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### **Pacific World War II vet spending** his twilight years in Pampa



Above, James Goodwin served four years during World War II from 1941-1945. He experienced two battles in the Pacific and was part of the liberation of Guam. Below, Goodwin is pictured with his fellow troops on Guam. He is in the back row, second from the left with a hat on.

World War II vet served in the Pacific and was part of regiment that liberated Guam.



### **Entries now** open for Top O' Texas Junior **Rodeo and Kid Pony Show**

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Entries are now being accepted for the Top O' Texas Junior Rodeo and Kid Pony Show.

The Junior Rodeo will begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday, July 19, and is open for ages 8-18 (Groups 3-7). With added money and prizes totaling \$10,000.00, paybacks will be awarded to winners of the various events. Buckles will be presented to the All-Around Cowgirl and Cowboy of each group. A contestant must be entered in 3 events to qualify for the All-Around title.

The Kid Pony Show is scheduled for 4 p.m. Sunday, July 20. Open to ages 7 and under (groups 1 and 2), this performance always provides lots of fun and entertainment for contestants and spectators alike. Buckles will be awarded to the top three finishers of the events in these groups. A participant ribbon will be presented to all Kid Pony Show contestants. Mutton Bustin will again be an event at this year's Kid Pony Show. Girls and boys will compete against each other and entries will be limited to the first 20 received.

Proof of current Coggins is required for both events.

All entries must be received in the rodeo office by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, July 16. No exceptions will be allowed.

Entry forms are available at the rodeo office, 200 North Ballard. For more information call 806-669-0434,

e-mail totrodeo@gmail.com or visit the website at www.topoftexasrodeo.com.



### BY JOHN LEE jclee@thepampanews.com

World War II is arguably the most well-known conflict the United States has been a part of. It is also a war the United States has fought on two fronts. The European front, where much of the conflict came, and the Pacific Front where the Americans took on the Japanese forces.

James Goodwin, 90, served in the Marines during World War II and fought in two battles, the land battle of Vella Lavella in the Solomon Islands and the Allies retaking of the island of Guam.

Goodwin joined the Marine Corp on Dec. 15, 1941 in San Diego, Calif. at Camp Elliot. That is where the 3rd Marine Division was activated. From there, Goodwin and the 9th Marine Regiment, which is a part of the 3rd Marine Division, were moved to Camp Pendelton.

In January of 1943, Goodwin was sent to Auckland, New Zealand, the largest city on the north island. In September of 1943, Goodwin and his squad were sent to

the Solomon Islands, where he saw action on an island called Vella Lavella.

From there the regiment was sent back to Guadalcanal and in July of 1944, his regiment was sent to liberate the island of Guam.

'They took Saipan first and it was pretty bloody," Goodwin said. "We were on reserves and when we went

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### KICKS OFF SUMMER **OF BASKET GIVEAWAYS**



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This week's United Way basket giveaway winner Candace Ellis, left, is pictured with Pampa United Way Executive Director Jana Gregory. Drawings for winners will be every Monday throughout the summer with the exclusion of Labor Day. This year's basket giveaway schedule is as follows, and it is \$1 for a chance to win with no limit on chance purchases. National Bank of Commerce, June 16; Elite Eye Care, June 23; United Supermarket, June 30; The Sparrows Nest, July 7; First Convenience Bank at Walmart, July 14; Dyers BBQ, July 21; Brandon's Flowers, July 28; Pampa Regional Medical Center, Aug. 4; First Bank Southwest, Aug. 11; Taylen's Tangles and Treasures in the Hughes Building, Aug. 18; The Plaza, Aug. 25, Hunting-Titan, Sept. 8 and Happy State Bank, Sept. 9.



#### Photo by Forrest Grimes

The Lady Harvesters' junior softball clinic took place Tuesday from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. at the Lady Harvesters' softball field. The camp was for girls in grades one through nine.



### **BREEDING A CHAMPIONSHIP PROGRAM**



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on to Guam on July 14 of 1944. We landed at Agana beach at about 10:30 a.m. and it was pretty light, we didn't have a lot of trouble. The first night was pretty noisy, because they tried to counter-attack."

On the third day of liberation, Goodwin said that the Japanese let the natives of Guam loose and the appreciation of American troops was unrivaled.

many people ragged, thin and discouraged," Goodwin said. "But you talk about get hugs and kisses and thank yous, they re-

had moved forward and had lost five pounds. didn't need us to move the supply dump."

Goodwin experienced many unique situations while in Guam.

The island was hit by a fatal.' typhoon which spread their tropical type of fever.

"One week I "I have never seen so sick,"Goodwin said. spread by mosquitoes). I Guam was liberated, went to sick bay and said, 'I

ally put us up as heroes. We be sick cause you have den-bombers that would fly to were not heroes, the heroes gue fever,' I asked 'Is that Pacific missions and other were the ones that the Japa- bad?' and he said 'Oh it's nese used as slave labor. It real bad.' So they put me didn't take long to unload to bed there on a cot and supplies at the beach, on the next thing I knew three the fourth or fifth day they days later when I woke up I

> The crewman said 'Welcome back, Sarge. We thought we had lost ya' and he went on to tell me that sometimes dengue fever is

supplies across the island. five or six weeks and when friends," Goodwin remi-Goodwin even caught a the war ended via the nisces. "Fortunately I didn't Goodwin even caught a the war ended via the Atomic Bomb, Goodwin got left the Marines in Decem-"I ber of 1945, after his four Zealand, also, saying the got dengue fever (a virus years was finished. After

Goodwin's regiment kept really don't feel well,' and a military base on the isthe crewman there says, land which served the pur-'Sarge your really going to pose of housing the B-29 Sunday) Wenona.

missions.

He spent some time in the reserves during the 50s and was with three other Pampa men.

Goodwin enjoyed his time in the war and loves to share his stories. He earned two stars on his stripes from the two campaigns he was a part of.

