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County Commission to hold public hearing Friday

Will consider designation of Reinvestment Zone for wind project.

By **SASHA HELLER**
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The Gray County Commissioners Court will hold a public hearing at its regular business meeting, set for 9 a.m., Friday, at the Gray County Courthouse.

The hearing is in regards to a wind power generating project, proposed two weeks ago by Pioneer Green Energy, of Austin. The proposal involves Pioneer operating wind farms in Roberts and Hemphill counties but would require installing power lines throughout the western portion of Gray County to connect the wind generators to a power substation located south of Lefors.

At their Feb. 16 meeting, the commissioners approved, by 3-1 vote, to establish criteria for a Reinvestment Zone,

covering the area in which the power lines would run through. Commissioner Jeff Haley cast the lone, nay vote.

Pioneer is requesting a tax abatement within that zone, which led to the commissioners' debate.

At that meeting, Judge Richard Peet expressed hesitation toward the proposal and said he didn't see a need for it.

Peet cited how, in the past, the commissioners would approve a tax abatement for projects that offer employment opportunities for Gray County citizens.

The only jobs created for this phase of the wind project would be for initial construction work, which would last between 6-7 months.

Other notable items on Friday's agenda include consideration of a gas line easement to the new terminal building at Perry Lefors Airport.

The commissioners will also consider a solution to the drainage issue north of the Heliport as well as a resolution to protect and defend the constitutional right to keep and bear arms.

City sales tax revenues are steady, coffers healthy

By **SASHA HELLER**
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People in Pampa are shopping. They're spending. They're building. And all the while, the City of Pampa collects sales tax revenues which funnel into the city coffers.

The city's sales tax revenue collections maintained a positive outlook for the month of January, as the city collected \$334,876. Sales tax collection totals are typically posted two months after they are collected.

As of March, the city is \$208,052 over its expected budget, or nearly 17 percent. Sales tax collection totals for FY2013 are \$109,711 over FY2012 to date, or 8.3 percent.

So, to what does Finance Director Robin Bailey attribute this positive financial outlook?

"I would surmise that the increase in sales tax revenue, while directly attributed to an increase in retail sales, is being driven generally by growth in Pampa and our region," Bailey said.

She added that low interest rates, higher

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Immunization clinic 3 times a month

By **ZACHARY GREEN**
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The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) hosts an immunization clinic in Pampa three times a month.

The clinic is held from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and from 1 to 3 p.m. on the first three Wednesdays of each month.

The first 10 people in line will always receive shots. However if there are more than 10, they still may be able to accommodate the patients, or ask them to come back at another time. The Field Office Coordinator from the Clarendon Office, Shari Davenport said that if some people are only getting one shot, then they will allow 12 people to be seen.

"Sometimes we take down phone numbers and call people to come back if we aren't as busy as we expected to be," Davenport said. "We do the best we can to get everybody seen if we can."

Shots are given as part of the Texas Vaccines for Children Program. DSHS can only accept children that are on Medicaid, have no insurance or have limited insurance.

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DARTING AROUND



Photo by Timothy P. Howsare

Rick Munguia gives his 1963 Dodge Dart some TLC Monday afternoon after washing it at Tay's Mighty Wash on Foster Avenue. Munguia said he bought the old Mopar for \$500 in Lawrenceburg, Tenn., which is where his brother lives, then spent \$10,000 and five months to restore it to near-original condition. Munguia is the former owner of Rick's Body Shop in Pampa. For the full story, turn to page 3.

U-Top-It first business to announce move into mall

By **TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE**
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The timing on opening its second location in Pampa should be just right for U-Top-It, an ice cream, frozen yogurt and sandwich shop located in the industrial corridor along Alcock Road.

Store owners Louise and James Kephart have just signed a lease for a space in the Pampa Mall. The lease begins in May.

The Kepharts are the first business owners to announce their intentions to do business at the mall, which has been nearly vacant since the mid 1990s.

"We plan to open in May, and summer is a good time for yogurt," Louise said.

The shop on Alcock serves ice cream, yogurt, sandwiches, soup and salads. The store in the mall will be smaller and only serve yogurt and smoothies to start with, and then sandwiches will be added to the menu, she said.

The new store will have the same bright, candy-colored decor as the first one, which opened about a year ago, Louise said.

She said the new U-Top-It will be located in the center of the mall, near the entrance to the former Bealls department store.

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Photo by Timothy P. Howsare

Louise Kephart, left, who owns U-Top-It with her husband James (not pictured), with her daughter Morgan Reagan. The ice cream and frozen yogurt vendor has signed a lease to open a store in the Pampa Mall.

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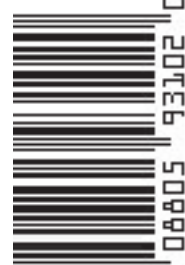
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Wednesday: Partly cloudy with a high of 66. No chance of rain. Wind south southwest at 18 mph. Sunrise at 7:57 a.m.

Wednesday night: Clear skies with a low of 42. No chance of rain. Wind south at 11 mph. Sunset at 7:50 p.m.

Thursday: Sunny with a high of 74. No chance of rain. Wind south southwest at 10 mph. Sunrise at 7:56 a.m.

Thursday night: Clear skies with a low of 45. No chance of rain. Wind south at 10 mph. Sunset at 7:51 p.m.

Friday: Partly cloudy with a high of 79. Ten percent chance of rain. Wind south southwest at 13 mph. Sunrise at 7:54 a.m.

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For the record

Pampa man arrested for simple assault

• Jesus Maria Velasquez Jr., 43, Pampa, was arrested Tuesday by the Gray County Sheriff's Office for simple assault.

— possession of controlled substance — less than 11 grams.

Reward offered for most wanted sex offender

Warrants issued in Anderson County and Oklahoma.

SUBMITTED BY DPS

AUSTIN — The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) has added Michael Wayne Hopson, 57, to the Texas 10 Most Wanted Sex Offender list, and a \$5,000 cash reward is now offered for information leading to his capture. Hopson has multiple indecent exposure offenses and is currently wanted for failure to register as a sex offender and indecent exposure. All tips can be offered anonymously.



Michael Wayne Hopson

Hopson has relatives and friends

living in Frankston, Texas; Russellville, Ark.; Kansas and California. He has a scar on his left arm. For more information, please view his wanted bulletin at: Dps.texas.gov/Texas10MostWanted/SexOffender-Details.aspx?id=188.

Hopson is 5 feet, 10 inches tall and weighs approximately 170 pounds. He has a scar on his left arm. For more information, please view his wanted bulletin at: Dps.texas.gov/Texas10MostWanted/SexOffender-Details.aspx?id=188.

Texas Crime Stoppers, which is funded by the Governor's Criminal Justice Division, offers cash rewards to any person who provides information that leads to the arrest of one of the Texas 10 Most Wanted fugitives or sex offenders.

There are four different ways to provide anonymous tips:

• Call the Crime Stoppers hotline at 1-800-252-TIPS (8477).

• Text the letters DPS, followed by your tip, to 274637 (CRIMES) from your cell phone.

• Submit a web tip through the DPS website by selecting the fugitive you have information about, and then clicking on the link under their picture.

• Submit a Facebook tip at Facebook.com/texas10mostwanted by clicking the 'SUBMIT A TIP' link (under the 'About' section).

All calls, texts, e-mails and Facebook messages are anonymous.

DPS investigators work with local law enforcement agencies to select fugitives for the Texas 10 Most Wanted Fugitive and Sex Offender lists. You can find the current lists, with photos, on the DPS website at Dps.texas.gov/texas10mostwanted/.

Do not attempt to apprehend these fugitives; they are considered armed and dangerous.

Assurances sought with potential \$2B water fund

AUSTIN (AP) — Lawmakers want assurances that a proposed \$2 billion to jumpstart water projects in Texas will be free of the conflicts that have dogged other lucrative funds flush with taxpayer dollars.

Democratic state Sen. John Whitmire on Monday used the state's embattled \$3 billion cancer-fighting agency as a cautionary tale as the Legislature moves forward with an unprecedented water spending plan. There is broad support for taking \$2 billion from the Rainy Day Fund to finance water projects getting new urgency following a historic Texas drought.

Republican Sen. Troy Fraser is carrying the plan in the Senate. Whitmire pressed him on how the state will ensure the money is spent properly and not used to reward political patronage.

Fraser says talks on installing those safeguard are under way.

Thousands of teachers, staff to rally in Austin

AUSTIN (AP) — Thousands of teachers and other education staffers from across Texas are expected to join forces in Austin to support public schools.

The Texas American Federation of Teachers lobby day and rally will be held Monday.

Union leaders have urged educators to use their spring break to gather in Austin and learn more about what the Legislature plans for schools. Supporters have scheduled a rally Monday afternoon on the south steps of the Texas Capitol.

Search for kayaker suspended at Houston-area pond

HOUSTON (AP) — Emergency responders have suspended their search for a missing man whose kayak was found capsized at a Houston-area retention pond.

The Harris County Sheriff's Office on Sunday night announced the search for 32-year-old Ryan Smith has been called off pending additional information on him. Further details weren't immediately released.

Smith's kayak was discovered Saturday afternoon on the shore of the pond where he's been known to go fishing. His pickup truck and cell-phone were located nearby.

Dive teams dragged part of the lake and used sonar. Dogs and a Texas Department of Public Safety helicopter were also used in the search.

Texan gets prison for shooting into crop duster

LUBBOCK (AP) — A West Texas man has been sentenced to 1½ years in federal prison for shooting into a crop duster as the plane sprayed a neighbor's fields.

Prosecutors in Lubbock on Monday announced 69-year-old James R. Cate of Talpa must also pay \$297,000 in restitution. Cate in November pleaded guilty to making a threat to an aircraft in the February 2012 incident that left the plane heavily damaged.

Investigators say Cate fired into the air to try to keep the chemical-dumping plane away from his fields. One round hit the propeller, went

through the engine cowling and into the chemical hopper. A bullet fragment tore through the leg of the pilot's pants. The pilot wasn't injured.

Cate was sentenced Friday and must report to prison April 12.

Young tree left at tiny park where 1 was stolen

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Was it remorse — or a tiny tree fairy? Portland parks officials say a Douglas Fir sapling resembling one stolen from a tiny Portland park has appeared at the 2-foot-diameter oasis.

Last week's theft captured the city's attention. On Wednesday, park staffers planted a replacement sapling to fill the hole left in the center of the park.

