time. They gathered to announce the founding of a nonprofit group, Sandy Hook Promise.

Their purpose was to engage in the public dialogue about what they called “gun responsibility.” They want something positive to come from their children’s deaths. They did not endorse a specific proposal. They said they needed more time to do that; they lost their children a month ago. They said that before they speak out, they want to educate themselves more. They also said that the discussion must not be limited to gun control, that it must include issues relating to mental health.

On the same day, freshman Rep. Steve Stockman announced in a statement that if President Barack Obama were to use executive orders to control access to guns, he would file articles of impeachment against him because the orders would “infringe on our constitutionally-protected right to keep and bear arms.”

For her part, conservative columnist (and law school graduate) Ann Coulter urged Republicans to shut down abortion clinics if the president or congressional Democrats impose limits on guns. If it weren’t for the fact that they spoke out on the same day as the mourning parents, I’d ignore the noise from Stockman and Coulter altogether. But the dignity of the parents stands in such contrast to the indignity of those who should know better that it deserves to be addressed. What this country needs, as the Sandy Hook parents recognize and the loudmouths don’t, is a dialogue, not a collection of threats that, if carried out, would themselves be unconstitutional. Even high-school students know about

Marbury v. Madison, the famous decision in which Chief Justice John Marshall established the rule that the Supreme Court determines the unconstitutionality of laws, not a congressman or a columnist. If Stockman is of the view that the president’s executive orders or bills that might be passed by Congress are unconstitutional, then he and his friends in the National Rifle Association can (and, no matter how reasonable the actions, most surely will challenge them in the court. If Coulter objects on Second Amendment grounds, she is free as a lawyer to participate in the briefing of the case, to organize an “amicus” brief to make her arguments clear, and of course to write about it. You don’t deprive one group of its constitutional rights because you think a law or executive order on an entirely different subject is unconstitutional.

Reading the pained, determined, sober statements of the grieving families of Newtown against the loudmouthed rantings of attention getters (and yes, I know, there are attention getters on both sides who are equally uninterested in facts) demonstrates with painful clarity exactly what is wrong with public discourse in America. With few exceptions — Sandy Hook Promise being one of the very few — the people who scream the most loudly get all the attention. No wonder we are divided into politicized and partisan corners — or at least no wonder it seems that way. I don’t understand why half the Republicans surveyed would be against a database. Law-abiding gun owners have nothing to fear.

But it’s precisely the sort of conversation we need to have, the kind of public dialogue that needs to take place, the sort of discourse that the Stockmans and Coulters would drown out if they had their way.

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Estate planning: Who makes the best?

Dear Carrie, I'm refining my estate plan and am uncertain about which of my four children to name as executor and trustee. I feel like it should be my oldest son, but my youngest daughter is an accountant and has more financial knowledge. What would you do in my situation? --A Reader

Dear Reader, Choosing the right person or people to handle the management of your assets after you die merits a lot of thought. While it’s pretty common to appoint a family member or friend, that’s not your only choice. A lot depends on your personal situation -- both the complexity of your estate as well as family



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dynamics.

Appointing a family member can be seen as a symbol of love and faith. However, in the case of multiple siblings, it could be interpreted as an expression of trust in one child over another. So I can understand your dilemma. But while there’s an emotional component to this choice, you need to try to keep sentiment in check. To me, it’s really about who will do the best job.

Of course, you want someone you trust implicitly to be fair to all your beneficiaries. However, you also need someone with the expertise and personality to handle a myriad of financial details over time. Being an

executor (of your will) or trustee (of your trust) is a big responsibility that can go on for years. One or another of your children may well be equipped for the job. But before you make a choice, I’d step back and give some thought to the following questions.

What type of management will your estate require?

The bigger your estate, the bigger the job. An executor or trustee’s responsibilities can involve not only the settling of accounts and distribution of assets, but also the ongoing management of those assets for current as well as future beneficiaries. There are tax and legal documents to file, records to keep, and ongoing financial decisions to make. If your assets are extensive and your estate is complicated, this person may need the help of outside advisors to carry out your wishes.

Who is most suited professionally? Emotionally? Practically?

On top of having financial savvy, an executor or trustee must be responsible, practical, organized and able to handle potential pressure from beneficiaries with different needs and requests. Which of your children best combines these traits?

For instance, while your eldest son may have the most authority in the family, would he need more help with financial management? And while your daughter may have the financial knowhow, does she have the temperament to deal impartially with her siblings?

On a purely practical level, which of your children actually has the time to devote to ongoing management of your estate?

What’s the potential for family misunderstanding?

When one person in a family is given authority or power over others, there’s always the potential for problems. Your kids may all get along now, but when money is involved or issues of control arise, will that change?

To help avoid future problems, speak directly with your family about what the job will entail and why you’re considering appointing one or another of them.

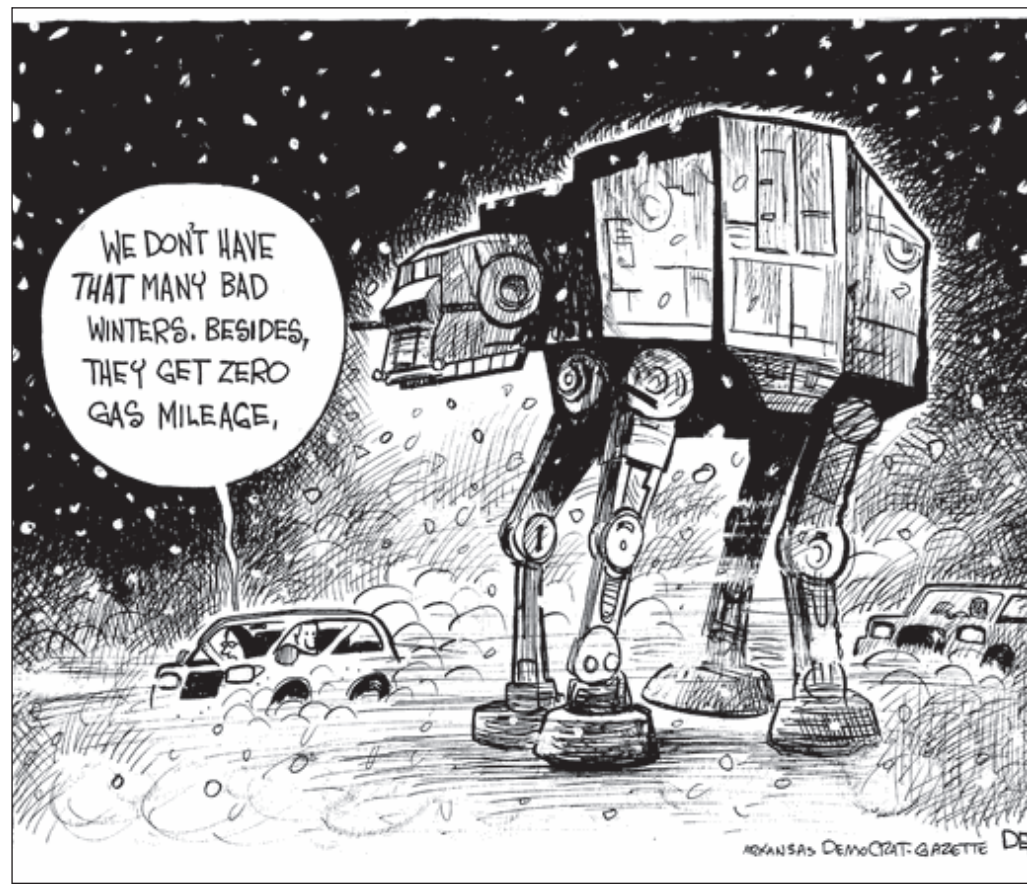
They may have no idea of the responsibilities. In fact, once they do know, you may find that the child you think is most suited may not want the job at all.

Would a corporate trustee be a smart choice?

Another option is to appoint a corporate trustee, such as a bank or trust company, to manage your trust.

On the plus side, a corporate trustee can potentially provide all the investment and legal expertise under one roof. A corporate trustee can also be impartial in assessing requests and distributing assets.

