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Photo by Timothy P. Howsare

AJ Mejia with his aunt, Irene Avila.

Mejia's to open 2nd store in Pampa Mall

■ Mall's new Mexican restaurant also will serve corn dogs, hamburgers.

BY TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE thowsare@thepampanews.com

AJ Mejia expects he will doing more driving in town than usual starting next month.

Mejia works at his family's business, Mejia's Bakery, which has signed a lease to open a restaurant in the Pampa Mall.

The mall is schedule to open Aug. 1, said Jason Bagwell, the local businessman who is redeveloping the 251,000-square-foot shopping cen-

Though there will new hires outside of the family to work at the restaurant, Mejia said he and has dad, Raul, will be traveling back and forth a lot between their present site on the corner of Somerville and Foster and the new location in the mall.

"There will be new people along with a few of the 'old veterans' to watch over them," he said of the staffing at the new location.

Altogether, about eight members of the Mejia family work at the bakery and restaurant.

He said the new store will not have a bakery and the menu will be similar to the Mejia's restaurant Pampans have been eating at since 2008.

However, along with the Mexican fare there will be a few American classics, such as corn dogs and hamburgers, Mejia said.

Mejia said their business has been growing and their customers are glad to hear they are opening a second

"When we tell people about it, they are excited about it," he said.

Mejia guessed that the new store, which was formerly a coffee shop. has about the same interior space as their present location.

Mejia said family members first became interested in opening a place in the mall when they heard Bagwell

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LOVING THE LINKS



Photo by John Lee

Terry Garner attempts to get his ball out of a sand bunker on hole No. 8. This hole, as well as many other holes throughout the course, offers unique challenges such as difficult greens, treelined fairways and sand bunkers adjacent to the greens. Jon East won the Men's Championship.



Photo by John Lee Joyce Swope hits the ball on hole No. 2. Swope

finished with the lowest net score in the Ladies' Division with a score of 142.

Stroke Play Club Championship held this past weekend JOHN LEE

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The holiday weekend provided residents with more than just an opportunity to barbecue and go to the area lakes. The Pampa Country Club Stroke Play Club Championship was held this last weekend on July 6-7 and featured four divisions for competitors to play in.
"It is a major," said Tim Stadler, PGA golf pro-

fessional and Pampa Country Club course director. "We hold it once a year in July." Stadler also said the holiday weekend would af-

fect the turnout at the championship, but those who

want to compete, don't let a holiday weekend get GOLF cont. on page 3

Land bank services different from regular bank

■ Panhandle-plains Land Bank caters to agricultural sector.

> JOHN LEE jclee@thepampanews.com

Lost in the continuing expansion of large metro cities around the United States are the farming communities that provide much of the everyday products that most people take for granted. It may not be hard to remember these

farming communities in the region we live in, as Pampa is surrounded by miles upon miles of farming expanse. But many from big city com-

munities, even Amarillo, may not realize what it takes to own that type of farming land. That is where Panhandle-Plains Land Bank

comes into the picture.

"The land bank is part of the Farm Credit System," said Blain Eubank, vice president and real estate specialist for Panhandle-Plains Land Bank. "When the Farm Credit System was established in the early 1900s, it was established in two different sides, the land bank and what was known at that time as the Production Credit Association (PCA).'

The difference between the two is that the land bank was established to provide long-term agriculture financing to farmers and ranchers to buy property. The PCA was established to provide loans to buy cattle, tractors, equipment and products that would require short-term loans. One of the many differences from a normal

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PAMPA FORECAST

Today

Wednesday

Thursday



Low 72

Low 71

Low 70

J.W.

DeWitt

Today: Mostly sunny with a high of 100. Winds southwest at 16 mph. Sunrise at 6:36 a.m.

Tonight: Partly cloudy with a low of 72. Winds south southwest at 10 mph. Sunset at 9:02 p.m.

Wednesday: Partly cloudy with a high of 96. Chance of rain: 10 percent. Winds south at 11 mph. Sunrise at 6:37 a.m.

Wednesday night: Partly cloudy with a low of 71. Chance of rain: 10 percent. Winds south southeast at 8 mph. Sunset at 9:01 p.m.

Chance of rain: 10 percent. Winds south at 14 mph. Sunrise at 6:37 a.m.

Thursday: Partly cloudy with a high of 97.

Thursday night: Partly cloudy with a low of 70. Chance of rain: 10 percent. Winds south southeast at 11 mph. Sunset at 9:01 p.m.

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Boy robs Colo. State Fair in Batman costume

A 16-year-old boy wearing a Batman shirt and mask broke into a building at the Colorado State Fair, then turned himself in to

police after seeing his like-

ness on the news. The Pueblo Chieftain reported that the boy is one of three accused of breaking into the Fair's VIP building early Thursday. The trio took televisions, a laptop and an empty cash

register. The suspects managed to lock themselves in the building and had to break out.

KRDO-TV aired surveillance video of the suspect dressed as Batman. After the video aired, the boy turned himself in to police. Authorities plan to seek

PUEBLO, Colo. (AP) charges including burglary and criminal mischief.

Dog trapped by axle in traveling car

DANIA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — South Florida firefighters came to the rescue of a dog that traveled 5 miles while trapped under the hood of a car.

The Broward Sheriff's Office says firefighters were called Thursday afternoon to Dania Beach to free the dog. The animal had been trapped between the car's axle and steering mechanism.

A sheriff's office spokesman says the dog suffered no injuries, even though it had been driven roughly 5 miles from Hallandale Beach. It wasn't immediately clear how the dog became trapped.

Obituaries

J.W. DeWitt

J.W. DeWitt, 86, passed away peacefully in his home in Carrollton, Texas on Thursday, July 4, 2013. Known as Smiley, Mr. DeWitt was born in Grandfield, Okla.

on May 14, 1927. He served in the Army and was recommended for officer training school. While stationed at Fort Knox he met his future wife, Marcella, and they married immediately upon his discharge. The De-Witts moved to Pampa, where they started their family and a successful roofing and construction company. J.W. found success in Perryton as well, and the family lived in Canadian for many years. Mr. DeWitt retired from his business at age 70 and actively enjoyed his many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

J.W. is preceded in death by his wife Marcella and son Jimmy Wayne DeWitt. He is survived by children Virginia DeWitt, Ron DeWitt, Mike DeWitt, Cathey Reyes, Venita Morehead, Calvin DeWitt, Dorothy Morgan, Karen Rodgers, J.W. DeWitt, Jr., Vickie Lauer, and Tim DeWitt, as well as 20 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were held Monday, July 08, at 2:30 p.m. at Restland Memorial Chapel, 13005 Greenville

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions be sent to the Texas Tech Foundation, Inc. and designated to the J.W. and Marcella DeWitt Memorial Scholarship Endowment. Donations may be mailed to Texas Tech University System, Attention: Alicia Knight, PO Box 41018, Lubbock, TX 79409-1018.

