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Tanner Dyer: up and coming, close to home

By JOHN LEE
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Tanner Dyer, 30, has a very recognizable name in this region of Texas.

Born and raised in Pampa, Tanner hopes to develop and build multiple restaurant concepts and locations throughout the Texas Panhandle.

While he feels very honored to be considered for Pampa's Up-and-coming, his proudest achievement came very close to home.

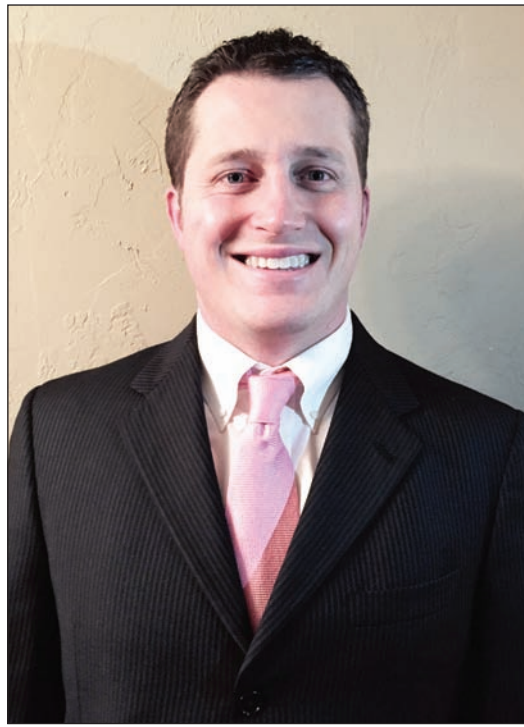
"My proudest achievement is when I was given the opportunity to join my parents in our family business. We opened a new location for the Hoagies Deli in Amarillo and we experienced double digit sales increase compared to our prior location in Amarillo," Dyer said. "I have owned and operated that location for over 5 years. We have been blessed to continue to experience positive growth each year. It is very rewarding to be able to help improve our concept and overall operations."

The support Pampa has shown for Tanner's family business makes Tanner forever grateful.

"I love being able to know my neighbors and a vast majority of customers by name. Pampa has been very supportive of our restaurants over the past several decades, dating as far back as when my great grandfather, Finace Dyer, opened Dyer's Bar-B-Que," Tanner said.

"Our family is forever grateful for the years of support and loyalty that the Pampa community has given us and our businesses."

Tanner and his family takes pride in developing their employees internally as opposed to



hiring externally. This is one aspect of his job he takes pride in.

"It is rewarding to be able to develop existing employees for advancement as opposed to hiring them externally. We feel that working with our employees first hand on a daily basis and developing a mutual respect for one another is one of the driving factors of our success over

the years," Tanner said.

Tanner was inspired to go into the family business by his father.

"My father. My great-grandfather opened Dyer's Bar-B-Que and I am fortunate to be the fourth generation to work among the family business. My dad went from his opportunity at Dyer's Bar-B-Que and developed several other restaurant concepts over the years," Tanner said. "My mother and father currently have four different concepts with a total of sixth restaurants open in the Pampa and Amarillo area. It has been inspirational to see what he has been able to accomplish over the years and I can only hope and dream that I will be as fortunate in my career as he has been in his."

Competing against big chain restaurants is the most challenging part of being an independent restaurant owner.

"Competing with the big chains is challenging because they benefit from more aggressive food purchasing programs due to the increased purchasing power from owning several hundred units," Tanner said. "Our philosophy is to serve a good quality product and charge a fair price."

Tanner's future plans is to assist with his family's six restaurants while building off his family's accomplishments. They are also experimenting with a potential new concept that they hope can be the driver for future growth for our company.

Last fall, Tanner helped his brother coach his nephew's 4th-6th grade football team.

Inspirational writer McKade Marshall to have signing Saturday

By JOHN LEE
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McKade Marshall

Inspirational writer, McKade Marshall, will be holding a book signing from 4-7 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 21, at Hastings Entertainment located at 1205 N. Hobart St.

Marshall has been doing his book tour primarily with Hastings Entertainment and Pampa's will be his 29th book signing.

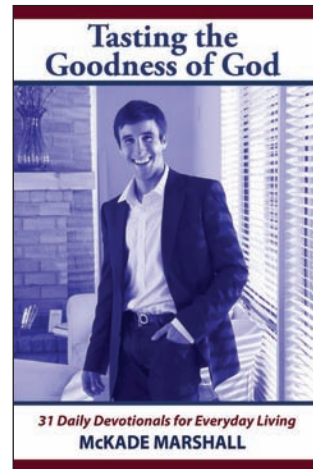
"Tasting the Goodness of God: 31 Daily Devotionals for Everyday Living" is Marshall's first book which he wrote with the intention to inspire people every day and to help them get their day going.

"Daily devotionals were life changing for me," Marshall said. "(With this book) I hope people will intentionally spend time with God every day and live their life to the fullest that way."

Marshall said he has always wanted to be an inspirational Christian writer and finally had some time recently to do it. He is already working on a second book.

Marshall has an interview with Tim at KGRO this weekend before his signing.

For more information contact Hastings Entertainment at 806-665-1020.



Boy Scouts earn Webelos Craftsmen Activity Badge



Photo by Lindsey Tomaschik

The Boy Scouts earned their Webelos Craftsmen Activity Badges on Monday night by making their own folding knife sheaths at Northern Star Saddlery, located at 107 N. Cuyler. Owner Carlos Gonzalez showed the fourth and fifth graders how to work with the leather and let each of the Scouts design the outside of their sheaths. Gonzalez also held drawings and gave away two knives to the scouts. Pictured from left to right are Jacob Stroud, Tyler Reed, Riley Coble, Marcus Fletcher, Garrett Carroll, Brent Carroll, Carson Hudson, Trae Guilfu, Matthew Stover. Den leader of Pack 480 is Kristi Coble, not pictured. For more pictures from the evening, turn to page 3

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PAMPA FORECAST

Today	Thursday	Friday
		
High 49 Low 29	High 67 Low 35	High 59 Low 36

Today: Sunny, with a high near 49. Southeast wind around 10 mph. Sunrise: 7:28 a.m.

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 29. South win around 10 mph. Sunset: 6:29 p.m.

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 66. South southwest wind 5-15 mph. Sunrise: 7:27 a.m.

Thursday night: Mostly clear, with a low around 35. Southwest wind around 5 mph, becoming north northeast after midnight. Sunset: 6:30 p.m.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 59. North northwest wind 5-10 mph, becoming east southeast in the afternoon. Sunrise: 7:26 a.m.

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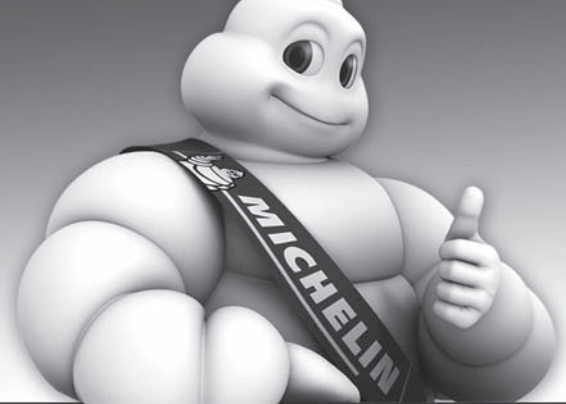
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Pampa Fire Department call log — Feb. 10-16

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 indicated.

- Feb. 10**
- At 3:36 p.m., to the 1900 block of Duncan on a medical assist.
 - At 4:34 p.m., to the 600 block of Gray on a medical call.
 - At 11:08 p.m., to the Chaumont Addition on Loop 171 on an odor investigation.
 - At 11:52 p.m., one unit and four personnel to the 900 block of Fisher on a medical call.
- Feb. 11**
- At 8:26 p.m., one unit

- and four personnel to the 1000 block of Dwight on a medical assist.
- Feb. 12**
- At 10:42 a.m., two units and six personnel to the 2400 block of Dogwood on a false alarm.
- Feb. 14**
- At 11:18 a.m., to the intersection of Kentucky and Sumner on a motor vehicle accident.
 - At 1:02 p.m., to the 2500 block of Perryton Parkway on a medical assist.
 - At 1:54 p.m., to the 1100 block of South Prairie on an odor investigation.
 - At 3:27 p.m., to the 400 block of South Hughes on a medical assist.
 - At 4:35 p.m., to the 1800 block of Zimmers on a med assist.

