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Fun, fundraiser for Crime Stoppers



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Top, the Harlem Ambassadors give high-fives to a group of Pampa youngsters before the start of Saturday's game. Above left, the Pampa Tipsters in action against the Ambassadors. Above right, PISD school board member Richard Qualls, right, and assistant superintendent Eddie Gage.

Homegrown hoopsters take on pro athletes at McNeely Fieldhouse.

By TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE
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They weren't quite as magnificent of a force as the Avengers, the superheros who fought evil extraterrestrials in the recent blockbuster movie by the same name. But their purpose was nearly as noble. The Pampa Tipsters, a basketball team comprised of mostly city employees and school district employees, dressed out in green to take on the Harlem Ambassadors to raise money for Pampa Crime Stoppers, a nonprof-

it organization that offers cash rewards to individuals who provide anonymous tips that help law enforcement solve crimes and track down wanted criminals.

The event was a show and not a basketball competition. Several times during the showdown between the hometown team and the professional road team, the action would stop for dancing, mischief or even a brief game of Nerf football that bled down the clock in the fourth quarter.

"It's a show within a game," said announcer Mick Fink, who travels with the Colorado-based Ambassadors.

"There's no fouls or timeouts," he said. "But it is similar in that there are two- and three-point shots."

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Game room ordinance up for final vote

City Commissioners meet today at 4 p.m.

STAFF REPORT

The Pampa City Commission will meet at 4 p.m. today for final vote on an ordinance to regulate gaming rooms inside city limits.

The City Commission believes it to be in the best interest of the citizens and residents of the City of Pampa to provide for reasonable regulation of game rooms, including providing for unrestricted access by city police officers to all areas of game rooms and all amusement redemption machines for inspection by city police officers, providing for transparent glass and uncovered windows and providing for the prohibition of minors and alcohol in game rooms.

In other action the Commission will consider:

- Final reading of a resolution approving a grant from the Pampa Economic Development Corporation to Hidden Hills Golf Course in the amount of \$20,000.
- A resolution suspending the effective date connected with the rate increase filing of Southwestern Public Service Company made on Jan. 7.
- Approving on first reading a resolution approving a \$250,000 grant from the Pampa Economic Development Corp.
- Approving the list of disbursements dated De-

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Tyler business owner to speak at chamber banquet

By TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE
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Are you in groove or in a rut? This is the question Jeff Jenkins, a successful business owner from Tyler, will pose to the audience when he speaks at the Pampa Chamber of Commerce annual banquet.

The winners of 2013 Citizen and Business of the Year will be announced at that event, which will be held on Feb. 11 in the M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium Heritage Room.

Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. and dinner starts at 7 p.m.

Jenkins, who lives in Tyler, co-founded Blueprint Consulting Group in 2009. BCG is a consulting firm specializing in growing revenue and shareholder value within the insurance industry. Prior to BCG, Jenkins was a partner with Marsh, Berry and Company, one of the nation's premier insurance agents.

Jenkins grew up in Palestine, Texas and graduated from the University of Houston.

Through his years working as a consultant, Jenkins has observed that so many people who think they are in a groove are actually in a rut.

"It's so easy for all of us to just go through the motions," he said. "I encourage people to get everything they want out of their lives, whether it be financially or to become the best parent or husband or wife you want to be."

Jenkins said as a consultant he spends about 25 percent of his time speaking and making presentations, so he has plenty of experience keeping an audience engaged.

"I help people and organizations grow revenue

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Men in business: Richard Stowers

By LINDSEY TOMASCHIK
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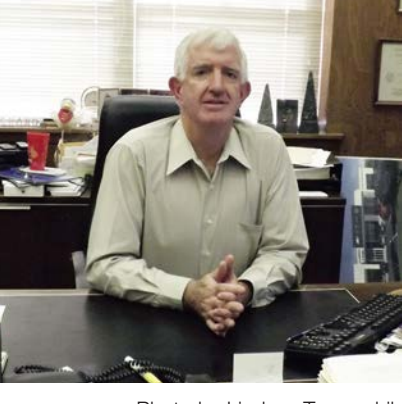


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Richard Stowers has been in the auto business for 37 years.

Richard Stowers has been the owner and operator of Culberson-Stowers for the past 37 years. The car dealership opened 87 years ago, and growing up around the business, Stowers always knew he wanted to be a part of it one day.

When asked about the most important lesson he has learned since entering into the business, Stowers said it's all about wanting to be where you are. "You have to enjoy it or it's a miserable existence," he said.

Stowers lives by this lesson and

speaks passionately about what he does. He's very knowledgeable about the business and that has come with years of experience and having a passion for cars.

He has enjoyed the journey of his career and said it's important to live life to the fullest every day.

His advice to new business owners is to be committed and sincere and to remember that nothing comes easily.

Growing up in Pampa, Stowers says that he likes the area and enjoys the people he works with, which adds to the positive work environment.

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Tipsters

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He added that they do a lot with kids and moments before the game started the Ambassadors gave "high fives" to a group of Pampa kids sitting in front-row bleachers.

The Ambassadors take their high-energy show to cities and schools across the country.

Their mission is to not only bring family oriented entertainment to the gyms they play, but to serve as positive role models to the young people who attend the shows.

All players are drug-free and must either have a college degree or be working

toward one. Players are both men and women.

Several of the Ambassadors who played Saturday night are attending universities in Texas.

On their website, one of the female players, Lade Majic, offers tips to kids ranging from what to do if other kids pressure them to try tobacco to adapting to the styles of different coaches as student players move from grade to grade.

Karen Price, city secretary for Pampa, played for the Tipsters.

"It was a great fundraiser for Crime Stoppers," she said. "I was excited to be able to participate in a good cause."

The Tipsters didn't win, but they lost by only three points. The final score was Harlem Ambassadors 67, Pampa Tipsters 64.

Stowers

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Stowers works long hours at the dealership, so he likes the fact that he gets along with his employees and enjoys what he does.

When he's not at the office, Stowers likes golfing, which is evident by the golf memorabilia displayed in his office, and added he used to do a lot of yard work.

"Most of the time when I get home now, it's already dark outside, but I still like to work in the yard when I can," he said.

As for his future plans for the car dealership, Stowers said he plans to stay where he is for now and maintain the family business.

Culberson-Stowers is located at 805 N. Hobart St. and is open from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Friday and 9 a.m.-3 p.m. on Saturday. For more information call 806-665-1665.

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Tonight: Clear with a low of 18. Winds southwest at 13 mph. Sunset at 6:07 p.m.

Wednesday: Sunny and windy with a high of 52. Winds southwest at 20 mph. Sunrise at 7:46 a.m.

Wednesday night: Mostly clear with a low of 31. Winds southwest at 14 mph. Sunset at 6:08 p.m.

Thursday: Partly cloudy and windy with a high of 71. Chance of rain: 20 percent. Winds west-northwest at 23 mph. Sunrise at 7:45 a.m.