On the negative side, your heirs would be working with an impersonal institution and have to deal with the possibility that the staff or even the ownership of the company could change over time.



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And first place for gall goes to...Barack Obama

Here’s the really nice thing about being president of the United States: You can hold a press conference, make any



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cockeyed statement you like and glare down all critics, inasmuch as you’re King of the Microphone. You can, that is, if you’re a certain kind of president. Let’s say, theoretically, you’re a president like Barack Obama, who, standing before the media on Monday, declared up to be down, red to be green and wolves to resemble sweet little lamb-y pies.

With four more years to run in his engagement with the American people, Obama may yet startle us by representing up to be up, red to be red and wolves to have large teeth. We should not hold our breath. The likelier strategy would be to assume our present president incapable of anything resembling straight talk about his varied strategies, or, where capable of it, unwilling to indulge his hearers.

Where to begin? Raising

the debt ceiling, Obama told the media, would “simply allow the country to pay for spending that Congress has already agreed to. These are bills we’ve already racked up, and we need to pay for them.”

This is rich. Congress “racked up” the debt all by itself? Just wrote a bunch of checks and passed them out? The way orange juice turns magically to scotch whiskey, it did. The last time anyone heard, the procedure for voting money is capped by presidential approval — or veto. Our chief magistrate tried to rein in congressional spending — how many times? Didn’t he indeed demand the money, as in the case of Obamacare? Then there’s the chief’s gracious promise “to have a conversation about how we reduce our deficit in a sensible way.” Once more: Where to begin? With the word “conversation”? We can envision a conversation all right. “Why, sit down, Mr. Boehner. Right over there. Now, let’s talk about the taxes we’re going to raise.” The reason we can envision this pleasant chat is that it’s already taken place — quite recently. In one 50-minute session with Speaker

Boehner, the president talked 45 minutes. Which, of course, is how he got himself elected — by talking incessantly about himself. Anyway, the nature of “conversation” in the Obama White House is, basically, let me tell me why you’re wrong, whereas I myself am so superlatively (as usual) right. Indeed, we’re at the present pass on debt due to the president’s unassailable love of his own ideas, which at the most fundamental level may be described, Robin Hood-fashion, as taking from the “millionaires and billionaires” and giving to friends and retainers of the Democratic Party.

It helps to enjoy absolute control of the microphone when you’re spinning incredible — literally incredible — narratives concerning your profound grasp of a Vast Challenge. Now and then a mean-spirited reporter, such as CBS’s Major Garrett, throws you a curve ball. Garrett, at the Monday press conference, noted Obama’s opposition, during his senatorial days, to going along with a request by President George W. Bush to raise the debt ceiling. How about that, sir? Always a quick mover on the political dance

floor, our chief magistrate ignored Garrett’s attempt to introduce candor into the discussion. Instead he sprayed the Republicans with his special brand of presidential indignation for their willingness to “blow up the economy.”

Four years into the Obama Era — during which federal debt has increased by \$5 trillion — we see presidential innocence as a pose, a pretext, a thespian device. I’m reminded of a wonderful scene in the 1962 movie “Jumbo”: Jimmy Durante, accosted while snealing away with an enormous circus elephant.

The inimitable Jimmy flings his arms in front of the beast, rasping out righteously, “What elephant?!”

For unmitigated gall and chutzpah, our present chief magistrate takes various prizes: so far with minimal murmuring from the electorate and next to none from the media. How much longer before the spotlight starts to pick out the contradictions and evasions he has made his political specialty? One can almost hear him: “What evasions?”

William Murchison, author and commentator, writes from Dallas.

Fuels

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in Texas and across the country.”

The new facility will bring an estimated \$155 million into the local economy, including Pampa and Amarillo, according to a news release.

G2X expects to create more than 200 part-time and full-time jobs.

G2X plans to produce 65,000 tons of methanol each year, which, in

turn, will be marketed by Southern Chemical for sale to Panhandle customers, according to G2X's website.

“What sets G2X Energy apart is our ability to build upon proven conversion technologies and infrastructure that have come before to bring high-value methanol and gasoline to market,” Vail said. “We thank Sen. Seliger for his support in our march toward the economically efficient, domestic production of methanol and gasoline from natural gas.”



Photos by Sasha Heller

Pampa Fuels CEO Timothy Vail speaks before the groundbreaking held Friday in Pampa.

Red River Army Depot announces layoffs

HOOKS, Texas (AP) — A military depot in northeast Texas plans to lay off nearly 370 workers amid the downsizing of U.S. troops in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The Red River Army Depot on Wednesday announced plans for layoffs in February due to completion of work such as military vehicle and rocket system repairs.

The depot said changes in troop strength and budget requirements translate to workload reductions and personnel adjustments.

The layoffs will affect as many as 184 contract workers and up to 183 temporary workers, according to a statement issued by the depot.

They include workers who support administrative, production, inspection and maintenance efforts at the depot.

Another reduction is expected to come in March, according to the statement.

The Army says it expects to begin the reductions next month.

More than 4,000 people work at the Red River Army Depot, making it the largest employer in Bowie County.

The complex is located near Hooks, about 15 miles from the Texas border with Arkansas.

The depot had increased its workforce in 2004 in response to the troop surge in Iraq and Afghanistan.

“As the U.S. continues to reduce its combat military presence abroad, the

workload required to support military contingency operations is reduced as well,” depot spokeswoman Adrienne Brown told the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette.

The depot repairs and rebuilds combat vehicles damaged in the field.

Officials have established a transition support center, with assistance from Texas and Arkansas, to help laid-off employees.

Dallas woman guilty in stepson's death

DALLAS (AP) — A Dallas woman has been convicted in the case of her 10-year-old stepson's dehydration death.

Jurors deliberated more than two hours Friday before finding Tina Marie Alberson guilty of second-degree felony injury to a child in the July 2011 death of Jonathan James.

The lesser charge carries a maximum 20-year prison sentence.

She was charged with first-degree felony injury to a child, in which someone knowingly causes harm.

It carries a maximum penalty of life in prison.

Investigators say the boy collapsed at home after being denied water for days during the hot summer.

Alberson testified in her own defense.

She told jurors that she limited Jonathan's water intake a few times as punishment for misbehaving, but saw no sign that he was in medical distress.



Sen. Kel Seliger addresses the crowd during Friday's opening remarks.

Official: Workforce lacks education for Texas jobs

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The head of the state's largest business lobbying group testified during the school finance trial Thursday that poor schooling in Texas has left many of the state's firms without enough qualified applicants to fill job vacancies.

Bill Hammond is head of the Texas Association of Business, which has joined a group of conservative activists and former state officeholders in arguing that pouring more state funding into public schools won't improve classroom learning because the underlying way Texas funds education has become too inefficient.

Hammond told the court that many Texas businesses can't fill job vacancies because applicants lack basic academic skills — even after graduating from high school.

“This is very widespread,” he said. “Texas businesses are unable to hire enough workers, which hurts their productivity and diminishes their profits.”

Hammond said that only 25 percent of high school graduates are career or college-ready. If you start with ninth graders and follow them over four years, only 16 percent of that cohort make it to graduation and are career or college-ready, he said. Hammond said those statistics came from the Texas Education Agency, and were based on student scores on standardized tests.

More than 600 school districts across Texas have sued the state, claiming that \$5.4 billion in cuts to public education and grant programs imposed by the

Legislature in 2011 have made funding for schools so inadequate and inequitable that it violates the Texas Constitution.

The trial began in October before Austin-based state District Judge John Dietz. But as the case reaches its final stages, the court is hearing testimony from experts called by a group known as Texans for Real Efficiency and Equality in Education.

Rather than argue that schools are underfunded, the group says pouring more money into public education may not improve classroom learning if the overall system is flawed.

Organized by Kent Grusendorf, the former head of the Texas House Public Education Committee, the organization agrees with school districts that the way Texas now funds its schools is unconstitutional. But it argues that's the case because an abundance of state mandates and a lack of competition have made the system inefficient.

Hammond's group has been a vocal supporter of more-difficult standardized tests, which it says are the only way to ensure Texas students are adequately prepared for the jobs of the future.