- At 6:56 p.m., to the 300 block of East Browning on a lift assist.
 - At 11:54 p.m., to the 1100 block of North Christie on a medical assist.
- Feb. 15**
- At 12:10 a.m., to the 300 block of South Miami on a medical assist.
 - At 1:33 a.m., to the 500 block of South Somerville on a medical assist.
 - At 2:07 a.m., to the 2300 block of Fir on a lift assist.
 - At 3:48 a.m., to the 2300 block of Beech on a lift assist.
 - At 9:15 a.m. one unit and four 1400 West Kentucky medical assist.
 - At 8:27 p.m., one unit and four personnel to the 1000 block of Buckler on a medical assist.

- Feb. 16**
- At 4:34 a.m., one unit and four personnel to the 300 block of North Christy on a medical assist.
 - At 7:58 a.m., to the 800 block of Magnolia on a medical assist.
 - At 8:30 a.m., to the 1000 block of Neil Road on a Code 3 Holding.
 - At 11:53 a.m., to the 1200 block of West McCullough on a medical assist.
 - At 12:01 p.m., to the 1800 block of Lynn on a medical assist.
 - At 5:14 p.m., to the 2300 block of Aspen on a medical assist.
 - At 7:06 p.m., to the 1300 block of Mary Ellen on a carbon monoxide investigation.

Major auction of irrigated farmland set for Texas Panhandle

SUBMITTED
DALHART — Approximately 10,560 acres of farmland between Dumas and Dalhart will be offered at auction Thursday, March 26. Schrader Real Estate and Auction Company will market the property and manage the event, in cooperation with Paul A. Lynn & Associates LLC and Glenn Cummings Real Estate.

The land, including nearly 7,000 irrigated acres, will sell in 10 tracts ranging in size from 640 acres to 1,920 acres. The land is lo-

cated in Hartley and Moore counties, approximately 15 miles northwest of Dumas and 20 miles southeast of Dalhart.

"The buyer or buyers of this land will have possession for the 2015 crop year, and those buying land with wheat currently planted will have the rights to harvest those crops," said Roger Diehm, who is managing the auction for Schrader. "These tracts include 21 irrigated circles, with excellent soils. This represents a significant opportunity for investors as well as area

operators."

Bidders will be allowed to bid on individual tracts, any combination of tracts or the entire property, Diehm said. Online bidding will be available for bidders who register by one week before the auction date.

The auction will begin at 10 a.m. Thursday, March 26, at the Rita Blanca Coliseum in Dalhart. Schrader personnel will be available from 10 a.m. to noon Monday, Feb. 23, and Thursday, March 12 at the Dumas Hampton Inn to provide detailed information and

accommodate inspections. Additional detailed auction information is available by visiting www.schraderauction.com or by calling 800-451-2709.

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Abbott lists five emergency items for session

BY TEXAS TRIBUNE STAFF
Calling Texas a "beacon of individual liberty and economic opportunity," Gov. Greg Abbott used his first State of the State address to list five emergency items the Legislature must take up to keep the state's success moving forward.

Speaking to a joint session of the Texas Legislature on Tuesday, Abbott declared early education, higher education research initiatives, road funding, border security funding and ethics reform as emergency items.

Abbott began his speech praising the state's economic output. "Texas has

been number one in the nation for creating jobs for so many years, it's hard to keep count," he said. "But last year in 2014 we literally outdid ourselves. We created more jobs than any year in the history of Texas."

Abbott said he had submitted a budget proposal that keeps that momentum going.

On public education, Abbott said that the state must strive to create the best education system in America. "We can be number one in education if we apply the very same tenacity and commitment to education as we have to job creation,"

he said.

Abbott told legislators that additional funding for schools that adopt high-quality Pre-K programs is part of his budget and addresses his first emergency item: early education.

He also stressed giving genuine local control to school districts.

Abbott also talked about making college more affordable and accessible.

"Different students have different needs, and our employers are demanding that we better prepare our students for workforce needs," Abbott said, according to prepared remarks.

Abbott said his budget commits a half-billion dollars to enhance research programs and attract nationally recognized researchers and Nobel Laureates to Texas universities.

The governor also talked about adding more than \$4 billion a year to build more roads in Texas without raising taxes, fees, tolls or debt.

He said the sources for his funding plan include

money from a proposition voters approved last year, the end of highway fund tax diversions, and the redirection of one-half of existing motor vehicle sales taxes.

Abbott noted a federal judge's decision Monday blocking President Obama's executive immigration order before discussing details of his border security plan. That plan more than doubles current spending on border security.

It adds 500 new state troopers, more Texas Rangers, more local law enforcement and more technology.

Abbott also discussed a stronger focus on ethics this legislative session.

"Transparency — and rising above even the appearance of impropriety — will strengthen that bond," Abbott said, according to prepared remarks.

The loudest applause of the address might have come when Abbott recognized Richard Overton, who at 108 is the nation's oldest World War II veteran.

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East Texas city offers smaller version of concrete tomatoes

JACKSONVILLE, Texas (AP) — An East Texas city that's the self-proclaimed home of the 665-pound concrete tomatoes has offered smaller versions of the inedible artwork.

The Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce this week began selling 175-pound concrete hunks in the shape of tomatoes.

President Peggy Renfro said Tuesday that the bigger undecorated versions were so popular that chamber officials have

about 40 smaller ones available at \$150 apiece.

Chamber officials sold more than 335 of the larger concrete tomatoes since the paint-it-yourself artwork was unveiled in 2012.

Those cost \$250 apiece. Renfro says people are very competitive when they want to decorate the tomato-shape concrete blocks that can be seen throughout Jacksonville.

The city's 31st annual Tomato Fest is set for June 13.

OBITUARIES

Verla Long

Memorial Services for Verla Berniece Dickey Long, age 86, of Enid, Okla., will be 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 20, 2015, at the Canton Christian Church. Reverend Steve Driskoll will officiate. Arrangements are by Fairview Funeral Home, Inc.



Verla Long

Verla Berniece Dickey Long was born on Jan. 5, 1929, in Lenore, Okla., to Lynn and Lillie Dickey and at the age of 86, went to be with her Lord on Feb. 15, 2015.

Verla was raised and educated in the Canton area. She married the love of her life, Max Long, on Aug. 24, 1957. The family moved from Enid, Okla., to Pampa in 1968 where Verla co-owned and operated L&R Beauty Shop. Max and Verla retired to Cleo Springs, Okla., in 1994 where they lived until March of 2013, when they returned to Enid.

Verla enjoyed her life most when she was surrounded by the people she loved. She was the one to call if you needed cheering up, or if you just needed to know someone was in your corner. She spent countless hours with her grandchildren baking chocolate chip cookies, playing cards and getting manicures. She was optimistic, could be a little stubborn, but loved you enough to be honest with you whether you wanted to hear it or not. Verla was an extremely generous woman, donating to any charity or person she felt needed her help.

Verla Long was an amazing woman who will be missed tremendously by those who knew and loved her. It is a great comfort to her family to know that she is now, and will forever be, with her "Sweetie", Max.

She is survived by her children, Ken Laye Long (Mitzi) of Weatherford, Linda Taylor (Jeff) of Enid, Okla., Tammy Qualls (Steve) of Roundrock, and Tim long (Julie) of Owasso, Okla., and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Verla preceded in death by her beloved husband, Max, her parents, her brother Kenneth Dickey, and three grandsons.

Former owner of MLB steroid clinic sentenced to 4 years

MIAMI (AP) — The former owner of a Florida medical clinic who posed as a doctor and illegally supplied steroid injections and other performance-enhancing drugs to professional baseball players and even high school athletes was sentenced Tuesday to four years in federal prison.

Anthony Bosch — who choked back tears in court and said the clinic was a legitimate business gone awry — sought a more lenient term because of his cooperation in the investigation, but U.S. District Judge Darrin Gayles refused.

"This defendant was the most culpable in this conspiracy," the judge said.

Prosecutors said Bosch could still get his sentence reduced through further cooperation, including potential trial testimony.

Gayles said Bosch falsely held himself out as a licensed medical doctor at his Biogenesis of America clinic, where he accepted thousands of dollars a month to provide steroid injections to players such as New York Yankees star Alex Rodriguez and Ryan Braun of the Milwaukee Brewers. Most troubling, Gayles said, was Bosch's injections of high school players in the Miami area.

"He was the mastermind," Gayles said. "He was the one who recruited others to assist him."

Miami U.S. Attorney Wifredo Ferrer issued a statement saying the message of the case is that "cheating doesn't pay and individuals like Bosch, who distribute performance enhancing drugs to athletes and, more importantly, to our children, will be

held accountable for their actions."

Bosch, 51, pleaded guilty in October to conspiracy to distribute testosterone, the sixth person charged in the Biogenesis case to do so. Bosch and Rodriguez are expected to testify if the last two defendants — Rodriguez cousin Yuri Sucart and ex-University of Miami pitching coach Lazaro Collazo — go to trial as scheduled in early April.