"I grew up in the Ma-Goodwin was in Guam rine Corp and had a lot of lose too many of them.'

> Goodwin enjoyed New coldest it was while he was there was 38 degrees.

Goodwin, who turns 91, now lives in Pampa with his wife of 67 years (on



Photo courtest of James Goodwin Goodwin in front of one of the B-29s that would land at Guam.

# Il some split votes? Some think so

#### BY ROSS RAMSEY The Texas Tribune

You might have heard someone say Leticia Van de Putte is the Democrat most likely to win a statewide election in November. She's the state senator from San Antonio facing Republican Dan Patrick, a state senator from Houston, in the race to replace Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, who has held the office since 2003.

The hopeful line about Van de Putte has found some traction, in Texas and beyond, among political observers and partisans who wonder how conservative a candidate can get before moderates who customarily vote for Republicans will peel off, hold their noses and vote for a statewide Democrat.

That's a lot to hope for. Patrick beat Dewhurst in a GOP and with Texas not having vised debate that he would elected anyone but Republicans to statewide office in 20 years, Patrick is the favorite a bill that would allow womto win in November.

things about Ted Cruz when fied men. (That legislation he ran as the most conservative candidate in the Republican primary for U.S. Senate Gov. Rick Perry's veto.) two years ago and went on to eral election.

Now Patrick is the man of the hour. His runoff win last month mirrored Cruz's victory over Dewhurst in 2012. the primary. He has called the influx of undocumented of them in charge of commit-

block consideration of legislation he opposes — such as en to sue employers who pay They said some of the same them less than equally qualipassed the Senate and House last year before dying on

It was a winning combian easy win in the 2012 gen- nation in the GOP primary: Patrick surged ahead of three statewide officeholders in the March election, getting 41.4 percent of the vote; in the runoff, he got 65 percent, Like Cruz, he claimed the defeating a Republican who most conservative ground in had won four statewide elections since 1998.

immigrants an "illegal in- Republicans will eventually vasion," promised to cur- make some of the mistakes tail Democratic power in Democrats themselves made the state Senate (with rule back when they were on changes and by putting fewer top and the GOP was trying to break down the doors of power.

They ran candidates particularly at the national level — who were too liberal for conservative Texas

conservatives and liberals that made it possible for Republicans to peel away the conservatives and form the beginnings of what is now a solid Republican majority.

The notion behind the current Van de Putte proposition is that — to Democrats Patrick is so extreme that even some Republicans will rebel and vote for the Democrat. In a debate with Patrick this year, San Antonio Mayor Julián Castro said the Houston Republican would be the Democrats' "meal ticket" in betting there won't be many November.

The differences between Democrats are hoping the the two top candidates (there are also a Libertarian, a Green and an independent his rhetoric and positions, in the race) are stark: gender, ethnicity, party, ideology, roots. She is likely to attack his positions on immigration, health care, abortion, equal pay and education.

> He is likely to attack her positions on some of those same things, characterizing



runoff a couple of weeks ago, tees), and said during a tele- Democrats to stomach. They her as a liberal who wants to developed a split between expand government and poisoning his darts with the unpopularity of the Democratic president.

> To be the only Democratic statewide winner in November, Van de Putte would need the race for lieutenant goverto make sure Patrick doesn't nor. perform as well as Greg Abbott. And that requires one to most of the credit for that imagine the voter who will vote for Abbott and then turn heavily and won more votes and vote for Van de Putte who will vote against Wendy Davis for governor and against Patrick for lieutenant governor. Republicans are of those.

Democrats are hoping that women and minorities will have an allergic reaction to creating an opportunity for and lost the state. their candidate.

It happened before, but this was a different state when voters elected George W. Bush, a Republican, and Bob Bullock, a Democrat, to the top two positions on the the Republicans' red flag. ballot.

It nearly happened again four years later, when Bush won re-election against Garry Mauro by 37 percentage points and Republican Rick Perry beat Democrat John Sharp by less than 2 points in

Hispanic voters received one. Bush courted them than other Republicans, but those voters snapped back for the next Democrat on the ballot.

They swung.

It is possible to overestimate the public's willingness to go along with whatever the ruling party is willing to throw at them. Democrats took their voters for granted

Now they're trying to create new voters in a low-vote state and to convert moderates and independents into ticket-splitters who might not automatically fall in behind That's all they can do.

### Correction

In the opinion piece that ran in Tuesday's edition of The Pampa News titled, "Rights violated or looking for trouble?" The YouTube user, andrewwake58 is not associated with policecrimes.com. The Pampa News apologizes for any confusion this may have caused.

# Houston, union reach deal on firefighter contract



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still awaits approval by scheduled absences. rank-and-file firefightunused vacation days Dec. 31, 2016.

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HOUSTON (AP) — of co-workers. It also The City of Houston tightens restrictions how deal with its firefight- approved for vacation at

An attendance review up to recommend disci-The agreement, which pline for excessive un-

The existing contract ers, would eliminate va- expires June 30. The new cation banking that al- contract would take eflows firefighters to use fect July 1 and expire



### PAMPA FORECAST

Today	Thursday	Friday					
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High 90 Low 61	High 77 Low 57	High 81 Low 64					

Today: Mostly sunny with a high of 90. Chance of rain: 20 percent. Winds south-southwest at 19 mph. Sunrise at 6:28 a.m.

Tonight: Isolated thunderstorms with a low of 61. Chance of rain: 30 percent. Winds eastnortheast at 18 mph. Sunset at 8:59 p.m.

Thursday: Mostly cloudy and windy with a high of 77. Chance of rain: 10 percent. Winds northnortheast at 23 mph. Sunrise at 6:28 a.m.

Thursday night: Mostly clear with a low of 57. Winds east at 10 mph. Sunset at 9 p.m.