Thursday night: Mostly cloudy with a low of 31. Winds south-southwest at 10 mph. Sunset at 6:10 p.m.

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Obituaries

Margaret Jean Power

Margaret Jean (Atkinson) Power, 84, passed away Friday, Jan. 24, 2014 at 5:35 p.m. surrounded by her family.

She was born July 14, 1929 in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada to James Humphrey Ray and Thirza May (Godfrey) Atkinson, who preceded her in death.



Margaret Jean Power

In 1947, Jean was the Canadian National Track Champion in the 100 meters.

On March 24, 1951 she married F. William "Bill" Power in Vancouver, British Columbia. Throughout their 62 years of marriage, Bill and Jean lived in Corona Del Mar, Calif., Harlingen, Texas, Pampa, Brownsville, and Lima, Ohio, where they have resided since 1975. Bill was a former publisher of the Pampa News in the 1960s.

Jean enjoyed traveling with Bill, friends, and family. Her greatest joy was in gathering her family for trips, holidays, and celebrations.

Jean was an avid birder, who identified more than 500 species. She was involved with Ohio Northern University in tracking and identifying birds in the area for several years. Her other joys were gardening, knitting, tatting and outdoor activities.

Jean volunteered at a number of organizations, including the Equestrian Therapy Program, Lima Memorial Auxiliary, and Children Developmental Center (formerly the Cerebral Palsy Clinic).

She is survived by her husband, Bill, two daughters, Patricia Ann (Paul) Ellis, of Dallas, and Kerry Jean (John) Mongelluzzo, of Cincinnati, and son, John Michael (Nanette) Power, of Texarkana; eight grandchildren, Ryan, Rebecca, Kyle, Travis, Meredith, Melanie, Jennifer, and Lauren; one great grandchild, Lilliana; a sister-in-law, Margaret Ann Power; and a niece and nephew.

She was preceded in death by her only sibling, John Lyle Atkinson.

A Memorial Mass was held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, January 27, 2014 at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church. Entombment of cremated remains will be at a later date in Gethsemani Cemetery.

Friends may visit from 4-6 p.m. Sunday, January 26, 2014 at Chiles - Laman Funeral & Cremation Services, Shawnee

Chapel.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The Equestrian Therapy Program, 22532 Bowsler Road, Cridersville, OH 45806 or Alzheimer's Association Northwest Ohio Chapter, 200 East High Street, 2nd floor, Lima, OH 45801, or The Children's Development Center of Lima Inc. 1001 Bellefontaine Ave., Lima, OH 45804 or donor's choice.

Virgil Franklin Flowers

Virgil Franklin Flowers, 76, died Sunday, Jan. 26, 2014 in Pampa.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.



Virgil Franklin Flowers

Mr. Flowers was born Dec. 11, 1937 in Quanah. As a young child, his family moved to Pampa where he attended schools, graduating from Pampa High School in 1957. After high school, he enlisted in the U.S. Army where he served two tours in Vietnam as a paratrooper and was a member of the Special Forces, Green Berets. Virgil had a distinguished military career, serving for 21 years, where he received the Bronze Star and Purple Heart. He married Faye Parks on Dec. 25, 1958 in Pampa. After his military service, he moved to Springtown where he worked on heavy machinery. He returned to Pampa to start a career in education where he worked for Clarendon College, teaching heating and air. Virgil was a member and deacon of Central Baptist Church. In his spare time, he liked to build model airplanes. He will be remembered as a devoted husband and father, and he always put his family first. Virgil was preceded in death by his parents, and two sisters, Teresa Salsman and Becky Anderson.

Survivors include his wife, Faye Flowers of the home; two daughters, Carol Len Hartsfield and Deborah Darlene Flowers, both of Pampa; a sister, Janice Aufreger of Amarillo; two grandsons, Nathan Hartsfield of Bryan and John Yagel of Dallas; a granddaughter, Jessica Yagel of Tyler.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association, National Center, 7272 Greenville Ave., Dallas, Texas 75231.

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

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For the record

Pampa man arrested for assault

STAFF REPORT

• Michael Mendoza, 28, Pampa, was arrested Monday by the Pampa Police Department for assault with intent of causing bodily injury to a family member.

• Alisha Diane Woodfin, 28, Shamrock, was arrested Friday by PPD for theft of property between \$50 and \$500.

• James Allen Lee, 31, Pampa, was arrested Saturday by the Department

of Public Safety for driving while intoxicated, driving while license is invalid with a previous conviction.

• Cody Ryan Newton, 23, Pampa, was arrested Saturday by DPS for driving while intoxicated.

• Dana Lynn Daniels, 48, White Deer, was arrested Sunday by DPS for driving while license is invalid.

• Anthony Dunn, 29, Pampa, was arrested Sunday by the Gray County Sheriff's Office for insufficient bond — evading arrest or detention with a vehicle.

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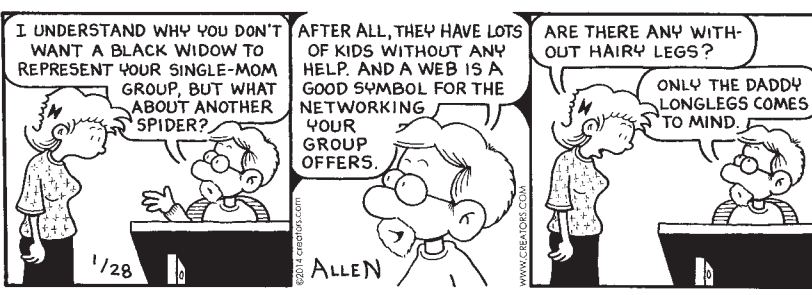
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Nest Heads



daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Jan. 29, 2014:

This year you travel more and sometimes seek resolutions through exploring different cultures and ideas. This transformation might be difficult and involve letting go of former values. If you are single, you will meet someone after June 2014 who might be The One. This person will grab your interest, nearly to the point of you becoming obsessed. If you are attached, the two of you will commit to more detachment and understanding. As you become wiser, you both will see your relationship evolve to a new closeness with less judgment and more caring. Listen to a fellow **AQUARIUS** -- he or she understands you.