MLB imposed a record season-long suspension last year on Rodriguez, one of 14 players penalized in the scandal. The Yankees say Rodriguez, 39, is no longer their third baseman and will have a chance to earn at-bats as a designated hitter.

MLB spokesman Pat Courtney declined to comment.

A few hours after Bosch's sentencing, Rodriguez issued a vague handwritten apology to fans saying he wants to "put this chapter behind me and play some ball."

Bosch, who has been undergoing treatment for cocaine addiction since his guilty plea, was joined by more than two dozen friends and family members at his sentencing hearing.

"I'm ashamed of myself. I'm remorseful," Bosch said. "I can't put into words how sorry I am."

But Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael Sullivan said that rather than help people with medical problems, Bosch's main goal was to rake in money by illegally making the athletes "bigger, stronger and faster ballplayers."

Boy Scouts earn Webelos Craftsmen Activity Badge



Photos by Lindsey Tomaschik
Boy Scout Pack 480 gathered at Northern Star Saddlery Monday evening and each Scout in attendance made a leather folding knife sheath to earn the Webelos Craftsmen Activity Badge. Store owner Carlos Gonzalez showed the boys around the shop before holding a demonstration and walking each scout individually through the assembly and design of his sheath.

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Let him who is without spin...

I work on a treadmill of shameless self-promotion. Most mornings, I've tweeted before 6 a.m. When I'm not working on my column, I'm often blogging, posting on Facebook, jabbering on the radio (less often on TV) or speaking at a venue such as the Commonwealth Club of California.

I don't want to bore anyone. I want people to like me — well, some people. So though I know that NBC News anchor Brian Williams had to take a leave of absence for six months — perhaps for good — to atone for concocting tall tales dirty with self-puffery, I also suspect that the handsome face of NBC News was under tremendous pressure to inflate his working persona. In 2015, it's as important that top TV newscasters be a good story as it is that they report good stories. Maybe more important, as Williams showed courage in putting himself in a war zone.

Williams' Chinook Down incident in Iraq occurred with other members of the network's news team. Thus, Williams could not self-aggrandize without the consent — perhaps grudging consent — of his colleagues and the knowledge of higher-ups.

Ditto Williams' fantastic claims, told to historian Douglas Brinkley, about his coverage of Hurricane Katrina in 2005. The Washington Post handily debunked Williams' account of armed gangs breaking in to his hotel (the Ritz-Carlton) in New Orleans, where he saw a corpse floating on a French Quarter street and contracted dysentery. Witnesses say it's all fiction.

Williams got caught in a changing media business. Journalists always had to pitch stories to their editors.

Now, in the Internet age, they have to sell editors and everyone else. You have to draw "eyeballs." Social media are a battlefield on which newsies have to scream to stand out.

Mission accomplished. For almost two weeks, cable news outlets have been able to ladle out servings of anchorman braggadocio. It will be years before the viewing public will be able to watch Williams talking about good journalism without scorn. That's why he's toast.

Williams said he misremembered when he said his helicopter was shot down. Hillary Clinton told her own foxhole fable when she was running for the White House in 2008. More than once, she said that during a 1996 trip to Bosnia, she landed under sniper fire and had to run with her head down for cover. Video of the event shows no such thing.

President Ronald Reagan claimed more than once that he shot footage of Nazi concentration camps, when in fact Reagan never left the United States during his wartime service in the U.S. Army film corps.

Does America have higher standards for journalists than it does for politicians? I don't know, but it's clear journalists have higher standards for their colleagues than for the politicians they cover. At the same time, TV journalists have to self-promote like politicians to stay in the game.

So it should come as no surprise when a top newsman falls into the trap of believing his own publicity.

In journo-speak, anchors have to sell their "brand." The downside of a brand is that it is a searing-hot instrument that, when used to pat oneself on the back, can burn.

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Hopefully, the shaky truce between Vladimir Putin and Ukraine's Petro Poroshenko, brokered in Minsk by Angela Merkel, will hold.

For nothing good, but much evil, could come of broadening and lengthening this war that has cost the lives of 5,400 Ukrainians.

The longer it goes on, the greater the casualties, the more land Ukraine will lose, and the greater the likelihood Kiev will end up an amputated and bankrupt republic, a dependency the size of France on the doorstep of Europe.

Had no truce been achieved, 8,000 Ukrainian troops trapped in the Debaltsevo pocket could have been forced to surrender or wiped out, causing a regime crisis in Kiev. U.S. weapons could have begun flowing in, setting the stage for a collision between Russia and the United States.

One understands Russia's vital interest in retaining its Black Sea naval base in Crimea, and keeping Ukraine out of NATO. And one sees the vital interest of Ukraine in not losing the Donbas.

But what is America's vital interest here?

Merkel says a great principle is at stake, that in post-Cold War Europe, borders are not to be changed by force.

That is idealistic, but is it realistic?

At the Cold War's end, Yugoslavia split into seven nations, the USSR into 15. Croatia, Bosnia, Kosovo, even Slovenia briefly, had to fight to break free. So, too, did the statelets of South Ossetia and Abkhazia in breaking from Georgia, and Transnistria from Moldova.

Inside Russia there are still minorities such as the Chechens who wish to break free. And in many of the new nations like Ukraine, there are ethnic Russians

who want to go home.

Indeed, a spirit of secessionism pervades the continent of Europe.

But while London permitted the Scottish secessionists a vote, Madrid refuses to concede that right to the Basques or Catalans. And some of these ethnic minorities may one day fight to break free, as the Irish did a century ago.

Yet of all of the secessionist movements from the Atlantic to the Urals, none imperils a vital interest of the United States. None is really our business. And none justifies a war with Russia.

Indeed, what is it about this generation of Americans that makes us such compulsive meddlers in the affairs of nations we could not find on a map? Consider if you will our particular affliction: Putin paranoia.

Forty years ago, this writer was in Moscow with Richard Nixon on his last summit with Leonid Brezhnev. It was not a contentious affair, though the USSR was then the command center of an immense empire that stretched from Berlin to the Bering Sea.

And when we are warned that Putin wishes to restore that USSR of 1974, and to reassemble that Soviet Empire of yesterday, have we really considered what that would require of him?

To restore the USSR, Putin would have to recapture Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, Ukraine, Moldova, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan, an area the size of the United States.

To resurrect the Soviet Empire, Putin would have to invade and occupy Romania, Bulgaria, Hungary, Poland, the Czech Republic and Slovakia, and then overrun Germany to the Elbe River.

How far along is Putin in re-establishing the empire of the czars and commissars? He has reannexed Crimea, which is roughly the size of Vermont, and which the Romanovs acquired in the 18th century.

Yet almost daily we hear the din from Capitol Hill, "The Russians are coming! The Russians are coming!"

That there is bad blood between America and Putin is undeniable. And, indeed, Putin has his quarrels with us as well.

In his eyes, we took advantage of the dissolution of the USSR to move NATO into Eastern Europe and the Baltic republics. We used our color-coded revolutions to dump over pro-Russian regimes in Serbia, Ukraine, Georgia and Kyrgyzstan.

Yet beyond our mutual distrust, or even contempt, is there not common ground between us?

As the century unfolds, two clear and present dangers threaten U.S. strategic interests: the rising power of a covetous China and the spread of Islamic terrorism.

In dealing with both, Russia is a natural ally. China sees Siberia and the Russian Far East, with its shrinking population, as a storehouse of the resources Beijing needs.

And against the Taliban in Afghanistan, ISIS in Iraq and Syria, and al-Qaida, Russia, which suffered in Beslan and Moscow what New York, London, Madrid, Paris and Copenhagen have suffered, is on our side.

During the Cold War, Russia was in thrall to an ideology hostile to all we believed in. She had rulers who commanded a world empire.

Yet we had presidents who could do business with Moscow.

If we could negotiate with neo-Stalinists issues as grave as the Berlin Wall, and ballistic missiles in Cuba, why cannot we sit down with Vladimir Putin and discuss less earthshaking matters, such as whose flag should fly over Luhansk and Donetsk?

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Hump Day with Humphrey

Humphrey strikes back

Humphrey hasn't been as tired as I have been lately, as I get over this cold that has caught up to me and been slowing me down.

That being said, he has been getting into anything and everything he can at night. This morning, I awoke to find him fast asleep in one of the over-sized chairs in my living room, which startled me.

Usually, Humphrey is quite the diva about his sleep and won't pass out anywhere but in his own bed. So when I got up to check on him before getting ready and he wasn't in his bed, it freaked me out a little bit.

Hopefully this means he's back to sleeping through the night because I do not have the energy to keep up with him lately.

I've been in and out of town a lot lately without Humphrey as well, so I think

he's probably just trying to get back at me for not bringing him with me as I usually do. Now that I'll be here again for the time being, I've been trying to take him with me more again to stay on his good side. An elephant never forgets, and I'm starting to think that Humphrey doesn't either. I know dogs don't have a concept of time, but he loathes when I go places without him.