Friday: Sunny and windy with a high of 81. Winds south-southeast at 20 mph. Sunrise at 6:28 a.m.

Friday night: Mostly clear with a low of 64. Winds south at 18 mph. Sunset at 9 p.m.

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# Pampa Fire Department call log — June 6-9

#### STAFF REPORT

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

### June 6

• At 8:25 a.m., to a medical assist in the 2900 block of Rosewood.

• At 10:59 a.m., to a medical assist in the 1100 block of Seneca.

• At 12:54 p.m., to a medical call in the 800 block of South Gray.

• At 7:49 p.m., to a medical call in the 1200 block of North Wells.

• At 8:46 p.m., to a lift assist in the 1100 block of East Francis.

ical call in the 100 block block of North Hobart. of South Wells.

• At 9:23 p.m., two units and six personnel to a downed tree in the 1300 block of Terrace.

• At 9:36 p.m., to a downed power line in the 1300 block of North Christine.

• At 9:40 p.m., two units and six personnel to a false alarm in the 1600 block of North Hobart.

• At 9:43 p.m., to an odor investigation in the 300 block of West 30th.

• At 9:40 p.m., two units and six personnel to an

• At 9:51 p.m., two • At 9:15 p.m., to a units and six personnel to units and six personnel downed power line in the a downed power line in to a fire alarm activation 300 block of North Ho- the 1800 block of North in the 4000 block of Bad Christy.

### June 7

• At 2:15 a.m., two units and six personnel to a cal call in the 800 block of call that was cancelled in route.

ical call in the 1300 block of Prairie. of Terrace.

### June 8

• At 2:56 p.m., to a lift assist in the 1000 block of Darby.

• At 3:29 p.m., to a medical call in the 800 block of Reid.

• At 5:10 p.m., to a med-

• At 9:03 p.m., to a med- investigation in the 1600 ical call in the 600 block of North Faulkner.

> • At 11:42 p.m., Two Cattle Company Lane.

### June 9

• At 1:11 a.m., to a medi-West Foster.

• At 7:06 a.m., to a medi-• At 6:38 p.m., to a med- cal call in the 1000 block

> • At 1:48 p.m., to a trash fire in the 1200 block of Hamilton.

> • At 10:38 p.m., to a medical call in the 3700 block of Seminole.

• At 11:46 p.m., to an alarm malfunction in the 1900 block of North Nelson

# Brands use music to speak globally in World Cup

Companies that are ad- Game Before the Game" strike a chord with fans globally.

Because the FIFA World Cup, the international soccer tournament that begins on Thursday, is the most popular sports event on the planet, advertisers want to take advantage of the large viewing audience. But the World Cup poses problems for companies that are used to making a splash at big sporting events like the Super Bowl with a pricey 30-second spot.

First off, soccer doesn't have very many commercial breaks, with two 45-minutes halves played mostly straight through. Additionally, soccer is a ly are using music to get audience is." the world's attention:

Cup are hoping music will like Neymar Jr. and many time by listening to "Jungle" by Jamie N Commons & The X Ambassadors.

The move is an effort by companies to try to capture the attention of one of the largest global audiences for any event. In the last World Cup four years ago, 3.2 billion people tuned in, including 909.6 million for the final match, according to FIFA. That's compared with the World Food Prowith the 111.5 million people who tuned into the Super Bowl this year.

"Sports is a great unifier and very few sports are as global as the World Cup," said Allen Adamson, managing director of branding global event, so it's hard firm Landor Associates. to make TV ads that trans- "Music is the other big late across cultures. As a platform that transcends La La,' we immediately they all block out distracresult, brands — both of- cultures and languages, so knew consumers would be ficial sponsors and those it's an emotional way to that just want to capitalize connect with as broad an on the event — increasing- audience as the World Cup Santiago Mier Albert, gen-

NEW YORK (AP) — new 5-minute video "The tone deaf to Brazil culture. versal. Music is universal Critics complain that it is too," said Joe Belliotti, divertising for the World that shows soccer stars sung by Cuban-American rector of global entertainrapper Pitbull and Bronx- ment marketing at Cocaothers preparing for game born Puerto Rican singer Cola. "And if you can find Jennifer Lopez instead of a that simple melody and Brazilian singer (although simple lyrical idea that it does feature Brazilian can translate and connect singer Claudia Leitte); and with people around the it is sung mainly in English and Spanish rather we strive for."

than Portuguese. So marketers stepped in, and so far, are and refers to its ad as a scoring big. Shakira's "La La La" video, sponsored by Activia in partnership gramme, has garnered 95 million YouTube views since it went up 3 weeks ago. By comparison, the official FIFA song has about 72 million views after five weeks. The video: https://www.youtube.com/ watch?v=7-7knsP2n5w

swayed by the rhythm and energy of this song," said eral manager of Activia tube.com/watch?v=v i3L-The link between mu- and vice president of mar-Danone's Activia yogurt sic and the World Cup is keting of Danone's fresh

world, that's the formula

Beats, which is not an ofhave ficial sponsor of the event global campaign featuring the world-known soccer players, has gotten nearly 8 million views after just four days on YouTube. The five-minute ad cinematically shows rituals athletes use to get ready for "The Game Before The Game." Brazilian soccer star Neymar Jr. takes a motivational call from his father, Serena Williams gets "When we heard 'La a patriotic manicure, and tion with their Beats headphones to the tune of the foot-stomping "Jungle." Video: https://www.youcjli84

It's a chance for Beats, teamed up with Shakira to nothing new. The tourna- dairy products division which was recently bought by Apple for \$3 billion, to Coca Cola's song has step out onto the global stage for the first time, said for Mediapost.com. "Beats is a company about music, they really know how to make music videos, it's a smart strategy and beautifully put together," she said.