Online giving is available at http://tinyurl.com/dewitt-

Carol Lou Vincent

Carol Lou Vincent, 56, formally of Pampa, passed away on Sunday, July 7, 2013 in Claude.

Graveside services will be at 10:30 a.m. today in the Claude Cemetery in Claude, Texas. Pastor Mike Watson will officiate. Arrangements are by Schooler Funeral

Home, 4100 South Georgia in Ama-

Carol was born Nov. 5, 1956, in Pampa, Texas to Edward and Juanita Vincent of Lefors. Carol was raised on the ranch south of Lefors where she loved helping work cattle and raising some of the best quarter horses in the Panhandle.

Carol graduated from Lefors High School and was a very talented athlete, specializing in basketball and track. She continued her basketball career, playing two years for Clarendon Junior College. Her fondest

memories were playing for Coach Allene Stovall as a member of the lady Buff basketball team of WTAMU.

She played for two years for Coach Stovall while she completed her college degree at WT. Carol went on to become a teacher and coach at Hartley, Miami, and Lefors where she was able to teach strong fundamentals of basketball and track to many young athletes.

She was a member of the United Methodist Church, TSTA, and the American Quarter Horse Association.

Carol was in state Monday at Schooler Armstrong Chapel in Claude.

Carol loved her family, especially her nieces and nephews. Carol is survived by three sisters: Shirley and husband Keith Fields of Groom, Ann and husband Nick Hines of Pampa, and lea and husband Bruce Ferguson of Claude. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews who loved to see Aunt Carol. She was preceded in death by her parents, Edward and Juanita Vincent.

The family suggests that memorials be made to the Palo Duro Nursing Home Activity Fund, 405 S. Collins, Claude, TX 79019; the Ronald McDonald House, 1501 Streit Drive Amarillo, Texas 79106; or a favorite charity.

Please sign our online guest register at www.schoolerfuneralhome.com.

Billy Ray Greer

Billy Ray Greer, 75, died July 6, 2013 in Pampa. Memorial services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Greer was born June 8, 1938 in Red Rock, Okla., where he graduated from high school. He married Marcia Love on May 23, 1961, and she preceded him in death on January 7, 2009. Billy owned and operated B & R Motor Company for many years. He enjoyed being involved in stock shows, watching his grandchildren's sporting events and attending the Woody Guthrie singings. He was an active member of First Baptist Church. He was preceded in death by a sister, Nova Greer.

Survivors include two daughters, Christie Wall of Amarillo and Mistie West and husband Billy of Pampa, five grandchildren, Katelin Williams and husband Trenton, Coleby West, Cameron Wall, Brett West and Halie West. Memorials may be made to a favorite charity.

Sign the on-line guest register at www.carmichaelwhatley.com.

Denver Moose

Denver Moose, 86, died July 7, 2013 in Lubbock. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors in Pampa



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bank or realty agency is that a land bank does not sell real estate within city limits. Anything that they take as security has to be outside city limits, or in a town that is under 2,500 people, unless the person is a full-time farmer.

"Our focus has always been agriculture, and helping farmers and ranchers accomplish what they want to accomplish," Eubank said. "We could make a loan in Dallas, for a loan on a second home for a wealthy farmer. But his occupation has to be a full-time farmer. I don't know that we have ever done that before but that could be a possibility."

Eubank also said that several PCAs and land banks have merged to create Agricultural Credit Associations (ACAs), and those organizations can do the job of both land banks and PCAs. Those that apply for a loan through a land bank must meet specific parameters. Land banks expect a respectable down payment, do a credit score and want to be sure that the mortgage payments won't overburden the lender.

Eubank was happy to say that they didn't foreclose on anyone during the economic crisis of 2008-09.

His advice to those interested in applying for a loan through the land bank is to be prepared financially.

"We do things very differently from those in the secondary market," Eubank said. "Our criteria is quite different. We are going to look at income and expenses and do a true credit analysis, so be prepared and have your money. Equity is your best friend when you're buying anything whether it's your home, a tract of land out in the country or even a car. Equity is your best friend."

Eubank said that the rural market has been strengthening over the past 10-15 years.

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Golf

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in the way.

"Being a holiday weekend it might be a little lighter than normal," Stadler said. "But competitors are here to play.'

While wasn't scorching hot and there was no rain or thunderstorms that would deter golfers, the West Texas wind that this region is known for definitely provided a challenge for those competing.

"The trouble with this weekend is going to be the wind," Stadler said. "The greens are already fast so the wind is going to make it even more difficult."

Pampa Country Club is a par 71, 18-hole course that offers challenges to players in the form of tree-lined fairways and difficult ponds and sand-bunkers separating some of the other fairways. As Stadler alluded to, the greens are also very difficult to navigate at times as well because they are fast and sometimes even sloped in a challenging fashion.

Here are the results of the tournament:

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Ladies' Division

- · Low Gross, Jimmie Thompson, 175.
- Low Net, Swope, 142.

Men's Senior Division

- · Low Gross, Kelly Everson, 160.
- · Low Net, Dee Joiner,

Men's Division

- Low Gross, Greg Logan, 153.
- · Low Net, Jim Logan,

Men's Championship Division

• Jon East.

The next event for the Pampa Country Club is the NTPGA (Northern Texas PGA) Junior Tour and Couples Event on July 12-13 respectively.

For more information, visit www.pampacountryclub.com.

Mejia's

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bought and planned to reopen it.

"We said, 'Let's try it and see what happens," he He said the new restau-

rant will be open seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. The Mejias first opened as a bakery in 2006 a few

blocks west of their present location. In 2008 they moved to the corner of Somerville and Foster and became a combined restaurant and

bakery. Raul and his uncle, Francisco, are master bakers who learned their trade from Raul's father, Jesus, in their native state of Michoacan. Mexico.

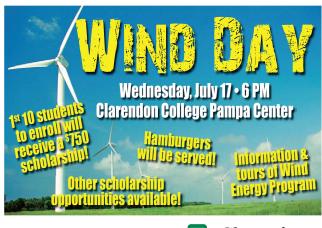
At 15, Raul's father died, better place to raise a famleaving him in charge of the family and the bakery.

family to Southern California where he and his many California residents, place to be. Raul felt there must be a

ily. A sister who lived here told them about Pampa and In 1994 Raul moved his encouraged them to check it out.