The only time he doesn't really fight me on this is in the morning when I leave for work. He's generally still groggy and tired around that time, and I'm sure he just goes back to sleep for a few hours, as I usually go home to find him lying down being as close to a normal dog as it gets for him.

We were able to have a nice Valentine's Day on Saturday as well. We spent the day, which blessed us with nice weather, outside. He's had a lot of energy lately when we go outside, and he darts around like the Energizer bunny. He would probably just about rip my arm out of

socket if I had his leash on him, so I've been refraining until after I catch up with him and he has settled down some.

I really don't have any awesome stories of anything he's done lately either since I, admittedly, have not been spending as much time with

him as usual. For the rest of this week, as I recover, I do plan on staying home watching movies with homeboy, though. I think he'll probably enjoy that.

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Photo by Lindsey Tomaschik

Sweet moments when Humphrey holds still like this are few and far between to be captured.

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Boy Scouts earn Webelos Craftsmen Activity Badge



Photos by Lindsey Tomaschik

Boy Scout Pack 480 gathered at Northern Star Saddlery Monday evening and each Scout in attendance made a leather folding knife sheath to earn the Webelos Craftsmen Activity Badge. Store owner Carlos Gonzalez showed the boys around the shop before holding a demonstration and walking each scout individually through the assembly and design of his sheath.

A-Rod makes vague apology, turns down news conference

NEW YORK (AP) — Alex Rodriguez issued a five-paragraph handwritten apology "for the mistakes that led to my suspension" on Tuesday without detailing specifics about his use of performance-enhancing drugs.

Ready to report back to the Yankees following a season-long suspension for violating baseball's drug agreement and labor contract, Rodriguez apologized to team officials in person during a meeting at the ballpark on Feb. 10. They suggested he hold a news conference before the start of spring training this Friday and offered the use of Yankee Stadium, but Rodriguez declined.

Rodriguez held an apologetic news conference in 2009 at the team's facility in Tampa, Florida, after he admitted using

banned PEDs while with Texas from 2001-03, before Major League Baseball had a drug agreement with penalties. But he did not want to face questions from media about his latest involvement with PEDs — although he could be required to testify if his cousin, Yuri Sucart, and former University of Miami pitching coach Lazaro Colazo, go to trial on charges they committed crimes for their involvement with the Biogenesis of America drug clinic. Rodriguez admitted in court documents he used PEDs.

Commissioner Bud Selig suspended Rodriguez for 211 games in August 2013, citing conduct from 2010-12 uncovered during MLB's investigation of Biogenesis, which was based in Coral Gables, Florida, not far from Rodriguez's home.

Rodriguez directed the players' associa-

tion to file a grievance and filed a lawsuit against the Yankees' team doctor, accusing him of mishandling his medical care. After a hearing, arbitrator Fredric Horowitz reduced the penalty to the 2014 season, finding "clear and convincing evidence" Rodriguez used three banned substances and twice tried to obstruct the baseball's drug investigation.

All the while proclaiming his innocence, Rodriguez sued MLB and the union in an effort to overturn the penalty, then dropped the litigation and accepted the suspension. He is due to report to the Yankees on Feb. 25 and start workouts the following day.

Rodriguez addressed his statement "to the fans" and said "I take full responsibility for the mistakes that led to my suspension for the 2014 season" without explaining

what those mistakes were.

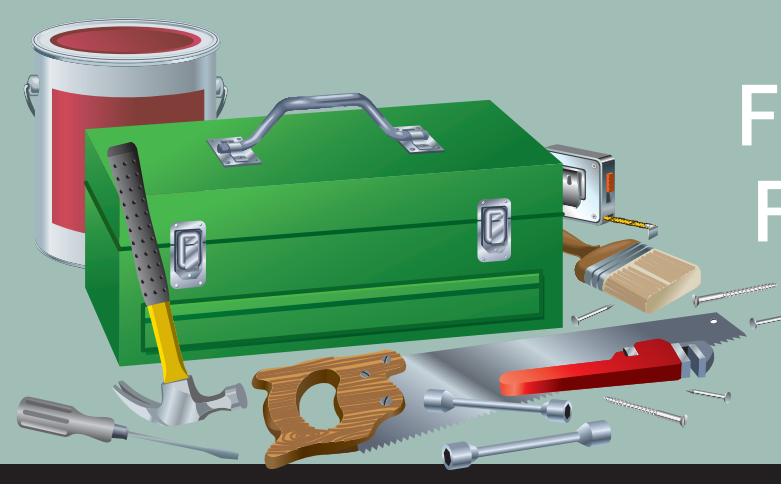
"I regret that my actions made the situation worse than it needed to be," he said. "To Major League Baseball, the Yankees, the Steinbrenner family, the players' association and you, the fans, I can only say I'm sorry."

Rodriguez said "I accept the fact that many of you will not believe my apology or anything that I say at this point. I understand why, and that's on me."

"It was gracious of the Yankees to offer me the use of Yankee Stadium for this apology but I decided the next time I am in Yankee Stadium, I should be in pinstripes doing my job," he said.

Rodriguez made clear he doesn't intend to publicly explain why he got involved with Biogenesis.

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Learning From The Levites

What would you give up for your faith? What would you sacrifice if fulfilling your calling was in jeopardy? I found myself thinking about these



MIKE SUBLETT

questions as I prepared for one of my advanced classes on the Kings of Israel. The text that stirred things up was 2 Chronicles 11:13-17. The context of the passage centers around King Solomon's replacement, his son Rehoboam. Due to his own foolishness (ignoring the advice of the older men who had been Solomon's advisors and instead listening to the young fools who were his age) Rehoboam blew the Kingdom to pieces and after the smoke cleared found himself holding only two of the 12 tribes, Judah and Benjamin. The 10 northern tribes, called Israel, selected Jeroboam as their new King. In an effort to keep his subjects from returning to the Temple in Jerusalem for times of worship, he had two GOLDEN CALVES designed and made them his worship centers; one in the city of Dan up in the northern part of Israel and the other in Bethel, right near the border of Rehoboam's Kingdom of Judah. That set the stage for a lesson from the Levites.

The tribe of Levi served one primary purpose in God's nation: PRIESTHOOD. They were not given a specific land area like the other tribes, but were given cities and pastures throughout the nation. When the nation split, many of the Levites were living in the 10 northern tribes. That meant that: 1. Everything they owned, every earthly possession, was in Israel, not Judah and 2. Their King was Jeroboam, not Rehoboam.

So what would you have done? If you sided with Jeroboam, then you could retain any/all of your property, housing and possessions as well as keep the same friends and family in

the area. All that it would require is for you to side with King Jeroboam. Of course, that also meant siding with the two golden calves, no Temple worship, idolatry, no God-approved priesthood, denial of your God and rejection of your calling as a priest of Jehovah. Hummmmm? Better rethink that one.

Now if you sided with King Rehoboam you would immediately lose your house, all of your possessions, all of your livestock, every inch of your pasture land and every bit of your income. However, you would be found faithful to Jehovah, have access to God's holy Temple and be able to serve as a Levitical priest to which you were called by God. So what would you have done?

Here is what the Levites did: 2 Chronicles 11:13-15 The priests and Levites from all their districts throughout Israel sided with him (Rehoboam). The Levites even abandoned their pasturelands and property and came to Judah and Jerusalem, because Jeroboam and his sons had rejected them as priests of the Lord when he appointed his own priests for the high places and for the goat and calf idols he had made.

Here is what the faithful did who were not Levites: 2 Chronicles 11:16-17 Those from every tribe of Israel who set their hearts on seeking the Lord, the God of Israel, followed the Levites to Jerusalem to offer sacrifices to the Lord, the God of their ancestors. They strengthened the kingdom of Judah and supported Rehoboam son of Solomon three years, following the ways of David and Solomon during this time.

Real believers should be willing to forsake EVERYTHING to remain faithful to Jehovah and to live out that faithfulness so that others can follow our example. God bless. Mike

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What Are You Seeking? Two Options

Have you ever thought, "I wish I had more of an impact in my circle of influence."



RICHARD HAWTHORNE

If you have then you might need to look at what it is that you are seeking in your life.

C.S. Lewis said, "If you read history, you will find that the Christians who did most for the present world were just those who thought most of the next."

It really comes down to two options:

1. Seeking the things of this earth.
2. Seeking the things above.

All too often our desire to influence is so short sighted and self-centered that we forget what we should be seeking in this life.

I have to be reminded often. I believe that is why Paul wrote this verse in Colossians.

"Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God." Colossians 3:1

This phrase "seeking the things above" is the Greek word, zeteo and it "denotes man's general philosophical search or quest."

