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Commission turns down \$670K Las Pampas grant



■ Grant was earmarked for capital improvement such as roof repairs, new sign.

BY TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE
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The Pampa City Commission turned down a request Tuesday by the Pampa Economic Development Corp. to grant \$670,000 to Las Pampas Square for several capital improvements. The improvements included replacing some of the roof on the 50-year-old shopping center, remodeling a space now occupied by Verona Italian Bistro, which recently moved into the center, and erecting a new sign to replace the old one, which still has the center's former name, Coronado Center. Gary Sutherland, president of the PEDC board, said that replacing the

sign by November 2014 was a requirement in the lease agreement that PEDC signed with Bealls department store, which relocated to a larger space in the shopping center earlier this year. Texas state law allows municipalities to create economic development corporations, which are nonprofits, to spur economic development. The former Coronado Center steadily decayed and it was abandoned by most of its original businesses. However, the structure of the shopping center is still solid and money has been invested by the PEDC in a recent years to repair roofs and replace worn out plumbing and electrical.

About a year ago, Enbridge located its offices at the center, renamed Las Pampas Square, and the Pampa Independent School District will open its new administration center there in a few weeks. During a discussion before vote, Mayor Brad Pingel said he supports everything the PEDC is doing for the city, but was concerned that the \$670,000 was being allocated as a grant instead of the loan. The long-range plan for Las Pampas includes selling it to a private company, and Pingel said when and if that happens the \$670,000 should come back to the PEDC.

Photo by Timothy P. Howsare
 Bealls is one of the larger businesses at Las Pampas Square, which has received funds from the Pampa Economic Development Corp. for a myriad of capital improvements, including the copper-colored facade skirting pictured above, roof repairs and new electrical and plumbing.

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What do you do for fun? Oh, I dig for gold

■ Pampan prospects for gold, precious stones.

BY JOHN LEE
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When you ask most people what their hobbies include many will tell you they read books, work on cars or spend time with friends and family. Pampa resident Peggy Atwood, 78, does spend time with her family, but her hobby requires a lot more than an imagination or a tinkering personality. It requires a sense of adventure. Atwood is a gold prospector, meaning she searches and mines for gold. "[I have done this] for the last 15 years," Atwood said. Atwood, who moved back to Pampa last year after spending five years in Arizona, her hobby has taken her all over the United States, traveling as far north as Alaska. She moved to Pampa when she was four years old, and lived in Pampa until she got married and moved to Oklahoma. From Oklahoma she went to Arizona. Now divorced, she has come back to Pampa. "I moved there (Arizona) because I wanted to be near the gold fields," Atwood said. "My daughter knew I was over there by myself climbing moun-

tains, riding ATVs and killing rattlesnakes. After two heart surgeries and a back surgery, my daughter wanted me to move back so she can keep an eye on me." Atwood got the inspiration to go prospecting when she was 12 years old. "I used to watch those shows with the old-timers getting up there and showing treasure maps and gold pieces," Atwood said. "I never got to do it until I was 50 years old or so. I have been doing it ever since." "I have been to Arizona, Oklahoma and the diamond mines in Arkansas," Atwood said. "I go anywhere I can find to mine." Atwood used to live in Wickenburg, Ariz., where she would go out prospecting every day in her three mining places. Since she has moved back to Pampa recently, she hasn't had a chance to go. But she plans to end her dry spell. "I plan to go to the Black Opal Mines in Nevada," Atwood said. Atwood said being a prospector isn't easy. "It's hard, hard work," Atwood said. "If it was easy, everyone would be do-

Photos by John Lee
 Above, Peggy Atwood and her expedition buddy, Gizmo, in front of her home prospecting station. She will take sand out of her buckets, run it through water in the tub behind her and then swish it in her sluice box to remove the minerals. Right, this jade piece is one of Atwood's favorite because it washed up on the coast of Alaska and looks like a dolphin coming out of the water.



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Pampa Gray County Crime Stoppers needs your help in solving this week's "Crime of the Week." Sometime between Oct. 25-28, an unknown subject or subjects entered the backyard of 1122 N. Mary Ellen St. and stole the air conditioning condenser unit from outside of the home. The wires and plumbing were cut and the entire unit was hauled away by the thieves. The repair and replacement value is estimated at \$2,500, and the Pampa Police Department and Crime Stoppers need your help in catching those responsible. If you have any information re-

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Grant

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Sutherland agreed. City Attorney Lee Waters said the Commission could not change the PEDC's request for a grant to a loan during the meeting. He said the resolution would have to go back to the PEDC and be revised as a request for a loan instead of a grant.

Sutherland said that could be done, but the process of two boards holding meetings, one for the PEDC and a separate one for Las Pampa Square, would mean it would take about a month for them to come back to the Commission with a revised request. He said the money for the capital improvements was needed as soon as possible. Sutherland also pointed out that right now it is difficult to find roofing contractors,

because so many of them are still busy repairing roofs in Amarillo that were destroyed or damaged by the spring hail storms. Though the Commission gave a thumbs down on a grant request for Las Pampa Square, they did approve a \$1.5 million grant from the PEDC to the Pampa Energy Center for additional rail construction. The Pampa Energy Center is a new industrial development on the grounds

of the former Celanese Plant now owned by the PEDC. Sutherland told the Commission a company interested in locating at energy center is requesting additional tracks. Sutherland said he could not disclose the name of the company at this time. Even if the grant were approved, he said, it was not a guarantee the company would locate at the center. In that case, Sutherland said, the

grant request would be canceled. In other the business, the Commission: • Approved on first reading an ordinance to amend the fees that are charged for tapping into the city's water mains. The fee increases would only affect new customers tapping into the city's water lines. Public Works Director Donny Hooper said the fees have not been increased for several years and that the new fees are in line with what other municipalities in the state are charging. He said the current fees barely recoup the city's cost of materials for connecting new customers. The new fees are \$600 for a 3/4-inch tap, \$700 for a 1-inch tap and \$1,500 for 1.5-inch tap. The cost for a 2-inch tap or larger is not a set fee, because the installation cost can vary widely from one customer to the other, Hooper said. • Approved on final read-

ing the city's regulations to minimize flood losses. All new construction or substantial improvements must be designed and/or modified to adequately anchor structures to prevent flotation, collapse or lateral movement of the structure; must be constructed by methods and practices that minimize flood damage; must be constructed with materials resistant to flood damage; and must be constructed with electrical, heating, ventilation, plumbing and air conditioning equipment and other service facilities that are designed and/or located to prevent water from entering or accumulating within the components during conditions of flooding. • Suspended the requested date for a rate change from ATMOS Energy Corp. ATMOS West Texas has requested Nov. 22 as the effective date for its rate change, but the city wants more time to review the request.



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Atwood

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ing it.” A potential prospector first needs to join the Gold Prospector's Association of America, which is free. They have designated areas where they can mine. Afterward, newbies need to concern themselves with the safety precautions that go with being a prospector. “You need to stay hydrated, take food, plenty of water,” Atwood said. “Good shoes with traction, a watch and some kind of hat because you're under the sun. You need a compass so you always know your bearings. Most importantly, you need to make sure someone knows where you are going at all times.”

It is also important to know whether the area they are mining needs a permit or owner's permission. Then the hunt begins. “You have to know where to go,” Atwood said. “You have to look for things like black sand and quartz, and gold is heavier, so it will be beneath the lead-type metals.” Atwood's adventures have taken her many places and given her many stories. She even has a children's book based on her adventure in Oklahoma titled “Levi Jackson the Littlest Gold Prospector and His Donkey Dilbert.” One of her journeys, which could have been a scary situation, took two hours, three ATVs and a Dodge pickup loaded with a tank of water to bail her and a friend out of.

The front wheel of a pickup she and a friend were using got stuck in a ravine and could have potentially fallen over had her friend not been using his weight to keep it steady. Instructing him to stay put, she went off to go seek help. The nearest town was 10 miles away. Equipped with a gun and her coffee cup, Atwood found help not far away and they came to the rescue.

Most of Atwood's experiences prospecting have been less comforting. She has encountered numerous animals, coming face-to-face with her such as Longhorn rams and roadrunners, a beautiful skunk and a bat that she got to hold in her hands. Her companion, a lap dog named Gizmo, has even encountered a coyote snout-to-snout.