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)

★★★★ The unexpected seems to surround you as of late. You are full of surprises, and this intrigues certain friends. However, you also might throw a close loved one for a loop. Be more open about your process in an effort to calm this person down. Tonight: Go for what you want.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ You'll want to make an impression, but you can't seem to cope with information that comes forward. Actually, it is the insight you gain that you have difficulty integrating. A partner is inordinately serious right now. Tonight: Screen your calls, unless you want to work late.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Your ability to move past a problem and gain a new understanding remains high, as long as you brainstorm with one individual rather than several. You could be overserious with an associate. Allow your creativity to emerge, and relax. Tonight: Lighten up the moment.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Let others make their demands; you have a choice as to whether you want to respond. You might discover that there is no negotiating to be had -- it's either this person's way or the highway. Choose to drift away from such demanding people. Tonight: Sort through invitations.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ You could be more in tune with a situation, but you can't seem to get into the changing dynamic and uncertainty regarding your role. You eas-

ily could become irritated. Be aware of the fact that you probably will say what you feel. Tonight: Join friends.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ You can't be less than you are -- it's not natural. When others need help, you're always there. Even if you feel slighted by someone, you would find it difficult not to come to his or her rescue. Do less if you would like to lessen your resentment. Tonight: Make it early.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ You might experience a lot of frustration when it comes to a certain individual. Learning to do less will be important in this bond. Your expectations could be off, or your perception of this person might be distorted. Use care with your finances. Tonight: Ready to indulge a little.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Your sense of well-being could be tested, mainly because you could be overtired. Know that you need to separate certain aspects of your life in order to lessen tension. Your fuse could be a lot shorter than you realize. Tonight: Head home early.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ A loved one's unpredictability could add excitement to your life rather than upset you. How you view this person's behavior, which you know won't change, could define the quality of your relationship. A friend could become unusually testy. Tonight: Respond to a pushy friend.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ You might feel very connected to this day and also to the people around you. You could get a surprising call involving your home or a domestic issue. You'll speed through today feeling empowered, and you could be difficult to stop. Tonight: Indulge in a break.

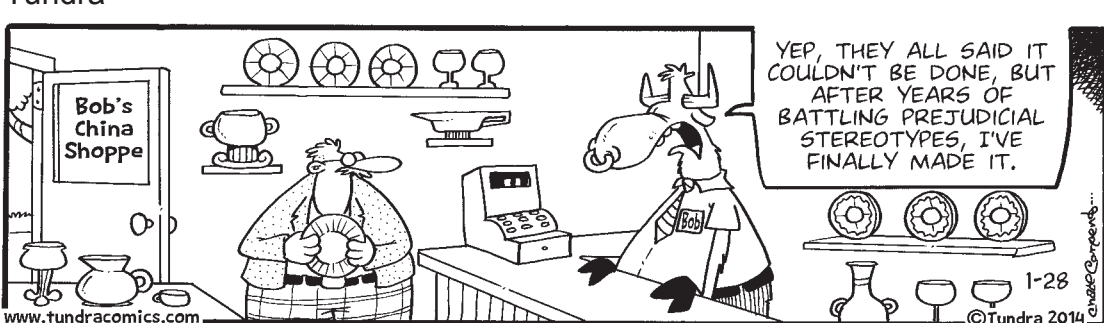
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Your ability to see past the obvious will help you in a conversation. You might be unusually intuitive; however, if you don't make sense, your thoughts will be rejected. Try to be clear. Keep reaching out to someone at a distance. Tonight: Do your thing.

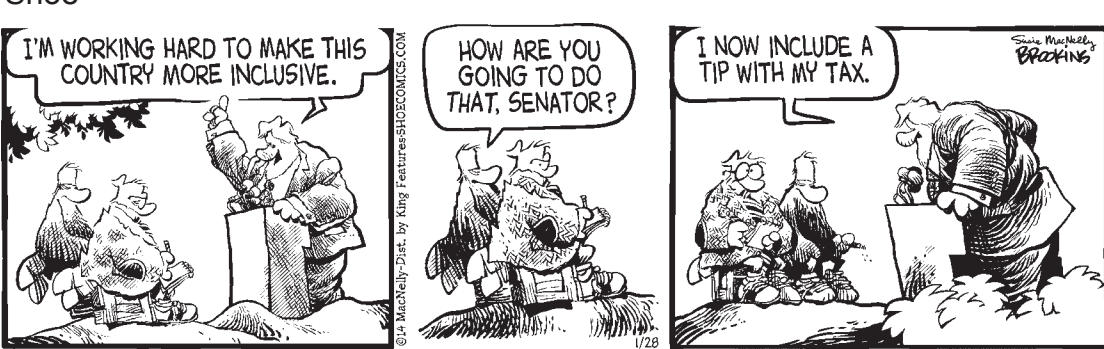
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Your intuition will take you far in a meeting, and it could help you reach a long-term goal. You could be taken back by a partner who seems to be on the warpath. This person has been feeling rather off lately. Refuse to be triggered. Tonight: Not to be found.

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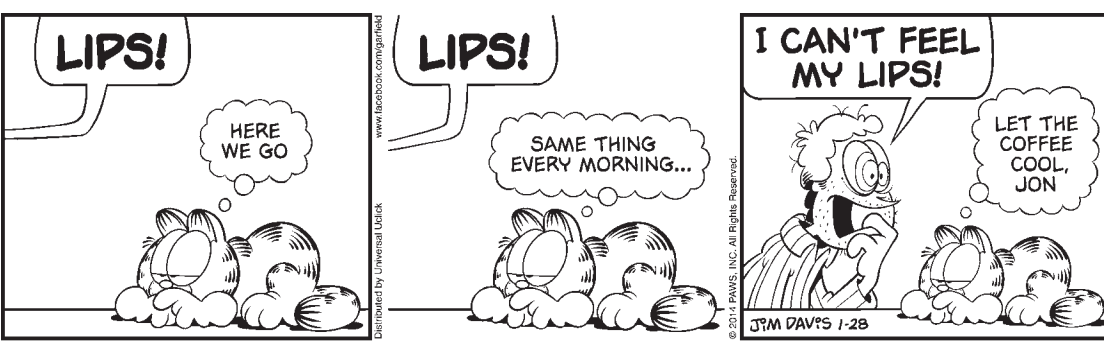
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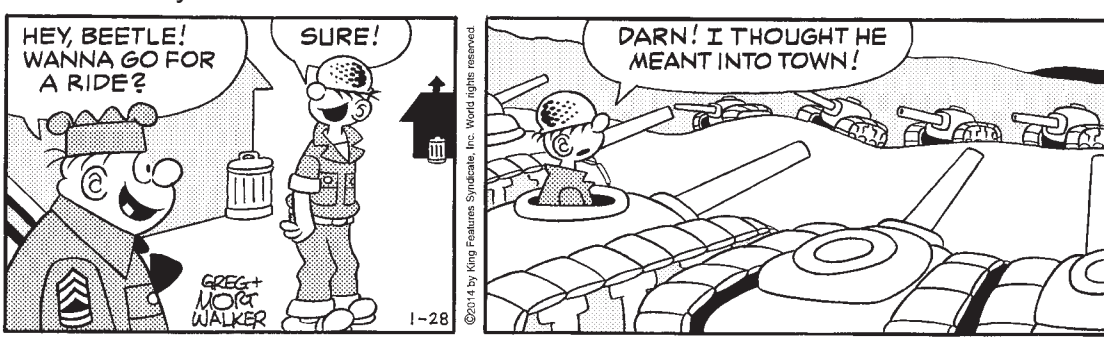
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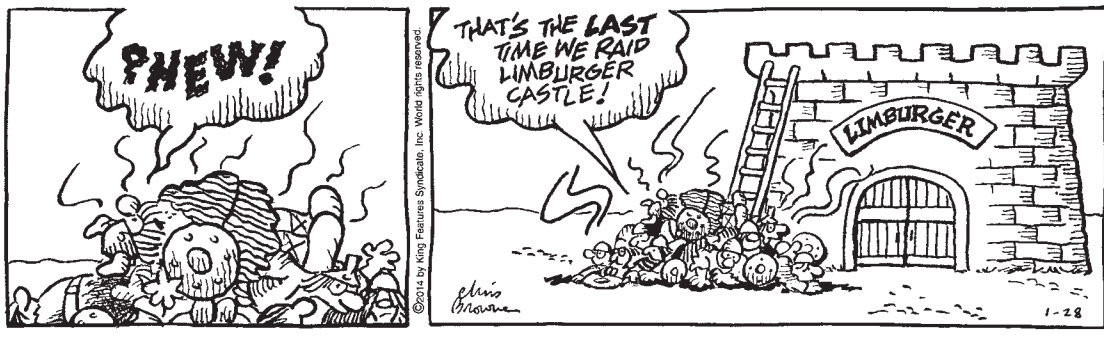
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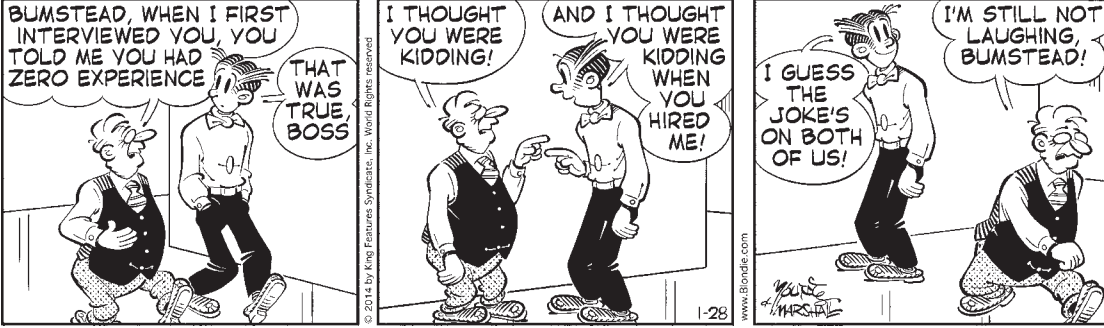
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Prairie Plains Perspective

