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Photo by John Lee

Scott Star was in Pampa on Thursday before he departed to Panhandle on the next stop in his "Walking Across America" journey.

BY JOHN LEE

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Crohn's and Colitis are diseases that are major categories of Inflammatory Bowel Diseases (IBD). According to their website, IBD affects an estimated 1.6 million Americans and tend to be genetically linked and do not favor one gender or the other.

Crohn's can affect any part of gastrointestinal tract and ulcerative colitis is limited to the colon. Scott Star, 24, a New York City native, is try-

ing to raise awareness for these diseases and raise money for the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America. 'Crohn's and ulcerative colitis are diseases that don't have a cure," Star said. "No one knows

link. I have Crohn's Disease and my sister does too, that's a genetic link." As Star noted, being a sufferer of Crohn's Disease, he decided to be someone who raises

what causes it. It is known that there is a genetic

awareness by going on this journey across the "It affects me," Star said. "It's something that affects all age groups. It's particularly traumatic for people in their teenage years because you're trying to be socially accepted. If you have to run

to the bathroom for an unexplained reason all of

the time, it kind of makes you nervous and anx-

ious. You even seem like an outcast.' Star got the idea to walk across America by reading articles about people who both biked and

walked the distance. "They had some pretty interesting stories and

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United Way to host Family Swim Night

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AAA study shows teen drivers put everyone at risk; study raises alert as 100 deadliest days begin

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COPPELL — Nearly two-thirds of people injured or killed in a crash involving a teen driver are people other than the teen behind the wheel, according to a new report released by the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety. In 2013 alone, 371,645 people were injured and 2,927 were killed in crashes that involved a teen driver. The results come just as the "100 Deadliest Days" begin, the period between Memorial Day and Labor Day when teen crash fatalities historically climb. "We know teen crash rates are

higher than any other age group, and this data confirms that the impact of their crashes extend well beyond the teen who is behind the wheel," said AAA Texas/ New Mexico Representative Doug Shupe. "Since teens drive more during the summer than any other season, this report is a reminder to drivers, pedestrians and bicyclists— to be mindful when sharing the roads with young drivers, as well as a reminder for parents to review safety information with teen drivers."

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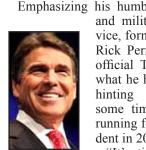


Perry announces 2016 candidacy

By Matthew Watkins The Texas Tribune

Former Gov. Rick Perry during

a press conference with his legal team on Jan. 28, 2015.



Perry

and military service, former Gov. Rick Perry made official Thursday what he has been hinting at for some time: He's running for president in 2016.

"It's time," he said to a few hundred flag-waving

supporters. "It's time to create real jobs; to raise wages; to create opportunity for all; to give every citizen a stake in this country; to restore hope — real hope to forgotten Americans."

He made the declaration while standing in front of a white cargo plane with a "Perry for President" logo inside a hangar at North Texas' Addison Airport. The event had the feel of a Fourth of July picnic, with a floor-to-ceiling American flag, white fold-up chairs, and red, white and blue decorations everywhere.

And the military was a key focus. Perry was surrounded by Navy SEALs and other famous veterans. And he talked about his own military service, the service of his father and his trip to the American cemetery at the site of the D-Day attack in Normandy, France. The plane serving as his backdrop Thursday was a C-130, the same type he flew in missions in Europe and the Middle East while a captain in the U.S. Air "I was proud to wear the uni-

form of my country," Perry said.

He also described growing up in Paint Creek in West Texas. His family had an outhouse for years. and his mom hand-sewed his clothes until he left for college, he said.

"There is no person on earth more optimistic than a dry land cotton farmer," he said. "We always know that a good rain is just across the corner, no longer how long you have been waiting."

And he touted his executive experience — 14 years as governor of Texas. During that time, he dealt with hurricanes, a crisis at the state's border with Mexico and the first diagnosis of Ebola in

America, he said. "This will be a 'show me, don't tell me' election, where voters look past the rhetoric to the real record," he said.

He then took a jab at some of the U.S. senators in the race, including Rand Paul and fellow Texan

"The question of every candidate is this one: When have you led?" he said. "Leadership is not a speech on the Senate floor. It's not what you say; it's what you have done. And we will not find the kind of leadership needed to revitalize the country by looking to the political class in Washington."

Perry has been actively campaigning for months, making regular visits to early-voting states like Iowa, New Hampshire and South Carolina. He's working to ensure that this attempt will go better than his first run for the White House.

When he ran in 2012 while still governor, he was perceived as a favorite, but quickly stumbled.

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Sunday

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Today: Mostly sunny, with a high near 87. South wind 10 to 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph. Sunrise at 6:30 a.m.

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Teens

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The study analyzed data of police-reported crashes of drivers aged 15-19, from 1994-2013 and found that:

While the overall number of teen crashes are down, the majority of people killed (66 percent) and injured (67 percent) in crashes involving a teen driver are people other than the teen themselves

Nearly 50 percent of those injured were in another vehicle; 17 percent were in the teen driver's car; and 2 percent were non-motorists (i.e., pedestrian, bicyclist)

Nearly 30 percent of those of the year. killed were in another car, 27 percent were the teen's pasnon-motorists (i.e., pedestrians, bicyclist)

AAA is promoting the study findings to raise attention among parents of teen drivers and all road users particularly during the "100 Deadliest Days" period. Based on a AAA analysis of the government's Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS), in 2013, an average of 220 teen drivers and passengers died in traffic crashes during each of the summer months, a 43 percent increase compared to the rest

long advocate on behalf of senger and ten percent were teen drivers and their fami- to improve the safety of lies and has been a leader at teen drivers over the past 20 the state level in advocating for the implementation and improvement of both graduated drivers licensing (GDL) 19, so advocating on behalf laws and quality driver education programs.

> In the last 20 years, nonfatal injury crashes and fatal crashes of teen drivers aged 15-19 decreased by 51 percent and 56 percent respectively. In comparison, crashes resulting in nonfatal injuries and fatalities, including but not limited to those involving teen driv-

ers fell by 25 percent and 17 AAA has been a decades- percent respectively. While great strides have been made years, motor vehicle crashes still remain the leading cause of death for drivers aged 15of teen driver safety remains a top priority for AAA.

Tools to help parents prepare for the "100 Deadliest Davs" of summer driving and other resources to coach teens through the learningto drive process including a parent-teen driving agreement can be found on AAA's award-winning website TeenDriving.AAA.com.

Walking

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adventures to share," Star said. "I wanted to do it one day and 2015 was my year."

While many people take an entourage or caravan on their journey across the States, Star has been going solo since Oklahoma City. The end destination for him and his former traveling companion remains the same, Santa Monica, Calif., but they will arrive at different times.

Scott is traveling in 20 mile increments to get to the West Coast, sometimes more depending on the distance between cities.

back from a couch-surfing host. I've stayed in camp grounds, gotten permission to stay on church grounds and town parks."

The biggest challenge Star has run into has not been terrain or the recent widespread rain across the southern Midwest or even the two tornado sirens he heard while he was in Okla-

homa, but more of a wear and tear physical challenge.

"The blisters on my feet," Star said. "Surprisingly that's the only part of my "Sometimes I stay in body that hurts me at the mer months. hotels," Star said. "But end of every day. Sometimes (That's protoday (Thursday) I came times finding a place to be my bigger sleep is a day of decision."

Although there are moments when Star longs for amount after I switched to social interaction, it has sandals since they are Velbeen nice to occasionally be alone.

"It's nice being able to be lost in my thoughts on the road," Star said. "And to be surrounded by beautiful scenery on these farm roads."

Star departed from Delaware on Feb. 27 and plans on finishing in late August. Which means he will be in the desert during the sum-

"That's probably going to be my biggest challenge,' Star said while laughing. "My blisters lessened in cro and can adjust to the swelling."

For more information on Star's journey "Walking Across America" www. facebook.com/klimwalking and tinyurl.com/scottstar.

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Perry

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"oops" moment at a GOP agency he wanted to disadmitted that he wasn't fully sleep and concentration.