Parks officials say a passing driver posted a comment online Friday, noting that a young tree, roots and all, was lying on its side beside the replacement tree. The unidentified driver speculated that perhaps the "arborious criminal was feeling remorse."

Parks Director Mike Abbate says if the latest tree is healthy, it will be planted in another city park.

Even if the thief returned the tree, Sgt. Pete Simpson says police will continue their investigation. In his words, "Remorse does not mean 'case closed.'"

The tiny park lies in a median strip in downtown Portland near the Willamette River. It was established by newspaper columnist Dick Fagan in the 1940s and became an official city park in 1976.

Community Calendar

PAWS meets second Tuesdays

Pampa Animal Welfare Society meets the first Tuesday of each month in the north meeting room at the Lovett Memorial Library. The meetings are at 6:30 p.m. and are open to the public. There is a desperate need for more members, especially when the new shelter opens. PAWS members are needed to work at the shelter from 3-5:30 p.m. each day and to work adoption days or take animals to the vets when needed, but mostly people are needed to love and work with the animals where they will be more adoptable. For more information, call the shelter after 3 p.m. at 669-5775 and ask for the PAWS volunteer.

Everyone is welcome to play or listen. The center is located at 320 S. Cuyler St. For more information, call 806-664-0824.

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.

Monday night dance club

The Monday night dance club meets from 7-9 p.m., each Monday, in the Pampa Chamber of Commerce building on the corner of Ballard and Kingsmill. Admission is \$3. Cold drinks and coffee are offered. The club plays Country music from the 1940s, 50s, 60s and 70s. For more information, call Della at 806-665-2858.

Carver School alumni, former teachers

Did you attend the Carver School before Pampa School District integrated? Or did you ever teach at Carver School?

The Pampa News is working on an ongoing series that documents the Carver School and would like to share your stories, your memories of the school and your experiences there.

Contact reporter Sasha Heller at Sheller@thepampanews.com or call the news office at 669-2525.

Financial Peace University at Briarwood

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University, an eight-week financial planning course, will be offered at Briarwood Church, beginning at 7 p.m., March 28. Lessons include budgeting, relationships and money, getting out of debt, saving for emergencies and investing.

Briarwood Church is located at 1800 W. Harvester

Ave. Contact the church office 806-665-7201 for more information or to register.

Food manager training course

A professional food manager certification training course will be offered March 27-28 at the Gray County Annex, located at 12125 E. Frederic Ave. in Pampa by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in Gray County.

For more information about the Professional Food Manager Certification Training course call Gray-Soria at 806-669-8033.

Editor's note: Email submissions to thowsare@thepampanews.com. Submissions should be 100 words or less and written in the third person. Please include the title of the event, the date and time, physical address, the admission cost or whether it is a free event and a contact number and/or email address for the public.

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The little Dart that could

■ Former body shop owner restores a beloved ugly duckling.

By **TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE**
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A year ago it was an old, ugly piece of junk rusting away on a hillside in Lawrenceburg, Tenn.

Rick Munguia's Dodge Dart is old, 50 years to be exact, but whether it's ugly — that's in the eyes of the beholder.

"My brother told me, 'Why do you want to buy that car? It's so ugly.' But after I looked at it I knew I had to have it."

Munguia, who owned Rick's Body Shop in Pampa for 30 years, was staying with his brother in Tennessee as his brother was being treated for cancer.

Munguia bought the 1963 Dart with nearly 72,000 miles on it for \$500.

Then — out of a labor of love for the old mutt of Mopar — he and his broth-



Rick Munguia

er, Al, spent \$10,000 and five months restoring it.

His candy-apple red four-door is by no means a hot rod.

"I wanted it to be as original as possible," he said.

Even the music playing on the car's stereo while Munguia was towel-drying his cherished ride Monday at Tay's Mighty Wash was original for the Dart's era: Jerry Lee Lewis' "Whole Lotta Shakin' Goin' On."

Rather than a ferocious big-block 383 or 440 roar-

ing under the hood, the Dart is modestly powered by a slant-six with 225 cubic inches.

The feisty little engines are revered by mechanics from days of yore for their reliability and ease of maintenance.

No matter how you beef it up, the slant-six will never win any drag races.

However, it did have enough gumption to keep up with the semi trucks on the interstates on the drive from Tennessee to Texas, Munguia said.

"Four months after I finished restoring it, I flew back to Lawrenceburg to drive it back to Pampa," he said. "The 900 miles was good for breaking in the engine."

The motor is original, but completely rebuilt.

Munguia said he likes the car because it's so unique from anything else you see on the road today.

"I've never seen another one like it out on the road," he said.

U-Top-It

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Louise emphasized they are not relocating from one place to the other, but expanding their business.

Though the Alcock location is a bit off the beaten path for customers looking to cool down with yogurt or ice cream, she said, it is a great location to sell sandwiches because of the big lunch crowd from the nearby businesses.

Along with her husband and daughter, Morgan Reagan, Louise said she has five or six other employees.

Most of them are teenagers wanting to work more hours, so she probably won't add any new workers right away when the doors swing open at the mall, she added.

Local businessman Jason Bagwell, who bought the mall earlier this year, said he is pleased to have U-Top-It as a tenant.

"I think they will be

great for the mall," he said. Bagwell is in discussions with four or five other businesses on lease agreements, but he said it is too soon to say who they are.

He said the first group of businesses to move in will be clustered in the same area of the mall.

Bagwell said renovation of the mall is still ongoing, and right now his workers are in the process of stripping off and replacing old parts of the roof.

Push for newborn heart defect testings in Texas

By **JOHN MICHAELSON**
Texas News Service

AUSTIN — The American Heart Association says it is a simple test that can save lives, and a bill introduced at the State Capitol seeks to make sure the test is done on all Texas newborns. The test is called a pulse oximetry screening, and can help catch babies with birth defects of the heart before they leave the hospital, according to Dr. Amit Khera at the University of Texas Southwestern

Medical Center. "We're still missing a lot of these kids, and the problem is, once that diagnosis is delayed, sometimes when they're being rushed back to the hospital, they are critically ill," the doctor said. "So the goal is to try to pick up these kids with a very safe, easy and quick, cheap test that can be done before they go home."

A number of Texas hospitals and birthing centers already do the pulse ox screening as part of a newborn's regular testing and care. The bill, SB253, that would have it performed on all newborns in the state has not yet been scheduled for a committee hearing at the

Legislature. One person who knows the importance of the pulse ox firsthand is Curtis Popp of San Antonio.

"My son Christian, he was born in 2009, and a pediatrician using pulse oximetry detected his congenital heart defect and he was able to receive open-heart surgery while he was healthy," he said.

Popp said his son is now three-and-a-half years old and is doing miraculously.

The story of Christian, though, is not uncommon. It's estimated that up to 20,000 babies born in Texas each year have some type of birth defect, and the most common are those of the heart, according to Dr. Khera.

"Defects of the heart, we call them congenital heart disease, is one of the leading causes of death and birth defects in children," he said. "You can imagine if a heart is not formed right, then soon after a kid goes home, especially if it's a real abnormal heart, they will certainly get into trouble."

Not a lot is known about the causes of most birth defects, but there are a number of ways that women can cut their risk.

That includes avoiding alcohol and smoking and taking a multivitamin every day that contains the full recommended dose of folic acid.

Taxes

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oil prices and a low unemployment rate have also contributed.

"On another note, hotel occupancy taxes are also coming in higher than

usual with the revenue for the quarter ended Dec. 31 being 36 percent higher than the prior year," she said. "The oil and gas industry and construction sector seem to be playing a role in keeping our hotels full."

The following is an index of sales tax revenue collections for FY2013 to

date:

- October 2012: \$307,235; 4.4 percent over
- November 2012: \$326,937; 14.2 percent over
- December 2012: \$464,748; 3.7 percent over
- January: \$334,876; 13.4 percent over.

Clinic

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Davenport said that limited insurance means that an insurance policy does not cover shots, or has a limit on the number of vaccines a child can receive.

There is never a charge for the shots. "The only thing we take money for is the flu shot. It is a \$20 donation and anyone can get the flu shot, whether

they have insurance or not. We will not refuse someone just because they cannot pay \$20," Davenport added.

There is also an adult safety net that allows adults to receive shots. Davenport said this program is strictly for adults that have no insurance. "There are limited vaccines in that program, while the TVCP has all the vaccines," Davenport said.

"We would love to have two nurses and clerks

helping instead of just one nurse and clerk. This would allow us to see a lot more than 10 people per session," Davenport added. She also added that in the summer more sessions might be offered than the first three Wednesdays but she encouraged everyone to come get their school vaccines for next school year now as DSHS is not as busy.

For more information call 806-665-4752. The clinic is located at 736 S. Cuyler St.

Recovery slow as Japan marks 2 years since tsunami

TOKYO (AP) — Amid growing dissatisfaction with the slow pace of recovery, Japan marked the second anniversary Monday of the devastating earthquake and tsunami that left nearly 19,000 people dead or missing and has displaced more than 300,000.

Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe said that the government intends to make "visible" reconstruction progress and accelerate resettlement of those left homeless by streamlining legal and administrative procedures many blame for the delays.

"I pray that the peaceful lives of those affected can resume as soon as possible," Emperor Akihito said at a somber memorial service at Tokyo's National Theater.

At observances in Tokyo and in still barren towns along the northeastern coast, those gathered bowed their heads in a moment of silence marking the moment, at 2:46 p.m. on March 11, 2011, when the magnitude 9.0 earthquake — the strongest recorded in Japan's history — struck off the coast.

Japan has struggled to rebuild communities and to clean up radiation from the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear plant, whose reactors melted down after its cooling systems were disabled by the tsunami.

The government has yet to devise a new energy strategy — a central issue for its struggling economy with all but two of the country's nuclear reactors offline.

About half of those displaced are evacuees from areas near the nuclear plant. Hundreds of them filed a lawsuit Monday demanding compensation

from the government and the now-defunct plant's operator, Tokyo Electric Power Co., or TEPCO, for their suffering and losses.

"Two years after the disasters, neither the government nor TEPCO has clearly acknowledged their responsibility, nor have they provided sufficient support to cover the damages," said Izutaro Managi, a lawyer representing the plaintiffs.

Throughout the disaster zone, the tens of thousands of survivors living in temporary housing are impatient to get resettled, a process that could take up to a decade, officials say.

