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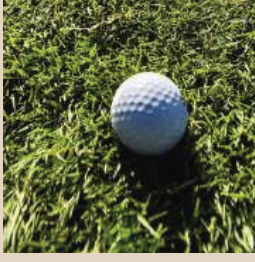
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City of Pampa proposes slight rate increases

BY ZACHARY GREEN
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The City of Pampa had their second budget work session before their City Commission meeting on Monday evening. This session covered the major special revenue and enterprise funds.

City Manager Shane Stokes says the general fund is supported by sales taxes and AD valorem (property taxes).

"While the enterprise funds are

supported through revenues. Those come from user fees, water, sewer, trash collection, landfill, M.K. Brown Auditorium, Lovett Library, the Pampa H2O Aquatic Center and Hidden Hills Golf Course," Stokes said.

The water rate increase is proposed at \$0.20 per month on the base rate. The base rate is any usage up to 1,000 gallons per month. The usage is broken up into five usage tiers after that. The city is proposing a three percent increase in the tiers.

"You are charged per 1,000 gallon

use after you hit the base rate," Stokes said. "This rate increase would bring the minimum user from \$23.34 per month to \$23.54 per month."

The sewer rate has been proposed to go up nine cents per month on the base rate. That would bring the minimum user from \$18.51 per month to \$18.60 per month.

Much like the water, the city is proposing a three percent increase on the tiers.

"We can't meter the sewage usage so this is based off the water usage,"

Stokes said.

The trash collection rate will remain the same at \$22.72 per month.

There is a dumpster replacement fee that currently sits at \$1.85 per month and they are proposing it to go up to \$2 per month.

"That fund is not creating enough revenue to purchase new dumpsters as fast as we are needing dumpsters in town," Stokes said. "With our community pride program in full swing

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WRECK DELAYS EARLY-MORNING COMMUTES



Photo by John Lee

A multi-vehicle wreck on Texas Highway 70 and Loop 171 slowed traffic during the morning commute around 7:45 a.m. Tuesday morning. Two patients were transported to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

City Commission approves ordinance changes

BY ZACHARY GREEN
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The City Commission met Monday night for their regularly scheduled meeting.

The commissioners approved the meeting minutes from the June 22 meeting as well as a list of some city owned property as surplus and authorized each department to sell, auction or destroy the surplus property.

Next the city adopted on second and final reading Ordinance No. 1635. This amended the Code of Ordinance, Article 2.03 "Livestock" by deleting Section 2.03.012.

City Manager Shane Stokes said this ordinance was just a clean up item to repeal certain provisions that allowed housing livestock in a three acre section of Recreation Park. The Skeet Shooting Club now owns those acres, so the city needed to change to wording to not allow housing of livestock in that section.

The commissioners adopted on second and final reading Ordinance No. 1636. This amended the Code of Ordinance to rename the Director of Community Services as the designated employee for certain job duties listed in the Code.

Once again this was a clean up item as Pampa did not have a Community Services Director for a period of time and the job duties were spread out over multiple employees. Stokes said this changed the wording back to having a Community Services Director listed in there.

Another Ordinance adopted on second and final reading was No. 1637. This amended the Code of Ordinance, Article 6.04 "Maintenance of Property; Illegal Dumping," Sections

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Grant Peeples to perform at Woody Guthrie Center tonight

BY JOHN LEE
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Woody Guthrie's most notable tune, "This Land is Your Land," is recognized as a patriotic anthem that covers the beauty of America from sea to shining sea.

Songwriter and performer Grant Peeples, of Sotchopy, Fla. (in the panhandle of Florida), is on a one-month, 17-date tour that spans the United States and will be making a stop in Pampa tonight.

"It runs from Florida, all the way to the San Francisco Bay area, all the way back home (to Tallahassee, Fla. area) and about 8,000 miles," Peeples said. "Pampa hits right about the middle of it."

Peeples draws on Woody Guthrie not necessarily musically, but in his song-writing.

"I think Woody really set the bar as far as writing songs that are relevant to the culture," Peeples said. "He was really the first one to do that. That's the bar that has been set for me."