It is the same word used in: Luke 19:10 - The Son of man came to seek and save the lost. (Actively seeking)

Matthew 18:12 - Used for how a shepherd seeks one lost sheep. (Leaves all and goes after one, single minded search)

Luke 15:8 - a woman searches for one lost coin (carefully, thoroughly)

Matthew 13:45 - a merchant searches for fine pearls (sold out everything to seek one pearl)

Zeteo is a diligent, active, single minded investigation.

In a way it is like a young high school student who seeks a pro football career.

Every day he works out, runs, lifts weights and watches film. He becomes a student of the game. Always learning. Always moving toward the goal.

Then in college he continues to develop his game.

Then, a pro career is in sight, he begins to dream about the cars and houses and fame.

He works harder. He is seeking it with every thought, and all his energy and effort. He is zeteo(ing) it.

He has a single-mindedness, focusing on a football career, which cannot be stopped.

This analogy, just like any, certainly breaks down if we press it too far. A pro football career will be so small in comparison to heaven that it is not even close. It is simply meant to give you an illustration of seeking something with all your focus.

If this young man reaches the goal of his search it will only be temporary. He must have a higher goal.

He must be seeking something greater than himself.

Now to change the pronoun. We must have a higher goal. We must be seeking something greater than us.

We must diligently seek the things above because they last for eternity.

What is it that you are zeteo(ing) (seeking) today?

Will the things you are seeking last for eternity?

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Bake sale at Macedonia Baptist

STAFF REPORT

Macedonia Baptist Church will be holding a bake sale starting at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 21.

There is no charge for the event but the church will be accepting donations.

The church is located at 441 Elm St. in Pampa. For more information, contact Darlene Williams at 806-661-9619.



Ash Wednesday in Pampa

Some of you who may be unfamiliar with today's holy day of observance may see people with what look like black smudges on their foreheads today.

Yes, they are aware that it's there, as today is Ash Wednesday.

Ash Wednesday is typically a day observed by those of the Catholic faith, although other Christians observe it as well, when entering the period of Lent, which is a six-week period during which those who take part prepare for the Easter holiday.

On Ash Wednesday, those who attend mass take part in the "imposition of ashes." Ashes are placed on the foreheads of worshipers in the shape of a cross as a reminder of our mortality and sinfulness.

Unlike Christmas or Easter, Ash Wednesday is not required for Christians to observe. It, as well as Lent, is considered a choice in which Christians may or may not choose to partake.

Fun facts about Ash Wednesday:

- Ash Wednesday masses are better attended than masses on most holy days, except Christmas.
 - Ash Wednesday is considered a day when those who partake literally wear their faith on their foreheads.
 - The tradition of receiving ashes has its origins in the Old Testament, where sinners performed acts of public penance.
 - Ash Wednesday is also a day of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. According to Church law, Catholics older than the age of 14 are supposed to abstain from meat. In addition, those between the ages of 18 and 59, not including pregnant or nursing mothers, should eat only one full meal.
- Here are the mass times at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Pampa for Ash Wednesday: 7 a.m., 12:10 p.m., 6:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. (Spanish)

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Lent Devotionals — Day 1-3

BY MIKE SUBLETT

LENT begins on Ash Wednesday each year, exactly 40 days before Easter, not counting the Sundays; 46 days before Easter, counting the Sundays.

IT IS NOT just a Catholic observance, it is a CHRISTIAN observance. More specifically it is a season of repentance, a special time to draw near to God with a humble heart, a chosen time to meditate on the sacrificial price paid by Jesus for our sins.

Most notably it is accompanied by the “giving up” of something that is good and that the believer has the perfect right to, so that they may focus on the sacrifices and sufferings of Jesus even more intensely than usual. The “giving up” is normally for the 40 days of repentance, not for the six Sundays.

Most Christians ignore Lent, not seeing the personal significance that it can have in the life of every believer. And yet some Catholics and Protestants who do observe Lent make it trite, almost a game, by giving up something incredibly trivial, something that makes no impact on their personal life.

The key to Lent is giving up something that is “very significant in the individual believer’s life” so that they will be constantly reminded to prayerfully draw near to the Lord in a special way.

At our church we have many believers who have adopted Lent with all their hearts and have given up some very peculiar things. I know someone who gave up “eating out at fast food restaurants.” That sounded kind of trivial when I first heard it, but not when I realized that her work schedule was so tight that “fast food” was the only way she normally got any lunch. It almost became a kind of fasting time for her. It wouldn’t have been significant for me, but it surely was for her.

Others in our church have given up things like: trivial spending, soda pop, wearing a watch, coffee, ice, all sweets, all food, 30 minutes of sleep, candy, meat, etc. In each of these cases the things given up were personally chosen by believers who knew themselves well and picked something that would impact and alter their lives on every single day of Lent.

So with Lent at hand, please think about participating in this special “season of repentance.” Do it for the Lord! Do it for yourself! Twenty years ago I didn’t have a clue about Lent, and now I can’t imagine my walk with God without it.

What should you give up? Think of what would really impact your life and make you think each day of what Lent is really all about. So begin praying now for a special time with the Lord next Lent.

Instructions:

1. These devotionals are NOT for Sundays. The Sundays during Lent are to be a time of CELEBRATION because all Sundays are to be a time of celebration of the bodily resurrection of Jesus. Therefore, get your devotional for the Sundays of Lent at church.

2. Choose something to give up for Lent. To help with this refer back to: “LENT: Why bother?”

3. Each day, beginning Ash Wednesday, read the devotional for that day and then slowly pray the prayer that follows. See for yourself what God will do in your life via Lent. Remember: the earlier in the day the better.

Note: The scripture quotations are from Kermit Zarley’s The Gospels Interwoven, a blended account of all four Gospels. IMHO it is the very best of all the various blended harmonies.

Day 1 - Ash Wednesday – the colt

Scripture: Matthew 21:1-7; Mark. 11:1-7; Luke. 19:29-3; John. 12:12-15

The next day, as they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her, which no one has ever ridden. Untie them and bring them here to me. If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ tell him, ‘The Lord needs them, and he will send them back here right away.’”

The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. They found a colt just as he had told them, outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “What are you doing? Why are you un-

tying that colt?”

They answered as Jesus had told them, “The Lord needs it,” and the people let them go. They brought the donkey and the colt to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet: “Say to the Daughter of Zion, ‘Do not be afraid. See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.’” (The Gospels Interwoven, Zarley)

Devotional: Not only was it just an ordinary donkey, but it was also just the junior edition--the colt of the mother donkey. Nobody ever looked at this young beast of burden and thought “king” or “royalty.” Maybe words like common, ordinary, or mundane came to mind, but nothing more. But on the back of this burro is how Jesus chose to enter His final week. It was His choice.

Why? Why not a powerful stallion? Why not something more equal to His true standing and position? Because this donkey was the exact image He wanted everyone to see and remember. Even though He was the most special being who ever walked this earth, He wanted everyone to remember Him as the servant God-- the completely approachable one.

If that was so with our Savior when He stared at the cross less than a week away, how much more so with His followers as they and I begin this Lenten season. We will need the Lord’s help to make these forty days what they are supposed to be: days of remorse, sorrow, conviction, confession, repentance. Or else I will begin to rely on our own spiritual might and be so distracted with day to day events that special moments of humility with my Redeemer will pass right on by without me even noticing. God forbid!

Prayer: Lord Jesus, what a Savior You were, are and always will be. You chose to begin Your final week on the back of an unquestionable sign of humility--the donkey. Please lead me throughout these 40 days of Lent into that same humility. Keep me mindful of my weaknesses, of my total dependence on You. Do not let me stray from this meekness of heart. If I do, please love me enough to correct me. Amen.

Day 2 – Thursday – palm leaves

Scripture: Matthew. 21:8-11; Mark. 11:8-11; Luke. 19:36-38; John. 12:16-18

At first his disciples did not understand all this. Only after Jesus was glorified did they realize that these things had been written about him and that they had done these things to him.

The great crowd that had come from the Feast heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. Now the crowd that was with him when he called Lazarus from the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to spread the word. Many people, because they had heard that he had given this miraculous sign, went out to meet him.

As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut palm branches from the trees in the fields and spread them on the road.

When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples that went ahead of him, and those that followed, began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen, shouting: “Hosanna!” “Hosanna to the Son of David!” “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!” Blessed is the King of Israel!” Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!” “Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” “Hosanna in the highest!” (The Gospels Interwoven, Zarley)

Devotional: They were the poor man’s sign of honor. They were not gold or silver or even brightly colored cloth. But when lowly people wanted to honor someone, palm leaves were waved and placed on the ground in front of them. Why palm leaves? It was something even the poorest could acquire, something common.