Wind beneath my wings? I think not

Those dastardly wind turbines. To me they are a blight upon nature. If you drive around this great state (per Windustry Publication) there are currently 7,690 (soon to be many more) of the damned

things marring Texas' once pristine landscape. A goodly portion of the horizon around Pampa is soon to be violated by wind turbines. One such maiming of a good vista will be along one of the most beautiful drives in the Texas Panhandle, the stretch of U.S. Highway 60 between Miami and Canadian.

Communities across the country are starting to take a second look at wind farm construction. This reminds me of the times when a Walmart was wanted by almost every city across America, only for folks to rue such upon realization the giant retailer was the primary cause of closed mom and pop stores in their downtown areas. Wait until you have a 150-200 foot high wind turbine thumping away in your back yard, with its strobe-like shadow affecting every sunlit area through your house's windows. Upon doing so, you'll understand the condition called Turbine Syndrome.

Turbine Syndrome is a health condition named by medical researchers at Harvard Medical School who treated individuals in Massachusetts with any number of symptoms related to wind turbines erected within close proximity to their homes. People young and old were complaining of headaches, sleep deprivation, constant noise vibration and anxiety, just to name a few. Sudden onset of health-care issues make that average easement lease of \$2,000 per year per wind turbine not such a good idea.

Quality of life has indeed been interrupted by the presence of wind turbines, and reiterating, what your once beautiful rural acreage looks like with a few turbines protruding a 100 or so feet into the atmosphere. Think what will happen when folks want to sell their property containing wind turbines. Might be a tad difficult to recoup real estate costs.

Legal issues? You bet! People across the country affected by wind turbines have filed class action law suits in attempts to cease wind farm operations.

I don't like wind turbines for they are just another government funded boondoggle. I don't like the fact my taxes are subsidizing an industry with minimal returns to the tax-paying country that on the flip side is currently worth about \$2 billion to wind energy producers. For every megawatt hour of electricity generated, producers receive a \$23 tax credit — for the next 20 years mind you! Estimates are a whopping \$8 to 10 billion into the coffers of wind energy companies over the lifetime of the subsidized agreements!

The catch is many

states are not producers of wind energy, yet every American taxpayer has been funding wind farms. Fortunately Congress, noticing the poor returns and howling-mad constituents from those non-producing states, chose not to renew the subsidy. It dies (I look for the Obama administration to somehow amend this and continue the subsidies) come the end of this month, which for the matter, explains the surge in construction we see over White Deer way, that in Roberts and Hemphill counties, and soon to be here in Gray County.

I don't like wind turbines for what they do to migratory birds and raptors. Turbine blades kill avifauna. A few years back, Duke Energy, the largest electric power holding company in America, was fined \$1 million over bald and golden eagle deaths at their wind farms in Wyoming. The Obama administration has now seen fit to allow wind farms a reprieve from raptor and eagle deaths by giving companies a 30-year moratorium and has decided not to prosecute over raptor and endangered bird deaths. Go figure

when you consider this president's green agenda. Also, go figure not acting on written law without congressional approval.

I don't like wind turbine companies for what they and the Obama administration are doing to the coal and nuclear power industry. Coal mines are shutting down and laying off thousands of workers, who, in a stab-you-in-the-back laugh, helped through union support, Obama becoming president. Although technology has provided for cleaner burning coal, Obama has made it succinctly clear he intends to do away with coal as an energy provider. How's that job security working for you now, union coal miner? Even

more alarming is evidence wind farm companies have been under cutting nuclear and coal energy providers by providing electricity free to the grid. How can that be? Read up on the subsidy process again, that's how.

OK, so wind farm construction adds to our local economy through jobs, motel, retail, and restaurant purchases along with added sales tax revenue. Look no farther than a year or two into the future and you will see those jobs are temporary, not permanent. Sure, easement leases add to landowners incomes, the more the better, that is, until folks tire of the things or realize higher than expected healthcare costs associated

with that dreaded Turbine Syndrome putting a dent in their net worth.

Nope, I don't like wind turbines. They are a costly venture by our government. They are a means for money-grabbing companies to reap wealth from the taxpayer. America has a great resource presently overlooked that will fuel electricity generating plants years into the future.

It's called natural gas.

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. Anyone wishing to respond to Palmitier's viewpoints in the form of a letter to the editor can email editor Timothy P. Howsare at thowsare@thepampanews.com.