A four-day fact-finding brother worked for su- trip proved to the Mejia permarket bakeries. Like family that Pampa was the

Joe Weaver contributed cheaper place to live and a to this article.



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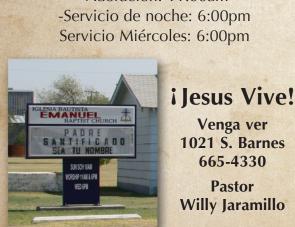
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It's OK to smile

As candidate and later as president, Ronald Reagan had a really good opening line, which almost invariably would make his audiences smile and softly chuckle: "As King Henry VIII said to



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worry, I won't keep you long. When first lady Reagan was openly displeased with her husband's then-White

House Chief of Staff Donald Regan, President Reagan could quip to a press group that efforts were being made to patch up relations between his wife and his aide, that they had actually met for an off-the-record, private lunch, "just the two of them ... and their foodtasters. "

Before political opponents could poke fun at his Hollywood background, Ronald Reagan would beat them to the punch by first quoting the reaction of movie studio boss Jack Warner, who upon being told that Reagan was running for governor of California, said: "All wrong. Jimmy Stewart for governor. Reagan for best friend.'

Don't get me wrong. I am not nominating Mr. Reagan for Mount Rushmore. He twice, without my votes, won thumping presidential landslide victories. But what I do miss, besides the man's infectious optimism and his being so obviously comfortable in his own skin, is the self-mocking humor he brought to our nation's public life. That's a delightful humor which is so sorely missing today.

You could write all the memorable one-liners of Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid and Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell on the back of a Post-it note and still have room for a list of President Barack Obama's spontaneous, self-deprecating hits. Neither House Speaker John Boehner nor House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi is known for delivering witty thighslappers. Washington and American political life are suffering from an acute

The last time I checked the polls, only one U.S.

humor deficit.

politician was rated favorably by Democratic, Republican and independent voters. That would be New Jersey Republican Gov. Chris Christie.

Now in our hypersensitive, politically correct era, we understand that any comments about someone's physical appearance are unacceptable and can lead to a severe reprimand from the nearest Human Resources czar. Because I have had too many second servings of Ben & Jerry's, friendly critics and critical friends have said I, by actual count, have more chins than the San Francisco phonebook (drum roll). This somehow permits me to suggest a line to Gov. Christie, who as most people know, is overweight and publicly committed to losing a lot of pounds before the 2016 New Hampshire presidential primary.

Taking a leaf from Ronald Reagan's winning playbook, Christie could say something like this on a late-night talk show: People asked me what convinced me to seek medical help. Here's how you know when you're overweight. If you're sitting in the bathtub and you see the water level in the toilet bowl starts to rise, you know you've got a problem!

What Christie could accomplish with such a self-deprecating (if mildly offending) line is what Ronald Reagan understood so intuitively — that once you have voluntarily laughed at your own publicly perceived shortcoming, then your political critics cannot, without looking like mean-spirited scolds who are piling on, seek to revisit the same

subject. Early in his first term, Reagan's White House staff had failed to wake the president to inform him that two U.S. Navy fighter planes had shot down two attacking Libyan jets. Editorials and cartoons criticizing Reagan's disengagement followed, which the Gipper eventually silenced by saying he had "laid down the law. From now on, when anything happens, no matter what time it is, wake me, even if it's in the middle of a Cabinet meeting."

It's OK to smile.

To find out more about Mark Shields and read his past columns, visit the Creators webpage at www.creators.com.

Prairie Plains Perspective

75 vs. 70 mph speed limits, water wasters and stray cats

A bunch (Texan speak for many) of you, well, at least a few folks enjoyed my arsechapping essay so much I



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decided to go one more round before another aloe vera application along with a comforting sitz bath. I cannot see one

of you disagreeing with what you're fixin' to read, but being quite knowledgeable on the whims of my fellow human

some huffs of indignation. I wish TxDOT (Texas Department of Transportation) would

being (two exes in Texas will

indeed, enlighten a man), I'm

also quite sure I will procure

plead with Governor Good Hair to release some rainy day funds in their direction so they could complete the change over of speed limit signs from 70 mph to the new lawful 75 mph.

If you have noticed as I have, for I routinely motor about the Panhandle, the posted speed limit from Pampa to Amarillo is still 70 mph, and that is, mind you, divided highway the entire distance. Yet, motoring down two-lane State Highway 152 to Wheeler, the signs have been changed to 75 mph, and from Pampa to Perryton on Highway 70, they're still 70 mph? Yet again, from Pampa to Clarendon on the same Highway 70, the signs are 70 mph in Gray County, while once

in Donley County, they are 75 mph! Ack! Motoring back from Amarillo, I was robotically cruising at 75 mph when a state trooper going the other direction suddenly veered across the grass and took chase ... after me! Once pulled over, he saunters up to my window all smiles simply to tell me the speed limit is still 70 mph. Grrr... That little act of mild police oppression along with the confusion of speed limits hither and you around Pampa is indeed cause for a chapped arse or four.

Since the drought of the millennium has taken hold of the Panhandle, a really, really arse chapping for me is noticing our precious water being wasted by businesses and homeowners,

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Dianne Feinstein's independent stand

"I feel I have an obligation to do everything I can to keep this country safe. So put that in your pipe and smoke it.'



ESTRICH

Feinstein explained her view, which is winning her buckets of liberal criticism, as a defender of the NSA

That's

how Sen.

Dianne

program. Edward Snowden's leaks? "An act of trea-

She is 80 years old, and she is not pulling her punches.

Right on. This is what politics should be about. She is not doing what most of her friends want her to do. She isn't even playing around with some kind of middle ground — some yes, I'm for security, and yes, I'm for privacy, and of course there doesn't have to be a tradeoff

between the two.

Actually, there does. I can't really say I agree with Feinstein. How could I? She chairs the Senate Intelligence Committee. She knows as much about this program — how it works, what we've learned, plots that have been thwarted — as anyone.

I don't. I know there are tradeoffs. I know the threats are real. But as for evaluating the effectiveness of this program, how can anyone who doesn't know the details do that? As for specific abuses of privacy, we don't know about that, either, with the exception of the most egregious, which is of course Snowden's abuse.

What I find so admirable about Feinstein's stand is just how nonpolitical it is.

