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# Former credit union employee indicted for fraud

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A former employee at Pampa Teachers Federal Credit Union was indicted Wednesday by a federal grand jury in Lubbock for making falsified credit union entries.

Erin Dawn Trevathan is charged

with one count of fraud in connection with federal institution entries, the indictment states.

Beginning on or about 2008 and continuing until Dec. 8, 2011, Trevathan is accused of knowingly making false entries in the books, reports and statements of the credit union as she funded loans to credit union members by taking funds from other members' share accounts.

The indictment further states that Trevathan altered the books and records of the credit union to conceal the manipulation and reconciliation of accounts.

Trevathan worked as a loan officer at the institution but was let go in December 2010, said bank manager Betsy Lewis. Lewis would not comment on

the allegations. The credit union is located at 808 W. Francis Ave.

An initial hearing is scheduled for Trevathan in federal court in Amarillo on Feb. 21, said Christy L. Drake, the assistant U.S. Attorney prosecuting Trevethan's case.

Asked how many credit union customers Trevathan may have defrauded or the amount of funds she may have falsified, Drake said she could not comment on the case beyond what's in the indictment.

"That information is not public record," she said.

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# City finances currently in the black

Finance director says city's sale tax collections are peaking.

By Sasha Heller sheller@thepampanews.com

The City of Pampa's sales tax collections are currently running at a 15 percent surplus over the estimated budget, a sign that the local economy is healthy and flourishing.

The sales tax collection figures for November and December 2012 are remitted to the city two months later, so in December, the city posted October's totals; in January, the November totals were released; and December's totals were remitted in February. The sales tax collection figures are as follows: October 2012 — \$307,235 (12.7 percent over budgeted amount); November 2012 — \$326,937 (23.3 percent over); December 2012 — \$464,748 (12 percent over).

## **KEEPING THINGS CIVIL**



Photos by Sasha Heller

Above, Constable Joe Montgomery was elected in November and began at his position on Jan. 1. Montgomery says there is a critical need for more constables and deputies in Gray County. Below, Constable Gary McFall agrees that Gray County would benefit from more certified peace officers who could assist in carrying out civil process.

# Many turning to positions as constables for work

By Sasha Heller sheller@thepampanews.com

Constable Joe Montgomery, who serves Precinct 2, covering the northwest portion of Gray County, said there is a critical demand for more individuals to step up and become certified constables and deputies.

"To me, there's a need for more deputies. We've got one precinct without a constable, he said, referring to Precinct 4, which covers McLean.

Constable Gary McFall, who serves Precincts 1 and



3, agreed with Montgomery and said the county would benefit from having more constables and deputies to assist local law enforcement personnel.

"There's a definite need for constables in every county to assist with civil process for Justice of the Peace courts," he said.

Precinct 1 includes the City of Lefors and eastern portion of Gray County; Precinct 3 covers the western section of Pampa and runs south toward Grandview-Hopkins and the Lake McClellan area.

The precincts are divided up by population, similar to how election districts are drawn.

"The constable's main purpose is to serve civil process and bailiff for Justice of the Peace courts," McFall said. "They are mandated by law to do so."

Montgomery also described some of the constables' duties.

"We serve civil papers of all kind," he said, adding that constables can enforce any law and arrest offenders.

While constables are assigned to cover a specific precinct, their jurisdiction runs throughout Gray County.

Those who are interested in becoming a constable or deputy must meet certain qualifications. For starters, individuals cannot have a criminal record, excluding simple traffic offenses like being cited for not wearing a seatbelt or possibly running a stop sign — but no DUI's

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"The vendors that collect sales taxes pay in on a monthly or quarterly basis," said Finance Director Robyn Bailey. "It's then remitted to the state."

The sales tax in Pampa is 8.25 percent. Of that, 6.25 percent goes to the state of Texas. Two percent stays with the City of Pampa and 0.5 per-*FINANCES* cont. on page 3

### Plan emerging for Legislature to pay IOU's

### BY AMAN BATHEJA TEXAS TRIBUNE

Like a family with past due notices piling up at the door, the Texas Legislature has some current bills it needs to pay before it can plan the state's next two-year budget.

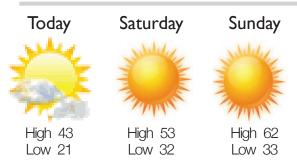
That's where a supplemental budget comes in. It is literally a second budget added to the original one lawmakers approved in 2011. It's not an unusual course for lawmakers to take to address lingering IOUs, but this year's efforts are becoming more complicated and politically fraught than in the past.

For starters, lawmakers are planning at least three bills to address the state's supplemental needs instead of the usual one. The first measure needs to be signed by Gov. Rick Perry in March so

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### PAMPA FORECAST



Today: Partly cloudy with a high of 43. Chance of rain 10 percent. Winds northwest at 11 mph. Sunrise at 7:30 a.m.

Friday night: Partly cloudy with a low of 21. Chance of rain 10 percent. Winds northwest at 13 mph. Sunset at 6:26 p.m.

Saturday: Sunny with a high of 53. No chance of rain. Winds west southwest at 15 mph. Sunrise at 7:29 a.m.

Saturday night: Clear with a low of 32. No chance of rain. Winds southwest at 12 mph. Sunset at 6:27 p.m.

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Sunday night: Clear with a low of 33. No chance of rain. Winds west southwest at 16 mph. Sunset at 6:28 p.m.

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# Obituaries

### Francis R. "Red" Fulton Sr.

Francis R. "Red" Fulton, Sr., 75, died Feb. 14, 2013 in Roswell, N.M.. Services will be at 10 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 16, 2013, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel, with Pastor Kyle Ohsfeldt of Grace Baptist Church, officiating.

Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Fulton was born Oct. 5, 1937 in Las Animas, Colo. He married Mildred Norris on Jan. 16, 1981 in Pampa. She preceded him in death on May 24, 2001. Red had been a resident of Pampa since 1975. He was employed by Pepsi Cola Company for 32 years, retiring as branch manager. He was a Baptist. His life was family, Pepsi and fishing. Red was a loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and great-great-grandfather.

Survivors include his daughter, Elnora Lucille Russ and husband Gary of Pueblo, Colo.; two sons, Francis Ruben Fulton Jr. and wife Sharon of Roswell, and Frederick Marshall Fulton and wife Olivia of Lufkin; two brothers, Roy Fulton of Kendall, Kan., and Marshall Fulton of South Charleston, W.V.; 12 grandchildren, one great-grandchild and one great-great-grandchild. Red was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, James Fulton; and a grandson, Leslie Wayne Fulton.

Memorials may be made to a favorite charity.