Peeples added that sometimes people will say his songs are protest songs or political songs, but he doesn't see them as that. To him, the songs are relevant to the culture and what is going on in society.

This will be Peeples' first time through Pampa. He has played in Amarillo, but he is looking forward to coming to Pampa because of the heritage related to Woody Guthrie.

"I have read of it in Joe Klein's biography on Woody Guthrie," Peeples said.

"That's kind of where he became an adult and began to get his legs. So I know about the connection between Woody and Pampa and am very excited about getting there and seeing it."

Peeples got a much later start into his musical career than Woody Guthrie, starting his career at the age of 50. Peeples had been writing songs and messing around with music since his college years and even went to Nashville in the late 1970s to try being a songwriter.

"I had been writing songs but I had never envisioned myself as somebody who would get up on the stage and sing," Peeples said.

In 1995, Peeples moved to Nicaragua at the age of 38. After 11 years he moved back to the United States at the age of 49 and began to start writing about what he saw in society and the American culture since he left in 1995.

"One day somebody said, 'If you want somebody to hear your songs you're going to have to sing them yourself,'" Peeples said. "So I started doing that in 2007."

Peeples told a story about performing a show

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Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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Wednesday — Mostly sunny, with a high near 96. Winds south-southwest 10 to 15 mph with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Wednesday night — Partly cloudy, with a low around 70 mph. South wind 15 to 20 mph.

Thursday — 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 4 p.m. Mostly sunny with a high near 96. South-southwest wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Thursday night — A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 1 a.m. Partly cloudy, with a low around 71. South wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Friday — Mostly sunny, with a high near 96. South-southwest wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Friday night — Partly cloudy, with a low around 72. South wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

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we are trying to get the city cleaned up and replace all the old worn out dumpsters with new ones."

Stokes said the total bill will be a minimum user (1,000 gallons per month) increase of \$0.44 per month, or about a 0.6 percent increase. That comes out to a \$5.28 per year increase.

For the average user (8,000 gallons per month) the increase is \$1.81 per month, or a 1.62 percent increase. That total bill will be a \$21.72 increase per year.

The city is also proposing a \$3 community pride surcharge to the water bills per month to support the community pride program. That will be an additional \$36 charge per year if it passes. It would also bring the total bill to a \$57.72 per year increase for the average user, if everything passed.

"We started the program six months ago and found a way to fund it through the rest of the budget year," Stokes said. "We knew if the program was successful, that we would have to figure out a way to fund it going forward. And it has proved to be a very successful program."

Stokes added that \$1.50 of that charge would go to the general fund to support the salaries of the two new employees that were hired for the program.

The other \$1.50 will go to the landfill fund to pay for the processing of the additional junk and debris that is brought into the landfill.

"This will also allow us to eliminate the 1,000 pound maximum per resident,

per month at the landfill," Stokes said. "It would make it to where every city resident with a water bill could bring as much trash on a monthly basis as they need to at no additional charge."

Stokes said the city staff has presented the commission with a balanced budget.

"We are waiting on the certified appraised property tax values to see where our tax rate needs to be," Stokes said. "We have to get the tax rates (effective and roll back) and then we will propose a tax rate to support the budget presented to the commission. We will have to adopt the budget and adopt the tax rate to support the budget. All of this has to be done before Oct. 1. It gets pretty tricky to get everything done in time."

Here is a schedule of the budget meetings:

- At the July 27 meeting, they will have a wrap up on the budget and go back over all the funds.

- At the Aug. 10 meeting, they will set the proposed tax rate.

- Aug. 14, they will file the proposed budget with the city secretary.

- Aug. 15, they will publish a proposed tax rate.

- At the Aug. 24 meeting, they will have the first tax hearing.

- At the Sept. 14 meeting, they will have a budget hearing, the second tax hearing and the first vote on the budget.

- At the Sept. 21 special meeting, they will have a second vote on the budget and first vote on the tax rate.

- At the Sept. 28 meeting, they will have the second and final vote on the tax rate.

The meetings are held on the third floor of City Hall in the Commissions Chamber at 5:30 p.m.