But he told the court Thursday that unless the quality of learning changes, businesses won't be able to fill orders because they won't have the necessary workers and will be forced to leave Texas.

“This is a looming crisis because of our aging workforce,” Hammond said. “... We will lose our tax base; we will lose our

Man bites girlfriend's thumb off in car fight

PALM BAY, Fla. (AP) — Police in Florida say a man bit off his girlfriend's left thumb during a fight while he was driving her to work.

Florida Today reports that hospital officials called police after the woman arrived for treatment Wednesday.

Palm Bay police spokeswoman Yvonne Martinez says 35-year-old Ricardo Marquis Davis confessed to biting off the thumb and spitting it onto the floorboard.

He told police they had gotten into an argument and she had pushed his head while they were driving.

Martinez says doctors were not able to reattach the woman's thumb. She says police victim advocates are working to help her.

Davis is being held in the Brevard County Jail on aggravated battery

charges.

Houston man gets 45 years for child porn

HOUSTON (AP) — A Houston-area man has been sentenced to 45 years in prison in a child pornography investigation in which he described himself as a “monster.”

A federal judge in Houston on Thursday afternoon sentenced 37-year-old D.J. Christopher Lowe, who in 2011 pleaded guilty to possession, distribution and production of child pornography.

Investigators say Lowe exploited six children, including a toddler.

Prosecutors say Lowe spoke at the court hearing and called himself a “monster” in cases going back to 2009.

Further details on the investigation in Italy weren't immediately available.

future. It would be devastating.”

Under cross-examination, Hammond was asked if Texas can put off dealing with the problem.

“It must be fixed right now,” he replied.

West TX doc pleads guilty in drug case

MIDLAND, Texas (AP) — A West Texas doctor faces at least 10 years in prison for writing fake prescriptions for hydrocodone and sometimes not even seeing those patients.

Investigators in Midland say Dr. Barrett Doyle Whitefield of Odessa pleaded guilty Thursday to conspiring to possess with intent to distribute and distributing

controlled substances.

No sentencing date was immediately set for Whitefield in cases since mid-2011. Investigators say Whitefield wrote prescriptions for hydrocodone to numerous individuals upon request — sometimes without examining them.

Prosecutors say Whitefield knew that several co-defendants were selling the hydrocodone pills in the Midland and Odessa areas. He also delivered methamphetamine to a person in Lamesa on orders from his co-defendants.

Four other people pleaded guilty this week to conspiracy counts and await sentencing. Three other suspects face trial.

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CHAMBER LUNCHEON



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Clay Rice, executive director of the Pampa Economic Development Corp., was the guest speaker at Tuesday's Pampa Chamber of Commerce monthly luncheon. Rice spoke on several of the projects the PEDC is involved with, such as the renovation of Las Pampas Square and future plans for the former Celanese Chemical Plant.

No injuries when two jets collide at Miami airport

MIAMI (AP) — Authorities say no one was injured when two commercial jets collided near the gates at Miami International Airport. Airport spokesman Marc Henderson told The Miami Herald Thursday night that one plane had a damaged wingtip and the other sustained damage on the tail section. Henderson says rescue crews quickly surrounded both planes.

Club fire charity to Great White singer: No thanks

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — A foundation working to build a memo-

rial at the site of a 2003 Rhode Island nightclub fire that killed 100 people has asked the lead singer of the band that played that night to take the foundation's name off a benefit concert he's planning. The fire at The Station nightclub was started by pyrotechnics for the band Great White. The 10th anniversary is Feb. 20. Jack Russell announced Tuesday that he would play a Feb. 7 benefit for the Station Fire Memorial Foundation near Los Angeles. The foundation learned of the show Wednesday.

sunday horoscope

Note: Bigar's Stars is based on the degree of your sun at birth. The sign name is simply a label astrologers put on a set of degrees for convenience. For best results, readers should refer to the dates following each sign.

A baby born today has a Sun in Aquarius and a Moon in Taurus.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, Jan. 20, 2013:

This year you become more stubborn than you have been in the past. Once you become entrenched in a certain way of thinking, you have a difficult time seeing any other path. Work on being nonreactive, and make it a point not to act on your anger. You will be learning to claim your power. If you are single, you could fall into a volatile relationship. Be careful, as it is unlikely to mellow out. If you are attached, work on new ways of expressing your frustration and anger with each other. TAURUS can push you hard. The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

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your expectations, should you decide to take the lead. You will not fly solo -- a partner or friend wants to be with you. Make plans accordingly. You also could choose to step back and allow someone else to lead. Tonight: To the wee hours. This Week: Use Monday and Tuesday for networking. You can get serious on Wednesday. **VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ***** Reach out to someone at a distance. You know what is going on behind the scenes, because you detach. Working through anger or helping someone discuss his or her frustration could be important. Sharing results in greater closeness. Tonight: Relax. This Week: You are slammed with responsibility. You might get some breathing room by Wednesday. **LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ***** Togetherness marks your plans, though you might find that you pull in close to several different people. Have a discussion with a friend, make time for an interaction with a child and fo-

cus on that special person in your life. Tonight: Get into a creative project. This Week: Seek out different ideas through Tuesday. You will come up with a better product. **SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ***** There are times when everyone needs to say "enough." A disgruntled member of your household is determined to let you know about his or her grievance. You could choose to let someone demanding run the show. Go to the movies for some drama. Tonight: Detach. This Week: Others dominate. Do not fight city hall. **SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ***** You'll be easygoing today. You might encounter someone on the warpath. It could be a simple matter like road rage. Stay mellow, and try to be less adventuresome and a little more traditional. Tonight: Dance up a storm or paint the town red. This Week: Do your thing. You can only sway others so much. **CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ***** Your imagina-

tion fills in any loopholes in your plans. You might decide to go off and spend money in a frivolous manner. Some of you might opt for a day at the casino, while others will want to go on a fun shopping spree. Tonight: Treat your sweetie. This Week: Get as much done Monday and Tuesday as you can. Distractions hit Wednesday on. **AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ***** Listen to your inner voice, but do not act immediately. If you are feeling anger, wait until you are a little less upset to initiate a conversation. Do not hide your feelings. Home really is your castle, and you are happiest there. Invite friends over. Tonight: Order a pizza. This Week: You can't seem to settle down. **PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) ***** You might find yourself feeling angry, and you're not sure why. Your feelings don't seem appropriate for the situation that triggered them. Keep communication flowing, and know that

there is more behind your strong emotional reaction. Tonight: Join family for dinner. This Week: Each day becomes more intense. Get lots of sleep. **BORN TODAY** Vocalist Ronald Townson (1933), comedian Bill Maher (1956), actor DeForest Kelley (1920)

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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.

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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.

Desk & Derrick Club to meet Tuesday

The Desk & Derrick Club will meet at 6:30 p.m., Jan. 22, at the Pampa Country Club. The speaker for the dinner meeting is Keith Demetriades, financial advisor with Edward Jones. The cost of the meal is \$15 and guests are welcome. Reservations should be made with Carol Cofer at 669-3108 or bcde2527@sbcglobal.net by noon, Monday. The met recently to elect officers for 2013. They are: President Teresa Snow, Vice-President Linda Slaybaugh, Secretary Carol Cofer, Treasurer Esther McAdoo, Directors Norma Briden and Elaine McDowell and Immediate Past President Rae Bagley.

Clarendon enrollment open 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@clarendon-college.edu.

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 Robison, 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.

Event planned on 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.