### Sign the on-line register at Carmichael-whatley.com.

### Bill Jewel Williamson

Bill Jewel Williamson, 86, died Feb. 14, 2013 in Pampa. Services will be at 4 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 16, 2013, at First Assembly of God, with the Rev. Lonny Robbins, pastor of Trinity Fellowship, officiating.

honors courtesy of the U.S. Army, Ft. Hood, Texas. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Williamson was born April 13, 1926 in Pauls Valley, Okla. to John D. and Clara Williamson. He married Naomi Graham on Oct. 23, 1943. On June 2, 1944, he was inducted into the U.S. Army. His unit, the 77th Infantry Division was sent to the Philippine Islands where

he took part in the battle of Leyte. He was wounded and spent two months in treatment and recuperation. He rejoined his unit just in time for the invasion and landing in



Bill Williamson



Okinawa on Easter Sunday in 1945. After several days of fierce fighting, he received his second wound at the battle known as Bloody Ridge. Bill was sent to the 145th field hospital on Saipan to spend the next two months recovering.

The war in the Pacific had ended by the time he rejoined the 77th. He spent the remainder of his tour in Japan where his unit liberated a POW camp on Hokkaido Island. Bill was discharged from the Army on Feb. 9, 1946 at Ft. Bliss, Texas.

He was awarded two Purple Hearts, the Asiatic Pacific Theatre medal, the Good Conduct medal, the Philippine Liberation medal and the Combat Infantryman badge.

After his discharge, he returned to Plainview and went into business. Bill and Naomi moved to Pampa in 1954 where he started his own concrete business.

After his retirement in 2007, he continued going to the office daily and continued his routine. Bill and Naomi were active members of the First Assembly of God Church until their health declined. They continued their regular worship habits and their love for God.

Bill is survived by the love of his life, Naomi of the home. He is also survived by three sons, Brent Williamson and wife Nita and Dustin Williamson and wife Crystal, all of Pampa; two daughters, Sharon Park of Aliso Viejo, Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery, with military Calif., and Linda Harkey and husband Gene of Austin; sister, Shirley Davignon of Granbury; eight grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren. Bill was preceded in death by a daughter and son-in-law, La Gayla and Joe Park; two brothers, Doyle Williamson and Joe Williamson; and his 7-month-old grandson, Eugene Harkey.

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# Worthy person to receive free dental treatment

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A new program offered by a Pampa dentist is like "Extreme Home Makeover," but for smiles.

Dr. Jay Johnson's office will soon be accepting applications for area residents who might benefit from an improved smile or better chewing function - for free.

We want to give back to a deserving person in our area — someone who maybe has spent so much time caring for others or dealing with personal struggles that they have not had time or means to take care of their own needs," Johnson said.

Johnson's office is encouraging people in the community to nominate someone who really needs treatment and who they believe is more deserving than anyone else.

"We are looking for someone who would have a better opportunity for career advancement if they had the confidence to smile, a parent or grandparent who has unselfishly sacrificed for their family, or someone who might enhance their self-esteem, giving them more confidence to pursue their own personal



Submitted photo

Dr. Jay Johnson, DDS, with a few of his favorite super smilers.

goals," Johnson said.

The staff at Johnson's office will review the applications and select finalists for examination and consideration depending on their health, situation and treatment needs. Nomination packets will be available at Johnson's office, 2427 N. Hobart St., from Monday, Feb. 18, to Wednesday, March 13. A selection will be announced March 31.

"The first selection might be someone who has discolored teeth, a missing front tooth or no teeth and is reluctant to smile," Johnson said. "We are not sure what to expect, but our staff is excited about the opportunity to help a deserving friend. We hope this will be the first of many people in our area we can help.<sup>3</sup>

To pick up a nomination packet, stop by Jay A. Johnson, DDS, Inc. at 2427 N. Hobart St., or call 806-665-0921 for more information.

# Appeal denied for Texas polygamous group member

SAN ANGELO, Texas (AP) — A West Texas polygamous group member serving six years in prison for marrying an underage girl has lost his appeal because he never paid for the legal filings.

The San Angelo Standard-Times reports the Third Court of Appeals on Tuesday rejected the appeal of 28-year-old Keith William Dutson Jr.

A jury in 2010 convicted Dutson of sexual abuse of a child. Prosecutors say the member of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in 2005 married a girl younger than age 16 in a churchsanctioned union, which is not an official civil marriage.

Dutson, who was being held Thursday in the Wallace Unit, was notified his appeal would be dismissed unless he paid for preparation of court records. The court declined to declare him indigent.

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### **Ex-teacher in Texas** sentenced for improper relationship

MESQUITE, Texas (AP) — A North Texas jury has sentenced a 34-year-old former teacher to 15 years in prison for predatory sexual behavior.

The Dallas Morning News reports the Dallas County jury determined Andrew Scott Lott had repeatedly targeted female students. He was convicted of a felony count of improper relationship between educator and student. He was sentenced Wednesday and is eligible for parole in less than four years.

Lott had a sexual relationship with a high school student in Mesquite, just east of Dallas, in 2011. He earlier had made sexual overtures to other students while an educator at Dallas Academv.

He received national at-

tention in 2009 as girls basketball coach at the academy. His team lost a game 100-0 but was praised for continuing to play in light of the odds.





# Your favorite snapshot could be worth \$100!

This year the theme of The Pampa News' annual photo contest is "Picture Perfect Pampa." Submitted photos will be judged by our staff based on creativity and general appeal.



• 22-year-old Cody An-Gray County Sheriff's Of- the Pampa Police Departfice for theft of property over \$500 and under \$1,500.

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cent of Pampa's share goes toward the Pampa Economic Development Corporation. Bailey said all of the city's sales tax revenues feed into the city's general fund. Come budget time,

• 29-year-old Stephanie chael Mack, Perryton, was drew Frew, Amarillo, was Marie Gilreath, Pampa, arrested Wednesday by the arrested Wednesday by the was arrested Wednesday by GCSO for terroristic threat. ment for theft by check — Jay Kane, Pampa, was arrested Wednesday by the Hutchinson County.

• 30-year-old Dustin Mi- GCSO on a bench warrant.

those funds are distributed to each department and are allocated for city services. Bailey said the 15 percent surplus is a sign of a

healthy local economy. "This is the second highest amount the city has collected in our history,'

est total was in 2009 when the city was experiencing an economic boom.

The city had budgeted \$952,426 in sales tax collections for the first three months of FY2013, which ends in September. However, the city has collected \$1.098 million in that time period and is 15.4 percent ahead.

### Bailey said. "I just think it's an increase in the oil industry for one thing."

She added that the high-

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There is no limit on the number of entries. All contest entries must be received in our office or be postmarked by 3 p.m. Friday, March 1, 2012.

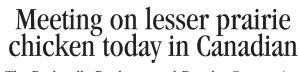
### 'Houdini Horse' gets attention for escape antics

MIDLAND, Mich. (AP) - A horse with a knack for opening stall doors at a Michigan farm is getting attention after a video of her escape-artist antics was posted online.