"What I really want is to once again have a 'my home,'" said Migaku Suzuki, a 69-year-old farm worker in Rikuzentakata, who lost the house he had just finished building in the disaster. Suzuki also lost a son in the tsunami, which obliterated much of the city.

Further south, in Fukushima prefecture, some 160,000 evacuees are uncertain if they will ever be able to return to homes around the nuclear power plant, where the melt-downs in three reactors spewed radiation into the surrounding soil and water.

The lawsuit filed by a group of 800 people in Fukushima demands an apology payment of 50,000 yen (\$625) a month for each victim until all radiation from the accident is wiped out, a process that could take decades. Another 900 plan similar cases in Tokyo and elsewhere. Managi said he and fellow lawyers hope to get 10,000 to join the lawsuits.

Evacuees are anxious to return home but worried about the potential,

still uncertain risks from exposure to the radiation from the disaster, the worst since Chernobyl in 1986.

While there have been no clear cases of cancer linked to radiation from the plant, the upheaval in people's lives, uncertainty about the future and long-term health concerns, especially for children, have taken an immense psychological toll on thousands of residents.

"I don't trust the government on anything related to health anymore," said Masaaki Watanabe, 42, who fled the nearby town of Minami-Soma and doesn't plan to return.

Yuko Endo, village chief in Kawauchi, said many residents might not go back if they are kept waiting too long. Restrictions on access are gradually being lifted as workers remove debris and wipe down roofs by hand.

"If I were told to wait for two more years, I might explode," said Endo, who is determined to revive his town of mostly empty houses and overgrown fields.

A change of government late last year has raised hopes that authorities might move more quickly with the cleanup and reconstruction.

Since taking office in late December, Abe has made a point of frequently visiting the disaster zone, promising faster action and plans to raise the long-term reconstruction budget to 25 trillion yen (\$262 billion) from 19 trillion yen (about \$200 billion).

Even ancient mummies had clogged arteries

LONDON (AP) — Even without modern-day temptations like fast food or cigarettes, people had clogged arteries some 4,000 years ago, according to the biggest-ever hunt for the condition in mummies.

Researchers say that suggests heart disease may be more a natural part of human aging rather than being directly tied to contemporary risk factors like smoking, eating fatty foods and not exercising.

CT scans of 137 mummies showed evidence of atherosclerosis, or hardened arteries, in one third of those examined, including those from ancient people believed to have healthy lifestyles. Atherosclerosis causes heart attacks and strokes. More than half of the mummies were from Egypt while the rest were from Peru, southwest America and the Aleutian islands in Alaska. The mummies were from about 3800 B.C. to 1900 A.D.

"Heart disease has been stalking mankind for over 4,000 years all over the globe," said Dr. Randall Thompson, a cardiologist at Saint Luke's Mid America Heart Institute in Kansas City and the paper's lead author.

The mummies with

clogged arteries were older at the time of their death, around 43 versus 32 for those without the condition. In most cases, scientists couldn't say whether the heart disease killed them.

The study results were announced Sunday at a meeting of the American College of Cardiology in San Francisco and simultaneously published online in the journal Lancet.

Thompson said he was surprised to see hardened arteries even in people like the ancient Aleutians who were presumed to have a healthy lifestyle as hunter-gatherers.

"I think it's fair to say people should feel less guilty about getting heart disease in modern times," he said. "We may have oversold the idea that a healthy lifestyle can completely eliminate your risk."

Thompson said there could be unknown factors that contributed to the mummies' narrowed arteries. He said the Ancestral Puebloans who lived in underground caves in modern-day Colorado and Utah, used fire for heat and cooking, producing a lot of smoke.

"They were breathing in a lot of smoke and that could have had the same effect as cigarettes," he said.

Previous studies have found evidence of heart disease in Egyptian mummies, but the Lancet paper is the largest survey so far and the first to include mummies elsewhere in the world.

Dr. Frank Ruehli of the University of Zurich, who runs the Swiss Mummy Project, said it was clear atherosclerosis was notably present in antiquity and agreed there might be a genetic predisposition to the disease.

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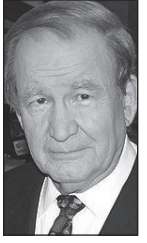
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Has the bell begun to toll for China?

“Why did the Soviet Union disintegrate? Why did the Soviet Communist Party collapse? An important reason was that their ideals and convictions wavered,” China’s new leader, Xi Jinping, told a closed meeting of party elite in Guangdong province.



PATRICK BUCHANAN

cultural? If Marxism is mocked behind closed doors by a new economic elite and tens of millions of Chinese young, what can cause the nation to continue to respect and obey a Communist Party and its leaders, besides the gun?

Nationalism, tribalism, patriotic war if necessary, will bring the masses back. If the Chinese nation is being insulted, if ancestral lands are occupied by foreigners as in olden times, the people will rally around a regime that stands up for China. Nationalism will keep Chinese society “under control while you go forward.”

Japan’s Prime Minister Shinzo Abe traces the aggressiveness of Beijing in the Senkaku Islands dispute to a “deeply ingrained” need to appeal to Chinese nationalism in the form of anti-Japanese sentiment dating to the Sino-Japanese War of 1937-1945. Chinese nationalism, says Abe, is also behind China’s quarrels with Vietnam and other nations over islands of the South China Sea.

If Beijing is unable to deliver economic growth, “it will not be able to control the 1.3 billion people ... under the one-party rule,” Abe told The Washington Post. He is now denying those quotes. But China is not alone in stoking the flames of nationalism to maintain legitimacy.

Abe has himself taken a firm stand against China in the Senkakus and is moving rightward on patriotism, security and a defense of Japan’s history in the 20th century, and he is rising in the polls. The apologetic and pacifist Japan of yesterday is no more. If our economy should sink like Southern Europe’s, if the great god Progress no longer smiles upon us, what do we fall back on?

Patrick J. Buchanan is the author of “Suicide of a Superpower: Will America Survive to 2025?”

How patients treat their doctors

Q: Our family doctor and I became friends in the fourth grade, and we’ve been friends ever since. Recently after golfing, we enjoyed a glass of wine and relaxed. I asked him what his main gripes were about his patients. He felt most doctors believe they are bearing the



DOUG MAYBERRY

brunt of the growing anger about health care. Reasons given include knowing that more money is coming out of their pocket for treatment and medications, juggling Medicare options, increasing insurance costs and decreasing payouts for treatment and medications, and they fear the worst is still ahead. Do you foresee more challenges?

A: Unfortunately we are aware that is where we are headed. Population growth, uncertain governmental regulations, higher insurance rates and larger deductibles are in the hopper, and the strong possibility of inflation increasing lies on the table. Doctors are also concerned

about the growing rudeness of patients. Because seniors experience declining health, they are often lonely and unhappy, have less money, and there is the looming fear of not being able to take care of them. Seniors often become crankier and depressed. Although patients do not usually intentionally lie, doctors know many of their patients are not taking their meds because they cannot afford them, they know they’re not exercising but smoking, overdrinking, and other diagnostic questions.

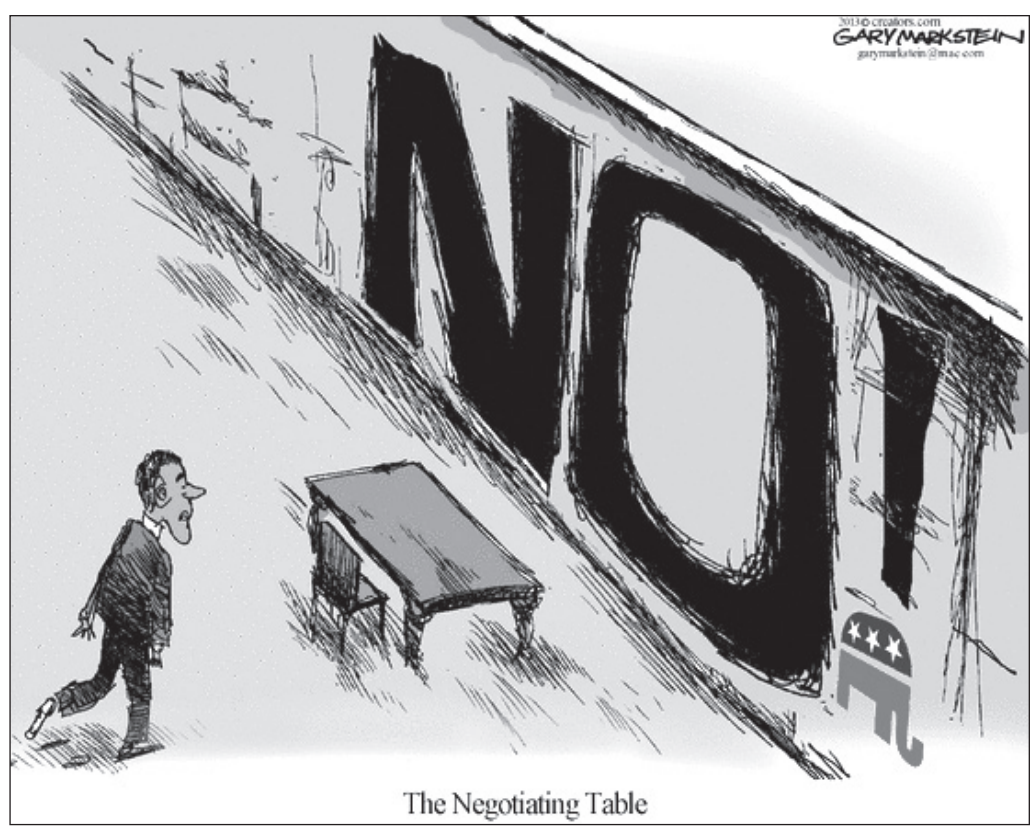
Most patients want their doctors to like them. Sometimes they omit information to obtain handicapped parking permits, or they don’t reveal using substances injurious to their own health. The interaction between patients and doctors are best served by both parties agreeing that honesty and trust provides the denominator for better health!

Q: My grandparents love me as I do them. However, as a struggling college student away at school, I am unable to spend much time with them when I can come home for holidays and vacations. I feel the ten-

sion and competition between my families in wanting me to share my short time with them. My girlfriend is a high school senior, and we need our short time together, too. How can I best manage to juggle my wonderful, loving family, my woman and successfully graduate?