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6.04.002; 6.04.003; 6.04.005

and 6.04.006.

"This was done to make it easier to get items taken care of for violations. We reduced the notification time from 10 days to seven days," Stokes said. "We also can now post a sign on the door or drive a stake in the yard to notify of a violation rather than having to send a certified letter."

Next, the commissioners authorized the City Manager to enter into a five-year lease agreement for AT&T/Cingular for property located at 924 E. Foster Street.

AT&T will pay \$11,500 annually, starting Sept. 6, 2015. They have some equipment on the Foster Street water tower. The rate will go up 10 percent every five years. The city also has the right to terminate the lease every five years. Stokes said the city has many similar agreements on the other water towers in town.

The commissioners also approved the Mayor entering into an Interlocal Agreement with Panhandle Regional Planning Commission for 9-1-1 services and equipment.

PRPC receives state funds for services and equipment. This agreement used to be as long as the city wanted, but due to recent legislation by the state, it is required to be a bi-annual agreement. It will run from Sept. 2015 through Aug. 2017. The city will have to enter in the agreement again at that point.

Stokes said any money left over is given back to the largest entities with PSAB, so the city gets some money back each year.

The final resolution adopted was to reappoint Jerry Carlson for a two-year term to the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority Board of Directors.

Public Works Director, Donny Hooper, said Carlson has done a terrific job for Pampa and has served with CRMWA since 1978. He is the longest tenured director on the Board.

The final item on the agenda was to consent the agenda. The commissioners approved 18 bids for \$300 for delinquent tax properties located at various locations across town. The entire list can be found at City Hall.

The commissioners meet on the third floor of City Hall in the Commissioners Chamber. Their next meeting will be at 5:30 p.m. on July 27.

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OBITUARIES

Danny Williams

Danny Williams, 61, of Lawton, Okla., formerly of Pampa, Texas, died July 7, 2015, in Lawton. Services will be at 3 p.m. Thursday, July 16, 2015, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel in Pampa, with Rev. Wesly Smith, pastor of Macedonia Baptist Church of Pampa, officiating. Cremation will follow the services under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Williams was born June 3, 1954, in Pampa. He had been a resident of Pampa most of his life, graduating from Pampa High School in 1972.

Danny worked for West Texas Ford for several years and for Haliburton. Most recently, he worked for American Medical Service and Supplies in Lawton.

He was a veteran of the U. S. Navy. Danny was more like a brother than an uncle to his nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, George and Eartha Williams; two brothers, Jimmie Lee Johnson and Billy Payne; two sisters, Rosa Lee Clemons and Frances Dorsey; a step brother, Charles Johnson; and an aunt, Billie Phea.

Survivors include his significant companion, Courtney Brown of the home; two daughters, Detra Williams of Pampa and Tashia Wilson of Clarendon two step daughters, Kurston Perryman and husband Robert of Lawton, and Kendra Grays of Pampa; seven grandchildren, Montre Williams, Derrius Williams, Xstavian Williams, Purshe Henderson, Inashia Henderson, Kia Henderson, and Ana Henderson; a step-grandson, Hayden Perryman; a great-grandchild; sister-in-law, Hazel Lee Johnson of McKinney; three step brothers, Claude Earl Johnson and wife Charity and Robert Johnson and wife Levore, all of Fort Worth, and Andrew Williams of Gainesville; special nieces and nephews, Jimmie Johnson, Cynthia Lemons, Edna Fay Camel, Roxie Robinson, Troy Grimes, Kevin Grimes, Billy Grimes and Bobby Dorsey; and a special cousin, Alvin Ray Johnson.

Sign the online guest register at www.carmichael-whatley.com.