It isn't based on a poll. A poll would never tell her to go so hard on this one. And why would she need a poll, anyway?

It has nothing to do with who has given her money in past campaigns. Liberals give her money. I'm sure she's hearing

from them. But so what? It isn't intended to win

friends. She'll still be reviled for her ardent support of gun control by many of those who agree with her on this. She's a longtime supporter of gay marriage. Feinstein is never going to be the darling of the right, and I don't think she cares two whits about that.

She is doing what she thinks is right. She is standing up because she thinks it's what's needed to protect our country.

Agree with her or disagree with her, I defy you not to smile a little on this July 4th weekend and remember that standing on principle for what a leader believes is right throwing the usual rules of "politics" to the wind - is the essence of the

miracle we call America. That's why we want "great" men and women in public office and on the bench. Most of the time, in the run-of-the-mill vote or decision or dispute, you may not need "greatness" to pick a side. "Greatness" is not a very

good predictor of how someone will do at fundraising or whether they can endure months or years of canned speeches and town halls without making a ridiculous mistake. "Greatness" is not necessarily the same thing as never having done anything in your life that you wouldn't want to go viral.

We need great men and women for important moments, when what counts is courage and conviction, when you need to risk the wrath of your friends in order to seek what you believe to be the larger

Sen. Dianne Feinstein has always been known for a streak of independence.

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Happy holidays.

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filed against a South Texas upgraded. woman who they say triggered a two-vehicle acci-

dent that killed five. The Brownsville Her- jail. ald reports 32-year-old

charges of intoxication negligent homicide bemanslaughter have been fore those charges were

The McAllen resident is being held without bond in the Cameron County

Gil was driving near niece, Julexy Alvares;

Authorities say multiple charged with criminal when her vehicle veered Erika Olaya Davila, were into oncoming traffic and killed. Gil's crashed head-on into a car 43-year-old

driven by 32-year-old Ed- Sanchez, also died. ward Gomez of McAllen. Gomez; his 13-year-old day at the beach.

LOS FRESNOS (AP) — Margaret Gil initially was Los Fresnos on June 30 and his 30-year-old wife, passenger,

It's believed the Go-Gomez; his 3-year-old mez family was headed to daughter, Kamilla Isabel South Padre Island for a

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who, for some reason that befuddles me, want to water their lawns and landscaping during the hottest part of a summer's day, namely anywhere from high noon to dark thirty!

It's called evaporation folks, you know, basic high school chemistry taught us water tends to turn to vapor from the effects of high temperature. All of you illicit waterers, why not let your fingers do some strolling through the Internet in regard to WATER CONSERVA-TION, and by doing so,

Palmitier ye will be in enlightened and even better informed and even better, informed! And, while being enlightened and informed on our most precious of resources, get someone knowledgeable to adjust your irrigation systems so you are not watering the gutter and street! Water conservation is important for the obvious.

I can tell you one more thing that will chap your arses in the very soon future about wasting water. There will be water police, citizens and businesses will adhere to imposed water conservation, and if not, the water police will issue citations. Don't believe me? Check out San Antonio.

Stray cats. No, geez, not Brian Setzer and his

group of musicians, rather stray cats of the furry type. Where I reside there is a herd of stray cats that would put buffalo herds circa 1875 to shame. Lying abed every night I

can hear the toms howling away their territorial warnings and love songs, the females howling away their warnings to overly amorous toms, the ultimate love song of cats coupled in procreation, so much in fact I've thought about the ever trusty pellet rifle with projectile ammunition. I have washed my auto this past week not once, not twice, not thrice, but did so the fourth time this morning because of muddy cat paw prints from bumper to bumper and fur from the little

ingrates where they opted to curl up and catnap!

Yep, these stray cats are really chapping my obsessively compulsive arse!

Certainly, I am not the only soul with an easily chapped arse. Tell you what, for those of you who notice something amiss that's worthy of a chapped arse and wish to opine such, email me at the address listed at the end of this essay and once a worthy (and printable) amount has been received, I will dedicate a future column denoting such. I look forward to your responses.

Pampa resident Dennis Palmitier is a regular contributor to the opinion page on issues that affect Pampa and Gray County. He can be reached at denpalm1949@yahoo.com.

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dardized test results show of those students were tak- STAAR Texas high school students ing it for the fourth time. are struggling to pass...

starting Monday will re-Readiness exams they STAAR's must pass to graduate: Al- said Texas gebra I, biology, English I and II and U.S. history.

More than 152,000 stu-

Thousands of students than 40 percent of the re- high school students. testing students passed Assessment of Academic Knowledge and Skills, them some remedial help. Agency spokeswoman Debbie Ratcliffe.

dents recently failed the Central Texas high school tion classes that can be English I writing test, students are eligible for completed in a day and students passed Writing Data from the last round retakes — a number like- others offering several I and 53 percent passed of retakes show less than ly to grow over the next weeks of summer courses. 14 percent of those stu- few years as juniors and

By comparison, more ally be administered to all

predecessor, However, the amount of Education remediation available to students varies district to school students in the district, with some offer-This year, about 10,000 ing simple test prepara-

The Hays district, is

AUSTIN (AP) — Stan- dents passed — and some seniors begin to take the spending \$105,575 for a end-of-course full-day summer school exams that will eventu- program for STAAR retesters, rather than shorter tutoring sessions. In addi-When students fail, tion, the district estimates take the five State of Texas the Texas Assessment of school districts must offer it's spending \$12,300 to administer the exams and pay proctors.

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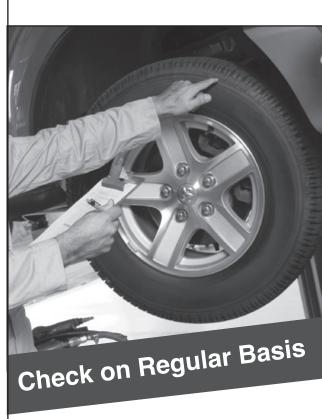
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- Gatlin Ray Taylor, 17, Pampa, was arrested Friday by the Pampa Police Department for possession of marijuana, evading arrest, unlicensed carrying
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- Richard Grajeda, 21, Sheriff's Office for deadly Pampa, was arrested Friday by the GCSO for Pampa, was arrested Satur- day by the Department of possession of marijuana, day by the PPD for theft of Public Safety for a fugitive greater than 4 ounces, less than 5 pounds.
 - Rebecca Chambers, 49, Pampa, was arrested Friday by the PPD for public Saturday by GCSO for intoxication, failure to ap-
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- posession of tobacco.
- property greater than \$50, warrant, driving while inless than \$500.
- Lorraine Larrazolo, 46, Pampa, was arrested a prohibited weapon. bond surrender — theft by Duncan, OK, was arrested check.
 - Jerrie Burns, 39, Pampa, was arrested Sunday
- Jeremy Barnes, 35, • Jared Duane Moler, 25, Pampa was arrested Suntoxicated, two possession offenses, and posession of
 - Rebecca Burns, 45, Sunday by DPS for possession of a controlled substance less than 28 grams.