The Saginaw News reports Mariska, a 9-yearold Friesian, learned to open latches at Misty Meadow Farms and she's been nicknamed "Houdini Horse" by the Midland-area's farm owners Sandy and Don Bonem. A YouTube video Sandy Bonem posted has more than 700,000 views.

The horse, Sandy Bonem says, "doesn't like to be locked in.'

The video shot about a year ago shows Mariska opening numerous locks on the farm, as well as unlocking stalls for other horses.



The Panhandle Producers and Royalty Owners Association (PPROA) will brief its members on the potential listing of the lesser prairie chicken as an endangered species from 3-5 p.m., Friday, Feb. 15, at the Palace Theater, 210 Main St., in Canadian. The meeting is open to the public. For more information, contact Wayne Hughes at 806-352-5637 or pproa@pproa.org.





Please attach the following form to your photos. Photos submitted without this information will not be considered. Include a self-addressed stamped envelope if you wish you photos returned. Mail completed form and photos to Photography Contest, The Pampa News, 403 W. Atchison, Pampa, TX 79065.

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# A godly man in an ungodly age

"To govern the bark of Saint Peter and proclaim the Gospel, both strength of mind and body are necessary, strength which in the last few

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to me."

With those brave, wise, simple words, Benedict XVI announced an end of his papacy.

How stands the Church he has led for eight years? While he could not match the charisma of his predecessor, John Paul II, his has been a successful papacy.

He restored some of the ancient beauty and majesty to the liturgy. He brought back to the fold separated Anglican brethren.

The Church is making converts in sub-Saharan Africa. And in America, new traditionalist colleges and seminaries have begun to flourish. That is looking back eight years. Looking back half a century, to that October day in 1962 when Pope John XXIII declared the opening of Vatican II, the Church appears to have been in a decline that, in parts of the world, seems to be leading to near extinction At Vatican II, the Rev. Joseph Ratzinger, the future Benedict XVI, was among the reformers who were going to bring the church into the modern world. The encounter did not turn out well.

of the century. Catholic high schools lost half their enrollment. Churches have been

put up for sale to pay diocesan debts. And the predator-priest sex-abuse scandal, with the offenses dating back decades, continues to suppurate and stain her reputation and extract billions from the Sunday collections of the abiding

faithful. The highest-ranking Catholic politicians, Vice President Joe Biden and House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, support same-sex marriage and belong to a party whose platform calls for funding abortions to the day of birth.

Catholic teaching on contraception, divorce and sexual morality is openly mocked.

Yet, while colleges like Georgetown appear Catholic in name only, others - like Christendom in Front Royal, Va., St. Thomas More in Merrimack, N.H, and St. Thomas Aquinas near Los Angeles — have picked up the torch. Among Catholics, there has long been a dispute over the issue: Did Vatican II cause the crisis in the Church, or did the council merely fail to arrest what was an inevitable decline with the triumph of the counterculture of the 1960s? In Christianity's cradle, the Holy Land and the Near East, from Egypt to Afghanistan, Christians are subjected to persecution and pogroms, as their numbers dwindle. In Latin America, the Church has been losing congregants for decades. In Europe, Christianity is regarded less as the founding faith of the West and the wellspring of Western culture and civilization, than as an antique; a religion that European Man once embraced before the coming of the Enlightenment. And when faith dies, the culture dies, the civilization dies, and the people die. So historians and poets alike have written.

# Letter to the Editor Common sense about the prairie chicken problem

I was born in 1929 and raised north of Glazier on what is now the Steve Rader residence on Highway 305. Grain was raised on this place and all other places during that time. Shocks of feed were on all farms and it the 1930s, '40s and '50s, about 100 to 200 chickens came to feed every evening.

The Walker Ranch under Dave Wright had an estimated 800 to 1,200 chickens and all adjoining places had similar counts.

The top of the shock grain was available in snow storms, but as everyone quit the feed, chickens moved to the next farm. George Tubb had the last feed in this area and Sam Detrixhe had feed south of Higgins, where they moved to last.

In the fall of the year, we moved the thresh machine with a high stacking spout on it

into the field and the chickens would fly in and around it to feed off it. In 20 years on this place, we never saw a dead one from hitting the fence. The snow and ice storms in the early 1990s that stayed on for several days caused the chickens to weaken and freeze to death because they could not feed. The population has never recovered.

The drought and hot seasons for the past two seasons have ruined nests for quail, turkey and the prairie chicken. Due to the drought, there are very few to no bugs or grasshoppers, not to mention weed seed for food.

Also, when everyone fed feed bundles to their cattle, the chickens would feed on the grounds from those bundles.

All we hear is "restore habitat." The grass and sage country is still there, the chickens do not like CRP Bluestem (a type of field grass); it is too thick to move their chicks in and they like to move around freely and it has no food value.

I would think a program to help landowners with, would be acreage planted to grain and let it got down in the field for winter. Twenty or so acres scattered across the area would carry the chickens through the storms.

There is too much baloney from people that may have never seen a prairie chicken. In the 1930s and '40s, I ate more chickens than a lot of you have ever seen.

I will debate this with any experts and would gladly take you to every area to show you where farmland used to be.

**Jim Schafer** Canadian



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In 1965, three in four American Catholics attended Sunday mass. Today, it is closer to one in four. The number of priests has fallen by a third, of nuns by twothirds.

Orders like the Christian Brothers have virtually vanished. The Jesuits are down to a fraction of their strength in the 1950s.

Parochial schools teaching 4.5 million children in the early 1960s were teaching a third of that number at the end

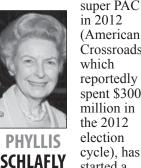
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# Battle for control of the Republican Party begins

Karl Rove has declared war on grassroots conservatives and Tea Parties. Rove, who had the richest



Crossroads, which reportedly spent \$300 million in the 2012 election cycle), has started a

new fund called Conservative Victory Project to spend big bucks in the 2014 Republican primaries to defeat Republican candidates not approved by the Establishment.

Rove's big money spending last year, which was similarly designed to help only Establishment candidates, especially if they had defeated a real conservative in the primary, was notoriously unsuccessful. Of the 31 races that Rove aired TV ads, Republicans won only 9, so his donors received little return on their investment.

Establishment losers included Rick Berg who lost in North Dakota and Denny Rehberg who lost in Montana, even while Romney was carrying both of those states. Other Establishment losers were George Allen in Virginia, Tommy Thompson in Wisconsin, Connie Mack in Florida and Heather Wilson in New Mexico. Meanwhile, Rove was helping Harry Reid to

keep control of the Senate by trying to defeat real conservatives nominated by grassroots Republicans. Rove made nasty and hurtful remarks about conservative candidates he didn't like.