Before Thursday's an-

nouncement, Perry had made clear that this time will be different. He has studied policy in addition to the extra time devoted Conservatives criticized him to early primary states. But for his support of in-state tu- the political atmosphere ition for undocumented im- has also changed. The field migrants. And his infamous of Republican candidates is larger, and generally perdebate — when he couldn't ceived to be stronger. Perry remember the third federal is barely registering in nationwide and early primary solve — became a source state polls. And, of course, of mockery. He has since he remains under indictment on allegations that he prepared as a candidate and abused his power in an efwas suffering from health fort to force Travis County problems that sapped his District Attorney Rosemary Lehmberg to resign.

> And the setting in Addison gave him an opportunity to highlight Texas' economic growth during his 14-year tenure as governor — a key emphasis in his first campaign. The airport is just south of where a new American headquarters for Toyota is being built in Plano and a short drive north of the headquarters for ExxonMobil, AT&T and other fortune 500 companies.

But he avoided any explicit references to the challenges he faced. His 2012 run and his indictment weren't

He did, however, lay out a few plans, though many were lacking in specificity. He said he would offer "a responsible plan to fix the entitlement system." And if he's elected, he said, he would freeze pending executive orders from President Obama's administration; approve the Keystone Pipeline; authorize the export of American oil and natural gas to Europe; and "rescind any agreement with Iran that legitimizes their quest to get nuclear weapons.'

The announcement was part of a daylong rollout of his campaign. First thing in the morning, his website relaunched with his logo and a video introducing his campaign. Then, around 10:30 a.m., he e-mailed his supporters to tell them to tune in to his lunchtime speech. He took stage to an adapted version of the rap-country "Answer to No One," by Colt Ford.

As Perry supporters celebrated his campaign's launch, Democrats in Texas ridiculed his campaign reboot. The Lone Star Project mocked his time as governor, saying that the "best evidence proving the resiliency of Texas is that we have withstood a failed and self-serving governor like Rick Perry." The Democratic opposition research group American Bridge focused on Perry's new glasses, questioning whether they were causing him to misread unflattering polls. The group called his campaign "another sequel no one asked for."

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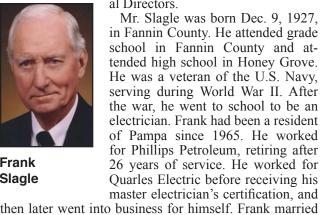
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Frank P. Slagle

Frank P. Slagle, 87, died June 3, 2015, in Pampa. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funer-

al Directors.





Norma Baggerman in 1985 in Pampa. He was a longtime

member of Central Baptist Church. He was a big Dallas Cowboy fan. Frank was a loving husband, father, stepfather and grandfather.

Frank was preceded in death by his parents, Omer and Marie Elizabeth Roach Slagle; two sons, Bryan Slagle and James Douglas Slagle; five brothers, Grover, Bob, Henry, Jack and Wayne Slagle; and two sisters, Beatrice Weise and Reba Meade.

Survivors include his wife, Norma Slagle of the home; daughter-in-law, Pam Slagle of Amarillo; two stepsons, Earnest Baggerman and wife Dianne of Miami, and Roger Baggerman and wife Robin of Rowlett; two stepdaughters, Peggy Baggerman of Groom, and Madina Joshi of McKinney; 18 grandchildren, numerous greatgrandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to Central Baptist Church, 513 E. Francis, Pampa, Texas 79065.

The family will receive friends from 6-7:30 p.m. Sunday, June 7, 2015, at Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Home.

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

FOR the RECORD

Pampa man arrested for criminal mischief

STAFF REPORT

• Jessica Kay Delatorre, Daniel Dale Kiley 30, Pampa, was arrested for criminal mischief — seat, no inspection, failbetween \$500 and \$1,500. ure to maintain car insur-

• Meesha Paslay, 29, Holt, 17, Pampa, was ar- Wednesday by PPD for Pampa, was arrested Gray County Sheriff's rested Wednesday by the no driver's license, three Wednesday by PPD for Office for violation of Pampa Police Department charges of no child safety disorderly conduct — lan- probation — possession guage.

Henderson, Nev., was arrested Wednesday by the of marijuana — between • Nacole Venter, 34, five and 50 pounds.

Recent rains bring more than floods: Watch for snakes

long branches of a cotton-cials said. wood with a trimmer, unwrapped around a nearby branch.

Hare's Nursery in Arlingtwo, along with an armful borne illnesses. of tree limbs.

the first to see it when it smacked on the ground next to her.

"His head was attached to who quickly grabbed a hoe to finish off the in- climb into the 90s. truder, told the Fort Worth ly/1Qa1GU5).

of drama in every encounter, but a lot of people have owners. found an array of critters in their yards, garages and homes that have never visited before.

Snakes. Wildfires. Allergies. West Nile virus.

Summer could bring its own menacing, pesky problems as North Texas dries out. Grass is already extremely tall along highways and in parks and other public spaces. And the vegetation, fed by moisture-rich soil, likely will continue to grow for weeks.

mer, the grass could be- just like we are."

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FORT WORTH (AP) — come a serious fire hazard house, reaching into the prolonged dry spell, offi-

And health care officials grass and large pockets of standing water could cause Tuggle, 61, owner of havoc for sufferers of grass and mold allergies and also ton, also didn't see the create a spike in West Nile Joe Pool Lake. snake when he sawed it in virus and other mosquito-

> grass quick enough to eliminate the hazards.

Turtles, frogs, earth-

ance of snakes and other wildlife will be temporary. Of course, be cautious, they say, but it's not a Planet of Colleyville, Keller and the Snakes invasion due to deep-sea atomic testing.

"When floodwaters rise, you're going to see a lot of animals," said Misty Wellner, a former naturalist with the River Legacy Living Science Center in Arlington and now its volunteer manager. "When you have a disaster like this, they're As spring turns to sum- going to move to dry land,

modern storm sewer systems, and animals may look for temporary homes aware of a water moccasin are warning that the tall in those areas while their usual habitat is under water, said Derek Broman, Texas Parks and Wildlife urban wildlife biologist based at

"This is a 500-year flood, so none of the current gen-Area cities and other gov- eration of animals is used His sister Joyce was ernments say they likely to this," he said. "As things won't be able to cut the start to recede, a lot of the animals should go back into hiding. A lot of the ani-No rain is in the Dallas- mals don't want to be out in the end I was at, and he was Fort Worth forecast for the the open. Some of the highstill trying to bite," Joyce, next week or so, and tem- er grasses might be providperatures are expected to ing cover for some of those animals for the time being."

Snakes are showing up Star-Telegram (http://bit. worms, rabbits and many with greater frequency in ly close proximity to home- the city, so most of the increased activity is in those ing for things. Experts say the appear- locations. We have no reported bites.

services The animal department that serves Southlake "is answering about four snake calls a day in the three-city area," Colleyville spokeswoman Mona Gandy said. "Typically they would get two a day.'

Roanoke police warned residents that it has taken several calls recently about

Water moccasins, or cottonmouths, prefer to live

Residential areas are near water, not in it, said Buster Tuggle was atop his if the region experiences a typically well drained with herpetologist Diane Barber, curator of ectotherms (cold-blooded animals) at the Fort Worth Zoo. They might climb to a low branch to get out of water.

Rat snakes and other harmless varieties climb a tree when they think a bird egg meal awaits, she said.

The Western cottonmouth is among the four most dangerously poisonous, along with the Western diamondback rattlesnake, the copperhead and the coral snake the smallest, most colorful of the lot, with the most potent venom, Barber said.

Dr. Ketan Trivedi, emergency department medical director at Methodist Mansfield Medical Center, which others, along with the Haslet, Mayor Bob Golden has treated two snake bites The almost 17 inches of predators — snakes, bob- said. "Typically, they are in recent days, reminds rain last month may not cats, coyotes — that follow being swept downstream people to wear boots and have produced that kind them have been in unusual- in the floodplain areas of long pants and be careful around bushes when reach-

> If bitten, he said, don't waste time going online to try to identify the snake. Instead, go to the emergency room of a full-service hospital. You likely would be put on painkillers and kept overnight.

> Even if bitten by a harmless snake, go to an emergency room to have the wound cleaned and to get antibiotics, as well as a tetanus shot. Both the snake's teeth and your skin have bacteria that can cause infection.