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ember 2013.

- Approving the consent agenda. All consent agenda items listed are considered to be routine in nature by the City Commission and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion on these items unless a commissioner so requests, in which event, that item will be removed from the consent agenda and considered in normal sequence on the agenda. Those items include:
 - Awarding a bid for \$500 from Randy and Gloria Harris for delinquent tax property located at 1017 S. Hobart St.
 - Awarding a bid for \$305 from Crystal Ann Smith for delinquent tax property located at Lot 37, Block 40, Wilcox Addition, commonly known as 925 E. Albert.
 - Awarding a bid for

\$405 from Crystal Ann Smith for delinquent tax property located at Lots 19 through 22 in the Wilcox Addition.

- Awarding a bid for \$9,100 from Jesus A. Castillo for delinquent tax property located at 704 E. Kingsmill Ave.
- Awarding a bid for \$555 from Cynthia Mendoza for delinquent tax property located at 745 Denver.
- Awarding a bid for \$305 from Crystal Ann Smith for delinquent tax property in the Wynnelea Addition.
- Awarding a bid for \$1,500 from M&S Land & Cattle Company for delinquent tax property located at 947 Brunow.
- Awarding a bid for \$2,000 from M&S Land & Cattle Company for delinquent tax property located at 736 N. Sloan.

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and shareholder value, so I have a pretty good deal of public speaking experience," he said.

And though he lives on the eastern side of the state, Jenkins said he is not a stranger to the Panhandle or Pampa.

"I spend a lot of time in Amarillo with a client who has a business in Pampa," he said. "In December, I went pheasant hunting with a bunch of guys from around the area."

Jenkins' wife, Leslie, owns an interior design business in Dallas. They have two sons, Harrison, a senior at Vanderbilt University, and Hance, a freshman at The University of Texas in Austin.

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Pampa Fire Department call log — Jan. 21-24

The Pampa Fire Department responded to these calls for the following dates. One unit with three personnel responded to each call, unless otherwise indicated.

Jan. 21

- At 11:17 a.m., two units and seven personnel to a fire alarm in the 500 block of North Starkweather.
- At 2:53 p.m., one unit and four personnel to a medical call in the 1000 block of North Hobart.
- At 10:08 p.m., to a false alarm in the 2500 block of Dogwood.

Jan. 22

- At 2:19 a.m., to a medical call in the 1900 block of Lynn.
- At 10:31 a.m., one unit and four personnel to a medical call in the 700 block of East Frederic.
- At 3:50 p.m., to a motor vehicle accident at Duncan and Randy Matson. No injuries.
- At 4:37 p.m., four units

and nine personnel to an unauthorized burn in the 900 block of East Campbell. Homeowner was burring trash in trash pit.

- At 5:15 p.m., to a medical call in the 1600 block of West Kentucky.
- At 5:54 p.m., to a medical call in the 1500 block of North Russell.
- At 6:21 p.m., to a medical call in the 2000 block of North Charles.
- At 9:17 p.m., one unit and four personnel to a medical call in the 1200 block of North Wells.

Jan. 23

- At 1:17 a.m., to a public service call in the 2700 block of North Hobart.
- At 5:36 p.m., one unit and four personnel to a medical call seven miles west of Pampa on U.S. Highway 60.
- At 11:39 p.m., one unit and four personnel to a medical call in the 1200 block of East Foster.

Jan. 24

- At 1:21 a.m., one unit

and four personnel to a lift assist in the 1200 block of North Wells.

- At 4:48 p.m., to a medical call in the 2300 block of North Charles.
- At 7:47 p.m., to a medical call in the 1200 block of North Wells.

Jan. 25

- At 12:33 a.m., to a medical call in the 1000 block of East Foster.
- At 4:12 a.m., to a lift assist in the 600 block of East Browning.
- At 7:57 p.m., three units and seven personnel to a structure fire in the 1900 block of North Wells.
- At 10:45 p.m., to a medical call in the 700 block of North Bradley.

Jan. 26

- At 3:00 a.m., to a medical call in the 1000 block of South Banks.
- At 4:25 a.m., to a medical call in the 300 block of South Ballard.
- At 7:12 a.m., to a medical call in the 12000 block of East Frederic.

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Obituaries

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Delbert Barker

Delbert Barker, 68, died Jan. 25, 2014 in Amarillo. Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 29, 2014 at First Baptist Church with Rev. Byron Williamson, pastor, Rev. Barry Owens, associate pastor, and Lacie Habekott, missionary with Cru Military in Colorado Springs, Colo., officiating.



Delbert Barker

Graveside services will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 29, 2014 at Delbolt Cemetery in Arnett, Okla., under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Delbert was born Feb. 1, 1945 in Arnett, Okla. He was a 1963 graduate of Arnett High School. He married Shirley Habekott on Feb. 24, 1963 at the home of Shirley's parents southwest of Arnett. Delbert worked with his father at Champlin Gas Station all through school. He moved to Woodward where he worked for Adam's Brothers Grocery Store, and later moved to Elbing, Kan. to work for Edwin Andrew Grain Elevator Company. He later worked for Mobile Home Manufacturing in Newton, Kan. for four years. He moved to Pampa in 1969 to work for Chamberlain Concrete for three years, and started working at Celanese Corporation in 1972, retiring Nov. 30, 2001 after 29 years of service. Delbert and Shirley were re-baptized at First Baptist Church on Aug. 20, 2006. He was raised in the Apostolic Faith Church in Oklahoma and attended in Pampa before joining First Baptist Church in Pampa over 30 years ago where he was a member of the Adult 7 Sunday School class.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing, traveling to the mountains, spending time with his two grandchildren, and was a "Papa" to many others. Delbert was a devoted Harvester and Lady Harvester fan, and he rarely missed any of Brooklyn or Braydon's activities. Delbert and Shirley followed their son, Jimmy, all over the country racing motorcycles, and one of the most exciting times was watching Jimmy play in the State basketball tournament. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Shelly Barker in 2010; his parents, Bernice and Loyd Barker; and his father-in-law, Bill Habekott.

Survivors include his wife, Shirley Barker of the home; his son, Jimmy Barker and wife Lori of Pampa; two brothers, Kenny Barker and wife JoAnn, and Lyndel Barker and wife Verna Beth, all of Woodward, Okla.; a sister Gayle Bennett of Gage, Okla.; two grandchildren, Braydon Barker and wife Brittnee of Pampa, and Brooklyn Barker of Canyon; and mother-in-law, Lena Farris.

Memorials may be made to the Cancer Treatment Centers of America - Tulsa, 10109 E. 79th Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74133, or First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 621, Pampa, Texas 79066-0621.

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

Cathey Denton Maxwell

Cathey Denton Maxwell, 51, died Jan. 27, 2014 in Pampa.