After Missouri Republicans nominated Todd Akin in the primary, Rove told his super PAC donors that they should all apply pressure to "sink Todd Akin," and that if Akin were "found mysteriously murdered, don't look for my whereabouts." When this malicious comment was reported by Businessweek, Rove tried to pass it off as a joke, but suggesting the murder of a Congressman is not funny.

After Christine O'Donnell won the Delaware primary in 2010, Rove tried to defeat her by publicly accusing her of saying "nutty things." Now we know who says the nuttiest things.

There are two reasons why Rove and his rich donors don't like grassroots Republicans and Tea Partiers. The Establishment can't order them how to vote, and the Establishment wants candidates to talk only about economic issues, never about social, moral or national-security issues.

Karl Rove spent his big PAC money buying expensive TV ads instead of on getting out the vote for Republicans. Obama's strategists were smarter and didn't make that mistake; they spent their money on Get Out

The Vote projects, which enabled them to win.

We'd like to know how much money Rove and his associates pocketed from buying millions of dollars of worthless TV ads. Television stations rebate a percentage of the price of TV ads to whoever places the ads.

Rove is supposed to be so savvy about politics, but let's test that. On election morning, he released his final predictions that "Romney will win Florida, North Carolina, Virginia, New Hampshire, Ohio, Iowa and Colorado." Obama carried all but one of those states.

Rove built his reputation on his role in electing George W. Bush, but President Bush and his phony "Compassionate Conservatism" did almost nothing for conservative goals. Bush tried hard to put the U.S. in an open borders "North American Union" with Mexico and Canada, and he inflicted our school kids with federal control over education called "No Child Left Behind.'

Establishment candidates should be called "me-too" Republicans, a label coined to describe two-time presidential loser Tom Dewey who said "me too" to obnoxious Democratic programs and to Nelson Rockefeller (who lost three attempts to get the Republican presidential nomination). Me-too can also be applied to recent Establishment losers: Bob Dole, John McCain

and Mitt Romney.

Today, we call these metoo Republicans RINOs (Republicans In Name Only). It's time to revive the famous words of the late Senator Everett Dirksen refuting the Establishment: "We followed you before, and you led us down the road to defeat."

Fortunately, we are seeing an emergence of a new Reagan Republican Party. In 2010 and 2012, Republicans elected some real conservatives to the Senate after defeating Establishment candidates in the primaries: Rand Paul in Kentucky (who defeated Mitch McConnell's choice), Ted Cruz in Texas (who defeated a fabulously wealthy Establishment candidate) and Marco Rubio in Florida (who defeated Establishment candidate Florida Governor Crist, who then showed his true colors and became a Democrat).

Jim DeMint (now with Heritage) was another successful non-Establishment Republican Senator. It's time for the grassroots to take control of the Republican Party away from the elitists who want to choose our candidates, tell them what to say and how to vote.

Let's ask all Republican primary candidates: "Are you a Karl Rove candidate?" We want a real choice, not a Rove echo.

Phyllis Schlafly is a lawyer, conservative political analyst and author of 20 books.

# Lent devotionals: 40 days of repentance

### BY MIKE SUBLETT

### Introduction

It was on March 13, 2011 that I received the prompting from Father God to write these devotionals. I had been reading some Lent devotionals from various denominational sources and frustratingly noted that most were very encouraging, upbeat, even downright cheery. That just isn't what Lent is supposed to be all about. Lent is supposed to be a time of remorse, sorrow, conviction, confession, repen-

tance, even mourning. What the Lord pointed me to do was to write a series of 40 devotionals centered around 40 items/ things from Jesus' final week before His resurrection. Each of the 40 will hopefully encourage you toward "personal" remorse, sorrow, conviction, confession, repentance, even mourning. That is what Lent is supposed to be all about.

Note 1: These devotional are NOT for Sundays. The Sundays during Lent are to be a time of CEL-EBRATION because all Sundays are a time of celebration. No Sunday can ever be about anything dark because the greatest event in all of human history occurred on a Sunday - THE BODILY RESUR-RECTION OF JESUS. Therefore, get your devotional for the Sundays of Lent at church, when you gather with your church family. And if you haven't gotten yourself a church family, then it really is time for you to REPENT and GET ONE!

Note 2: The scripture quotations are from Kermit 's The Gospels Interwoven, a blended account of all 4 Gospels.

Day 1 – Ash Wednesday Scripture: Mt 21:1-7; Mk 11:1-7; Lk 19:29-3; Jn 12:12-15

The next day, as they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, saving to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her, which no one has ever ridden. Untie them and bring them here to me. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you doing this?' tell him, 'The Lord needs them, and he will send them back here right away.' The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. They found a colt just as he had told them, outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "What are you doing? Why are you untying that colt?" They answered as Jesus had told them, "The Lord needs it," and the people let them go. They brought the donkey and the colt to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet: "Say to the Daughter of Zion. 'Do not be afraid. See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey."" (The Gospels Interwoven)

on the back of this burro is how Jesus chose to enter His final week. His



cause this donkey was the exact image He wanted everyone to see and remember. Even though He was the most special being who ever walked this earth, He wanted everyone to remember Him as the servant God, the completely approachable one.

If that was so with our Savior when He stared at the cross less than a week away, how much more so with His followers as I begin this Lenton season. I will need the Lord's help to make these 40 days what they are supposed to be: days of remorse, sorrow, conviction, confession, repentance, even mourning. Or else I will begin to rely on our own spiritual might and be so distracted with day to day events that special moments of humility with my Redeemer will pass right on by without me even noticing. God forbid!

### Day 3, Friday

Scripture: Mt 21:12-19; Mk 11:12-19;1 Lk 19:45-48

Early in the morning the next day, they were leaving Bethany. On his way back to the city, Jesus was hungry. Seeing in the distance a fig tree in leaf by the road, he went up to it to find out if it had any fruit. When he reached it, he found nothing on it except leaves, because it was not the season for figs. Then he said to the tree, "May you never bear fruit again. May no one ever eat fruit from you again." And his disciples heard him say it. Immediately the tree withered.

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### Praver:

Jesus, I am so sorry that I have taken Your patience for granted for so long. Today I choose to repent. And with Your help Lord, I will advertize less and produce more. I can't do it in my own strength, but I can in Yours. Help me, Lord. Amen.

### Day 4, Saturday

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Scripture: Mt 21:12-19; Mk 11:12-19; Lk 19:45-48

Early in the morning the next day, they were leaving Bethany. On his way back to the city, Jesus was hungry. Seeing in the distance a fig tree in leaf by the road, he went up to it to find out if it had any fruit. When he reached it, he found nothing on it except leaves, because it was not the season for figs. Then he said to the tree, "May you never bear fruit again. May no one ever eat fruit from you again." And his disciples heard him say it. Immediately the tree withered.