Amarillo PD shoot man who had fake gun

(AP) — A Texas Panhandle man who pointed what turned out to be a fake gun ficer shot Mata, who died at police has died after being shot by an officer.

Amarillo police say an were hurt. autopsy was scheduled Monday on 33-year-old German Mata.

Lt. Erick Bohannon says officers early Sunday responded to a 911 call about a neighborhood man causing some problems. original Bohannon says the man weren't pulled a pistol out of his available.

Texas waistband and pointed it at officers.

Bohannon says an oflater Sunday at an Amarillo hospital. No officers

Police later determined Mata had displayed a replica of a pistol. The officer has been placed on administrative leave during a review of the fatal shooting.

Further details on the disturbance immediately

Pampa Fire Department call log — July 5-7

ment responded to these West Kentucky. calls for the following dates. One unit with three personnel responded to each call, unless otherwise indicated.

July 5

• At 6:12 p.m., to medi- West Kentucky.

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July 6

- At 6:50 p.m., to lift as- **July 7** sist in the 1500 block of West Kentucky.
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- At 10:41 p.m., to ve- of West Brown. hicle accident in the 1400 block of North Hobart.

- At 1:14 p.m., to medical assist in the 1200 • At 8:23 p.m., to lift as- block of East Foster.
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- At 4:50 p.m., to medical assist in the 1400 block of Rahm.
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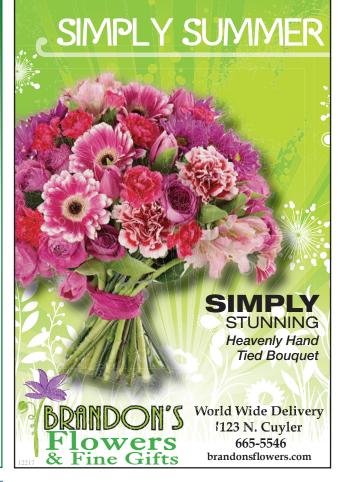
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Community Calendar

City Commission meetings

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

School board meetings

The Pampa Independent School District board meets at 5:45 p.m. on the fourth Monday of each month. Check The Pampa News for meeting loca-

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.

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

Meredith House presents live music

Meredith House, an assisted-living facility at 812 W. 25th Ave., has a band performing at 6:30

p.m. every Tuesday and Saturday night. Join them for Western music, gospel and the classics. For more information, call 806-

Monday night dance club

665-5668.

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. For more information, call Della at 806-665-2858.

It's time to sizzle

The Downtown Business Association is presenting "Sizzling Summer" on Saturday, July 20 in downtown Pampa. There will be a smoke-off, splatter run, a motorcycle show and turtle races.

The run starts at 7:30 a.m., the turtle races start at 2 p.m. and the rest of the events occur between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. There are opportunities for downtown sidewalk sales and

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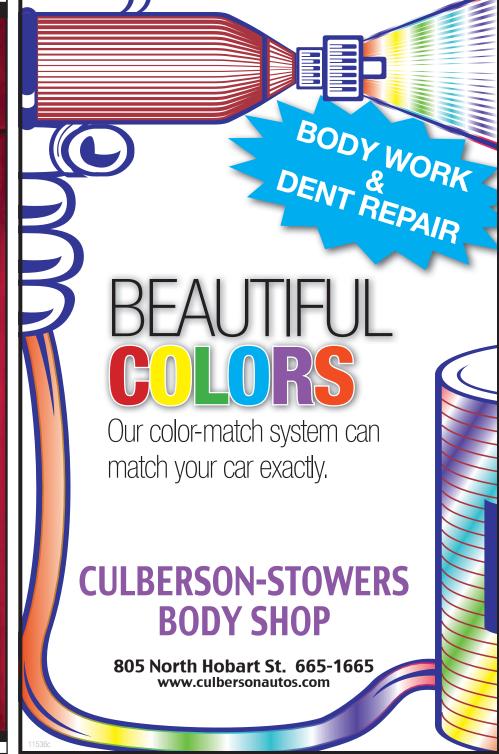
Brooke Best

Brooke Best is a 2002 PHS graduate. She is one of the newest car detailers. She has two beautiful children, Blake Darnell (11) and Bailey Darnell (3). When not at work, she enjoys spending time with her kids. When asked why she

enjoys being a car detailer she said, "The people at Culberson Stowers are great to work with. It's nice to enjoy going to work."

Richard Stowers said, "Brooke has a great personality and really seems to enjoy what she does. She will make your car look brand new."

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Gray County Grand Jury indictments — July 2

STAFF REPORT

The Gray County Grand Jury met July 2 and handed down the following indict-

• Gabriel Jesse Cowan, injury to an elder with the intent of causing bodily in-

- Mollory Gallagher, previous conviction. fraudulent use/possession of identification informa- son, two counts of postion, less than five items.
- theft of material, less than grams, tampering with possession of methamphet- or more offense. \$20,000.
- Daniel Jimenez, assault to family/household member with

• Jimmie Charles Johnsession of cocaine, greater Vincente Manuel, than 1 gram, less than 4 physical evidence. Johnson Medrano concealed a bottle contain-

with intent to impair its availability as evidence for of a financial instrument. arrest.

- amine, less than 1 gram.
- Lana Whitely Roberts, possession of methamphet-

ing a controlled substance driving while intoxicated.

- Samantha Nicole Lee, ing while intoxicated, third amine, less than 1 gram.

• Oaty Don Scott, forgery less than four grams.

- Jarita Carmel Walker, • Dale Lee Stover, driv- possession of methamphet-
- Brandon Shane Yates, • Shelly Raye Swindle, possession of cocaine, less than 1 gram.