In her adventures she has collected more than gold. Her mineral case has everything from jade to platinum to silver. She has been to Nome, Alaska where she went dredging, which is an excavation activity or operation usually carried out at least partly underwater in shallow seas or fresh water areas with the purpose of gathering up bottom sediments.

“The oceans are full of gold,” Atwood said. “People just don't realize it. The waves wash dirt up everyday, especially after a storm.” Gold goes for around \$1,200 an ounce. When she is not out digging for gold, Atwood is a CNA and has been since 1957. But it isn't the gold and precious metals she gets that Atwood values from her expeditions. “It's like life,” Atwood said. “It is not knowing what you will get. My first gain was a children's teapot from the 1800s, and it is my favorite. What is the story behind it, did they drop it? What is the story of its owner?”

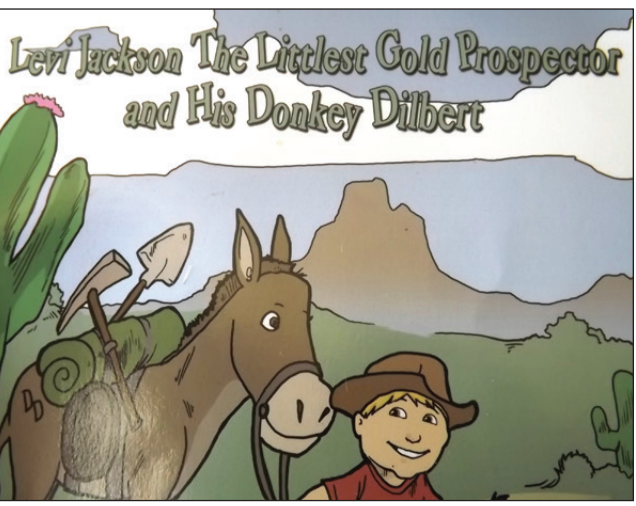





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 The cover of Atwood's children's book about prospecting.

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Obituaries

Sonora Kay Leach

Sonora Kay Leach was stillborn on Nov. 9, 2013 in Amarillo. Memorial services will be announced at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Survivors include her parents, Linda Moore and Wesley Leach of the home, her twin brother, Chord Leach of the home, her maternal grandfather, Byron Moore of White Deer, and her paternal grandparents, Alan and Barbara Leach of Borger. She was preceded in death by her grandmother, Pam Moore.

Sign the online guest register at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

Roxy "Rock" Spencer

Roxy "Rock" Spencer, 56, died Nov. 10, 2013 in Pampa. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.



Roxy Spencer

Mr. Spencer was born July 30, 1957 in Pampa where he had been a lifelong resident. He attended Pampa schools and worked at Crall Products in the welding division until he became ill. He was a member of Macedonia Baptist Church. He was preceded in death by his father, Henry Spencer, and grandparents, Jessie and Francis Austin and Lessie McNeil.

Survivors include a daughter, Dierdre Davis of Pampa, a son, Roxy Spencer, Jr., and wife Heather of Vici, Okla., his mother, Cleo Spencer of Pampa, a brother, Joe Graves of Pampa, three sisters, Wanda Coyle, Beverly Scott and husband Ted, and Kenny Pearson, all of Pampa, three grandchildren, Memorie Davis, Carmon Spencer and Natlie Spencer, his uncle, Ira Thomas and wife Neva of Houston, four nephews, three nieces, and special friends, Patricia Nickleberry, Larry Diamond and Charles Franklin.

Memorials may be made to Odyssey Hospice, 6900 I-40 West, Suite 150, Amarillo, Texas 79106.

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Carol June Heinritz

Carol June Heinritz, 91, died Nov. 12, 2013 in Amarillo. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 15, 2013 at Rose Hill Memorial Park in Tulsa, Okla., with The Rev. Christopher Hall, senior pastor of Grace Lutheran Church of Tulsa, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.



Carol Heinritz

Mrs. Heinritz was born June 26, 1922 in Webb City, Mo. to Charles and Lula Serviss. She graduated from Webb City High School and worked in a local drugstore and clothing store. She married Hilmar Paul Heinritz on Nov. 27, 1947 in Tulsa, Okla.

They were married for 66 years as they moved throughout Texas, making stops in Kilgore, Alice, Corpus Christi, Odessa and finally Pampa. They had been longtime residents of Pampa and active members of Zion Lutheran Church before moving to Park Central Retirement Center in Amarillo. They were devout Christians and always actively involved. Hilmar preceded her in death on Oct. 26, 2013, 16 days prior to her passing. They are together again for all eternity.

Survivors include her son, Michael Heinritz and wife Jean of Spokane Valley, Wash., her daughter, Deborah Hargus and husband Michael of Amarillo, two grandchildren and one great-grandson.

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Roy Julian Parsons

Roy Julian Parsons, 84, died Nov. 11, 2013 in Pampa. A memorial service to celebrate his life will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 16, 2013, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel with Pastor Lonny Robbins, officiating. Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of

Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Parsons was born April 21, 1929 in La Feria to Roy Sidney and Jennie Mae Fisher Parsons. He was also called "Jack" by his family throughout his childhood and early adulthood. Roy graduated from high school and began a long career of various professions, including a lineman for Central Power & Light, roughneck in New Orleans, oilfield work for NOWSCO in Okla., Calif. and finally Pampa. He and his wife Mary, of more than thirty years, lived and worshipped in Pampa, made many friends, and raised his stepchildren there and in Ventura, Calif. He ended his career as a professional driver, crisscrossing the country and seeing almost all 48 contiguous states.

He was preceded in death by his wife Mary, and a son, Allen Wayne Parsons.

Survivors include a son, Roy Jack Parsons of New Braunfels, a daughter, Deborah Parsons Elliott of San Marcos, four grandchildren, Lucas Allen Parsons, Allen Preston Parsons, Autry Colleen Parsons and Roy Jaden Parsons, all of central Texas, and his sister, Patty Rogers of Alvin.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials may be made to the American Heart Association, National Center, 7272 Greenville Ave., Dallas, Texas 75231, or to the charity of choice.

Sign the online guest register at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

Patricia Robbins (Pat) Dingus

Patricia Robbins (Pat) Dingus, 87, died on Veterans Day. Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 16, 2013, at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church with Rev. Linda Kelly, rector, officiating. Cremation and arrangements are by Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.



Patricia Dingus

Pat was the epitome of the World War II generation woman: pretty, feminine, strong, and utterly devoted to her husband, children, and home. She made her world a better place.

She was born on the Texas coast in a small company town owned by Texas Gulf Sulfur that had its own hospital, school, firehouse, and church. Pat knew everyone in town, and everyone knew her and her whereabouts. The town operator once tracked her

down at a friend's house to let her know that a young man was attempting to call her for a date.

During the war, Pat served as a spotter with the Aircraft Warning Service. She attended Texas Women's University in Denton for two years, where she once caddied for golf great Byron Nelson; she knew nothing of golf, but she was good-looking. In 1944 she returned to the coast and went to work as a secretary for Freeport Sulfur. One night at a local canteen for servicemen, she met Major G.W. (Bill) Dingus. He stole a kiss that night and shortly thereafter, on May 17, 1947, they wed. They were rarely apart for the next 65 years.

She and Bill moved to Pampa in 1951, where she loved the dry climate but decorated in the many shades of the sea. Her home is adorned with an array of seashells, beach paintings, and maps of Matagorda County.

They had four children, whom she raised with equal measures of discipline and humor. Still, she always managed to remain immaculately coiffed and dressed. She never went out without putting on lipstick (and usually pearls). Like many of her peers, she enjoyed and often hosted bridge parties, but she also loved Nature and the outdoors, including its denizens. She encouraged her kids to collect insects, rocks, lizards, and more. The family's pets included Cowboy the tarantula, Horatio the horny toad, an unnamed black widow, and multiple birds, cats, and dogs. Her keeshond Nathan was arguably her greatest admirer. She taught that dog to gently growl a fair approximation of "I love you."