Odd isn’t it that something so common would be used to honor the most unique one who ever lived. Would that I could choose each day to view myself as the Lord’s palm leaf. All too often I see myself as someone special and unique and therefore concluding that I am worthy of great consideration. In those moments I am usually overcome with pride and I forget that nothing good lies around the corner when pride leads the way. “Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before stumbling” (Proverbs 16:18).

On this second day of Lent I choose, with the Lord’s help,

to focus on my commonness so that humility will be my traveling companion. That will make me Christ’s palm leaf, something He may take and use as He sees fit. How could I aspire to anything greater?

Prayer: Awesome Redeemer, You walked in humility with such apparent ease that I’m sorry to say I can’t relate. Personal pride seems to be around every corner and behind everything and everybody. I’m so sorry that my attention and my focus wander so easily. Oh Lord Jesus, I want to want to be humble like You all the time. Sometimes I want to but then I stumble over my pride and humility disappears. I cry out to You for help. Help me be humble in You. Help me to feel pride in only You. Please, help me to not to waste another day, another hour, another minute in the wasteland of personal pride. Amen.

Day 3 – Friday – a fig tree

Scripture: Matthew. 21:12-19; Mark. 11:12-19; Luke. 19:45-48

Early in the morning the next day, they were leaving Bethany. On his way back to the city, Jesus was hungry. Seeing in the distance a fig tree in leaf by the road, he went up to it to find out if it had any fruit. When he reached it, he found nothing on it except leaves, because it was not the season for figs. Then he said to the tree, “May you never bear fruit again. May no one ever eat fruit from you again.” And his disciples heard him say it. Immediately the tree withered. (The Gospels Interwoven, Zarley)

Devotional: That morning, as He and His disciples headed into Jerusalem, Jesus had so many eternally important things on His mind, heart, and spirit that He forgot to eat. Then a common fig tree caught the eye of His hungry body. (Did you notice that word “common” again?) There wasn’t anything special about that tree except that it was already fully leafed which usually meant that there would be fruit. Oh, and given how early it was in the season it was probably not the ripest of fruit or the sweetest of figs, but at least something for breakfast.

However, as Jesus neared the tree He could see that in human terms, it was all blow and no go. Unusually fully leafed, but not a single fig. His response was immediate and shocking. Jesus cursed the tree to death. Then the tree’s response was just as immediate and shocking. It withered and died.

How many times have I been full of leaves--full of words about how much I love Jesus and how strong of a Christian I am, only to cave when tested by some difficult circumstance? I’m sure I could never count the times that I promised so much more than I delivered. And so far Jesus has been patient with my false advertising. Thank You, Holy Spirit, for this conviction.

Prayer: Jesus, I am so sorry that I have taken Your patience for granted for so long. Now with Your help Lord, I will advertise less and produce more. I can’t do it by my own strength, but I can through Yours. Help me, Lord. Amen.



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DAILY Horoscope

A baby born today has a Sun and Moon in Pisces.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Feb. 19, 2015:

This year you understand a lot more about the people around you and what drives them. You could form a new friendship with someone who is older. You also might experience an old friendship becoming less reliable and more difficult. Be aware of a tendency to alleviate anger by going shopping. If you are single, you will weed out those who are not sensitive to your needs. As a result, you will create a more authentic relationship with the right kind of person. If you are attached, you often can be found daydreaming, especially when you are with your significant other. Try to be more present, and your sweetie will appreciate the effort. A fellow **PISCES** might not be easy to share with, as he or she is rarely available.

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)

★★★ You will have a difficult time being subtle, but this kind of reticent behavior might be appropriate at the moment. You could have an important conversation about a potential trip with a friend. Listen carefully to what he or she wants to share. Tonight: Let off some steam.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Zero in on what you desire. Verbalizing what you want is far more important than you realize, especially as you are starting to deal with someone who tends to be less communicative. A comment could force you back to the drawing board. Tonight: Don't swallow your anger!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Take charge if you want to have a project come out exactly as you would like. Run with the ball, yet still listen to others' suggestions. Rather than saying "no," keep their ideas in mind. You never know when one might work. Tonight: Work off some extra energy.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Keep reaching out to someone at a distance or to someone who seems to have a different view from you. A lack of energy will be a valid reason to hold off on making a decision. Be aware of the role that making a change has in energizing you. Tonight: A sudden burst of energy.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Fortunately, you deal well with others; however, a spacey individual could stop you in your tracks. You might need to listen

more closely to what this person is saying. Note what he or she doesn't say, as that could have unusual significance. Tonight: Try something different.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Others will seek you out, though you might not be up for a prolonged one-way conversation. You could try to add more fun to the exchanges. Ultimately, you will find that sharing your feelings is likely to add some fuel to your interactions. Tonight: Stay centered.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ Your focus will be on getting your work done. How you see a personal matter could change once you attempt to initiate a conversation. Clearly, the other party seems more vested in control than in expressing his or her feelings. Tonight: Back away from a volatile situation.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Your creativity and curiosity can be powerful tools when mixed together. Your ability to move past a situation and find a much better path is likely to emerge. Others often seek you out for advice; they want some of this magic! Tonight: Go to the gym first.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ You might have a difficult time feeling energized right now. Don't push yourself so hard. You could hear some news that encourages a lively conversation. People could fly off the handle, but by then, you will be a big ball of energy. Tonight: Do what you want.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ You might be hard-pressed to understand where a friend is really coming from. Just when you seem to be able to focus on the conversation, this person is likely to close down. Try not to let yourself be so irritated by this experience. Tonight: Work off steam.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ While others seem locked in conversation, you will want to take a closer look at your budget. Money could be a hot topic right now. You might want to reassess a personal situation, which is likely to involve extra funds. Tonight: Start pricing out your options.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ You will be able to read between the lines. Getting confirmation of what you see could be virtually impossible. A power play might affect a friendship. Be careful in handling this situation. Tonight: Do your best not to go overboard.