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update her wildly popu- ment has had a theme song lar 2010 World Cup Song since 1962 when "El Rock "Waka Waka," about Africa, with a Brazil-centric video for "La La La." Coca-Cola made a song in English, "The World is Ours," and then created 32 local versions, each sung by a local artist in the native language. And Beats cized by Brazilians and by Dre launched a splashy

del Mundial" by Los Ramblers kicked off the 1962 World Cup in Chile. But this year, brand song tieins are more popular than this year's official effort.

FIFA's "We Are One (Ole Ola)," has been critiother soccer fans as being

worldwide.

hit the top 10 charts in 40 countries worldwide. That Barbara Lippert, longtime is a big step up from their ad critic and a columnist last effort in 2010, "Wavin' Flag" which was done in 24 versions and charted in 17 countries. The video: https://www.youtube.com/ watch?v=v32DO6XV1BE

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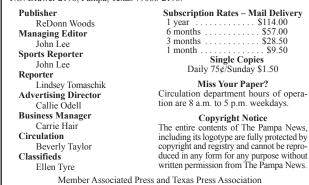
# Viewpoints



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# Museum Musings Remembering the D-Day Invasion exhibit is officially open

The museum would like to thank everyone who came out for open-



exhibit will be open COURTNEY throughout **OXLEY** the summer for visitors

to view.

It is said that there were approximately 1,465 fallen U.S. soldiers during the invasion. This number does not include those that were not identified. It is our goal, in an effort to honor all of those who served that day on the beaches of Normandy and in t defeat of Europe, by placing 1,465 yellow ribbons in the exhibit. For each visitor to the museum this summer, they will have the opportunity to honor our troops and place a yellow ribbon. We hope you join us in honoring the sacrifice, the bravery, and the heroism and those lives we lost in Normandy on D-Day.

was created that said: Round her neck she wears a yeller ribbon,

She wears it in the winter and the summer so they say, If you ask her "Why the decoration?"

She'll say "It's fur my lover who is fur, fur away."

In 1949 a song was created using the above lyrics, and added more to show that it was supporting the military troops. In 1970 "Tie a Yellow Ribbon Around the Ole Oak Tree" was a song put out by Dawn and Tony Orlando. It again signified that a loved one was overseas serving in the military.

When a person wants to show support for those who are serving in the war overseas, then

# Hump Day with Humphrey Humphrey's odd habits, part II

Often times I sit at my desk on Tuesday mornings thinking about the odd things Humphrey has done



lately that have caught my attention enough to elaborate on. He stares back at me from behind the glass of the puppy frame I got from someone in the office for Christmas, and eventually the ideas come pouring

TOMASCHIK in. For today's column, I did actually spend some time thinking about what to write about before coming to work. Last night, as I lay in bed, Humphrey came up to one side and whimpered in his Chewbacca-like manner. I reluctantly got up to pick him up and put him up there with me since he can't quite jump high enough to get up on his own and went back to the game I was playing on my phone.

Humphrey hates when I'm on my phone, so it didn't take long before he was crying again for attention and pushing at my hand with his nose. For some reason, Humphrey really likes to play with hands and feet, which is probably something I have mentioned before. It's a weird and painful hobby if you're on the re-

ceiving end of it sometimes. It's not like he doesn't have plenty of toys to play with because he does.

Last night as I watched him chase my hand around and whine when it stopped moving, I couldn't help but wonder if he really doesn't know it's attached to me or something. He might actually think it's a toy, which is probably not a good thing.

Also, another thing stuck out to me this week. Humphrey hasn't had a bed with him in his kennel for some time now after outgrowing his baby puppy bed, and he had a hard time letting that one go. When it finally came time to get rid of it, he stared with a confused look on his face as the old ratty thing made its way to the dumpster. He has always had another bed just outside his kennel that I just put his toys in when I tidy up, and a couple days ago, I decided to move that bed into his kennel for added comfort.

Humphrey did not like that idea. He just went over to where the bed has always been, sat down and stared at me. On top of that, when I woke up the next morning to let him out of his kennel, he had pushed the bed over and made a spot big enough for him to sleep in without being in the bed. That's the origin of this week's picture or it would, but

apparently I got a little picture deleting happy since taking the picture, so what better backup picture than a selfie of me and my hound.

Anyway, after leaving the bed in his kennel that day until my lunch break and coming home to the same thing, I decided it was probably best to take the darn thing out of his kennel if he wasn't going to use it anyway.

Humphrey knows best, and sometimes I forget that. He must think he is royalty or something.

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Why the yellow ribbon?

Yellow is the official color of the Army Calvary. In 1917 a cadence

they can put a flag with a star in the center of it on display. A blue star means someone you love is serving and a gold star represents that someone passed away while serving.

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## hero and the bad

On Saturday, Bowe Bergdahl was a hero, and the five members of the



of the week, SUSAN it seemed **ESTRICH** that neither is actually

true. The parade in Bergdahl's Idaho hometown was canceled. Four of the five aren't nice guys, but they aren't war criminals, either.

As for Bergdahl, I don't pretend to know whether he deserted his unit. That is a question that can only be answered in a properly and fairly conducted courtmartial.

But the account that broke my heart was the interview with the widow who had only just learned that it was while he was out looking for Bergdahl that her husband was killed. She was pregnant with their second child at the time. I don't know how you explain that to your kids, especially when they

are old enough to understand.

And of course, what made it so much worse coverage on Saturday in the green room at Fox, and Tammy Bruce reminded me of all the questions that had been raised in the past about Bergdahl's disappearance. Jake Tapper had already tweeted about it. It was there. And if you listened to the coverage clearly or read the whole story, it was there: the continued uncertainty as to how it was that Bergdahl was seized. But who listened so closely? The army promoted him twice. They must know. Besides, I wanted to be happy for Jani and Bob.

Saturday belonged to Bowe's parents. They lived through every parent's nightmare, and then after years of pain and grief, they got the call. Their son was coming home. I defy you to find a mother who did not relate to Jani Bergdahl, who did not want to share her joy. To a mother, it's worth five of the worst of the worst

or, as John McCain put it, "the hardest and toughest of all."

