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City awarded \$20k grant from Pampa EDC

■ Funding to be used for commercial demolition; Commission set to vote on item at today's meeting.

By **SASHA HELLER**
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The Pampa Economic Development Corp. (EDC) at its Board of Directors meeting Thursday held a public hearing to receive

input from citizens about a \$20,000 grant the EDC has awarded the City of Pampa to be used for demolition of blighted commercial properties around town.

At the meeting Thursday,

Public Works Director Donny Hooper said the city recently demolished the Red Barn.

"We were very proud to get that done," Hooper said Thursday. "It's been a long process."

Hooper elaborated on the process in an interview Monday.

"The \$20,000 grant was for the Red Barn demo-

lition and used for the asbestos removal, disposal and asbestos crew," he said. "The rest of the money was estimated to be used for our portion of the demolition which included removal and disposal of everything that was not asbestos-related."

Hooper said that whatever funds are not used this time around will be

utilized during the next asbestos survey.

"The city had some demolition funds budgeted this year, to be used for emergency dangerous structure removal such as fire-damaged property," he said. "We plan to use this (budget) fund to pay the upfront cost and to use the EDC grant to replenish that fund when and if

approved.

"We needed to move forward with the project for safety purposes due to the structural issues," he continued. "Liens were placed on the property to cover the expenses incurred by the city and those will have to be satisfied by the owner before any sale of the property can occur."

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A NEW BEGINNING



Photos by Timothy P. Howsare

Above, members of the PHS choir gave an "unplugged" performance during Saturday's garage sale at the old Pampa Middle School. From left are seniors Kristen Ladd, Nick Nelson, Jacee Smith and Josh Bagwell. Below, a groundbreaking was held Saturday for the Edwin Park subdivision, which will be built on the site of the old Pampa Middle School. Below, from left, Sheila Webb, Paulette Hinkle, Lyndon Field, Ron Nelson, Stephen Nelson, Dan Miller, Lee Waters, Darville Orr and Richard Morris.

Ground breaks for Edwin Park subdivision

■ Planned development includes family homes, events center, playground, picnic areas.

By **TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE**
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As bargain hunters were carrying out sections of old hallway lockers and locker-room benches Saturday from the old Pampa Middle School, several employees of Open Range Development were busy giving their pitch to house hunters about quads and duplexes in the Edwin Park subdivision, which will be built on the site of the former school.

Construction is expected to begin later this year after demolition of the old school is completed.

"We have had a lot of discussions with people that we expect to be following up with on Monday morning," said Lee Waters of Open Range. By 2 p.m., Waters added, they had seven serious inquiries.

The Edwin Park development is a planned housing



community with 36 quad units, 11 single-story duplexes, a playground, picnic areas and an events center.

Bordering the housing development on the west are five commercial tracts with main entry off of Perryton Highway. A privacy wall will separate the housing units from the commercial lots.

The hallways of the old school were packed at 10 a.m., where a "garage sale" was being held to sell off old school equipment, books and even vinyl records.

The Pampa High School choir also held a garage sale of their own to raise money for their trip to Italy.

"We were working booths selling stuff," said choir member Kristen Ladd, who was performing street-musician style with three fellow choir members.

Vendors selling everything from Tupperware to

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Traffic stop nets GCSO 46 pounds of cocaine

■ Street value estimated to be approximately \$3.2M; driver faces possible life sentence.

By **SASHA HELLER**
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The Gray County Sheriff's Office, with assistance from a Wheeler County K-9 unit, on Sunday arrested Yvette Reza, 38, of Coachella, Calif., for possession of a controlled substance — more than 400 grams, after deputies had pulled her over for driving with a brake light out.

GCSO Lt. Terry Cox said deputies stopped Reza near the 118-mile marker on Interstate 40 east as she was traveling in her white motor home. Upon contact with Reza, deputies ran her record and found previous drug possession charges. Cox reported that Reza was acting nervously so deputies requested a K-9 unit from Wheeler County be called to the scene.

A drug dog then discovered 46 pounds of cocaine in the motor home, packaged separately in nine bundles.

The street value of 46 pounds of cocaine is approximately \$3.2 million, when calculated at market value cost per gram.

The first-degree felony carries a possible life sentence and not more than 99 years or less than 5 years as well as a \$10,000 fine.

Reza is currently being held in the Gray County Jail on a \$25,000 bond.



Yvette Reza



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GCSO Deputy Lynn Hudson's routine traffic stop led to a bust of 46 pounds of cocaine.

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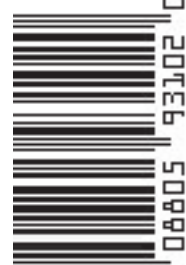
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Tuesday: Sunny with a high of 57. No chance of rain. Wind south southwest at 19 mph. Sunrise at 7:39 a.m.

Tuesday night: Clear with a low of 36. No chance of rain. Wind south at 19 mph. Sunset at 8:01 p.m.

Wednesday: Partly cloudy with a high of 71. Ten percent chance of rain. Wind south southwest at 17 mph. Sunrise at 7:37 a.m.

Wednesday night: Partly cloudy with a low of 39. Twenty percent chance of rain. Wind north northeast at 14 mph. Sunset at 8:02 p.m.

Thursday: Mostly cloudy with a high of 61. Twenty percent chance of rain. Wind east northeast at 10 mph. Sunrise at 7:36 a.m.

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For the record

Pampa woman arrested for possession of controlled substance

- Cassandra Ann Ramirez, 29, Pampa, was arrested Friday by the Gray County Sheriff's Office for possession of controlled substance.
- Chester Louis Jackson, 38, Pampa, was arrested Friday by the Pampa Police Department for failure to ID, capias pro fine — possession of drug paraphernalia and capias pro fine — open container.
- Jane Derie Dedrick, 40, Pampa, was arrested Friday by the GCSO for violation of probation — tampering with physical evidence with intent to interfere.
- Christopher Leon Turlington, 19, Pampa, was arrested Friday and taken to the Department of Corrections for language.
- Elia Gomez, 26, Pampa, was arrested Saturday by the Department of Public Safety for driving while intoxicated and driving with license invalid with previous conviction.
- Roy Brent Burnett, 41, Pampa, was arrested Sunday by the GCSO for burglary of a habitation.
- Willie Edward Powell III, 27, Palo Alto, Calif., was arrested Sunday by the GCSO for possession of marijuana — greater than 4 ounces and less than 5 pounds.
- Mateo Jorge Huerta, 24, East Palo Alto, Calif., was arrested Sunday by the GCSO for possession of marijuana — greater than 4 ounces and less than 5 pounds.

- Jesus Maria Velasquez Jr., 43, Pampa, was arrested Sunday by the PPD for theft over \$50 and under \$500.
- Johnny Mitchell Dominguez, 27, Pampa, was arrested Sunday by the GCSO for driving with license invalid, possession of drug paraphernalia, prohibited substance in a correctional facility and six counts of capias pro fine.
- Amanda Nichole Jenkins, 31, Pampa, was arrested Monday by the PPD for possession of controlled substance — less than 1 gram.
- Calvin Lee Meyers, 37, Pampa, was arrested Monday by the DPS for driving while intoxicated with child under 15 years old.

- Jose Roberto Martinez, 27, Pampa, was arrested Sunday by the PPD for no drivers license and failure to appear.
- Jaimen Florian Varela, 24, Pampa, was arrested Sunday by the PPD for public intoxication.
- Jamie Berry, 19, Pampa, was arrested Sunday by the DPS for theft of a firearm.
- Cody Brandon Wale-siak, 40, Borger, was arrested Monday by the GCSO for driving with license invalid with previous conviction.
- Richard Stark Olney, 45, Pampa, was arrested Sunday by the PPD for aggravated assault with weapon and intentional or reckless strangulation.

Wildlife, fisheries management meetings scheduled across the state April 23

SUBMITTED

AMARILLO — Land-owners and managers interested in sound, practical, scientifically based wildlife and fisheries management will want to attend one of five meetings scheduled April 23 across the state, according to a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service specialist.

Ken Cearley, an AgriLife Extension wildlife specialist in Amarillo, said these important meetings will be handled a little differently — using electronic resources to get the best speakers to cover the most territory on a single day.

“In this case, instead of three speakers traveling to each of the meeting locations over a period of days

or weeks, we will use the latest digital technology to speak to all of the host and surrounding counties at once,” Cearley said. “Audiences will be able to interact with the speakers at the end of each presentation.”

Each meeting will be held from 6 to 9 p.m., starting with a welcome and introduction, followed by presentations from Cearley; Dr. Dale Rollins, AgriLife Extension wildlife specialist at San Angelo; and Dr. Billy Higginbotham, AgriLife Extension wildlife and fisheries specialist at Overton. Topics for the meeting are wildlife nutritional needs, grazing management, pond management and coping with wild pigs.

Regions of the state represented will be South Texas, Panhandle, Far West and East Texas. All interested parties from those regions are invited to go to the meeting location closest to them.

Wildlife and fisheries program meeting locations and contacts for more information are:

- Wilson County, Floresville Event Center, 600 W. State Highway 97, Floresville. Contact Bryan Davis, 830-393-7357.
- Potter County, AgriLife Extension office, 3301 S.E. 10th Ave., Amarillo. Contact Brandon Boughen, 806-373-0713.
- Crane County, AgriLife Extension office, 900 W. 6th St., Crane. Contact Caleb Eaton, 432-558-3522.

- Presidio County, Sul Ross Range and Natural Resource Center, East Highway 90, Room 130, Alpine. Contact Jesse Schneider, 432-729-4746. No RSVP needed; registration from 5:30 to 6 p.m.
- Newton County, AgriLife Extension office, 509 N. Main St., Newton. Contact Aaron Sumrall, 409-379-4831.

The cost is \$25 and is payable at the door of each location. Those planning to attend should contact the appropriate location by April 19.

Cearley said another meeting in the same counties is planned for the fall, addressing additional topics related to land and water stewardship as it pertains to wildlife needs.

Education coalition applauds graduation requirement overhaul

AUSTIN (AP) — A coalition of 22 industry trade organizations said Monday it strongly supports a bill to reduce standardized testing and increase emphasis on career training in high schools statewide, endorsing the high-profile proposal a day before the Texas House is scheduled to debate it.

Jobs for Texas, which says it represents 300,000 Texas employers and more than 6 million jobs, wrote to all 150 state representatives saying House Bill 5 “will

give students greater flexibility to pursue their interests and will allow schools to develop relevant, up-to-date programs that reflect the demands of Texas employers.”

The bill is sponsored by Rep. Jimmie Don Aycock, a Killeen Republican who chairs the chamber's Education Committee. So far, there has been relatively little public opposition to the bill, though scores of proposed amendments will make for a long day of discussions.

“Our students and their parents deserve more flexibility to choose courses that interest them and will prepare them to thrive in higher education and the workplace,” the letter said. It urged House members to support the bill and follow Aycock's lead on voting for or opposing amendments.

The measure would reduce from 15 to five the number of standardized tests that high school students must pass to graduate, leaving exams only in English reading and writing, Algebra I, biology and U.S. History. It also modifies curriculum requirements so students can choose one of five coursework pathways to get a diploma.

“It gives the flexibility for kids who don't necessarily want to be a nuclear scientist to find a job,” Aycock said, promoting his bill to a group of reporters

last week. “We don't want to kind of pigeonhole everybody into a four-year college plan, which is something we've been doing.”

Others, though, say the bill dumbs down curriculum. Former U.S. Education Secretary Rod Paige, an ex-superintendent of Houston schools, is urging lawmakers to “say no to these kinds of efforts to lower the standards in Texas schools.”

