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# Hastings plans merger with East Coast company



The Pampa Hastings is in Las Pampas Square.

File photo

Amarillo-based entertainment retailer will still survive, company says.

STAFF REPORT

Elvis isn't in the building anymore, but more of The King's merchandising could be showing up in Pampa.

Pending shareholder approval, Hastings Entertainment would be purchased by an entertainment conglomerate that owns control or partial control over the licensing of and merchandise rights of Elvis Presley, Marilyn Monroe and Muhammad Ali. The proposed \$21.4-million merger would take the

Amarillo company — now listed on the NASDAQ private.

Though Hastings closed its stores in Borger and Canyon in recent months, company officials said in January they have no plans to close the Pampa loca-

Phone calls to the Amarillo headquarters were not

returned before press time. Hastings on Monday announced it has entered an

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## **Extreme Smile** Makeover returns

STAFF REPORT

A new program offered by a Pampa dentist is like an "Extreme Home Makeover," except for smiles.

Once again, Dr. Jay Johnson's dental office is accepting applications for area residents who might benefit from an improved smile or better chewing function — and it's

Johnson offered a similar contest last year. "We were so pleased with our prior contest, we want to give back to another deserv-SMILE cont. on page 2

# Fugitive of

SUBMITTED BY PPD

The Grav County Crime Stoppers Fugitive of the Week is Julie Ann Crossman, who is wanted for possession of a controlled sub-

stance less than 1 gram in a drug-free zone.



RAY COUNTY Julie Ann Crossman

Crossman, 24, is a white female, 5-feet, 4-inches tall with blond hair and green

If you have any information about Crossman or any other fugitive, you are urged to call Crime Stoppers or submit a Web Tip. They don't want your

name, only your information.

Never try to detain the fugitive yourself. In determining whether someone is a fugitive, a suspect must have a felony charge coupled with an arrest warrant that was not cleared within a week of being issued.

If your information leads to an arrest, Crime Stoppers will pay a cash reward of up to \$200 and you will remain anonymous.

The wanted status of the posted fugitive or fugitives is updated as often as possible. Persons listed above may be arrested and no longer wanted. Upon confirmation of a person's arrest, Pampa Gray County Crime Stoppers will change or remove the post to reflect their status.

There are three ways to submit your tip, call 806-669-2222, visit Web Tips at www. pgcstips.com or text the word "pampa" along with your tip to 274637.

# Paving the way for growth



Photos by Timothy P. Howsare Above, a truck hauling a belly-dump trailer unloads a paving material called "rap" along County J Road near the Pampa Energy Center. Below, a faded sign from the days when Celanese had both a golf course and a social hall along the road.

> By TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE thowsare@thepampanews.com

Newspaper stories about economic development often portray multi-million dollar deals and with corporate CEOs pontificating about all the great benefits their new facility will bring to the community. And while there's nothing wrong with that, there's usually a lot of less-than-glamorous, behind-the-scenes work that goes on to help make those big deals happen.

A lot of that work involves big trucks.

County Road J on the southern border of the Pampa Energy Center (PEC) used to be maintained by Celanese when it was used to access the company's ninehole golf course and social hall.

After the plant closed, the road became pitted with potholes and the pavement was ripped up, ground up and used to repave the road, said Gary Willoughby, Precinct 2 commissioner.

Willoughby said that surface worked fine for the past five years, as there was very little traffic on the road east of where it intersects with Farm to Market Road

Now that the closed chemical plant is being reinvented as the Pampa Energy Center, Willoughby said the road needed to be improved to handle the increase in truck traffic. He estimates truck traffic could rise to as many as 100 vehicles per day.

On Tuesday, four trucks hauling belly-dump trailers made several trips back and forth from County Road J



to the Texas Department of Transportation maintenance facility in Groom to deliver loads of a paving material called "rap," which is a mixture of rocks and ground-up asphalt.

The rap was donated to the county by TxDOT and the PEC, owned by the Pampa Economic Development Corp. that paid for the cost of transporting the material, which was \$5,000. The county provided the labor under the supervision of Willoughby.

Sixteen loads were delivered Tuesday and 14 are planned for delivery today.

Dumping the loads from the underside of the trailer, the trucks spread the rap in a continuous row about four feet wide and three feet deep.

Willoughby said the project is a good example of different levels of government working together in an effort to bring more industry and jobs to the area. Halliburton already operates a facility at the PEC, and Houston-based G2X will open its Pampa Fuels methanol plant on the site in October, which is expected to employ nearly 150 people. The industrial park is expected to attract even more

energy-related industries in the future.

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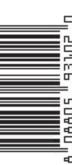




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## Hastings

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agreement, subject to shareholder approval, under which it would merge with Hendrix Acquisition Corp. Hastings would the throes of remaking itbecome a wholly-owned self as online competitors subsidiary of Draw Another Circle LLC.

Acquisition Hendrix and Draw Another Circle are companies owned, directly or indirectly, by Joel Weinshanker, president and sole shareholder of National Entertainment Collectibles Association, which is based in New

NECA bills itself as the fleading designer, marketer and worldwide distributor of licensed entertainment consumer goods based on some of the world's most established and beloved properties."

ond quarter, according to to Hastings. "Hastings will be the

surviving so we'll continue to do

business like we're doing today," Hastings Chief Financial Officer Dan Crow told the Amarillo Globe-News. "All we're doing is going private ... We'll still be headquartered in Ama-

Hastings has been in erode its former profit centers — books, music and

The company has shed nearly 2,000 jobs from its peak workforce of 7,000.

Along with control or partial control over the licensing of and merchandise rights of Presley, Monroe and Ali through affiliations with the estates, a Weinshanker company also operates the Graceland tourist attraction, according to a November news release announcing that deal.