On reaching Jerusalem, Jesus entered the temple area and began driving out all those who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves, and would not allow anyone to carry merchandise through the temple courts. And as he taught them, he said, "Is it not written: " 'My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations'? But you have made it 'a den of robbers."" (The Gospels Interwoven, )

### **Devotional:**

Tables were lined up inside the Temple area and all were full of thousands of coins from all over the world. Worshipers had come from everywhere only to discover that the



High Priest had put a tax on entering the Temple. Cheating and thievery were at every turn and the felons were the Levites doing the High Priest's bidding. Whether it was changing their money to Temple money or buying an outlandishly priced sacrifice because theirs had been disqualified by one of the Levite inspectors, the people were high-jacked. Then Jesus showed up. No doubt some still remembered what He did some 3 years previous when He saw what the Temple was turned into. But if they did, it didn't cross their mind He would do it again.

That is when He dumped the tables and coins went everywhere. What the wicked Levites prized most was rolling all over the ground. What God prized most was stored in the hearts of the people.

How often has my focus been on the wrong thing? How often have I been so obsessed with the "coins", the quality of the music, the video projector, the PowerPoint sermon, the behavior of the children in church, the dirty carpet, that Father God never got the worship-gift He came to receive that day.

Oh, there isn't anything wrong with all of those things or concerns, but they aren't what Father God shows up for each Sunday to receive from me when I gather with my brothers and sisters for our weekly family reunion. Simply put, He comes to receive my prayers and my worship along with those of my church family.

### **Prayer:**

For the times when my focus was really on what was important to me as I tried to worship You, I am sorry.

For the times when my heart was everywhere except locked on You, I am sorry. For the times when I was looking everyone in the eyes except You, I am sorry.

Please teach me how to lock my heart so tightly on You that everyone thinks I'm ignoring them. As always, I can't do that without Your power. Help me. Amen.







### Devotional:

Not only was it just an ordinary donkey, but it was also just the junior edition-the colt of the mother donkey. Nobody ever looked at this young beast of burden and thought "king" or "royalty." Maybe words like common, ordinary or mundane came to mind, but nothing more. But

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### **Devotional:**

That morning, as He and His disciples headed into Jerusalem, Jesus had so many eternally important things on His mind, heart and spirit that He forgot to eat. Then a common fig tree caught the eye of His hungry body. (Did you notice that word "common" again? A common donkey. A common palm leaf. A common fig tree.) There wasn't anything special about that tree except that it was already fully leafed which usually meant that there would be fruit. Oh, this early in the season maybe not the ripest of fruit or the sweetest of figs, but at least something for breakfast.

However, as Jesus neared the tree He could see that, in human terms, it was all blow and no go. Unusually fully leafed, but not a single fig. His response was immediate and shocking-Jesus cursed the tree to death. Then the tree's response was just as immediate and shocking-it withered and died.

How many times have I been full of leaves; full of words about how much I love Jesus and how strong of a Christian I am, only to be tested by some difficult circumstance and cave?

I'm sure I could never count the times that I promised so much more than I delivered. And so far Jesus has been so patient with my false advertizing. Thank You, Holy Spirit, for this conviction.

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regarding this issue, it would be wise to work on resolving it; otherwise, people might not know what to expect when interacting with you. Once you become clearer, the possibility of getting involved in a dynamic relationship will be enhanced. If you are single, the first couple of choices you make for a potential sweetie might not be the right match for you. Trust yourself. If you are attached, the two of you will become closer if you accept yourself and are willing to trans-

a last-minute change to take into consideration. You might disappoint someone, or perhaps you could invite this person to join you. Your strength and sense of direction encourage others to follow your

courages you to head in a different direction. Put on your rainy-day emotional gear and do something else. You'll discover that a friend delights in your company. Go to the movies and have a late lunch afterward. Tonight: As you like.

ing, and understand why others are reacting the way they are. You might decide not to make the same judgment call. Help them to see the bigger picture, and they will be more comfortable as a result. Tonight: Vanish, but don't tell everyone.

 $\star \star \star \star$  A loved one causes uproar in a way that causes you to distance yourself. Of course, if you are single, this behavior could emanate from a potential love interest. Stop and rethink your choices. Avoid reacting, and choose to do nothing. Tonight: Keep it light.

 $\star \star \star \star$  Head out the door. Whether you go to put in overtime at work or take off to visit a friend makes no difference. By distancing yourself from your personal life, you will be able to get some

the situation with someone else who is perspective. You also just might need a involved. Together, you'll come up with change of scenery. Tonight: A force to be answers. Tonight: Dinner at a local spot.

# Constables

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or any traffic tickets listed as Class B or above.

"To run for a constable position, if you have no prior law enforcement experience, you have to have at least an associate's degree," McFall said. He added that one must also complete the Law Enforcement Academy program, with the closest office being in Amarillo, within 270 days of being elected.

### Behind the badge

Both McFall and Montgomery were elected to their constable positions in the Nov. 7 General Election. They both began at their post on Jan. 1.

McFall has more than 20 years of law enforcement experience, having served 16 years as a reserve deputy with the Donnelly County Sheriff's Office; he also worked in the security division at PanTex and was a jail administrator in Gray County in the late 1990s, under Sheriff Randy Stubblefield.

Montgomery is no rookie, either.

He was elected constable for Wheeler County five times and worked with the Brady Police Department and Gray County Sheriff's Office.

"I've always been interested in law enforcement," Montgomery said.

Montgomery's great-grandfather, John Lee Pope, was a Texas Ranger in the late 1800s.

"My dad, G.A. Montgomery, would tell stories about my great-grandpa," including some memorable ones about hunting down outlaws across the open plains.

McFall said he finds a sense of fulfillment serving as a constable.

"I'm just enjoying what I'm doing," he said.

### Training days

There were 148 new constables elected or appointed within the last two years through the Law Enforcement Management Institute of Texas (LEMIT) at Sam Houston State University. Each constable is mandated by the Texas Legislature to participate in a training program every two years covering the roles and duties of a constable, including: issuing citations, evictions, writs and protective orders. The training also involves studies in liability and office management.

"The program is an opportunity for the constables of Texas to learn from the instructors and from each other, and how their role is so important in the community they serve," Dr. Rita Watkins, executive director of LEMIT, said in a news release.

According to the LEMIT website, in Texas, constables and their deputies are fully empowered peace officers with countywide jurisdiction. Their responsibilities may include serving civil process, executing warrants issued by Justice of the Peace (JP) courts, providing bailiff services to JP Courts and offering patrol, investigation and security services.

For more information, visit the Criminal Justice College's page on Sam Houston State's website at Cjcenter.org.