Pat was a fastidious housekeeper and a good cook, with a special talent for luscious desserts. On birthdays her kids often requested her divine Chocolate Angel Pie instead of a cake. She loved stargazing and regularly slept outdoors during meteor showers. She had ornate (some would say indecipherable) handwriting. She was also a huge John Wayne fan, a dedicated birder with a life list of more than 350 species, and an accomplished pianist who lulled her children to sleep with Chopin and Strauss. She was a staunch and vocal Christian, always voted Republican, and never hesitated to speak her mind. She and Bill sent all four of their children to Rice University, an act that was a source of enduring pride for them both. Both before and after Bill retired from Cabot in 1982, she traveled with him to Japan, Colombia, and England and extensively across America.

Pat is survived by her four children: Jane Dingus (and husband, John Hildebrandt), of Mount Pleasant, S.C.; Anne Dingus of Austin; Nancy Dingus Crites of Hannover, Germany; and William F. Dingus (and wife, Mary Anne) of Midland. Her beloved grandkids included Sean Hildebrandt and family (wife, Joy, and daughters, Elizabeth and Julia) of Portland, Ore.; Kate Hildebrandt of Houston; Phil Redman of Austin; Dayton Crites (and wife, Kristen Munson) of Austin; Caroline Crites of Hannover, Germany; Margaret Barrett (and husband, Nathaniel) of Dallas; and Lizby, Paul, and Mariah Dingus of Midland. She was preceded in death by her husband on Christmas Eve 2012 and her grandson Parker Redman in 2007. She also deeply loved her nephews and niece, Rick Robbins (and wife, Sissy) of Lufkin; Leslie Kirkland (and husband, Paul) of Richwood; and Carl Robbins (and wife, Elizabeth) of Weston Lakes.

Because Pat never forgot to write a thank-you note, she would want to express her deep appreciation for the loving women who took care of her for the last four years of her life. They include Dora Jimenez, who helped "Mr. and Mrs. D." realize their desire to live out their days in their own home. Dora's sister, Myra Jimenez, was the night-shift angel. In fact, their extended family all cared patiently and tenderly for Pat as well as Bill—notably "Mom Dora" Jimenez, Marisa Fuentes, and Kasie Ramirez. Thank you all.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to the Legacy Endowment Fund of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, a source of support for her for 62 years. The address is 727 W. Browning, Pampa, Texas, 79065.

We love you, Mother. We're so glad you and Daddy are back together, and we know you'll continue to watch over us until we meet again.

Sign the on-line guest register at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS PAMPA ISD'S State Financial Accountability Rating

Pampa ISD will hold a public meeting at 7:05 p.m., November 25, 2013 in the Pampa High School Library, 111 E. Harvester, Pampa, TX.

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Everybody is a nerd, even you

Tales from the Final Frontier

As I start this new column, titled "From the Final Frontier," I want to encourage all readers to take a peek weekly. I know what you're thinking, "From the Final Frontier," sounds like a nerdy column filled with Klingons, Jedi and little people looking for rings. That's only partly true.



JOHN LEE

While I do love my Star Trek and Star Wars, this column will discuss things from neat gadgets, video games, comic books and comic book movies — anything that you might consider to be "nerdy."

For this column, let's discuss the term "nerd." Imagine in your mind a nerd. What

do you get? Many of you probably thought of a guy who wears his hair slicked, white shirt with a pocket-protector and a nasally voice.

Throughout time, nerds and geeks have been teased and picked on for the things they love. Growing up, I was teased some for loving Pokémon and both of the Star movie sagas (Star Wars and Star Trek).

Looking back now, I wear my love of those things like a badge of honor. With the help of Jim Parsons and Johnny Galecki on CBS' "The Big Bang Theory," nerds are actually becoming kind of cool. With the new image of Batman, and the release of the Avenger movies (Ironman, Thor, Captain America, etc.), quite possibly nerd originators, suddenly everyone wants a piece of the nerd pie.

you aren't alone, is that everybody is a nerd in some way.

Wil Wheaton, who played the lovable Wesley Crusher on "Star Trek: The Next Generation," has become someone Star Trek nerds have grown to love, long after his role in the show.

My personal reason for loving him is his embracing of everything stereotypically nerdy.

He spoke at Calgary Comic Expo back in April of this year and described to a filmer's daughter why it is awesome to be a nerd. If you ever have a moment, check it out on YouTube.

He said, "Being a nerd is not about what you like, but how you love it."

That being said, think about the things you love. My wife loves the ABC Family show "Pretty Little Liars." She is a "Pretty Little Liars nerd."

Personally, my nerdiness goes in phases. Obviously my football nerdiness is always there. But I go through a Star Wars binge, a Star Trek binge and I have been on a

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Many House Republicans say: What GOP crisis?

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Republicans who shrug off the party's sagging reputation are a growing frustration to GOP activists hoping to win presidential elections.

Freshman Rep. Ted Yoho of Florida can help explain the dilemma.

Yoho is among those House Republicans who focus intensely on small, conservative slices of voters. He pays much less attention to national campaigns.

Yoho owes his House seat to 21,717 north-

central Florida voters who helped him defeat 12-term incumbent Cliff Stearns last year. That's about one-six thousandth of the Americans who voted in the last presidential election.

That sliver of the electorate is all-important to Yoho. He says his constituents generally backed his decision to oppose the bill that reopened government and averted a U.S. default. The national GOP's approval rating fell during the fight over the shut-down.



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An analysis of President Obama's legitimacy

Editor's note: The essays submitted for this column were written by Pampa High School students enrolled in a dual-credit college course on American Federal Government at Clarendon College. Each week students are assigned a different topic related to American government. The two best essays are then selected, from different students each week, by their professor, Bruno Baltodano. This week the students were asked to write pro-con essays on the perceived legitimacy of Barack Obama's presidency. Both Miss Allison Noble and Miss Yesenia Soria are juniors at PHS.

The pro side

BY ALLISON NOBLE

With the number of "Patriot groups" growing in America, questions about Obama's legitimacy are growing. These extremist groups are at an all-time high, according to data from the Southern Poverty Law Center. But they still do not outnumber the people in the U.S. who still believe in legitimacy — in citizens giving consent to the government to be governed.

Anti-government extremists seem to have tunnel vision. They are so set in their opinions about the New World Order that they are letting their fear take over, instead of assessing what the government is actually doing.

Obama has been doing his main job, to protect the national security and to make sure our nation is here in the future and he has been able to accomplish this for almost five years.

If people make a connection to losing all their freedoms because of Obama and perceived

loss of legitimacy, let's remember that it was President George W. Bush who signed the Patriot Act into law after the terrorist attack in 2000. In that time, this act seemed like a great way to deter terrorism and to protect our national interest because of the anger our country faced following the attacks of 9/11.

According to an article in The Los Angeles Times, Obama made a movement recently to make changes to the Patriot Act to keep the NSA from secretly collecting American's telephone records. The article then goes on to explain that a recent idea he said he is working on is to create a permanent staff of lawyers to advocate for the public; he says he wants "to ensure the 11 judges on the court hear a voice raising civil liberties concerns."

Even though some extremist groups cannot see that Obama is doing what he can to better our country, this does not mean that he is wrong for keeping the country safe and there the next day.

Any president we have

governing us is going to have people who do not agree with him (someday her) because people simply do not like change.

People are always going to have their own opinions about the political culture of the time, including the decisions our president makes. But is that a reason to assume the Obama is losing his legitimacy? No, that is why we have political parties.

In our democratic system, we are able to have different opinions and different influences on issues. It is the responsibility of the voters in future elections to hold political leaders accountable for their actions. If we don't like them, vote them out.

Without these different parties and differences in views we would not be able to have a democracy.

Just because there are parties or groups that do not support Obama's views and take it to an extreme level does not mean that the president's legitimacy is diminished and it does not mean that the whole country is refusing to be governed anymore.

The con side

BY YESENIA SORIA

As the first year of Obama's second term is coming to an end, the country has found itself torn right through the middle over questions on whether our president has been doing a good job or not. Most troubling, the controversy seems as though it has only worsened.

Slowly, though, more and more of the U.S. is beginning to lose faith in our current president and many feel that our great nation is no longer traveling down the right course.