Danny Williams

Jeane Sherrod Autry

Jeane Sherrod Autry, 79, passed from this life to the next, July 13, 2015, in Amarillo.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, July 16, 2015, at First United Methodist Church, with Rev. Ruby Moultrie, pastor and Rev. Bill Patterson, officiating. Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Autry was born Sept. 30, 1935, in the home so dear to the Sherrod family, in Gray County, between Alanreed and McLean. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1986. She married Joe Autry, the love of her life, on Feb. 14, 1997, in Kauai, Hawaii. He preceded her in death on Jan. 17, 2015. Jeane

was the director of Adult Probation for 22 years, and most recently the director of Pampa Meals on Wheels. She considered it a very enlightening, satisfying way to serve others. She was also a licensed baccalaureate social worker, preparing home studies for the courts in adoption and custody cases. Jeane was a member of First United Methodist Church, the Koinonia Sunday School class and the Chancel Choir. She was also a member of the Texas Probation Association, and the Texas Corrections Association.

Jeane was preceded in death by her parents, Elmer Roy and Lelia Fay Sherrod; a sister, Euline Walser; a brother, Bob Sherrod; and a grandson, Clint Brown.

Survivors include two sons, Ronny Brown and wife Cindy of McLean and Don Brown and wife Darla of Borger; two step daughters, Vicki Patterson and husband Bill of Tulsa, Okla., and Jan Rose and husband Tom of Amarillo; one brother, Joe Ed Sherrod of Dallas; a sister-in-law, Brenda Condo of Pampa; two granddaughters, Cassi Rash and husband Marty of Canadian, Tatum Alexander and husband Chris of Dallas; three step grandsons, Clint Patterson and wife Shay of Tulsa, Okla., Heath Rose of Dallas and Zac Rose and wife Michele of Amarillo; eight great-grandchildren, Emmaus and Gabriel Patterson, Morgan and Halle Rose, Cambree and Caison Brown and Hagan and Heston Rash.

She was a loving mother and a doting grandmother. Jeane lived life to the fullest and felt blessed with opportunities to do the things she loved. She enjoyed working in her fabulous yard and staying busy. She felt that "people should never limit themselves because of age, but continue to go for their dreams."

Memorials may be made to Pampa Meals on Wheels, PO Box 939, Pampa, Texas 79066-0939; or First United Methodist Church, PO Box 1981, Pampa, Texas 79066-1981, the two organizations she felt so very passionately about.

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Jeane Sherrod Autry

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Laven Glen Greer

Laven Glen Greer, 88, of Pampa, died Monday, July 13, 2015, in Pampa.



Laven Greer

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Greer was born Sept. 9, 1926, in a farm home out of Woodward, Okla., to Glen R. and Jewell Stone Greer. He married Virginia Becker on Aug. 21, 1951, in Clovis, N.M.

Laven was a veteran of the U. S. Navy. He was employed by Cabot Corporation and Ingersol Rand, retiring after 38 years of service. His goal in life was to tell everyone he met about Christ. He was a member, deacon and Sunday school teacher for many years at Central Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and two brothers, John Franklin Greer and Leland Greer.

Survivors include his wife, Virginia Greer of the home; his daughter, Vicki Ferguson and husband Gene; his son, James Greer and wife Dana; his brother, Gary Joe Greer and wife Norine; sister-in-law, Gay Nell Greer of Overton; four grandchildren, Jennifer King and husband Douglas, Zackary Greer and wife Jennifer, Jessica King and husband Matthew, and Penny Harvey and husband Nathaniel; and seven great-grandchildren, Jessica, Camden, Boone, Aiden, Gavin, Lucian and Landon.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Central Baptist Church, 513 E. Francis, Pampa, Texas 79065, or a charity of choice.

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FOR the RECORD

Colorado woman arrested for possession of controlled substance

STAFF REPORT

Francesca Musselman, 41, Westminster, Colo., was arrested Monday by the Department of Public

Safety for possession of a controlled substance less than one gram and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Erik Ryan Musselman,

36, Denver, was arrested Monday by DPS for violation bond/protective order.

Jesus Abel Chavez, 27, Pampa, was arrested Tues-

day by the Gray County Sheriff's Office for violation of probation for evading arrest with a vehicle.

Grant

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in Atlanta, somebody at the back of the room yelled, "It's never too late to change your major!"

Peeples' favorite part of performing is receiving validation of the audience thinking the same thing he is.

"The most gratifying thing I can hear is when somebody comes up and says, 'You sing about the things that I have been thinking and I just don't know how to put them into words,'" Peeples said. "I've heard that quite a bit, I don't hear that every time I perform but I look for that."