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the state can pay billions in upcoming health care bills on time. A second supplemental bill will address the state's costs from



budget, nearly all of it related to Medicaid and public education, according to the Legislative Budget Board. Lawmakers plan to use most of the extra \$8.8 billion the Texas comptroller reported collecting from this biennium to pay those costs. The House Appropriations Committee passed its first supplemental bill on Monday, and Pitts plans to bring it to the House floor for a vote early next week. The bill, House Bill 10, has "emergency" status, a parliamentary designation won't to that allows legislators to vote on the measure during the first 60 days of the session if Pitts can get the support of 120 of the 150 House members. "It's the first time I've ever had an emergency supplemental," Pitts said. The emergency stems from the last Legislature's decision to fund Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program for only 18 out of 24 months in the budget cycle.

# House tightens rules on Medicaid bill

AUSTIN (AP) — Republicans in the Texas House have tightened the rules on an emergency spending bill for Medicaid that will make Democrats wait on trying to force a quick vote on public school funding. The rule overwhelmingly passed Thursday means that a \$4.8 billion bill the House will likely take up next week will stay focused on paying a Medicaid hole. Although the rule is not unusual, the vote set off one of the biggest debates on the House floor yet this session.

Democrats want to force Republicans to vote on restoring \$5.4 billion in public education spending that was slashed in 2011. Republican Rep. Jim Pitts, the chief budget-writer in the House, says the state must pay the Medicaid bill quickly because of a March deadline.

The rule passed 107-36.

## 5,500 attend Connecticut gun control rally

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — Thousands of people have turned out at the Connecticut state capitol to call on lawmakers to toughen gun laws in light of the December elementary school shooting in Newtown that left 26 students and educators dead.

Capitol Police estimate that 5,500 people are participating in the rally organized by the group March for Change. Gov. Dannel P. Malloy and state legislators are among them. Malloy told the crowd that the shooting has forever changed the public debate over guns and "we will not rest" until laws such as universal background

checks are passed.

### III. family's syrup making mistaken for meth lab

ANNA, Ill. (AP) — A southern Illinois family is finding their homemade maple syrup operation anything but sweet after investigators swarmed their property, mistaking their sap collection for a meth lab.

Laura Benson tells KFVS-TV that drug agents showed up at her home near Anna on Wednesday morning saying they fielded a report that a meth-making operation was on the Union County property.

When investigators pointed to buckets near some trees, 49-yearold Benson says she quickly explained the containers were collecting sap for the family's production of syrup.

# Install high-quality weatherstripping

Dear Pat: The doors in my parents' old house had interlocking weatherstripping, and it sealed very well. Is it still available, and how can I install this type of seal on the doors in my newer home? — Karen C.

Dear Karen: Before plastics and other synthetic materials were available, metal interlocking weatherstripping was commonly used on entry doors. It still is the most durable and best-sealing type of weatherstripping for doors, even considering all the newest synthetic materials available. It is a wise choice for areas prone to severe and high-wind weather conditions.

Metal interlocking door weatherstripping is available at most home center stores. Your parents' door probably used weatherstripping made from bronze. Bronze weatherstripping is still available today, but it costs about three times as much as zinc weatherstripping, which holds up almost as well as bronze.

Interlocking weatherstripping does not require a difficult installation procedure for an existing door, but it does require precision. If done properly, the door will open and close easily with a super-tight seal. If it is off just a little, it will still seal fairly well, but you will notice the pieces do not interlock smoothly.

There are two types of interlocking metal weatherstripping available. Simple interlocking metal channels are the easiest to install, and they seal almost as well as J-strips, which are more difficult to install. The advantage of J-strips is they are recessed into the edge of the door. This makes them less susceptible to damage from children or when large objects are moved through the door opening. The channel-type weatherstripping is nailed to the face of the door near its edges, and the mating piece is nailed to the door frame jamb. The male half of the interlocking channel is mounted on the door along the top and the lock sides. On the hinge side of the door, the male half is mounted on the doorjamb. This results in smoother movement as the door closes In order to install J-strip or any other type of recessed metal weatherstripping, it helps to have a power saw to create the recess (rabbet). A router can be used, but it may cause more tear-out on certain types of wood doors.



Another option is to use a handsaw, which was how they are were installed many years ago. The best type to use is a kerfing handsaw. Since you may not use this for many other projects, try renting one at a tool rental shop. If you want to buy one, they are available from Metal Weatherstripping at 800-536-6043. The portion of the interlocking weatherstripping that mounts in the doorjamb is not recessed.

When making the recessed saw cut in the edge of the door, tilt the blade so there is about a 25-degree undercut. This provides clearance for the interlocking mating piece when the door closes. Make a second saw cut slightly deeper to provide a nice pocket for the strip.

If this sounds like more than you can handle, but you still want durable metal weatherstripping, consider installing a spring strip. This is a V-shaped metal strip with one leg longer than the other. The long leg is nailed in the doorjamb with the V pointing indoors. When the door swings shut against it, the short leg springs against the edge of the door.

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### Jim Pitts

pass so quickly. A third measure, also not a rush item, will reverse \$1.75 billion in delayed funds to school districts.

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State Rep. Jim Pitts, R-Waxahachie, chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, said separate bills were needed to ensure that the emergency item makes it to Perry's desk quickly.

Texas has \$6.8 billion of unmet costs in the current

### Preparation

Before installing weatherstripping, first adjust the door if it has fallen out of alignment. Reset and shim hinges to even out the gaps around the door, making the door easier to weatherstrip.

### Threshold

Older thresholds lack the built-in weatherstripping that newer ones have. To replace an old threshold, protect the floor, cut through the threshold with a hacksaw, then pry out the pieces. Clean out the area beneath it. Attach a new door bottom with an integral sweep.

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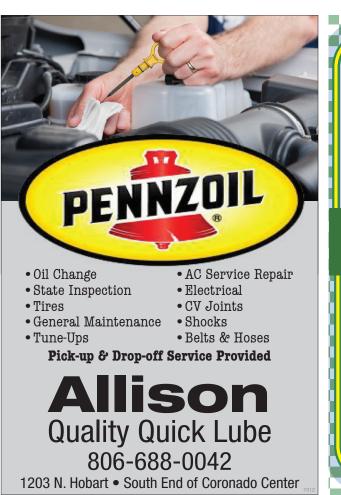
### Function

Interlocking weatherstripping is made up of two separate pieces along each edge. One part fits inside the other to form the seal. One piece goes on the door, while the other is attached to the jamb.

### Weatherstripping

Because of application requirements, there are several types of weatherstripping designs and materials available. Weatherstripping can be installed so that it's visually hidden by integrating it into the door. This usually requires a professional installation.