A: How fortunate that you are in such demand! Make it a point to discuss your time limitations with your family and girlfriend. This is the time when you are under pressure to finish your education, begin your career and hopefully find a passion for your life. When you are at school, try to squeeze in a few phone calls to let them know how challenged you currently are. This will make them feel they are sharing your maturity. Although postcards and writing are out of style, buying a dozen notecards and occasionally sending a few words of your activities means more to them than you can imagine. It reminds them of your love and makes a world of difference to those who receive them.

Doug Mayberry makes the most of life in a Southern California retirement community.



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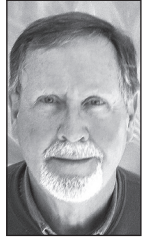
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Prairie Plains Perspective Some clarity and continuation of last week’s column

It’s the red bricks with me, particularly their historical significance. ‘Twas the world champion brick layer, Indian Jim Brown himself, who led the construction of our downtown streets,



DENNIS PALMITIER

turning them from rutted dirt or rain induced muck into the redness you see today. Heck, Indian Jim was dead and gone when Dr. Bellamey spanked my arse that first day of my life back in August of 1949, and when one considers quality control for longevity’s sake, Indian Jim did quite a job! Ever notice how our bricked streets are devoid of pot holes?

In fact, the only time they create a vehicular protest is due to infrastructure repair and when replaced, the bricks are not properly leveled. That was an A.D.D. moment, I know, I’ve many, but in light of the recent Blizzard of 2013 snow induced chug holes all over town, I find that red brick fact fascinating.

In regard to my take on storefront churches. It is not from an anti religion slant, don’t even go there. Churches are a fundamental part of our communities in America. A sign of our times and politics is the sad fact there are those among us wishing churches would be no more. I am not one of them. I simply think that downtown commercial districts are meant for just that and nothing more.

My irritation over storefront churches gracing our downtown is due to state law. We already have two storefront churches downtown on the 200 block of North Cuyler Street.

If a revitalization of our downtown were to occur, say a restaurant like Canadian’s Cattle Exchange or a national chain like Chili’s is desirous of a new location, and say come this May 11 Pampa’s liquor by the drink initiative passes, state law would prohibit a restaurant from serving any alcohol related drinks because they would be within 300 feet of a church. Again for clarity’s sake, the state law is a good law, however, one or both churches decide to establish a school, we’re now looking at a requirement of no closer than 1,000 feet.

If you look at center city revitalization programs across America, an incremental part of those redevelopments are restaurants. You can argue all you want about this fact, but those of you spending a portion of your day shopping in Amarillo, who take time to dine at cafes and eateries there that serve mixed drinks, haven’t a soap box to stand upon. A Pampa restaurant owner deserves the additional rewards liquor by the drink will bring along with the increase our city sales tax revenues will incur.

My grouching isn’t limited to storefront churches. The old First National Bank aka Bank America building at 100 N. Cuyler St. is very significant to Pampa’s history, but what do you see when you look

out the building’s front door and windows, a mixed martial arts/kick boxing establishment (if it even is still open for business?) For the matter, you can get your senses knocked loose in what is another historically significant structure, the M. E. Moses 5 and 10 Cent building. Take away Brandon’s Flowers 1960s facade, you would be amazed (I remember) at the fine brick structure hidden underneath.

Open Range Engineering has brought back the old Montgomery Ward to it’s former glory. Question, and not another A.D.D. moment. Who is the “goddess” adorning the bas relief on the topmost part of the old “Monkey Ward” building?

There are also buildings that desperately need to come down. Pampa’s skyscraper of note, the crumbling eyesore and pigeon roost known as the Hughes Building, the Capri Theater... Implosions are neat to watch...

I’m willing to bet the ranch most buildings on Cuyler from the railroad underpass northward having those architecturally disgusting 1950s-1960s facades, were they to come off, would expose a beautiful assortment of storefronts that would attract new retail businesses that a Mainstreet USA type project would bring. Yep, I’ve become the old horse out to pasture in regard to my beloved Pampaville. She’s taken many a hit over my lifetime, but nothing so bad that she cannot be brought back to life. First place to start is downtown.

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Government mooch

One of the sorriest men that I ever met was way smarter than me, better educated than me, made more money than me throughout his life and had a better resume than me. Basically in all of these external ways he outshined me by a mile. However, let me tell you a couple of other things.

In his 50s he had a heart attack and was down for a few months. During this time he applied for and received monthly government assistance because he was unable to work. He grew quite accustomed to that monthly check. After a few months passed he grew stronger, more fit and able to work again. HOWEVER, he realized that if he went back to work then that monthly check would stop and he would have to start all over again on his "disabled" time. By then he had been on the role for about 6 months. That is when he learned that if he could just somehow make it not working for another 6 months and get a full year under his belt as "disabled", then he had a great chance to get on the fully disabled roll. Once that happened, those check would be coming for the rest of his life. And that's exactly what he did.

He took great pride in the fact that he not only got his significant monthly check, but that he had full benefits as well, also through the government because he was disabled. I have seen him climb 2 flights of tiny stairs into an attic area, carry lumber up those stairs and work most of the day building something in his house. Those kind of activities were not uncommon.

He also had a "handicapped" sticker on his car from when he had his heart attack and he kept it up to date. He took great pride in parking in handicapped spots, even though he was perfectly capable of walking the length of any

parking lot. If any of us said anything he would just laugh.

He also was a veteran so that meant that he was a disabled veteran and always got to go to the head of the line. He showed me his hearing aid one day, the very best one they made, about \$3,000 I think. I commented that I didn't remember seeing it before. He replied, "Well, I don't wear it, I just get it every time I qualify for a new one." He did the same with contacts and glasses and didn't wear any of them.

I asked him one day why he stole from the government like that. He laughed and said that he didn't see it as stealing, just getting all that he had coming to him.

Want to know one of the things that is really WRONG with America. There are way too many Americans who get up each day and ask themselves: "How can I get more stuff from the government?" They don't see that all that government money comes right out of the pocket of some hard working American who paid their taxes.

Too many Americans don't see stealing as stealing. But one day they will discover that Father God was watching the whole time and He was making His list and checking it twice and He definitely has a NAUGHTY and NICE list. And people who lived lives stealing from others whether with a gun or legally from the government, will find out that God looks at things very, very differently.

The good news? There is still time to repent. How? STOP STEALING! Just because you qualify for something doesn't mean that you should take it. STOP STEALING!

Get up each day and work hard and let God help provide for you. God bless. Mike

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assistance because he was unable to work.

Cardinals celebrate Mass before entering conclave

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Cardinals heard a final appeal for unity Tuesday before sequestering themselves in the Sistine Chapel for the conclave to elect the next pope, as they celebrated Mass amid divisions and uncertainty over who will lead the 1.2 billion-strong Catholic Church and tend to its many problems.

Gregorian chant echoed through St. Peter's Basilica as the 115 cardinal electors filed in wearing bright red vestments, many looking grim as if the burden of the imminent vote was weighing on them.

A few hundred people braved thunderstorms and pouring rain to watch the Mass on giant TV screens in St. Peter's Square. A handful knelt in prayer, eyes clenched and hands clasped.

In his homily, Cardinal Angelo Sodano, dean of the College of Cardinals, called for unity within the church, a not-so-veiled appeal to the cardinal electors to put their differences aside for the good of the church and the next pope.

"Each of us is therefore called to cooperate with the Successor of Peter, the visible foundation of such an ecclesial unity," Sodano said. He said the job of pope is to be merciful, charitable and "tirelessly promote justice and peace."

He was interrupted by applause from the pews — not so much from the cardinals — when he referred to the "beloved and venerated" Benedict XVI and his "brilliant" pontificate. Sitting in the front row was Benedict's longtime aide, Archbishop Georg Gaenswein.

Benedict's surprise resignation — the first in 600 years by a pope — has thrown the church into turmoil and exposed the deep divisions among cardinals who are grappling with whether they need a manager who can clean up the Vatican's dysfunctional bureaucracy or a pastor who can inspire Catholics at a time of waning faith.

For over a week, they met behind closed

doors to try to figure out who among them had the stuff to be pope and what his priorities should be.

But they ended the debate on Monday with questions still unanswered and many cardinals predicting a drawn-out election that will further expose the church's divisions.

"Let us pray for the cardinals who are to elect the Roman pontiff," read one of the prayers during the Mass. "May the Lord fill them with his Holy Spirit with understanding and good counsel, wisdom and discernment."

In his final radio address before being sequestered, U.S. Cardinal Timothy Dolan on Tuesday said a certain calm had taken hold over him, as if "this gentle Roman rain is a sign of the grace of the Holy Spirit coming upon us."

He said he at least felt more settled about the task at hand. "And there's a sense of resignation and conformity with God's plan. It's magnificent," he said during his regular radio show on "The Catholic Channel" on SiriusXM.

"It's almost a microcosm of life itself, you know how you try to make the right decisions in conformity with God's holy will. And I think that's what's happening now. I just hope I see you soon."

One of the faithful outside alluded to the huge challenge facing the next pontiff.

"It's a moment of crisis for the church so we have to show support of the new pope," said Veronica Herrera, a real estate agent from Mexico who traveled to Rome for the conclave with her husband and daughter.

Yet the mood was not entirely somber or reverent.

A group of women who say they are priests launched pink smoke from a balcony overlooking the square during the Mass to demand female ordination — a play on the famous smoke signals that will tell the world whether a pope has been elected.

Church Calendar

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Southside Church of Christ is located at 11923 W. McCullough Ave., Pampa. The church extends an open invitation to you to come and worship where the gospel, "God's Word," is always taught and preached. Regular worship services are: Sunday morning Bible study, 9:30-10:30 a.m.; morning worship begins at 10:45 a.m. to noon; Wednesday night Bible study is from 5-6 p.m.

The Pampa News Easter section

The Pampa News is doing a special section for Easter to be published on Friday, March 29. We are requesting local churches to send us information about your Easter services. Please include the time of the services, the address of church and any special activities like a sunrise service or breakfast. Also include a contact number. You may include one or two photos. The deadline to submit information is Fri-

day, March 22. Email your submissions to thowsare@thepampanews.com.