Well, maybe not so hard and tough. Three of the five, it is now being reported, were political officials during the period that the Taliban ruled and were thought to be among the moderates in the Taliban government; one of them was a student working for a relative, who offered to help the United States after we came in, and we arrested him instead. Another was a midlevel police official.

One, the former army chief of staff, looks to be among the worst and is accused of war crimes. But in terms of his likely role in the Taliban today, even he is more than a decade out of date, and as some of the experts have not so charitably put it, all of these guys are old, at least in terrorist terms.

So should the administration have done the swap?

Probably. But like so much of our politics today, the answer isn't very satisfying.

It's important to send the message to our soldiers that we leave no one behind. Bergdahl deserves his day in court, at least, and until proved guilty, he is an American soldier whom we are all bound to support.

But my heart still goes out to the widow who is wondering exactly why her husband was out searching for this guy.

On the bad guys, the hardest question, as to four of the five, is not whether we are endangered by their release, but whether this is whom we have been keeping Guantanamo open to detain. Why?

As to the fifth, the really bad guy, my assumption, which the reports seem to confirm, is that he was the price of the deal. You want to get your soldiers home? You give up bad guys. Ask Israel. War is an ugly business. Not much to be happy about. The left and right can scream at each other, but neither side has great answers. It is what it is.

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# A SURPLUS OF SNAPSHOTS

TOP THREE PHOTOS BY LINDSEY TOMASCHIK FROM THE CARNIVAL BOTTOM TWO PICTURES TAKEN BY JOHN LEE FROM OPENING DAY OF THE D-DAY EXHIBIT AT THE WHITE DEER LAND MUSEUM











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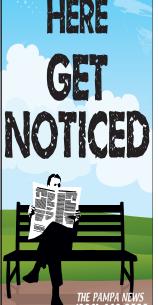
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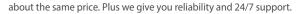
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# Evolutionists are afraid of God

The other day I had an interesting conversation with a fellow believer right here in Pampa. He told me, "I can't believe that we live in a town where evolution is crammed down our children's throats in our public schools. We should throw it out and teach only



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the creation story as it is written in Genesis 1. After all that is how everything began. Don't you agree?'

My reply was, "That certainly would be best and that is exactly what already happens at Community Christian and Pampa Academy. But honestly, in the public schools, I don't have a

problem with evolution being taught as long as equal time is given to the other explanation of how it all began-CRE-DESIGN." ATION/INTELLIGENT He asked me to explain further what I meant. Here are my observations.

Have you ever watched one of those magic shows where they reveal the magician's tricks; you know, how they fooled you? After you see the secret to how the trick or illusion was performed, how impressed are you the next time you see it? Totally unimpressed huh.

Well, that's the way it is with the philosophy of naturalistic evolution. Naturalistic evolution isn't science at all, it is a very vague philosophy and an unsubstantiated theory that has never once been proven in a laboratory even when scientists completely control every aspect of the experiment. Now evolutionists throw stones at us "religious" people because we believe something that "isn't even science" and something that "doesn't belong in a science class" and "has never been proven in a laboratory." When I hear comments like that I have to laugh. Neither has the philosophy of naturalistic evolution. And it can't because it is a philosophy not a science.

You see, I don't mind something as full of holes as naturalistic evolution being taught to kids if CREATION & INTELLIGENT DESIGN get equal time. Know why? Because CRE-ATION will always win. Know why? Because when we actually begin to examine the evidence that truly is science and things that can be tested in the laboratory, everything will point to INTELLIGENT DESIGN and make any concept of random chance (which naturalistic evolution is) look RIDIC-ULOUS, even INSANE!

So I really don't mind if our kids are exposed to the illusion (the fabricated lie of naturalistic evolution) as long as they also get to see "how the textbook and teacher fooled them." I believe that will prepare them for other lies that people will try to feed them in the future. And it will also help them learn what to look for and how to examine evidence in other situations in life.

So the real question is this: Why doesn't the Pampa Independent School District provide equal time for the other philosophy of "how it all began?" The philosophy of naturalistic evolution gets tons of time as the AP-PROVED MONOPOLY in Pampa's science classes. I'm sure we could get well qualified teachers to present "the other side" if they were given permission and time. Know why that won't happen? Because naturalistic evolutionists are afraid of God. That's right. They are afraid of the God they don't even believe exists. Now is that hilarious or what?

An encouraging note: In spite of the monopoly that naturalistic evolution has in almost every public school and almost every college/university in America, Gallup polls have proven for over 30 years that 85% of Americans still believe that God is "how it all began." And 46% still believe that it happened just like it is recorded in Genesis 1. PTL! Only 15% have swallowed the BIG LIE that there is no god and therefore it all happened by chance.

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# **CHURCH SPOTLIGHT** Music at the coffee shop

My good friend David Quay sent me this shadows come? wonderful story and I thought I would share it with you:

tan but warm inside the coffee shop on 51st Street. For a street musician it's the most lucrative coffee shop location in the world, and tips can be substantial if you

play your tunes right. "Apparently, we were striking all the right cords that night, because our basket was almost overflowing.

"It was chilly in Manhat-

It was a fun, low-pressure gig - I was playing keyboard and singing back-up for my friend who added rhythm with an arsenal of percussion instruments. We mostly did pop songs from the 40s to the 90s. During our emotional rendition of the classic, 'If you don't know me by now,' I noticed a lady sitting nearby swaying to the beat and singing along

"We love it when the audience joins in. I asked, 'Would you like to sing on the next section, you can choose the song.' She smiled and answered, 'Do you know any hymns?' The woman did not know who she was dealing with. I cut my teeth on hymns. I gave our guest singer a look and said, 'Name one.' 'Oh, I don't know. There are so many good ones. You pick one.' 'Okay' I replied. 'How about His Eye is on the Sparrow?' My new friend was silent and her eyes averted. 'Yes, let's do that one.' With my two bar set up, she began to sing, 'Why

"The audience of coffee drinkers were transfixed. Even the employees stopped their work and listened. 'I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free, for His eye is on the sparrow and I know He watches me.'

