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Today at a glance



Snow pictures



Bouncin' Around, Dr. Young on snow cancellations



Tralee Thriftique: More than a thrift store



Photos by John Lee

Top, Maria Bueno and Glenda Lumpkin are the friendly faces that you will see when shopping at Tralee Thriftique. The store offers just about anything someone would need from household items to clothing. They have a section for men, women and children. They accept any donations other than large furniture. The store is located next to Heard-Jones on Cuyler in downtown Pampa.

BY JOHN LEE jclee@thepampanews.com

Although Tralee Crisis Center's resale store has been at their current location for almost five years, it only because Tralee Thriftique in December of 2012.

They decided to change the name as part of their remodel and image change more than two years ago.

Since then, the staff at Tralee Thriftique said the store has seen an increase in business, including some out-of-towners.

Tralee Crisis Center's DeeDee Laramore said the agency has had a thrift store since 1994 when they opened at 308 S. Cuvler.

location.

The profits made at Tralee Thriftique all go towards helping victims of domestic violence, sexual abuse or other violent crimes. At least 10 percent or more of the donations are given free to Tralee clients who are in need of clothing and household goods for

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Sgt. Gass back to Lubbock for additional treatment

Amarillo Bulls to hold fundraiser for Houston Gass.

STAFF REPORT

After coming home last weekend, Pampa Police Officer Sergeant Houston Gass is heading back to Lubbock.



Houston

Gass

Pampa Police Officer Kenneth Hopson told The Pampa News that Sgt. Gass needed to have more surgeries done next week but is doing well.

The Amarillo hockey team, the Amarillo Bulls, will be holding a fundraiser for Sgt. Gass on Jan. 31 during their Back to Badge night.

"We are asking all law enforcement and emergency responders to come," Rick

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Pampans to play in All-Star Tournament

STAFF REPORT Pampa High School will have three rep- Taylor Eubank and resentatives today at Allison Noble will be the Panhandle Golden competiting. Spread All-Star Volleyball Tournament. The tournament is congratulations hosted by Randall this honor. High School and be-

gins at 11 a.m. today. Madison Brown, Best of luck to the

three of you girls and on

February 2015 immunization clinic schedule



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The building was donated to Tralee Crisis Center by National Bank of Commerce.

In 1997, the building was renovated when the Tralee Crisis Center's board of directors took over store responsibilities.

It was moved to its current location, next door to Heard-Jones Health Mart, in March 2010 after outgrowing its previous

SUBMITTED PAMPA DSHS

The Department of State Health Services has released their Immunization Clinic Schedule for February 2015.

For Pampa, clinics will be held for the

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PHS choir to hold annual "Dinner Theatre"

SUBMITTED

The Pampa High School Choir Department is preparing for their Annual "Dinner Theatre" production titled "Evening on Broadway." The event will take place on Wednesday, Jan. 28 and Thursday, Jan. 29 starting at 7 p.m. in the M.K. Brown Heritage Room. There will be many performances from various students and groups from the high school choirs. Some musicals that will be featured are: West Side Story; Dreamgirls; Footloose; Phantom of the Opera; Les Miserables and many more.

In addition to the student performances guests will enjoy a dinner consisting of: salad, roasted pork tenderloin with cranberry-jalapeno relish, Italian green beans, mashed potatoes, dinner roll, dessert and tea/water and/ or coffee.

This is one of the choir department's largest fundraiser that takes place in the spring and helps the students fund their annual choir trip. This year the choir students will the traveling to New York. Reservations are \$25 per person and can be made through any choir student or by contacting Mrs. Montgomery or Mr. Mays at brianna.montgomery@pampaisd.net or Julie Frost at 806-662-4111. In addition to the show, they students will also be holding a silent auction where 100 percent of the item goes to the students' account.

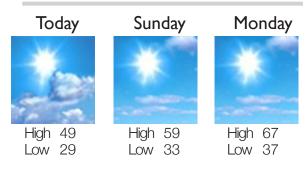








PAMPA FORECAST



Today: Mostly sunny, with a high near 49. Wind chill values between 16 and 26 early. West wind around 10 mph. Sunrise at 7:50 a.m.

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 29. Wind chill values between 22 and 27. West wind around 10 mph. Sunset at 6:03 p.m.

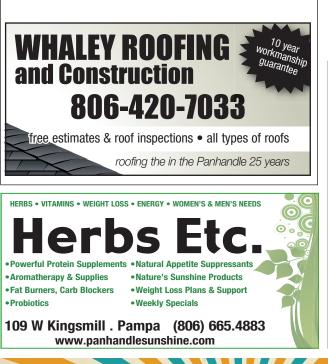
Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 59. Northwest wind around 10 mph. Sunrise at 7:49 a.m.

Sunday night: Mostly clear, with a low around 33. West northwest wind around 10 mph. Sunset at 6:04 p.m.

Monday: Sunny, with a high near 67. Northwest wind around 10 mph. Sunrise at 7:49 a.m.

Monday night: Mostly clear, with a low around 37. West wind 5 to 10 mph. Sunset at 6:05 p.m.

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PISD School Board to meet Monday

STAFF REPORT

A regular meeting of Hobart. the Board of Trustees School District will be cellence at 7:00 p.m. held Jan. 29, beginning at There will then be time 7 p.m. in the Pampa ISD set aside for public com-

First, the Board will

Education, 1/31/15, 10am-

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The Board will then consider approving the sible action to seek bids following Consent Agenda items:

• Quarterly Investment Report

· Board meeting minutes for Dec. 16, 2014 and Jan. 8, 2015. • Approving monthly

financial reports. • Approving signatures

for bank accounts for Policy Update 101. campus activity accounts

move on to discuss and items:

Items

 Consideration and es. possible action regarding recommendation from PISD Stakeholder Committee regarding potential bond election.

• Approving purchase port.

Clinic

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first 10 clients at 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and



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themselves and their families, the remaining items

· Approving a bid for surance.

• Discussion and posor cooperative purchase agreement pricing related to potential summer projects.

Consideration and possible action to solicit bids for a pickup for the PISD Maintenance Department.

· First reading of TASB

After action items, the Next, the Board will Board will discuss employment of professional consider taking action employee(s) before hearon the following agenda ing the following reports:

 Implementation of Discussion / Action Chrome Books at the PISD secondary campus-

> • First Semester Arrest and Citation Report.

· First semester major injury report.

• Student enrollment re-

from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Feb. 4.

There will also be clinics for the same times on Feb. 11 and Feb. 18. The Department of State Health Services in Pampa is located at 121 S. Gillespie.

For McLean, their only clinic will be from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Feb. 10 at Lovett Library located at 302 N. Main in McLean.

All clinic times subject to change or cancellation in case of extenuating circumstances.

are sold to the public.

Currently, the store is in need of children's clothes as they are hoping to put a new set of clothes. They store is also in need of household items to sell.

They do not accept large furniture such as beds and couches, as it would overwhelm the store. But those looking to donate the large items can take them down to their main office at 308 S. Cuyler as they use them for their clients.

The employees of the Thriftique include Maria Bueno and Glenda Lumpkin who love working at the Thriftique because it is a great asset to the community "They (the clients) come in and shop, and they get whatever they need by being able to come to this store," Lumpkin said. "If it was closed you would lose that. That's an asset to the community. I love working here, I wouldn't trade it for anything in the world." Tralee Crisis Center's Thriftique is located at 114 N. Cuyler in Pampa. Their hours are from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, call 669-1131.

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Gass

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Matchett, general manager/ vice president of the Amarillo Bulls said.

We just want to show our support and help out the best we can."

Any law enforcement and first responders who can furnish an ID or come to the game in uniform will be given a free ticket. Their families will receive a discounted ticket of \$7 with \$2 of the purchase going back to Sgt. Gass.

There will also be a pass the bucket or boot going around where fans can donate to the fundraiser.

There will be plenty of opportunities to donate to the family," Matchett said.

Fans are also encouraged to wear blue to show support for law enforcement.

For more information on the Amarillo Bulls visit their website at www. amarillobulls.pointstreaksites.com/ view/amarillobulls or call 806-242-1122.

Obituaries

Roy G. Floyd

Roy G. Floyd, 87, died Jan. 22, 2015, in Pampa. Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 27, 2015, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel, with Pastor



Roy G.

Floyd

Brian Thomas of Harvest Bible Church, officiating. Burial will follow in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Floyd was born Jan. 19, 1928, in Granite, Okla. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving during the Korean Conflict. He married Elsie Hartman on March 21, 1950, in Arnet, Okla. She preceded him in death on June 29, 2000. Roy had been a resident of Pampa since 1950. He worked as a mechanic for

Celanese Corporation, retiring in 1991 after 20 years of service. He was a member of First United Methodist Church and the Moose Lodge.

He was also preceded in death by a daughter, Barbara Davis in 2007.

Survivors include his son, Terry Floyd of Amarillo; and one grandson, Jared Floyd and wife Amber of Pampa, and one great-granddaughter, Madison Floyd of Pampa.

Memorials may be made to Harrington Cancer Foundation, 1600 Wallace Boulevard, Amarillo, Texas 79106

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

James Dean Hartson

James Dean Hartson died in Houston on Jan. 19, 2015. James was born in Pampa on Oct. 24. 1958.

Cremation will be by A-Cremation of Houston. James will be buried with his Mother and Grandmother at Hopewell Cemetery in Gilmer, Texas.

James was preceded in death in death by his mother Sheila Janette Landers, His dad Cleburn Franklin Hartson and his grandmother Maurice Roper.