Peeples mentions that he had a friend tell him that he doesn't perform the same types of songs as Peeples because he doesn't want to offend someone in the audience.

"He wasn't being critical

of me," Peeples said.

"But I thought about it and I told him that the fact that one out of five children in this country is hungry, that offends me. The fact that the groundwater is being destroyed in Oklahoma because of fracking, that offends me. The polar ice caps melting, that offends me."

Peeples is coming to Pampa from Woody Guthrie's home town of Okemah, Okla., where he performed at the Woody Guthrie Folk Festival in front of who he considered to be his people.

"The people who come to that festival are people who are socially conscious and they understand the power of music and the importance of music in our culture," Peeples said. "That is the Woody Guthrie tradition."

His best memory from the music festival was how the crowd stuck with the festival despite unfavorable conditions.

"On Thursday night it rained 10 inches in 24

hours," Peeples said. "The biggest part was the resilience of the people. Nobody picked up and went home. Everybody just stuck it out and nobody gave up."

They hung in there and Friday and Saturday were cool days. That was the real magic for Peeples at the festival.

Peeples' favorite song to perform is "Grant's Talking Blues." It was the first song that he wrote when he came back from Nicaragua.

Peeples said it's consider a "talky song" where there is a melody and the vocalist talks over it.

"It's really just about what I found in this country when I came back in 2006," Peeples said.

Peeples lived on a little island off the coast of Nicaragua called Little Corn Island with a population of 400 people with no roads, cars, electricity, etc.

He told a story about the store they would go to and ask for something

like toothpaste, they would reach under the counter and grab it for you. He comes to the States and goes to Walgreens and there are several different brands.

"I really learned a lot about who we are as a culture, who we are as a people," Peeples said. "Where our values are and it (staying in Nicaragua) was really an important thing for me to do."

Peeples said 95 percent of his concerts are original music. Peeples is incorporating some spoken word poetry into his shows as segways between songs.

Grant Peeples will be performing tonight at the Woody Guthrie Folk Music Center located at 320 S. Cuyler at 7 p.m. tonight. Admission is free with donations gladly accepted.

Guzman

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and corruption going on when you got a mile-long tunnel underneath the facility is absolutely absurd," U.S. Rep. Michael McCaul, R-Austin, told CNN on Tuesday morning.

McCaul, the chairman of the powerful House Homeland Security Committee, reminded the news network that he urged Guzmán's quick transfer from Mexico to the United States after

the kingpin was captured in the resort city of Mazatlán last year.

"They refused to extradite him, and now look what we have: One of the most dangerous drug cartel men out on the streets again," he said.

McCaul told The Texas Tribune shortly after Guzmán's apprehension that though his transfer to the United States — where he is under federal indictment in Texas and several other states — would be in the best interest of both countries, Mexico would

likely be a roadblock in accomplishing that goal.

McCaul's latest comments follow U.S. Rep. Filemon Vela's lambasting on Sunday of Mexican officials for Guzmán's latest caper. Vela, the Democrats' ranking member on the House Homeland Security Committee Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security, said failure to extradite the kingpin was "an insult to 'law enforcement and prosecutorial personnel' who worked for years to build a case against Guzmán.



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Disruptive politics: Trump as a third party candidate

“My sole focus is to run as a Republican,” Donald Trump told my Washington Examiner colleague



MICHAEL BARONE

Byron York last week, “because of the fact that I believe that this is the best way we can defeat the Democrats.” He went on, “Having a two-party race gives us a much better chance of beating Hillary and bringing our country back than having a

third-party candidate.” But when York asked if he would definitely rule out running as a third-party candidate, Trump said, “It’s not something I’m thinking about right now.” And as John Fund pointed out in National Review, it is something Trump has thought about in the past.

He made a feint at getting Ross Perot’s Reform Party nomination back in 1999. And while Trump

recently called Clinton “the worst secretary of state in the history of our nation,” somehow overlooking James Buchanan’s feckless stint in the Polk administration, he also contributed to her Senate campaigns and has called her “a terrific woman.”