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Muslims: Wilders' plan to broadcast cartoons is provocation

day called anti-Islam law- the-clock protection. maker Geert Wilders's of the Prophet Muhama provocation.

outrage or unrest, the day after Wilders announced his plan to use airtime granted to political par- the news, and every time ties to show cartoons from he goes a step further in month that was targeted by two armed attackers. Wilders spoke at the contest in Garland, but left before the foiled attack in Government, agreed that which both gunmen were

Islamic tradition holds that any physical depiction of the Prophet Muhammad is blasphemous. It appears, however, that Muslims in the Netherlands may be growing accustomed to Wilders' fierce criticism of their faith.

Muslims in the Netherlands "are no longer easy to offend," said lawyer Eider Kose, who once represented a Muslim organization that tried unfilm made by Wilders.

Wilders rose to national and international prominence after the brutal murder in 2004 of another for Wilders' broadcast. Dutch critic of Islam, filmmaker Theo van Gogh, by a Muslim extremist. Wilders established and leads the Freedom Party that holds 12 of the 150 seats in parliament's low-

oric has in the past sparked tial" and there is no immeoutrage around the Mus-

THE HAGUE, Nether- lim world and prompted lands (AP) — Moderate death threats that have led Dutch Muslims on Thurs- to him living under round-Kose, who is vice chair-

plan to broadcast cartoons man of a group that promotes debate about the mad on national television Turkish diaspora in the Netherlands, says Wilders There were no signs of has to keep escalating his comments to grab head-"He only wants to be in

a contest in Texas last his attempts to be provocative," he said. Yassin Elforkani, spokesman of the Contact Group for Muslims and

> people are growing accustomed to Wilders. "It is provocation from Mr. Wilders that we have been used to for years," Elforkani said in a telephone interview.

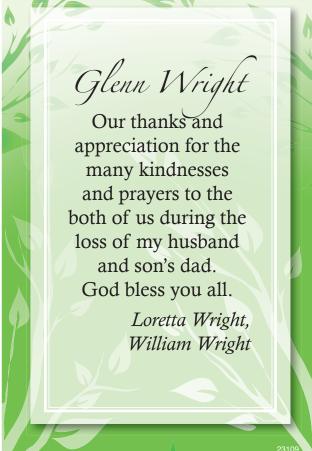
Wilders denied he was being provocative for the sake of it and said in an emailed reaction that he wants to show the cartoons to support freedom of expressions and demonstrate to extremists that their violence won't silence him.

capitulate. "Never successfully to ban a short Never give in to fear," he wrote. "Always continue with more power and conviction."

A date hasn't been set The Dutch government

said Wilders' comments hadn't prompted any change in the country's terror threat level.

Justice and Security Ministry spokeswoman Renske Piet said that the Wilders' anti-Islam rhet- level remains at "substandiate reason to change it.





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Tips, Tricks and Advice Etiquette for electronics

Nowadays you can't go anywhere without seeing everyone on their



attention to the world around them because of a tiny device. LEBEAU These devices, which were once very useful in case of emergencies, have taken

over life as we know it destroying relationships, manners and people's ability to interact. People the point of these modon't even talk on the phone anymore. They would rather text, which is causing alarming amounts of accidents that sometimes even claim lives! Here are a few tips to

help get you out of the rut of using electronics all days and a few rules on good manners:

 Studies show that turning off your electronic devices or putting them on sleep mode at least an hour before bed will help you get to sleep faster. According to sources staring at electronic screens before bed throws off the bodies natural instinct to fall asleep because of the bright light you are exposing your eyes to.

 Want to get kids and spouses off the phone at dinner time? Simply put said devices in the middle of the table when everyone sits down. The first to touch their phone does dishes.

• Limit children to no more than an hour

of video games. For children under the age of 10, if it's not a learning game or device why not skip the electronics all together! This will introduce them to being more interactive with others and a more active lifestyle.

· If you are on a road trip alone instead of reaching for the phone to text or call people out of boredom looking for someone to entertain you. Try an audiobook just as engaging as the latest gossip but more enlightening.

• Family outing? Isn't ments to spend time with our loved ones before they are grown, moved away or gone? Can't checking on your email wait an hour or two? These moments pass too quickly don't miss out memories that will last a lifetime.

• Regain some peace of mind put aside an hour a day where you don't answer the phone. Enjoy a few moments without daily stresses, put on some music, go outside for some fresh air or just enjoy the silence.

• And last but not least, NEVER walk into a business talking on your phone. Either finish the very important conversation before walking in or wait until after you have ran your errands to chat. It is very impolite to expect others to wait for you to get off the phone to assist you or interrupting others shopping trips with your unnecessary or loud conversation.

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What Clintons do is 'scandalous,' what Republicans do is ignored

Whenever a transgression against transparency is charged

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Clintons, whether real, alleged or invented, America's political media rise up in sustained outrage. From the of-

fices of The New York Times Washington bureau to the Manhattan studio of MSNBC's "Morning Joe," journalists bitterly protest Hillary Clinton's erased emails and her family foundation's fundraising methods. And they will surely snap and snark about her "scandals" from now until Election Day.

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Bereavement and Healing

As I sat with my client prearranging her mother's funeral services, she became emotion-



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ally distressed. She apologized for wanting to accomplish her mother's funeral swiftly, upon her death She felt ashamed and wondered if others would see her as insensitive or ungrateful. She thought others might think she was treating her mother

appreciated her mother's love and sacrifices. Actually, nothing could be further from the truth. The desire to quickly accomplish final disposi-

without respect or that she had not

tion is neither an act of selfishness nor a lack of love and appreciation. The desire to quickly accomplish final disposition is often be an act of love.

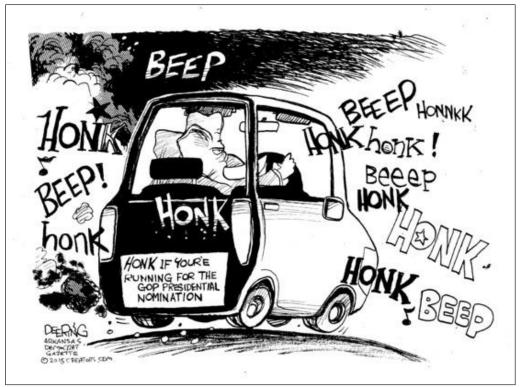
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severe, she cannot rest or feel relief until her mother's burial is accomplished.

At that moment, the moment of final disposition, both mother and daughter will be at rest. One will be laid to rest, and one will live at rest.

My name is Tracy Renee Lee. I am a funeral director, author and professional speaker. I write books and weekly bereavement articles related to understanding and coping with grief. I am the American Funeral Director of the Year Runner-Up and recipient of the BBB's Integrity Award. I deliver powerful messages and motivate audiences toward positive recovery. It is my life's work to comfort the bereaved and help them live on Please follow my blog at http://pushin-updaisies.blogspot.com/, follow me on Twitter @PushnUpDaisies and visit my website for additional encouragement. For information on booking speeches, go to www.QueenCityFuneralHome.com.



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as Investor's Business Daily tells us, the \$15 per hour really is closer to \$20.

How does it get to \$20?

Investor's Business Daily says: "Once all the nonwage costs are added, including payroll taxes. paid sick leave and the big one — ObamaCare's employer mandate minimum compensation for a full-time worker could rise as high as \$19.28 an hour by 2020, an IBD analysis finds. That would amount to a jump of \$10.67, or 124 percent, since June

How cynical is the push for higher minimum wage?

The Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now, traveled from state to state, collecting signatures to place minimum wage increase initiatives on ballots. To pull this off, the organization needed to hire lots of workers. In 1995, ACORN came to California to gather signatures for a higher minimum wage. But ACORN sued the state, seeking to exempt itself from California's minimum wage and overtime laws. Its brief read, "The more ACORN must pay each individual

outreach worker - either because of minimum another.' wage or overtime requirements — the fewer outreach workers it will be able to hire.

Not cynical enough? Union leaders, who successfully lobbied for LA's \$15-an-hour minimum wage, then asked for an exemption for any firms using union labor! Repeat, the very same union leaders who successfully lobbied for a \$15-an-hour minimum wage, then wanted an exemption for businesses that employ union labor and negotiate their wages under collective bargaining. Union bosses want the fear of a \$15 minimum wage hike to push companies into unionizing their labor forces.

This push for higher minimum wage will mostly hurt women constituency that the left claims to care so much about. According to the National Women's Law Center, women are at least half of the minimum-wage workers in all 50 states. In New Hampshire, Arkansas, Maine and Pennsylvania, 70 percent of the minimum wage workers are female.