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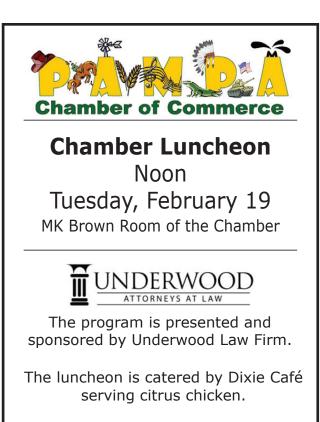
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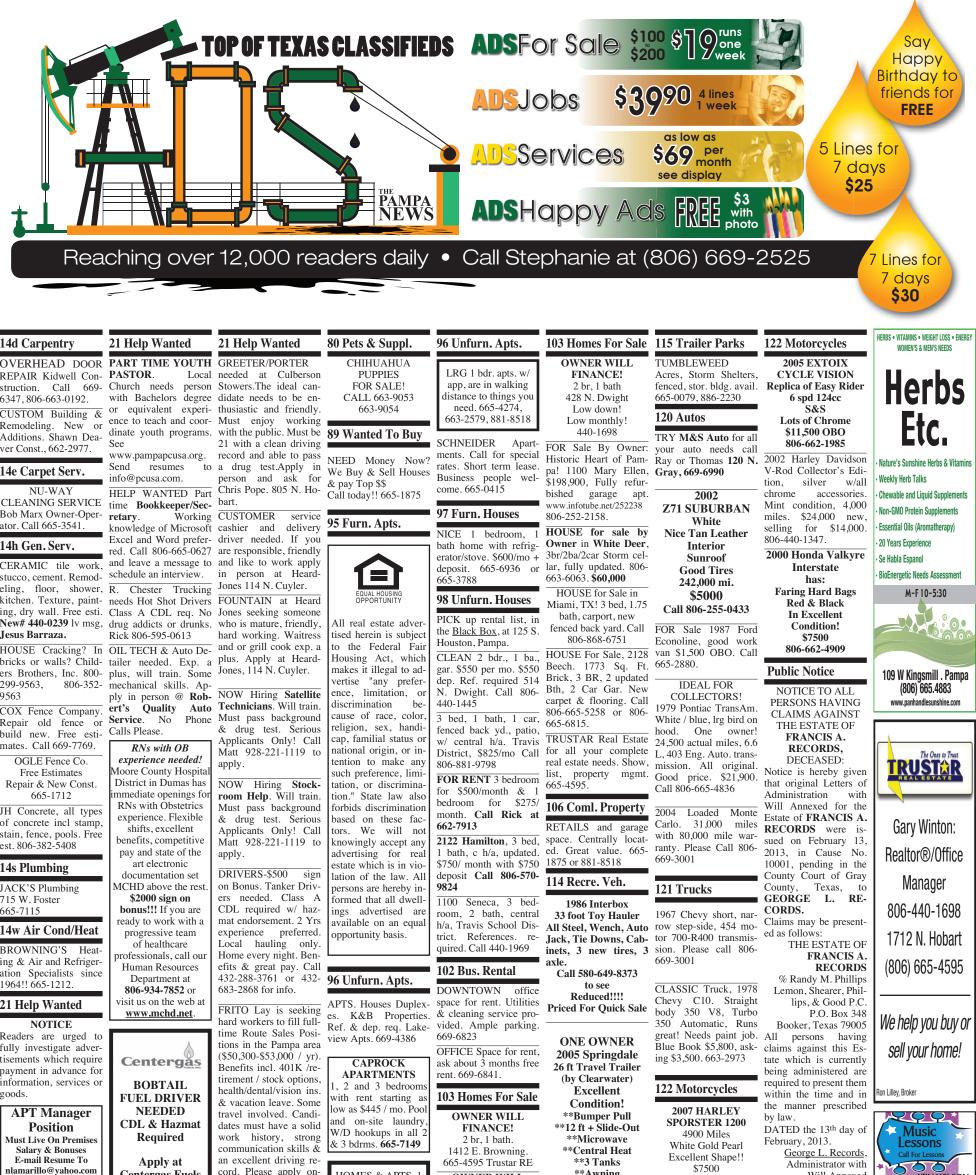
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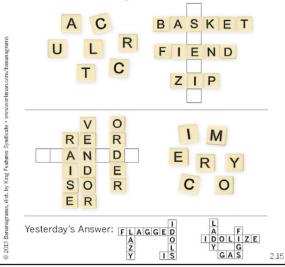
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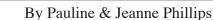


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I have seen mourners leave precious personal mementos on their loved ones'

graves only for kids to take them as playthings. I have seen kids deface grave markers, entertain themselves by bouncing rocks off headstones or open up brass and bronze cameos, exposing the photos to the elements.

The worst is unsupervised kids running off in packs and gathering up the little colored flags that are placed to assure a grave gets dug and set up in time for a pending service. Imagine flying in for the burial of a loved one and the grave isn't ready because some child grabbed the marking flag while the parents stood idly by. Cemetery employees have been fired for this.

Parents, please teach your children that their natural curiosity and playfulness should find their outlet in more appropriate settings. And please, keep your dogs dog doing his business on your expensive marker or loved one's grave, would you? THE LAST PERSON TO LET YOU DOWN IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR LAST PERSON TO LET YOU DOWN: I'm happy to spread the word.

Folks, if your children are too young to understand when you tell them the cemetery isn't a playground, that they must remain quiet, respectful and not touch other people's property, then they should not be present at the burial. When entering or leaving the cemetery. children and adults should refrain from walking on the graves. Ditto for using it as a dog park.

The Golden Rule applies here: Don't do unto others what you wouldn't want them to do ONTO you.

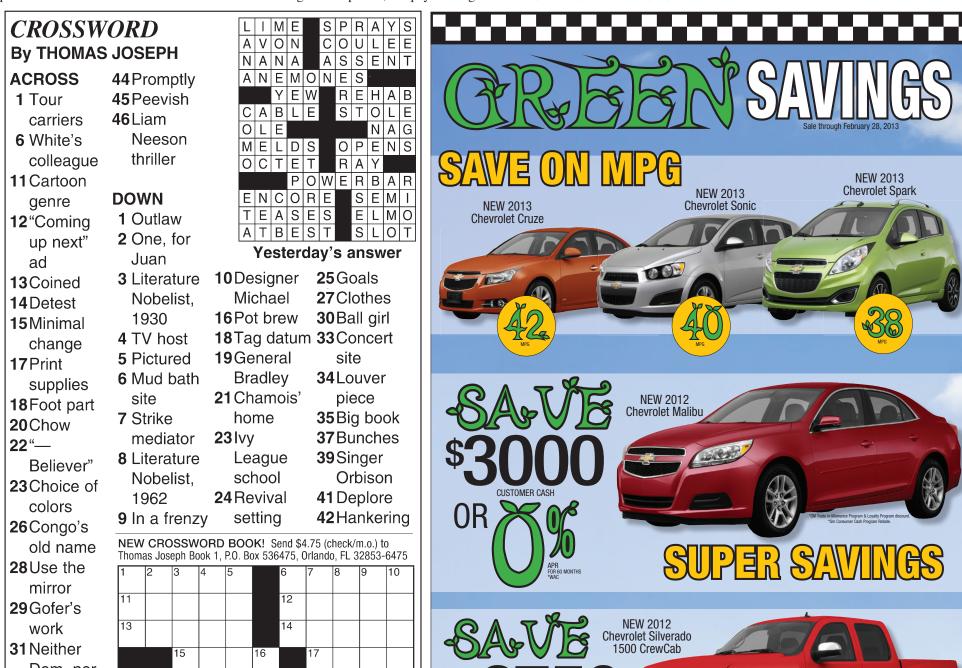
DEAR ABBY: When I married, I moved away to another state and made some great new friends where I live now. My family visits every few months and I recently started including some of my friends in my family gatherings and bringing some of

at home. You wouldn't want a stranger's them home with me when my husband and I go to visit.