“Our children and our schools need high standards of learning, and abandoning strong accountability and assessment is wrong for Texas,” Paige said in a statement Monday.

Similar concerns have been voiced by powerful lobbying group the Texas Association of Business and a group of mothers around the state who are opposed to rolling back testing standards.

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US divorce rate continues downward trend

By JOHN MICHAELSON
Texas News Service

AUSTIN — The divorce rate in the United States continues to fall, but a large percentage of couples still call it quits despite their vows of “for better or worse.”

The reasons can vary as much as the individuals involved, although experts have pointed out ways to safeguard a marriage, especially when children join the family.

Babies and children can bring stresses ranging from a lack of sleep to extra expense and housework, said marriage counselor Patricia Mackie, so it is vital for two parents to be on the same page.

“If parents aren’t really talking about how they’re going to raise their children - they’re not talking about their style, they’re not in agreement on what they’re doing, whether it’s attachment parenting or any other style of parenting — that’s very difficult on a marriage,” she said.

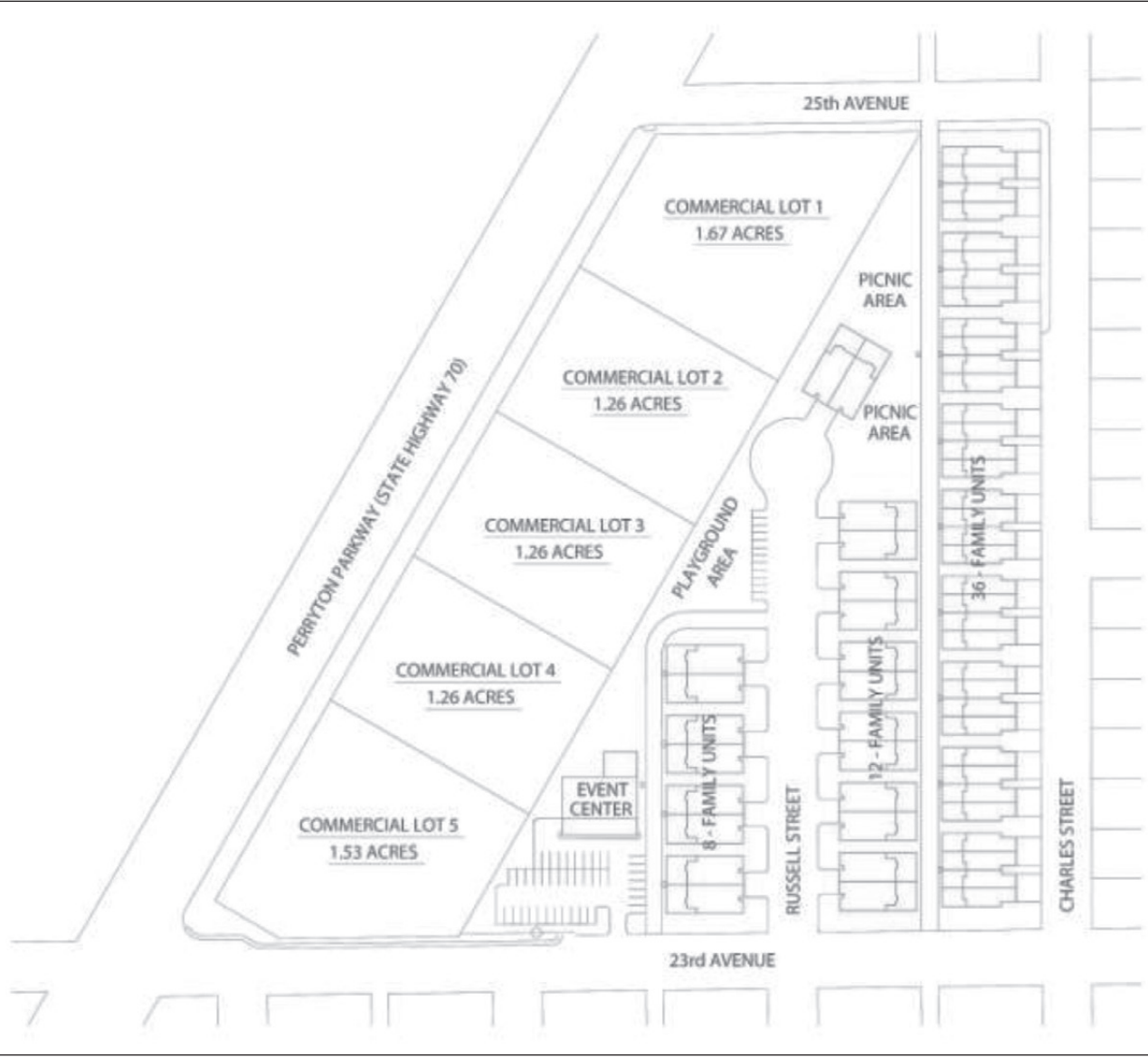
Another key to getting through those first few years with children, Mackie said, is making sure fathers are not left feeling like a “third wheel,” as sometimes can happen.

“What research shows is the more that dads are involved, the more they get involved in the parenting and the daily lives of their children and playing with their kids and their wives together, the better their marriages are,” she said. “That’s just a crucial piece, as far as marriage goes and attachment parenting: Dads have to be involved.”

While children can bring challenges to a marriage, Mackie noted, couples with children actually have a lower divorce rate than do those without them.

“One of the things research is also showing is that couples who share a family-centered view of family life and value raising children (are) more emotionally invested in each other,” she said, “and they’re less prone to divorce than those couples who don’t have children or who don’t necessarily value that family life and the raising of the children.”

The divorce rate in America peaked at around 50 percent in the 1980s and slowly has been trending downward. It is now slightly more than 40 percent.



Housing

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baby clothes to crucifixes manned tables along the hallways, where only two years ago junior high school students talked and mingled between classes.

Outside, Desperado’s was selling barbecue from its popular food trailer.

The quads will come in two-bedroom and three-bedroom floor plans. Entrances to the nine units will be along Charles Street. For entry to the duplexes, Russell Street will be extended across 23rd Avenue, Waters said.

Zip Hall, who lives on Charles Street, was at Open Range Development’s booth watching a DVD presentation being given by Dan Miller.

Hall couldn’t say yet whether she intends to buy one of the new townhomes,



Map courtesy of Open Range Development

Top, a map of the Edwin Park subdivision. Above, Dan Miller with Open Range Engineering gives a DVD presentation on the housing development. Construction is expected to begin later this year.

but did say, “I’m just interested in this being developed.”

Miller added, “We are hoping for the best with

this. It’s something new. Something refreshing.”

The garage sale concluded at 5 p.m. with a brief groundbreaking ceremony

outside of the old school with Open Range staff and Gold Coat representatives from the Pampa Chamber of Commerce.

Last call for Easter special 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 the Easter services.

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Gregory Lopez

Gregory Lopez has been a detailer for Culberston Stowers for the past 8 months. He graduated from Jersey Village High in Houston. He is married to Jennifer Lopez of Gallup NM. She is a teacher aid at Lamar. They have two beautiful children, Gracelyn age 4 and Juliet 9 months. They have lived in Pampa for almost 2 years. He has over 17 years experience is detailing. When asked why he enjoys being a detailer he said, “I have satisfaction in making a car look brand new.” “Gregory is a hard working employee. He is very experienced and it shows when he details a car. We are lucky to have him here.” Says Richard Stowers.

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Rules for addressing amnesty

Republicans are getting a lot of unsolicited advice about how to recover from last year's defeat, and most of it is either ignorant or coming from people who don't have Republican party victories in their game plan. One of the worst of these bits of advice is that Republicans should join a bipartisan push for immigration amnesty.

Amnesty advocates shrink from using the word amnesty and try hard to shroud their message in deceptive words. So let's understand their vocabulary: reform, comprehensive, earned legal status and path to citizenship are all code words for amnesty.

At the recent conservative jamboree called CPAC, several panels and even star banquet speaker former Florida Governor Jeb Bush tried hard to soften or disguise the fact that their proposals are really amnesty. But conservatives agree with Rep. Steve King of Iowa that the essence of amnesty is to "reward them with the objective of their crime" and agree with Ann Coulter who told CPAC that amnesty is "suicidal" for Republicans.

Promises by the amnesty advocates to secure the border after the illegals are granted residency, or even simultaneously, are unacceptable and unbelievable. In the famous words of Yogi Berra, an oral agreement is not worth the paper it is written on.

The American people want the U.S. government to obey and enforce existing laws. That starts with building a fence on our southern border, which was required by a 2006 federal law, and signed by President George W. Bush in a well-publicized photo op. Instead of building

the fence that Congress ordered, the government spent nearly \$2 billion building what was called a virtual fence. It didn't work, and now it is being dismantled at additional expense.

Here are the requirements that must be met before we start talking: First, we want and expect a border fence to be built like the efficient, successful fence that protects the border near San Diego. That means a 12-foot-high double fence with a road in between.

Second, we want enforcement of the entry-exit system, whereby people admitted on visas are tracked to make sure they leave the U.S. when their temporary visit expires. That's another federal law that has never been enforced.

Third, we want a law that requires employers to use E-Verify for new and current employees. This is as simple as having retailers check your credit card when you make a purchase; just put your credit card or your Social Security number in a machine and you get an immediate answer as to whether it's valid. Americans must provide their Social Security number when they apply for a job, and immigrants should not be exempt from laws the rest of us must obey. This simple procedure would identify the illegals and thereby make many jobs available to unemployed Americans.

Fourth, eliminate all schemes for the admittance of guest workers, both the uneducated who take entry-level jobs away from our own high school dropouts and the H-1B and other special-purpose visas (a special rife with fraud) who take jobs away from our own college graduates because the big companies prefer to hire lower-paid foreigners.

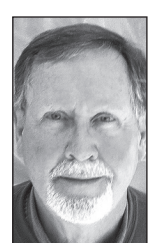
Fifth, enforce cooperation between federal and state immigration authorities, so when a

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Prairie Plains Perspective

Parental control was gun control

I was 8 years old at the time, riding my bicycle west on Decatur, now Randy Matson Avenue, renamed such after



DENNIS PALMITIER

the Pampa native and Olympic shot puffer threw a 16-pound ball of iron 70 or so feet. My intentions were to pedal out west of town to shoot at rabbits, rattlesnakes and anything that crept, crawled, scampered or slithered.

There wasn't anything unusual those days of yore with someone seeing a raised on jerky kid with a semi-automatic 22 rifle slung over his shoulder, riding on a bicycle down a city street. What's that, you ask? Why, of course, I told a parent what I was going to do, wouldn't think of not doing so, for gun control in those days

was parental control. In return I got the requisite, "Be careful!" I know, parents! But let me tell you, per my father, I was well educated in the specifics of firearm safety. Imagine, if you will, that same scenario today. How far would an 8-year-old boy get with a 22 rifle across his back before a policeman stops him?

During high school years any number of us could be found between classes at our cars and trucks covetously eyeing a friend's newly purchased rifle or pistol. The rifle could be seen rather easily, particularly if the friend drove a truck, for it would be quite visible in the rack attached to the inside of the vehicle's back window. Pistols would be either in glove boxes or under seats.

Again, firearms in vehicles were routine, the norm. If caught speeding or doing "other" things while in our autos,

we never dreamt of pointing a firearm towards an officer of the law, nor did the officer, upon seeing any firearm racked in a rear window, go ballistic.

Gun control? Wasn't any need for such. Right versus wrong for the majority (there were a few fools) of folks never was an issue. What's that, you ask? What would happen if we were to get in a fight with all the firearms in such close reach? What kind of question is that?