"When the last note was sung, the applause crescended to a deafening roar. I embraced my new friend. 'You, my dear, have made my whole year! That was beautiful!' She said, 'Well, it's funny that you picked that particular hymn. You see, that was my daughter's favorite song.' 'Really!' I exclaimed. 'Yes, she was 16 and died of a brain tumor last week.<sup>3</sup>

"I said the first thing that came to my stunned mind, 'Are you going to be okay?' She smiled through tear-filled eyes and squeezed my hand, 'I'm going to be okay, I've just got to keep trusting the Lord and singing His songs and everything will be just fine.' She picked up her bag and was gone.

'Was all this just a coincidence? A coincidence this wonderful lady just happened to walk into this coffee shop? A coincidence that of all hymns I happened to pick her daughter's favorite, who had died just the week before? I refuse to believe it.'

God has been arranging encounters in human history throughout the ages. It was a great reminder that if we keep trusting Him and singing His songs, everything's gonna be okay.

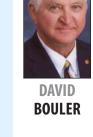
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# **Glo-Valve downs DF&B**

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10 times in the first inning and then held on to defeat Duncan, Fraser & Bridges Insurance Agency 15-5 Optimist 11-12 Cal Ripken League.

league play. Rotary Club, which defeated DFB 12-1 league title with a 7-3-1 record. DFB finished 4-7-1.

Josue Molina got things started for Glo-Valve with a lead-off double. He stole third. After walks to Kasey Cambern and Ethan Rushing, Molina scored on a sacrifice fly by Tony Helfer. Cooper Ray and Kameron Parks drew consecutive walks to force in Cambern. Roc Doan's infield single scored Rushing. Ray and Parks scampered home on wild pitches. An errant atthird allowed him to score. Braden Gowin walked and took second base on a fielder's choice. Julian Velasquez singled bringing Gowin in. Velasquez took second on the throw to the plate. He scored on a double by Matthew Hardy. Ezekiel Scoggin continued the rally with a single scor-

ing Hardy. Scoggin went to fly, a run and two RBI stole third and continued into left field.

Friday in the last regular back in the bottom of the box and threw him out to season game for the Pampa first on walks to Garrett An- Rushing blocking the plate derson, Andrew Stevens, at home for an outstand-Thomas Reagan and Daryl ing defensive play for The winners improved Horton sandwiched around Glo-Valve. Doan caught a to 5-6 to finish second in a hit by Eduarto Soto and fly ball in deep centerfield two Glo-Valve errors.

Thursday, wrapped up the runs back in the top of the Valve. Anderson caught a second. Cambern drew runner attempting to steal another walk. He stole third for DFB's outstandsecond and went to third on a passed ball. Rushing singled Cambern home and of the season allowing stole second. He scored on three hits and one earned a double by Helfer. Helfer run. He struck out seven, stole third and continued on walked one and hit a bathome on a throwing error. ter. Gavin Hudson and Parks walked, stole second, was caught in a hot box between second and third and DFB Monday at 6 p.m. in made it home on a throwing the first game of the City error. Glo-Valve led 14-4.

Molina walked, stole two Tuesday. tempt to pick off Doan at bases and made it home on an error. In the bottom manager, will manage the of the inning, Horton and all star team which will Stephen Ketchum walked. begin practice later this Horton scored from sec- week. Pampa will host the ond on a double by Ander- Cal Ripken 11-12 West son.

Anderson, with a double, next month. a run scored and one RBI led DFB's offense. Helfer, Youth Club is a Pampa with a double, a sacrifice United Way agency.

Glo-Valve Service scored second on the throw home, paced Glo-Valve's offense. Cambern ran down a home when the throw went single in right field and relayed to Molina at second DFB got four of the runs who got a runner in a hot saving two runs for anoth-Glo-Valve got the four er defensive gem for Gloing defensive effort.

Parks won his fifth game Soto pitched for DFB.

Glo-Valve will host Tournament. The winner In the fourth inning, will play Rotary at 6 p.m.