Although he has managed to address and resolve a number of issues during the time he has been in the White House, Obama has failed to take care of many other problems that the U.S. is currently facing. They are only getting worse and, as a result, millions of citizens are not only unsatisfied but angered.

Presently, one of the most important and well-known issues in our country is the economy, including the growing

national debt. The nation's economy is experiencing its worst crisis since the Great Depression. A severe recession has spread throughout the U.S., which only worsened after the government shutdown.

Although the federal government attempted to create policies, they have proven to be ineffective (www.isreview.org).

According to The Congressional Budget Office Long-Term Budget Outlook, U.S. debt is projected to rise to 87 percent of GDP by 2020, 109 percent by 2025, and 185 percent in 2035 (blogs.telegraph.co.uk).

Still, this is not the only problem I see with Obama's presidency. National interest and national security are also significant issues which have worried the citizens of the United States.

In fact, two thirds of voters believe the country is totally headed in the wrong direction and that we need change (www.timesunion.com). Even more believe the president has either not taken the time to consider what the future of the nation should look like or should

reconsider.

As for national security, because of some of the president's decisions concerning the wars from Afghanistan and Iraq to the War on Terror, President Obama's leadership has often been seen as muddled and confused, and it seems as though he is not sure of what he is doing (www.blogs.telegraph.co.uk).

Of course, there have been some good things to point out in Obama's presidency, such as the killing of Osama Bin Laden and the success of a few foreign policies. Yet, although these instances have proven to be quite important, they do not outweigh the issues that have either not been addressed, have worsened, or have begun doing his time in the White House.

Even as some will argue that he has been a better president than some we have had in history but, this does not mean he has done his job well.

As for me, I initially believed that the president would do good for the country but, as time has passed, I now believe that he could be doing his job a whole lot better.

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Obituaries

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Verneice Gee

Verneice Gee, 69, died Wednesday, November 13, 2013 in Pampa.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 15, 2013, at Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel, with Dean Whaley, minister, Bell Avenue Church of Christ of Amarillo, and Zeb Sailors, retired minister, officiating.

Mrs. Gee was born July 12, 1944 in Arkansas. She had been a longtime resident of Lefors, graduating from Lefors High School in 1963. Verneice was a homemaker, lover and friend. She was a member of Lefors Church of Christ and loved her church. Her smile will be missed by all. She was preceded in death by her parents, C.B. and Vivian Hatcher.

Survivors include her husband, Gene Gee of the home, a daughter, Michella Howe and husband Kevin of Lefors, two sons, David Gee of Borger, James Gee and wife Jacque of Lefors, two brothers, Curtis Hatcher and wife Ann of Fayetteville, N.C., and Jack Hatcher and wife Kathy of Wheeler, her twin sister, Eleice Frew of Orlando, Fla., seven grandchildren, Courteney, Christina, Brittney, Jenna, Cody, Jade and Nathan, and seven great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Pampa Nursing Center, 1321 W. Kentucky, Pampa, Texas 79065.

Sign the on-line guest register at www.carmichael-whately.com.

Nerd

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“Song of Ice and Fire” binge. For those who only watch the show, “A Song of Ice and Fire” is HBO’s “Game of Thrones.” Sorry, my friends from Middle Earth and the Shire, I just never could get into “The Hobbit” and “The Lord of the Rings.” I admit that there will always be the stigma (for lack of a better term) attached to the word “nerd.” I take pride in it because I tend to be really good at the stereotypical nerdy

video games such as Mario, Pokémon and RPGs (Role Playing Games). But if you are too proud to attach nerd to your personality traits, you can use other words such as “enthusiast” or “fan.” So whatever it is you love, whether it’s a team, a show, a movie series, a clothes line or even a celebrity, continue to love it the way you do, and be proud of it, because you are a “nerd.”

John Lee is the Sports Editor of The Pampa News and a self-proclaimed nerd. He can be reached at jclee@thepampanews.com.

Texan who shoots arrow into stray dog gets 2 years

FORT WORTH (AP) — A North Texas man who used a crossbow to shoot an arrow into a stray dog has been sentenced to the maximum two years in state jail.

A judge in Fort Worth on Wednesday sentenced Christopher Swilley. Jurors earlier convicted the 49-year-old Fort Worth man of animal cruelty.

Prosecutors say Swilley fled after shooting the male husky on April 11, 2012, while the animal

was in a neighborhood. Some people who live nearby saw the injured dog reach their yard and called 911. The arrow went in the dog’s leg and through his chest.

The dog survived emergency surgery. The animal was adopted two weeks later by a family who named him Dantes.

Prosecutors say the husky still favors one side of his body but otherwise is healthy.

Garland police using special panoramic camera

TRISTAN HALLMAN
THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS

GARLAND (AP) — From the Police Department’s perspective, Garland is in the same league as New York and Los Angeles.

That’s because Garland, like those two massive departments, owns a Panoscan panoramic camera. The camera, the first of its kind in Texas, gives investigators a fuller perspective on a crime scene — and the chance to take another look at it long after the cleanup crews have wiped away the area.

“It’s a really interesting tool,” said James Rogers, a Garland senior forensic investigator. “It’s not going to solve every crime, but in that one case, it might help.”

The Dallas Morning News reports the 46 mm camera allows investigators the chance to get and save a 360-degree view of a scene.

Rogers demonstrated the long-lens hook-shaped camera at a fake crime scene he set up in a parking lot behind police headquarters. The victim, a dummy, lay face-down on the pavement near a gun, a knife, a cellphone and an article of

clothing.

The camera slowly spins around as it stitches together smaller images into one big photograph. In about six minutes, the camera dings. “Toast is done,” Rogers said with a chuckle.

On his computer with specialized software, Rogers drags around an image that shows him everything in the lot all at once. He can measure the distance between the objects. He can see how the cars were situated. He can see a spot of blood on the ground that he might have missed earlier.

The finished image gives detectives more chances to “go back and tour the room,” Rogers said.

Panoscan chief financial officer Casey Coss said the \$95,000 camera is a step up from point-and-shoot pictures that detectives normally get.

“It’s an objective capture,” Coss said. “You’re not using a point-and-shoot camera that picks and chooses thing out of the crime scene.”

Garland investigators still go through their normal processes at the crime scene, including taking their own photos. But Rogers said the new technology helps their “ultimate audience” — the jury — get a better visual of an area.

Garland bought the camera in January 2012. The New York Police Department bought two and the Los Angeles Police Department has three, Coss said. No other department in Texas has one, he said.

Coss said his company demonstrated the camera for the Dallas and Fort Worth police departments, but didn’t get any bites.

Police departments weren’t the original customers.

The company wanted to sell the cameras to provide virtual tours of houses, apartments and office buildings, Coss said.

“It was not well-received in the real estate industry,” Coss said. Practically speaking, people liked to see things in person. And the files were too large for the Web in the late ‘90s and early 2000s.

The cameras could still be used to tour buildings, Coss said. A police department could take a virtual tour of buildings such as schools ahead of time. That way, if there is ever an active shooter inside, police and SWAT officers would be able to review the building layout and nuances before they go inside, Coss said.

But Garland police haven’t used the camera —

which can be time-intensive to transport, set up and use — for that purpose yet. For now, they only plan to use the camera at homicide scenes and police shootings with self-contained crime scenes.

In fact, they’ve used it in only one actual case.

In July, an off-duty officer working a security shift at Wal-Mart saw Casey Smith, 31, leaving with several items he didn’t pay for.

The officer tried to stop Smith, but couldn’t. He pulled a stun gun and fired. Smith turned around and charged at the officer with a crowbar, police said.

The officer shot Smith, who died later that night at a Dallas hospital.

Investigators at the scene got the word of Smith’s death when the camera was already slowly scanning the Wal-Mart parking lot. The case has not yet gone to a grand jury.

If the officer is indicted, the camera’s footage of the scene could be used at trial, Garland police spokesman Joe Harn said.

Despite its rare use, police officials say, the Panoscan is well worth it. Rogers said the camera aids his team’s goal, which “isn’t to say guilty or innocent. It’s to say what happened.”