Survivors include sons Ryan Landrum, Christopher Landers and Brandon Hartson of Dallas. Brother, Patrick Hartson of Houston. Aunt and uncle Glen and Barbara Preas of Pampa. Grandchildren, Michelle Hays, Austin Hartson and Arlicia Landrum of Nacogdoches. Special friends Dan and Trina Donalson of Houston.

James loved his Family and Friends and spent as much time as possible with them. He was a great Father, Brother, Nephew and friend. James was a truck driver, and he always told the best stories. He will be missed dearly.

Memorials may be made to the Diabetes Foundation.

Jacquline Hill Brown

Jacquline Hill Brown, 61, of Amarillo, died Friday, Jan. 23, 2015.

Services will be at 1 p.m., Monday, Jan. 26, 2015, at Hillside Christian Church Northwest with Craig Albracht and Chris Condit officiating. Burial will be

at 11 a.m., Tuesday, Jan. 27, 2015, in Rising Star Cemetery. Arrangements are by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors, 2800 Paramount Blvd.

Jackie was born Dec. 15, 1953, in Kermit, Texas to Jack and Joyce to Heifer International, 1 Tyler Hill. She graduated from Dal- World Ave., Little Rock, Arlas Christian College where she met

Survivors include her husband, Dwight Brown of Amarillo; two sons, Matt Brown and wife, Kellen of Carrolton and Jason Brown and wife Whitney of Canyon; a daughter, Stacey Gibson and husband Brian of Joplin, Missouri; her father, Jack Hill of Brownwood; a sister, Paula Ann Cole of Brownwood; a brother, Terry Weldon Hill and wife Christie of Friendswood, Texas, and seven grandchildren, Judah, Eden, Jacob, Elise, Harper, Emery and Cohen.

The family will receive guests on Sunday from 5 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

The family suggests memorials be made to your favorite charity.

Sign the online guestbook at www.boxwellbrothers. com.

Charlie Neal Gee

Charlie Neal Gee, 99, died January 23, 2015 in Pam-

Graveside services will be at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Jan.



27, 2015, at Greenleaf Cemetery in Brownwood, with Rev. Mark White, pastor of Union Presbyterian Church of Brownwood, officiating.

Memorial services will be at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 29, 2015, at First Presbyterian Church, with Rev. Jim Friedewald, pastor, and Nancy Ruff, commissioned ruling elder, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-

Neal Gee

Charlie

Whatley Funeral Directors. Mrs. Gee was born Feb. 2, 1915,

in Thorndale, Texas to Barnett and Kathryn Badu Young. She graduated from Breckinridge High School and Draughon's Business School in San Antonio. She received a B.A. degree from Howard Payne College in Brownwood with a degree in business administration. She served her country during World War II, by working for the 8th Service Command, Army Services Forces, Camp Hood, Texas, then taught for two years at Howard Payne College, followed by work with the Department of Welfare and several law firms. She married Owen Fuller Gee on Jan. 17, 1959, in Pampa.

Charlie Neal had been a resident of Pampa since 1947, moving from Brownwood where she was the assistant manager of the Brownwood Chamber of Commerce for six years. She was an administrative secretary for Cabot Corporation for 11 and half years, retiring in 1959. Charlie and Owen worked with Cabot in many countries, including France and the Netherlands, returning to Pampa in 1961. He preceded her in death on Febr. 18, 1998.

She was a member of First Presbyterian Church, Gray County Texas Genealogical Society, Knife & Fork Club, Twentieth Century Culture Club, Pampa Garden Club, and Community Concert Association. She was an amateur photographer and a member of the Amarillo Photographic Society.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Joe Hardin Young, in 1933.

Survivors include a stepdaughter, Patricia Sides of Corpus Christi; four step grandsons: Edward Owen Sides and Van Kent Sides and wife Karen, all of Austin, Charles Christopher Sides of Corpus Christi, and Patrick Owen Sides and wife Nettie of Robstown; nine step great-grandchildren and several step great-greatgrandchildren; and a niece, Carol Gee, Esq., San Francisco, California.

Memorials may be made kansas 72202 or First Pres Pampa, Texas 79065.



NBC SWITCHES OVER **TO AIMBANK**



Photo by Lindsey Tomaschik

NBC spent its final day operating under the name of National Bank of Commerce on Friday. NBC debit cards became inactive Friday afternoon, and it is now operating as a branch of AimBank.

City Commission to meet Monday

STAFF REPORT

The Pampa City Commission will meet at 5:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 26 at City Hall.

The mayor and commissioners will discuss and consider taking action on the following agenda items:

• Approving the minutes of the Jan. 12, 2015 Regular Commission Meeting as presented.

· Excuse the absence of Commissioner John Studebaker from the Jan. 12, 2015 Regular City Commission Meetıng.

• Adopting a Resolution of the City of Pampa approving a grant from the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission to the Pampa Police Department in the amount of \$25,338.99 for a mobile vision server upgrade and DVR units for police cars.

· Approving on first reading a Resolution of the City of Pampa approving a grant from the Pampa Economic Development Corporation to Pampa Energy Center in the amount of \$350,000 for improvements on County Road J.

• Approving the List of Disbursements dated December 2014

Consent agenda

Executive session

Interim City Manager appointment

Work Session

• iPad Training - Donny Hooper



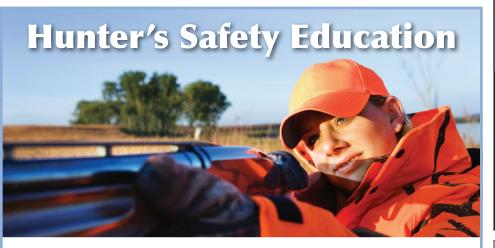
Hill Brown

Dwight Brown. They were married byterian Church Book of May 25, 1974. She served along- Remembrance, 525 N. Gray,

side her husband in ministries in the Texas and Oklahoma Panhandle. She was a loving and dedicated wife, mother and nana.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Joyce Hill. whatley.com.

Sign the online guest register at www.carmichael-



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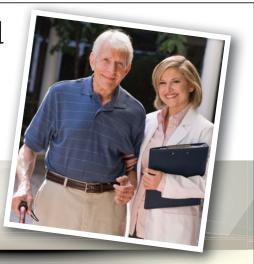
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if purchased beforehand, can qualify. For more details, call or come by.



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Effects of low gas prices

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been nice

to save an

extra \$10 when we

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gas, but the

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the best.



REDONN WOODS

Since I was a kid, my life has been affected directly or indirectly with the oilfield. Dad worked for Ingersol-rand and my step dad was a contract pumper. Now my husband works in the oilfield. When gas prices go down, we know that hours could be cut and jobs could be lost. When prices are high, times are good. Companies are hiring and of course people complain about the high price of gas.

Gallon for gallon, gaso-

line is still one of cheapest thing you can buy.

I know every profession has it's ups and downs, but everyone in the Panhandle can feel the strain of the oil and gas industry.

When you have been laid off or hours are less, you have to cut back. That means not going out to eat, spending less at the local stores and doing without extra services that you're used to having.

If you're new to this, just know it will go back up. It always does and times will be better. Hopefully sooner than later. When times are good, save for the lean times. Also, when you go to fill up with gas and it's \$3.50 a gallon be happy, someone still has their

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Bouncin' Around Blizzard of 1978

Someone asked recently if I remembered the blizzard of 1978. Oh yes, I definitely remember that par-



ticular "snowmageddon" and how we who were living in northern Illinois at the time were affected. I was nine months pregnant with our first and only child. I had been working part time, but on Dec. 26 the doctor told me that "it could

be any day" and that I should quit my job. So I quit my job (that had been the plan all along) and stayed home, waiting for Baby's arrival...and waited...and waited.

There was a bit of road construction in town, and my husband even went so far as to drive us over those roads in hopes that I would go into labor before the end of the year. Didn't work. I ate spicy foods, but all that happened was a bad case of heartburn. I went shopping, haunted the library, and watched daytime television.

On Jan. 25, they were forecasting a "Panhandle Hook" snowstorm that might bring us a "few inches" of snow. Thanks to all the people here in the Panhandle who wished the

storm north, that "few inches" began out into the country, and I not only in the afternoon of Jan. 26, and came down at the rate of about two inches an hour. This was before everyone, including us, had snow blowers, and I was definitely not allowed to shovel snow.

My husband and his boss left work early, and Ron came home where we watched the snow pile up in our driveway and cover our cars. We didn't have a garage, so it didn't take long to bury the vehicles. On Friday the 27th it had finally stopped snowing, and Ron went out to begin shoveling out our driveway. The plows finally made it on Saturday, filling the apron of the driveway again.

The flat total was about 23 inches, but drifts were measured at eight to nine feet. At the time, we had two cars, a 1973 Dodge Dart, and a 1974 Ford Gran Torino. The Torino could be eccentric and Ron said if we had to make a run to the hospital and the Torino wouldn't start, he would push it into the street and hope a snowplow would hit it.

Sunday dawned clear and cold, and we went to church as usual. That afternoon I begged to go for a ride, as I was suffering a severe case of cabin fever by then, having sat in the house for a month. We drove

enjoyed being out where I could see the beautiful sculpted snow drifts, I insisted on getting out of the car to take pictures. I didn't realize at the time that within 24 hours I would be in labor. That night we got a call from one of Ron's good friends, Robbie, whose wife had just given birth to a son that day, and I grumbled because I was still waiting.