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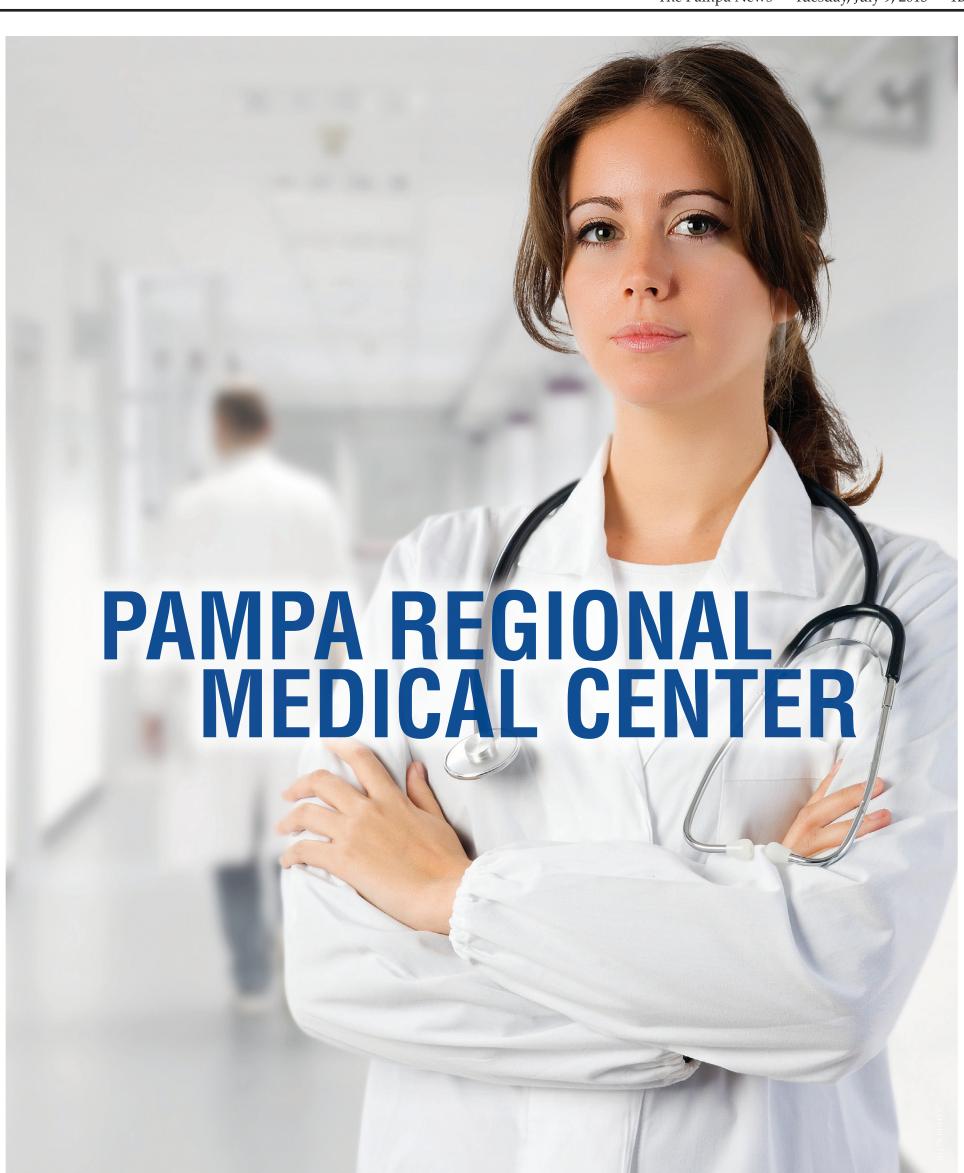
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PampaSports

Amarillo team, Throwbacks Sports Bar, wins all-niter softball tournament

BY JOHN LEE

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When most people can't sleep they get something to eat, watch TV or some other activity to cause themselves to become drowsy. But here in Pampa, one night for the last 13 years, the residents got together and held a softball tournament, hosted by the Pampa Recreation department.

"It's fun," Cary Rushing said. "I have done it for probably six or seven years now. [I stay awake by] playing every two hours.'

much greater this year than throughout the last couple years. There thing." were 17 teams entered, nine mixed teams and from Jackson, Miss., on eight men's teams. Recrethe Throwbacks Sports Bar ation coordinator Autumn team from Amarillo said Schaub noticed that players that this was his first year to and spectators were finding take part in the tournament, many different ways to stay awake.

players) bring out their

the event, and turnout was some of them stay awake doing it it's part of the terthe

Josh Brumfield, a player but being a former athlete, the sleepiness was just part "Some of them (the of the job.

"This is my first tourna-RVs and stay in them (be- ment in Texas," Brumfield tween games)," Schaub said. "This is a new exsaid. "Some of them go to perience for me. I love it the parking lot and sleep, though, it's just hard to stay they might go to town awake. But once you're an ball of Pampa team 13-3.

This was the 13th year for somewhere and I am sure athlete and you have been whole ritory. It's nothing new, you have late nights and early mornings.'

Schaub said the wind was the main wild card factor, wreaking havoc on some teams pitches and hits. But a small rain storm blew through in the early morning hours of Saturday, causing the field to become more packed and firm, helping the teams out.

Throwbacks Sports Bar won the tournament, defeating the Ballz Deep Soft-



The teams played at least three games, and found many ways to stay active or keep awake, even if it meant taking short naps between games.

Pampa teen preparing to compete in Denver rodeo next week

Area rider to compete in 'World's Largest Rodeo.

By JOHN LEE jclee@thepampanews.com

most high schoolers spend their summers playing their video games, hitting up Pampa's H20 Aquatic Center or browsing their social media pages, 17year old Keenan Hughes is working 12 hours a day at his job at Crall Products Co. Then he comes home and practices on his spur board, goes to bed for some rest and repeats his cycle. But come July 14-20 in Denver, Colo., he gets to

The National High School Finals Rodeo (NHSFR) is considered the "World's Largest Rodeo" featuring 1,500 contestants from 41 states, five Canadian provinces and Australia.

spend time doing what

he loves, and that's com-

peting in a rodeo.

Photo by John Lee

Keenan Hughes, 17, will compete in barebacking.

"It's pretty crazy and overwhelming," Hughes said. "The largest rodeo in the world, even bigger than the pro rodeos because of how many contestants."

Hughes has been doing rodeo since his freshman year in high school and got his inspiration from watching old rodeo mov-

"Kind of wanted to start bull-riding first," Hughes said. watching movies about it and stuff. Everybody talked me into barebacking. I am glad they did, I loved it more than I every would have bulls."

Hughes said that both his family and his friends have been very supportive of his rodeo competing. To get ready for the event, Hughes has been participating in different summer camps.