NECA's website shows it has licensed merchan-The acquisition is ex- dise based on everything pected to close in the sec- from "Planet of the Apes' Yu-Gi-Oh! trading

> Editor's note: Informacorporation, tion from the Amarillo Globe-News was used in this story.

#### **Smile** enhance their self-esteem, giving them more confidence to pursue their own personal goals," he said. Continued From Page 1

The staff at Johnson's office will review the aping person in our area," Johnson said. "We'd like plications for this free program and select finalsomeone who maybe has ists for examination and spent so much time caring consideration depending for others or dealing with on their health, their situpersonal struggles that ation and treatment needs. they have not had time or Nomination packets are means to take care of their now available at Dr. Johnown needs.' Johnson's office is enson's office and completed couraging people in the forms will be accepted

until April 11. A selection community to nominate will be announced in May. someone who really needs Johnson said he and his treatment and who they staff are excited about the believe is more deserving opportunity to help anthan anyone else. other deserving friend, as "We are looking for they completed one makesomeone who would have

over last year. a better opportunity for career advancement if To pick up a nomination they had the confidence to packet, please stop by Jay smile, a parent or grand-A. Johnson, DDS, Inc. at 2427 N. Hobart St., or call parent who has unselfishly 806-665-0921 for more sacrificed for their family, or someone who might information.



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## How to apply for a Pampa EDC grant or loan



Today's article will provide information on the process required to apply for a project loan or grant from the Pampa Economic Development Corp. To get started, applicants need to meet with either Associate Director Kathy Cota or Executive Director Clay Rice, who will provide a packet to be filled out and will go over information that will be needed to put together a binder for board members

Next, the applicant will be introduced to Spencer McElhannon ing EDG, and an appointment will be set for them to meet. McElhannon is a presented by the Pampa consultant that the Pampa EDC to the Pampa City EDC contracts with to be Commission at one of their in Pampa at our office each Wednesday of the month. He is a very experienced entrepreneur and offers business counseling to business owners or anyone who is considering starting a business. There is no charge to the applicant or business owner, as the fee is paid by the Pampa EDC. Spencer will review the

semble a business plan that can be submitted to the Pampa EDC Board of Directors. If the project is approved by the board of directors, it will move forward in one of two ways.

business idea and help as-

of Lead- more, the following ap- Commission for approval. plies:

- The project has to be public meetings.
- Then Pampa City Commission must approve the project twice for it to move
- During this time, the Pampa EDC is required to the newspaper and hold a public hearing. There is a required 60-

day waiting period after the with one exception. public notice has been published in the newspaper for funds to be eligible for rehas approved the project.

If the project request is for less than \$10,000, it If the project request is does not have to be prefor funds of \$10,000 or sented to the Pampa City

However, it must:

- · Be approved by the Pampa EDC Board of Di-
- Have a public notice published in the newspaper and have a public hearing.
- Have a 60-day waiting period after the public notice has been published to

be funded. There is no change when publish a public notice in funding is requested for a community development project; the process and requirements are the same

The applicant may not necessarily meet with Mr. McElhannon of Leading lease to the applicant if the EDG unless the Pampa Pampa City Commission EDC or the applicant requests to do so.

> In the next article, the previous community development projects will be recapped.

## Stocks gain after reports on housing, Ukraine

Encouraging news on the economy gave the stock market a boost on Tuesday.

Stocks also rose on expectations that the conflict between Russia and the West wouldn't escalate further. Russia's President Vladimir Putin is preparing to complete the annexation of the Black Sea peninsula of Crimea, but he said Tuesday that he won't take over other areas of Ukraine.

The stock market is recovering this week after company that focuses on logging its biggest weekly drop in almost two months. The S&P 500 has gained 1.7 percent this week after dropping almost 2 percent last week on concerns about slowing growth in China and tensions between Russia and the West over Ukraine.

world in the long term," said Uri Landesman, president of Platinum Partners. "But the market doesn't want unrest."

The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 13.42 points, or 0.7 percent, to 1,872.25. The Dow Jones industrial average rose

composite climbed 53.36 country will look to take 4,333.31.

a boost from two technology companies.

Microsoft jumped after Reuters reported that CEO Satya Nadella plans to use his first big press event March 27 to unveil an iPad version of the company's Office software suite. Analysts regard this as a first step for Nadella in repositioning Microsoft as a mobile devices rather than the shrinking market for personal computers.

The company's stock climbed \$1.50, or 3.9 percent, to \$39.55, its highest level since July, 2000.

Hewlett-Packard \$1.08, or 3.7 percent, to \$30.56 after analysts at The annexation of Crimea Barclays upgraded their "is a horrible thing for the outlook on the hardware company and raised their price target on the stock to \$38 from \$33. They expect HP to return more cash to shareholders and gain market share in the server business from rivals in coming

ter Putin told the Russian of bonds a month to hold 88.97 points, or 0.6 percent, Parliament not to believe down long term interest to 16,336.19. The Nasdaq those who say that the rates.

points, or 1.3 percent, to over other areas of Ukraine. couraged by a government The stock market also

The stock market also got got a lift from a report that showed inflation remains homes fell for a third tame, despite a big rise in the cost of food. The consumer price index rose 0.1 percent in Feb-

ruary, matching January's increase, the Labor Department said Tuesday. In the smallest yearly gain in five That means that the Fed-

eral Reserve can continue to provide stimulus to the economy and focus on reducing unemployment and boosting economic growth without having to worry that its policies are stoking inflation.