Monday morning, I woke early as I would usually get up first and get dressed and start breakfast. The first contraction happened about then. I called the doctor, and he said we should go to the hospital, so I woke Ron saying, "You're not going to work today." His reply, "Of course I'm going to work; I've been off four days!'

I finally got him to realize that we were changing plans for the day, and we were soon in the Torino, which obligingly had started, and on our way to the hospital. After about six hours, the baby was not making much progress, and the nurse said they would send me home.

With my typical stubbornness, I said, "I came here to have a baby, and I'm not leaving without one.'

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Are we having school today?

job.

Playing with Peyton

Growing pains of a young parent.

When I was asked to do a third, brief column concerning something other than sports and my love for video games and other nerdy things, I was thinking, "What is the third most important thing in my life?"

Oh, that's right! My wife, Maria, and my son, Peyton. I jest, of

course. As many of you already know, my

most four years and I had our first child, a boy, over the summer last year.

Peyton, now five months old, has been a blessing, a learning experience and a time-filler all in one 15-pound little person.

The winter has been a little rough on the little guy, though.

Right after Thanksgiving he caught the flu, but we were able to catch it early enough he just kept us up for a couple nights.

Then right around Christmas he caught RSV and had to be on breathing treatments for two-and-ahalf weeks.

He definitely knows how to keep mom and dad on their toes, but he has since recovered and seems to be his happy playful little self.

We are working on getting him into the crawling stage now, he can sit up for the most part just fine. There have been a couple moments, however, where him and I will be sitting on

> the couch and he will reach for a toy between him and I and all of the sudden he faceplants into my upper arm. He has

shown at times, though, that he can support himself on his arms and legs, it's just the motion of crawling he still has trouble with. I will say that he is a proficient scooter, though.

I will occasionally share pictures of Peyton in my articles so you can see how he is growing. The picture this week was a daddy-Peyton selfie that I took just a few hours before the Denver Broncos' playoff game on Jan. 18. As you can see Peyton's hat is still a little big for him, but we are both wearing No. 18 Broncos gear.

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This time of year I have the opportunity to perform one of my least



whether or YOUNG not school can occur

on a regular schedule. There are many factors that go into this analysis on a very tight time frame. I thought I would take this opportunity to share some details about how exactly this decision-making process works.

Let me begin by stating the obvious: the absolute focal point in determining whether or not a delay or cancellation is called for is the safety of our students, parents and staff as they travel to and from school. Impacting that safe travel is the fact that some students are transported by school bus, some by their parents and some driving themselves. Further variation exists in that some students travel long distances to school and some commutes are very short. All of these factors are considered as a decision is being made regarding whether or not to have school when we are experiencing whether phenomena such as sleet, snow or ice.

The timing of a deci-

Trust me when I say that every superintendent's dream is for the impending weather situation to manifest itself early enough that a clear decision can be made in time for the 6 o'clock news the night before school is to be impacted. Doing so allows families more than enough time to adjust their plans and make arrangements for the next day. This is, however, rarely the case and weather decisions must be made early in the morning before buses ferent in communities begin to roll or breakfast begin to be prepared on campuses. In Pampa ISD, our goal is to have a decision made no later than 5:30 a.m. so that we can communicate with students, parents and staff in time to adjust their morning routines if necessary. To meet this timeline, district staff (usually yours truly and the PISD Transportation Director) get up around 4:00 a.m. and begin to travel the roads across the school district. We examine bus routes, neighborhoods around schools, and major access routes to determine whether or not we can safely get kids to school on time. This process often takes more than an hour depending on road conditions.

sion is also important.

Making the decision about starting school is often complicated by the fact that conditions can change rapidly in the

Texas Panhandle. Sometimes roads can behave very differently during the morning commuting time between 7:15 and 8 a.m. than they did at 4:30 or 5 a.m. The superintendents in our area also communicate a great deal in these situations about what each school district is experiencing and any decision that needs to be made. However, weather pattern variations sometimes make this information less useful as conditions can be dramatically difthat are only separated by 10-20 miles.

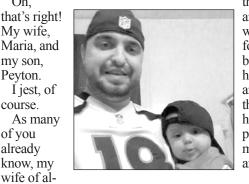
The City of Pampa is an invaluable ally in bad weather situations. A high degree of communication exists between the school and the city when making the school start decision. Pampa is blessed by a city staff that is collaborative and works diligently to clear areas around schools, sand intersections that may be difficult to traverse, and communicates with school personnel to target areas we identify as needing extra care. Please join me in thanking these individuals for the tireless work they do.

Also deserving of commendation are members of the PISD custodial, maintenance and transportation departments. These folks do a great job day in and day out, but never is that more evident than in situations when the weather is

less than cooperative. I would like to say a huge thank you to each and every member of these teams.

Once a decision is made, the final step in the process is to notify everyone as to whether we are starting on regular schedule, calling for a delayed start (usually two hours) or canceling school. We share our decision through all available media outlets such as television stations, local radio and the newspaper. Additionally, information is usually shared through districtoperated social media such as Facebook or Twitter. An automated phone call is also made to the households of all PISD students and staff. Parents may also sign up to receive notifications through our student information system. If you have questions or are experiencing difficulty receiving communication from any or all of these sources, please contact a PISD campus or the district office.

It is my hope that you find the information I've shared here to be helpful. Please know that it is intended to be so. Adverse weather situations present many challenges for us all to deal with. As for the school perspective, it is important to remember that our guiding light in making these decisions (as it is in all other decisions as well) is student safety.



Snow

Continued From Page 4A

They let me stay, and 26 hours later, our daughter was finally born. My poor tired husband made it home after stopping to order flowers for me, and got some sleep. That evening he picked up our mothers and took them to dinner, and as they left the restaurant, that was the time the Torino decided it wasn't going to start. Ron got a jump for the car after putting the ladies in a cab for the hospital. He got the Torino home,

pulled the Dodge out, put the Torino in the driveway, and finally got back up to the hospital to see

So yes, I do remember the blizzard of 1978, and the one that came a year later with an equal amount of snow. In both storms, we had snow piles over seven feet high on both sides of the driveway. If it appears there is another "Panhandle Hook" brewing here, don't tell our friends in Illinois that we will be rooting for the storm.

Judi Smith resides in Pampa and can be reached at jlsmith46@aol.com.

Area support groups

The following is a list of support groups that meet regularly each week in Pampa. Information for each meeting is submitted to The Pampa News office and may not be completely updated or accurate. Please notify the newsroom if a change is necessary.

The Pampa News welcomes all submitted materials for area support groups. Please include the meeting time, date and location and, if applicable, provide a contact number for each group.

■ Victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, meet at 6 p.m., Thursdays, starting June 26 at the Tralee Crisis Center, 308 S. Cuyler St. For more info, call the Center at 806-669-1131.

■ Narcotics Anonymous — The Pampa Group meets at 7:30 p.m., Tuesdays, and at 6 p.m., Saturdays, at 805 N. Gray St. Narcotics Anonymous — Rufe Jordan Unit also meets at 6 p.m., Mondays, and at 5:30 p.m., Wednesdays, at 1992 Hilton Road.

■ Cancer Support meets from 12-1 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month at Central Baptist Church. For more info, contact Beth Kean at 800-274-4673

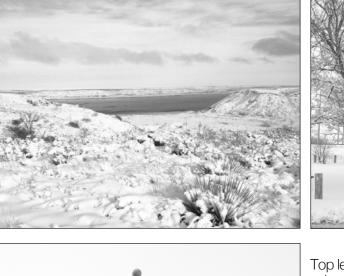
■ Alcoholics Anonymous Open Door Club meets daily at noon and 8 p.m. at 910 W. Kentucky Ave. Al-Anon meets at noon on Mondays. For more information, call 665-9072.

■ Alcoholics Anonymous Primary Purpose meets daily at noon and 8 p.m. at 112 W. Foster Ave.

■ Alcoholics Anonymous Keep It Simple meets Thursdays at 6 p.m. at the Methodist church in White Deer

■ Pampa Caregiver Support meets at the Pampa Nursing Center on 1321 W. Kentucky Ave. at 6 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month. For more information call 806-669-2551.

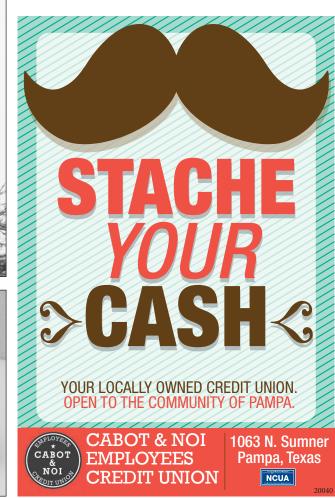
Accolade Home Care sponsors a Parkinson's Support Group the second Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. The group meets at Accolade at 1313 N. Hobart St. They also have an Alzheimer's support group, which is held on the third Monday of each month at First United Methodist Church, located at 201 E. Foster, at noon. For more information, call Lindsey Presson at 806-665-9700 or 806-324-3230.



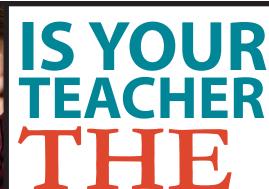


Submitted photos

Top left photo, this scenic photo of Lake Meredith was submitted to TPN via Facebook. Sharon Wampler of the Pampa Post Office submitted the additional three photos. She offered commentary for the various places she went. Top right, she wonders how the pioneers of Pampa kept warm at a time like this. Left, American the Beautiful and Texas' flags still waved proudly on Thursday. Bottom, The bench snow was undisturbed.