The fact is that Trump, as a national celebrity and a non-politician often at odds with both parties, has the capacity to launch an independent candidacy scoring double digits in polls, just as Perot did in 1992 and Colin Powell could have done in 1995.

That should scare not only Republicans but also Democrats. History tells us that third-party candidacies have reshuffled the political desk and disrupted seemingly stable political alignments in unanticipated ways.

Consider the Populist movement of the 1890s that came during a 25-year period when partisan competition was as close as today and divided government as much

the norm, though with Republicans usually holding the presidency and Democrats usually with congressional majorities.

The Populists supported inflationary silver currency and aid to farmers, and the 1892 Populist nominee carried most electoral votes in the plains and mountain states (all admitted to the Union by Republicans).

In 1896 Democrats nominated the pro-silver, pro-farmer William Jennings Bryan, but in reaction the Northeast and industrial Midwest swung to the pro-gold standard Republican William McKinley. Republicans won seven of the nine next presidential elections.

Half a century later, in 1948, Strom Thurmond’s States’ Rights Democratic candidacy destabilized the national Democratic Party’s majority coalition. Thurmond’s 39 electoral votes didn’t defeat Harry Truman, but Thurmond helped to

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Prairie Plains Perspective

On golden cow tank

People say that age is just a state of mind. I say it’s more about the state of your body.



DENNIS PALMITIER

- Geoffrey Parfitt
I have never been able to sleep late. Weekends, especially, I owe such to my late father who punctually arose come work or play every morning at dark thirty. Likewise, he expected his three sons to do the same. It never failed, every morning I and my brothers would hear “Rise and shine, up and at ‘em!” We arose, but if we didn’t, a shouted “or else” would come into play. It didn’t take long for me to keep nil his threats of “or else” directed my way... Discipline.

‘Twas a week ago Sunday morn really dark thirty. In geezer mode (couldn’t sleep...thanks dad!) I’m abed awake and reading when I hear my old building’s fire alarm sound off. Living in antiquity often brings false fire alarms, though we’ve (fellow tenants) the comforting thought in the event of the real thing, right next door is the fire station... Damn I thought, if actually a fire, what do I do?

I’ve only one opportunity to gather belongings, so what do I take down the stairs with me? With the alarm droning on and on, harboring still a few cobwebs I arise, pace back and forth a tad thinking the process out. My present age notwithstanding, fire alarms if you haven’t experienced one, have a time erasing way of messing with the thought process and more importantly, common sense. You want to hurry, but you simply cannot.

Performing in an early AM fire alarm, getting dressed first is important. Did so. Next? Let’s see; driver’s license, bank cards, etc.? Wallet! Secured it. What next? Important papers? Family heirlooms? Artwork?

More clothes? Too much of a load, I only have one opportunity, oh wait, my Bill Forman Great Plains Traditional Bow Company bow! As folks dressed in whatever they could hastily grab are zombily walking with this and that down the old Schneider’s stairway, I saunter into the parade holding only my Great Plains traditional bow... Aside from their designed intent, Bill’s endeavors are truly works of art...and soon to be rare. Priorities.

After experiencing first hand the physical and mental acceleration of aging, I whole heartedly get the time relevance thingamajig, but for the life of me, what about that super charged time warp from age 50 to 65!?! What the hell!?! Tree hugging this past Friday got rather intense. Dragging my tired arse in close to 7 p.m.; all I could think about was a hot shower, a little thought gathering quiet time followed by sleep. Oh, disclaimer, take heed! What you are about to read may conjure up some horrific visions. Upon reading the following, I or The Pampa News will not be held liable for any nightmares, sleep deprivation or subsequent visits to a therapist. In other words, you’re on your own!

Being one with nature a goodly portion of the day, let’s just say I needed a hot shower along with for good measure, a couple of rinse cycles thrown in. I’ve scrubbed away my epidermis, am well into my dermis when it comes time to do my feet. I’m 6’5” tall...it’s a long way down to my feet, I’m tired, it’s my back, I’m soon to be 66... As I’ve done in the past, I perform a never failed me yet stork-like one legged stance and proceed with one foot when all of a sudden, I slip and become horizontal with my tub’s bottom and in a reverberating nanosecond example of Newton’s theory, become one with my tub’s bottom. Ouch!