Fed policymakers started their second meeting of the year on Tuesday. The meeting will end Wednesday and be followed by an early afternoon press conference PulteGroup and Lennar by Fed Chair Janet Chairman. Most analysts expect the Fed to continue to reduce its economic stimulus by cutting back on its bond purchases. The Fed is cur-Stocks opened higher af- rently buying \$65 billion

report on home building. While construction of

month in February, the re-

port also showed that appli-

Investors were also en-

cations for building permits reached the highest level in four months. That raised expectations that economic growth would improve in past 12 months, prices have the spring after an unusurisen just 1.1 percent, the ally cold winter slowed down the pace of home building, said Joe Quinlan, chief market strategist for "Many people in the mar-

ket felt they were going to get a spring rebound, or snap back, from a sluggish first quarter," said Quinlan. Home builders rose after

the report was released. Beazer Homes USA rose

52 cents, or 2.6 percent, to \$20.57 and Ryland Group rose \$1.23, or 3.1 percent, to \$41.40. D.R. Horton, also rose.

In government bond trading, the yield on the 10-year Treasury note fell to 2.67 percent from 2.69 percent. The price of oil rose \$1.62, or 1.7 percent, to \$99.70 a barrel. Gold fell \$13.90, or 1 percent, to settle at \$1,359 an ounce.

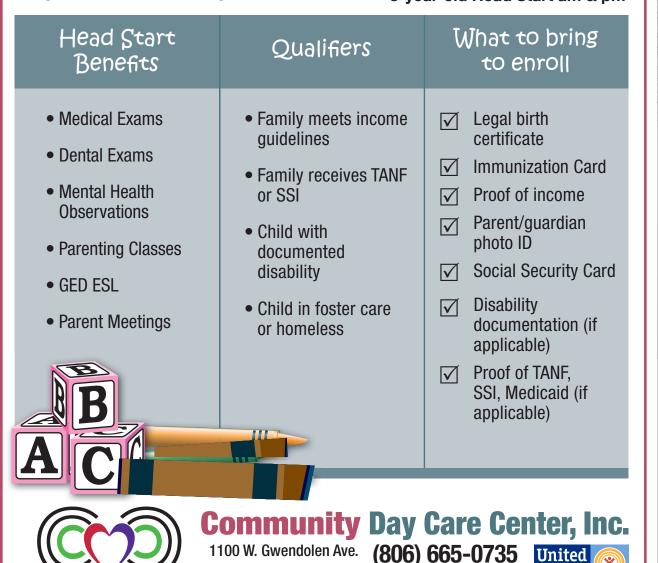
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Thursday night: Mostly cloudy with a low of 44. Winds west-southwest at 13 mph. Sunset at 7:56 p.m.

Friday: Mostly cloudy with a high of 63. Winds north at 17 mph. Sunrise at 7:46 a.m.

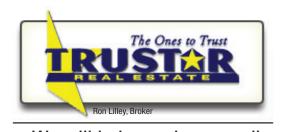
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## **Obituaries**

### Margaret "Maggie" Scott Shumate

Margaret "Maggie" Scott Shumate, 98, died March 16, 2014 in Friendswood.

Graveside services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday,

Funeral Directors. Mrs. Shumate was born Jan. 24,



March 20, 2014, a Fairview Cemetery in Pampa, with Rev. Nick Matthews, associate pastor of First United Methodist Church of Pampa, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley

1916 in Freeman, Mo. She married Murrell W. "Jack" Shumate on Sept. 9, 1935. He preceded her in death in 1997. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1942, moving to the Houston area 14 years ago. While in

Pampa, she worked for Waters Law Firm as a secretary for 30 years. She was a member of First United Methodist Church and Pampa Senior Citizens Center. She was preceded in death by two sisters, Mildred Fort and Marion Longley; and a brother, R.S. Scott. Survivors include a daughter, Joy Hampton and hus-

band Wayne of League City; a sister, Wilma McDaniel of Broadway, N.C., three granddaughters, Karen Hunter and husband Joe, Julie Levett and husband Jon, and Laurie Morrow and husband M.L.; seven great-grandchildren, David Hunter, Matthew Hunter, Emily Winstead, Micah Hunter, Kylie Levett, Anderson Morrow and William Morrow, and six great-great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 9-10 a.m. Thursday before the services.

Sign the online guest register at www.carmichaelwhatley.com.

#### Lorraine Elizabeth Dittle

Lorraine Elizabeth Dittle, 90, died March 18, 2014 in

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Dittle was born June 13, 1923 in Maytown, Ill. to Richard and Anna Sharkey Gillan. She was a 1941 graduate of LaMoille High School in LaMoille, Illinois.

She married Wilbert A. Dittle on June 2, 1970 in Oglesby, Ill. She was the love of his life, and they were married for 37 years before his death in May of 2007. She was a homemaker and moved to Pampa in 2007 to be closer to her daughter. She was a devoted mother and a woman of

deep faith who shared her love of the Lord with her family and friends. She attended First Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Gary

Wade; a son-in-law, Anthony Leonard Wasilauskis; a

grandson, Christopher Anthony Wasilauskis; two sisters, Ruth Kryzek and Lucille Pinter; and six brothers, Earl Gillan, William Gillan, Harold Gillan, Leo Gillan, Richard Gillan and Vincent Gillan. Those left to cherish her memory are her daughter, Linda Wasilauskis of Pampa; two sisters, Bernice Schneider

and Shirley Klein, both of Cherry, Ill.; two grandchildren, two great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews, especially Janet Drewell and Julie Niewinski. The family would like to express their appreciation to

Accolade Home Care and Accolade Hospice Care, and to her special caregiver, Pam Spranger for her loving care

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Lorraine

**Dittle** 

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# Torturing the torture study

Senate Intelligence Committee Chairwoman Dianne Feinstein "re-

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**DEBRA SAUNDERS** 

stood out as Langley's fiercest Democratic defender. Now she threatens to become the agency's biggest nightmare.