Odd, but I'll answer anyway. In my formative years, if unlucky enough to talk my way out of a fight and the possibility arising of me (it happened) getting my butt kicked, I and others in the same situation never dreamt of advancing that fight with any weapon other than our fists. And, for the matter, getting into a fight while in school resulted, if caught by a teacher or principal, only in a visit to **PALMITIER** cont. on page 5



PHYLLIS SCHLAFLY

Republicans are getting a lot of unsolicited advice about how to recover from last year's defeat, and most of it is either ignorant or coming from people who don't have Republican party victories in their game plan. One of the worst of these bits of advice is that Republicans should join a bipartisan push for immigration amnesty.

Amnesty advocates shrink from using the word amnesty and try hard to shroud their message in deceptive words. So let's understand their vocabulary: reform, comprehensive, earned legal status and path to citizenship are all code words for amnesty.

At the recent conservative jamboree called CPAC, several panels and even star banquet speaker former Florida Governor Jeb Bush tried hard to soften or disguise the fact that their proposals are really amnesty. But conservatives agree with Rep. Steve King of Iowa that the essence of amnesty is to "reward them with the objective of their crime" and agree with Ann Coulter who told CPAC that amnesty is "suicidal" for Republicans.

Promises by the amnesty advocates to secure the border after the illegals are granted residency, or even simultaneously, are unacceptable and unbelievable. In the famous words of Yogi Berra, an oral agreement is not worth the paper it is written on.

The American people want the U.S. government to obey and enforce existing laws. That starts with building a fence on our southern border, which was required by a 2006 federal law, and signed by President George W. Bush in a well-publicized photo op. Instead of building

the fence that Congress ordered, the government spent nearly \$2 billion building what was called a virtual fence. It didn't work, and now it is being dismantled at additional expense.

Here are the requirements that must be met before we start talking: First, we want and expect a border fence to be built like the efficient, successful fence that protects the border near San Diego. That means a 12-foot-high double fence with a road in between.

Second, we want enforcement of the entry-exit system, whereby people admitted on visas are tracked to make sure they leave the U.S. when their temporary visit expires. That's another federal law that has never been enforced.

Third, we want a law that requires employers to use E-Verify for new and current employees. This is as simple as having retailers check your credit card when you make a purchase; just put your credit card or your Social Security number in a machine and you get an immediate answer as to whether it's valid. Americans must provide their Social Security number when they apply for a job, and immigrants should not be exempt from laws the rest of us must obey. This simple procedure would identify the illegals and thereby make many jobs available to unemployed Americans.

Fourth, eliminate all schemes for the admittance of guest workers, both the uneducated who take entry-level jobs away from our own high school dropouts and the H-1B and other special-purpose visas (a special rife with fraud) who take jobs away from our own college graduates because the big companies prefer to hire lower-paid foreigners.

Fifth, enforce cooperation between federal and state immigration authorities, so when a

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GOP must show support for Hispanic dreams

Rarely does a political party issue a document so scathingly critical of itself and its most recent presidential nominee as the report of the five-member



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Growth and Opportunity Project of the Republican National Committee.

It refers to Mitt Romney on occasion as "our presidential nominee" and notes disapprovingly of his reference, in the debate about immigration, to "self-deportation."

And while the report states modestly, "We are not a policy committee," it does call for a policy — "comprehensive immigration reform" — that many, perhaps most, Republican members of Congress oppose.

I think there's some risk here for the Republican National Committee. But there also may be some reward for Republicans generally.

The risk is of turning off officeholders and voters. Republicans need to win elections and prevail on issues. The reward is Republicans might be able to win some elections they'd otherwise lose.

"If Hispanic Americans perceive that a GOP nominee or candidate does not want them in the United States (i.e., self-

deportation), they will not pay attention to our next sentence," the report says.

"It does not matter what we say about education, jobs or the economy; if Hispanics think we do not want them here, they will close their ears to our advice."

To this they contrast George W. Bush's 2000 and 2004 campaign refrain: "Family values don't stop at the Rio Grande, and a hungry mother is going to feed her child."

Let me put it another way. To win someone's vote, you need to be friendly to them and those they identify with.

My observation in travel over the years is that Hispanics are treated very differently by Anglos in Texas than in California.

In Texas, white Anglos see people with Hispanic features as fellow Texans. They smile and say howdy.

They know, because they have to take Texas history in high school, that Hispanics have been living in Texas for more than 200 years and that some fought for Texas independence against Mexico.

In California, white Anglos, liberal or conservative, treat people with Hispanic features as landscape workers or parking valet attendants. They look past them without speaking or hand them their car keys.

George W. Bush's words about family values were

very Texan, down to the reference to the Rio Grande.

That enabled him to win about 40 percent of Hispanic votes in 2004 (examination of county returns suggests that the exit poll number of 44 percent is a little high).

As for Romney, when he said "self-deportation," he was actually describing something real.

The folks at the Pew Hispanic Center have concluded, I think with some reluctance, that net migration from Mexico to the United States fell to around zero in the recession year 2007. There may have been more reverse migration than inward migration since then.

But "self-deportation" and "reverse migration" are cold, abstract terms. Politicians (and pundits) need to look beneath unfeeling statistics for the effect on the lives of actual human beings.

And when you look at the RealtyTrac numbers of foreclosures in the peak years of 2007 and 2010, you find that a majority were in four states — California, Nevada, Arizona and Florida.

When you look at the counties with high foreclosure rates, you're looking at the Central Valley, the Inland Empire east of Los Angeles, metro Las Vegas and metro Phoenix.

You're looking at tens of thousands of Hispanic homebuyers who were

granted mortgages with little or no money down and that proved to be far beyond their capacity to service when housing crashed and the construction industry shut down.

Many such mortgages were issued because of government policy favoring minority homeownership and because Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac pushed this policy hard.

This was bad public policy that shattered people's dreams. Homebuyers had assumed they would amass wealth through supposedly inevitable housing price gains.

Instead, many — and others who witnessed this tragedy — gave up on the United States and moved back to Mexico.

Republicans can perhaps gain entry with Hispanic voters by supporting comprehensive immigration reform. At the very least, they need to avoid approaching this issue with the angry hostility you hear from too many callers on talk radio.

But they also need to show an understanding of the realities these people are facing. They need to show the how their policies can help them achieve their dreams.

The Republican National Committee report is not a bad start.

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Prison chief's death highlights safety concerns

BOISE, Idaho (AP) — The new warden was sworn in Friday to oversee South Carolina's Lee Correctional Institution, a prison described by Gov. Nikki Haley as a dangerous place "housing the worst of the worst of our convicts."

It was a milestone in the career of Mike McCall, but the warden refused to let his wife accompany him to the ceremony.

"He didn't want anybody seeing the TV or the newspapers to know what she looks like," for fear she could be become a target, said Clark Newsom, spokesman

for the South Carolina Department of Corrections. "It's the nature of the business. The average person doesn't realize how dangerous this can be."

The shooting death last week of Colorado's prison chief has focused attention on the danger faced by those who oversee the prisons housing the nation's convicts. Prison guards, wardens and correctional system administrators have been targeted in the past, often by convicts who had been freed after serving their sentence.

A former Colorado inmate killed

in a shootout Thursday with Texas authorities is a suspect in the death of Tom Clements, the Colorado corrections director shot at his front door. Colorado authorities say evidence gathered in Texas provided a "strong lead" in the case but stressed investigators had not yet confirmed a link between the crime and Evan Spencer Ebel, the paroled inmate and a member of the white supremacist prison gang the 211s.

It remained unclear whether Clements was targeted when he was shot March 19 and why.

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state picks up an illegal he can be immediately turned over to the feds. This cooperation should also eliminate the so-called Sanctuary Cities, where federal immigration law is ignored.

Sixth, reinstate the rule that was in effect for the hundreds of thousands of immigrants who came through Ellis Island. If they had a major disease or failed to provide proof that they would NOT become a public charge, they were sent back to their home country.

Seventh, develop a constructive plan to assimilate the legal immigrants who have come to our country over the last 25 years. This includes using the major way earlier immigrants were assimilated: having their children in public schools taught only in English, and abolishing the unpopular, expensive hiring of teachers of dozens of foreign languages to supervise immigrant kids speaking their native language year after year, never learning English.

Eighth, stop lying to Republicans, falsely telling them that amnesty is the key to increasing their Hispanic vote. There isn't a shred of evidence to support that notion, and there's plenty of evidence that amnesty delivers votes to Obama Democrats because, as reported by the Washington Post-Kaiser survey, 67 percent of Hispanics favor a "larger federal government with many services."

Ninth, stop peddling the false notion that amnesty is the "Christian" thing to do. Amnesty will betray Hispanics because it will open our borders to a flood of new illegals, increase the millions below the poverty line and make it impossible for legal or assimilated immigrants to achieve the American dream.

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the principal's office — not off to the police station.

Something indeed happened over the years to escalate the gun control issue and debate we are having today. There are any number of factors gun control pundits point out that have led up to today's tragic current events and the need for tighter controls, starting with the loss of the family unit, music and videos, drug and gang culture, mental issues, domestic terror, lack of prayer in school, etc.

The list goes on and ad nauseam on. I believe the loss of the family unit, lack of parental control along with peer pressure, coupled with loss of moral compass has led to many of the firearm related tragedies.

Also, within the parental control issue is the recent aspect of mental issues cause celebre; i.e., the tragedies involving U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords and Sandy Hook. I was astounded that immediately after the Sandy Hook tragedy in Connecticut, all fingers started pointing to

the NRA being at fault and leading America's "gun culture." Next came the nonsensical attack on the 2nd Amendment, the inane utterances of those averring the amendment to be, passe.

One pundit actually told a reporter over national TV the 2nd Amendment gives Americans the right to hunt. Indeed. The 2nd Amendment is specifically written for Americans right to keep and bear arms, in case being, those arms are needed to defend our freedom against an intolerant government depriving us of our Constitutional rights. Don't think so? Read the amendment.

What has happened to this once great country? Hysterics brought about by knee-jerk reactions to firearm related tragedies has gotten so out of reason's grasp that in schools nowadays kids cannot play cowboys and Indians, cops and robbers, munch a Pop Tart into the shape of a pistol or bring celebratory birthday cup cakes with World War II G.I. figures atop them to share with classmates because doing such is showing a lack of insensitivity.

This country has experienced gun-related tragedies with multiple deaths way before Sandy Hook. The

University of Texas sniper attack in 1961 is an example.

And, Timothy McVeigh was responsible for the deaths of 20 children, the oldest 6 years old, when he set off the fertilizer bomb in Oklahoma City.

And to highlight the inanity even more, how about a proud father, having given his son an M-16-like rifle for his birthday, took a picture of his beaming kid and posted it on the Internet for friends to see, only to receive a knock on his front door from child welfare and police officers responding to a child in danger call.

Question is, how much more nonsense will we see from those hell bent on doing away with American's right to keep and bear arms? Fact of the matter is and always has been that gun control is not crime control.

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Lent devotionals through Thursday

Day 37 – Wednesday

Scripture: Mt 27:45-56; Mk 15:33-41; Lk 23:44-49; Jn 19:28-34, 36-37

At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook and the rocks split. The tombs broke open and the bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life. They came out of the tombs, and after Jesus' resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many people. When the centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and all that had happened, they were terrified. The centurion stood there in front of Jesus, heard his cry and saw how he died. He praised God and exclaimed, "Surely this was a righteous man. Surely he was the Son of God!"