Weekly Menus

Pampa Independent School District

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TUESDAY, January 22
Popcorn shrimp or chef salad, spinach, carrot sticks, fresh fruit, juice, cornbread
Breakfast- Donut, sausage patty
WEDNESDAY, January 23
Spaghetti or popcorn chicken, green beans, tossed salad, mixed fruit, fresh fruit, garlic toast
Breakfast- Waffle sticks, syrup
THURSDAY, January 24
Egg rolls or pizza, corn, broccoli florets, juice, rice pilaf
Breakfast- Biscuit, sausage patty
FRIDAY, January 25
Chicken fajitas or hamburger, french fries, burger salad, pinto beans, sliced apples, fresh fruit, rice
Breakfast- Cereal, toast

Pampa Senior Citizens Center

MONDAY, January 21
Chicken fried steak or salmon patties, mashed potatoes, creamed peas, beets, beans, slaw, tossed salad, Jell-O, red velvet cake, lemon pie, fruit cup, hot roll, cornbread
TUESDAY, January 22
Pork roast/dressing or baked turkey/gravy, yams, Italian green beans, fried squash, pintos, slaw, tossed salad, Jell-O, dump cake, pineapple squares, fruit cup, hot roll, cornbread
WEDNESDAY, January 23
Roast beef brisket/brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, fried okra, California blend, beans, slaw, tossed salad, Jell-O, black forest cake, blackberry cobbler, fruit cup, hot roll, cornbread
THURSDAY, January 24
Chicken strips or meatloaf, mashed potatoes, cream corn, spinach, beans, slaw, tossed salad, Jell-O, lemon bundt cake, chocolate sundae cup, fruit cup, hot roll, cornbread
FRIDAY, January 25
Fried cod file/hushpuppies or chili/cheese/onions, potato wedges, broccoli casserole, beans, slaw, tossed salad, Jell-O, brownie, butterscotch pie, frit cup, garlic bread, hot roll, cornbread

Pampa Meals on Wheels

MONDAY, January 21
Hamburgers, tater tots, pears
TUESDAY, January 22
Pot roast, carrots/potatoes, green beans, rolls, mixed fruit
WEDNESDAY, January 23
Hamburger helper, chuck wagon corn, broccoli, Jell-O
THURSDAY, January 24
pizza, pasta salad, green beans, pineapple
FRIDAY, January 25
Chicken/casserole, tomatoes, mixed vegetables, cookies

ENGAGEMENTS

Jamie Pergeson and Jacob Madewell



Jamie Leana Pergeson and Jacob Ryan Madewell are happy to announce their engagement. Jamie graduated from Pampa High School in 2008, from the Clarendon College CNA Program in 2009, and is currently pursuing her Nursing Degree at South Plains College in Levelland, Texas. She is currently employed as the Manager at The Hamburger Construction Company in Levelland, Texas. Jacob graduated from Levelland High School in 2008. He then graduated in 2011 from Wolfforth Fire Academy and from South Plains College Police Academy in 2013. He is currently employed by his family business, CB Madewell & Sons House Moving. They are the proud parents of their 2 year old son, Jayton Ryan Madewell.

Parents of the bride are Diane and Anthony Goodman of Pampa, Texas and the late James Pergeson. Grandparents of the bride are Billy Joe and Roberta McFall of Pampa, Texas and the late JoDean McFall, Melvin and Patsy Pergeson of Lincoln, Arkansas and the late Charlotte Pergeson, Pauline Hines of Prairie Grove, Arkansas, and Bill and Polly Goodman of Hereford, Texas. Great-grandmother of the bride is Marjorie Grant of Prairie Grove, Arkansas.

Parents of the groom are Chrystal Madewell of Levelland, Texas and Joe Madewell of Levelland, Texas. Grandparents of the groom are Charles and Jane Madewell of Levelland, Texas and Steve and Linda Gay of Smyer, Texas. Great-grandmother of the groom is Flo McKinzie of Lubbock, Texas.

Jamie and Jake are to be wed at 7 p.m., April 13, 2013 at Central Baptist Church in Pampa, Texas.

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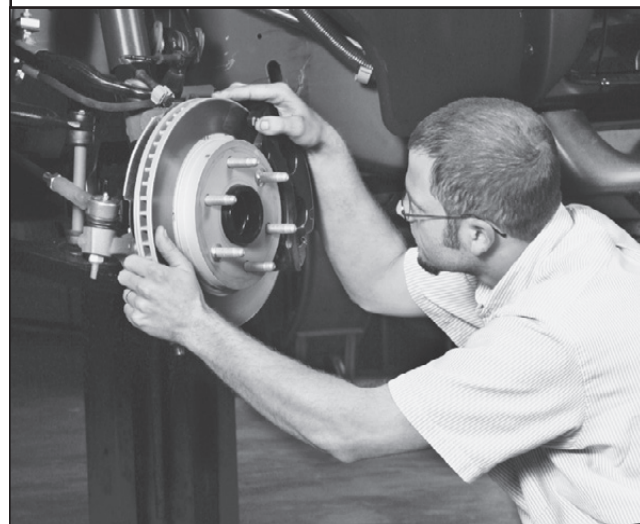
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Area support groups

The following is a list of support groups that meet regularly each week in Pampa. Information for each meeting is submitted to The Pampa News office and may not be completely updated or accurate. Please notify the newsroom if a change is necessary.

The Pampa News welcomes all submitted materials for area support groups. Please include the meeting time, date and location and, if applicable, provide a contact number for each group.

■ **Victims of domestic violence and sexual assault**, meet at 5:30 p.m., Thursdays, and at 2 p.m., Fridays, at the Tralee Crisis Center, 308 S. Cuyler St. For more info, call the Center at 806-669-1131.

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

■ **Diabetics Support** meets at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month in the Pampa Re-

gional Medical Center cafeteria. For more info, contact Cynthia Ackley at 806-663-5504.

■ **Cancer Support** meets at 1 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month in the Pampa Regional Medical Center cafeteria.

For more info, contact Beth Kean at 806-359-4673. Ext. 235.

■ **Alcoholics Anonymous** Open Door Club meets daily at noon and 8 p.m. at 910 W. Kentucky Ave. Al-Anon meets at noon on Mondays.

For more information, call 665-9072.

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

■ **Accolade Home Care** sponsors a **Parkinson's Support Group** the second Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. The group meets at Accolade at 1313 N. Hobart St. For more information, call Lindsey Been at 665-9700 or 324-3230.

GOP eyes new election laws

BOSTON (AP) — After back-to-back presidential losses, Republicans in key states want to change the rules to make it easier for them to win.

From Wisconsin to Pennsylvania, GOP officials who control legislatures in states that supported President Barack Obama are considering changing state laws that give the winner of a state's popular vote all of its Electoral College votes, too. Instead, these officials want Electoral College votes to be divided proportionally, a move that could transform the way the country elects its president.

Republican National Committee Chairman Rep. Mitt Romney endorsed the idea this week, and other Republican leaders support it, too, suggesting that the effort may be gaining momentum. There are other signs that Republican state legislators, governors and veteran political strategists are seriously considering making the shift as the GOP looks to rebound from presidential candidate Mitt Romney's Electoral College shellacking and the demographic changes that threaten the party's long-term political prospects.

"It's something that a lot of states that have been consistently blue that are fully controlled red ought to be looking at," Priebus told the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, emphasizing that each state must decide for itself.

Democrats are outraged at the potential change.

Obama won the popular vote with 65.9 million votes, or 51.1 percent, to Romney's 60.9 million, or 47.2 percent, and won the Electoral College by a wide margin, 332-206 electoral votes. It's unclear whether he would have been re-elected under the new system, depending upon how many states adopted the change.

While some Republican

officials warn of a political backlash, GOP lawmakers in Michigan, Wisconsin and Pennsylvania are already lining up behind proposals that would allocate electoral votes by congressional district or something similar.

Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder told The Associated Press on Tuesday that he "could go either way" on the change and doesn't plan to push it. But he said it's a reasonable issue to debate and that he prefers that leaders discuss it well before the next presidential election.

"It could be done in a thoughtful (way) over the next couple years and people can have a thoughtful discussion," Snyder said.

Republican leaders in the Michigan Statehouse have yet to decide whether to embrace the change there. But state Rep. Peter Lund, a Republican who introduced a bill to change the allocation system two years ago, said some Republicans might be more receptive to his bill this year following the election.

"We never really pushed it before," he said, adding that the bill wasn't designed to help one party more than the other.

Democrats aren't convinced. And they warned of political consequences for Republicans who back the shift — particularly those governors up for re-election in 2014, who include the governors of Michigan, Wisconsin and Pennsylvania, among others.