Edward Snowden accused Feinstein of hypocrisy for protesting when spooks spy on Congress but not protesting when people spy on regular folk. Others hailed her for courageously standing up to CIA thuggery. Me? I cannot fathom why the CIA would pick this fight, although that doesn't mean Feinstein's wrong.

How did this convoluted story begin?

As every newspaper reader older than 25 knows, the CIA used what it called "enhanced interrogation techniques" on terrorist detainees after 9/11. According to CIA documents — those we know about, anyway - officials waterboarded three high-level detainees and then stopped the practice in 2003. The press reported on the methods in 2005

After The New York Times reported that the CIA destroyed videotapes of waterboarding in 2007, Feinstein said then-CIA Director Michael Hayden assured the committee that written documents filled in all the blanks.

Then-Senate Intelligence Committee Chairman Jay Rockefeller sent staffers to review the documents. Thus, the CIA ran the clock until 2009, when Barack Obama became president and Feinstein became chairwoman.

In March 2009, the committee voted to conduct a comprehensive review of Bush interrogation and detention policies and asked the CIA for all relevant documents. This is one of those "be careful what you ask for" moments. As Feinstein noted Tuesday, there followed a classic "document dump." Under then-CIA Director Leon Panetta, the CIA delivered 6.2 million pages of docu-

ments — so many that

only the CIA could

process the data.

In 2010, committee staff first noticed that some documents had disappeared. DiFi protested. A CIA liaison apologized. The same year, staffers somehow found draft versions of the "internal Panetta review," which, according to Feinstein, included "analysis and acknowledgment of significant CIA wrongdoing.' Feinstein doesn't know whether the Panetta docs got into the committee computer "intentionally by the CIA, unintentionally by the CIA or intentionally by a whistle-blower."

In December 2012, three years and \$40 million after launch, Democrats on the committee approved a 6,300-page study that remains classified but, according to Feinstein, found that no valuable information whatsoever was obtained by waterboarding and other harsh interrogation techniques. Really, 6,300 pages?

I suggest editing. Also, that conclusion defies common sense.

It also doesn't square with an admission from former acting CIA Director Michael Morell that some intelligence that led to the death of Osama bin Laden "came from detainees subjected to enhanced techniques.'

The new rub is a doozy: On Jan. 15, CIA Director John Brennan informed Feinstein and ranking Republican Saxby Chambliss that the CIA had searched the committee computer to trail the Panetta docs and referred the possible leak to the Department of Justice.

To Feinstein, that reeks of intimidation. She vowed not to back

Brennan denies any wrongdoing. He's ready to move on to more important espionage.

So kudos to DiFi for standing up to the CIA. But remember what the cause is — to re-litigate Bush policies that have been the target of Democratic denunciation for years and the subject of many revealing investigations.

Meanwhile, I think the Obama administration has its own more pressing problems to cover

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## **Museum Musings**

# The First National Bank robbery

Editor's note: This is the first in a three-part series about the notorious Pampa bank robbery of 1927.

About 12:30 p.m.,

**OXLEY** 

One of the most exciting events to occur in the history of Pampa took place on Thursday, March 31, 1927 when the First National Bank was robbed.

Blackie Thompson parked a seven-passenger Buick sedan parallel to the curb at the

corner of Foster and Cuyler Streets. Matthew Kimes and "Whitey" Walker entered the bank through the south door where Owen Edwards remained as a guard. Ace Pendleton entered the bank sometime later.

One of the robbers, carrying a sack, walked up to cashier DeLea Vicars and teller A.V. Hendrick and told them to "fill it up, make it quick and nobody'll get hurt."

Several people were in the bank when the robbers walked in, and these persons were quickly herded to the rear near the vault. As other people came into the bank, they were also shown the way to the vault. Some school students who had come to the bank during their lunch hour were included. Joe Kahl, who was to graduate PHS in 1931, said that one robber "stuck a gun in me and told me to back up to the wall. And back I did."

When Hazel Campbell (Mrs. Ray Wilson) unsuspectingly entered the bank, a robber pointed a gun at her and ordered: "Lady, step back into that

One man, who was entering the vault, thought that the holdup was a joke. He turned around and yelled 'Boo" to the man who was holding the gun.

"Boo, hell!" snapped the robber as he threatened him with his gun. "Get back in that vault."

While the robbery was going on, it lasted about 10 to 20 minutes, J.E. Murfee, Jr., came in with about \$600 in silver and \$500 in checks which he intended to deposit. Just as Kimes started to take the money, he asked Murfee if the money was insured. Upon being told that the money was not insured, Kimes told Murfee to go ahead and make his deposit. Apparently the robbers intended for the insurance company, rather than the bank's customers, to stand the loss of the robbery.

At one point during the robbery, one of the robbers made a trip outside to see about the large Buick sedan in which the bandits had come to the

By the time the robbers were ready to leave the bank, there were about 30 persons held at gunpoint near the vault. The robbers were about to lock all of them into the vault when someone told the gunmen that a screwdriver would be needed to get out.

Hesitating only a moment, the gunmen quickly complied with the request when Mrs. L.C. McMurry said in a formidable voice, "Give us that

screwdriver!"

About that time, Edwards, who had been guarding the door, rushed to the others and shouted,"They're ganging up on the outside.'

Then the robbers turned the bars on the vault door, dashed outside to their waiting sedan and sped away.

It was later learned that the "gang outside" consisted of one man who was walking down the street with a gun over his shoulder, completely unaware of what had been going on inside the bank.