Devotional

Only one helmet on Golgatha that day stood out from the rest. All were just alike except that one. It marked the Centurion, the man in charge of the Roman crucifixion detail. Much has been surmised about him, many things glowing, even glorious. But such was not the case, at least when we first meet him. Here

is what can be reasonably surmised. First, the "duty station" of Judea was unquestionably near the bottom of the barrel. No top notch Roman soldier ever volunteered to go there. Second, since nobody volunteered for Judea, that region only got the rejects, including the rejects of the centurions. He wasn't one of the elite of the Roman army or else he would not have been in Judea. Third, the crucifixion detail was near the bottom of the duty preferences of soldiers. It wasn't some honorable duty that most looked forward to; it was the duty that those in trouble or those at the end of the pecking order got stuck with. There was nothing honorable about what they did and they knew it. So how does this affect the story? I believe that it makes his story that day even more glorious. You see, he didn't jump from honorable to glorious; he leaped from out-cast to glorious that day at Calvary. He went from a mediocre, unbelieving nobody heathen to the glorious confessor of the Messiah who would be remembered throughout all of human history. He watched, he listened, he reasoned, he evaluated and then he said: "Surely this was a righteous man. Surely he was the Son of God!"

Coming from his background, his confession is an awesome testimony to the magnificence of

Christ. So what have I done with my background? I surely had a better upbringing than him, better spiritual training in a church. I've had a better start than him in every way. So what have I done with my blessed life that proclaims an awesome testimony to the magnificence of Christ? That is a tough question. I know these 2 Lenten truths. I have to confess that often in my life; I have irresponsibly taken this blessed life for granted. And at times I have frittered away time and opportunities to make a real difference in more lives to the glory of Jesus. It is time for these 2 old habits to fade away and die. It is time to seize the day.

Prayer:

Christ, the centurion only had one day's worth of knowledge and experience of You. During that one day he broke all kinds of records in heaven in the spiritual broad jump. I want to make those kind of leaps with the days that I have left, however many or few they be. Help me not be wasteful with the moments You entrust to me. Lead me in the paths of a faithful steward of my Master's opportunities. Help me make every moment count. Amen.

Day 38 – Thursday

Scripture: Mt 27:45-56; Mk 15:33-41; Lk 23:44-49; Jn 19:28-34, 36-37

Now it was the day of Preparation, and the next day was to be a special Sabbath. Because the Jews did not want the bodies left on the crosses during the Sabbath, they asked Pilate to have the legs broken and the bodies taken down. The soldiers therefore came and broke the legs of the first man who had been crucified with Jesus, and then those of the other. But when they came to Jesus and found that he was already dead, they did not break his leg.

Devotional

So what is so "special" about these 2 legs? Everybody has 2 of them. They do look stronger than most, probably from a lot of exercise, but still nothing really remarkable. Now if they were the legs of some famous athlete then it might make perfect sense to call them "special". Are they special because they belong to some famous actor in Hollywood? Everyone would really think that was special. What has this person or these legs accomplished that makes him or them so special? What does make them so unique? First, they belonged to Jesus, the Christ, the only begotten Son of God. That made these legs the most significant legs in human history; truly one-of-a-kind. They were part of the body of the one who humbled Himself for humanity's sake. Second, they were nailed to the cross on Golgatha. That meant that these legs

finished the mission for which they were created. Third, they were not broken. The only reason they weren't broken was that when the soldier came to break them, the one on the cross had already died – JOB DONE! Finally, John said that these "unbroken" legs were the fulfillment of prophecy. The primary lesson for me from the unbroken legs of Jesus seems to focus on completing the assigned mission. Had He still been alive, the mission not yet finished, the soldier would have broken his legs. They only remained unbroken because He had already crossed the finish line. The challenge to me is a question: Do I follow through? Do I see God's assignments through to completion? Or do I start well, but

finish poorly? If I'm going to be more like Him, I must start well, remain consistent throughout and then finish well. That is the lesson for me from the legs of Jesus.

Prayer:

Lord Jesus, I sure have found myself crying out for Your help a lot during this Lenten season, even more than usual. You were a finisher. No matter the cost, You finished. I think I've always been a better starter than a finisher. I'm sorry for that, sorry that it is true. In that regard I'm not like You as much as I want to be. So let me say it once again. It seems like I've already said it a thousand times this Lent. But here goes again: Lord, help me. Receive my confession and help me. Amen.

More school choice won't mean exodus

AUSTIN (AP) — The state's top education official says expanding "school choice" in Texas likely won't trigger a mass exodus of students leaving public schools for private ones. Education Commissioner Michael Williams spent decades as a proponent for charter schools and giving students additional options beyond traditional, public classrooms. Since taking his current post last year, though, Williams says he's neutral. Still, several bills in the Texas Legislature would expand school choice. Williams said Monday that similar laws passed in other states didn't see students abandon public schools in droves. He told the state Senate Nominations Committee that even if Texas approves such a plan, he will still be responsible for overseeing "nearly 5 million kids." But that's potentially tens of thousands less than the number of students currently enrolled in public schools.

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New affirmative action case at Supreme Court

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court is broadening its examination of affirmative action by adding a case about Michigan's effort to ban consideration of race in college admissions.

The justices already were considering a challenge to the University of Texas program that takes account of race, among many factors, to fill remaining spots in its freshman classes. The Texas case has been argued, but not yet decided.

The court on Monday said it would add the Michigan case, which focuses on the 6-year-old voter-approved prohibition on affirmative action and the appeals court ruling that overturned the ban. The new case will be argued in

the fall. A decision in the Texas case is expected by late June.

The dispute over affirmative action in Michigan has its roots in the 2003 Supreme Court decision that upheld the use of race as a factor in university admissions.

That case concerned the University of Michigan law school.

In response to the court's 5-4 decision in that case, affirmative action opponents worked to put a ballot measure in front of voters to amend the state constitution to outlaw preferential treatment on the basis of race and other factors in education, as well as government hiring and contracting. In November 2006, 58 percent of Michigan voters ap-

proved the measure.

Civil rights groups sued to block the provision the day after the vote. In November, the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals voted 8-7 to invalidate the ban as it applies to college admissions.

It did not address hiring or contracting.

The appeals court said the constitutional amendment is illegal because it prohibits affirmative action supporters from lobbying lawmakers, university trustees and other people who ordinarily control admissions policies.

Instead, opponents of the ban would have to mount their own long, expensive campaign through the ballot box to protect affirmative action, the court said.

That burden "undermines the Equal Protection Clause's guarantee that all citizens ought to have equal access to the tools of political change," the court said.

The 6th Circuit divided along ideological lines, with its more liberal judges in the majority.

In the Texas case, a white student who was denied admission to the University of Texas is suing to overturn the school's use of race among many factors to fill out its incoming freshman classes.

The bulk of the slots go to Texans who graduated in the top 10 percent of their high school classes.

The Michigan case is *Schuetz v. Coalition to Defend Affirmative Action*, 12-682.



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House Committee mulls expanding Open Beaches Act

AUSTIN (AP) — Lawmakers in the Texas House are set to discuss a proposed constitutional amendment clearly defining the boundaries of public beaches and holding them in a public trust.

The amendment by Dallas Democratic Rep. Harold Dutton comes with a companion public beaches bill.

That legislation would become impervious to future court challenges should the amendment be added to the Texas Consti-

tution.

Both will be discussed during Tuesday's Land and Resource Management Committee meeting.

They are in response to a 2010 Texas Supreme Court ruling on the Open Beaches Act. It found that if an act of nature erodes a beach, the landowner's right to the remaining property isn't diminished by state law — even if it is now part of the beach.

The Supreme Court reaffirmed its decision last year.

Pa. groundhog's handler taking blame for forecast

PITTSBURGH (AP) — An Ohio prosecutor who has light-heartedly filed charges against the famous Pennsylvania groundhog who fraudulently "predicted" an early spring says he may consider a pardon now that the animal's handler is taking the blame.

That's right, Bill Deeley, president of the Punxsutawney Groundhog Club's Inner Circle says the animal rightly predicted six more weeks of winter but Deeley tells

The Associated Press he mistakenly announced an early spring because he failed to correctly interpret Phil's "groundhog-ese."

Butler County, Ohio prosecutor, Mike Gmoser tells the AP he's reconsidering the charges in light of the new evidence and may issue a full pardon. The Groundhog Day celebration in Punxsutawney, a borough about 65 miles northeast of Pittsburgh, attracts worldwide attention each year.

Heart repair breakthroughs replace surgeon's knife

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Have a heart problem? If it's fixable, there's a good chance it can be done without surgery, using tiny tools and devices that are pushed through tubes into blood vessels.

Heart care is in the midst of a transformation. Many problems that once required sawing through the breastbone and opening up the chest for open heart surgery now can be treated with a nip, twist or patch through a tube.

These minimal procedures used to be done just to unclog arteries and correct less common heart rhythm problems. Now some patients are getting such repairs for valves, irregular heartbeats, holes in the heart and other defects — without major surgery. Doctors even are testing ways to treat high blood pressure with some of these new approaches.

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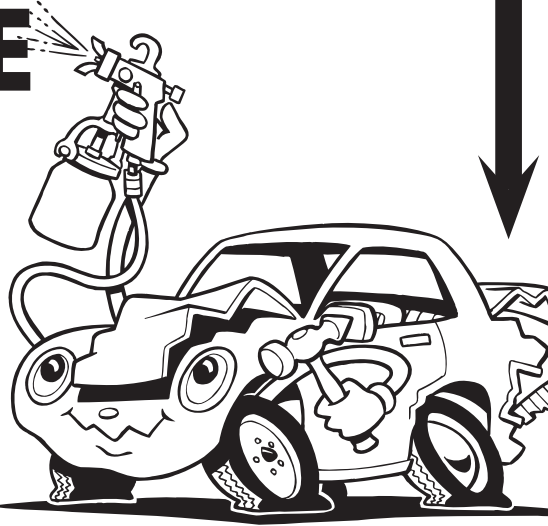
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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: "Rita" and I have been together three years and are getting ready to make the final commitment of marriage. My problem is that she's a slob. Rita isn't a "hoarder," but she does things like take the plastic off a package and drop it on the floor. (Don't get me started on the mess she leaves in the bathroom.)

I love her and would be willing to have separate bathrooms if that's what it takes. But I don't want to spend the rest of my life in a house that looks the way hers does right now. The thought of raising kids in that kind of atmosphere chills me.

I'm no neat freak, but at least I put my trash in the wastebasket. Rita gets offended if I raise the issue. I have offered to help her clean her house, but I don't want to nag because her mother already does, and it makes Rita respond like a defiant child.

Have you any ideas about what I can do to keep our relationship — and hopefully our future — intact? — **WHATEVER RITA WANTS**

DEAR **WHATEVER**: It appears your girlfriend wants to continue living exactly the way she is. Because she becomes defensive at the sug-

gestion that she make a better effort, accept that you are not going to change her. She obviously has many good qualities or your relationship would not have made it this far.

There is help for people who are disorganized and sloppy, but only if they are willing to accept that they need it. Some people have successfully used a system originated by Marla Cilley, aka the Fly-Lady. ("Fly" stands for "Finally Loving Yourself.") To find out more about her system, visit www.fly-lady.net and click on "Get Started."

DEAR ABBY: I'm stuck in a dead-end job that doesn't pay much money, so I have to rely on help from my parents. I'd like to return to school for my master's, but a lack of funds and mild depression keep pulling me back.

I told my mother about how I have been feeling, hoping for reassurance — just a general, "Everything is going to get better." This is a woman who has longed for me to get married and have children, which I thought was no different than most mothers. I now realize I was wrong. Her motivation speech was: "You have always been beautiful

and I want you to see it. Don't you know that you're good enough to become a rich man's wife?"

Now I realize that being a rich man's wife is what she always wanted for me. I always thought I could be more than that and support myself without the need of a man. I also believed I could one day be a writer.