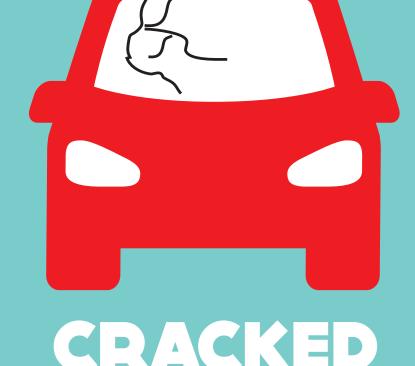


Pictures from Wednesday's snowfall our new daughter.



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Explaining reduced benefits

TOM MARGENAU Creator's Syndicate

Q: In a recent column, you said that if you took reduced benefits on your own Social Security record, you could not later switch to full benefits on a spouse's Social Security record. Yet I iust did that. I signed up for my own Social Security when I was 62 several years ago. My husband just turned 66 and filed for his own Social Security. I am now also 66 and the Social Security people had me file for full wife's benefits on his record. So how does this jive with what you wrote in your column?

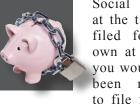


stantly trying to make to file for reduced benefits have been due on his get a 32 percent delayed on one record and later record. switch to full benefits on another record. (That your case is that your Security rule does NOT apply to husband was not yet get- checks. widows and widowers.)

apply for Social Security, you must file for any and all benefits you are eligible for at the same time.

A: The point I am con-





ting Social Security when The law (again, except you applied for your own their spouse is already she became a widow, she account.

When he did file for his So had your husband own retirement benefits take your full age-66 rate took benefits at 62, her rate of \$2,400. (even though you took rate is reduced to \$900. benefits at 62) and they ment rate.

the years, thousands of comes out to about \$666.

back to my overall point spousal rate would be cut apply to widows or widefits before age 66. Over Social Security check work. women have told me this: Well, Betty is already 62. He is a widower. His bald spot on the top of "I plan to file for wife's getting more than that wife, Wilma, had worked my head! benefits on my husband's in her own \$900 retire- and paid Social Security record at age 62, and then ment benefit, so she isn't taxes until she died a due anything on Barney's couple years ago. Fred's record

if Betty could take that full Social Security rate

at the time you my own record when I \$666 at age 62 and then for reduced widower's filed for your turn 66." And my mes- at age 66, switch to her benefits at 62. He would own at age 62, sage to them is that they own full retirement rate get about 82 percent you would have simply can NOT do that. of \$1,200. And again, the of Wilma's benefit, or been required If they waited until age answer is NO. She can around \$1,968 per month. to file for both 66, then they could file NOT take reduced ben- He could get those benreduced retirement for full spousal benefits efits on one record and efits until age 66, when my readers is that as a benefits and any reduced and at 70, switch to a full later switch to full ben- he could switch to his general rule, you cannot wife's benefits you might retirement benefit and efits on another account. full retirement benefit

When Barney was 72 of \$2,100. Or he could retirement bonus added years old, he died. Betty, choose to delay switch-But the difference in to their monthly Social who was 67 at the time, ing to his own account retirement is now due widow's ben- until age 70, when he efits. And because she would get 132 percent of But again, assuming was over age 66 when his full rate, or \$2,772. for widows and widow- benefits. So you were getting Social Security is due 100 percent of to get back to the letter ers) says that if you are not required to file for when they turn 62, they Barney's Social Security. writer's Social Security under age 66 when you any spousal benefits on can't file for one ben- She gets a full widow's case that started this his account at that time efit then and switch to rate even though she column. Remember, she -- because he had no another benefit later on. took reduced benefits said she took reduced However, they could at 62. Let's say that at retirement benefits at 62, switch if the spouse dies. the time of death, with and then when her hus-To clarify all of this, annual cost-of-living band recently filed for already been getting his at age 66, then at that let's follow an example. increases, Barney was his own Social Security point, you could also file Barney applied for his getting \$2,400 per month at age 66, started getting on his record. So you Social Security when he and Betty was getting part of his benefits added are now able to claim was 66. He started get- \$1,100 per month. Betty to her own. That coua full wife's benefit, ting \$2,000 per month. will keep getting her own ple actually had another which will be added to His slightly younger \$1,100 retirement ben- option using one of the your reduced retirement wife, Betty, turned 62 the efit, but she will also Social Security maximizbenefit. Here is how the next year and applied for start getting \$1,300 in ing strategies discussed Social Security people Social Security. Her own widow's benefits to take so often in this space. He will figure your spousal full retirement benefit is her total benefits up to could file for husband's supplement. They will \$1,200, but because she Barney's month-of-death benefits on his wife's

Some might wonder if point about widow(er)s. those benefits until age will subtract that from Betty is due any bene- Remember that earlier in 70 when he could take one half of your hus- fits on Barney's account. this column, I pointed 132 percent of his own band's age-66 rate. Any After all, they ask: out that the rule that nor- rate. And then at that difference will be added "Isn't a wife due half mally says that if you point, his wife could file to your reduced retire- of her husband's Social apply for Social Security for her spousal benefit, Security?" If she waited before age 66, you must although that supplement So that's how things until 66, she would be file for any and all ben- would be based on his will work in your situa- due half. But again, Betty efits you are due. But I age 66 rate, not his age tion. But now let me get filed at age 62, so her said that rule does not 70 amount. about the impact of tak- to about one third. One owers. Here is an exam- hair out after reading ing Social Security ben- third of Barney's \$2,000 ple of how that would this column, maybe now

> full age-66 retirement the answer. Contact him at Others might wonder rate is \$2,100. Wilma's thomas.margenau@comcast.

> > Member SIPC

Social Security switch to full benefits on reduced wife's benefit of is \$2,400. Fred can file

And finally, I want record and get half of her I want to make one more age 66 rate. He could get

If you are pulling your you'll understand why Fred is retiring at age I've got an ever-growing

> If you have a Social Security question, Tom Margenau has

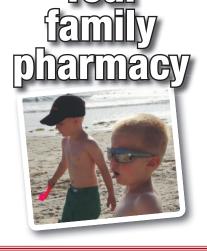




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Preparation for Winter Activities

Snow, ice and frigid weather can pose problems for the body. With snow likely in January's forecast across the U.S., knowing how to properly shovel can prevent harm to the musculoskeletal system. Live Well Chiroprac**tic** suggests the following tips for snow shoveling:

> If you must shovel snow, be careful. Listen to weather forecasts so you can rise early and have time to shovel before work.

Layer clothing to keep your muscles warm and flexible.

Shoveling can strain "de-conditioned" muscles between your shoulders, in your upper back, lower back, buttocks and legs. So,

do some warm-up stretching before you grab that shovel.

- When you do shovel, push the snow straight ahead. Don't try to throw it. Walk it to the snow bank. Avoid sudden twisting and turning motions.
- Bend your knees to lift when shoveling. Let the muscles of your legs and arms do the work, not your back.
- Take frequent rest breaks to take the strain off your muscles. A fatigued

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body asks for injury. • Stop if you feel chest pain, or get really tired or have

shortness of breath. You may need emergency medical help. After snow shoveling, if you are sore, apply an ice bag to the affected area for 20 minutes, then take it off for a couple of hours. Repeat a couple of times each day over the next day or two. If you continue to feel soreness, pain or strain after following these tips, it may be time to visit a doctor of chiropractic.

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Weekly Menus Pampa Independent School District

MONDAY, January 26 Macaroni & cheese or chicken nuggets, mixed fruit, steamed broccoli, mixed vegetables Breakfast - Pancake n' sausage on a stick **TUESDAY**, January 27 Breakfast for lunch or steak fingers, pineapple tidbits, black eyed peas, tossed salad Breakfast - Donut WEDNESDAY, January 28 Teriyaki chicken or pizza dippers, diced peaches, green beans, baby carrots Breakfast - Poptart THURSDAY, January 29 Sloppy Joe or pizza, sliced apples, vegetarian beans, sliced cucumbers Breakfast - Cinnamon roll, sausage patty **FRIDAY**, January 30 Grilled cheese sandwich or hot dog, Mandarin oranges, french fries, celery sticks Breakfast - Cereal, toast

Pampa Meals on Wheels

MONDAY, January 26 Spaghetti/meatsauce, green beans, bread stick, salad, cookies **TUESDAY**, January 27 Polish sausage, cheese grits, mixed greens, cake WEDNESDAY, January 28 Tater tot casserole, cabbage, black-eyed peas, mixed fruit THURSDAY, January 29 Hot dogs/buns, chili, onion rings, peach cobbler FRIDAY, January 30 Roast, okra/tomatoes, pinto beans, cornbread, pudding

Pampa Senior Citizens Center

MONDAY, January 26

Chicken fried steak or chicken & dumplings, mashed potatoes, spinach, beets, Northern beans, slaw, tossed salad, Jell-O, lemon cake, blueberry cream pie, fruit cup, hot roll, cornbread

TUESDAY, January 27

Chicken pot pie or meatloaf, scalloped potatoes, green bean casserole, corn, pinto beans, slaw, tossed salad, Jell-O, milk chocolate cake, pineapple squares, fruit cup, hot roll, cornbread

WEDNESDAY, January 28

Roast beef brisket/brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, baby carrots, green peas, butter beans, slaw, tossed salad, Jell-O, chocolate pistachio bundt cake, coconut cream pie, fruit cup, hot roll, cornbread

THURSDAY, January 29

Chicken strips or corned beef & cabbage, boiled potatoes, turnip greens, fried okra, black eyed peas, saw, tossed salad, Jell-O, ugly duckling cake, chocolate icebox pie, fruit cup, hot roll, cornbread

FRIDAY, January 30

Cod fish filet/hushpuppies or corn dogs, potato wedges, broccoli casserole, beans, slaw, tossed salad, Jell-O, walnut brownies, peach cobbler, fruit cup, hot roll, garlic bread stick, cornbread

High Plains producers expected to harvest most since 2010

Sunday, Jan. 25, 2015:

This year you are opening up to many new experiences. You might be seen more frequently on the social scene. You tend not to be judgmental, and as result you will draw a variety of personalities toward you. If you are single, you open up to dating many different types of people. However, this year someone special most likely will mosey on into your life. You will know when this person appears. If you are attached, the two of you might expand your immediate circle of friends. A new mutual hobby is also likely. ARIES can be provocative.

Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★★ A power plav involving a respected elder or boss could backfire. Strong feelings are likely to emerge from the experience. Make a point of getting together with a loved one, or make time for a special child in your life. Tonight: Beam in more of what you want.

This Week: Try not to get so caught up in your own mind.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ You might prefer to take a backseat in what seems to be happening around you. By being an observer, you could discover a new side of a loved one. Indulge yourself and buy that special item you have been coveting for a while. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

This Week: A friend will make you smile.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

tate to reach out to your right now. Your caring friends. Join them in will evolve to a new level they once

For some, it might be a ing from. Several friends reason you choose to spectator sport; for others, it could be an interactive activity. You'll recharge your batteries in the process. Tonight: Forget tomorrow, live it one-on-one talks, but you up!

This Week: By Tuesday, you will know what to do. CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ Take responsibility and deal with someone who often rains on your parade. Express more understanding or ask for some insight as to why he or she behaves a certain way. An open discussion could provide you with a fresh perspective. Tonight: In the limelight.

This Week: A get-The Stars Show the together could make all Do your thing! the difference!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Reach out to might want to make a round of calls to those you typically don't have time to check in with. Enjoy a lively exchange of news. Encourage a visit in the near future. Tonight: Whatever you lead. choose, let it be distracting

This Week: You are on top of your game.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22-Jan. 19) 22)

**** One-on-one relating will take you down a unique path. You are likely to gain an unusual understanding of a special person in your life, which will allow you to bypass a hassle in the near future. Demonstrate your caring through a kind gesture. Tonight: Keep it intimate.

This Week: Your ability to make a difference with others emerges.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

**** А partner or loved one could be ★★★★★ Don't hesi- unusually challenging you understand

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for seem to be involved with. where this person is com- but don't let that be the might want to draw you into a happening later in the evening. Go for it! Tonight: Defer to others.

> only have so much time. (Oct.

SCORPIO 23-Nov. 21)

to put a halt on weekend indulgences and head to the gym or start some other form of exercise. As a result, you will reduce your stress, feel better and make a better impression. A friend or loved one will cheer you that you might get some along. Tonight: Be good to yourself.

This Week: Others pick up the ball and run with it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Don't hold back someone at a distance or let a financial matter this morning. In fact, you trip you up. Your caring will make all the difference to a child or new friend. Remember not to get twisted up in life's mundane details SO much. Tonight: Be happy, and others will follow your

> errands Monday and Tuesday

CAPRICORN (Dec.

★★★ Devote more quality time to a roommate or family member. Your attention and caring will be returned tenfold,

indulge this person today. Tonight: Invite a friend over for a casual dinner.

This Week: Your cre-This Week: You enjoy ativity marks Monday and Tuesday.

AQUÁRIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

***** Make an ★★★ You might want effort toward a child or loved one who perhaps doesn't feel as upbeat as you might. Your friendship tends to help this person gain perspective on his or her life. Tonight: Say what you feel and what you think, but know mixed reactions.

This Week: You have a lot of ground to cover!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★ Make it a day of indulgence. For some of you, you might decide just to stay in bed, whereas others might choose to dine at a favorite restaurant or pick up a few items at a favorite store. Just do whatever will make you smile. Tonight: Togetherness is the theme.

This Week: Make calls, This Week: Dive into return emails and schedule meetings.

BORN TODAY

Writer Virginia Woolf (1882), singer/songwriter Alicia Keys (1981), playwright W. Somerset Maugham (1874)



LUBBOCK (AP) - High Plains cotton producers plagued by too little rainfall in recent years are forecast to have their best harvest since 2010.

The Lubbock Avalanche-Journal reports the 2014 harvest for producers in 16 counties near Lubbock should reach 2.5 million bales. Details are from the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Plains Cotton Growers spokesman Steve Verett (vuh-RET') said Friday that adequate rain helped production in all 39 High Plains counties, including the 16. The forecast is 3.4 million bales.

The last time growers in the world's largest contiguous growing patch surpassed this season's projected harvest was 2010, when 5.3 million bales were produced.

In 2011, the driest-ever year in Texas, just 1.8 million bales were produced on the High Plains. Producers had to abandon about two-thirds of the 4.6 million planted acres.

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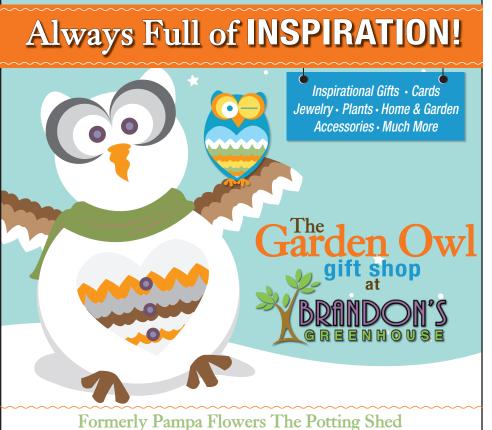
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LIONS CLUB PINS **SWEETHEART**



Submitted photo This week at Lions Club, Genevieve Zavala was pinned as a Lions Club Sweetheart. Pastor Lynn Hancock is pictured pinning Zavala.



ENGAGEMENTS

Judson Eddins and Brittany Anderson Don and Almeda Carter



Mr. and Mrs. Gary Anderson announce the engagement of their daughter, Brittany Renee' Anderson to Judson Arthur Eddins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Eddins. The couple plans to marry in May.



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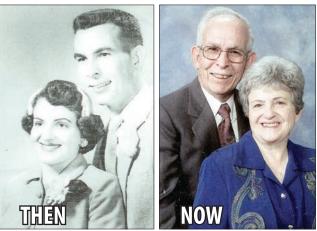
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ENDURING LOVE - 60 Years



Don and Almeda Carter celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with a surprise reception on January 17, 2015 in Pampa.

The couple were married January 22, 1955, in Prague, Oklahoma. After Don graduated in 1958, from OSU in Stillwater, Oklahoma, they moved to Pampa.

Almeda (Whitlow) was a stay-at-home mom. Don worked at Cabot / Ingersoll-Rand as a mechanical engineer, retiring in 1992 after 34 years of service.

They are both very involved with their church, Church of Christ on Somerville Street, which was formerly Wells Street Church of Christ. Don is currently an elder with the church.

The Carters enjoy traveling, camping, fishing, spending time with family and friends, making sourdough pancakes, gardening at "the farm," and making the famous "Don & Dale's Spicy Pepper" from homegrown peppers.

The Carters have two children: Steve Carter and wife Ranelle of Hugoton, Kansas; and Kerri (Carter) Smith and husband Rodger of Allen, Texas. They have three grandchildren: Tim Carter of Nogales, Arizona; Kristen Carter of The Colony, Texas; and Kooper Smith of Allen, Texas.

ENGAGEMENTS Chelsea McCullough and Zane Smith



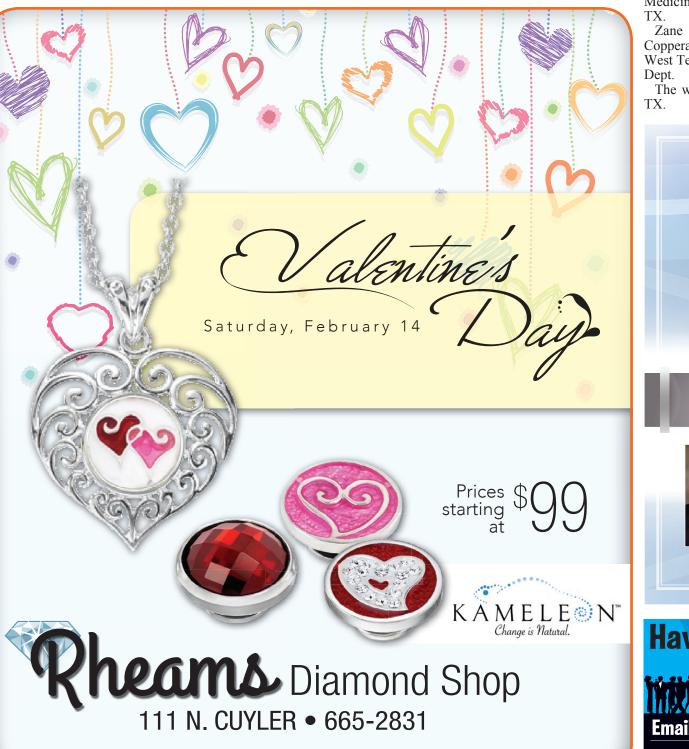
Frank and Renee McCullough of Pampa would like to announce the engagement of their daughter Chelsea of Addison, TX. to Zane Smith also of Addison Chelsea has a Master in Exercise Physiology from Texas Tech University. She is employed as Sports Medicine Director at Baylor Medical Center, in Frisco, TX. Zane is the son of Nathan and Cheryl Smith of Copperas Cove, TX. He has a Business Degree from West Texas A&M and is employed by the U.S. Treasury Dept. The wedding is planned for May 23, 2015 in Frisco, TX.