Guilty plea in Miss Teen USA extortion case

SANTA ANA, Calif. (AP) — A Southern California computer science student pleaded guilty Tuesday to hacking the computers of Miss Teen USA and other young women, secretly photographing them and threatening to post the pictures online if they didn’t send him more naked photos.

Jared James Abrahams, 19, answered a series of questions from U.S. District Judge James Selna in an Orange County courtroom, including an explanation of the crimes that were committed.

“I hacked several girls’ computers and, using their webcams, took photos of them when they weren’t aware,” Abrahams said meekly.

Abrahams pleaded guilty to three counts of extortion and one count of unauthorized computer access.

He faces up to 11 years

in prison and fines of up to \$1 million when he’s sentenced in March.

Prosecutors say that over the past two years, Abrahams hacked into the computers of at least a dozen women in their late teens or early 20s from various states and countries, including Miss Teen USA Cassidy Wolf.

Abrahams and Wolf went to high school together.

Court records say he also sent the women anonymous emails telling them he had downloaded nude photos of them.

He told them he would publish the images on social media sites if they didn’t send him additional pictures or undress for him.

If the women complied, Abrahams promised to destroy the images.

At least two of his victims gave in to his demands, authorities said.

“Did you know you were extorting them when you

made these demands?” Selna asked.

“Yes,” Abrahams responded.

Dressed in matching gray pants and shirt with a black jacket, Abrahams told the judge he has autism and has been under treatment for the past 10 years.

He said he was on three medications Tuesday, but he said they wouldn’t affect his ability to enter a guilty plea.

Outside court, his attorney Alan Eisner said Abrahams apologizes for his actions, and that the autism played a contributing role in the scheme.

“The social disorder had, certainly, a part in it,” Eisner said. “Again, I say that not to blame the conduct on anything, not to make an excuse for the conduct, but that’s part of the full picture.”

In Wolf’s case, Abrahams was able to take nude photos of her with-

out her knowledge, authorities said.

He posted a naked photo of Wolf online after she didn’t respond to him.

According to an FBI affidavit, Abrahams told Wolf: “Your dream of being a model will be transformed into a porn star.”

Wolf, also 19 and a graduate of Great Oak High School in Temecula, won the Miss Teen USA crown in August.

She has spoken publicly about the incident, saying she would use her fame to highlight cyber-crime.

Abrahams is accused of employing similar hacking tactics used by a Florida man who was sentenced to 10 years in prison last year after he broke into the personal online accounts of Scarlett Johansson, Christina Aguilera and other women and posted revealing photos and other material online.

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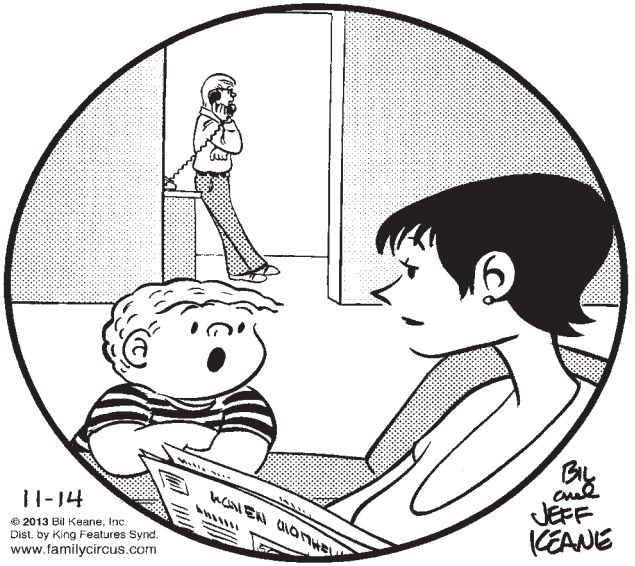


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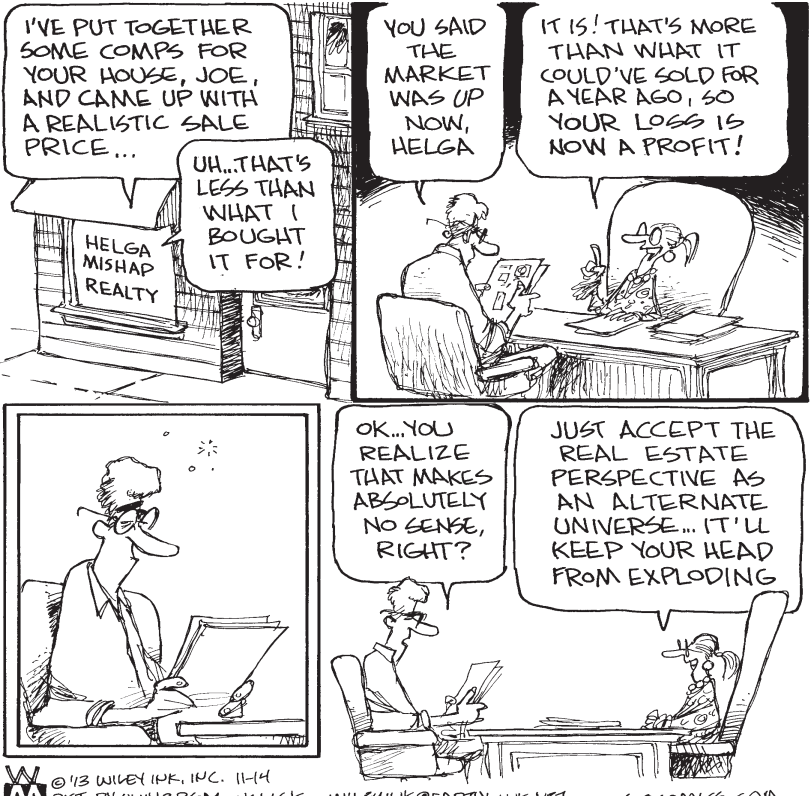