Memorial graveside services will be announced at a later date. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Maxwell was born Sept. 20, 1962 in Wellington. She married Jimmy Ray Maxwell on March 24, 2004 in Amarillo. She had been a resident of Pampa since 2009. Cathey was a medical assistant for Amarillo Wound Care Center for eight years. She was a member of the Cornerstone Church in Wheeler. She was preceded in death by her father, Elvis Gene Denton.



Cathey Maxwell

Survivors include her husband, Jimmy Maxwell of the home; her mother, Pauline Denton of Amarillo; a brother, Jimmie Denton of San Antonio, four sisters, Teresa Gordzelik and Debbie Holly, both of Amarillo, Sandy Bowen of Fort Smith, Ark., and JoAnn Troutman of Wichita, Kan.

Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 8008 Slide Road, Suite 12-A Lubbock, Texas 79424, or Interim Hospice, 2217 Perryton Parkway, Pampa, Texas 79065.

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

Damien Lynn Brown

Damien Lynn Brown, 2, died Jan. 23, 2014 in Amarillo.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Damien was born Sept. 8, 2011 in Pampa.



Damien Lynn Brown

Survivors include his father and stepmother, Eric and Codi Brown of the home; his mother, Amanda Brown of Pampa; two brothers, Noah Nickels and Travis Obrecht, both of the home; two sisters, Elizabeth Nickels and Breeonna Obrecht, both of the home; his maternal grandparents, Melissa Nigel of Yakima, Wash. and Randy and Evan Merrell of Pampa; his paternal grandparents, Terry Brown and fiancé Tanya "Mimi" Presley and Belinda Honeycutt, all of Pampa; his maternal great-grandparents, Andre and Raymond Robertson of Pampa and Faye Nunn of Lefors; his paternal great-grandparents, Betty Brown of Lebanon, Mo., and Kathy Honeycutt of Pampa; paternal step-grandparents, Les and Nita Mize of Lefors and Jenny Yates of Panhandle; and paternal step-great-grandparents, C.D. and Irma Howard of Panhandle, and Bea Mize of Lefors.

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

USDA Designates Armstrong County as primary natural disaster area

Gray and other Panhandle counties also qualify for disaster relief.

WASHINGTON, DC — The U.S. Department of Agriculture has designated Armstrong County in Texas as a primary natural disaster area due to the recent drought.

Our hearts go out to those Texas farmers and

ranchers affected by recent natural disasters," said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack.

Farmers and ranchers in the following counties in Texas also qualify for natural disaster assistance because their counties are contiguous. Those counties are: Gray, Briscoe, Randall, Carson, Potter, Swisher and Donley.

All counties listed above were designated natural disaster areas on Jan. 22, making all qualified farm

operators in the designated areas eligible for low-interest emergency (EM) loans from USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA), provided eligibility requirements are met. Farmers in eligible counties have eight months from the date of the declaration to apply for loans to help cover part of their actual losses. FSA will consider each loan application on its own merits, taking into account the extent of losses, security interested farmers may contact their local USDA

Service Centers for further information on eligibility requirements and application procedures for these and other programs. Additional information is also available online at http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov.

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Breaches not changing people's habits

NEW YORK (AP) — American shoppers say they are very concerned about the safety of their personal information following a massive security breach at Target, but many aren't taking steps to ensure their data is more secure, says a new Associated Press-GfK Poll.

The poll finds a striking contradiction: Americans say they fear becoming victims of theft after the breach that compromised 40 million credit and debit cards and personal information of up to 70 million customers. Yet they are apathetic to try to protect their data.

In the survey, nearly half of Americans say they are

extremely concerned about their personal data when shopping in stores since the breach. Sixty-one percent say they have deep worries when spending online, while 62 percent are very concerned when they buy on their mobile phones.

But just 37 percent have tried to use cash for purchases rather than pay with plastic in response to data thefts like the one at Target, while only 41 percent have checked their credit reports. And even fewer have changed their online passwords at retailers' websites, requested new credit or debit card numbers from their bank or signed up for a credit

monitoring service.

The poll offers insight into the effects big data breaches can have on consumer behavior. There have been worries that shoppers would dramatically change their habits since December, when Target announced the breach that could wind up being the largest in U.S. history. Weeks later, those concerns were elevated when luxury retailer Neiman Marcus disclosed that it too was the victim of a breach that may have compromised 1.1 million debit and credit cards.

But security experts say the results show that Americans have come to expect that security theft is a possibility when they use their credit or debit cards or provide retailers with phone numbers, emails and other

personal information.

"They ... just chalk it up to ... 'It's part of life,'" says Cameron Camp, security researcher at global security firm ESET who believes people don't think they will be liable for fraudulent charges.

Experts also say the results show another expectation Americans have: While nearly 4 out of 10 say they have been victimized by personal data theft, most expect credit card companies, banks or retailers to take responsibility when that happens.

About 38 percent report that they think they have either had someone make unauthorized purchases using their credit or debit cards without it having been physically stolen or that someone had used their personal information to apply for a

fraudulent line of credit, the poll says. And just over a third of Americans think their personal information was compromised in the breach at Target.

But the survey shows that just 37 percent say consumers bear most of the responsibility for keeping their data safe, while 88 percent place the burden on the retailers who are collecting it. Six in 10 say the banks that provide credit or debit cards or the credit bureaus should bear most of the responsibility.

Andrea Davis doesn't believe she was affected by the Target breach, but she recently found unauthorized charges on her American Express credit card. Still, she hasn't taken steps to make her data more secure because she says she feels protected when she uses her

American Express immediately took off the charges after she notified the company.

"You feel discouraged, but in the end, everyone gets their money," says Davis, who lives in Marina del Rey, Calif. "It's what it is."

The sentiment was different among Americans who've been victims of personal data theft. In that group, 52 percent have checked their credit report, while 41 percent have tried to use more cash. Twenty-eight percent have signed up for a credit monitoring service.

Eve Sims signed up for a credit card monitoring service for a monthly fee of \$14 about five years ago after she found fraudulent charges from Nigeria on her credit card. "It's worth it," she says.

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Police: Colorado high schooler set himself on fire

WESTMINSTER, Colo. (AP) — A student was injured after deliberately setting himself on fire Monday in the cafeteria of suburban Denver high school, causing officials to cancel classes at the school for the day.

Westminster Police Department spokeswoman Cheri Spottke said she didn't know if the student made any threats or statements

before starting himself on fire at about 7:15 a.m. at Standley Lake High School in Westminster, northwest of Denver. He was taken to a hospital with unknown injuries.

Spottke said a cafeteria worker also suffered a minor cut while trying to put out the blaze. She didn't know how the student set the fire.

The fire was contained to the cafeteria and was put out by an adult with a fire extinguisher, Spottke said. There also was extensive smoke in the building.

Jefferson County Public Schools spokeswoman Lynn Setzer says Standley Lake High has been closed for the day and students were sent home. She said she didn't know if students

were in class when the fire was reported.

No additional details about the injured student were released.

"Our focus now is making sure the kids are safe," Spottke said.