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about the suspensions handed out after a brawl at a college bowl game. The other is the story **POYNOR**

about the

Patriots

possibly illegally deflat-

them easier to throw and

catch in last week's AFC

game. I've talked to differ-

ent coaches and they have

wide opinions about how

important these stories re-

One of the reasons I love athletics so much is its

ally are. Here's my take.

ability to teach kids char-

acter. I still believe that is

one of the most important

things we do as coaches.

Winning games is impor-

you have to win to keep

your job. But that is not the most important thing

tant and all coaches realize

we do. The most influential

people in my life were my

parents and my coaches. They were the ones that

taught me how important

it was to "do right and act

I knew if I got in trouble

at school I was also going

to be in trouble at home

and in trouble at practice.

That helped keep a teenage

boy that was bent towards

and narrow path. I feel like

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and taking the side of their kids. At the same time more and more coaches seem to have the attitude of winning at all cost. I try often to remind

More and more often par-

ents are fighting the school

myself and my coaches the reason that most of us became teachers/coaches and that is to make a positive difference in kids lives. So what exactly are we trying to teach the kids in my program. Here are a few that I think are important for us to be successful and for the kids to grow as people.

1. Unselfishness. We try to teach them it's not all about them it's all about us as a team. 2. Responsibility - You are responsible for your actions. Don't blame others. 3. Commitment - Once you start, finish it and see it through. 4. Discipline- to things right even when no one is watching. 5. Toughness - Mentally and physical tough people win in sports and in life. 6. Tenacity -Never give up. Compete until it is over.

I hope in the next few weeks to go into some detail about how and why we try to teach these things. My hope is that our program will be one that is not only very successful with wins and losses but also successful as a place to mold young kids into men.

Greg Poynor is the head football coach and athletic director at Pampa High School. He can be reached by calling the high school at 669-4800.

NFL says no conclusion yet on Pats' deflated footballs

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. sions yet and no timetable for and video information. resolving the cheating accusations with the Super Bowl nine days away. The league said Friday that used underinflated footballs during the first half of the AFC championship game Sunday night against the Indianapolis Colts. It issued a statement that cooperation and have given the league information it requested and made personnel available upon request. Quarterback Tom Brady said Thursday afternoon he had not been contacted at that point.

The NFL said it began its (AP) — The NFL says it is investigation Sunday night still investigating how the and expects full cooperation New England Patriots used from other clubs. It has hired underinflated balls in their an investigatory company to last game but has no conclu- help in reviewing electronic The league said when it is able to come to conclusions, they will be shared publicly. "Over the past several days, evidence shows the Patriots nearly 40 interviews have been conducted, including of Patriots personnel, game officials, and third parties with relevant information and expertise," the statement said. "We have obtained and are the Patriots have pledged full continuing to obtain additional information, including video and other electronic information and physical evidence," the statement said. The NFL requires game balls to be inflated to between 12 1/2 and 13 1/2 pounds per square inch.





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Left, Carson Eubank fires a three during the JV game against Fritch this year. Above, Corbin Hair tries to fight through the defense. Hair has since been called up to the varsity team. Below, Jordan Baker on the fastbreak has a wide open layup. The team played Bushland on Friday.







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Golf Tips of the Week

Tour news.

This weekend saw another example, following Charl Schwatzel's collapse the pre-

vious week,

of a "choke";

on a bigger

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Kaymer, the man who led the US Open from start to finish, gave up a 10-shot **STADLER** lead with

13 to play in the Abu Dhabi HSBC Golf Championship.

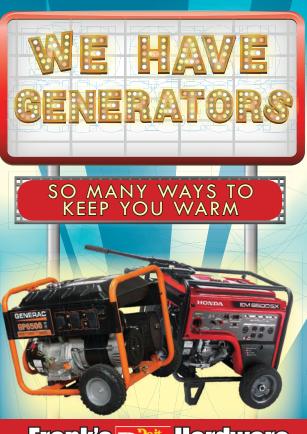
But is that really so bad, and isn't that what makes golf so great? Over 13 holes it's easy to see two drives go

a little wild, costing you penalty shots, which along with a chunked chip and a missed putt means you've given up five shots. Then, your closest competitor blows hot and makes five birdies (or in this

case eight). You never have golf under control. Just when you think you've cracked it, it bites you back. So be careful Jimmy Walker. The last two rounds of the Sony Open saw him shoot 62-63 to win by nine shots. Golf is more than a journey, it's a roller coaster ride.

Talking of giving up a lead you couldn't possibly lose: any Packers fans?

Tim Stadler is the PGA Professional at the Pampa Country Club. He can be reached at 665-8431.



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Watch the Pros - Monday

College Basketball

Syracuse at North Carolina	ESPN 6 p.m.
Delaware State at North Carolina Central	ESPNU 6 p.m.
Texas at Iowa State	ESPN 8 pm.
Women's College Basketball	
Texas A&M at South Carolina	ESPN2 6 p.m.

Tennis

Australian Open quarterfinals	ESPN2 8 p.m.
Soccer	

Stoke at Rochdale.....FS2 2 p.m.

Watch the Pros - Sunday

NBA Basketball	
Miami Heat at Chicago Bulls	KVII 12 p.m.
OKC Thunder at Cleveland Cavaliers	
College Basketball	
Duke at St. John's	KCIT 1 p.m.
Indiana at Ohio State	KFDA 12:30 p.m.
Louisville at Pittsburgh	KFDA 2:45 p.m.
Seton Hall at Butler	FSSW 2 p.m.
Northern Iowa at Illinois State	ESPNU 3 p.m.
Notre Dame at North Carolina State	ESPNU 5:30 p.m.
Washington at Utah	ESPNU 7:30 p.m.
Creighton at Villanova	
Soccer	
West Ham at Bristol City	FS2 8 a.m.
Arsenal at Brighton	FS2 10 a.m.
Auto Racing	
Rolex 24 at Daytona	FS1 6 a.m.
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Arkansas at Florida	ESPNU 11 a.m.
Vanderbilt at Alabama	FSSW 12 p.m.
Central Florida at SMU	ESPNU 1 p.m.
Butler at Xavier	FS1 1:30 p.m.
UCONN at Cincinnati	ESPN2 2 p.m.
Iowa State at Texas	FS1 3:30 p.m.
Duke at North Carolina	ESPN2 4 p.m.
Miami at Louisville	FSSW 4 p.m.
X Games Freestyle skiing/snowboliing/snowboa	urdingESPN 12 p.m.
Figure skating	
US Championships	KAMR 3 p.m.
Golf	1
Humana Challenge	
Champions Mitsubishi Electric Champ	GOLF 6:30 p.m.
NFL Football	
Team Carter v. Team Irvin	ESPN 7 p.m.
Tennis	

Australian Open round of 16.....ESPN2 8 p.m.

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7th grade tournament	TODAY - Dalhart
	5 p.m Monday Jan. 26 - PJHS
JV/Varsity/9th v. Dalhart	4:30/6/7:30 - Jan. 27 - McNeely
8th grade tournament	Jan. 31 - Dalhart
Boys Basketball	
	TODAY - Borger
	p.m Monday Jan. 26 - Borger
	4:30/6/7:30 - Jan. 27 - McNeely
8th grade tournament	Jan. 31 - Borger
Swimming	
	TODAY - Lubbock
Tennis	
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Wrestling	
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Soccer	8
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	TODAY - Wichita Falls
	7 p.m Jan. 27 - Harvester Field
	5 p.m Jan. 30 - Harvester Field
	12/2 p.m Jan. 31 - Lubbock
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Watch the Pros - Saturday

College Basketball

College Baskelball	
Kentucky at South Carolina	
Oklahoma State at Kansas State	ESPN2 11 a.m.
Tulsa at East Carolina	ESPNN 11 a.m.
Rutgers at Penn State	ESPNU 11 a.m.
DePaul at Xavier	FS1 11 a.m.
College of Charleston at Drexel	OLN 11 a.m.
Kansas at Texas	KFDA 1 p.m.
Florida State at North Carolina	ESPN 1 p.m.
Arkansas at Missouri	ESPN2 1 p.m.
TCU at West Virginia	ESPNU 1 p.m.
Georgetown at Marquette	FS1 1:30 p.m.
Northeastern at William and Mary	OLN 1 p.m.
UCLA at Oregon	
Michigan State at Nebraska	ESPN 3 p.m.
Miami at Syracuse	ESPN2 3 p.m.
Iowa State at Texas Tech	ESPNU 3 p.m.
UTSA at Western Kentucky	FCSP 2 p.m.
Oklahoma at Baylor	
LSU at Vanderbilt	ESPNU 5 p.m.
Wisconsin at Michigan	
Memphis at Tulane	ESPNU 7 p.m.
San Diego State at Colorado State	ESPNU 9 p.m.
Arizona State at Stanford	ESPNU 11 p.m.
Women's College Basketball	
Anderson at Queens	KCPN 10:30 a.m.
Kansas State at Baylor	
West Virginia at Kansas	
Texas Tech at Oklahoma	
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San Diego at BYU.....BYU 3 p.m.

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....FS1 7 p.m.

.....KCIT 1 p.m.FS2 3 p.m.

.....KAMR 2 p.m.KAMR 7 p.m.