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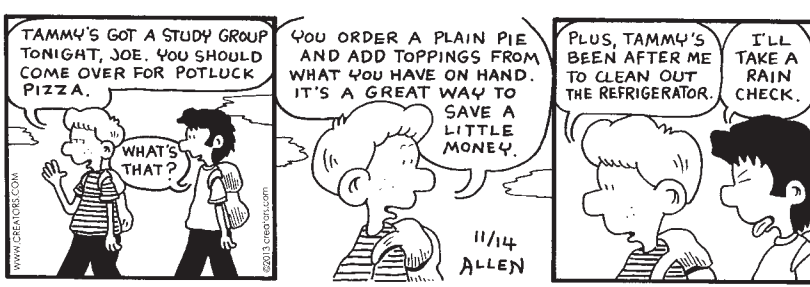
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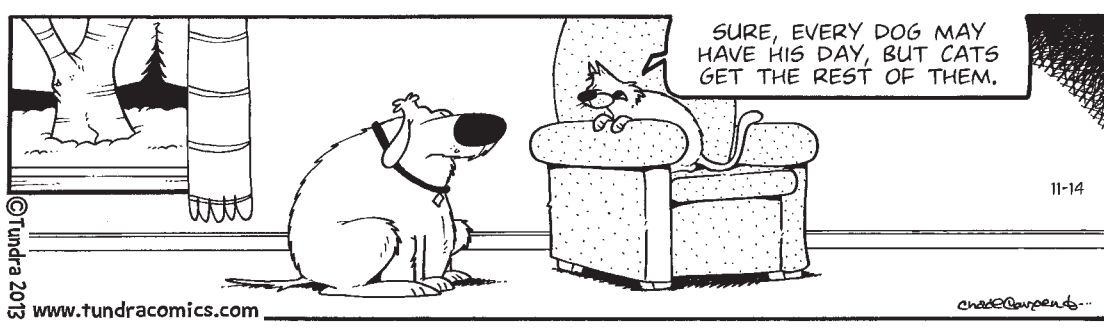
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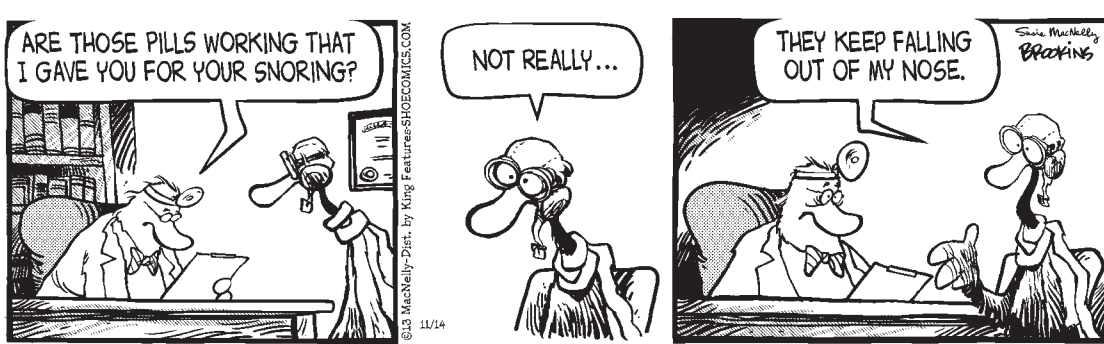
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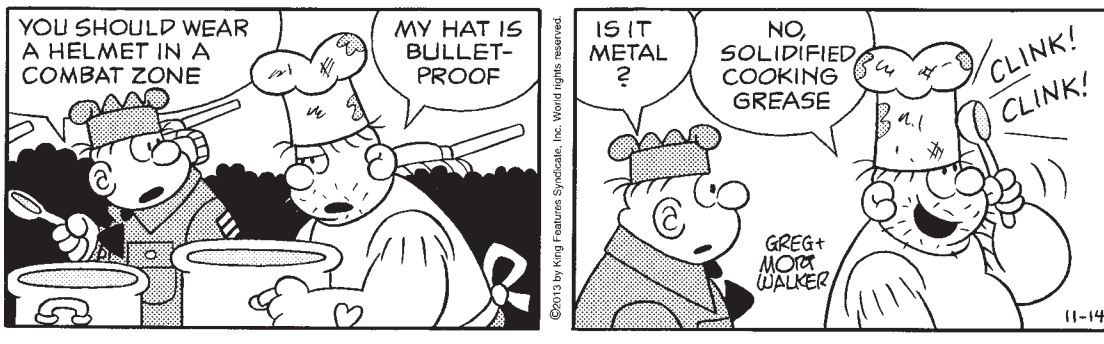
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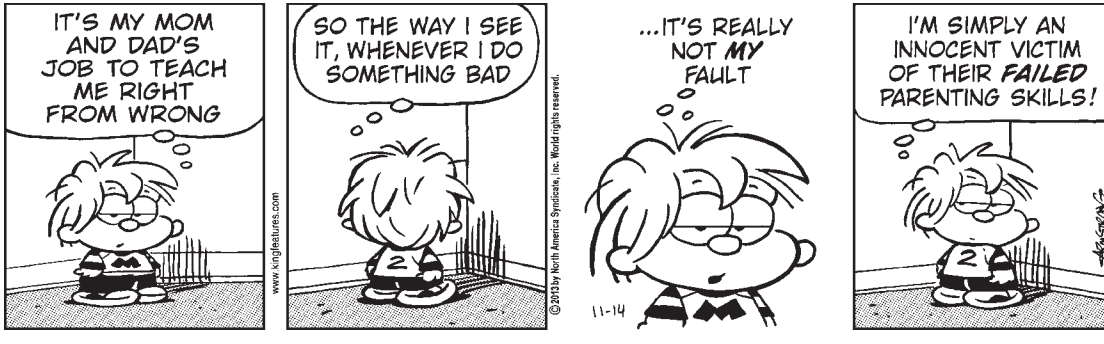
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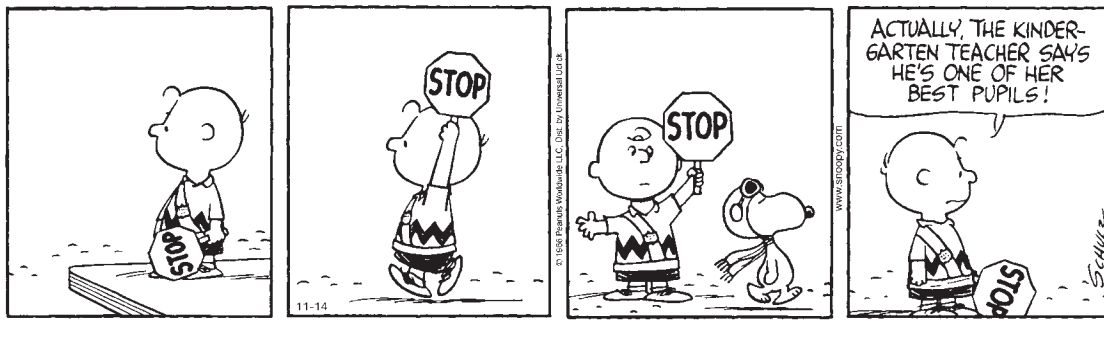
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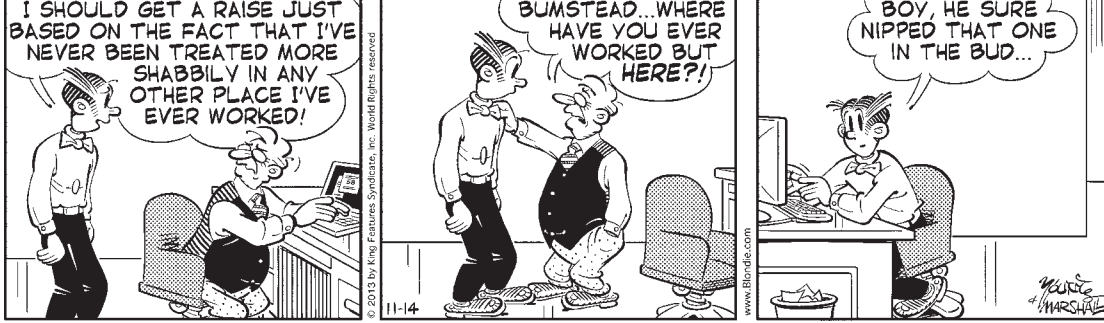
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daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, Nov. 15, 2013:

This year you exude an intensity and magnetism that others often cannot resist. As a result, a person easily could become jealous. If you are single, make sure that when you are dating, the feelings are somewhat equal on both sides. The key to successful relating will be your willingness to be open and vulnerable. If you are attached, your authentic self-expression might be more important to the well-being of your union than you realize. Resist using sarcasm, and pay more compliments to your sweetie. **TAURUS** is as stubborn as you are.

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)
 ★★ An idea might be great until you look at the cost of following through. You have the passion and drive that encourages people either to join in or run away. A squabble could start out of the blue because of a misunderstanding. Tonight: Get to the bottom of the problem. Clear the air.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 ★★★★★ You aim to make others happy, yet the impending Full Moon has your nerves on edge. Try to detach and gain a better understanding of where others are coming from. An acquaintance appears to be quite contrary. Consider not getting involved. Tonight: TGIF! Enjoy every minute.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 ★★★ You'll feel inspired by the presence of a certain higher-up or friend. This person encourages you to break past self-imposed limitations. The only question that remains is why you create obstacles or sometimes give obscure information. Tonight: Only what you want.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 ★★★★★ You feel a tug between what you want to do and what a loved one would like you to do. The juggling act could be touchy. Getting into a skirmish or battle of wits simply is not worth it. If a hassle looms, make time for what you want on a different day. Tonight: Love the moment.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
 ★★★★★ You could be determined to make an appearance in an important meeting. You will be present, as long as you stay clear and don't get involved in unrelated issues. A partner might be unusually vague. Choose to overlook this

issue. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 ★★★★★ Keep reaching out for more information. Given a new perspective, you might decide that an issue is a non-issue. Your intensity about an emotional or creative matter could make you uncomfortable. Let the feelings wash over you before acting. Tonight: Go where the music is.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
 ★★★ Do your yearly check of the heating and plumbing systems in your home before you need them full time. A loved one appreciates your attention to detail, yet he or she might become critical or fussy. Maybe this person would like the same attention. Tonight: Iron out a problem.