Before the everincreasing minimum wage laws took effect, a black teenager was slightly more likely to be employed than a white teenager. Economist Walter Williams writes: "In the 1940s and 1950s ... teenage unemployment among blacks was slightly lower than among whites, and black teens were more active in the labor force as well.

All of my classmates,

es who wanted to work

friends, and acquaintanc-

found jobs of one sort or

Minimum wage and other New Deal policies, according to CATO's Iim Powell cost jobs "The flagship of the New Deal was the National Industrial Recovery Act, passed in June 1933. It authorized the president to issue executive orders establishing some 700 industrial cartels, which restricted output and forced wages and prices above market levels. The minimum wage regulations made it illegal for employers to hire people who weren't worth the minimum because they lacked skills. As a result, some 500,000 blacks, particularly in the South, were estimated to have

lost their jobs.' Today's push for a higher minimum wage occurs as the supposed "pay gap" between male and female millennials now approaches extinction. Pew Research Center says: "(T)oday's young women are the first in modern history to start their work lives at near parity with men. In 2012, among workers ages 25 to 34, women's hourly earnings were 93 percent those of men.

... And women in the younger age cohort were significantly more likely than their male counterparts to have completed a bachelor's degree ?- 38 percent versus 31 percent in 2013.'

Two years ago, Elissa Shevinsky, described as a "social justice warrior," complained about "sexism" in high-tech industries. She argued for policies to encourage more women in tech. But Shevinsky later had an epiphany: "I think the

more important meaning is to actively choose a path that's yours — for women to create their own companies and their own infrastructures to actively seek out people and create places that are a fit for them. Women are martyring themselves trying to change the existing culture, and it's miserable for everyone.'

In other words, stop acting like victic ats – and take control. Shevinsky now says, "Complaining can be effective but also authoritarian, and often unpleasant for everyone involved. Building something new can be even more impactful, and I believe it's a healthier approach."

Former Sony Pictures co-chief Amy Pascal gives equally blunt advice about knowing and getting what you're worth. After the Sony cyberattack revealed that the studio head paid star Jennifer Lawrence less money than her less-popular male costars, Pascal offered this defense: "Here's the problem. I run a business. People want to work for less money; I'll pay them less money. I don't call them up and say, 'Can I give you some more?' Because that's not what you do when you run a business. The truth is, what women have to do is not work for less money. They have to walk away. People shouldn't be so grateful for jobs. ... People should know what they're worth." Any questions?

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Clinton

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circumstances, might be justified — she happens to be running for president — except for one glaring problem. Very few in the press corps apply the same standards to any Republican politi-

Nobody will ever get to see the thousands of messages erased from the private email account used by former Secretary of State Colin Powell when he held that high office. He got rid of them and got away with it (as most likely did former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, who implausibly claimed not to have used email, when dal." the State Department asked for hers).

Or at least such is the attitude of the press and punditry, who seem to believe that the dumping of Powell's emails is somehow "different"

from what Clinton did. And it is, of course – because she turned over more than 30,000 emails, while he turned over zero. But there is no sound of furious buzzing within the Beltway over the Powell emails; instead there is absolute silence.

Do readers and viewers want to know what Powell and Rice's emails said about Iraq's weapons of mass destruction, a topic of political and historic interest? Don't they have a right to know? Well, Washington journalists who claim to represent the public interest don't care.

And the double standard protecting Republicans extends well beyond the email "scan-

Consider the Clinton Foundation, whose critics complain that its fundraising has been opaque and suspect. The names of all of its donors have been posted on its website for years (except for a tiny 0.3 percent who

gave to a related Canadian foundation and went unreported for arcane legal reasons).

To this day, however, George W. Bush's foundation, which collected \$500 million to build and endow his presidential library in Texas, has refused to disclose the name of every donor. The names that have been disclosed are difficult to find, unless you visit the library itself.

Like Bill Clinton, Bush began to raise money for his library from undisclosed donors while still in office, which raised ethical concerns. Bush told reporters that he might well raise money from foreign donors (which he did) and might not disclose any of their names (he disclosed some, years later). He hosted White House dinners and meetings around the country for potential library contributors, also unnamed.

Only after the London Sunday Times caught a lobbyist pal of Bush on

videotape in July 2008 — soliciting \$200,000 for the library from someone who claimed to represent a Central Asian dictator — did the Bush White House promise not to raise money from abroad while he was still president.

Yet this little scandal provoked no more than a few days of press coverage, a flurry of denials, and one or two tuttutting editorials. And now that brother Jeb is running for president, nobody thinks to demand all the names of all the Bush library donors, so the press and public can gauge their potential influence on the candidate.

No, that kind of obsessive inspection is reserved for one political family. Their name is not Bush.

Those Clinton Foundation critics have gone so far as to claim that it isn't a charity at all, despite top ratings by GuideStar and Charity Watch. A Wall Street Journal editorial snarled

that any good done by the foundation is merely "incidental to its bigger role as a fund-raising network and a jobs program for Clinton political operatives." Actually, the foundation has employed thousands of people, few of whom had any political ties, to bring vital services to the poor around the world.

But there is at least one tax-exempt entity that serves no charitable purpose, existing only to employ political aides and family members: the "Campaign for Liberty," dubiously subsidized by campaign funds left over from Ron Paul's political accounts.

Its employees, including most adult members of the Paul family and most of Ron and Rand Paul's top operatives, move between "char-

ity" and campaign. It reimbursed Ron Paul's expenses, even after taxpayers had already paid those same travel bills. Its current leadership is entangled in a festering scandal in Iowa, where prosecutors are investigating the alleged bribery of a local GOP official who shifted from Michele Bachmann to

Ron Paul in 2012. Which other presidential candidates are involved in such nonprofit nastiness? How many used private email accounts and conveniently lost the archives? Voters will probably never find out — because nobody named Clinton is involved.

To find out more about Joe Conason and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate website at www.creators.com.

Clinton to press for early voting expansion in states

Hillary Rodham Clinton is changes made by GOP likely GOP candidate, for calling for an expansion of lawmakers in the presiden- purging his state's voting be hosted by Rep. Sheila early voting and pushing tial battleground states of rolls of certain eligible votback against Republican- Ohio and Wisconsin. One ers prior to the 2000 elecled efforts to restrict vot- of the attorneys involved tion, which ended with his ing access, laying down a in the lawsuits is Marc brother, former President marker on voting rights at Elias, a top elections law- George W. Bush, narrowly the start of her presidential yer for Democrats who is winning the state following

speech Thursday at histori- officially involved in the cally black Texas Southern lawsuits. University to denounce Carolina, Texas, Florida and Wisconsin and to encourage states to adopt a new national standard of no fewer than 20 days of early in-person voting, including weekend and evening vot-

pitted Democrats who contend restricting voter regsay the steps are needed istration. to prevent voter fraud. The by black voters, who supand will be an important constituency as Clinton

coalition. voting access. Party at- Democrats,

HOUSTON (AP) — gal challenges to voting Gov. Jeb Bush, another that lack early voting. also serving as the Clinton a lengthy recount. The Democratic presi- campaign's general coun-

Court ruling striking down a portion of the Voting adviser. Rights Act. Clinton said

istration aims to suppress urge the full adoption of ingresidency requirements. turnout among minor- the recommendations of ity and low-income voters Obama's bipartisan com- tects our democracy by against Republicans who mission on voting admin- making it easier to vote and

issue is closely watched allow Clinton to draw sharp distinctions with the poten- Clinton and the Democrats ported President Barack tial Republican presidential are on the wrong side,' Obama in large numbers field, which has largely en- said Kirsten Kukowski, a dorsed the changes.

seeks to rebuild Obama's vals — Govs. Scott Walker of Wisconsin and John voted early in the 2014 Democrats have signaled Kasich of Ohio and for- elections. However, about plans for a large-scale legal mer Gov. Rick Perry of one-third of states do not fight against new voter ID Texas — helped overhaul have any early voting. Relaws and efforts to curtail their states' election laws. publicans note that Clin-

Time and again, memdential candidate is using a sel. The campaign is not bers of the 2016 Republican field have put partisan political interests above Clinton will also urge the fundamental American voting restrictions in North Congress to take steps to right to vote," said Donna address a 2013 Supreme Brazile, a Democratic strategist and longtime Clinton

Republicans have deat the time of the decision fended the changes, saying that the court had "struck at they ensure the integrity the heart" of the landmark of the voting process. Unlaw and warned that it der Walker, Wisconsin's Clinton is plunging into would make it difficult for changes included requiring a partisan debate in many the poor, elderly, minori- a proof of residency except statehouses, which have ties and working people to for overseas and military voters, reducing the early She is also expected to voting period and increas-

> "Any measure that proharder to cheat is a step in Raising the voting issues the right direction. This is a bipartisan issue and Hillary spokeswoman for Walker's Three potential GOP ri- political action committee.