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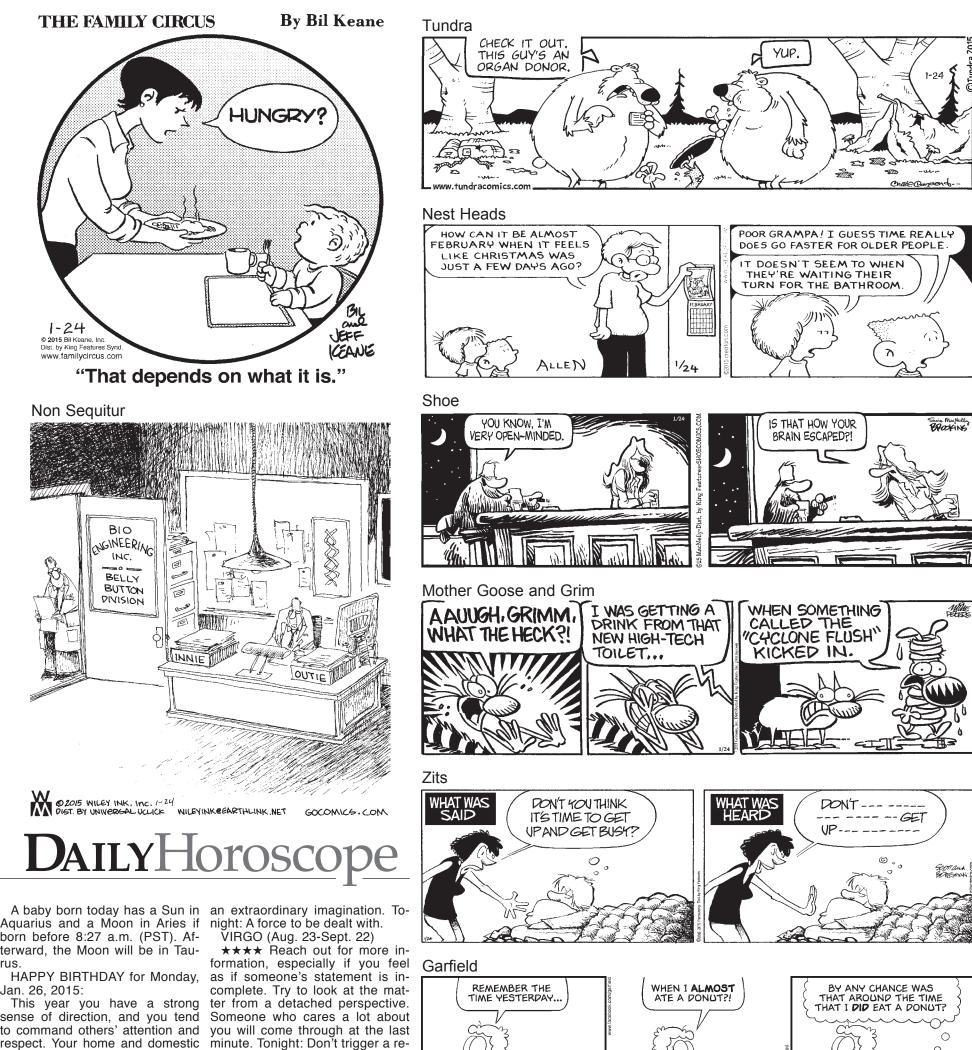
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The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

 $\star \star \star \star$ You are likely to indulge a loved one. At the same time, you might want to share a master plan that you would like to try out. Take into consideration the temperament of the person you choose to share with. Tonight: Act as if there were no tomorrow.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

 $\star \star \star \star \star$ You'll emerge from the weekend willing to greet whatever heads your way. Someone could drop by or email you with an idea that will be nothing less than inspirational. You might want to say less and listen to others' first imstar

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ You might not feel like your usual sociable self. Make that OK. Pull back and try to find the right solution to a problematic situation. You could be unsure about what to think as you hear others' different ideas. Try to be less spontaneous right now. Tonight: Vanish.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) $\star \star \star \star$ You could be thinking about how you might want to present a new idea. The words one chooses often tend to be more important than the idea itself. Some people can't seem to get past the words. Be smart. Present a winning idea like it's already won. Tonight: Hang with friends.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

 $\star \star \star \star$ You are in the limelight, and you'll sparkle accordingly. You might not be aware of how much someone else listens to you and is able to respond with equally exciting statements. This person has neres (1958).

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ Deal with a loved one ate the attention and the way you interact with him or her. An associate in your daily life might irritate you with an obscure thought. Be polite and listen anyway. Tonight: Chat over dinner.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Others come forward, as they have a lot to share. You could be questioning the pros and cons of going along with someone else's idea. Sometimes vou need to have this person take the lead; otherwise, he or she might not feel good about relating to you. Tonight: Say "yes."

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ You are likely to trudge into the day with the mentality of "same old, same old." Of all the signs, you have the best ability to spice up life, so why aren't you doing so? Make a point of not holding back. Tonight: Just be yourself!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) $\star \star \star \star$ Someone might want to share more news, but you'll need to be up for it. This person could be a child or new friend. You will pressions. Tonight: Wish upon a need to state your limits or time constraints before you give in to his or her whimsical needs. Tonight: Let the party go on.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ You might feel worn out by what is happening around you. It wouldn't be inappropriate to consider taking the day off. Stav focused, and understand your limits and needs. You will be more resilient and responsive if you take a break. Tonight: Don't stray too far from home.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Focus on one thing at a time. You could be unusually tired and/or withdrawn. Know that you don't need to share everything that is on your mind. Listen to what others are saying. The conversation could trigger a wild idea. Tonight: Chat with a pal.

BORN TODAY

Military chief Douglas MacArthur (1880), actor Paul Newman (1925), comedian Ellen DeGe-



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Beetle Bailey





Hagar The Horrible



Blondie



THURSDAY'S SNOWY ADVENTURES





Submitted photos

Top left, Ariana Gallegos, 7, and Jr. Gallegos, 9, with Jack, their snowman. Top right, Myla and Alondra Zarate building 'Olaf' from Frozen. Above, this picture was taken on Jan. 22. Pictured are cousins, Hudson Scribner, Hope Scribner, Tate LeBlanc, Cy LeBlanc and Hagen Hudson.