Setzer said students without cars were being taken by buses to a local middle school, where they could be picked up by their parents.

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Odd call: Blowing nose brings big buck running

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — The deer hunter figured sneezing had blown his chance at a deer, but blowing his nose brought a big buck running.

Ron Manning of Hinds County said he's hunted deer for 54 years and had never seen anything like what happened earlier this month — though he did once see a deer that tried to eat grape bubble gum and got gum all over itself, he told The Clarion-Ledger.

On Jan. 16, he said, he suffered a volley of nine sneezes in 10 minutes. He tried to muffle the noise in his elbow,

but figured he had no chance of seeing a deer for an hour. So he went for the honk.

The next thing he knew, "a 17-inch, 8-point came roaring in," Manning said. "He had his ears laid back, his eyes glazed over and the hair standing up on his back. Obviously, I said something to upset him because he came to fight. He wasn't cautious. He came in running."

"He was wide open, coming to me," Manning said. "I shot him at 25 yards."

Manning joked that instead of a grunt/wheeze call, this deer was fooled by a cough/sneeze.

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Brain-dead Texas woman taken off life support

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — A public battle over the fate of a brain-dead, pregnant Texas woman and her fetus ended quietly and privately as she was taken off life support and her family began preparing for her burial.

John Peter Smith Hospital in Fort Worth complied Sunday with a judge's order to pull any life-sustaining treatment from Marlise Munoz, who was declared brain-dead in November, but kept on machines for the sake of her fetus.

Munoz was removed from the machines shortly afterward and allowed to die. The fetus, which was at 23 weeks' gestation, was not delivered.

The hospital's decision brought an apparent end to a case that inspired de-

bates about abortion and end-of-life decisions, as well as whether a pregnant woman who is considered legally and medically dead should be kept on life support for the sake of a fetus, per Texas law.

Anti-abortion activists attended Friday's court hearing and spoke out in favor of trying to deliver the fetus.

Whether the Munoz case leads Texas to change the law remains unclear. In recent years, the Legislature has enacted several new anti-abortion restrictions, including setting the legal guideline for when a fetus can feel pain at 20 weeks — a milestone Marlise Munoz's fetus passed about three weeks ago.

Munoz's husband, Erick Munoz, sued the hospi-

tal because it would not remove life support as he said his wife would have wanted in such a situation. The couple, both paramedics, was familiar with end-of-life issues, and Erick Munoz said his wife had told him she would not want to be kept alive under such circumstances.

But the hospital refused his request, citing Texas law that says life-sustaining treatment cannot be withdrawn from a pregnant patient, regardless of her end-of-life wishes.

Judge R.H. Wallace Jr. sided Friday with Erick Munoz, saying in his order: "Mrs. Munoz is dead."

Erick Munoz found his wife unconscious in their Haltom City home on Nov. 26, possibly due to a blood clot. Doctors soon deter-

mined that she was brain-dead, which meant she was both medically and legally dead by law, but kept her on machines to keep her organs functioning for the sake of the fetus.

Shortly after the hospital announced its decision not to fight the judge's order, his attorneys announced that she had been disconnected from life support about 11:30 a.m. Sunday.

"May Marlise Munoz finally rest in peace, and her family find the strength to complete what has been an unbearably long and arduous journey," they said in a statement.

Munoz told The Associated Press this month that he wanted to move forward with caring for the couple's infant son and relatives stricken by the

tragedy.

Larry Thompson, a state's attorney who argued on behalf of the hospital Friday, said the hospital was trying to protect the rights of the fetus as it believed Texas law instructed it to do.

The hospital's attorneys cited a section of the Texas Advance Directives Act that reads: "A person may not withdraw or withhold life-sustaining treatment under this subchapter from a pregnant patient."

"There is a life involved, and the life is the unborn child," Thompson told the judge.

Legal experts told the AP that the hospital was misreading the Texas Advance Directives Act and that the law isn't an absolute command to keep


a pregnant woman on life support.

The case has been noted by Republican Texas Gov. Rick Perry and the two leading candidates running to replace him, but none of them has called for any new laws yet or action as a result of the case.

Republican Attorney General Greg Abbott, through a spokesman, said the case was a "heart-breaking tragedy" and that "Texas strives to protect both families and human life, and we will continue to work toward that end."

Texas Sen. Wendy Davis, a Democrat from Fort Worth, said through a spokeswoman that any decision like this "should be made by Mrs. Munoz's family, in consultation with her doctors."

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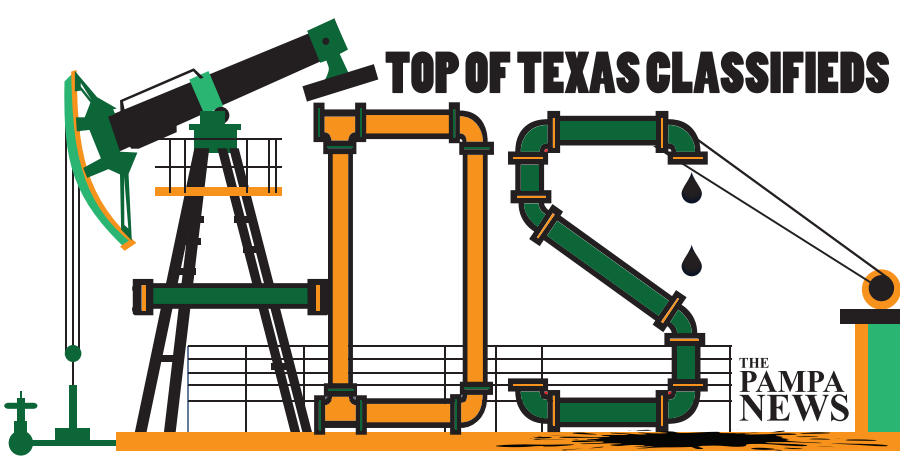
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Kevin Durant will be the MVP of NBA.

I am making a bold but not so out there prediction that Kevin Durant will win the Most Valuable Player award for the National Basketball Association's 2013-14 season.

When Russell Westbrook went down in December with a knee injury all the pundits said "well, Oklahoma City is in trouble now."



ZAC GREEN

Given the fact that Westbrook was going to miss two months of the season even the most die-hard OKC fans, including myself started to believe that the Thunder were in some trouble.

It did not help matters when OKC lost back-to-back home games to Portland and Brooklyn shortly after losing Westbrook. The Thunder followed those two wins, but two more road losses to the Jazz and Nuggets.



Kevin Durant

Part of that stretch was the Thunder getting used to playing without Westbrook and the young guys learning, with help of course coming from Durant.

Following a Jan. 14 loss at Memphis, OKC has not lost a game since. They are on a seven-game winning streak with a big

game and potential NBA finals preview versus the Miami Heat coming on Wednesday (as of Sunday).