About 20 million people meanwhile, ton's home state of New torneys recently filed le-still blame former Florida York is one of the states

Thursday's event will

Jackson Lee, D-Texas, and Clinton will be honored with an award named after Barbara Jordan, the late Texas congresswoman and civil rights leader.

The former secretary of state has been actively raising money for her campaign and the speech is part of a two-day trip to Albuquerque, New Mexico, and Texas, where she is holding private fundraisers in Dallas, San Antonio, Austin and Houston.



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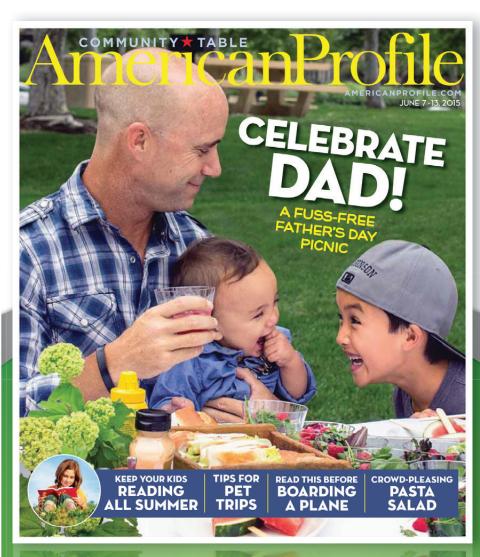
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City Commission meetings

The Pampa City Commission meets at 5:30 p.m. the second and fourth Monday of each month. The meetings are held on the third floor of City Hall.

Free estate planning workshop coming to Pampa

CLA Estate Services is hosting a free Estate Planning Workshop Tuesday, March 31 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at The Plaza Restaurant located at 1201 N. Hobart St. in Pampa. The workshop will provide valuable information for seniors on securing one's estate and retirement planning. Guests will receive a workbook and gain useful information on: pros and cons of wills and trusts; how to avoid probate; long term health care concerns; and tax reduction planning. Please call 1-866-252-8721 to RSVP

School board meetings

The Pampa Independent School District board meets at 5:45 p.m. on the fourth Monday of each month at the new administration building on North Hobart Street.

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Lodge Picnic

Immunization clinic three times a

The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) hosts an immunization clinic in Pampa three times a month. The clinics are held from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and from 1 to 3 p.m. on the first three Wednesdays of each month. The first 10 people in line for the morning and first 10 in the afternoon will always receive shots. However, if there are more than 10, they still may be able to accommodate the patients, or ask them to come back at another time. The Department of State Health Services can be reached at 806-669-5323 and is located at 121 S. Gillespie St. in Pampa.

June 2015 DSHS **Immunization Clinic**

The Jne 2015 Department of State Health Services Immunization Clinic Schedule has been announced. All five clinics will be at 121 S. Gillespie from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 3:30 p.m. Each time-frame is for the first 10 clients.

The clinics will be on June 3, June 4, June 10, June 17, June 23 and June 24. There is one available in McLean from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on June 9 at the Lovett Library located at 302 N. Main.

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

PAWS meets first Tuesdays

Pampa Animal Welfare Society meets the first Tuesday of each month at the Pampa Animal Shelter, 811 S. Hobart St. The meetings are at 6:30 p.m. and are open to the public.

There is a desperate need for more members. PAWS members are needed to work at the shelter from 3 to 5:30 p.m. each day and to work adoption days or take animals to the vets when needed, but mostly people are needed to love and work with the animals where they will be more

adoptable.

For more information, call the shelter after 3 p.m. at 669-5775 and ask for the PAWS volunteer.

County Commission meetings

The Gray County Commission meets at 9 a.m. on the first and 15th of each month. If the date falls on a Saturday, the meeting will be held on Friday. If the date falls on a Sunday, the meeting with be held on Monday. The meetings are held on the second floor of the Gray County Courthouse.

TOT Republican Women's Club

Top O' Texas Republican Women's Club meets at noon on the third Wednesday of every month at the Pampa Senior Citizens Center, 500 W. Francis St. For more information call 806-669-1990.

Jam sessions every Friday night

The Woody Guthrie Folk Music Center has a jam session every Friday night starting at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to play or listen. The center is located at 320 S. Cuyler St. For more information, call 806-664-0824

Meredith House presents live music

Meredith House, an assisted-living facility at 812 W. 25th Ave., has a band performing at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday and Saturday night. Join them for Western music, gospel and the classics. For more information, call 806-665-5668.

Monday night dance club

The Monday night dance club meets from 7 to 9 p.m., the second Monday of each month, in the Pampa Chamber of Commerce building on the corner of Ballard and Kingsmill. Admission is \$3.50. Cold drinks and coffee are offered. The club plays country music. For more information, call Della at 806-663-1136.

PPQG Meets fourth Thursdays

Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild meets the fourth Thursday of each month, January through October, at the Pampa Senior Citizens Center at 500 W. Francis

The meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. and membership is open to adult quilters of all ages. Dues are \$15 annually. Meetings consist of a short business discussion followed by a program featuring quilting techniques. For more information, call 806-662-2909.

Pampa Post VFW meetings

Pampa Post VFW, Men's Auxiliary,

and Ladies Auxiliary meet the second and fourth Tuesday of every month. There is a social hour with meal at 6 p.m. and the meetings begin at 7 p.m. For questions, call Danny Martin at 806-662-4367.

CASA of the High Plains will be open

CASA of the High Plains

from 5-6 p.m. on the third Tuesday of every month for persons interested in becoming a CASA Volunteer. The CASA office is located in the Brown Alliance for Children at 315 N. Ballard Street in CASA volunteers are appointed by a

Judge to represent the Best Interest of children who have been removed from their homes due to abuse and neglect. Volunteers are crucial to positive outcomes for children in the foster care

You may contact CASA at 806-669-7638 for more information.

Quails Forever meetings

Quails Forever is a new chapter in Pampa. This club meets on the first Tuesday of every month in the main building of Clarendon College Pampa Center. The group focuses on habitat and conservation projects for quails. The goal is to get community members and volunteers interested in creating conservation habitat areas for quail to increase the animal's population and furthermore to improve the environ-

Gospel Pickin' and Grinnin'

First United Methodist Church, located at 201 E. Foster, holds their weekly Gospel Pickin' and Grinnin' at 6 p.m. every Friday. Everyone is welcome to come out and bring their instruments or their voice. For more information on this weekly event, call Jerry Lister at 806-676-0711 or the church at 86-665-7411.

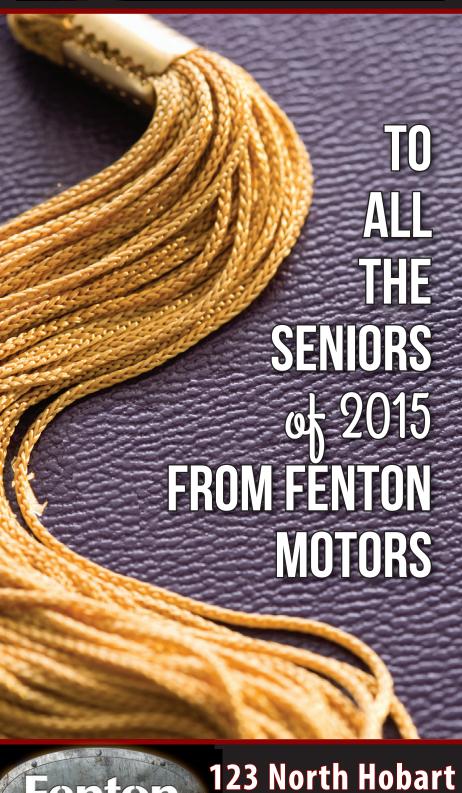
Lovett Memorial Library

Free Spanish classes will be offered every Thursday from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Lovett Memorial Library is located at 111 N. Houston St. and can be reached 806-669-5780.