Next week learn more about the getaway and the famous bank robbery as the story continues.

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## Hump Day with Humphrey

# Humphrey's awkward stages of growth

As Humphrey gets older, he goes through these awkward transitions at times.



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There was the period of time when his paws were way bigger in proportion to the rest of his chubby body, then there was

that awkward stint where his head looked way too small (it's still getting to the point

where it looks normal).

None of these transitions has bothered him quite like the one he faces right now his under bite. A lot of times when I get home and he has just woken up, his tongue is hanging partially out of his mouth, which I find hilarious. I always rush to pull my phone out to get a

picture of it, but most of the time he licks his lips before I get the chance to snap a

There was one day when he was sitting in his spot between the chairs in my living room and I looked over at him and he was just sitting there with his tongue out, which is when today's picture was taken.

I used to think it was so cute when his lips would curl just right so you could see his tiny bottom teeth, but now his under bite has grown to a point where this is an all the time thing. He looks like a barracuda or a piranha or something, but a cute one because Humphrey is adorable and not vicious at all.

Over the past few months Humphrey has gone from being the dog that everyone thought was the cutest thing ever to being the dog that

some people call ugly. I realize that Humphrey is not everyone's cup of tea, but he will always be beautiful to me no matter how stubborn he becomes.

Moving on to my stubborn bulldog. Monday evening I was in Borger for an Altrusa meeting, so Humphrey was in his kennel for longer than usual, which I felt a little sad about. When I got home from the meeting, even though it was dark, I took him outside to play and he ran around and rolled in the grass. After awhile I decided it was probably time to get inside and settle down for the night, but Humphrey had other plans.

He has gotten into the nasty habit of sitting down when he knows it's time to go inside, and it drives me insane. He has yet to do this while on his leash, but if we're just running down

to the car or taking out the trash or playing outside, I normally don't put it on

So there I was dragging my 50-plus pound bulldog over to the stairs, where he would just stare at me from the bottom until I bribed him up with a treat.

He sure does know how to work the system.

\_\_\_\_ Reporter Lindsey Tomaschik can be reached at Iktomaschik@thepampanews.com.



Photo by Lindsey Tomaschik "Mom, why are you laughing at me?'





# PampaFaith

## The ten 'IFs' in Romans 8

Most Christians would say AMEN to this statement: "Romans 8 is the indisputable gold medal winner for the most thrilling chapter in the



**SUBLETT** 

Bible." Why? Because it is. It stands in direct opposition to Chapter 7 which is about the OLD LIFE before a person came to know Christ as Lord and Savior. Chapter 8 is about the NEW LIFE in Christ and describes how splendid it is.

I want to take a little different approach

to Romans 8 in this article. I want to focus on the 10 occurrences of the word IF in Chapter 8. IF is a conditional word; it lays out terms for whatever is being presented. Here we go.

Verse 9 contains the first two uses of IF with two totally opposite truths. If the Spirit of God indwells a person then they are of the Spirit, not the flesh. Now imagine on the other side of the coin this reverse truth: IF a person doesn't have the Spirit of Christ then they DO NOT belong to Christ. If the divine Spirit of the Godhead does not make His home inside a person, then they are NOT one of His children, not saved and therefore headed for eternal damnation. These first two uses of IF lay out a very clear picture of only two possibilities for every one of the seven billion souls living on planet Earth; two opposing possi-

Verse 10 says that IF Christ is really in a person, then even though their mortal body is headed for death, their eternal spirit will know only LIFE. The difference between death and life is Christ inside. Is He in you?

Verse 11 not only starts out with the same Spirit of God indwelling the believer, but adds that the Spirit will one day bring to life the mortal body of the believer. This is the RESURRECTION. WOW! What an

Verse 13 uses IF twice, kind of like Verse 9 did; opposite sides of a coin. Side A- IF a person is living according to the flesh then the payoff is death and not just physical death because the believer living by the Spirit will also one day die physically. Therefore, it must be talking about spiritual death. Side B: IF a believer is using the power of the Spirit to put to death the deeds of sin in the flesh, then that is proof that the Spirit indwells the person and therefore they are spiritually alive. One IF is dead; the other IF is alive. What a contrast.

Verse 17 uses the first IF to inspire believers with this truth: the Holy Spirit who indwells the believer testifies that the believer is not only a child of God, but an heir, even a fellow heir with Christ. Awe-inspiring huh. Time to flip the coin over. The second IF connects being a child and an heir with SUF-FERING with Christ. Not willing to suffer? Then no child of God and no heir with Christ. OUCH! Either suffering is part of our picture or we are not God's child.

Verse 25 uses the next IF to stand between hoping for what we cannot see and waiting patiently. The believer overcomes the delay in receiving what they have their hope set on. Usually delay disheartens humans, produces despair, but not so with the true believer. The faithful believer sets their hope on what they do not see and proves that they are one of the faithful by never giving up on their hope. Does that describe you?

Verse 31 is the last IF and it explains why the believer never gives up on their hope. IF God is for us, who could possibly be against us that would cause us to worry or be frightened. Answer: NOBODY! We can be totally confident in the face of all opposition because Father God is in our corner.

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#### CHURCH SPOTLIGHT

## Encouraged to press on

**DAVID** 

Resolutions are not just for the New Year; they are for every new day God gives us. By choosing to think a certain way, to have a certain attitude, or to achieve a certain goal in your life, we motivate and encourage ourselves to press on against the trials that inevitably come our way.