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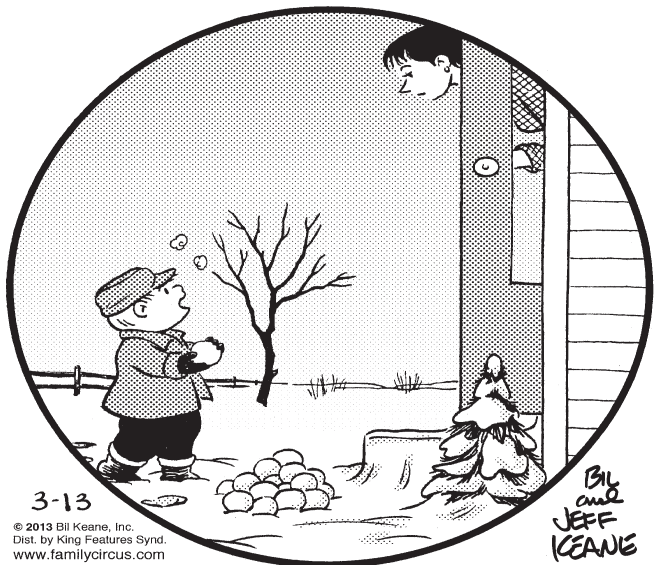
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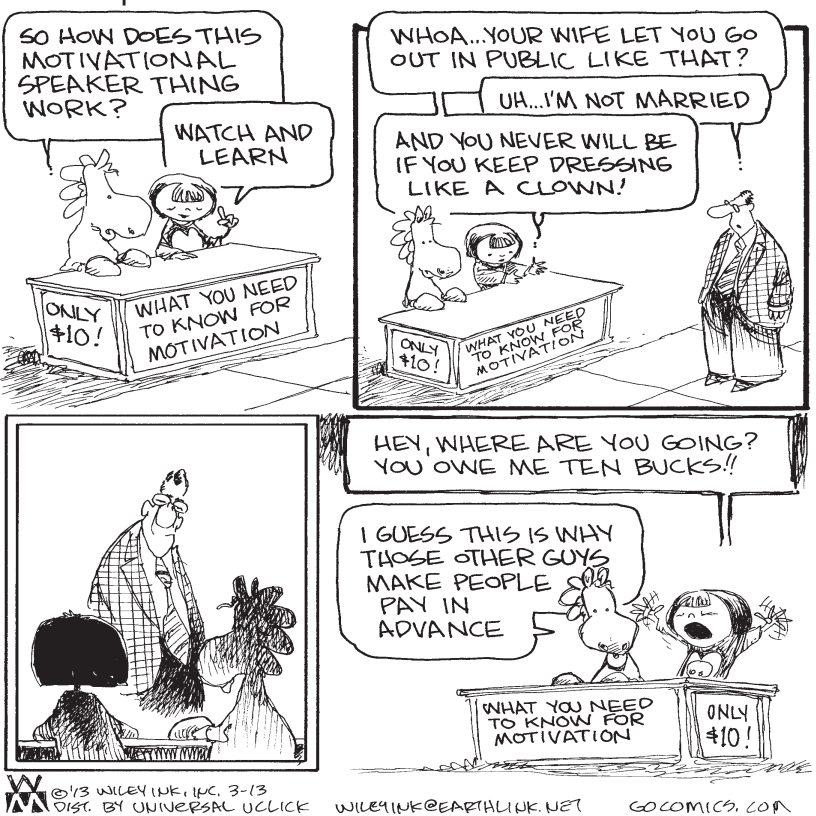
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"Next week spring starts. How many snowballs do you think I can fit in the freezer?"

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daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, March 14, 2013:
This year you become familiar with the unexpected, so much so that you might become bored when nothing new happens. Your luck with money depends on how well you respond to your inner voice. Sometimes you are an emotional spender. Be careful. If you are single, remember that you don't need to impress a new suitor; you want this person to see you as you are. If you are attached, the two of you might make a major investment that you both find exciting. **ARIES** can challenge your thinking about money and investments.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Allow your intuition to lead you. You might not be sure of your choice or your ability to complete what you want. Your inner voice will guide you. Sometimes you are harder on yourself than anyone else is. Listen to news openly. Tonight: If you are tired, make it an early night.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Meetings and interpersonal communication are instrumental to your success. You might be more concerned about an issue than you realize. Try to process your feelings instead of suppressing them. Open up to new ways of treating yourself. Tonight: Be with loved ones.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Go for what is heartfelt; otherwise, there could be a problem. If you are in tune with your inner self, change will happen naturally. Accept the limelight, and know where you want to be. Your willingness to do a self-assessment will define the next few days. Tonight: Out late.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ A new idea could point to many different avenues. You might want to try out one or two of them, but avoid getting too off track. Someone you respect emotionally and professionally will ask the right questions, which encourages a positive outcome. Tonight: In the moment.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Allow yourself to express your energy and interest in a new way. You know what is possible, but do you know what you want? Powerful feedback points to the correct direction. You might not be ready to explore that path

just yet. Tonight: Brainstorm with a friend.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You might want to change direction, but the unexpected will force your hand. Someone you have considered a tried-and-true friend no longer expresses the same reliability. Brainstorm with others. Tonight: Catch up with a friend.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Just when you assumed you were on cruise control, you'll find out otherwise. A trusted loved one unexpectedly reverses direction. You could feel unsupported or angry as a result. Use the feeling to motivate you to change the situation. Tonight: Out and about.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Honor a change within yourself. You'll see a situation far differently from how you have in the past. Your sense of humor helps you deal with uproar. Stay centered, and you'll make the right choices. No one can push you, as others soon will learn. Tonight: Easy works.

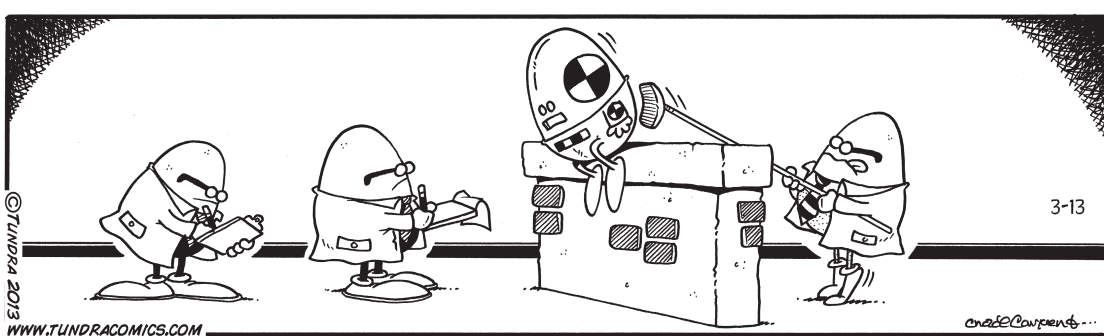
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ The unexpected occurs, and it challenges your creativity. You might discover that you are in your element. It could be difficult to switch gears or do something differently. Count on your persuasive abilities and others' flexibility. Tonight: Live it up!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You might want to make a change, now that an unexpected development has occurred. Give up the need to be reactive; instead, gather information from many different sources. Return calls and ask yourself valid questions. Tonight: At home.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You like excitement. You will witness some fast changes, perhaps not in your life but in the lives of those around you. Don't be surprised by what you hear. Everything is subject to change, even your opinion. Go with the moment. Tonight: Visit with a loved one.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Finances come to the forefront, as you pull the wild card with money. If you feel lucky, buy a lottery ticket. Open up to new possibilities that surround your day-to-day life. A discussion with a friend might present new options. Tonight: Don't lose sight of your financial goals.