"I go to camps," Hughes said. "I am going to one, the Rodeo Bible Camp. I also have spur board where you practice how to move your feet and lift right.

Hughes said that he would love to win the Gold Buckle, but he really wants to just see how far he can go with it.

"I would love to win the Gold Buckle and be up there as World Champion," Hughes said. "But I will just take it as far as I can and as far as the good Lord wants me to go with it."

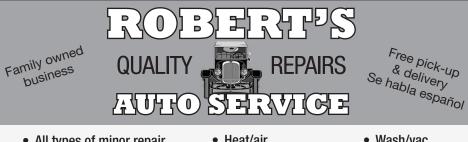
After Denver, Hughes is going to compete in more regional tournaments where the competition is tougher.

He said that while in Denver he is obviously looking forward to the riding, but also wants to do some dancing. His favorite subjects in school Tarleton and Oklahoma are auto-tech and math.

Recently he became an Eagle Scout and is looking at colleges such as

Panhandle State University, where is he considering majoring in Archi-





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Sports Briefs

Cowboys lineman Josh Brent released from jail

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas Cowboys lineman Josh Brent is out of jail again, but under new conditions that include wearing a drug-detection patch at all times and not driving

Brent was freed Sunday morning on bond. He's charged with intoxication manslaughter in a December car crash that killed Cowboys practice squad player and close friend Jerry Brown.

Brent was jailed June 27 after testing positive for marijuana a second time.

Prosecutors have filed a motion to have Brent's \$100,000 bond revoked after the two drug tests.

The bond conditions approved by a judge Sunday include wearing a drug patch and not driving under any circumstances, in addition to previous alcohol monitoring.

Prosecutors had no immediate comment. An attorney for Brent did not return phone messages.

Judge orders NFL, retired players to negotiate

PHILADELPHIA (AP) – A federal judge has ordered the NFL and former players to negotiate over whether claims of concussion-related injuries will move forward in court or in arbitration.

U.S. District Judge Ani-

ta B. Brody had planned lective bargaining agreeto rule July 22 in a le- ment, and should be regal fight involving about solved in arbitration. 4,200 former players and the league.

Monday, she instructs the plemented a gag order on two sides to try to resolve lawyers for both sides. how the case will proceed by going through media- say they suffer from detion with retired U.S. Dis-mentia, Alzheimer's district Judge Layn Phillips ease and other neurologiof Oklahoma.

able to sue the league. concussions. The league The NFL's position is the says safety has always claims fall under the col- been a top priority.

Phillips is to report back to Brody on any progress However, in an order by Sept. 3. Brody also im-

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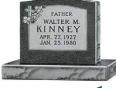


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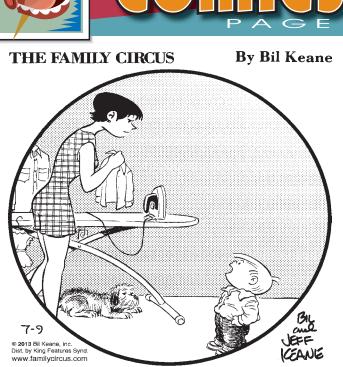


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This year you make waves, no matin the first year of a new 12-year luck cycle. This is an excellent year for new beginnings. You are capable of starting projects and/or ideas that you normally would feel are impossible. If you are single, a relationship could be full of surprises. Make sure that you are ready for this. If you are attached, your bond will develop an exciting, dynamic undertone if you remain sensitive to your significant other. Guard against being too meoriented. LEO can be quite self-centered.

★★★★ You might seem to be surprisingly different somehow, according to a friend. Lately, you have become more willing to talk about personal matters, which allows for greater intimacy. Express compassion to a child or loved one,

as he or she needs it. Tonight: Paint the town red.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

*** You could be more secure if you relaxed a bit and worked through a situation that is going on within your immediate environment. You suddenly might gain a new insight during the day, which will explain a lot. Answers come forward. Tonight: Do something special for a loved one.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ You have a way about you that attracts many people. You might be surprised by a dear friend's spontaneity. You would never have expected what happens. Lighten up a conversation, and share more of your day-to-day life. Tonight: Join friends at a favorite spot!

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

*** You could be surprised by what someone says or does. Be aware of how much you have to offer. Make a point of listening to your inner voice; know what your limits are and what you want to express. Do not back yourself into a corner. Tonight: Shop on the way home.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

**** You unexpectedly could beam in what you desire and surprise yourself. Express your caring, especially as it is obvious and you can't deny the strength of your feelings. Be willing to put yourself on the line when dealing with a friend or loved one. Tonight: All smiles.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ A partner could surprise you with his or her reaction to what you are ter which direction you head. You are doing. You might need to pull back more in order to see why a certain situation is developing. Remain upbeat. Someone who usually is closed off will show a willingness to talk. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ You'll wonder about someone's surprising appearance or unexpected availability. Do not assume that this person's action or stance is a because of a change of perspective. Make the most of this special moment. Tonight: Only what you want, and only with the company

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ You might be far too involved with a situation. Be more aware of your image and chosen direction. You know exactly what you want and why. Do not back off, but do observe others' responses. You might want to rethink your position. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ You can't go wrong with spontaneity. You might wonder which way to go, and might overthink the issue as a result. Impulsiveness is favored. You could hear some surprising news from a loved one and feel delighted. Tonight: Detach rather than get triggered.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

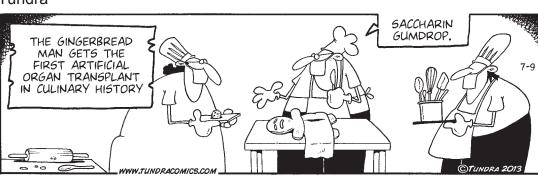
★★★★ Deal with a partner directly. Know that you might need to revise your thinking as a result of this conversation. You will get a better understanding of what someone might be thinking. Working closely with one person promises better results. Tonight: Togetherness is the theme.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

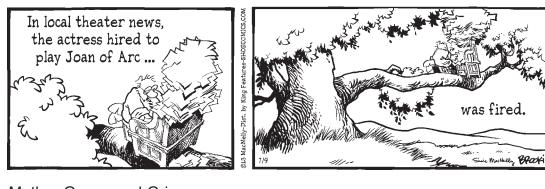
★★★★★ You experience events and see people differently from how the majority of others do. That is one of your strengths. Do not feel as if you have to prove yourself. You could be surprised by someone you encounter today. Tonight: Have a long-overdue conversa-PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★ You still might be better off if you say "no" to a risk, especially if it involves your finances. The unexpected runs riot through your finances, and it also affects others' behavior. If need be, express your caring through actions, not words. Tonight: Make a special offer to a loved one.