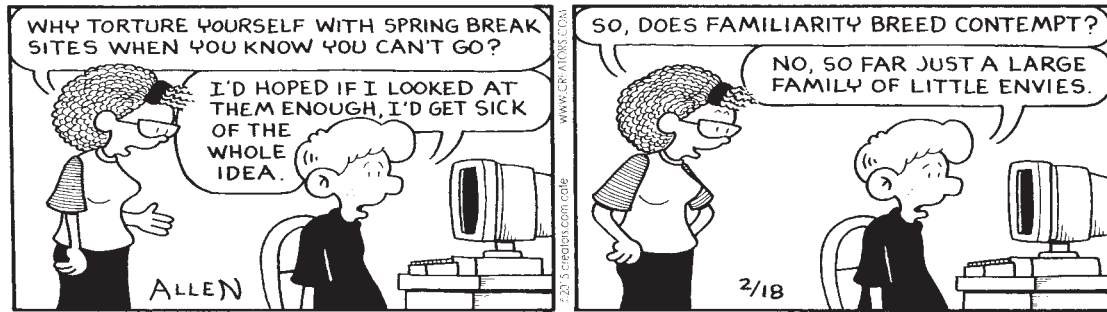
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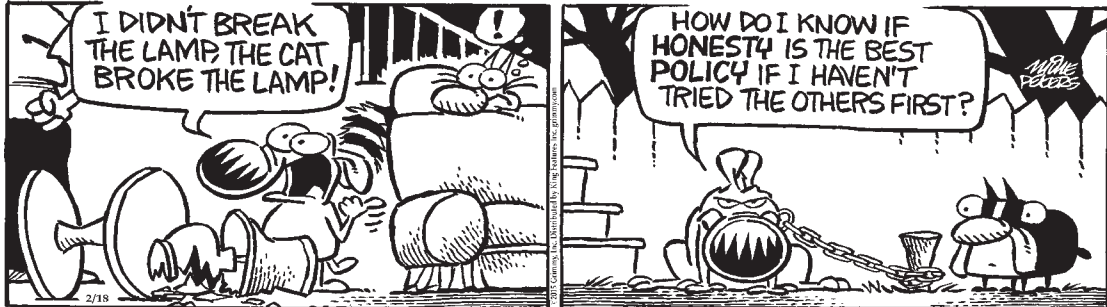
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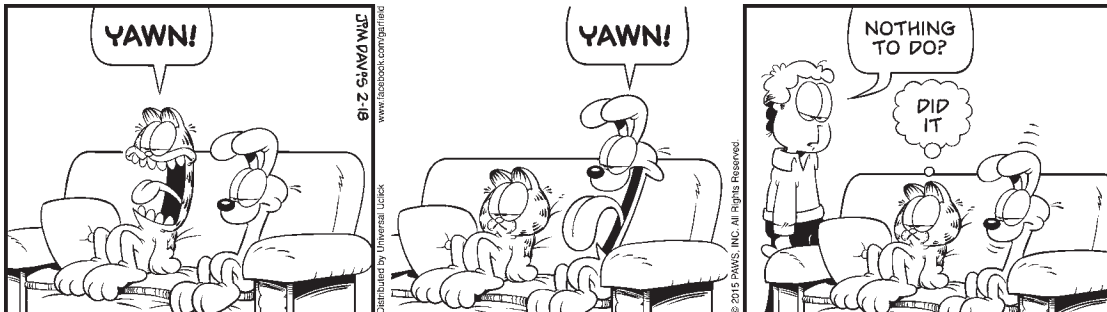
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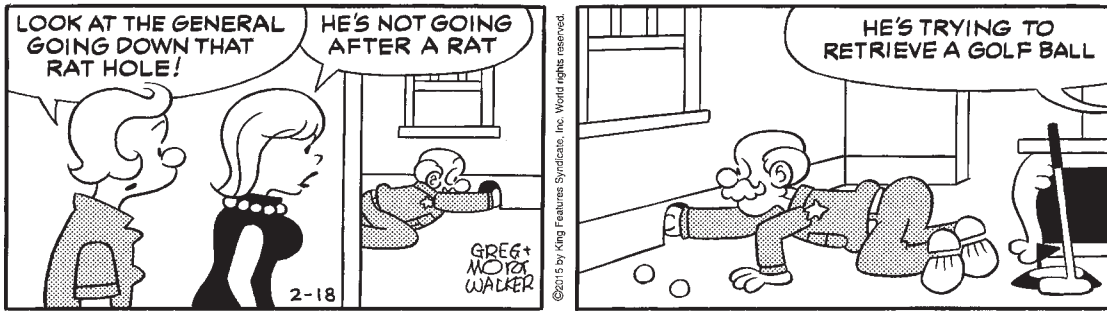
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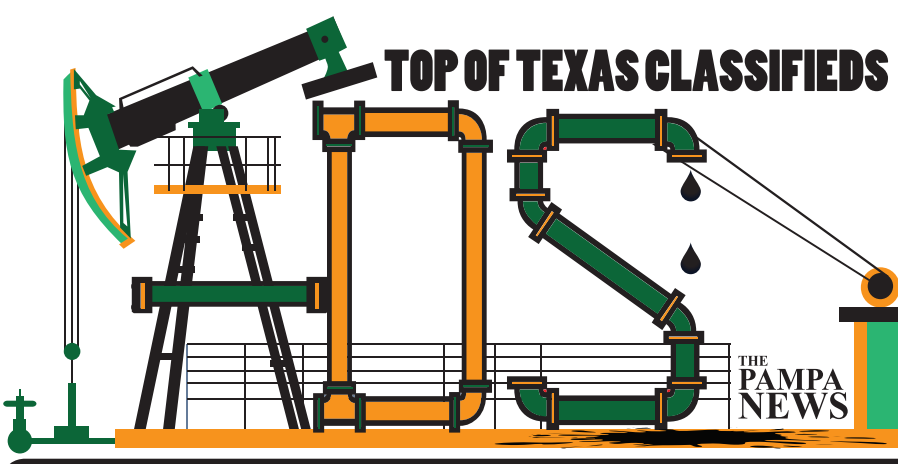


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PAMPASports

Lady Harvesters softball wins in walk-off fashion

■ Pampa scored five runs in bottom of seventh to complete rally for 8-7 win.

BY ZACHARY GREEN
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The Pampa Lady Harvesters' softball season got underway Monday night. The game was originally scheduled for Tuesday, but due to the possibility of some snow, it was moved forward one night. Pampa hosted the Dumas Demonettes.

Dumas had three straight ground outs to start inning number one.

Brittney Gonzalez walked and stole second to start the Pampa half of the first. She was caught stealing third. Cheyenne Lockhart hit a single into right field. Lockhart was out at second on a fielder's choice after Kassie Jerome hit the ball to short. Jerome was safe at first. Kaylee Arnzen flied out to center to end the inning.

After one, Pampa trailed 1-0.

Dumas plated one in the top of the second after a couple of walks, a steal and an error. The Lady Harvesters buckled down and limited the damage to just the one run.

Jacie Studebaker hit a single to first to start things off in the bottom half of the second. Kylie Krieder struck out and Megan Brock, courtesy runner for Studebaker, was thrown out stealing.

It looked as if Pampa would be letting that leadoff batter go to waste. However, Ally Roberson walked and stole second. Then she came home on a double by Raeli Walker. Cameron Schaub singled to right field and Pampa now had two runners in scoring position after Schaub advanced to second.

Gonzalez came up and hit a double to bring both runners home. Lockhart grounded out to end the inning.

After two, Pampa led 3-1.

More errors, wild pitches and walks led to another Dumas run in the top of the third.

Jerome hit a single to second to start the Pampa half of the third. Cherub Whittington came in to courtesy run for her. Whittington advanced to second on a wild pitch. Arnzen walked. Studebaker grounded out, but both runners advanced to second and third respectively. Krieder and Roberson flied out to end the threat for Pampa.

After three, Pampa led 3-2.

Dumas added another run in the fourth on a wild pitch to tie the game at three apiece.

Pampa went three up, three down in their half of

the fourth.

After four, the game was tied at 3-3.

Dumas plated two more runs in the fifth after walks and errors. Dumas now held a 5-3 lead.

Pampa almost went three up, three down again if it wasn't for a Jerome walk.

After five, Dumas led 5-3.

The sixth was very uneventful with a Dumas walk and a Pampa single being the only baserunners either team saw in the inning.

After six, Dumas led 5-3.

Dumas came out swinging in the seventh and plated another run on an error to take the 7-3 lead.

It was now the last call for the Lady Harvesters as they found themselves down by four runs with only three outs to spare.

Schaub started the inning with a walk. Gonzalez doubled to center and Schaub scored on the throw in. Pampa now trailed 7-4, but there was a long way yet to go.

Lockhart singled on a bunt and Gonzalez was able to score on a throw. Pampa fans started to believe in the rally now as Pampa just needed to runs to tie it. Lockhart advanced to second on an error by the catcher.

Jerome singled to short and Lockhart advanced to third. Arnzen doubled to left and scored Lockhart. Pampa now just trailed by one at 7-6. The Lady Harvesters had runners on the corners with no outs still.

Studebaker single to third and the bases were now juiced.

Clarendon College signee, Krieder singled to second and plated Jerome. The game was tied at seven all. Pampa had comeback with four runs in the seventh to tie the game. Yet, there were still no outs and the bases remained loaded.

Roberson reached on fielder's choice to third and Whittington made it home safely.

Pampa had just comeback from a 7-3 deficit and their backs against the wall to score five runs and take the game 8-7.

Jacie Studebaker pitched three innings. She allowed two runs on one hit. No runs were earned. She also struck out two batters. From the plate, she was 2-4. Brittney Gonzalez pitched two innings as well. She allowed three runs, one earned on one hit. She struck out three batters. From the plate, she was 2-3 with two RBIs, a run scored, two steals and two doubles. Grace Gill pitched the seventh and allowed one un-

earned run on two hits. She got the win in the game. From the plate, Gill was 0-2.

Cheyenne Lockhart was 2-4 with a run scored. Kassie Jerome was 2-3 with a run scored. Kaylee Arnzen was 1-3 with a walk, an RBI and a double. Cherub Whittington had one run (the game winner). Kyle Krieder was 2-4 with an RBI. Ally Roberson was 0-3 with a walk, an RBI, a stolen base and a run scored. Raeli Walker was 1-1, with an RBI, a run and double. Cameron Schaub was 1-2 with a walk and two runs scored.

Arnzen and Walker had a double play combination in the top of the third.

Pampa had eight runs on 13 hits and four errors. Dumas had seven runs on four hits and one error.

Pampa is now 1-0 on the year. They travel to the Brock Tournament this weekend. It runs Thursday through Saturday.

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Level: Intermediate



Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My husband is a handsome executive who works out of town. I'm a professional with a responsible job that limits my ability to travel.

I needed to borrow his phone recently and noticed that one of his colleagues has been texting him after hours. She asks if he has traveled safely, tells him she misses him, how much she enjoys working with him — all with romantic emoticons. I'm concerned that the flattery and emoticons indicate she wants more than a work-based relationship. She's married with kids. How should I approach this? — WORRIED WIFE IN KENTUCKY

DEAR WORRIED WIFE: Because there have been more than one of these flirtatious, unbusinesslike communications, assume that your husband hasn't discouraged them. Confront him. Tell him you feel what she's doing is a threat to your marriage, and you want it stopped. But before you do, make copies of the texts so you can confront the woman with them if she doesn't stop.

DEAR ABBY: Is it OK for a man to talk on his cellphone at the urinal in a public restroom, or for a woman to talk on the phone while using the toilet in one of the stalls? Also, please remind everyone to wash their hands after using the restroom. — RUSSELL IN RICHLAND, WASH.