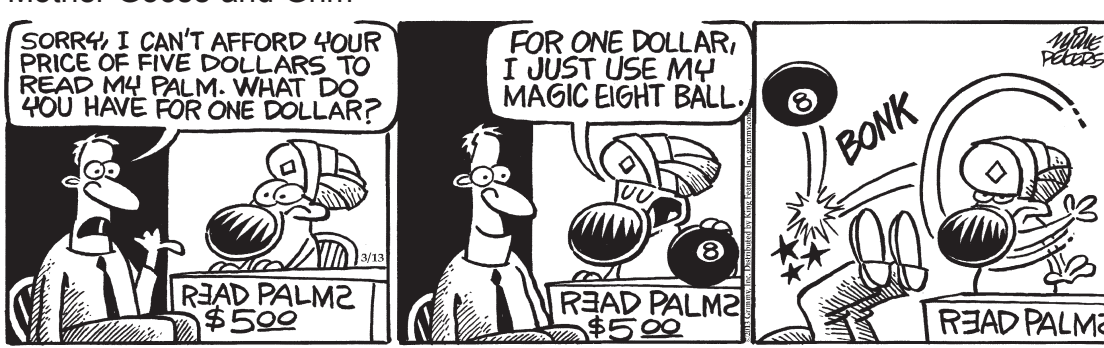
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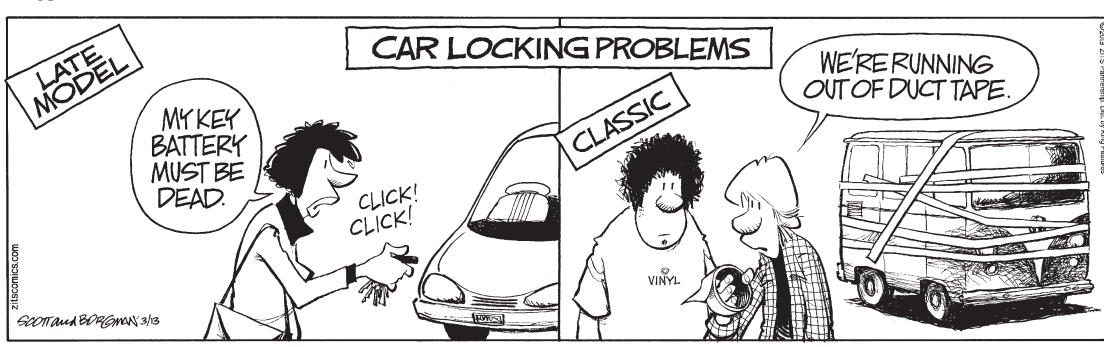
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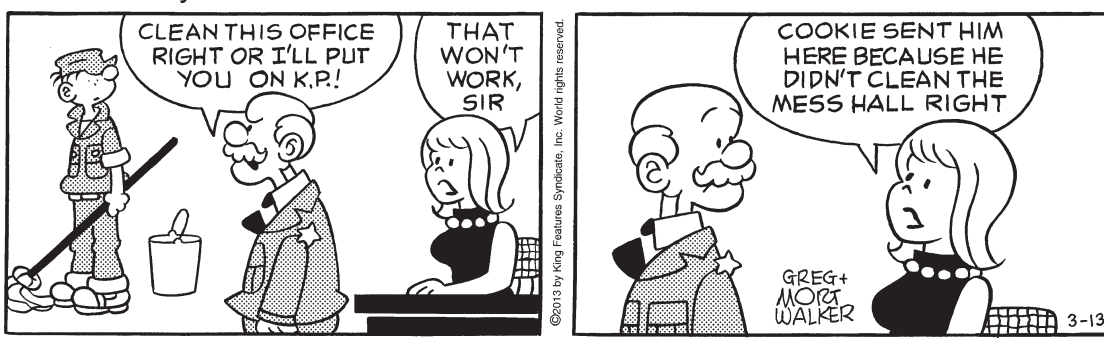
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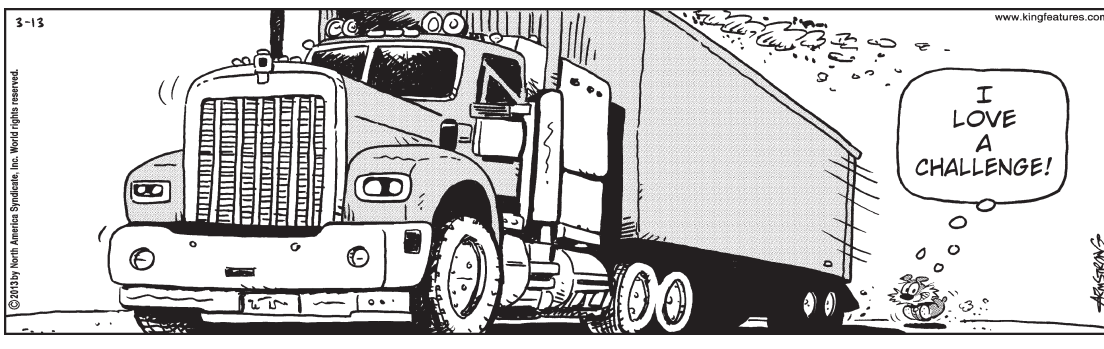
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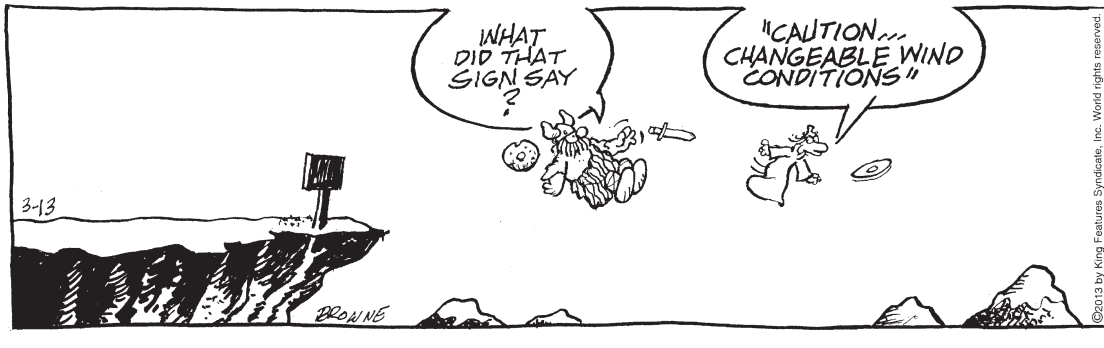
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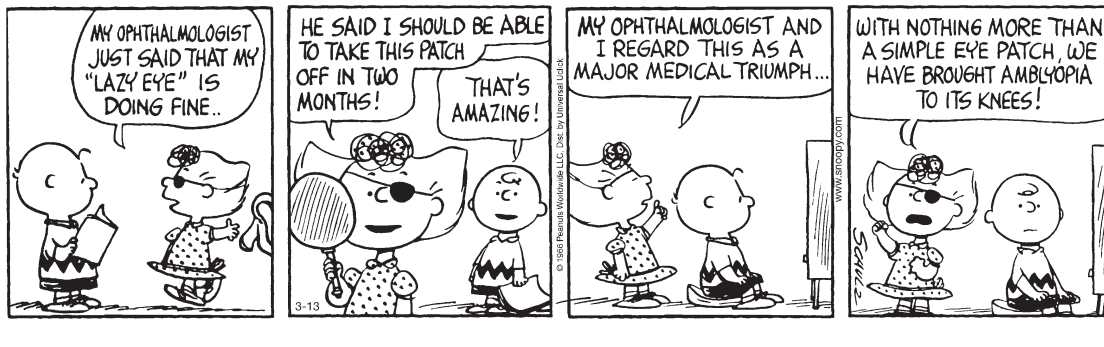
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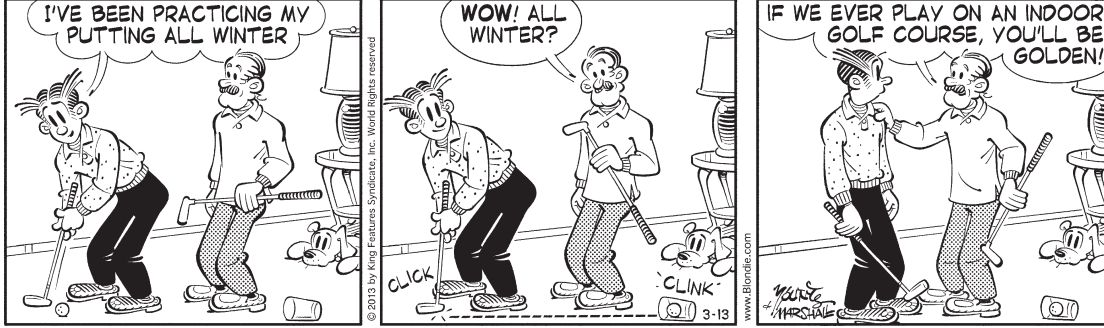
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PAMPA'S LADY HARVESTERS ARE SNYDER TOURNAMENT WINNERS



Submitted photos

Left, an up close look at the trophy the Lady Harvesters received for winning the Snyder Tournament this past weekend. Right, Brittney Gonzalez prepares to swing at a pitch in one of the weekend games. Pampa went 6-0 in the tournament and won the championship on a suicide squeeze play.

PHS soccer vs. Dumas: girls win, boys tie

By ZACHARY GREEN

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The Pampa soccer teams hosted Dumas Monday night. The girls team won 1-0.

The goal was scored by Cheyenne Young. "This game was all about possessing the ball. We were able to hold onto it at key times and attack their goal. We were only able to get one in, but we kept placing shots on goal, and forced Dumas' defense to work for the entire match," said Pampa coach David Willis. "On the defensive side, most times we were able to force the Demons offside when they were able to connect passes. When they were able to bring the ball to our goal, the defense made some great saves."

Willis credited Karen Duarte, Olga Garcia, Macie Loggins, Tristen Morgan, Karoley Villareal, and Taylor Bolton as key players to the victory.

The girls team also played Caprock on Friday night and lost 7-0.

"We weren't making passes or runs effectively in this game," Willis said. "We took almost no shots on goal, and we couldn't get a good offensive push."

Willis listed the key players as Viante Ellison, Villareal and Garcia. The girls soccer team is now 2-12 on the season.

They will be back in action in Amarillo against Randall on March 19 and they will finish their season at home March 21 against Amarillo High.

Boys soccer

The Pampa boys soccer team played Dumas to a tie on Monday night. "There are a lot of techniques and tactics a club can use to play for a tie, but I don't think one soul in the stadium could accuse us of that tonight. Dumas had several kids who were back from eligibility issues, and that gave their three-forward system some serious bite," said Pampa coach Byron May. "Our kids went toe-to-toe with them, and took several shots of our own. Even though the result wasn't what we were working for, this might have been the best soccer we've played all season. Dumas was in the hunt for the playoffs, but our two ties have effectively eliminated them from contention. The kids take pride in that, and so do I. In fact, these kids have a lot to be proud of. They have transformed themselves over the course of the season."

"I don't know how many shots on goal (sophomore midfielder) Alan Stovall had tonight, but he was everywhere. I really thought he was going to find the back of the net out of sheer determination," May added. "There's not enough words to describe the young man's singleness of focus, but that's the only term I can think would describe him tonight."

The boys soccer team moves to 2-14-2 on the season. Much like the girls they will be back in action on March 19 in Amarillo against Randall, before coming home on March 21 for the final regular season game against Amarillo High.

Boldin, Harvin traded as NFL free agency nears

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

On the eve of NFL free agency, trades involving top receivers Anquan Boldin and Percy Harvin grabbed the headlines.

In an odd twist Monday, Boldin went from the Ravens to the San Francisco 49ers, the team he helped Baltimore beat 34-31 in last month's Super Bowl.

Harvin, who expressed his discontent in Minnesota, was sent to Seattle, where he will join former Vikings teammate Sidney Rice.

San Francisco acquired the 32-year-old Boldin for a sixth-round draft pick. Boldin, a star in Baltimore's run to the Super Bowl title last season, must pass a physical to complete the deal.

"Anquan was a great receiver for myself and for our football team," said quarterback Joe Flacco, who signed a six-year, \$120.6 million deal with the Ravens last week. "It's sad to see a guy like that go, but at the same time, you want what's best for him and you just wish him the best of luck."

Boldin had six catches for 104 yards and a touchdown in the Super Bowl victory. He had said he'd consider retirement rather than leave Baltimore. But going to the NFC champions might change his mind.

The 24-year-old Harvin, Minnesota's moody and multi-talented receiver, will join the Seahawks for a package of draft picks that includes Seattle's first-round selection next month, No. 25 overall. He also must pass a physical.

Minnesota will also get Seattle's seventh-round pick this year and third-round selection in 2014.

Harvin was producing at an All-Pro level until badly spraining his left ankle last Nov. 4 in a game at Seattle. He was placed on injured reserve a month later. He led the NFL in total yards at

the time of his injury.

Harvin, who also has suffered from migraines, will enter the fifth and final season of his rookie deal with a \$2.9 million salary that's well under market value — unless the Seahawks rework it.

Also Monday:

—The Giants are allowing Victor Cruz to enter restricted free agency, placing a first-round tender on the wide receiver.

Team owner John Mara said the Giants will risk having Cruz agree to a contract with another club. New York has the right to match any offer. If the Giants allow him to leave, they will get a first-round draft choice as compensation.