**BOULER** We see this spirit of focused determination expressed by the Apostle Paul when he wrote to the Philippian Christians, "One thing I do: forgetting what is behind and reaching toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus." — Philippians 3:13-14

As you endeavor to fulfill that same purpose, remember Paul's words and let the following insights inspire you.

"Resolution in a bad cause is called stubbornness; stubbornness in a good cause is called resolution." — Anonymous

"Resolve to perform what you ought; perform without fail what you resolve." — Benjamin Franklin

"I love the man that can smile in trouble, that can gather strength from distress, and grow brave by reflection. Tis the business of little minds to shrink; but he whose heart is firm, and whose conscience approves his conduct, will pursue his principles to death." Thomas Paine

"I must save this government if possible. What I cannot do, of course I will not do; but it may as well be understood, once and for all, that I shall not surrender this game

leaving any available card unplayed." Abraham Lincoln

In a letter before the Battle of Cold Harbor, May 1864. "If you see the President, tell him that whatever happens, there will be no turning back.

- Ulysses S. Grant. "If we've got the stuff in us, if we're dead earnest about it, it finds its own way of getting out." — Walt Whit-

Determine in your heart you are going to move forward with the Lord in your day of difficulty. Like Joshua, "...but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." — Joshua 24:15b

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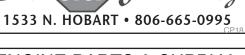
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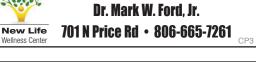
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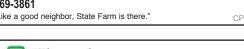
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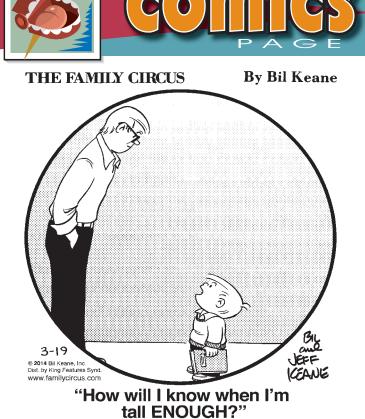
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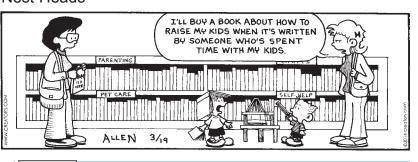
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#### **Nest Heads**



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March 20, 2014: This year you finally will be able to deal with a loved one directly. Conversations will start flowing even more, toward the end of 2014. Your creativity surges mid-July, which allows for more solutions and better in-

vestments. If you are single, you will encounter an exciting period for romance anytime from summer on. This person could be very special to you. If you are attached, the two of you start acting like newfound lovers. Enjoy this moment in your relationship. You might find the structure of your family changing if you are at the right stage in life. SCORPIO bottom-lines situa-

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) ★★★ Use your intuition with an

important situation involving a loved one. You can rely on feelings only to a certain level; a conversation is a must. In the afternoon, you will discover that there is a good flow between you and this person. Tonight: Celebrate the first day of spring.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Handle any important matter in the morning; otherwise, you might not gain the results you want. You could find others unusually difficult later today, which is likely to affect your opinion of them. Tonight: Defer to a friend or loved one for now. GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ You will want to handle an important matter on your own. The financial benefits of a situation outweigh the negatives. Avoid being extravagant -- for your sake, if nothing else. You will join in and have a good time, no matter where you are. Tonight: Where your friends are.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Dig into your bag of creative ideas in the morning. You might be surprised by what evolves as a result. Think twice before you deal with a problem. Honor what is happening with a child first, as he or she needs some special time with you. Tonight: Get into weekend mode. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ You'll react instinctively to a perception or to a change in tone, and will wonder when you can say "enough is enough." Your ability to take in the big picture could help you gain a new a loved one well

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, insight. Deal with someone directly about a financial matter. Tonight: Stay close to home.

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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Be willing to express your deeper feelings about a personal matter, as you seem to be more than serious about a long-term investment. Your creativity is likely to surge, which will allow you to visualize being in someone else's shoes. Tonight: Celebrate spring!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ Pressure builds involving a work matter and your finances. Additional demands from a family member could add to your discomfort. Know that this person is not on your team right now. Tonight: Enjoy the moment, and avoid getting into a disagreement.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ Your resourcefulness draws strong results in the morning. A family member, though well-meaning, could add to the pressure of the moment. Reach out to a friend or neighbor who has been very uppity for a while. Tonight: Relax.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ You could be more easily confused than you realize. Ask questions to clarify, but phrase them carefully in order to get an appropriate response. You will see changes in how you handle your funds because of what you are hearing. Tonight: Remain upbeat. Greet spring with a smile.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

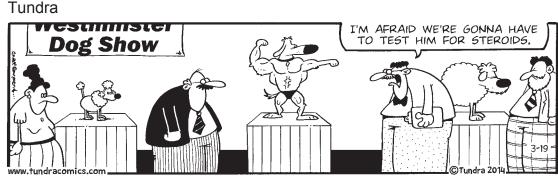
 $\star\star\star\star$  Use the morning to the max, when others are more responsive to your inquiries. Look at a personal matter through someone else's eyes. Once you see this person's perceptions, your instinctive response could be right-on. Tonight: Happily head home.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ Pace yourself, as you have a lot to get done. You have a smile that helps draw others closer to you. Remain sensitive to the possibilities. Allow more lightness and spontaneity into your day. Read between the lines with a close loved one. Tonight: Out till the wee hours.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ You could be in a situation that touches many other people. Understand what is happening by reaching out and getting more information. Your questions might help someone else gain some insight. Delay a discussion until the afternoon. Tonight: Treat