Independence has always been important to me, and I would never marry unless I was. Now, however, my self-esteem is shot, and since I can't afford therapy, I feel my mother's plan is probably the only thing I can hope for. How can I improve my self-esteem so I can make the right decision? — **DEPRESSED IN LEWISVILLE, TEXAS**

DEAR **DEPRESSED**: A good first step would be to stop listening to your mother. Live your own life, and now that you know what poor judgment she has, make your own decisions about the path you will follow.

A suggestion: Write the story down and be sure to mention how you persisted in spite of your mother's advice. You may find inspiration in your own words. And if it's published, so might others.

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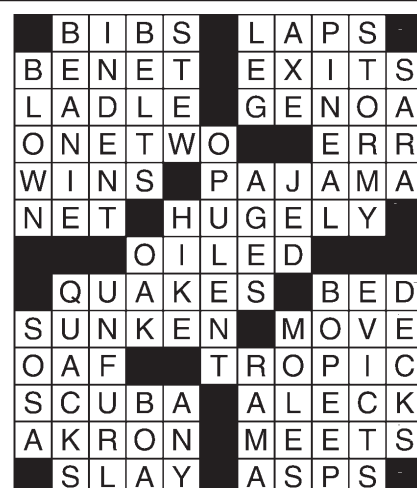
By THOMAS JOSEPH

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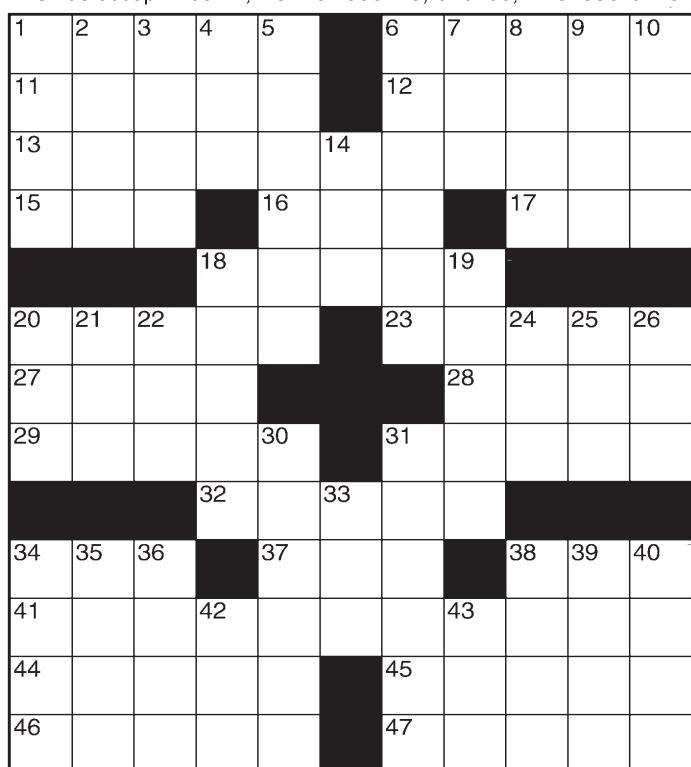
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Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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Level: Beginner

BANANAGRAMS!

Use the 15 tiles in this bunch to create words that fit into the grids below. The BANANA BITES provide hints. Reuse the tiles in each grid.



BANANA BITE: One word means "to perform well."
BANANA BITE: One word means "created a word."

Yesterday's Answer: INVADE, HAIRDO

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Amputee vet helps train troops for war

SAN DIEGO (AP) — The sailor had been back from war for just over a year when friends invited him to watch an unusually emotional training exercise for troops preparing to deploy. The drill happened not on a military base but at a film studio, where Marine and Navy medics role-played wartime rescue missions with actors who had, in real-life, lost limbs in motorcycle or car accidents or to ailments such as cancer. Those on hand weren't sure how Joel Booth would react. The 24-year-old had been attached to a Marine battalion in Afghanistan as a naval combat medic — until he stepped on an explosive and doctors, two years ago, amputated his right leg below the knee. Since returning home he'd had to learn to adapt while also coping with the post-traumatic stress. But Booth was transfixed as fake bombs exploded and medics practiced the type of rescue

missions he'd once been on, saving the amputee actors — as he, in the end, had to be saved. Then the young veteran did something unexpected: He asked for an audition. Perhaps, he thought, this injury that had forever altered his life could help save someone else's. What he didn't know was how much reliving the horrors of war would help him, too. "In society, amputees are seen by people on a large scale as having a disability, being weaker. But ... even someone who doesn't have a hand can still operate a weapon to be able to defend themselves," he said. Marine 2nd Lt. Duane Blank, a commander who has gone through similar training, said amputee actors add a degree of realism that no one else can. "The visual effect is invaluable because it's something you don't encounter every day," said Blank, an Iraq war veteran.

Grant

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Hooper told the Board Thursday that he will keep in constant contact with them to assure the EDC is updated about progress of the demolition program. "Case by case, we'll bring the next one to you," Hooper said at last week's Board meeting. Hooper then shared his excitement for the demolition program and how it could lead to economic development in Pampa. "We're forward from where we've ever been on that and I'm proud of that," he said. On Monday, Hooper further explained the objective of the demolition program. "The purpose of the demolition program is to rid the city of dangerous structures while improving the overall appearance of our community which, in turn, promotes economic development. First impressions of the city are important for both businesses and individuals who are looking at Pampa as their possible new home. Pampa EDC Executive Director Clay Rice also commented on how the demolition program can influence economic development. Rice said demolition of dilapidated structures can have a positive impact on

commercial appeal and safety for citizens. He added that the program benefits the community by improving the quality of life for all residents. Rice also said demolition of unsightly structures can increase the likelihood that a business would decide to relocate to Pampa. In years past, the city has focused on tearing down blighted homes around town. The city will continue removing dilapidated homes but it will now also focus on commercial properties. Since 2005, the city has demolished more than 350 residential structures. In December, the EDC awarded the city a \$250,000 grant to continue tearing down dilapidated homes. Hooper said the city intends to demolish close to 100 this year. Removal of condemned commercial properties is more labor intensive than tearing down homes as the city must perform asbestos surveys which can cost \$10,000 or more for a 100,000-square-foot building. State law requires the city perform an asbestos survey for each commercial tear-down. Approval of the \$20,000 grant award now rests with the Pampa City Commission, which is set to vote on the item at its meeting today. The Commission meets at 4 p.m. at Pampa City Hall, 200 W. Foster Ave.

Belgian chocolate stamps offer lick with a kick

BRUSSELS (AP) — Feel like having chocolate at Easter in Belgium? Well, send a letter and

really lick that chocolate-flavored postal stamp. The Belgian post office released 538,000 stamps

on Monday that have pictures of chocolate on the front but the essence of cacao oil in the glue at the back for taste and in the ink for smell. A set of five stamps costs 6.2 euros (\$8).

Getting Social Security from a jerk

TOM MARGENAU
Creator's Syndicate

Gosh, there are a lot of rotten husbands out there! That's why I keep telling my wife she should fall down on her knees every day and thank her lucky stars that she got one of the good guys. OK, I really don't do that. In fact, if I did say that to my wife, the only reason she might drop to her knees is because she'd be laughing so hard she wouldn't be able to keep standing!

But I can't help thinking there are an awful lot of ... well ... awful men out there. That's because I get emails almost every day from women asking me a Social Security question that involves being married to a jerk. Here are several examples.

Q: I have a complicated story and don't know where to turn. I hope you can help me. I was married to my first husband for 20 years. He died a long time ago. After quite a while living alone, I finally met another man. We lived together as husband and wife for 15 years. But then I learned he was married all that time to another woman. After I found out, he divorced this other woman and then married me. However, he died just four months after our marriage. Am I due any of this Social Security?

A: Let's start with two easy issues. 1) You didn't mention if you have your own Social Security. If you do, nothing involved with any "husbands" keeps you from getting your own Social Security. 2) You would be due widow's benefits from your first husband's record.

Now for the more difficult issue of whether or not you might be due benefits from, oh well, let's call him Mr. Bigamy, or Mr. B! Social Security rules generally say a marriage must last 9 months to be valid (unless he died from accidental causes). So Mr. B's four month legal marriage to you will get you nowhere with Social Security.

However, we can fall back on a possible common-law marriage for those 15 years you were together. Social Security follows state laws on these matters. So if you were living in a state that recognizes common-law marriage, then Social Security will recognize it.

But of course we have that little issue that he was married to someone else while you guys were living together. Social Security law does have a "good faith" clause. That rule essentially says that if you entered into

this relationship truly believing that Mr. B was unmarried, then your common-law marriage to him can be considered valid.

Each of these issues (the 9 month rule, common-law marriage and the good faith clause) has some "ifs, ands or buts" associated with it. So the bottom line is you will just have to sit down with someone at your local Social Security office to go over all these messy marital matters.

Q: I want to know if there is any way I can attach my husband's Social Security in order to collect on his bad debts. We were married for 20 years. He maxed out our credit cards, buying all kinds of things (cars, boats, campers, etc.) I didn't think we needed. Then he ran off with another woman (taking the camper and boat) and left me with all the bills. I was hounded by some pretty aggressive bill collectors, and I finally paid off all his debt. He has no plans to pay me back. So I want to know this: Can I attach his Social Security in order to get back the money that he owes me? By the way, I have worked and have my own Social Security, but it's a little less than he would be due.

A: It sounds like you need a good lawyer, not a Social Security guy. But since you asked, I'll address your question.

As a general rule, Social Security benefits can only be garnished to collect back taxes or to collect past due child support. So I'm afraid you won't be able to "attach" his Social Security.

I normally don't want to wish ill on any person. But I might make an exception in your husband's case. Let's hope that he drops dead! That's the only way you will be able to touch his Social Security, by collecting widow's benefits on his account.

Q: After almost 40



years of marriage, my husband left me for a much younger and prettier woman. We're still married, and I don't plan to give him a divorce because I want to get back at him by collecting his Social Security. He's 62 but says he doesn't plan to file for Social Security until he is 70. He would never let me work outside the home, so I don't have my own Social Security. I am also 62. How will I be able to get the spousal benefits I'm due if he refuses to sign up for Social Security?

A: You can get the benefits you are due on his record by dumping his sorry butt! As long as you remain married to him, the law assumes he is supporting you so it won't let you get any of his Social Security until he does. And you certainly don't want to wait until age

70 for that to happen.

But if you get a divorce, then you will be eligible for benefits right away. That's because the law allows a divorced woman to collect wife's benefits from her ex-husband's Social Security record even if he isn't getting benefits himself. He must be old enough to be eligible for Social Security. And he is, because you said he's 62 years old. So see a divorce lawyer, and then once he is legally out of your hair, contact your local Social Security office.

And as mentioned in the answer to the previous question, go ahead and wish some ill will on Mr. Wonderful. Maybe the excitement of being with that "much younger and prettier woman" will cause him to have a heart attack and die. Then you will be eligible for much higher divorced widow's benefits on his account.

If you have a Social Security question, Tom Margenau has the answer. Contact him at thomas.margenau@comcast.net.



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The PAMPA NEWS Community Calendar

City Commission meetings

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

School board meetings

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

County Commission meetings

The Gray County Commission meets at 9 a.m. on the first and 15th of each month. If the date falls on a Saturday, the meeting will be held on Friday. If the date falls on a Sunday, the meeting will be held on Monday. The meetings are held on the second floor of the Gray County Courthouse.

Immunization clinic 3 times a month

The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) hosts an immunization clinic in Pampa three times a month. The clinics are 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 for the morning and first 10 in the afternoon 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. For more information, call 665-4752 or 806-874-3211. The clinic is located at 736 S. Cuyler St.

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 to 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.

Jam sessions every Friday night

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

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 to 9 p.m., each Monday, in the Pampa Chamber of Commerce building on the corner of Ballard and Kingsmill. Admission is \$3.50 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.