The tender is worth \$2.879 million for 2012 for Cruz, who has not made half of that in his three pro seasons.

—Cornerback DeAngelo Hall was cut by the Redskins, a casualty of the team's NFL-imposed salary cap penalty. Washington is over the cap because of an \$18 million sanction for the way it structured contracts during the 2010 uncapped season.

Hall had two years remaining on the six-year, \$54 million deal and was due to make \$7.5 million in salary in 2013.

—The Broncos released nine-year veteran linebacker D.J. Williams, freeing up his \$6 million salary in 2013 for other needs. Williams missed nine games while serving a pair of NFL-mandated suspensions last season and was deemed expendable after Wesley Woodyard had a breakout season at weakside linebacker.

Denver also released third quarterback Caleb Hanie, who didn't take a single snap in his one season in Denver, and finalized a three-year deal to keep backup safety David Bruton, their top special teams player.

—The Jets signed quarterback David Garrard to back up

— and provide a challenge to — starter Mark Sanchez. Garrard has not played in the NFL since 2010. He started 76 games in nine seasons with Jacksonville and played in the 2009 Pro Bowl.

—The Cardinals released running back Beanie Wells after four injury-plagued seasons. A first-round pick in 2009, Wells showed flashes of the brilliance he had at Ohio State, but has only played one full season — his rookie year.

Wells eclipsed 1,000 yards and scored 10 touchdowns in 2011, but was limited to eight games last season due to turf toe.

—Dallas released linebacker Dan Connor and restructured the contracts of guard Mackenzy Bernadeau, defensive tackle Jay Ratliff and cornerback Orlando Scandrick.

Connor was one of seven free agents Dallas added in free agency last offseason. He got a two-year contract and started eight games after Sean Lee and Bruce Carter were injured.

—Tennessee placed a second-round tender on center Fernando Velasco before the start of free agency. If another team offers Velasco a contract, the tender allows the Titans to match the offer or receive a second-round selection in April's draft from the team signing the lineman.

Velasco started 16 games for Tennessee last season with 13 at center and three at guard, and he has played in 49 career games for the Titans after signing originally in 2008 as an undrafted free agent out of Georgia.

—St. Louis released Quintin Mikell, a strong safety, to clear salary cap space. He was third on the team with 114 tackles and three sacks and three forced fumbles.

Dahl started every game at free safety and had 100 tackles and an interception but struggled in coverage.

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Lent devotionals through Friday by Pastor Mike Sublett

Day 26 – Thursday

Scripture: Mt 27:24-31; Mk 15:15-20; Lk 23:23-25; Jn 19:1-16



Mike Sublett

Here is your king," Pilate said to the Jews. But they shouted, "Take him away! Take him away!"

Crucify him!" "Shall I crucify your king?" Pilate asked.

"We have no king but Caesar," the chief priests answered.

With loud shouts they insistently demanded that he be crucified, and their shouts prevailed.

When Pilate saw that he was getting nowhere, but that instead an uproar was starting, he decided to grant their demand. He took water and washed his hands in front of the crowd. "I am innocent of this man's blood," he said. "It is your responsibility!" All the people answered, "Let his blood be on us and on our children!" Finally Pilate surren-

dered Jesus to their will and handed him over to them to be crucified. (The Gospels Interwoven.)

Devotional:

Because it was part of the Governor's household utensils, it no doubt far out-shined the caliber of basin that Jesus had used to hold the water for cleaning the disciple's feet. That one was probably made of wood or clay, but this one was surely brass or silver or gold.

Its historically priceless value had little to do with the metal material. It was the basin that held the water when Pilate tried to escape his guilt and condemnation by washing his hands clean.

When all was said and done, Pilate's hands were wet, but he was 100% guilty in the eyes of the Creator God, the Father of the one he just sent to be crucified. Pilate learned that day that water can do many things, but it cannot cleanse the soul. What a ridiculous man he was; what a fool. How could he think something so silly? Ooooops. Have I been that silly? How often have

I sacrificed something during Lent thinking that it might help hide something from God's eyes that I had done? When I was baptized was my faith in the water or in Jesus? Do I profess my commitment to Christ loudly, but then spend little time with His Word-the Bible? Have I gone on and on about how much I love Jesus, but never tithed? Do I go to the grocery store or Wal-Mart more often than I do church? How often am I silly?

Prayer:

Jesus, I need to see more clearly. I don't want to be blind like Pilate. I don't want to ever see anything as the cleansing ingredient used against sin except Your blood. I don't ever want my faith to be in anything I do. I just want my faith to be in You and for my eyes to see more clearly than Pilate's did. With You that clarity of vision is possible because "all things are possible through Christ who strengthens me." Amen.

Day 27 – Friday

Scripture: Mt 27:32-44;

Mk 15:21-32; Lk 23:26-43; Jn 19:17-27

They led him away, carrying his own cross. As they were going out, they met a man from Cyrene, named Simon, the father of Alexander and Rufus. He was passing by on his way in from the country. They seized Simon, put the cross on him and forced him to carry it behind Jesus. (The Gospels Interwoven.)

Devotional:

We don't know the type of wood from which it was constructed. We don't know how tall it was. We don't know how much it weighed. We don't know how wide it was. In fact, all we really know is that it was the cross on which the only begotten Son of God was nailed and hung and murdered. All of the things we don't know pale in comparison to what we do know.

It is a historical fact that Jesus was just one of thousands upon thousands who were crucified by the Romans; just one of the many who died this excruciating death. So why doesn't that make this event common-

place? Normally if something happened even a hundred times I would begin to consider it ordinary. But now it is impossible for me to look at a cross and not remember Him. No matter how many I see, no matter how ornate they are, no matter what material they are made from, no matter how large or small, no matter how valuable or inexpensive, no matter their unique design or presentation, no matter if they hang on a wall or around my neck, IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME TO LOOK AT ANY CROSS AND NOT REMEMBER HIM.

However, I know people who look at crosses and even wear them who seldom remember Him. Why is that? Why do they NOT remember Him, while I can't help but remember Him? Why do they take Him so much for granted, while I am aroused to worship and tears when I see a cross? What is the difference?

The difference rests in the Holy Spirit. There was a day a long time ago when I once again heard the gospel story of His coming and His death. But

that time was different. The Holy Spirit came and stabbed me in my heart with His sword.

That allowed my earthly eyes to be opened so that I could finally see the gospel story for the precious treasure that it always was. And once anyone sees the gospel for what it really is, there is only one possible response-SURRENDER.

That is why I cannot see a cross without thinking about Him.

Prayer:

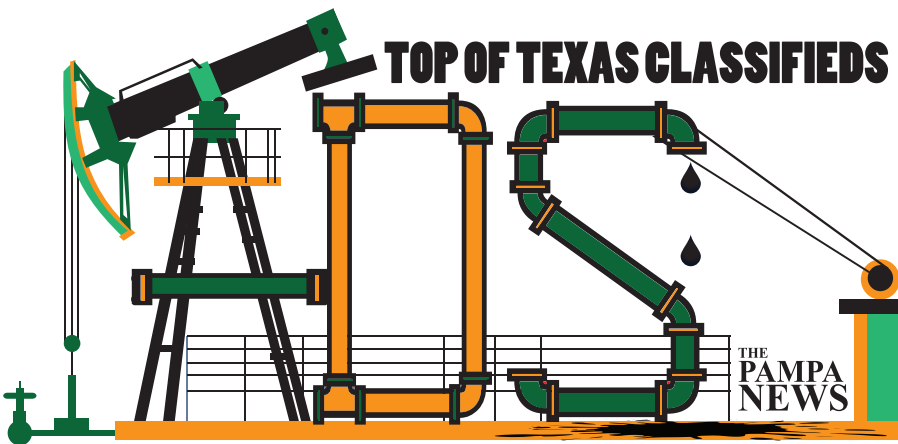
Holy Spirit, thank You so very much for wounding me in my heart that day. Please, help me never see any cross as something common.

In my mind and heart and spirit may that symbol always be directly connected to the cross on Calvary.

Thank You for making that a reality in my life.

Thank You for cutting Your way into my life. Amen.

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ner prescribed by law. c/o: Vanessa G. Buzard Attorney at Law 208 N. Russell St. Pampa, TX 79065 DATED the 11th day of March, 2013. D-72 March 13, 2013

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DEAR ABBY: I have been married 30 years and have raised four children to adulthood. I recently found out my husband has been having an affair with a prostitute from a strip club. He paid all her living expenses and promised to marry her. She was 26 when it started; he is 56. He told her his wife had run away with another man and that he was divorced. When I confronted him, he lied, lied, lied.

He wants to continue living together and pretend nothing happened. He went to counseling and quit. Then he went to a psychiatrist, who diagnosed him with a "mixed personality disorder." He says he wants to make up for his mistake with me, but all the while he was having unprotected sex.

I doubt he'll ever stop lying to me because he always has. I can't spend the rest of my life looking over my shoulder because this has happened before, although not to this extent. He said he just "led a double life" and he doesn't want to do it anymore. He admitted he did it because he never thought he would get caught.

During this long affair, he was brazen, arrogant and abusive to me. Now he wants to be attentive, but he makes me sick. What do I do? — **CAN'T TRUST HIM IN NEW JERSEY**

DEAR CAN'T TRUST HIM: Only you can decide that, but in order to do it rationally, without anger or vengeance, I'm advising you to make up your mind **AFTER** some sessions with a psychologist on

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By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

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DEAR ABBY: I am a gay man who has been single for seven years. I met this guy, "Mark," about 10 months ago and we hit it off immediately. We have almost everything in common except that I'm a Democrat and he's a Republican. We both know how we feel about our political differences and decided to continue dating anyway.

My problem concerns my other gay friends, mostly Democrats, who don't like Mark because he's a Republican. I have tried explaining to them that we overlook our differences and concentrate on the many things we have in common, and they should try to do the same. But they no longer invite me to gatherings and their phone calls have ceased.

I feel hurt and rejected by my closest friends, some of whom I have known my whole life. I feel torn between them and Mark, who is someone I really care for. Is it wrong to continue my relationship with my boyfriend at the expense of my friends? — **POLITICALLY**

INCORRECT

DEAR POLITICALLY INCORRECT: Twenty-two was a particularly heated election year, with important issues at stake and negative campaigning bringing out the worst in many people. Now that the election has been decided, one would hope that inflamed emotions will settle down and life can return to normal.