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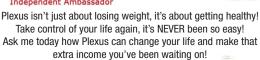
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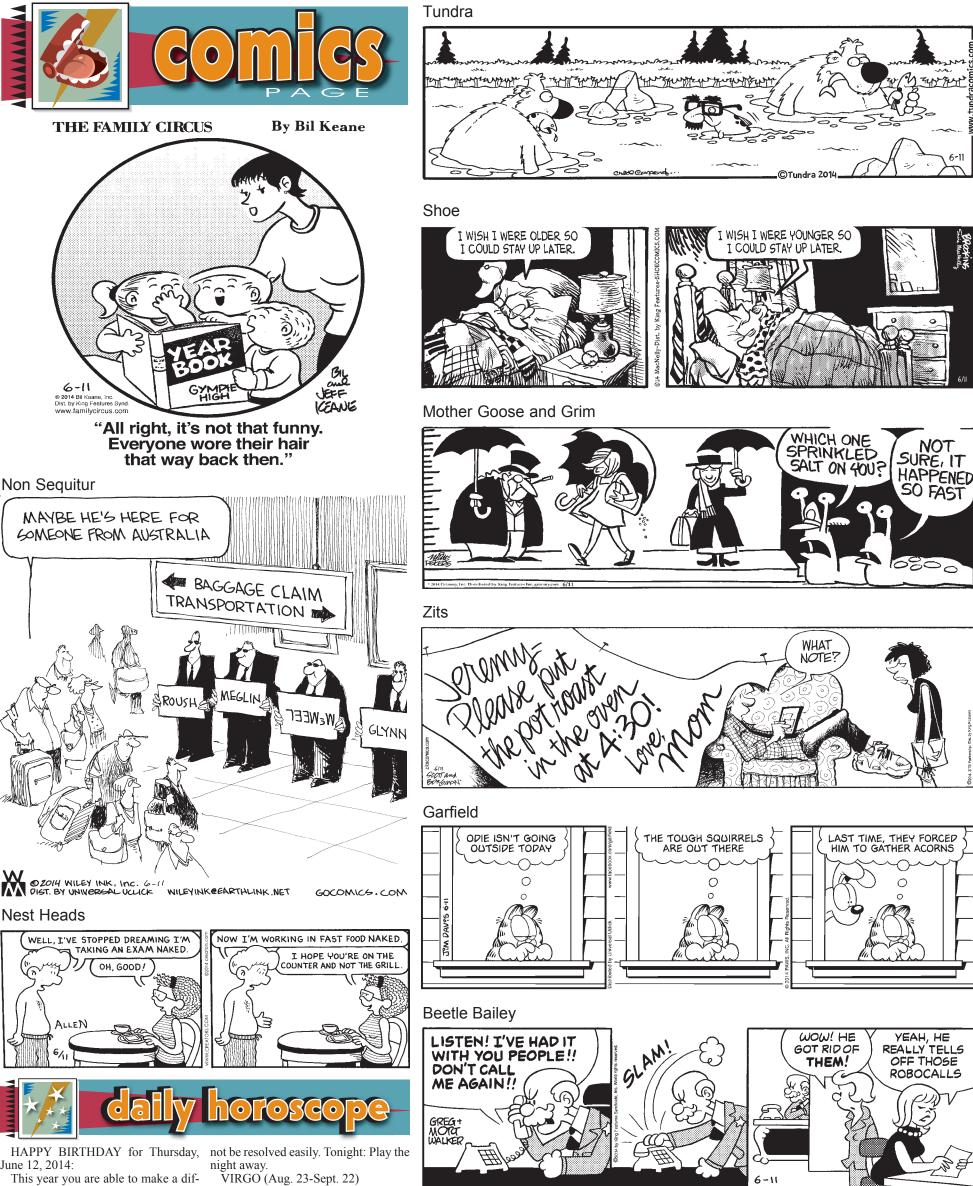




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ference in what goes on in your immediate environment. Unexpected news from a friend could surprise you, but it also allows you to look at a new possibility. If you are single, you will meet people with ease, especially after July. Your popularity will soar at that point. If you are attached, you might be surprised at the controversy that surrounds a child. Try to prevent a problem before it happens. Know that your significant other might be more grounded than you realize. SAGITTARIUS always adds lightness to the moment.

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)

 $\star \star \star \star$  You might feel that a partner is overly assertive at present. Understand that you are more than capable of handling this person's energy right now. You need to be more aware of how much you are spending. Fatigue could mark an interaction. Tonight: Too much to juggle

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

 $\star \star \star \star \star$  You will have the best intentions, but somehow you'll get stuck in a difficult or awkward interaction. A discussion about money could get out of hand, and you might want to drown your sorrows in some wild spending. Say "no." Tonight: Try to keep a lid on a volatile situation.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

swinging from one wild situation to another. Today's Full Moon might bring chaos into a relationship. Know when enough is enough. You could be causing yourself a problem if you continue with a heated discussion. Tonight: Accept an offer.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

you must. Your emotions might make you feel as if you can't reach a resolution. If you tap into your logical side, others will think that you make sense; however, they still might head in a different direction. Tonight: Get some much-needed rest.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

different stance on what is being discussed. You could have difficulty following through on a key task because your mind is elsewhere. A sticky situa-

 $\star \star \star \star$  You will need to anchor in and work through a problem involving a misunderstanding. Be aware that others are likely to overreact. A child or new friend could express his or her caring. Do not push someone too hard. Tonight: Discuss a potential trip with a loved one.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

 $\star \star \star \star$  Do not put off a call for too long. Make it happen today; otherwise, the results won't be nearly as good. You'll have a lot of energy; use it to make a situation work better for you. You could be surprised by what a partner does. Listen to news more openly. Tonight: Visit with a pal.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

 $\star \star \star$  Be aware of the costs of continuing as you have been. Ask questions. Someone is likely to respond in kind and give you an explanation. You'll see that you can mend a fence, but you might wonder whether you really want to. Tonight: Treat a loved one to dinner.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)  $\star \star \star \star$  You will feel as if you are in your element and able to achieve much more of what you want. Your energy is high as is your charisma. You can't be stopped once you get going. You naturally dominate anything you decide to do. Tonight: Extend an invitation to a friend.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

 $\star \star \star$  Know what is happening be- $\star \star \star \star$  You will be out of control, hind the scenes. You might choose to share more than you normally do. Expect the unexpected, and you will not be thrown off-kilter. If you are single, someone you meet today could become a lot more to you. Tonight: Go with the flow

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Zero in on priorities during  $\star \star \star \star$  Pace yourself, and do what a meeting. You'll find that you are juggling two different situations. Realize that one or both situations could become explosive. Know what you want from each one. You might be put in a position of making a fast decision. Tonight: Ever playful.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

 $\star \star \star \star$  You could be more forth- $\star \star \star \star$  Your imagination takes a right than you have been in a while, especially as you might be dealing with someone's overly dominant attitude. Touch base with someone you care a lot about, and he or she will appreciate tion involving your personal life might your thoughtfulness. Tonight: Out late.