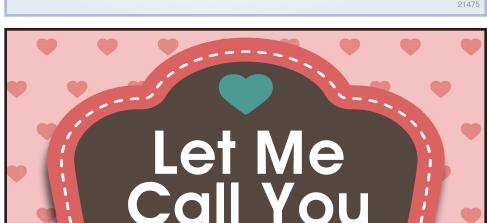
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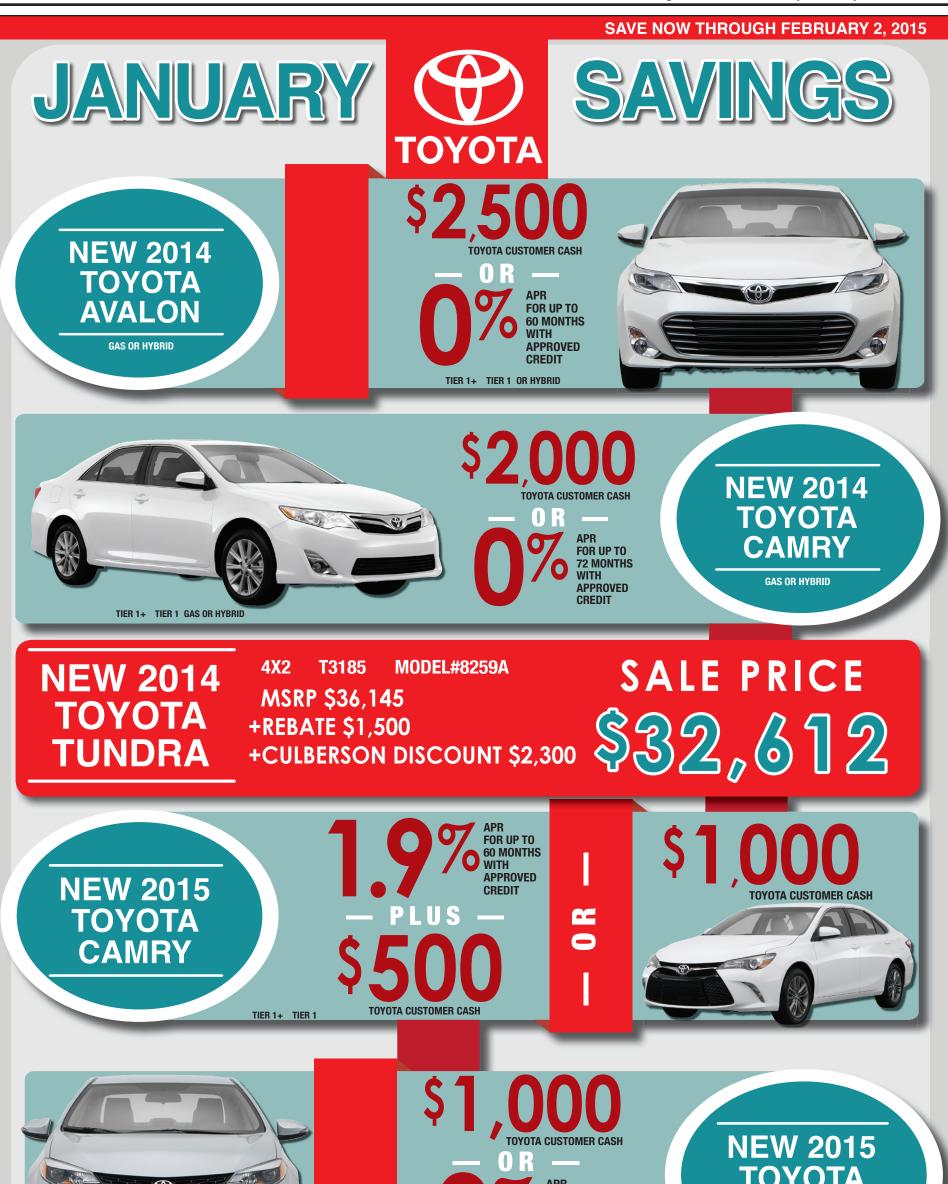
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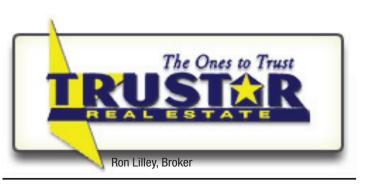
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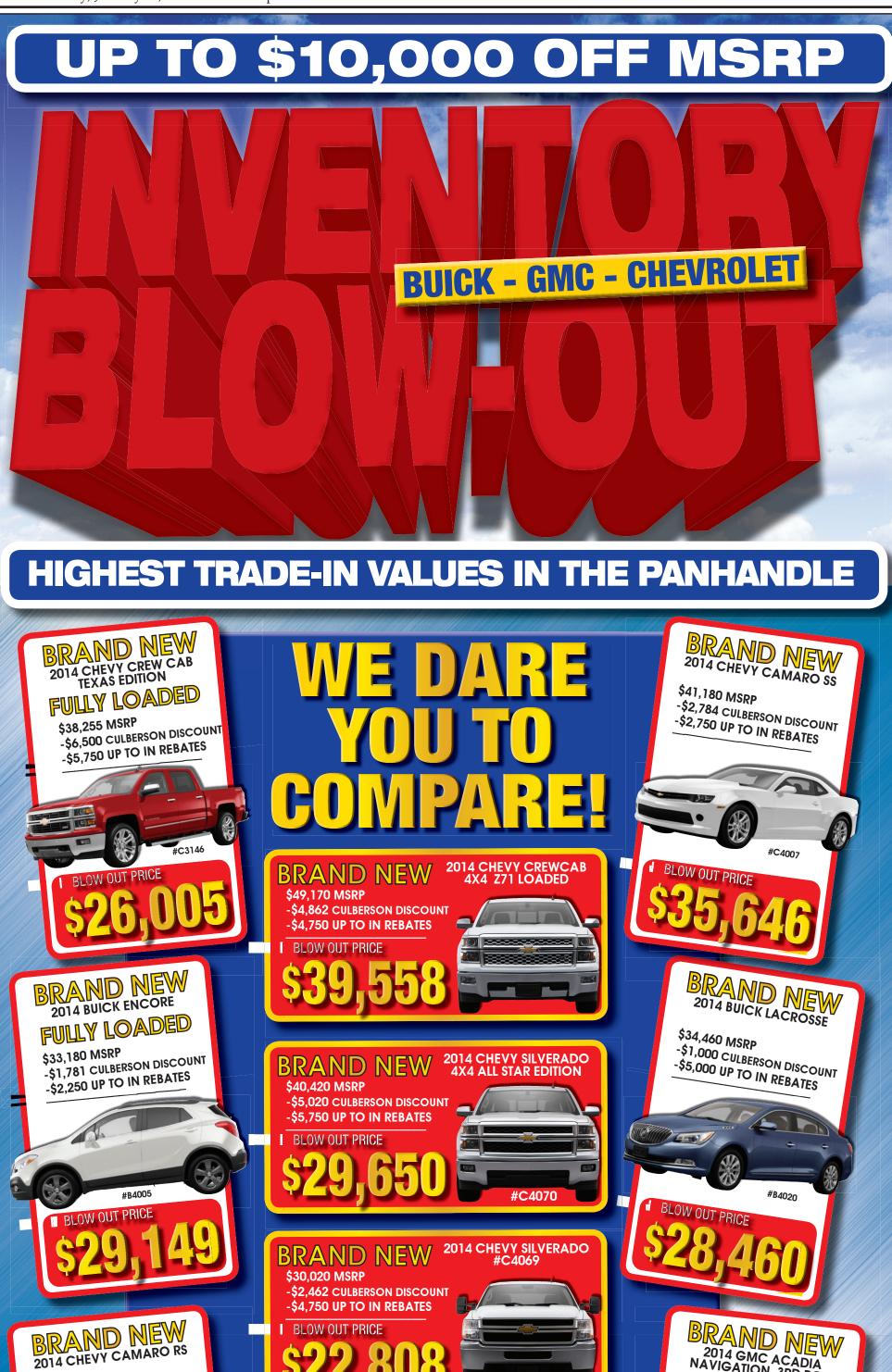
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-\$1,500 UP TO IN REBATES

\$31,410 MSRP

BLOW OUT PRICE

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is LONGFELLOW

for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters,

apostrophes, the length and formation of the words

are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

CRYPTOQUOTE

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Saturday's Cryptoquote: TRUTH IS FOUND NEITHER IN THE THESIS NOR THE ANTITHESIS,

BUT IN AN EMERGENT SYNTHESIS WHICH

Each set of letters below is arranged alphabetically,

in AABL?TT the ? could be an L, M, N, O, P, Q, R, S

or T. Here it represents an N, which can be combined

with the other letters to spell BLATANT. We've given

ADI?RTU

and the ? is in the correct alphabetical position.

LEVEL Figure out what letter the ?represents and rearrange the letters to spell a six-letter word. For example,

RECONCILES THE TWO. — GEORG HEGEL

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One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used



Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

Yesterday, they told our common. When bad news ing time, or do you think class that one of my friend's is conveyed, some people this is Chico's way of parents had died suddenly. Every single person in our grade cried, except for me. I felt bad about not crying for my friend's loss, but I just didn't.

Another friend told me that last night people were texting, and it had been mentioned several times that I wasn't crying and that it looked like I didn't care, even though I do. I feel bad about not crying, but I don't want to lie and sav that I did. Please help me. -– DRY-EYED IN COLORADO

DEAR DRY-EYED: If you feel that any explanation is called for, simply say that when you heard

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DEAR ABBY: I'm 15. cry. Your reaction is very are just struck numb. Believe me, not everyone HEARTBROKEN who can cry on command HOBOKEN is necessarily grieving.

years. We have discussed marriage, but for the past few months he has become he once was. Chico is the needs to be reminded by his parents or me about things he needs to do.

was going on, he said he is a period of growth for relies too much on his parents and me for direction.

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assured me there is no one our 50s and we have both else involved and he wants to continue talking on the phone to me once in a while. he always has to be right.

I don't know what to do! Should I believe what he is saying about needtelling me it's over? IN

R D E Α DEAR ABBY: My boy- HEARTBROKEN: friend, "Chico," and I have Frankly, I think Chico is been going together for six trying to break it to you gently that it's over. Wish him well and let him go.

You probably meant distant and not as loving as well, but the problem with giving someone "direcdependent type who often tions" is, it prevents that person's own compass from guiding him where he needs to go. Look at When I asked Chico what it this way: This may be confused and he thinks he Chico and for you as well. Abigail Van Buren, also

DEAR ABBY: I have been dating someone over He said he didn't want the last two years and our the news you were so to break up, but he would relationship has had a lot of Write Dear Abby at www. stunned that you couldn't like some time alone. He ups and downs. We are in DearAbby.com or P.O. Box

been married before.

The problem is, he thinks He'll never admit to being wrong. We love each other and spend most of our time together, but every time we have an argument, he calls our relationship off. I am always the one who calls to patch things up. Should I let this relationship go once and for all? — TIRED OF THE DRAMA IN ATLANTA

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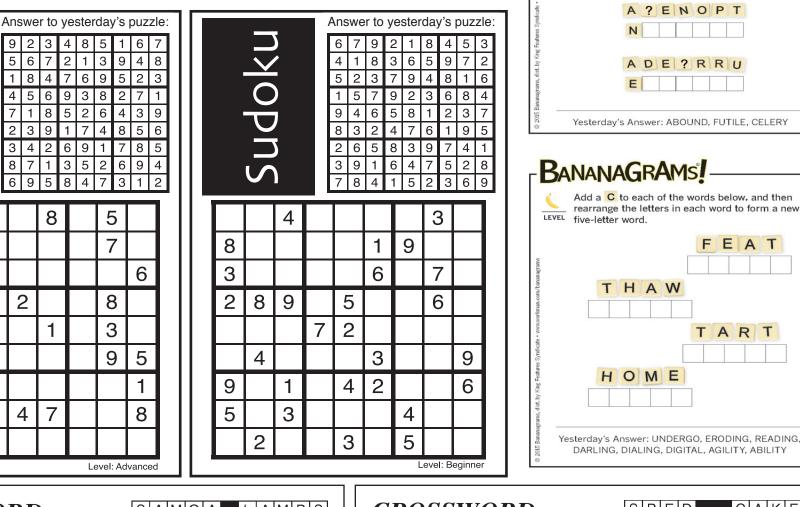
BANANAGRAMS

you the first letter as a hint.

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DEAR TIRED OF THE DRAMA: Yes, I think so. Your gentleman friend has an unhealthy way of dealing with conflict. Unless your idea of a happy marriage is one in which you are always the peacemaker, I doubt it would last.

Dear Abby is written by known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips.



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