DEAR RUSSELL: I can think of few things more unpleasant than conversing with someone with the sound of "running water" (or worse) in the back-

ground and toilets flushing. Why anyone would do this is beyond me. It's very rude.

And, while I can remind people about hand-washing until the cows come home, I'll suggest instead that men and women who use public restrooms not touch the door handle without a paper towel — when available — firmly in hand.

DEAR ABBY: I grew up in the '90s in a neighborhood where the kids respected their neighbors. I now live in a different state and, obviously, a different era. Neighborhood kids constantly use my steep driveway to ride their bicycles, tricycles and scooters without asking permission.

Am I right in thinking this is rude, because in my opinion, they are trespassing? Not only could I be held responsible if one of them gets hurt on my property, but they also are extremely loud and do this while my children are trying to nap.

They have been asked to stop, and I have threatened to talk to their parents, even though I don't know where they live. What do I do? — FRUSTRATED HOMEOWNER

DEAR FRUSTRATED: Discuss this with your insurance broker. You are correct that if one of the children gets hurt on your property you could be liable. You also need to be more proactive than you have been. Tell the kids they are disturbing your children who are trying to nap, and if the kids don't go away, find out where they live and talk to the other parents. It would be cheaper than having to install a gate in front of your driveway.

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BANANAGRAMS!

Use the 15 tiles in this bunch to create words that fit into the grids below. The BANANA BITES provide hints. Reuse the tiles for each grid.

LEVEL

F E P I O S P K
D R P E T G N F

BANANA BITE: A tiny sound

BANANA BITE: Kind of computer

Yesterday's Answer: PLASTER, STRUT, PAINT

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS 40 College study

1 Lion tamer's prop

41 Colleen

5 Scarlett's home

9 Sharpens

11 Kathy of "Misery"

12 Quite impressed

13 Alaska native

14 French article

15 Annual report number

17 Mascara holder

19 Glimpse

20 "Ivanhoe" author

21 Nap site

22 Mayor before Koch

24 Early auto

26 Tony of TV and stage

29 Vacuum lack

30 A, in Morse code

32 China material

34 Diner dessert

35 Group of top players

36 Dodge

38 Outdoes

39 Gave a score to

40 College study

41 Colleen

DOWN

1 Even

2 Sweethearts

3 "I'll be right with you"

4 Flock holder

5 Soft mineral

6 Relaxed

7 Was green, in a way

8 — crow flies

10 Capitol group

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Yesterday's answer

11 Soaking spot

16 Los — Unidos

18 Gray wolf

21 Crook

23 "Leave It to Beaver" star

24 Mob member

25 Composer Bloch

27 Mexican revolutionary

28 Stage comments

29 Addis —

30 River stoppers

31 Listens to

33 Chow

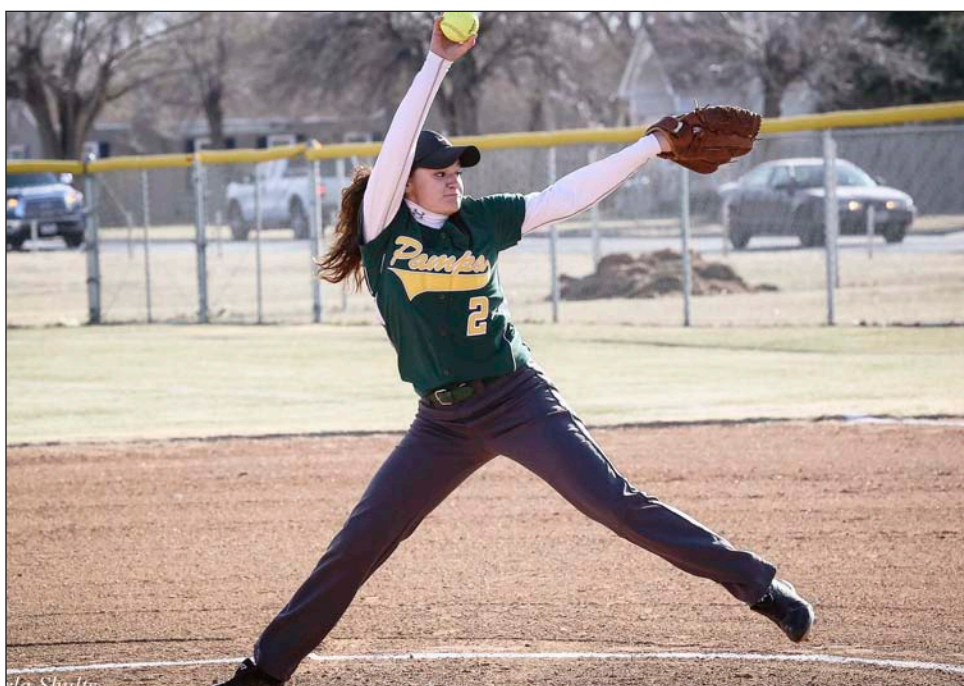
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PAMPA Sports

CARDIAC LADY HARVESTERS SCORE FIVE RUNS IN SEVENTH MONDAY NIGHT TO WIN



Photos courtesy of Charla Shults

Top left, Cheyenne Lockhart makes a catch in the field as Gracee Gill watches on. Top right, Brittney Gonzalez swings for the fences. Middle left, Kassie Jerome pounds a hit. Middle right, Jacie Studebaker pitches during the game. Above left, Cameron Schaub throws to Kaylee Arnzen for the out. Above right, Ally Roberson lays down a bunt during the game. Pampa won in comeback fashion 8-7.

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Kansas State at TCU.....	FSSW 7 p.m.
North Carolina at Duke.....	ESPN 8 p.m.
UCLA at Arizona State.....	ESPN2 8 p.m.
Iowa State at Oklahoma State.....	ESPNU 8 p.m.
Illinois State at Bradley.....	FCSA 8 p.m.
Colorado at Oregon.....	ESPNU 10 p.m.

NHL Hockey

Detroit Red Wings at Chicago Blackhawks.....	NBCS 6:30 p.m.
LA Kings at Colorado Avalanche.....	NBCS 9 p.m.

Soccer

Real Madrid at Schalke.....	FS1 1:30 p.m.
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Golf

Australian Open women's.....	GOLF 10 p.m.
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Conscious Discipline

How do I use choices effectively?

Choices can be used effectively as a discipline technique and as a means to help children focus. Mr. Adams had announced to the class that in five minutes it would be cleanup time. He personally got Jason's attention and told him face-to-face. After the five minutes had passed, the class began singing the cleanup song and putting toys away. Jason had trouble redirecting his focus from playing to cleaning up. "Jason, you have a choice. You may pick up the big blocks first or the little blocks first. What is your choice?" Mr. Adams asked. Jason said, "The big blocks because I am strong."

Most children can benefit from using choices as a guidance tool, especially children who need additional structure to be successful. Jason is a good example. He needs more direction than some of the other children. Since he needs more guidance, the teacher is prone to giving him a lot of commands. "Jason, get your lunch. Jason, get in line. Jason, wait until the door is opened." Jason, in his need for external structure from adults, misses out on some of the choice-making decisions other children acquire on a regular basis. So, instead of constantly directing Jason with commands, choices would give him the structure he needs, provided practice in making decisions and ultimately build his self-esteem.

Choices are also helpful with compliance. A teacher is less likely to get resistance with "Katie, you have a choice to sit on the red tape or the blue tape," than if the teacher simply says, "Katie, it is circle time. Sit down." Since preschool children are developing autonomy and initiative skills, they sometimes like to assert themselves in response to adult commands. Choices provide the option of complying with adult wishes while still maintaining the "last word," so to speak.

In order for the adult to deliver choices to children on a regular bases, two things are required.

1. The adult must think in terms of what he or she wants the children to do. We have been conditioned to think negativity—what we don't want them to do. "Don't run. Don't talk when I am talking." This "don't" thinking is detrimental to giving choices.
2. The adult must give the children two positive choices. Typically, adults have been trained to give the child one "good" choice and one "bad" choice to coerce the child into picking the one the adult wants. For example, children have been given the choice to pick up their toys or lose recess time. This is not a choice; it is a manipulation. A true choice is given when we, as adults, do not care which option the child selects.

To create choices for children, think first, "What do I want them to do?" Then create two positive options to accomplish that goal. If you want a child to wipe off the table, you create the options of "with a towel" or "with a washcloth." If you want a child to pick up some trash on the floor, you could give the options of "putting it in this trash can or that one."

Traditional Discipline	vs	Conscious Discipline
First Warning		Choice to Be Helpful
Second Warning		Choice of Safe Place
Loss of Privilege		Behavior Plan
Call to Parents		Logical Consequences

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