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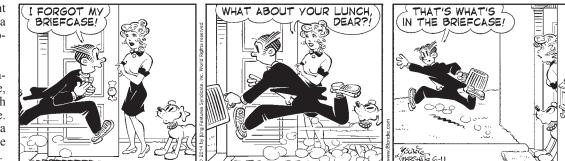
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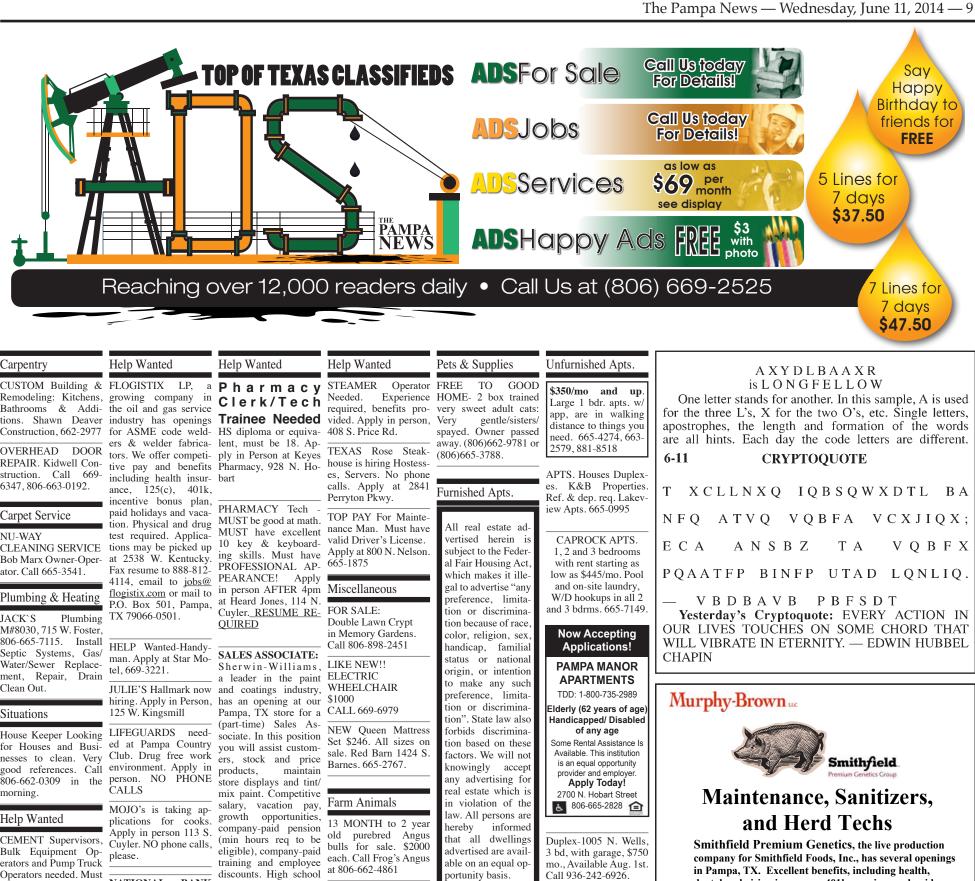


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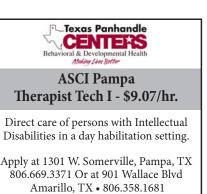
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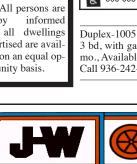
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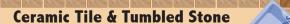
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My husband works while I stay at home because of a tries to grab them. Sometimes medical condition. Because I get bored, I spend some of my time communicating with and texting male friends from it's disturbing. the past and one of my exhusbands.

We have fun texting and sometimes it goes a little bevond that. I realize I am married and my ex is engaged, but how harmful can this be? I don't think I'm hurting anyone, and it helps the day go by.

Is this considered cheating? I don't think it is because my ex and I live in different states up. My little girl has also and the chances of us ever getting together again are slim to none. — PASSING TIME

This isn't harmless fun; other women in the family. it's a threat to your marriage. Whether I consider it CREEPED OUT IN VALENcheating is beside the point. Whether your husband and your ex's fiancee would con- Children have been known P.O. Box 447, Mount Morsider it cheating is the ques-"pastime," I suspect both something the child does or the price.)

DEAR ABBY: My 2-yearold daughter has recently become boob-obsessed. The first thing she does in the morning is point at my chest and say, "Boobs!" If she hugs me, she

I catch her staring at my chest in fascination. I scold her when she grabs at them, but

I never taught her the word "boob" and feel annoyed that she probably learned it from our sitter. When I spoke to the sitter about it, she laughed and said it's perfectly normal and that a lot of kids are as Jeanne Phillips, and was boob-obsessed. But it doesn't seem normal to me, and I'm creeped out.

sweatshirts to keep covered started grabbing my butt and lifting up my shirt, and I'm nervous about how she's DEAR PASSING TIME: acting around the sitter and Is this behavior normal? – CIA, CALIF.

**DEAR CREEPED OUT:** would be hurt, angry and says, the child will repeat the

Because vou are concerned that your daughter's behavior isn't normal, the person to discuss this with would be her pediatrician. The doctor can put your fears to rest or alert you if there is something to worry about.

Another thought: Ask your baby sitter to be more circumspect in the language she uses around your child if the word "boob" offends you, because children build their vocabularies repeating the words they hear. \*\*\*\*\*\*

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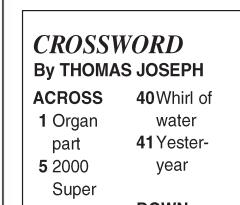
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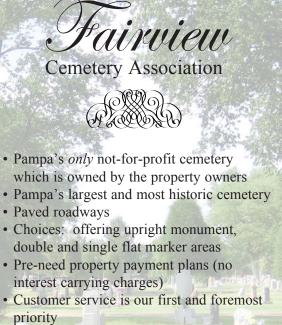
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The Lady Harvesters' junior softball clinic was held Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. for girls grades one to nine at the high school field. Pampa head softball coach Bobbi Gill said the goal of the camp is to teach the skills and form that are taught with in the high school program, and to give younger players insight on what the high school players do on a daily basis.







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