Editor's note: Email submissions to jclee@thepampanews.com. Submissions should be 100 words or less and written in the third person. Please include the title of the event, the date and time, physical address, the admission cost or whether it is a free event and a contact number and/ or email address for the public.





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Cruz apologizes for cracking Biden joke while VP mourns loss

WASHINGTON (AP) stump.

Republican presidential joke at Vice President Joe punchline," Biden mourns the death of the audience. his son.

Michigan, Cruz rattled ry. off a Biden line he's been

candidate Ted Cruz has Biden. You know the nice time of grief, and I sinapologized for cracking a thing? You don't need a cerely apologize." Cruz said,

By Thursday morning, During an appearance Cruz used his Facebook Wednesday in Howell, account to say he was sor-

mistake to use an old joke President Joe about Joe Biden during his

Ouestioned about the re-Biden's expense even as prompting laughter from mark when he arrived for a Senate vote on Thursday, Cruz declined to answer a reporter's question.

A funeral Mass will be held in Delaware Satur-In his post, the Texas day for 46-year-old Beau





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, 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.



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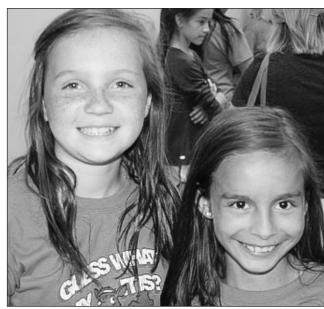


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Hi-Land Christian Church

special advanced classes at Hi-Land Christian Church. From 7 - 8 p.m. The Judges and Kings of Israel (broken people, faithful God); from 8-9 p.m. 1-2 Corinthians (Jesus and His messy people).

Pastor Sublett said, "Both classes are advanced in that they have a weekly reading assignment and week- ing Worship at 10:30 a.m. ly handout pages that will supply each student with a significant notebook for continued study.

I will also be recording each class so that everyone can have the audio in case they want to review some-

The classes are open to anyone interested in learning more about their Bible.

Child care will be provided for anyone who is attending either class.

Cornerstone Baptist Church Cornerstone Baptist Team KID (Kids in Disciple-

ship) meets Wednesdays at 6:30 until 8:00 pm at 2410 W. 23rd St. All children ages 4 thru 5th graders are invited to attend.

For more information call the church at 669-6509.

New Life Assembly of God

New Life Assembly of God is located at 1435 N. Sumner Street in Pampa. New pastor, Sergio Urrutia, said their mission is "New life Assembly of God is committed to fulfilling a four-fold mission.

Our primary reason for being is to evangelize the lost, worship God, disciple believer and to show compassion, to build a multi-ethnic body of believers.

New life commits to reaching out to Pampa in all areas of the township with special emphasis to our Latino brothers and sisters.

Our worship will be a reflection of our multi-ethnic mixture of disciples including Christian Latino music, contemporary music as well as the traditional hymns and songs of the church.

Outreach will have as its goal to produce new believers who in turn are able to witness effectively and make disciples who will in turn continue this cycle. This will be effected through small group bible

studies, both Bi-lingual services, and bibles."

Services are Sunday at 10 a.m. and Sundays and

Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

Wednesday nights, Pastor Mike Sublett teaches 2 Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ

Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ is located at 1342 Mary Ellen St. Corner of Mary Ellen and Harvester.

Right across from the high school.

Sunday Evening Worship is at 5 p.m. and Ladies Bible Class Wednesday 10 a.m. Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ also of-

fers Wednesday Bible Class at 7 p.m. The clothing room is open on the second and fourth

Tuesdays of each month from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Keith Feerer is the Preacher and Zac Green is Youth

For more information call 806-665-0031.

McLean Cowboy Church

McLean Cowboy Church is a non-denominational spirit-filled Christian church.

The pastor is Ronnie Ferguson.

Sunday worship is at 10:30 a.m. and children's ministry is Sunday at 10:30 a.m. and Wednesday at 6:30

The ages for the children's ministry are nursery through fifth grade.

The church is located at the intersection of state Highway 273 and Interstate 40 in McLean.

For more information, call 806-779-0260.

Southside Church of Christ

Southside Church of Christ is located at 11923 W. McCullough Ave. in Pampa.

The church extends an open invitation to all to come and worship where the gospel, "God's Word," is always taught and preached.

Regular worship services are: Sunday morning Bible study, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.; morning worship begins at 10:45 a.m. to noon; Wednesday night Bible study is from 5 to 6 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church

Each Wednesday we have our children and adult Worship On Wednesday (WOW) classes from 5:30-

6:30 followed by a light meal.

We have an awesome youth program that is trying to grow for sixth graders through high school.

They meet from 6:30 -7:30 on Wednesday evenings. They meet from 6:30 -7:30 on Wednesday evenings.

All of our classes are open to anyone who would Bible Classes start at 9:30 a.m. with Sunday Morn-like to attend and learn more about God. This is followed by our choir practice at 7:30 if you would like to join the choir too.

We also offer a Twenties & Thirties, TNT, a group for young adults, that meets on Sunday evenings at 7 p.m. for bible study.

Worship service is at 10:45 a.m. on Sunday mornings, preceded with adult and children's Sunday schools. We do offer nursery service for our Sunday mornings.

Come worship with us and stay to socialize with us. Try us out and see if we can fill your worship needs.

For more information please call our church office

The Triumphant Christ gospel meeting coming to Pampa

Kentucky Avenue Church of Christ, located at 1612 W. Kentucky Avenue, will be holding The Triumphant Christ gospel meetings. On Sunday, June 7, Kyle Pope will be speaking

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Obama has yet to sell House Democrats on his trade agenda

dent Barack Obama's make-orbreak push for expanded trade is meeting stiff resistance from fellow Democrats in the House, the very lawmakers who helped him claim crucial wins on health care and oth-

With a House vote coming as early as next week, these Democrats note that labor unions are running hard-hitting ads against those supporting the president's trade agenda. And many of their constituents, they say, harbor bitter memories of the 1995 North America Free Trade Agreement.

But other factors also are complicating Obama's bid to round up 25 to 30 House Democrats — from a total of 188 — considered necessary to pass a bill that narrowly survived the Senate.

Others say the administration seems deal would increase U.S. jobs, addunwilling to modify the Senatepassed bill in ways to give them enough political cover to support it.

Lawmakers who wholeheartedly support Obama on most issues are accepting his phone calls and invitations to the White House, and still saying "no" on trade.

"My district took a severe beating as a result of NAFTA," said Rep. G.K. Butterfield of North Carolina, who chairs the Congressional Black Caucus. "We lost thousands of jobs that were exported to other countries. And my constituents still remember that."

Obama for 40 minutes in the Oval Office, mostly about trade, but he's leaning against the president's push for "fast track" negotiating author-Some House Democrats cite tepid ity. Butterfield said he doesn't be- so long to weigh in, he said.

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ing, "I hope I'm wrong." Louisiana Rep. Cedric Richmond is another Democrat who's had long talks with Obama but still leans

against the fast-track request. The president "made an aggressive pitch," Richmond said, and he emphasized the possible benefits of expanded trade to the New Orleans ports. But his district is plagued by poverty, Richmond said, and no one has shown how new trade deals with Japan, Vietnam and other countries

will improve its plight. Richmond said he was astonished that his district's pro-trade busi-Butterfield said he spoke with ness leaders didn't contact him until a few days ago, months after he started receiving heavy phone traffic against fast track. It's "borderline disgraceful" for these groups to wait



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From the Press Box

Reason for optimism in Colorado?

I have not been shy about my feelings about how much of a let-down this season has been for Colorado Rockies fans.



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cently, the Mile-High seems to have flipped a switch and are playing better than they did in

April and early May In their last 10 games, the Rockies are 7-3 including splitting a four-game series with the NL West

sweeping the Philadelphia Phillies. The Rockies are still four games below .500, but with a weak NL West, they

only trail the Dodgers six-

leading L.A. Dodgers and

and-a-half games. When I was growing accustomed to seeing the Rockies get blown out, they have only been blown out once since May 14 in a 11-4 loss to the Dodgers in

this previous series. I have really been impressed with third-year pro out of Texas Tech Chad Bettis. The 26-year-old has only started five games for the Rox but has only allowed nine runs.