"This is nothing more than election-rigging," said Michigan Democratic Chairman Mark Brewer.

Each state has the authority to shape its own election law. And in at least seven states — Michigan, Ohio, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Florida and North Carolina — Republicans control both chambers of the state legislature and the governor's office.

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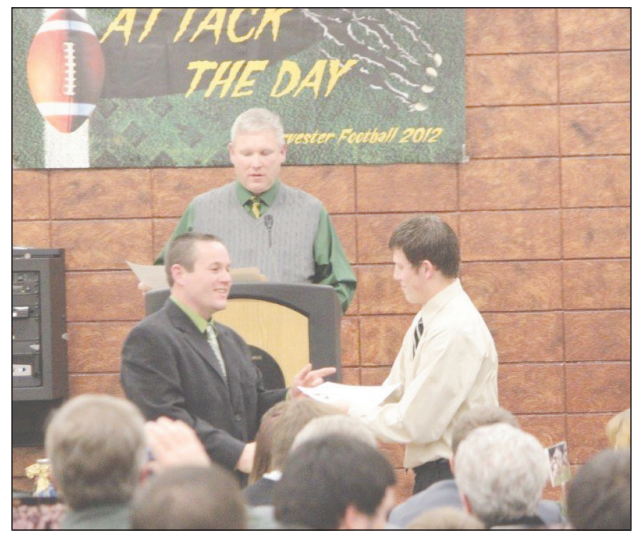
HARVESTER FOOTBALL BANQUET



Photos by Charla Shults
Coach Alexander recognizes team managers Trent Loter and Jacob Crippen.



Senior Ryan Smith receives an Academic All-State award from coach Heath Parker. Coach Tad Smith is announcing the award.



Senior Tyler Powell receives an Academic All-State award from coach Parker. Coach Smith is shown behind the podium.



Senior Nathan Fuentes receives an Academic All-State award from coach Parker.



Senior Sheldon Reeve receives an Academic All-State award from coach Parker.



Senior Johnny Price receives an Academic All-State award from coach Heath Parker.

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END OF SEASON AWARDS BANQUET



Photos by Charla Shults
Senior Dallan Poole receives an Academic All-District award from coach Heath Parker. Coach Tad Smith is announcing the award.

Coach Stuart Smith sings the Fight song along with the varsity football boys.

Kelly Smith recognizes outgoing booster club presidents Ross and Tammie Allen.



Photos by Jeff Andrews, Sasha Heller and Steve Johnson.

HARVESTER BASKETBALL IN ACTION

Left, Taylor Eubank goes up for a layup against Dalhart. Center, JV Player Keshia Daniels tries to muscle up and over a Borger defender. Above, Cade Engle puts up a shot as Gabe Garcia, Derrek Pollard and Cory Ponce prepare to get the rebound on a potential missed shot vs. Dalhart.

SPORTS Briefs

For the full schedule and latest updates visit Pampaid.net, then click on "District" and then click on "Athletics Department."

- TODAY JAN. 19**
- Boys Wrestling @ Vernon Tournament.
 - JH Wrestling @ Altus 9 a.m.
 - Boys Soccer @ Burk Burnett Tournament.
 - Wheel times in Cavalier Activity Center 6 p.m.
- MONDAY JAN. 21**
- JH girls basketball v. River Road 5 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.
 - JH boys basketball @ River Road.
- TUESDAY JAN. 22**
- V Boys Basketball @ Perryton 7:30 p.m.
 - V Girls Basketball @ Perryton 6 p.m.
 - JV Boys Basketball @ Perryton 4:30 p.m.
 - JV Girls Basketball @ Perryton 4:30 p.m.
 - 9th Boys Basketball @ Perryton 6 p.m.
 - 9th Girls Basketball @ Perryton 7:30 p.m.
 - Boys Soccer @ Borger 7 p.m.
 - Girls Soccer @ Borger 5 p.m.
- THURSDAY JAN. 24**
- Wrestling @ Borger.
 - Boys Soccer @ Wichita Falls Tournament.
- FRIDAY JAN. 25**
- V Boys Basketball v. River Road 7:30 p.m.
 - V Girls Basketball v. River Road 6 p.m.
 - JV Boys Basketball v. River Road 4:30 p.m.
 - JV Girls Basketball v. River Road 4:30 p.m.
 - 9th Boys Basketball v. River Road 6 p.m.
 - 9th Girls Basketball v. River Road 7:30 p.m.
 - Wrestling @ Caprock.
 - Swimming @ District in Amarillo.
 - Baseball practice begins.
 - Boys Soccer @ Wichita Falls Tournament.
- SATURDAY JAN. 26**
- JH 7th girls basketball @ Perryton Tournament.
 - JH 7th boys basketball @ Perryton Tournament.
 - JH Wrestling @ Dumas 9 a.m.
 - Swimming @ District in Amarillo.
 - Baseball practice begins.

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DAR CHAPTER DECEMBER MEETING



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Mary Cantrell, regent for Daughters of the American Revolution, stands in front of the Texas and American flags at the recent meeting for DAR.

Las Pampas DAR chapter holds December meeting

SUBMITTED

The December meeting of the Daughters of the American Revolution was held at the Pampa Senior Citizens Center at 500 W. Francis St.

Mary Cantrell, regent, led in the Daughters of the American Revolution ritual.

Nancy Coffee read and reported on the president's letter, and gave the constitutional minutes.

Shirley Williamson gave a report on the restoration of DAR buildings. Reports on women's and Veterans

Administration health care was given by Jennie Fry.

There is a great deal of difference between men's and women's health care in the VA. Cantrell gave the program on National Defense.

Everyone should have at least two weeks of food and water on hand at all times. A backpack was passed around the room by Omajean Lewis to the members.

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Canyon to Lubbock was built for the use as runways for airplanes, if ever needed.

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Minutes for the meeting for Nov. 1 were read and approved. Kay Slate gave the treasurer's report.

Cantrell reported on her sick mother, Louisa Britten. Donna Clyde, one of the chapter members, has died.

Members attending were Donna Burger, Omajean Lewis, Mary Cantrell,

Shirley Williamson, Betty White,

Carol Brown, Effie Everett, Mary Potter, Nancy Coffee and Kay Slate. Visitors were Lynn Lively and Jennie Fry.

Donna Burger moved that the next meeting be held on Jan. 17, instead of Jan. 3.

Williamson seconded the motion and it carried.

Effie Everett and Mary Cantrell served sandwiches, cookies, candy, tea and coffee.

Lubbock Christian University grants degree to Panhandle resident

SUBMITTED

LUBBOCK — Lubbock Christian University held commencement exercises in December and among those graduating was a Panhandle resident.

Dustin Grantham, son of Myron and Shirlyne Grantham, and spouse of Jordynne Grantham, graduated with a Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies- Secondary in Secondary Education.

While at LCU, Dustin was a member of Koinonia for five years, and was a counselor for Camp Champion and Encounter.

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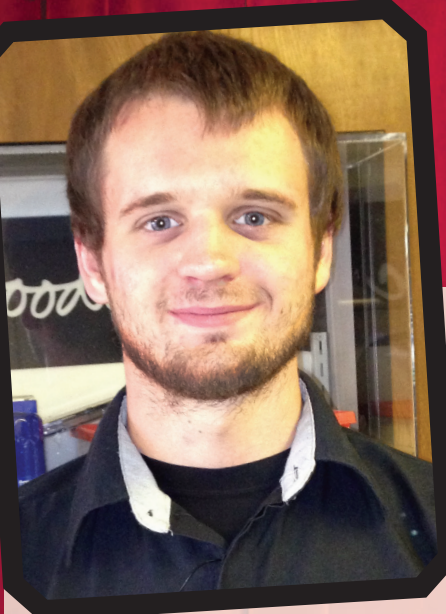
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Jonathon Taylor



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Jonathan has been at Culberson for 4 months. He will begin his ASEP program (automotive service educational program) at New Mexico Jr. College in

Hobbs, NM. After completion of this program, he will have received an Associate Degree in Applied Science and will be GM Certified & ASE Certified. When asked why he chose this career, he said, "I am good at working with my hands. I enjoy taking things apart and putting it back together."