Oh, and by the way, we are a little more than two weeks from when Westbrook is supposed to come back and OKC is first in the West and second in the NBA with a 35-10 record. So much for the Thunder missing Russell Westbrook.

What one sees when they look beyond the scores and wins is that Durant has eclipsed the 30-point margin in 10 straight games. He is just the sixth player since 1990 to have a streak like that.

But the wins without Westbrook and the streak that Durant has been on is not even the thing I want to focus on the most.

Durant should win the MVP for the fact that he has made his teammates and the Thunder better as a team. The younger players are getting better right before our eyes thanks to Durant.

In 2010, 2012 and 2013 Durant finished second in the MVP voting to LeBron James, and every year it has been James' to lose since day one of the season. Well 2014 might have been James' to lose from day one, but Kevin Durant has taken that post in the last few weeks.

I believe Durant will finally get that monkey off his back. The 2014 NBA MVP Award is Kevin Durant's to lose.

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Pampa has several top finishes at District Meet

STAFF REPORT

AMARILLO — The Pampa Swim Team traveled to Amarillo Saturday to compete in the District 3-4A S w i m Meet.



Jenna Bonner

Amarillo High School won all but one of the events, but Pampa was a top-finisher in many.

"Overall we did well. Amarillo High is a very fast team that will send some swimmers to state.



Jonah Munsell

A l m o s t 1/3 of their team are seniors, and we are a very young team of mostly freshmen and sophomores. The main goal was to get almost all of the team on to regionals. Top 6 qualifies for regionals. So in that way this was a good meet.

In the girls 200-yard relay, Pampa finished second with a time of 2 minutes, 22.57 seconds. The boys finished second in the event also, their time being 2:04.75.

In the 200-yard freestyle, Pampa had finishers at fourth and sixth in the event. Junior Mackenzie Parks finished with 2:35.39, while sophomore Cindy Majalca finished at 2:45.22. The boys finished sixth, seventh and eighth, led by Jonah Munsell who was followed by Esteban Alonzo and Nolan Price.

Sophomores Jenna Bonner and Heather Anderson finished the girls' 200-yard individual medley with times 3:01.82 and 3:23.74 respectively.

In the 50-yard freestyle, freshman Breezie Keeling was a top finisher, placing fourth with a 29.46-second final time. Samantha Van Houten placed sixth with a 30.75-second finish. Elaine Nava and Alexis Stuart placed ninth and tenth respectively.

For the boys, junior Dalton Hudson finished fourth with a 25.05 second time. Aaron Owen finished seventh.

In the 100-yard butterfly, Bonner finished third for Pampa, recording a 1:21.91 finish. Anderson finished sixth in the event with a time of 1:33.9 while freshman Madison T. Floyd finished eighth.

For the boys' version of the 100-yard butterfly, Pampa's lone swimmer, Dalton Hudson, finished sixth with a time of 1:08.13.

In the 100-yard freestyle, for the girls, Keeling was the high-finisher for Pampa, finishing with a time of 1:07.75, less than five seconds behind first place. Van Houten placed sixth at 1:08.56, Right behind her in seventh was senior Cindy Schepp.

In the boys' 100-yard freestyle, sophomore Matthew Foreman and senior Michael Foreman finished fifth and sixth while sophomore Cooper Hart and Owen finished seventh and eighth respectively.

Parks and Floyd finished fifth and sixth in the girls 500-yard free style, while Alonzo and Price finished in the same positions for the boys.

Both teams finished second in the 200-yard freestyle relay, with the girls posting a 2:10.96 time and the boys posting a 1:54.98.

In the 100-yard backstroke, Stuart and Majalca, Nava and Schepp all finished sixth-through-eighth, beating Caprock High School's swimmers by more than two and a half seconds. Foreman finished in fourth for the boys in the same race.

In the 100-yard breaststroke, the boys were the only ones who competed and had a fifth-place finish

with Musell and a seventh place finish with Foreman.

Each team finished second in the 400-yard freestyle relay.

The final scores of the races were Amarillo High 263, Pampa 102 and Caprock 50 for the girls. Amarillo High also won the boys with a final score of 256, Pampa 86 and Palo Duro 16.

Going to regionals by finishing in the Top 6 of their events are: Mackenzie Parks (three events), Cindy Majalca (three events), Jonah Munsell (three events), Jenna Bonner (three events), Heather Anderson (two events), Breezie Keeling (four events), Samantha Van Houten (three events), Dalton Hudson (three events), Mathew Foreman (boys 100-yard freestyle), Michael Foreman (four events), Madison T. Floyd (girls 500-yard freestyle), Estabon Alonzo (three events), Nolan Price (two events), Alexis Stuart (two events), Cindy Schepp (400-yard freestyle relay) and Cooper Hart (400-yard freestyle relay).

"Jenna Bonner did very well," Garvin said. "She dropped time in her events and was one of the only swimmers to medal in an individual event. Jonah Munsell and Dalton Hudson also swam well."

Broncos, Seahawks hit frozen Big Apple

JERSEY CITY, N.J. (AP) — Leave it to Peyton Manning to put everything in perspective.

"The Super Bowl is a big deal," the Broncos' record-setting quarterback said Sunday after his team arrived in a frozen Big Apple — well, across the icy Hudson River in New Jersey, actually.

Well, yeah, it's only the biggest sporting event in America, a quasi-national holiday. That's not lost on

the four-time NFL MVP and owner of one Super Bowl title.

"I know how hard it is to get here," he added. "I know how much time and sacrifice our team has made in order to have this opportunity to play in this game. We were excited to get on that plane. We were excited getting off that plane, and we are looking forward to being here all week and, hopefully, playing a good game

next Sunday."

It will take more than a good game to beat the Seahawks, of course. Seattle brings the stingiest defense in the league to the Super Bowl. It's a juicy matchup between an unstoppable force led by Manning (55 TD passes, 606 points) and an immovable object (231 points allowed, ranked first in overall and passing defense).

And it's exactly what the Seahawks traveled across

the country for: the biggest of all challenges.

"Historically, it can't get any tougher," Seattle coach Pete Carroll said. "People can't even dream to have a season (like Manning had). It's an extraordinary challenge, and we'll see how this matchup goes. They have to play us, too."

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Top picture, front, Isidro Estrada finished third (2-1). Middle row, from left, Cade Ferguson finished fourth (2-2), JT Belcourt (District Champion, 3-0), Brayden Turner third (2-1). Back, from left, Shalor Sokolosky was District runner-up (2-1), Austin Hernandez finished third (2-2) and John Cryer fourth (3-2). Below photo, front, Savannah Chaney finished fourth (0-2) and Nikki Poland second (0-1). Back, Miranda Foreman finished third (0-1), Shiann Regalado is District Champion (Also 2-0 at District Meet) and Alondra Zarate finished third (0-1). Middle photo, Miranda Foreman takes down her opponent. Bottom photo, Brayden Turner pins his opponent. The regional tournament is this Friday in El Paso.



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