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who have strong and happy "mixed" marriages in which the spouses do not always agree politically. It is a shame that you would be required to choose between the man you care for and your longtime friends, who want to ignore that there are also gay Republicans

I see nothing wrong with continuing your relationship with Mark; however, I think it may be time for you to expand your circle of friends if this is how your old ones behave. You'll all be happier if you do. Trust me on that.

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 45 Small songbird
 - 1 Foolish
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 - 11 Opera highlight
 - 12 Show clearly
 - 13 Field cover
 - 14 Fit an arrow to a bow
 - 15 Crunch targets
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 - 19 Flowed into
 - 22 Man of many words
 - 24 Syco-phantic
 - 26 District
 - 27 Buffalo's county
 - 28 Muffler's kin
 - 30 Bulletproof apparel
 - 31 Hole number
 - 32 Wield
 - 34 TV's Trebek
 - 35 To date
 - 38 Granola bit
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 - 43 Comfort
 - 44 Stun with noise
- DOWN**
- 1 Poll numbers
 - 2 Swift horse
 - 3 It's needed for the uphill climb
 - 4 Spigot
 - 5 Malice
 - 6 Conjures up
 - 7 Pleasant
 - 8 Tattoos, slangily
 - 9 King top-per whale
 - 10 Was in front
 - 16 Airport sight
 - 18 Get news of
 - 19 Fresh-man
 - 20 Give off
 - 21 Colors
 - 22 Rough voice
 - 23 Killer whale
 - 25 Lusty look
 - 29 Cat
 - 30 Puzzle
 - 33 Colorless gas
 - 34 "Like that'll happen!"
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Yesterday's answer

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US citing security to censor more public records

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. government, led by the Pentagon and CIA, censored or withheld for reasons of national security the files that the public requested last year under the Freedom of Information Act more often than at any time since President Barack Obama took office, according to a new analysis by The Associated Press.



Eric Schultz

Overall, the Obama administration last year answered its highest number of requests so far for copies of government documents, emails, photographs and more, and it slightly reduced its backlog of requests from previous years. But it more often cited legal provisions allowing the government to keep records or parts of its records secret, especially a rule intended to protect national security.

The AP's analysis showed the government released all or portions of the information that citizens, journalists, businesses and others sought at about the same rate as the previous three years. It turned over all or parts of the records in about 65 percent of requests. It fully rejected more than one-third of requests, a slight increase over 2011, including cases when it couldn't find records, a person refused to pay for copies or the request was determined to be improper.

The government's responsiveness under the FOIA is widely viewed as a barometer of the federal offices' transparency. Under the law, citizens and foreigners can compel the government to turn over copies of federal records for zero or little cost. Anyone who seeks information through the law is generally supposed to get it unless disclosure would hurt national security, violate personal privacy or expose business secrets or confidential decision-making in certain areas.

The AP's review comes at the start of the second term for Obama, who promised during his first week in office that the nation's signature open-records law would be "administered with a clear presumption: In the face of doubt, openness prevails." The review examined figures from the largest federal departments and agencies. Sunday was the start of Sunshine Week, when news organizations promote open government and freedom of information.

White House spokesman Eric Schultz said in a statement that during the past year, the government "processed more requests, decreased the backlog, improved average processing times and disclosed more information

pro-actively." Schultz said the improvements "represent the efforts of agencies across the government to meet the president's commitment to openness. While there is more work to be done, this past year demonstrates that agencies are responding to the president's call for greater transparency."

The administration cited exceptions built into the law to avoid turning over materials more than 479,000 times, a roughly 22 percent increase over the previous year. In many cases, more than one of the law's exceptions was cited in each request for information.

In a year of intense public interest over deadly U.S. drones, the raid that killed Osama bin Laden, terror threats and more, the government cited national security to withhold information at least 5,223 times — a jump over 4,243 such cases in 2011 and 3,805 cases in Obama's first year in office. The secretive CIA last year became even more secretive: Nearly 60 percent of 3,586 requests for files were withheld or censored for that reason last year, compared with 49 percent a year earlier.

Other federal agencies that invoked the national security exception included the Pentagon, Director of National Intelligence, NASA, Office of Management and Budget, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, Federal Communications Commission and the departments of Agriculture, Commerce, Energy, Homeland Security, Justice, State, Transportation, Treasury and Veterans Affairs.

U.S. courts are loath to overrule the administration whenever it cites national security. A federal judge, Colleen McMahon of New York, in January ruled against The New York Times and the American Civil Liberties Union to see records about the government's legal justification for drone attacks and other methods it has used to kill terrorism suspects overseas, including American citizens. She cited an "Alice in Wonderland" predicament in which she was expected to determine what information should be revealed but unable to challenge the government's secrecy claim. Part of her ruling was sealed and made available only to the government's lawyers.

"I find myself stuck in a paradoxical situation in which I cannot solve

a problem because of contradictory constraints and rules — a veritable Catch-22," the judge wrote. "I can find no way around the thicket of laws and precedents that effectively allow the executive branch of our government to proclaim as perfectly lawful certain actions that seem on their face incompatible with our Constitution and laws, while keeping the reasons for their conclusion a secret."

The AP could not determine whether the administration was abusing the national security exemption or whether the public was asking for more documents about sensitive subjects. Nearly half the Pentagon's 2,390 denials last year under that clause came from its National Security Agency, which monitors Internet traffic and phone calls worldwide.

"FOIA is an imperfect law, and I don't think that's changed over the last four years since Obama took office," said Alexander Abdo, an ACLU staff attorney for its national security project. "We've seen a meteoric rise in the number of claims to protect secret law, the government's interpretations of laws or its understanding of its own authority. In some ways, the Obama administration is actually even more aggressive on secrecy than the Bush administration."

The Obama administration also more frequently invoked the law's "deliberative process" exception to withhold records describing decision-making behind the scenes. Obama had directed agencies to use it less often, but the number of such cases had surged after his first year in office to more than 71,000. After back-to-back years when figures steadily declined, as agencies followed the president's instructions, the government cited that reason 66,353 times last year to keep records or parts of records secret.

Even as the Obama administration continued increasing its efforts answering FOIA requests, people submitted more than 590,000 requests for information in fiscal 2012 — an increase of less than 1 percent over the previous year. Including left-over requests from previous years, the government responded to more requests than ever in 2012 — more than 603,000 — a 5 percent increase for the second consecutive year.

The Homeland Security Department, which includes offices that deal with immigration files, received more than twice as many requests for records — 190,589 new requests last year — as any other agency, and it answered

significantly more requests than it did in 2011. Other agencies, including the State Department, National Transportation Safety Board and Nuclear Regulatory Commission performed worse last year. The State Department, for example, answered only 57 percent of its requests, down from 75 percent a year earlier.

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services drove a dramatic increase in the number of times DHS censored immigration records under exceptions to police files containing personal information and law enforcement techniques. The agency invoked those exemptions more than 136,000 times in 2012, compared with more than 75,000 a year earlier. Even though USCIS is not a law-enforcement agency, officials used the exceptions specifically reserved for law enforcement.

Under the law, a citizen can ask the government to reconsider its decision to censor or withhold materials. In the roughly 11,000 such instances last year where that happened, the government prevailed just under half the time. In about 3,400 cases the government turned over at least some additional information. These administrative appeals took about five months each.

The only recourse after such an appeal is an expensive lawsuit or to ask the government's FOIA mediator, the Office of Government Information Services, to intervene.

The AP's analysis also found that the government generally took longer to answer requests. Some agencies, such as the Health and Human Services Department, took less time than the previous year to turn over files. But at the State Department, for example, even urgent requests submitted under a fast-track system covering breaking news or events when a person's life was at stake took an average two years to wait for files.

Journalists and others who need information quickly to report breaking news, for example, fared worse last year. The rate at which the government

granted so-called expedited processing, which moves an urgent request to the front of the line for a speedy answer, fell from 24 percent in 2011 to 17 percent last year. The CIA denied every such request last year.

Under increased budget pressure across the government, agencies more often insisted that people pay search and copying fees. It waived costs in 59 percent of requests, generally when the amount was negligible or the release of the information is in the public interest, a decline from 64 percent of cases a year earlier. At the Treasury Department, which faced questions about its role in auto bailouts and stimulus programs during Obama's first term, only one in five requests were processed at no charge. A year earlier, it granted more than 75 percent of fee waivers.

The CIA denied every request last year to waive fees.

The 33 agencies that AP examined were: Agency for International Development, CIA, Agriculture Department, Commerce Department, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Defense Department, Education Department, Energy Department, Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Homeland Security, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Interior Department, Justice Department, Labor Department, State Department, Transportation Department, Treasury Department, Department of Veterans Affairs, Environmental Protection Agency, Federal Communications Commission, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, Federal Election Commission, Federal Trade Commission, NASA, National Science Foundation, National Transportation Safety Board, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Office of Management and Budget, Office of the Director of National Intelligence, Securities and Exchange Commission, Small Business Administration, the Social Security Administration and the U.S. Postal

Service. Four agencies that were included in AP's previous analysis of FOIA performance did not publicly release their 2012 reports. They included the Office of National Drug Control Policy, the Office of Science and Technology Policy, the Council on Environmental Quality and the Office of Personnel Management.

Jury convicts mayor of corruption

DETROIT (AP) — Former Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick was convicted Monday of corruption charges, ensuring a return to prison for a man once among the nation's youngest big-city leaders.

Jurors convicted Kilpatrick of a raft of crimes, including a racketeering conspiracy charge that carries a maximum punishment of 20 years behind bars. He was portrayed during a five-month trial as an unscrupulous politician who took bribes, rigged contracts and lived far beyond his means while in office until fall 2008.

Kilpatrick wore a surprised, puzzled look at times as U.S. District Judge Nancy Edmunds read the jury's verdict: guilty of 24 charges, not guilty on three and no consensus on three more.

Kilpatrick declined to speak to reporters as he left the courthouse.

Prosecutors said Kilpatrick ran a "private profit machine" out of Detroit's City Hall.

The government presented evidence to show he got a share of the spoils after ensuring that Bobby Ferguson's excavating company was awarded millions in work from the water department.

Business owners said they were forced to hire Ferguson as a subcontractor or risk losing city contracts. Separately, fundraiser Emma Bell said she gave Kilpatrick more than \$200,000 as his personal cut of political donations, pulling cash from her bra during private meetings. A high-ranking aide, Derrick Miller, told jurors that he often was the middle man, passing bribes from others.

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