"We are really excited about Jonathon starting here. He is a local young man with a lot of enthusiasm. He seems to be a hard worker and willing to learn. He is a great addition to our technician crew" says Richard Stowers, owner of the Culberson Stowers.

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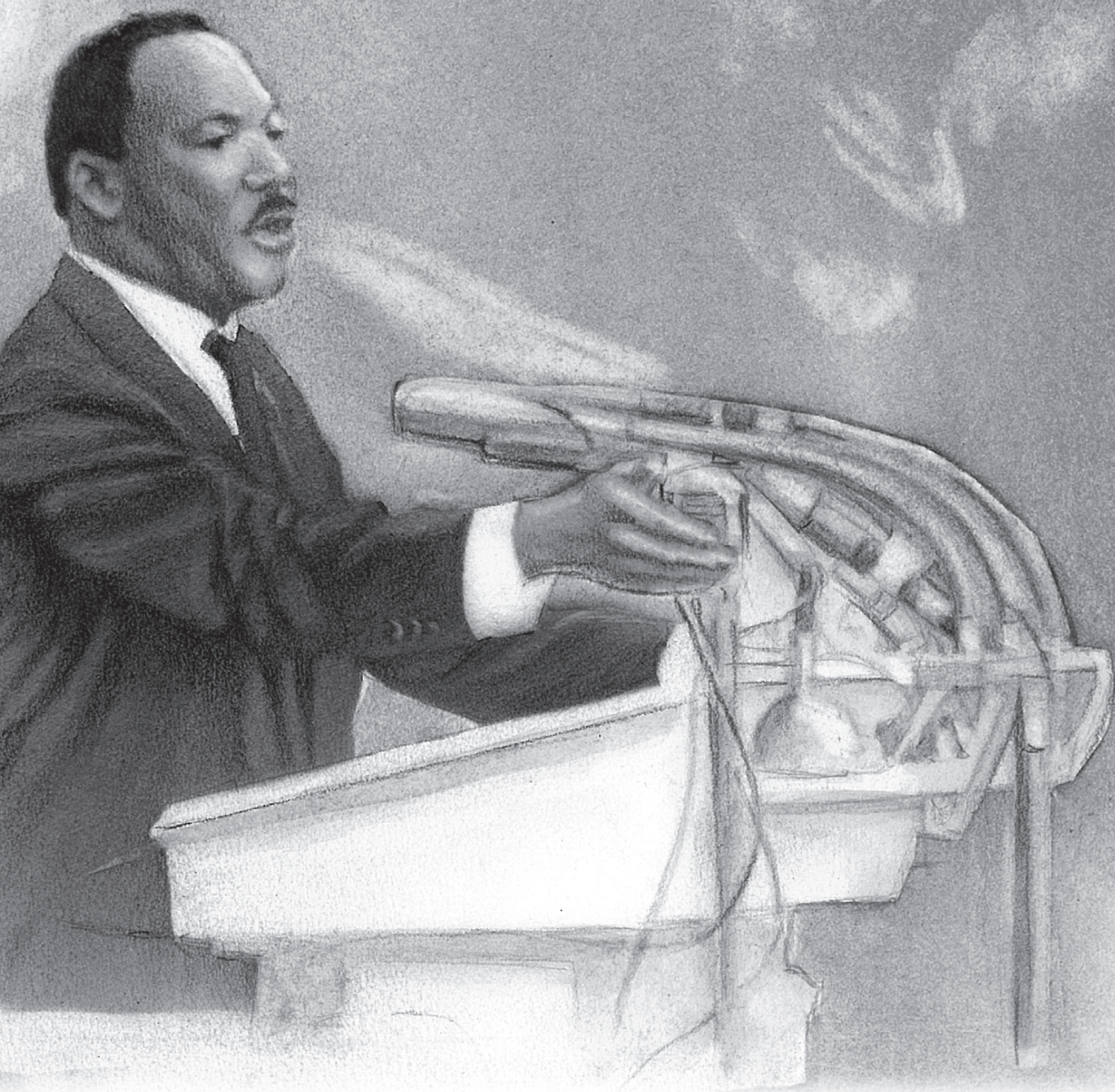
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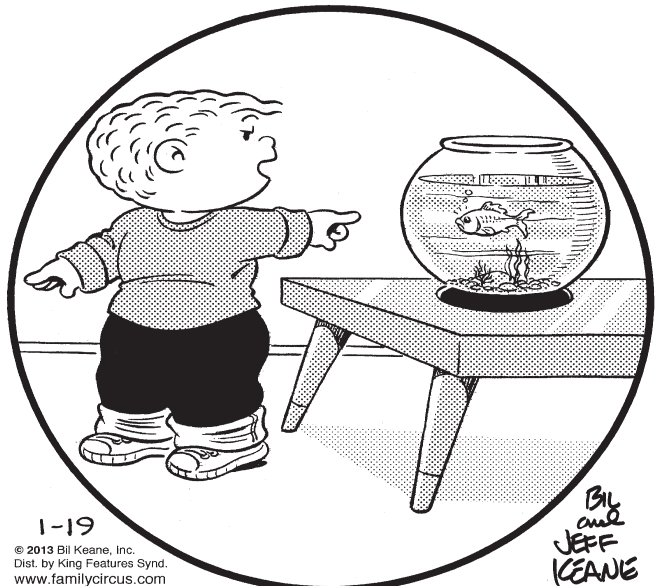
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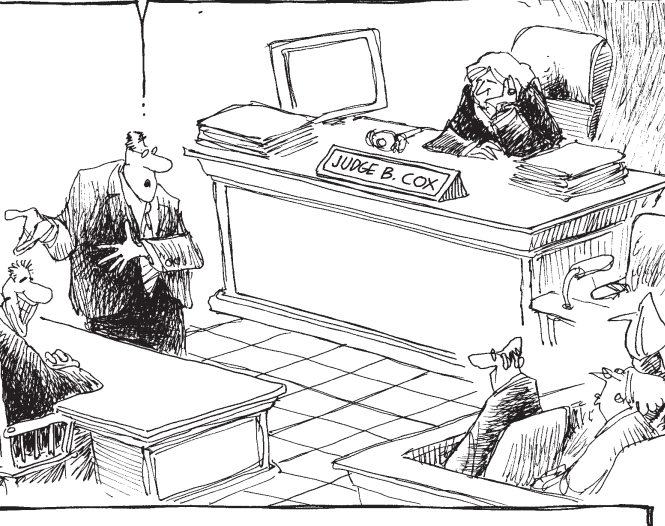


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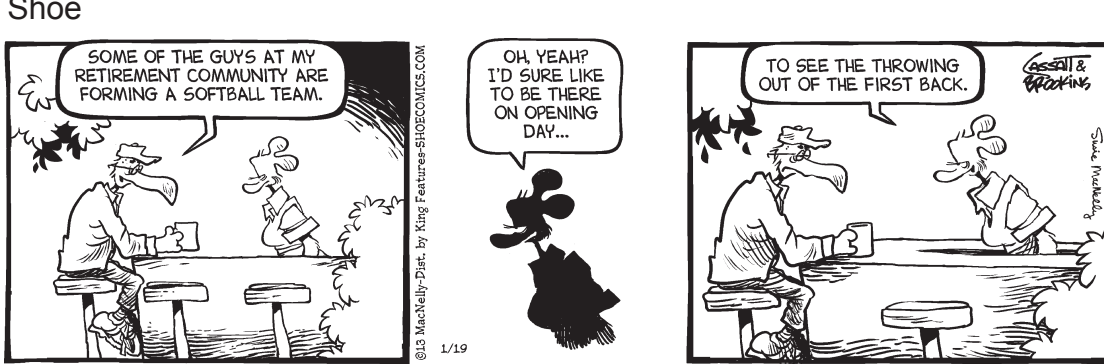
HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, Jan. 21, 2013:
 This year you are more verbal than usual. Others find you and your sudden flights of fancy delightful. Your imagination stars as one of your strongest assets, and loved ones admire your creativity. If you are single, you could meet one of your greatest loves at any moment this year. What will become of this bond is a direct reflection of what you want. If you are attached, you start acting like newfound lovers who are full of romantic expectations. Be careful, as you could gain a new addition when you least expect it. GEMINI enchants you with his or her antics.
 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 might be emotional, but it won't be shocking to those who understand your penchant for passionate displays. You seem to be full of surprises, which often jolts your entourage. In a sense, you are in the middle of a major transformation. Tonight: By all means, be spontaneous.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 ★★★ You sense -- quite accurately -- that certain aspects of life are out of control. The people involved also could be bouncing off the walls. You might question the best way to ground them. You'll need all of your energy in order to anchor in. Tonight: Make it an early night.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 ★★★★★ You nearly leap into your day, ready to get a project launched. Your ideas seem to fly out so naturally and quickly that others might be taken aback. An element of the unexpected punctuates the excitement. Tonight: Catch up on a good friend's news.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 ★★★★★ What would your immediate circle do without you? You are far more instrumental than you realize. People count on you; you know this and respond accordingly. Surprising news heads in your direction and encourages you to rethink a decision. Tonight: Others follow your lead.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
 ★★★★★ You love being on stage, and all the better if it's a new one. You might decide to seek out some variety for excitement. In a meeting among peers, you naturally beam, no matter what scenario