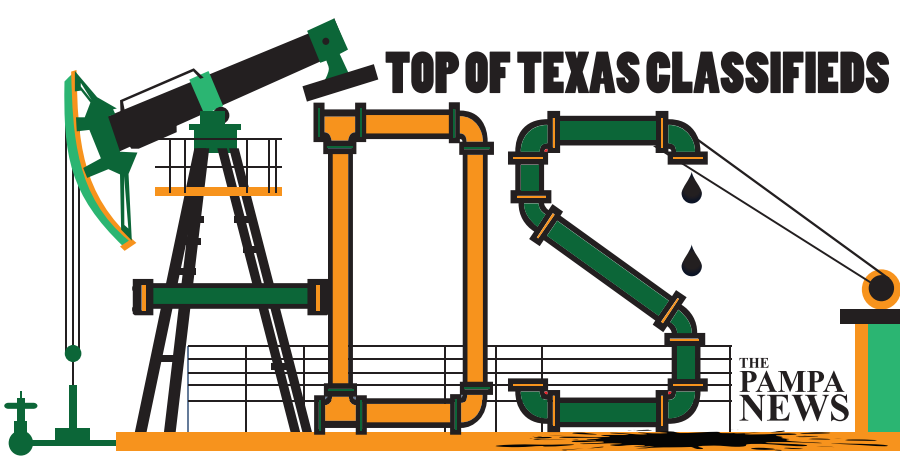
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
 ★★★★★ You might feel as if you are on the right path, but several people seem to feel that they know better. Allow them the pleasure of seeing how much better they can manage the daily hassles that you experience. Tonight: Be aware of a loved one; he or she needs your time.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
 ★★★★★ Your efforts are appreciated, though a financial decision could worry you. Initiate a conversation in the near future about this matter. If you were to initiate this conversation today, you would be misunderstood and misinterpreted. Tonight: Choose something relaxing.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 ★★★★★ You are full of get-up-and-go. You happily will help others out, brainstorm for solutions and generally be accessible. How nice! Hopefully not too many people will notice this sudden and short-term availability. Tonight: Make sure to include a special person in your plans.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
 ★★★ You could be taken aback by what is happening on the homefront. You still might want to seize the moment to open up a related concern. You might as well clear the slate all at once. Touch base with an older relative when you have a few minutes. Tonight: Head home first.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
 ★★★★★ Speak up and express your opinion, even if it might not make you popular. Understanding evolves once a discussion begins and you walk in another person's shoes. The intensity you feel could be overwhelming. Tonight: Confirm a get-together before you go.



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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I'm writing regarding "Lost for Words" (July 7), who skipped her 10-year high school reunion because she was bullied in school. (She is now receiving Facebook messages from former classmates who want to apologize.)

That letter could have been about me! I was bullied all through school, too. Things were so bad I honestly don't know how I kept it together. I never even told my parents how bad it was until years after I had graduated.

My class (1972) had their 10-year reunion and I went, although I almost didn't because I was scared. When I got there, I was given hugs by classmates. Some of them apologized, and it was wonderful. I enjoyed myself so much that I helped organize our 20th and 25th reunions. "Lost," you can either keep

reliving those painful moments and continue to suffer, or rise above it, prove to your classmates and yourself that they can't hurt you anymore and get to know each other now as peers.

Counseling helped me to learn to deal with bad things in my life. Don't get me wrong, I still have some issues and life isn't always easy, but I have learned to let go and forgive these people. They, too, have grown up and are now mature adults who know right from wrong. — CATHY IN ESTERHAZY, CANADA

DEAR CATHY: Thank you for sharing your experience and insights along with many other readers who were bullied in school. One common denominator in their letters was the word "forgiveness." Interestingly, I received none from the

bullies themselves! Read on: DEAR ABBY: As middle school teachers, we do our best to curtail abuse, but it happens behind the scenes. The targets can remain bullied for years, as the writer expressed. It is sad that this person is affected to this day, 10 years after graduation.

I agree the target has no obligation to forgive the bullies, but this would be a perfect time to send a strong message to them via her Facebook page. An article on the effects of bullying could be posted with a message that if the bullies truly want forgiveness, they should pass this life lesson on to their children who may be engaged in similar behavior. — MARY ANN IN NEW YORK

DEAR ABBY: When I attended my 10th reunion, the people who had bullied me apologized and I told them I forgave them. I just attended my 30th reunion, and some of the same bullies asked again for my forgiveness. They are in a self-imposed prison of guilt from which they will be free only when they can ACCEPT that I forgave them. My advice to "Lost" is to respond to the Facebook messages with a thank-you, and leave it at that. — DAWNA IN MONTANA

DEAR ABBY: Three years ago, I went to my 50th. It was the only reunion I ever attended. Halfway through the event, the "bully brigade" came up to me to apologize for their behavior. I hadn't thought about it and was having a great time. But suddenly, I was emotionally thrown back into those years of hating school because of how I was treated.

On my way out, I confronted the worst bully. I told her her apology was NOT accepted, and they could all keep their apologies and hold onto their guilt for another 50 years. The minute I said it, it was like a great burden had been lifted from my shoulders. — ANNE IN OHIO

DEAR ABBY: I was a late bloomer. When the time came for my 30th reunion, I was a successful, confident millionaire with a knockout blond wife, and I looked years younger than my age. My classmates were bald, wrinkled or saggy. There was no 40th reunion — they had all given up. Living well really IS the best revenge. — HAPPY IN THE SOUTH

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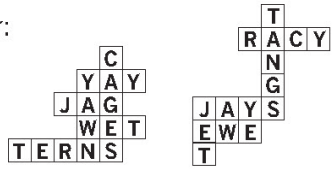
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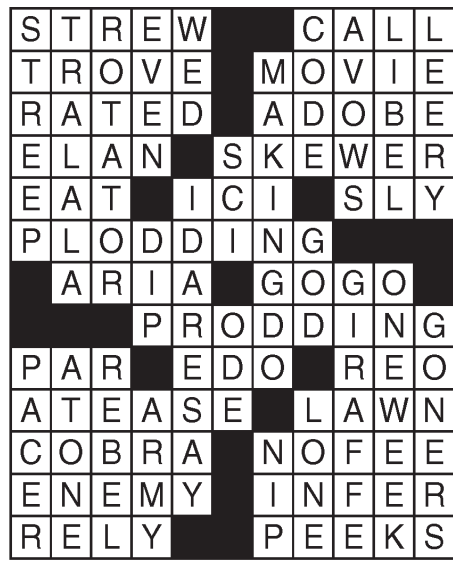
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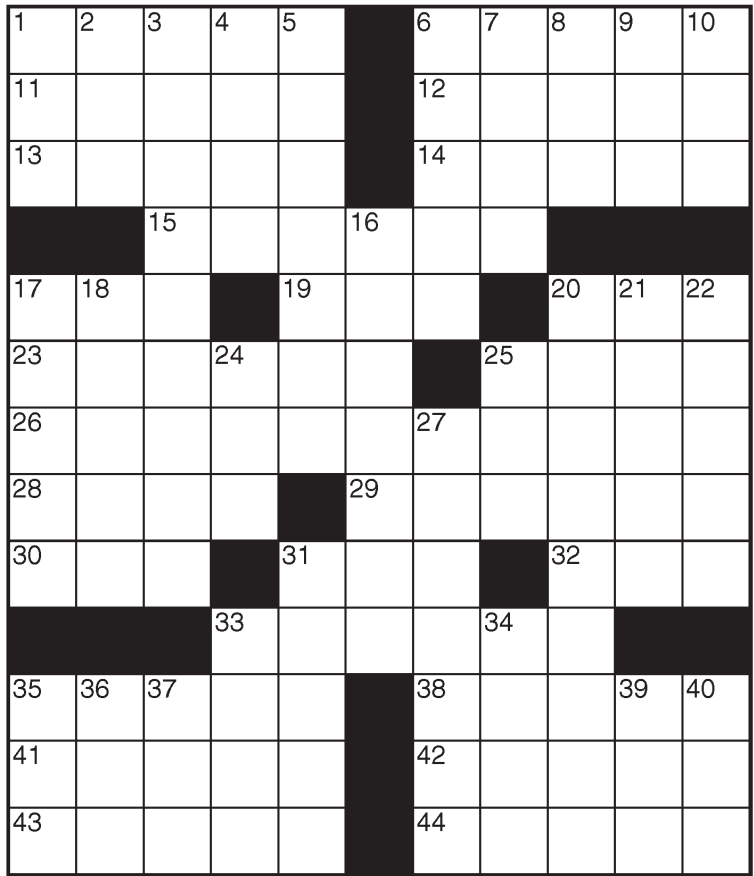
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- 18 Flared dress
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BY JOHN LEE
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But rather than trying to do the same thing with new guys, Harvesters' head coach Matt Embry decided to go a totally different direction.