Early voting applications are available at City Hall

Applications for ballot by mail for the May 11 City of Pampa and Pampa ISD elections are available by request. To receive an application for both City of Pampa and Pampa ISD elections, please call the City Secretary's office at 806-669-5750. Reasons for voting by mail are: 65 years of age or older; disability; absence from the city/county and confinement in jail. The last day to request an application for ballot by mail is May 3. Early voting by personal appearance begins April 29 and ends May 7.

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.

Area support groups

The following is a list of support groups that meet regularly each week in Pampa. Information for each meeting is submitted to The Pampa News office and may not be completely updated or accurate. Please notify the newsroom if a change is necessary. The Pampa News welcomes all submitted materials for area support groups. Please include the meeting time, date and location and, if applicable, provide a contact number for each group.

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

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

■ **Diabetics Support** meets at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month in the Pampa Regional Medical Center cafeteria. For more info, contact Cynthia Ackley at 806-663-5504.

■ **Cancer Support** meets at 1 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month in the Pampa Regional Medical Center cafeteria. For more info, contact Beth Kean at 806-359-4673. Ext. 235.

■ **Alcoholics Anonymous** Open Door Club meets daily at noon and 8 p.m. at 910 W. Kentucky Ave. **Al-Anon** meets at noon on Mondays. For more information, call 665-9072.

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

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

■ **Celebrate Recovery** meets every Thursday evening at 8 p.m. at First Assembly of God, 500 S. Cuyler St. We all know someone who is in need of some spiritual Bible studies that will enrich their life and make a difference in their outlook on life.

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Memorial held for slain Colorado prisons chief

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP) — The Colorado prisons chief who was gunned down as he answered his front door was remembered at a memorial service.

The service for Tom Clements, 58, was held Monday morning at New Life Church in Colorado Springs.

The director of the Colorado Department of Corrections was killed at his home Tuesday night in Monument, north of Colorado Springs.

A private funeral was held for him Sunday. He is survived by a wife, Lisa Clements, a psychologist who oversees Colorado's state mental health institutes, and two daughters.

Evan Spencer Ebel, killed in a gunfight with Texas authorities Thursday, is a suspect.

Colorado authorities say evidence gathered in Texas provided a strong lead in the case but stressed investigators had not yet confirmed a link between the crime and Ebel.

Authorities say the car Ebel had in Texas was similar to one seen not far from Clements' home the night he was killed,

and bullets Ebel fired at Texas police were the same caliber and brand as the bullet or bullets that killed Clements.

Ballistics tests are due sometime this week.

It remained unclear whether Clements was targeted when he was shot and why.

A federal law enforcement official said Ebel had been a member of the 211s, a white supremacist prison gang in Colorado.

El Paso County sheriff's spokesman Lt. Jeff Kramer said Monday that investigators are trying to determine whether there was any gang involvement in the killing, but he stressed that's only one aspect of a broad investigation.

Denver police say Ebel is also a suspect in the March 17 slaying of pizza delivery man Nathan Leon.

Gov. John Hickenlooper, who hired Clements, has said that he is a longtime friend of the suspect's father, attorney

Jack Ebel, who testified two years ago before state lawmakers that solitary confinement was destroying his son's psyche.

Hickenlooper confirmed he mentioned the case to Clements as an example of why the prison system needed reform before the job was offered, but the governor said he did not mention Evan Ebel by name.

There was no indication that Hickenlooper's relationship with the Jack Ebel played a role in the shooting.

Hickenlooper said he did not have any role in Evan Ebel's parole in January.

Jack Ebel issued a statement offering condolences to all those who have suffered from his son's actions.

"I ask for privacy for me and my family during this time as we grieve for the loss of life that has occurred and for all those affected," he said.

Clements worked for 31 years in the Missouri Department of Corrections, both in prisons as well as probation and parole services, before taking the top corrections' job in Colorado just over two years ago. He began a review of the state's solitary confinement system and eventu-

ally reduced the number of prisoners being held in solitary. He closed a new prison built specifically to hold such prisoners — Colorado State Penitentiary II.

His work won praise from groups including the American Civil Liberties Union and the union representing prison workers, which called him a "leader who looked out for those he led."

Officials took additional security measures after Clements' death and placed the state prisons on lockdown Friday for the second time since Clements' death.

Unlucky Oregon home hit twice by 2 different drivers

ALOHA, Ore. (AP) — One unlucky Aloha home has been the crash-landing site of two different people suspected of drunken driving.

In the first crash, on Wednesday, Washington County sheriff's deputies came upon the crash scene and arrested the driver on DUII charges, but the home didn't sustain any damage and no one was

injured.

Then, on Friday, police found 26-year-old Kimberly Veed of Portland wedged inside her 2003 Honda Accord, which was itself wedged between two homes, causing substantial damage. Veed failed field sobriety tests and her blood-alcohol content was more than twice the legal limit. No one was injured in the second crash.

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Tennis team at Frenship Tournament

BY ZACHARY GREEN
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The tennis team played the Frenship Tournament this past weekend. Coach Sarah Corse said the team played really well. "The format of the tournament was a little different (than) the ones we have been playing in this spring in that you were only guaranteed two matches and you had to win to stay in

the tournament more like it will be for district play," Corse added.

In mixed doubles Nick Nelson and Maddie Fatheree finished in second place. Kindle Hunt and Blake Chisum made the semi-finals.

In boys singles, Ashton Robison made it to the semifinal of the consol-

ation bracket. Kristi Klusmeyer played girls singles and made it to the quarterfinals.

Harley Elliott and Diamond Marrufo also made it to the quarterfinals in girls doubles.

The tennis team will be back in action in Amarillo this week before district on April 8 in Pampa.

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Lady Harvesters rally for 5-4 victory over Borger

By ZACHARY GREEN
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The Pampa Lady Harvester softball team hosted Borger on Friday afternoon. Pampa was looking to improve to 3-0 in district play with a win.

Borger scored a run in the top of the first to lead 1-0. The score would remain the same until Pampa scored three runs in the bottom of the third inning.

Martecia Alexander singled to start things off. Claire Hopkins reached on an error. Bailey Beck reached on an error. Alexander and Hopkins came home to score on the error. Alexa O'Brien reached on a fielder's choice. Bailey Dixon also reached on a fielder's choice. Mattie Eldridge came in to courtesy run for Dixon. Bailey Wichert reached on an error that scored O'Brien.

Pampa would lead after three innings 3-0. Borger added a run in the top of the fifth and added two runs in the top of the sixth.

Pampa would find themselves trailing 4-3 heading into the bottom of the seventh.

Brittney Gonzalez reached on an error to start Pampa's final inning. Alexander also reached on an error that scored Gonzalez to tie the ball game at 4-4.

Hopkins would come in to bat with the winning run on third in Alexander.

Hopkins laid down a sacrificed bunt that brought home the winning run in Alexander.

The final score was Pampa 5, Borger 4. Hopkins finished with a run. Beck finished 1-3 with an RBI. O'Brien finished with a run. Gonzalez finished with a run. Alexander finished 1-3 with a run scored. Mattie Eldridge had two stolen bases.

"I am extremely proud of how these girls fought back. It shows great character to not hang your head and give up. That is one thing about this group, they never doubt their ability to put themselves in position to win," said coach Bobbi Gill. O'Brien pitched seven innings and struck out 16 bat-



Above, Martecia Alexander runs the base paths to avoid a tag. Below, coach Bobbi Gill gives a pep talk to Alexander, Bailey Beck and Claire Hopkins before the bottom of the seventh.



Photos by Charla Shults
Top, Mattie Eldridge slides into third base. Bottom, the varsity softball team during the national anthem.

ters along the way to get the win for Pampa.

The Lady Harvesters improve to 17-7 overall and 3-0 in district play.

They will be back in action this afternoon at 4:30 p.m. in Dalhart.

Harvesters even up district record at 1-1

By ZACHARY GREEN
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The Pampa Harvester baseball team hosted Borger on Friday afternoon. The Harvesters were hoping to even up their district record at 1-1.

Pampa drew first blood in the game in the bottom of the second. Jordan Lemons led off the inning with a home run over the left field wall. Ethan Hunt followed with a double. Hunt came home to score on a balk by the Borger pitcher.

Borger added a run in the top of the third to bring the score to 2-1.

Pampa added another run in the bottom of the fourth. Lemons started the inning off with a double to left. Tyler Powell also doubled to right. Lemons came home to score on a passed ball.

Borger added a run in the top of the fifth to bring the score to 3-2.

Pampa would add one more insurance run in the bottom of the fifth. Chris Howard started things off for Pampa by singling to left field. Ryan Powell grounded out to short, but scored Howard on the play.

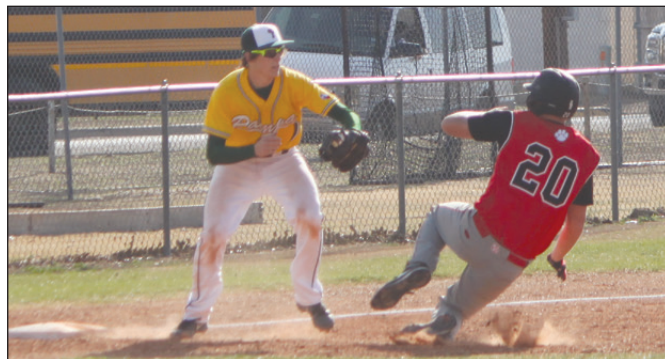
James Thompson was on the mound for Pampa and held Borger in check the rest of the way. The final score was Pampa 4, Borger 2. Thompson picked up the win on seven innings pitched and struck out seven batters along the way.

Ryan Powell finished 2-3 with an RBI. Lemons finished 2-3 with an RBI and two runs scored. Hunt finished 1-3 with a run scored. Riley Douglas finished with one RBI. Howard finished 1-2 with a run scored.

"Hats off to our guys and our defense. We were able to make some plays behind James and get out of jams," said Pampa coach Kaleb Snelgrooves. "I told James I think six out of the seven innings, he had the leadoff batter on. He pitched a great game. Was it his best game? I don't think so and he doesn't think so. But anytime you can win and still not have your best stuff, it's always exciting."

Snelgrooves added that it was a total team win and he couldn't be more excited for Pampa's seniors.

The team improves to 7-8 overall and 1-1 in district play. They will be back in action this afternoon at 4:30 p.m. in Dalhart.



Photos by Zachary Green
Above, Ryan Powell waits to tag a Borger baserunner. Center, Braden Keown fields the ball in right field. Bottom, Chris Howard fields a ball in the outfield. Pampa won the game 4-2 on Friday afternoon.



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Pampa boys soccer concludes season

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The boys soccer team finished their season on Friday night against Amarillo High. The team lost 4-0 as Amarillo High scored goals in the 3rd, 37th, 43rd and 50th minutes.

“Amarillo High is the undefeated district champion, and is set up to make a run all the way to the regional tournament. They are the real deal,” said Pampa coach Byron May. “But what makes me incredibly proud in this moment is how our kids battled them. With three minutes to go in the first half, they were shocked that this was the same team who played them last

month.” May added that this is a Sandie team who has humiliated some of their opponents. But they weren’t expecting a team that cut its goal differential by 2.3 goals per game. “I think our kids have new confidence that we can play with anybody in the district — it was proven tonight, and it’s the legacy

that our seniors have left for the underclassmen.” May added that “goalkeeper Cesar Garcia was physical like a boxer tonight, and an opposing player came charging in, and took him out. We had to let his backup finish the first half, but he limped his way through the second half to make several incredible saves.”

The game concludes the Harvester soccer team’s season.