plays out. You can't change your innate personality. Tonight: Where people are.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 ★★★★★ You perceive a situation far differently from an associate. You are sure that you are right, yet this person feels he or she is right. Now what? Remember who is in command, and bow to this authority. Someone needs to take charge, and it isn't you today. Tonight: To the wee hours.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
 ★★★★★ You could be stuck on a merry-go-round of Monday madness. Be smart and detach, if you want to make a successful break for it. You might opt to head in a totally different direction once you recognize the futility of the present path. Tonight: Don't react.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
 ★★★★★ A key associate demands your time and attention. Make it your pleasure, as the alternative would be far from pleasant. Sometimes you have difficulty relating to this person. He or she seems superficial and can't seem to grasp the totality of your thoughts. Tonight: Tame your ego.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
 ★★★★★ You are not a sign that hangs back. Today, you can try that role. Maintain a sense of humor. A family member is willing to go to the emotional cliff and jump off if he or she doesn't get what he or she wants. Strap yourself in. Tonight: Sort through suggestions.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 ★★★ Look at the big picture. Don't panic. Simply prioritize your itinerary and pace yourself. You quickly will find a way out of this dilemma. You suddenly could veer in a new direction, once you have some space to breathe. Tonight: Use your high energy well.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
 ★★★★★ You are brimming with levity and mischievous insights, no matter how serious the moment gets. You can't help yourself. Be careful with whom you share these thoughts, as you could make an enemy without meaning to. Tonight: Kick up your heels.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
 ★★★ Emphasize your personal and domestic life. You know what you want, and you have an idea of what to expect. Perhaps you need to break out of the mold and go for that fantastic dream you have. If it involves your domestic life, it can happen. Tonight: At home, naturally.

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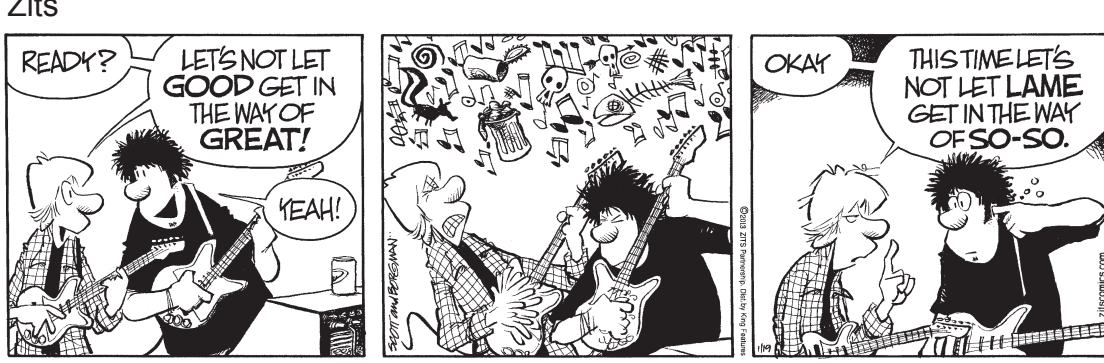
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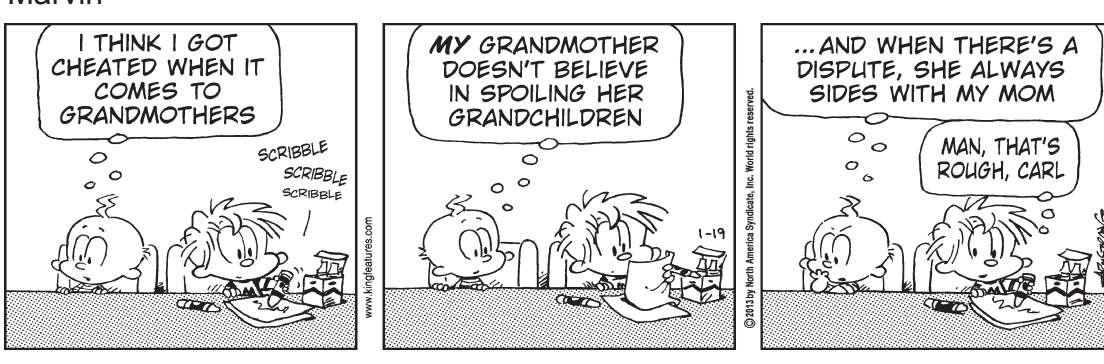
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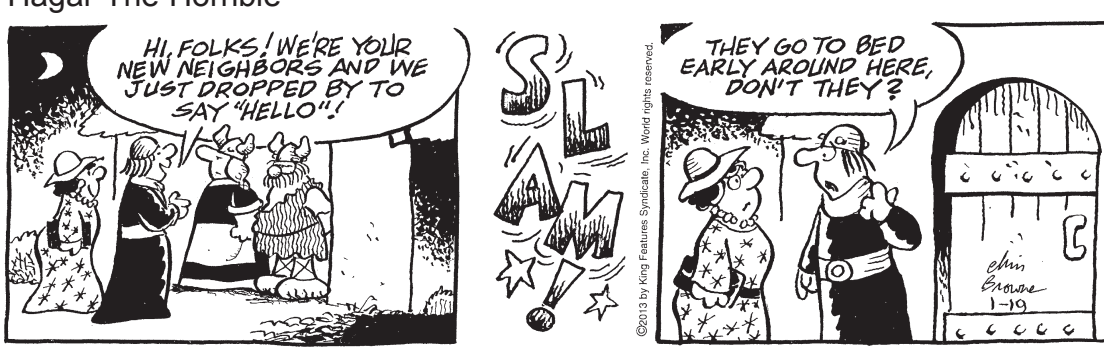
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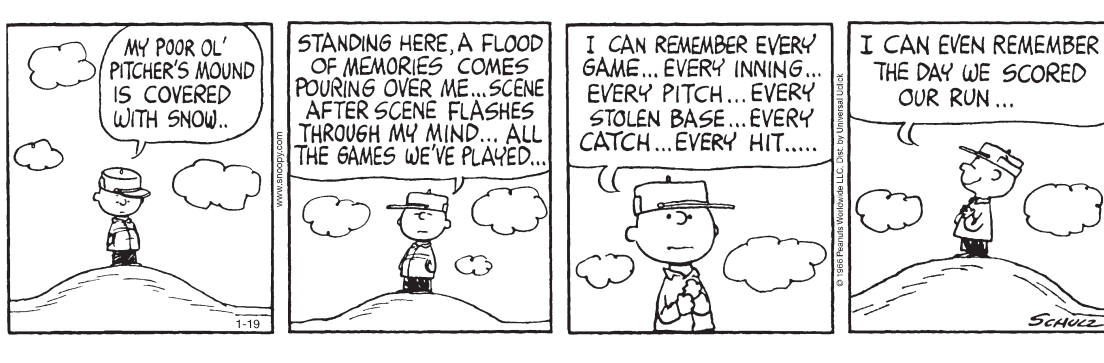
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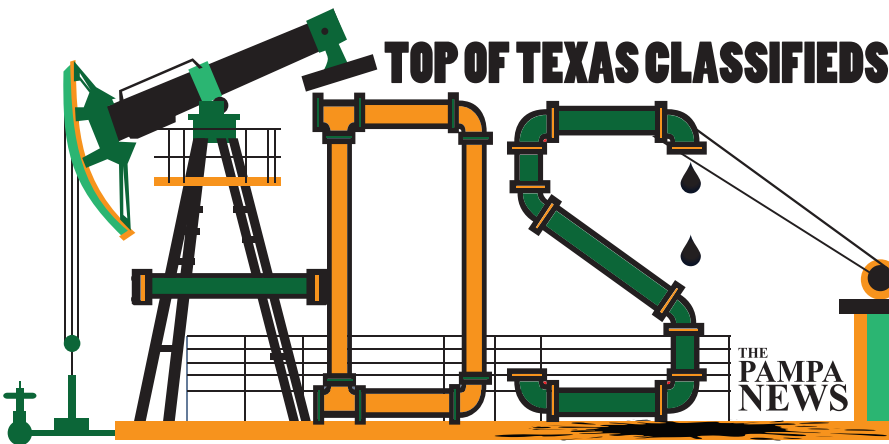