I recently found out that my family has been inviting my friends for weekend getaways and camping trips. They even invited my friends to spend the last long holiday weekend with them - without inviting me!

I was hurt and offended when I found out. I have nothing against my family and friends getting along, but I always thought I'd be included. Am I overreacting? EXCLUDED IN ROCHESTER, N.Y.

**DEAR EXCLUDED:** Perhaps. Not knowing your friends or family members, I can only guess that when you introduced them they may have found some interest in common that you don't necessarily share. But don't waste time on hurt feelings or pouting because you don't own your friends, and what your relatives choose to do with their time is out of your control.



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# PampaSports

# Lady Harvesters season comes to an end



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**TOUGH WAY TO GO OUT.** Above, Casey Sark shoots a deep threepointer and nails it. Below, Hayley Burnett attempts to make a layup with two defenders in her face. Bottom, Allison Ceyanes, Madison Brown, Burnett and Taylor Morgan play defense on a Levelland shot attempt. It was the last game for seniors Ceyanes, Hannah Baker, Morgan and Rachel Andrews. Pampa lost the game 41-26 against Levelland on Wednesday night. The Pampa News would like to credit every Lady Harvester player for a great season and overcoming adversity throughout the year to finish better than expected in the district and on making the playoffs.



### By Zachary Green zgreen@thepampanews.com

Pampa's Lady Harvesters were supposed to play the Levelland Loboettes on Tuesday night. Due to the impending snowstorm, school officials attempted to move the game to Monday night and Levelland was unwilling.

On Tuesday, heavy snowfall forced the postponement of the game until Wednesday night. The game was played in Canyon at West Texas A&M in the First United Bank Center.

It was a defensive struggle in the beginning with many turnovers and missed shots early on from both ends of the floor. Pampa trailed by as many as five at 7-2 in the opening period. Hannah Baker hit a three-pointer late in the quarter to make the score 7-5 and that was the score after the first quarter.

It looked as though Pampa was going to stay in the ballgame when Madison Brown stole the ball and Hayley Burnett hit a three-pointer early on in the second quarter to give Pampa their first lead at 8-7. Unfortunately, that was the only lead for Pampa and it did not last long as Levelland answered quickly on their next possession with a three of their own. The Loboettes would go on a 10-0 run before a timeout by Pampa coach Gene Valentine with 5:34 left in the quarter. After the break in the action, Levelland increased the run to 12-0 and took a 19-8 lead. Taylor Morgan stopped the bleeding with a three-pointer at the 2:20 mark, but just as Burnett's three was answered quickly so was Morgan's. Pampa trailed at the half 22-11. The 11-point lead for Levelland was the largest of the ballgame thus far. Pampa did hit three first half three-pointers. There were four lead changes and one tie in the opening half.

Burnett came out of the locker room not wanting her season to end as she successfully recorded a traditional three-point play with 6:50 to go in the third to bring Pampa within eight. The Loboettes called a timeout with 3:42 left in the quarter and at that point Pampa had outscored Levelland 5-4 so far in the period. Burnett added another three-pointer to pull Pampa within seven with 1:30 to go in the quarter. Levelland would take a 29-19 lead going into the fourth.

Levelland started the fourth quarter with an 8-0 run to give them their largest lead of the game at 18 points. Casey Sark came in late in the game and quickly hit a deep three-pointer and sank two free throws in her limited playing time. The final score from Canyon on Wednesday night was Levelland 41, Pampa 26.

"Talent wise we are just as good as Levelland. We were trying to hurry and make stuff happen and not let it happen," said Valentine. "They are a good team and I don't know if it was nerves or what it was but we just didn't play like we are capable of."

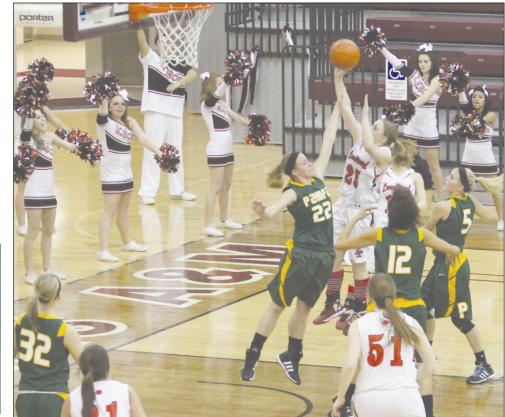
Valentine added that he didn't think the long layoff had anything to do with the performance by Pampa. "We played a good, hard second half." Valentine also wanted to mention his thoughts on the season. "I think progressively we got better as the season went on. We won six of our last eight games. We played together and played hard through a lot of adversity this season. We accomplished more than some thought we would this season after graduating so many players from last year's team."

Burnett led Pampa with nine points, hit two three-pointers and made her lone free throw attempt. Sark added five points from one three and she sank both of her free throws. Allison Ceyanes scored four points.

Baker and Morgan each hit one three and finished with three points apiece. Rachel Andrews hit both of her free-throws to end the game with two points. As a team, Pampa shot 5-6, or 83 percent, from the free-throw line.

Pampa's season comes to an end and Levelland will face Abilene Wylie in the next round of the playoffs. The Lady Harvesters did great things this season finishing second place in the district after starting the season projected to finish third. Their final record was 5-3 in district and 11-19 overall.

Best of luck to the seniors Baker, Ceyanes, Morgan and Andrews in all of their future endeavors and congratulations to all the Lady Harvesters for a great season.



# Hustlin' Harvesters playoff game set for Monday

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The Hustlin' Harvesters will play at 8 p.m., Monday, Feb. 18, against the Lubbock Cooper Pirates at Canyon High School. Pampa will be the home team. The game will be as part of double-header, with the first game between Bushland and Littlefield at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$4 for adults and \$2 for students. There are no pre-sales. One ticket will get you into both games.

There will also be a playoff "warmup game" at 8:30 p.m. against Hale Center at Randall High School tonight.



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