Pampa girls soccer final two games

The Pampa girls soccer team finished their season last week with a game against Randall and a game against Amarillo High. Pampa lost 6-0 to Ran-

dall but coach David Willis gave credit to Olga Garcia, Macie Loggins and Karoley Villareal with good games. Against Amarillo High, Pampa lost 7-0 but Willis credited Samantha Woodruff, Villareal, Loggins and Viante Ellison with good games. The Pampa girls soccer team’s season is now over.

PHS girls track takes first place in Canadian

BY ZACHARY GREEN
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Pampa High School’s girls track team traveled to Canadian on Friday for the Wildcat Relays. Cheyenne Williams took first place in the shot put with a throw of 35 feet, 2 1/2 inches. Gracie Brown placed 23rd with a throw of 20 feet, eight inches. Williams also took first place in the long jump with a throw of 103 feet, 1/2 inch.

it took second with a time of 2:40.2. Marlee Youree placed 13th in the event with a time of 2:52.8.

Pampa’s 4x200 relay team of Megan Brock, Johnson, Hood and Hulsey placed second with a time of 1:54.8.

Francheska Bridwell placed ninth in the 400-meter dash with a time of 1:10.1. Millie Borunda placed 15th with a run of 1:11.9.

Brock finished with a time of 52.6 in the 300-meter hurdles, which was good enough for third place.

Hood took first in the 200-meter dash with a time of 29.1.

Duree placed 19th with a time of 30.9 and Rilee Didway took 30th with a time of 32.2.

Holmes took first place in the 1600-meter dash with a time of 5:52.3.

Bridwell, Johnson, Brock and Holmes made up Pampa’s 4x400 relay team that finished third with a time of 4:35.8.

As a team, Pampa finished in first place with 119 total points.

Coach Mark Elms said the girls did a good job, especially considering the weather.

The track team will be back in action when they travel to Dalhart Thursday.

Boys track team takes second in Canadian

BY ZACHARY GREEN
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The varsity and JV boys track teams traveled to Canadian on Friday to participate in the Wildcat Relays.

Kyler Allen placed first in the discus with a throw of 131 feet, 3 1/2 inches. Isidro Estrada placed seventh with a throw of 109 feet. Jonathan Doyle placed 17th with a throw of 84 feet, 7 1/2 inches.

Estrada took fourth in the shot put with a throw of 38 feet, 9 3/4 inches. Doyle placed sixth with a throw of 38 feet, 5 1/2 inches. Cager Osborne placed ninth with a throw of 36 feet, 1 inch.

Joseph Radke placed fifth in the triple jump with a jump of 37 feet, 7 1/2 inches. Brendan Ponce took sixth with a jump of 36 feet, 8 1/2 inches.

Ponce placed 12th in the long jump with a jump of 16 feet, 11 inches. Radke finished 14th with a jump of 16 feet.

Brett Troxell had a vault of 10 feet, which placed him fifth in the pole vault. Skyler Been had a vault of nine feet to place seventh.

Radke finished tied for third in the high jump with a jump of 5 feet, 6 inches.

Pampa’s 4x400-meter relay team of Trey Wiggins, Daymon Flores, Zane Robles and Ryan Smith finished sixth with a time of 3:54.08.

Adrian Elam, Kody Maddox, Ponce

and Smith made up Pampa’s first place 4x200-meter relay team. The team finished with a time of 1:34.69.

Zach Gates, Maddox, Robles and Elam ran in the 4x100-meter relay and finished first with a time of 45.25.

Smith placed seventh in the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 47.68.

Jose Hernandez finished first in the 3200-meter with a run of 11:13.03. Alex Marrufo finished third in that event with a time of 11:21.65.

Marrufo took fifth in the 1600-meter with a time of 5:22.06. Hernandez took sixth with a time of 5:23.87.

In the 200-meter dash, Ponce took first with a time of 23.55. Elam placed seventh with a time of 24.75 and Brycen McClendon took 17th with a time of 26.37.

Maddox took first in the 100-meter dash with a run of 11.33. Robles finished second with a time of 11.50 and Gates placed 14th with a time of 12.40.

The varsity team finished second as a team with 113 points.

Junior Varsity

Mario Armenta placed fourth in the discus with a throw of 90 feet, 9 inches. Jeremiah Hawn finished seventh with a throw of 85 feet, 2 inches and Cesar Armenta placed 13th with a throw of 79 feet, 6 1/2 inches.

Mario Armenta also took seventh in the shot put with a throw of 31 feet,

1 inch. Hawn finished 10th with a throw of 30, 2 inches. Cesar Armenta took 15th with a throw of 28 feet, 9 inches.

Alec McLendon finished first for Pampa in the triple jump with a jump of 35 feet, 10 inches.

Kambrin Scott finished fifth in the long jump with a jump of 16 feet, 6 inches. Jesse Hernandez placed 22nd with a jump of 14 feet.

The 4x200-meter relay team of McLendon, Jesus Holquin, Coleton Bolin and Scott finished seventh with a time of 1:44.89.

The 4x100-meter relay team of Scott, Bolin, Holquin and Jeremie Bivins placed seventh with a time of 50.13.

Holquin placed eighth in the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 49.60 and Erick Vizcaino placed 10th with a time of 52.26.

Osmar Madrid finished seventh in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:29.01.

McLendon placed eighth in the 200-meter dash with a time of 26.42. Bivins took 17th with a time of 27.15 and Calvin Webb finished 19th with a time of 27.48.

Bolin finished first in the 100-meter dash with a time of 12.04. Bivins placed ninth with a time of 12.69 and Jesse Hernandez took 31st with a time of 13.44.

The JV team finished seventh as a team with 26 points.

Girls golf takes second in Perryton

BY ZACHARY GREEN
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The girls golf team took second as a team in the Perryton Tournament this past weekend. Alison Alexander also took third with a score of 47.

and wet,” Segura said. “You will notice a new name, Alison Alexander. She came out this week. She played for me the last three years and was the district champion last year, so she will be an asset to our team.”

Boys

Gabe Garcia shot a 56. Nathan Sprinkle finished with 49. Braden Childress shot a 72. Clay Baten shot a 64. Gunnar Stevens finished with a 65.

Both teams only played nine holes due to the rain. “It was pretty miserable and most of the boys were not fully prepared for rain,” Segura said.

Other scores from the girls action were Ashlee Kieth with 51, Katy Velasquez with 52, Gracie Little with 54, Brittney Green with 57 and McKinley Hancox with a 53.

Green was a medalist and coach Alan Segura said that means she was competing as an individual and not on a team.

“The girls played OK considering the conditions, cold

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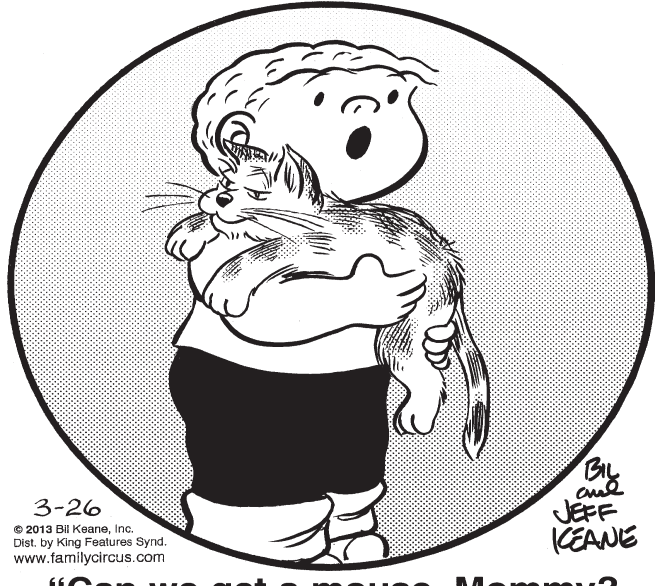
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daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, March 27, 2013:
This year you will grow through handling negotiations and learning to accept that others also can be right. This process might be challenging at times, but your self-discipline will strengthen and you'll learn patience as a result. If you are single, the world is your oyster. You will meet the right person when you least expect it. If you are attached, the two of you will learn ways that allow both of you to be right. LIBRA has the same issues you do, but he or she makes different choices. The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You have your hands full juggling different issues. Everyone has an opinion, and you seem to be the person who offers stability. Your resourcefulness finds ways to come to an agreement with which nearly everyone is content. Tonight: Don't lose your temper — take a walk instead.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ You have a lot of ground to cover. Pressure builds, which creates more back-and-forth between you and someone else. You can't sit on your anger much longer, as it is likely to emerge, no matter what you do. Don't allow others' pressure to faze you. Tonight: Relax at home.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You could feel pulled in two different directions. Your awareness of the different possibilities will help you decide. You might not get others' support for a decision, but follow through on it anyway — you know what is best for you. Tonight: Spice up your life.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★ You are likely to feel the impact of today's Full Moon. Lie low if you can, as it will be more aggravating if you are out dealing with others. A loved one decides that it's his or her way or the highway. Know when to pull back and not get involved in a power struggle. Tonight: At home.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ You could feel unusually pressured by people seeking you out left and right. You might encounter the unexpected with a loved one. A partner suddenly could veer in a new direction. Avoid someone in your day-to-day life who often challenges you. Tonight: Talk

up a storm.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Your spending could spiral out of control without self-discipline. Certain items might be too hard to pass up. Your creativity will emerge as you try to find a different way to get what you want without breaking the bank. Your fiery side emerges with a partner. Tonight: Plan on taking it easy.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ You are full of energy, and seem to be the least affected by the Full Moon. Your ability to step in and make a situation work comes to the forefront. Unusual news from someone at a distance could have you pondering different possibilities. Tonight: Whatever makes you happy.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Much is going on behind the scenes. Every time you go off and try to do something, it seems as if you hit some kind of complication. Don't push to have your way. Do what you feel is necessary, and only that. You laugh, and someone will lighten up. Tonight: Off on your own.

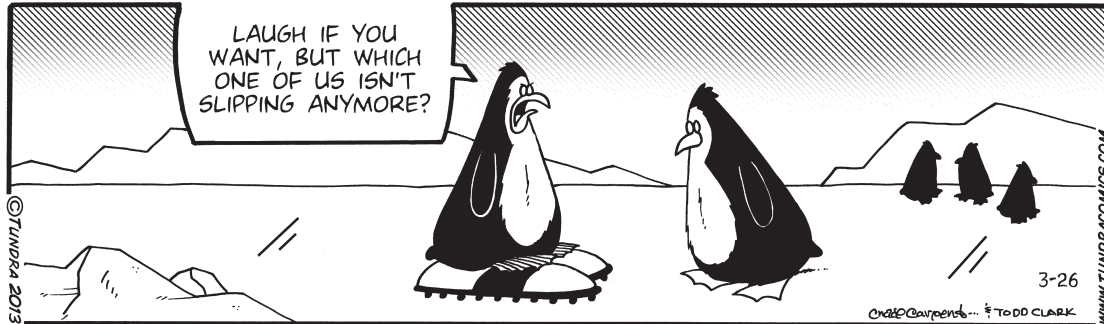
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ You see the value in nearly every suggestion or idea. The problem is deciding which one to choose when there is so much focus on whose idea is right. Figure out what you want rather than what is most popular. Everything will work out. Tonight: Where friends are.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Keep reaching out to someone you care about, even though this person often creates tension. A situation might force you to take the lead. Keep smiling and remain upbeat. You could be surprised by what is going on behind the scenes. Tonight: Could go late.