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USED HYDRAULIC EXCAVATOR
Specifications may be obtained from the City Engineering Office (Second Floor, City Hall, Jildardo Arias, 806-669-5750). Tax-Exemption Certificates shall be furnished upon request.
Bids may be delivered to the Office of the City Secretary, Room 205, City Hall, Pampa, Texas or mailed to P.O. Box 2499, Pampa, Texas 79066-2499. Sealed envelope should be plainly marked "USED HYDRAULIC EXCAVATOR BID ENCLOSED, Bid No. 13.01.B" and shall reflect the date and time of bid opening. Any bid received after the specified bid opening time and date shall be returned to the sender, unopened. Facsimile and email bids will not be accepted.
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The City Commission will consider bids for award at the February 12, 2013 City Commission Meeting.
/s/ Karen Price
City Secretary

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Administration for the Estate of LUCILLE MALLARD, Deceased, were issued on January 15, 2013, in Docket No. 9970 pending in the County Court of Gray County, Texas, to: STEPHANIE MALLARD. Claims are required to be presented within the time and manner prescribed by law in care of Don R. Lane, Attorney for the Estate's Representative, P.O. Box 1781, Pampa, TX 79066-1781.
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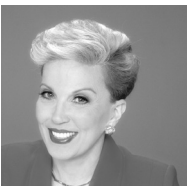
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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My daughter was recently married. My niece — a talented artist — hand-painted flowers on wine glasses for the dinner reception following the ceremony. They were intended to be keepsakes for each of the adult guests.

The glasses turned out beautifully, and made each place setting extra special. I knew they'd be treasured by our family for years to come.

At the end of the evening, I gathered four glasses from our family's table, then glanced at the bridal table of eight — as some guests approached to offer thanks for a fabulous evening. When I turned around, the four glasses were gone. Not only had glasses disappeared from our table, but also from the head table and from my niece's (the artist). Those of

us who had worked hardest on the wedding were left with nothing — and that includes the bride and groom.

The following day, someone mentioned to me that they had seen certain guests leave with four to six glasses each. One woman even had her child, who was loaded down with glasses, make several trips to her car.

We've figured out who the culprits were: some out-of-towners who stayed at the home of one of the groom's relatives. I heard that the glassware covered the entire top of their dining room table. My question: Should we ask these people to return the glasses? Thanks for your input, Abby. — MOTHER OF THE BRIDE IN MESA, ARIZ.

DEAR MOTHER: By all means ask — but there is no guarantee they'll be

returned. People who take more than their share usually feel an inflated sense of entitlement. Although their manners were atrocious, please don't let this cause in-law problems before the marriage has even begun. Perhaps out of sympathy, the artist will be generous enough to craft another pair of goblets for the bride and groom.

DEAR ABBY: I am in a one-year relationship with a wonderful man who is divorced with two children. The kids and I get along great — or at least I thought we did. It turns out they are making up lies about me and telling their mother. My boyfriend and his ex have a strained relationship and fight about everything. I love his children, but I don't know how to handle this. What do you think I am doing wrong? — TELLING THE TRUTH IN DULUTH

DEAR TELLING THE TRUTH: You're not doing anything wrong. Either the kids are trying to cause a breakup with the idea their parents will reunite, or they are telling their

mother things they think she wants to hear. There's nothing you can do about it. Your boyfriend will have to clear the air with his former spouse.

DEAR ABBY: I am a woman who was raised in the South by a very proper mother. She told me that a man should never give a woman "intimate" gifts like lingerie.

A friend and I have argued about whether this "rule" applies today. I still believe the practice is unacceptable, even if you are engaged. She thinks it is OK. Please settle this so we can get on with our lives. — CONFUSED IN OREGON

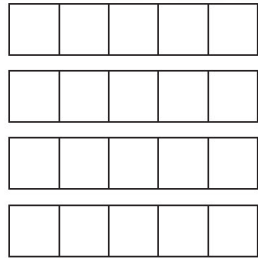
DEAR CONFUSED: Perhaps the two of you should agree to disagree on this one. Your mother is part of the "hands off" generation, and the logic was that knowing lingerie sizes was "too intimate" for couples who weren't married. In today's world, however, such logic would put companies like La Perla and Victoria's Secret out of business.

BANANAGRAMS!



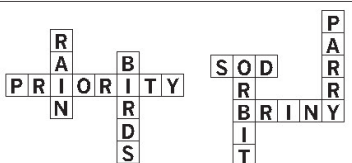
Change one letter in the top word to one of the letters that appears in the bottom word, then rearrange the tiles to form a new common word. Do the same with each new word until you arrive at the bottom word. For example, one path from BARK to PLUM is BARK, MARK, RAMP, RUMP, PLUM.

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The Pampa High School Class of 2011 donated two benches to their alma mater that are located near the flagpole. Pictured is Principal Tanya Larkin, left, and PHS Class of 2011 Senior Class President Danielle Zuniga.

Bucket plunges from copter into San Diego business

SAN DIEGO (AP) — A Marine Corps spokesman says a bucket of cleaning solution fell from a military helicopter and smashed through the roof of a San Diego business, but nobody was hurt.

Lt. Tyler Balzer says the 5-gallon bucket of cleaning solution was strapped down inside an Osprey but it somehow came loose and slid out shortly after the chopper took off from Miramar.

The bucket plunged through the roof of a closed auto shop and clipped a motorhome.

A half-dozen vehicles were splashed with the watery solution.

Balzer says the shop owners can file a claim with the Marine Corps for restitution.

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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Level: Advanced

Two arrested in South Texas ATMs theft scheme

MCALLEN, Texas (AP) — Two men from Mexico have been arrested and about \$211,000 seized after some ATMs in South Texas were drained of cash.

Investigators believe Mexican banks were targeted with stolen data from hundreds of accounts loaded on to credit cards, which can be used for cash advances.

McAllen police Chief Victor Rodriguez said Thursday that the investigation began Monday after bank officials confirmed some ATMs were empty.

Bank surveillance video was used to help locate a vehicle Wednesday and one suspect, who led to another man.

Officers recovered about \$211,000 in suitcases and hundreds of bogus credit cards.

Texas driver slightly hurt, school bus in pool

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A South Texas school bus driver has been slightly hurt after the vehicle went out of control and crashed into a motel swimming pool.

Officials with the North East Independent School District in San Antonio says the driver was alone on board Thursday afternoon. He was about to start his route picking up students after classes ended for the day.

Authorities are trying to determine what caused the driver to lose control of the bus, which hit a utility pole before ending up in the pool. The driver was treated at the scene for cuts and bruises.

A crane was used to lift the heavily damaged bus from the pool.

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