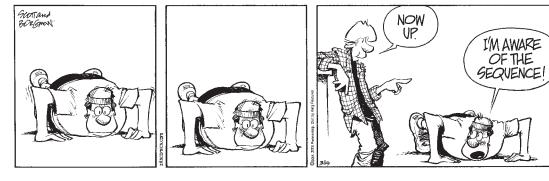
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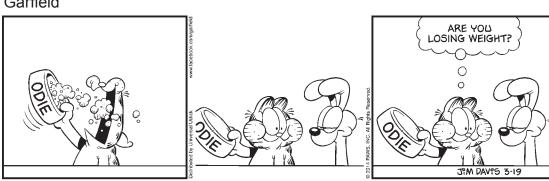
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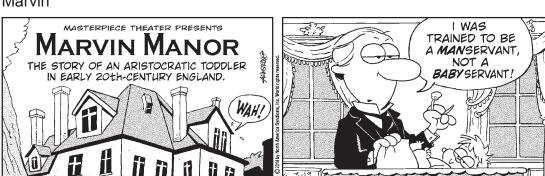
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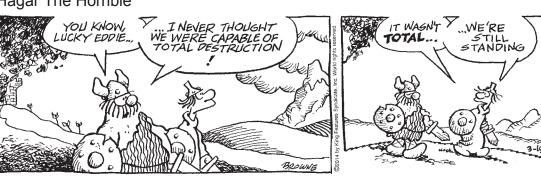
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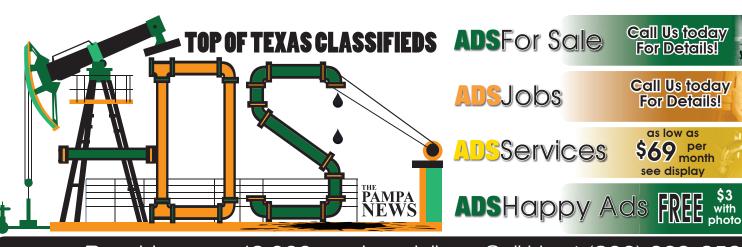






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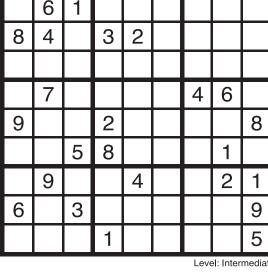
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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: MY IMAGINATION CAN PICTURE NO FAIRER HAPPINESS THAN TO CONTINUE LIVING FOR ART. — CLARA **SCHUMANN** 

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:



OPEN

Level: Intermediate

AREA

## Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

two years. We gave each to start a family. other our phone passwords as soon as we made it of- I was kidding when we TUCKY things from each other.

pictures with someone. I was shocked and angry, IN CHARLOTTE, N.C. and it almost ended our re-

lationship.

think? -

it anymore. I haven't noticed any other red flags, but now, when he's asleep or goes somewhere and leaves his phone at home, just looking at it upsets me. I'll put a pillow or a blanket over it so I can "forget" it's there. I don't know if I should take another peek to make sure he's staying on the straight and narrow, or if ignorance is bliss. What do you

IN TEXAS **DEAR UNSURE GUY:** Ignorance ISN'T bliss. Being able to trust the man you're with is, and if it turns out you can't, it's better that you know sooner rather than later. It appears you still have some unresolved trust issues with him that need

UNSURE GUY

to be discussed. Between you and me, if he was trying to conceal something, he probably wouldn't be leaving his phone exposed and vulnerable to checking.

DEAR ABBY: I'm 39 and have been married for 12 years. My wife is 35. When we first got together, my wife did not want to have kids right away. She said maybe after I graduated from college, or perhaps we could adopt. It took more time because of

DEAR ABBY: I have some surgeries, but I have ask for it, should I do it been in a relationship for graduated now and I want face-to-face or through She now says she thought MOVING ON IN KEN-

ficial to avoid keeping were talking about it all those years ago, and that When your ex-girlfriend One night I had a sud- I knew she never wanted broke the engagement, den urge to go through his kids. I am at a loss. I love she should have returned phone. I had never done it this woman, but I do want the engagement ring. before, and when I looked children, or to adopt a baby **That she didn't indicates** at his Facebook mes- if that's not possible — but she is either ignorant resages. I saw he had been she says she's unwilling to garding the rules of etiexchanging inappropriate do either. What am I to do? - WANTS TO BE A DAD to keep it regardless of

A DAD: You either accept He deleted and blocked that you will be childless, this person, and I forgave or talk to an attorney asking for the ring via him. We don't talk about about divorcing a woman text or a phone call out who appears to have deceived you. How sad!

> gaged to my ex-girlfriend luck! for three years. We broke up more than a year ago her choice. We reconciled briefly, but are now broken Abigail Van Buren, also up for good, and she's dat- known as Jeanne Phillips,

ing someone else.

go? If you think I should

some other messaging? -

**DEAR MOVING ON:** quette, or that she plans what the custom is. (If DEAR WANTS TO BE it's the latter, you're fortunate to be rid of her.)

I do NOT recommend of the blue. Your chances might be better if you DEAR ABBY: I was en- ask in person. I wish you

#### \*\*\*\*

Dear Abby is written by and was founded by her My question is about the mother, Pauline Phillips. engagement ring. It didn't Write Dear Abby at www. bother me that she kept it DearAbby.com or P.O. until recently. Should I ask Box 69440, Los Angeles, for the ring back or let it CA 90069.

# BANANAGRAMS For each bunch below, rearrange the letters to form two intersecting words that fit into LEVEL the corresponding grid.