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Mother Goose and Grim



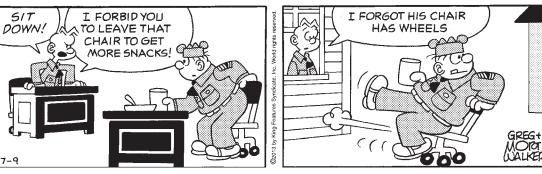
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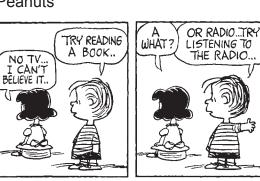
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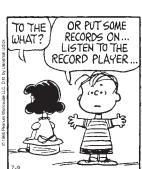






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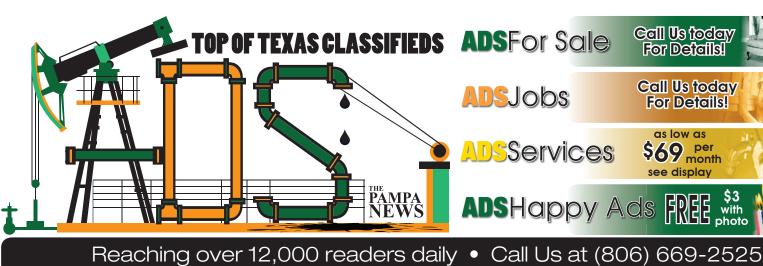




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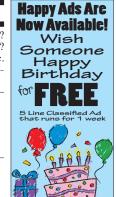
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Dear Abby...

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DEAR ABBY: I am thinking about planning a "surprise" wedding for me and my fiance. We have been together for eight years and have lived together for seven. We put off the wedding for many reasons, chiefly the cost because those things are expensive. We do not want to just elope.

The idea of having a theme party and inviting all our friends and family occurred to me the other day. Then, in the middle of it, we could bring in a priest and tie the knot! I have figured out the cost, and it shouldn't be more than a grand. We could swing that.

But my question is, do we tell anyone about it beforehand? I told one of my girlfriends and my fiance, and they think it's a great idea. It would take a lot of stress off. Should I tell my parents? They sometimes blab (Dad is worse than Mom) when they're excited about something.

— STEALTH BRIDE-TO-BE DEAR STEALTH BRIDE-

TO-BE: One person you should definitely discuss this with would be the priest. Ask if he would be willing to marry a couple who has been living together because some aren't, and also if he'd prefer the solemn vows be taken in a house of worship rather than a theme-party atmosphere. If that's the case, you may have to settle for an officiant of another faith or a justice of the peace to perform the ceremony.

Also, I suggest you rethink your idea of keeping this happy news from your folks, who may have been praying for this for seven years. They might feel very hurt to find they were kept in the dark.

DEAR ABBY: My husband's stepmother and father send religious-themed gifts for every holiday. We have an abundance of unused books, DVDs, stick-

ers, coloring books, dolls, bookmarks, etc., purchased from local Christian stores for a hefty price.

We don't see them often during the year because we live in different states, but we would like our kids to have a good relationship with them. The kids don't seem to be fazed by it, but they also don't get excited about opening and using these gifts.

We pay for our children to participate in religious education as well as attend several church functions during the school year. We believe grandparents should be interested in learning about what each child is drawn to, and not so much about preaching their own religious beliefs to us. It makes us uncomfortable and resentful at times.

How does one politely tell in-laws to stop sending religious-themed gifts? OVERLOADED IN SOUTH CAROLINA

DEAR OVERLOADED: One doesn't. A better way to handle it would be to communicate with them in between these holidays and tell them what activities the grandkids are involved in, and any new

interests they may have. A stronger hint than that would be offensive, and I don't recommend it.

As to what to do with the unused items — donate them.

DEAR ABBY: When my daughter calls her mother-in-law "Mom," it hurts my feelings. I gave birth to her, worked hard to put a roof over her head and food in her mouth. She has only one mother during her lifetime -ME. I never called my motherin-law "Mom." The name meant something to me, and it was reserved for the woman who gave me life! — DISAPPOINTED IN **IDAHO**

DEAR DISAPPOINTED: Many women besides your daughter call their mothersin-law "Mom." Rather than be jealous and territorial, you should be happy that your daughter has such a warm relationship with her motherin-law.

However, because you feel slighted, ask if she would be willing to call her MIL "Mama Smith" — something other than her name for you when you are all together in order to avoid "confusion."

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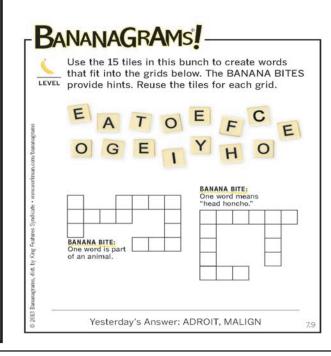
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PREPARED TO TAKE THE CONSEQUENCES. — W.

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Perry receives P.E.O. grant



Submitted photos

P.E.O. member Margaret Williams, left, welcomes into her home Barbara Perry, recipient of a \$1,000 grant from the P.E.O. and Sherry McCavit, chairwoman of P.E.O.'s Program for Continuing Education.

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The Philanthropic Educational Organization (P.E.O.) Sisterhood, Chapter CS, held a social meeting in May at the home of Margaret Williams.

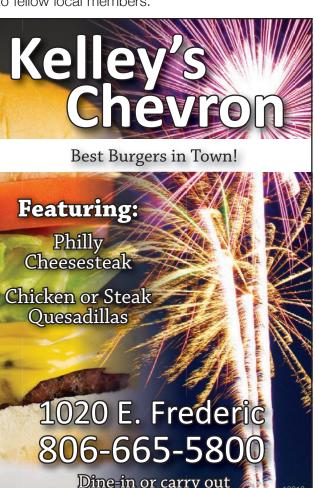
The theme of the social was "Quilts and Coffee." Members brought their favorite quilts to share with fellow members.

A special guest at the meeting was Barbara Perry, who received a \$1,000 grant from the P.E.O. Program for Continuing Education.

This P.E.O. program provides financial assistance to women whose education has been interrupted and who find it necessary to return to school to support themselves and/or their families. Perry is attending Clarendon College and works for Pampa ISD.



P.E.O. members Bennita Skidmore, Suzanne Wood and Jana Vinson show their favorite quilts to fellow local members.





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