It appears to have worked as the Harvesters defeated the Pirates in a grudge match Tuesday night. The game was a rematch from last year's playoff game.

"Coach Bridges is a class act," Embry said. "We dealt with him last year and obviously tonight on this. He's a friend of mine and I have nothing but great things to say about him and the program he runs. That's a good basketball team and I expect them to do big things in that district."

The first quarter was low-scoring as each team was feeling each other out and getting adjusted to playing basketball. The dominant force for the Harvesters was junior Jonathan Stevens, who attacked the rim and had five defensive rebounds. Senior Cory Ponce led the team in scoring with four points. With Stevens' rebounds and Ponce's scoring,

the Harvester's led the quarter 12-11.

Embry got the Harvesters' bench involved in the second quarter. It was a great move, as sophomore Kambrin Scott came in and sunk two three-pointers and a two-pointer. But the Pirates didn't quit, benefiting from two two-pointers from senior Keenan Lewis and a three-pointer from senior Nate Grider. The score going into halftime was 30-29.

The Pirates took control of the game in the third quarter, with junior Dalton Davis sinking two three-pointers. The fouls really picked up in the third quarter as the play became more physical between the teams.

By the end of the game, each team had four players fouled out. Stevens and senior Brandon Stokes combined for 11 of the teams' 19 third-quarter points as the Harvesters continued to roll offensively 49-45 heading into the fourth quarter.

"The biggest thing I noticed was they are emphasizing putting your hands into people this year.

"But that officiating crew right there is they didn't disappoint," Embry said. "My argument is consistency in the call and they gave us that. I just feel that is was a bit much. But you have to adjust to officiating, there is no excuse on our side for that."

The fourth quarter rolled in and the teams were los-

ing players to fouls, and the Harvesters depth is what elevated them to the win.

Stokes was 6/7 in free throws on top of his five fourth-quarter shooting points. Ponce came in and sunk three two-pointers.

The Pirates, who shot 10 free throws, making seven of them and had two more three-point shots from Davis. But the Harvesters were able to put the game away 74-66 and start the season with a win over a 3A rival.

"It feels great. It's a completely different style of basketball than we played last year," Embry said. "It's kind of a good test run of where we measure in district also.

"I am real excited to see how our bench played. Without Kambrin Scott (nine points, two rebounds) we don't win tonight. He had a great game.

"I don't know his line but it had to be pretty special. Alex Marrufo made the play of the game defensively, to get his guy to slide into traffic and get their best guy fouled. Everybody on the bench came in and did their job and that's why we won the game."

Stevens led the team with 15 points and 15 rebounds, and Brandon Stokes also had 15 points.

"Jonathan Stevens is a hard working dude," Embry said.

"There is no doubt in my mind that he is going to come in and have a heck of a sea-



Photo by John Lee

Junior Jonathan Stevens (middle jumping) and (35) senior Cory Ponce defend the rim from Lubbock-Cooper players. The Harvesters won 74-66.

son. He plays the game true, he plays the game the way it was meant to be played, he's unselfish and plays for his teammates and that's what it takes to be a winner."

Cory Ponce had 13 points and Kambrin Scott had 9 points. The team had 34 rebounds and made 19 free throws, while attempting 39. Scott made all his free throws and Stokes made five of his six.

For the Pirates, their leading scorer was Keenan Lewis, who scored 19 points, followed by Dalton Davis and Zach Cantu at 16 points and 12 points respectively.

The Harvesters return to

the court at 7:30, Friday, Nov. 15 to take on the Dumas Demons at McNeely Field House.

"We know they're (Dumas) very good," Embry said. "We know they are picked to make the playoffs

in that District 3-4A. So we are going to have our hands full and have to come out prepared just like we did tonight.

"We are going to have to cleanup the mental mistakes and be ready."

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JV falls 48-38 to Lubbock-Cooper

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The Harvesters fell to the Lubbock-Cooper Pirates in their JV match-up Tuesday night at McNeely.

The Harvesters showed a lot of athleticism as many made shots from unorthodox shooting angles.

The Harvesters were led in scoring by Jett Gibson. Dante Jordon and Bryson Burrell also had six and five points respectively.

The Harvesters will be taking part in a tournament at Tascosa High School in Amarillo. Times are still to be announced.



Photo by John Lee

(35) Jett Gibson attempts to make an awkward shot from behind the board. While it was missed, it is an example of the athleticism the Harvesters have.

Watch the Pros

Football
Indianapolis Colts at Tennessee Titans.....NFLN 7:25 p.m.

College Football
Georgia Tech at (8) Clemson.....ESPN 6:30 p.m.
Marshall at Tulsa.....FS1 6:30 p.m.

College Basketball
Texas Tech at Alabama.....ESPN2 8 p.m.
Temple at Townson.....NBCSN 6:30 p.m.

Hockey
Columbus Blue Jackets at Boston Bruins...NHLN 6 p.m.
Dallas Stars at Calgary Flames.....FSSW 8 p.m.

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Cowboys change d-line again

IRVING (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys have released defensive end Caesar Rayford and replaced him with defensive tackle Corvey Irvin.

The moves Tuesday were the latest in a revolving door for an injury-riddled defensive front that was missing all four projected starters late in Sunday's 49-17 loss to New Orleans.

Rayford was acquired in a trade with Indianapolis before the season. He played in seven games and had six tackles and one quarterback pressure.

Irvin was a third-round pick by Carolina in 2009. He has appeared in 18 games, including 12 with Tampa Bay last season.

The Cowboys released guard Phillip Keith Manley and defensive tackle Jason Vega from their practice squad and added tackle John Wetzell.

As a math teacher we use the newspaper a lot during our statistics unit. I have students look up examples of percentages. It is a great way to show students that they will use math in the "real world."

-Middle School Math Teacher

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School activities are in full swing

Getting to know you...
 the first day of the new school year



Thanks, for all you do!
 Pastor appreciation day

Top: pre-schoolers say the pledge during opening day at Community Christian School.
 Right: Junior High students are ready for class to begin.



Top: 1st, 2nd and 3rd grade sing for Pastor Appreciation Breakfast.
 Above: pastors visit with students and enjoy breakfast.

Preparing for Fajita Fundraiser



Many helpers worked to prepare all the food. Left: parents and friends of CCS help with food prep. Above: 4th and 5th graders roll tortillas.

An aMAZing field trip



Above: 5th grade and kindergarten students get ready to go down the big slide at the Corn Maze Field Trip last month.



Left: students learn how to shuck corn. Below: the kindergarten class at the Corn Maze Field Trip in October.



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 Georgia Tech at (8) Clemson
 Washington at (13) UCLA
 Iowa State at (18) Oklahoma
 (12) Oklahoma St. at (24) Texas
 Texas Tech at (5) Baylor
 Indiana at (22) Wisconsin
 (17) UCF at Temple
 (3) Ohio St. at Illinois
 (23) Miami at Duke
 (16) Michigan St. at Nebraska
 Syracuse at (2) Florida St.
 (25) University of Georgia at (7) Auburn
 Utah at (6) Oregon
 Florida at (10) South Carolina
 Houston at (20) Louisville
 (1) Alabama at Mississippi St.
 (4) Stanford at USC
 Oregon St. at (19) Arizona St.



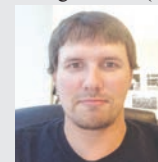
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Zac's Picks

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 Utah at (6) Oregon
 Florida at (10) South Carolina
 Houston at (20) Louisville
 (1) Alabama at Mississippi St.
 (4) Stanford at USC
 Oregon St. at (19) Arizona St.



Tyler's Picks

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