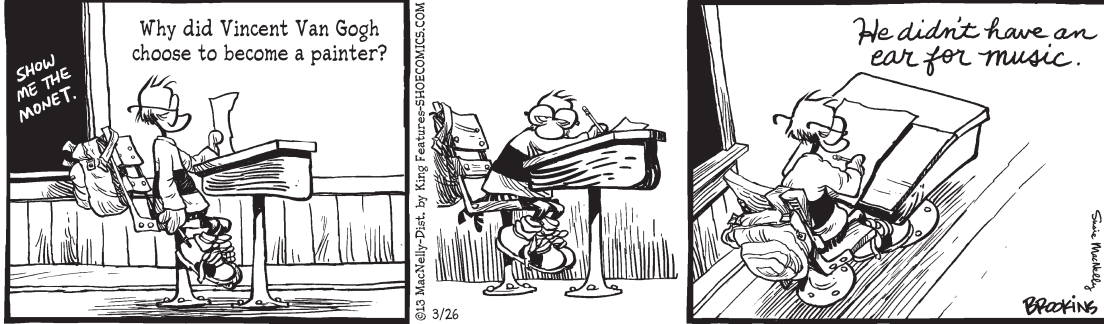
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You might want to detach, as it could be difficult to come to an agreement with someone who is determined to be right. Let different opinions come forward without taking any of them personally; otherwise, communication could take on a negative tone. Tonight: At a favorite spot.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Deal with someone's need to be in control. A power play is best left alone. On a superficial level, this person might win. On a deeper level, however, victory will be yours. A friend suddenly could reverse direction or do something differently. Tonight: Be a team.

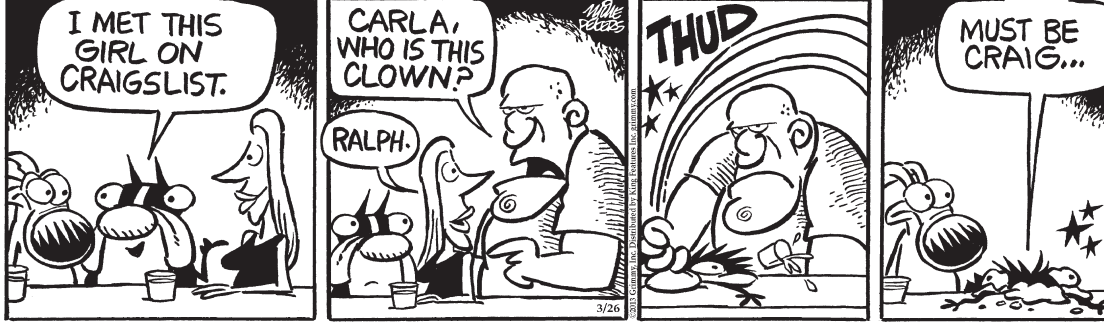
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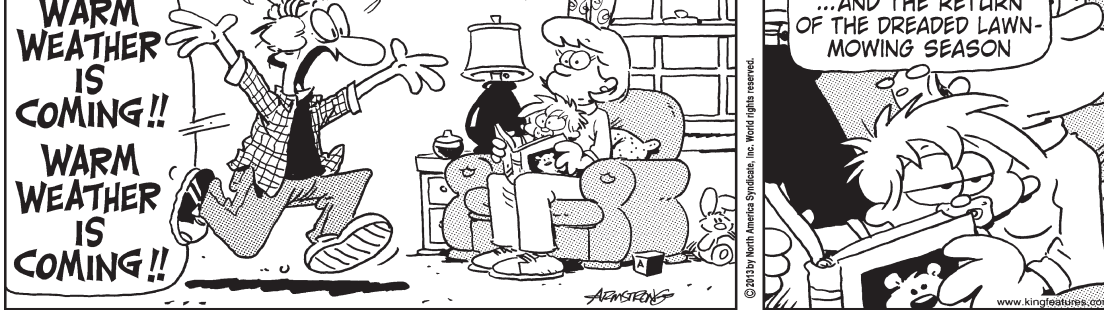
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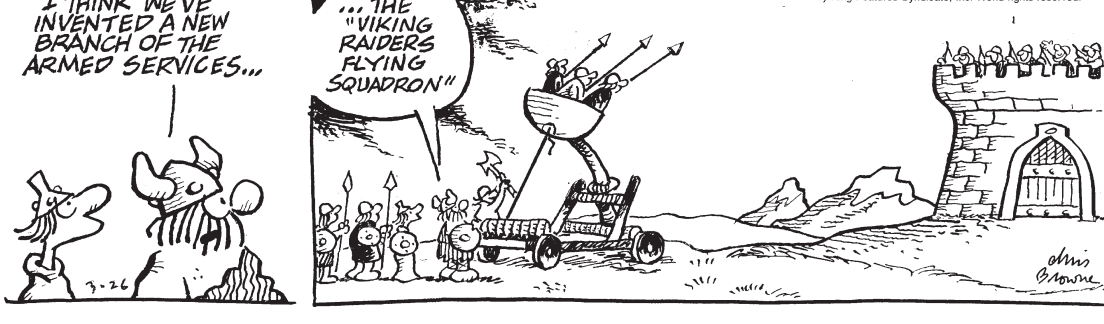
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Pampa High School wrestling banquet



Photos by Zachary Green

Above, the nine wrestlers that qualified for the regional tournament this season. Below, the 2012-13 senior wrestlers and manager who were honored.



Left, Isidro Estrada and Bella Wilson were the outstanding male and female wrestlers. Estrada also received a state qualifier medal. Center, Ericka Spence. Left, Cade Ferguson. Spence and Ferguson were the female and male Fighting Heart Award winners.

BY ZACHARY GREEN
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Pampa's wrestling program celebrated its season on Friday night. Becca Ferguson started things off by thanking the parents and administration for their support this season. Athletic Director Heath Parker mentioned that he was happy for former wrestling coach Michael Stovall with his new job. Parker also wanted to assure everyone the athletics department is in the process of looking for a new wrestling coach.

"Right now, we are in the process of getting the perfect coach for this wrestling program," Parker said. "We should have a coach in place by the end of April. We have lots of applicants and coaches from five different states have applied."

Interim head coach Todd Durham was the next to speak. He said that effort level and commitment from all of the wrestlers was great this season.

"We have heard many positive comments from opposing coaches on the progress Pampa wrestling is making," Durham said. "It was a great accomplishment to get nine to the regional tournament."

He added that all of the

wrestlers were willing to sacrifice and go the extra mile for something they loved. Durham also wanted to recognize Barney Radke for his help with the wrestling program, Aaron Pena for helping with the junior high and Heath Parker for letting him have the chance to coach when Stovall left.

Isidro Estrada won the Outstanding Male Award and Bella Wilson won the Outstanding Female Award. These awards were not only for great wrestling success, but for the way they represented Pampa anywhere they went.

The Fighting Heart Award for the female was given to Ericka Spence. This award is for the person who has overcome obstacles or went the extra mile this season. Durham

said that Spence popped her shoulder out in a match this season, but popped it back in and finished the match.

Cade Ferguson won the Fighting Heart Award for the males. Durham said Ferguson had a wrestle-off every week to keep his varsity spot. He also wrestled up a weight class this year which Durham said is very difficult for wrestlers. Estrada also received a medal for being a state qualifier. The manager Jeanette Almanza, was recognized for her hard work this season. Aaron Pena recognized the junior high wrestlers.

The seniors were recognized and then all of the seniors gave a picture to Durham as a token of their appreciation for his coaching efforts this season.

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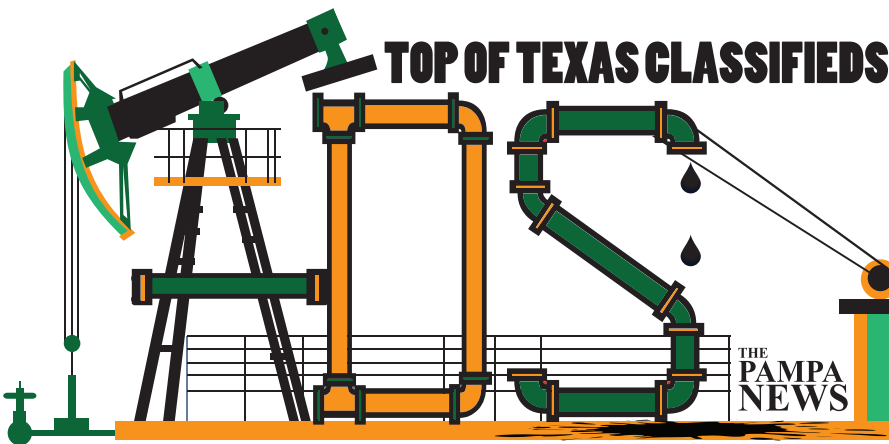
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Hustlin' Harvesters celebrate season

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The Hustlin' Harvesters celebrated the end of their season at Sunday night's banquet.

Freshman coach Dennis Doughty introduced his players and talked about their success this season.

Kyle Sanford, JV coach, then recognized the JV players and their accomplishments.

Last but not least it was Head Coach Matt Embry's turn to recognize his varsity team.

Embry credited each player for a positive attribute, such as willing to work hard and go the extra mile, their defending and their blocking.

But after he recognized the four underclassmen, he spoke about the seniors.

"This group of seniors is a very special group. It's not often that a basketball team will have eight seniors. I love the fact that many of them were in the program all four years," said Embry.

Embry went on to recognize each of the seniors. "Jake Green is a sharpshooter, passionate about the game and a quality kid. Romel Lee is very special to me. He is an amazing kid and a great teammate. Lee set the

tone in practices," Embry said. "Ty Hutto is clutch. Anytime we needed a big basket, he was there for us. Patterson Alvey is a great teammate. He got people to practice and kept them accountable.

"Oliver Cabrales is like the glue that holds the team together. When times were tough or someone needed a friend, he was there. Tyler Powell received All-District honorable mention once again even on a shortened season," Embry added. "Jon Cox has a humbling approach to life. Derrek Pollard has overcome great adversity. He is loving and compassionate."

Embry did not forget to recognize the managers. "Jacob Crippen will do anything you want him to do, whenever you want him to do it. Drew Facio is a technology genius. It's incredible how he can keep all of the stats on the iPad," Embry said. "Dakota Eppison keeps a flawless scorebook, which is crucial in case there is a discrepancy. She is a great person as well. Gage Greenhouse is a great filmer and has great dedication. In Perryton, he held the camera above his head to shoot over students the entire game."

Embry added that every one of the players is special to him

and if there is anything they ever need from him later on in life he will be there for them.

Before awards were given out, the senior class gave the juniors the "key" to the program.

This was a tradition started when Dustin Miller coached the team.

It is a symbol of a key to a house, or the legacy of Pampa basketball.

The Assist Award went to Cade Engle for the most assists all season.

The Rebound Award went to Pollard for the most rebounds all season.

The Most Improved Player Award went to Cox.

The Free Throw Award went to Hutto for the best free throw percentage this season.

The "I am Third" Award went to Alvey and Cabrales.

This award is for the player that shows the most that he cares about others and the team more than himself.

Embry said this year they had to give it to two players because Alvey and Cabrales both showed much dedication.

The Visa Charge Award went to Lee for taking the most charges all season.

The Defensive MVP was Ryan Powell and the Offensive



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The nine award winners recognized at Sunday night's banquet. Back, from left, Cade Engle, Romel Lee, Tyler Powell, Ryan Powell, Patterson Alvey and Oliver Cabrales. Front, Ty Hutto, Derrek Pollard and Jon Cox.

MVP was Hutto.

The Team MVP was Pollard. Embry said it multiple times that "this team would go as far as Pollard took them."

The Hustlin' Harvester Award went to Tyler Powell. This award is much more about what type of person you are when no one is looking than what kind of

stats you put up on the stat sheet.

To finish off the events, a video highlight reel was shown of great moments throughout the season.

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