Yesterday's Answer: BRIDGE, OUTCRY, STATUS

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dangler **14**— stand-

still **15**Boxer

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George 19 Squirrel's

snack 20 Gasp, say

**21** Humorist 22 Wild card, at times

**24** "Golly!" 26 Hops in

place 29 Determined 30 Actor

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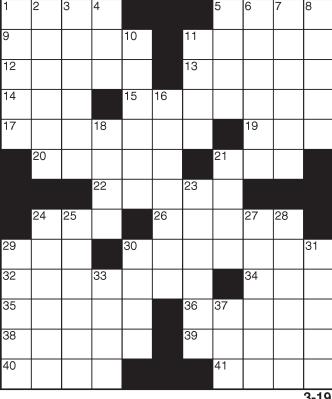
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# PampaSports

## Cowboys add QB Weeden to mix with Romo, Orton

SCHUYLER DIXON AP Sports Writer

The Dallas Cowboys have three quarterbacks with starting experience in the NFLat least for now.

The Cowboys added free agent Brandon Weeden on a two-year contract Monday even though they expect Kyle Orton to return behind Tony Romo next season.

There have been reports Orton might not come back for a third season as Romo's backup, but the team is expecting Orton to be on hand. Dallas carried two quarterbacks late last season after

Alex Tanney claimed off the practice squad by Cleveland, where Weeden had fallen out of favor.

Weeden was a first-round pick by the Browns in 2012 and had a promising rookie season, when he passed for

3,385 yards and won five career. He started his baseball starts. However, he started poorly in 2013, got benched, lost his confidence and never recovered.

of abuse by Cleveland fans, starter at Oklahoma State, who grew tired of him forc- also the college home of Dal-



**Brandon** Weeden

He was released last

NFL player because in the Fiesta Bowl. he played profesfinishing his college

career with the Yankees' organization. The Browns picked Weeden 22nd overall after

He also became a target two strong seasons as the

ing passes and mak- las Pro Bowl receiver Dez ing bad decisions. Bryant. Weeden had Oklahoma State in contention for the 2011 national championship At 30, Weeden game before settling for the is much older than school's first BCS bowl bid, a typical third-year a 41-38 victory over Stanford

Orton made his only start sional baseball for for Dallas in the season fifive years before nale against Philadelphia last year with a playoff berth on the line. Romo injured his back a week earlier against Washington and had surgery two days before the Cowboys lost to the Eagles, their third straight loss in a finale with the NFC East title at stake.

defeating Baylor to make

to Wichita State. For go-They could easily fall to Kentucky, Louisville or Duke. My upsets are NC State over St. Louis, (NC State has to beat Xavier Tuesday night, game started after press time) isville over Wichita State My Sweet 16 is Wichita State, Louisville, Duke and Michigan. My Elite 8 to advance to the Final Four.

So in summary, my Final 4 is Florida v. Michigan State and Arizona v. Louisville. I have Florida beating Louisville in the

your brackets if you would like and we can compare. I will be making another one following research later this evening

sbcglobal.net.

## Pampa wrestling to hold breakfast fundraiser

#### SUBMITTED

The Pampa wrestling booster club will be holding a breakfast fundraiser 10 years old. from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 22.

Along with all-you-caneat pancakes, there will be a silent auction from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

The breakfast will take place in the Pampa High School commons at 111 E.

Harvester.

Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for children under



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#### Let the Madness begin.

Warren Buffet has offered to pay \$1 billion to anyone who gets a perfect NCAA March Madness bracket this year. What exactly are the

> odds of that happening?

There are 9.2 quintillion combinations for a 64-team bracket. A quintillion is one million times a trillion, or

**GREEN** a one with 18 zeros behind it. If every

ZAC

possibility were filled out on its own sheet of paper, the weight of the paper would be 184 trillion tons — more than 500 million times the weight of the Empire State Building. (Information thanks to Associated Press) To put it in layman's

terms: Your chances of fill-

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ing out a perfect bracket are less than your chances to win the lottery three times in a row or being struck by

lightning multiple times in your lifetime. So now that we have

officially smashed all hope of the \$1 billion, let's get down to the match-ups and I will give you my Sweet 16, Elite 8, Final Four and Champion. Keep in mind this is my blind bracket without any research yet. I will wait until the last minute to fill out my final bracket.

Let's start with the South. The favorite is Florida. And I will have to agree. For upsets I have Stanford over New Mexico, VCU over UCLA and Syracuse over Kansas. For the Sweet 16 I have Florida, VCU, Syracuse and Kansas. For the Elite 8 I have Florida and Syracuse fighting in a close

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battle with Florida heading to the Final 4.

In the East I do not have the one seed making the Final 4. My upsets are Harvard over Cincinnati, Connecticut over Villanova and Michigan State over Virginia. In the Sweet 16 I have Virginia, Michigan State, Iowa State and Connecticut. In the Elite 8, I have Michigan State beating Iowa State to head to the Final 4.

In the West I have to try not to be biased since we have three Big 12 teams there, including Oklahoma State. My upsets are Oklahoma State over Gonzaga, Baylor over Creighton, Oklahoma over San Diego State and Baylor over Wisconsin. I think Oklahoma State will play down to the wire with Arizona, and should they pull the upset off, they have a great chance of making the Final 4. I would not be surprised if any of those Big  $1\overline{2}$ teams make the Final 4. It is a somewhat favorable bracket and Baylor and Oklahoma State have been peaking at the right time.

For the Sweet 16 I have Arizona, Oklahoma, Baylor and Wisconsin. For the Elite 8 I have Arizona

the Final 4.

The Midwest is an insult ing undefeated, the Shockers deserved a better draw. Duke over Michigan, Louand Louisville over Duke. is Louisville beating Duke

championship game.

Please share with me or early Thursday.

Zac Green is an avid Oklahoma State fan and youth minister at Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ. He can be reached at zac.green@

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