He's been awarded two wins and holds an ERA of 2.70, which is low considering he has pitched three games in the thin air of Coors Field and the secondlowest ERA on the rotation is Eddie Butler's 4.22.

I have also been impressed with Butler. He

may tote a 3-5 record, but the games where he gives up the most earned runs were both wins for the Rockies. He holds teams under four runs hoping the bats can string together some runs.

The rest of the Rockies' rotation, Kyle Kendrick, Jorge De La Rosa and Jordan Lyles all have hot-andcold games and this is why many of the Rockies split so many series.

The sad fact that fans have come to accept is the Rockies don't have an ace pitcher who can pitch a shutout game, although Bettis came close in Friday's game at the Phillies.

The Rockies' bats have really come alive with the team batting .292 in the last seven games. Troy Tulowitzki has an average of .500 with four home runs. Nolan Arenado, who is having a great season altogether, is hitting .276 with three home runs and eight RBIs.

The Rockies are benefiting from the bottom of their lineup too with DJ LeMahieu hitting .345, Brandon Barnes hitting .320 and Ben Paulsen hitting .294.

If the bats can stay alive and the pitching stay solid, the Rockies may be able to scratch and claw their way back into contention.

There is finally a little bit of reason for optimism, this team is too talented to not make things interesting.

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Still no word from Hardy in Dallas, but teammates impressed

Greg Hardy

same way

There's word from the player facing a

suspension to start the season for his role in a domestic vio-

lence case. less than a week Hardy encourage him and kind has missed an offseason of welcome him, and workout. He was in Wash- to also kind of set the ington last week for the standard of how we do hearing on his appeal of his suspension.

a steady presence at the nual golf tournament Cowboys' Valley Ranch last month. He was a headquarters since signing as a free agent. And he's left the impression with teammates that he's ready to work.

"I don't think he has to feel like he has to prove something to us," tight end Jason Witten said. "I think he just does the thing that he does, be a tions. good teammate, show up, work hard, do it together. And I think he's done that overwhelmingly with the team perspective."

Witten speaks with a stronger voice on Hardy than most because he out on the field working grew up in an abusive and he embraced behome. When the NFL ing a part of that once launched a campaign the offseason program against domestic violence started. That's the repulast year after heavy crititation that he had from cism over its handling of Carolina.' the Ray Rice case, Witten wanted a part in it. He has quarterback Tony Romo a charitable foundation carry a large share of the dedicated to victims of leadership role, Jeremy domestic abuse.

understands the delicate among defensive lineposition he's in. Witten men. He emerged as a is sharing a locker room leader last year, and his with someone who was voice is even stronger convicted by a judge on charges he choked and grabbed his ex-girlfriend and threw her onto a futon that had at least four semiautomatic rifles on it. The field just like I am," case was dismissed when she couldn't be found to testify in Hardy's appeal.

The NFL suspended Hardy after gaining access to photos used at the certain type of people, it first trial, saying there was "credible evidence" that he committed the of-

"My support to stopping domestic violence Cowboys, Hardy stirred

practice said. "That doesn't stop. and earned a lecture from just be yourself, but be because At the same time, I wasn't Garrett — over an insenthe best of who you are. he was ill, so the latest around Greg last year sitive comment about the And I think he's doing chance for the Dallas de- when that happened. I Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. that." fensive end to meet with have to go off what I see And he had a verbal spat reporters and experience. He's a with defensive lineman Williams missed pracended the teammate. That's a bond."

> as the first trust management's de- outs. cision to take on Hardy, and thinks it would be earned praise for the in- mains away from the unfair to address the in- tensity he brings to prac- team recovering from arcident directly with his new teammate.

"It's not my position to 10-game say, 'Well, wait a minute, you owe me an explanation.' Because he doesn't," Witten said.

"Your job is to be a It's the second time in teammate and kind of things.'

Hardy first declined Otherwise, the former to speak with reporters Carolina player has been during the team's ansmiling presence in the locker room after the first workout that was open to the media last week, but a member of the public relations staff kept reporters away.

So Hardy's teammates and coaches have been getting all the ques-

"He's done a really good job," coach Jason Garrett said. "He was here well before the offseason program got into full gear, and guys were in the weight room and

While Witten and Mincey figures to be And Witten certainly an important presence with the loss of fellow veterans Anthony Spencer and Henry Melton in free agency.

"He's crazy on the Mincey said. "Run through the wall on the field, and all the other stuff, personal stuff, you get good people around rubs off on them. They become good. We've got a lot of good guys in this locker room.

Since joining

IRVING (AP) — Greg is unwavering," Witten criticism on Twitter — make an impression is Davon Coleman in one of tice with a knee injury Witten said he has to the first offseason work- that kept him out a day

"I just think he's being ... The Cowboys signed himself," defensive co- S Kyle Knox, a fourthordinator Rod Marinelli year veteran, and waived said. "The best way to S Keelan Johnson.

NOTES: RB last week as well. ... LB But Hardy also has Rolando McClain rethroscopic knee surgery.

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Hamilton out 4 weeks as Rangers fall to White Sox 9-2

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Hamilton

pect Joey Gallo stay in the majors lonthan planned after he be-

came the first Texas player to homer in his first two bigleague games. The Rangers announced

cago White Sox on Wednesday night that Hamilton will miss four weeks with a strained left hamstring. It cuts short a return that included a two-homer game and a game-winning double that the 34-year-old left fielder says probably led to the injury.

"It's frustrating. That's the best way I can put it," Hamilton said. "But you know what? There's nothing I can do about it. All I can do is try to get better as quick as I possibly can. I've had success getting back pretty quick in the past.'

Chicago's Jose Abreu homered in a six-run second after missing three games with a swollen right index finger, and Chris Sale struck out a season-high 13 in seven shutout innings as the White Sox snapped the Rangers' four-game win-

ning streak. "He felt strongly about the fact that he felt fine today," manager Robin Ventura said of Abreu. "Sometimes it's not easy to say 'OK, let's send him back out there.' You maybe want

Josh Hamilton's feel-good make sure he's all right, but return to Texas is on hold you have to trust the player sometimes.' They compromised, with

back could Abreu starting as the designated hitter to give the finger on the first baseman's throwing hand a little more time to heal for defensive work. He followed the tworun homer, his ninth, with an RBI single in the fourth.

Sale (5-2) retired the final 14 hitters he faced and struck out Gallo three times before he homered again a night after his record-setting

The 21-year-old Gallo after a 9-2 loss to the Chi- was just supposed to be in the majors until third baseman Adrian Beltre returned from a sprained left thumb,



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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Goodwill naturally flows from you to others and back again. You finally will be able to make an impression on someone who has been somewhat distant as of late. You will have a great time finding a friend to frolic and play with. Tonight: Go where your friends are.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) *** Deal with a loved one directly,

as this person affects your life in many ways. You might want to invite him or her out for a fun happening where the two of you can relax and shoot the breeze. Remember to maintain your sense of humor. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

**** Keep reaching out to someone at a distance whom you care a lot about. You could find this person to be more remote than you probably expected. Drawing him or her in could take a bit of charm and persuasion. You like challenges, don't you? Tonight: Try something new.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Be willing to defer to a close friend. You have great ideas, but letting go of the need for control will be a lot healthier for you than you realize. Honor a change in your feelings when relating to a very special person in your life. Tonight: Don't hesitate to get a little romantic

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Relax now, as you likely won't have a second to yourself once your day gets going. Be available for a spontaneous invitation when you are out. Consider what is going on with a child or loved one. Tonight: So many in-

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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ You will be very forthright and direct. Share your strong feelings with a friend you spend time with on a regular basis. You might not realize how deep this friendship really is. Make a point of getting more exercise. Tonight: Whatever your pleasure is, go for it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ You might want to try a more romantic approach with someone you have your eye on, but only if you don't want to hurt your friendship. In any case, your fun and flirtatious side emerges. Few can resist you. Know that, and make decisions accordingly. Tonight: Full of fun.

SČORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ Consider taking some alone time. An older friend or key associate will seek you out. You have little choice but to stop and visit with this person. Recognize the results of recent networking. Tonight: Stay on top of a fun happening in which you could be instru-

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) **** Finally you will let go of some of the resistance that pushes others away. Be more concerned about the costs of that attitude. Open up and work on being more optimistic. Others will be more appreciative of your creativity. Tonight: Whatever knocks your socks off.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ Slow down some and calculate the damages of proceeding as you have been. You might decide to make a change that has been brewing for quite a while. Know how it is likely to affect a personal matter. Loosen up and relax. Tonight: Out at a favorite restaurant. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ You might be challenged by a situation that arises from out of the blue. Step away from this potential problem and let a friend work it out. You will be happiest if you stay uninvolved. Make the most of a few hours away from the maddening scene. Tonight: As you like

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★ You might be best off taking some much-needed personal time. You have worked hard and socialized intensely lately. Make it OK to vanish or do the unexpected. Liberate yourself. Take a long-overdue nap. Tonight: Act as if you don't have to do anything.

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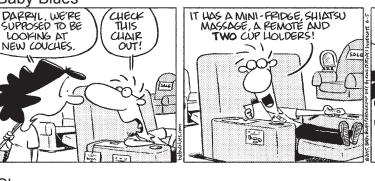


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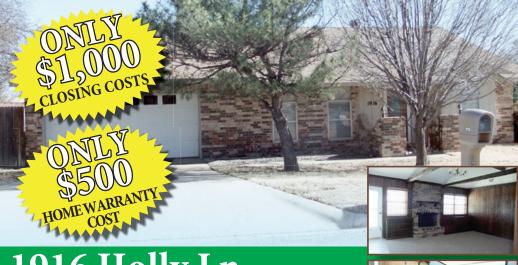
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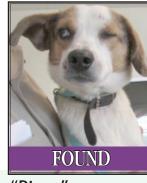
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Harvesters put a cap on historic season Wednesday night

By ZACHARY GREEN

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The 2015 Pampa Harvester baseball team celebrated their historic season on Wednesday night at the high school with a banquet. The food was catered by The Plaza and everyone began by eating after the invocation was offered by coach Kaleb Snelgrooes. Snelgrooes got up after the meal to recognize a few people.

"First off I want to thank the moms and the booster club for putting this banquet on," Snelgrooes said. "There is a ton of stuff that goes on, you don't know about that they do for this program."

Next, he recognized his assistant coaches, Aaron Manous and Jordan Merker.

want to thank their wives and kids for letting their husband

"I appreciate the time you guys put in. We wouldn't have gotten to where we were without them," Snelgrooes said. "I

she filled out, we won that game."

Following that, he gave some special thanks and a gift to a few special guests.

He said Rod Keown did a great job taking pictures for the team and went to every single game. Daniel Zuniga did all the videos, including the senior video for the banquet. Charla Shults takes pictures for every sport at PHS and organizes the escorts for the teams. Zac Green and The Pampa News were recognized for going on all the trips and for writing articles.

"It was special having him around, kind of like a Bull Durham experience. Not many kids get to take their sports writer with them on the bus," Snelgroees said. "We are fortunate he didn't report on a lot of the stuff that went on. He could probably write a book with what he learned. Thank you for taking the time to cover the team this year."

Eddie Gage and his wife were in attendance, along with the new high school principal, Hugh Piatt. JL Furgason was

being there and taking the kids to the game. Every lineup card recognized as being a grandpa and the bus driver. He took the team to all of their playoff games. Athletic director Greg Poynor was recognized as well.

"Poynor has done more for this school, program and community in the short amount of time he has been here than he will ever know," Snelgrooes said.

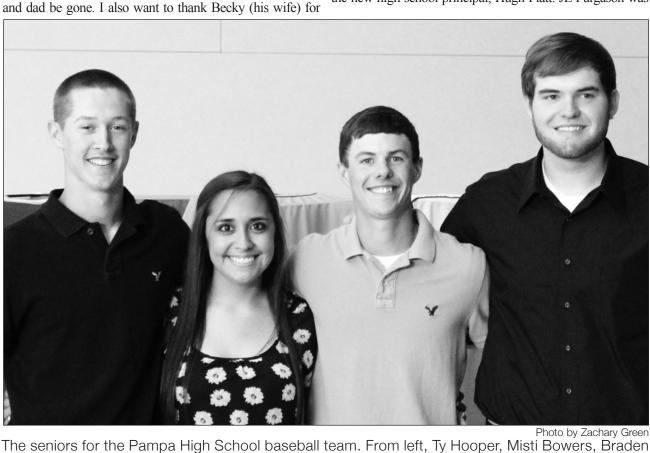
Coach Merker took to the podium next to talk about the iunior varsity team.

"It was a great year. We went 6-2 in district, just couldn't beat Bushland," Merker said. "Some guys got moved up. It was a great team and we had a good year, I am proud of y'all.' Snelgrooes got back up to recognize the varsity team.

Corby Snapp (statistician), Zach Hill and Cody Scarlett were awarded letters for being on varsity this year.

"We went 14-12-1. It was a great season. We had some awesome trips, including OKC where we won a game in ex-

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Keown and Brody Gaines. The seniors were recognized during the team's banquet on Wednesday night. The Pampa News would like to congratulate the seniors and wish them the best in their

future endeavors.

Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

and need advice on setting personal boundaries in my relationships. You'll like it. Simply put, I have a guy friend who has feelings for me that I don't have ing a hard time with my **DEAR DADDY's GIRL**:

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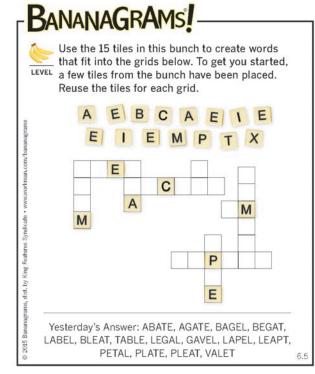
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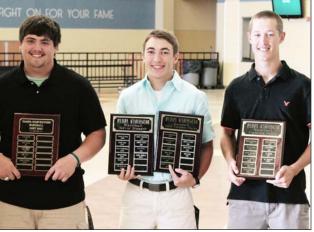
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Above left, the Bi-District and Area trophies mad a great decoration at one of the tables at Wednesday's banquet. Above middle, head coach Kaleb Snelgrooes talks about the season and introduces the varsity. Above right, coach Aaron Manous hands out the senior gifts, a wooden bat with their names engraved in them. Below left, the three award winners: Adam Zuniga, the dirtbag award; Cade Engle, the MVP and Silver Slugger and Ty Hooper won the Fighting Heart award. Below right, the banner with the entire team and their historic run in the playoffs.



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tra innings," Snelgrooes said. "We had six losses by one run. To lose like that, you're right there. We were Biwas a big accomplishment."

The next thing to be done was recognize the All-District teams.

Cade Engle, Brendon bock this summer. Woelfle and Braden Keown were named to the first-team. Brody Gaines, Ty Hooper, Adam Zuniga and Jordan second-team.

Now was the time parents always hate because they become emotional. It was time to talk about the seniors.

district," Snelgrooes said. "We started a bad habit, but

is a testament to what they the highest batting average have done in the program. They are great men and will care of everything."

District Champs and Area given a wooden bat with this night, it was given to Ty Champs for the first time in their names engraved on it. Hooper. ten years (since 2005). That Brody Gaines, Braden Keown and Ty Hooper were also recognized as being named to the GWTCA All-Star game to be held in Lub-

> It came time now for the awards. There were four handed out.

"These are unique awards Green were named to the and they have been in the program awhile. Your peers voted you on these so it makes it even more special,' Snelgrooes said.

The Dirtbag Award was "I couldn't be more proud. given to Adam Zuniga. Snel-These guys have been to- grooes said this award is for like to congratulate the basegether and were there as the one that claws, scraps sophomores when we won and kicks their way to do everything for the program.

The Silver Slugger Award ture endeavors.

good habit of dog-piling. It was given to the player with and that was Cade Engle.

The Fighting Heart Award leave the program better than is similar to the Dirtbag when they arrived. Misty Award. Snelgrooes said evwas a great trainer. She took ery player gives 110 percent for the program and is Each senior player was worthy of this award. On

> Finally, the MVP was awarded to Cade Engle.

"Now winning is going to be expected here in Pampa," Snelgrooes said. "You juniors, sophomores and freshmen have a ton of work to do, but you can do it. My kids look up to all of these players like they are super-

The banquet then ended by watching a video put together by Adam and Daniel Zuniga to reflect on the season and the seniors.

The Pampa News would ball team on their historic season and wish the seniors the best of luck in their fu-