I impacted on my right

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Hump Day with Humphrey

Humphrey vs. the water

The past couple of weeks have brought with them lots of changes and things to write about.

For starters, we have reached our destination for the time being, and high maintenance Humphrey is ecstatic to be out of the car, even if he did sleep for the majority of the trip.

We got to take a couple of days off from traveling and stayed with some family friends in California, and boy was that an adventure for the hound.

They had an in-ground pool in their backyard, and Humph was scared to death of it. There was an initial fear of him falling in, but we quickly learned that he wanted nothing to do with the water. He also made friends with the family’s yellow lab, Raider, and enemies with their beagle, Luna. So that provided us with some entertainment as well.

I spent my free time with Humphrey trying to get him to walk across the wall that separates the pool and the hot tub, which did eventually happen. He can be an acrobat when he wants to, and everyone was surprised

to see how careful he was when turning around and walking backwards on the wall when he didn’t want to walk across it.

Another incident with the pool happened when I went for a swim, which is something Humphrey had not seen me do before. He got frightened when I went underwater and popped back up a few yards away, and they told me that he just looked confused and scared in my momentary disappearance. He’s pretty much been glued to my side in all these new experiences, which never disappoints me.

You may be wondering how he is coping with all these changes, and today (Monday) is the first day he has eaten and been able to keep it down, which has added to my relief. He seems to be enjoying the new place for the time being. He wasted no time getting himself into trouble this morning when he decided it was a good idea to take a morning splash in the pond.

I was still asleep when all that business happened, and that was something I wasn’t expecting after he was so afraid of the pool, but he’s just full of surprises. It wasn’t very deep, but he did come out smelly and covered in all kinds of gunk. I don’t think that



will be happening again. He is also loving sleeping entire nights in the bed beside me, which is relatively new. I wake up in the middle of the night sometimes to have his tail end beside me on the pillow, which is also new.

The more changes that come our way, the more open minded my hound seems to be. He continues to impress me with his ability to adapt, as that is not something his breed is known for being good at.

He’s panting beside me as I finish writing this

after a nice run outside with his new pal, Bella. She’s a rescue pitbull, and she doesn’t seem to mind the company. Edward, the family cat, is a different story. Humphrey has never had to deal with cats before, so he doesn’t understand why the funny looking dog won’t play with him.

I’m sure there are more adventures to come, and you can expect to read about them here!

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PAMPA Faith

The time I threw my Bible

Yes, you read that title correctly. There was a time when I threw my Bible, more accurately my New Testament. But before you judge me too harshly please consider the situation.

It was the spring of 1972. Larry Smith and I were working with a little church in Bernice, La., on Sundays while we went to school during the week.

We asked permission from the two "men of the congregation" to hold a week long Gospel Meeting. They told us that they would love for us to have one, but that "community sentiment" (turned out to be their ignorant opinion too) wouldn't allow the blacks and the whites to meet in the same building. I once wrote an article about the details of that week entitled "A Voice From The Past." This article just focuses on one particular evening that week.

Larry and I decided that the way to get around the "community sentiment" issue was to hold two different Gospel Meetings simultaneously. Larry would preach at the church building to the "white folks" and I would preach to everyone else. Problem — we didn't have a place to meet. So we drove around town (didn't take long) and found an old, rundown kind of faded white building. It had been a community center at some point in the past. I asked around and discovered that Mr. Landrum owned the building.

I knocked on his front door and when he asked what I wanted I said, "I would like to use your community service building to hold a week long Gospel Meeting." He looked bewildered and wanted to know who was going to do the preaching. I told him that I was. After chuck-

ling a couple of times he replied, "You mean that you are going to preach to black folks in that building right here in Bernice?" I told him that it was my plan if we could afford the rent for the building. He said, "Heck, I won't even charge you anything if you're really going to do that right here in Bernice."

So the plans were set. We passed out flyers in the white part of town about Larry's meeting and in the black part of town about mine. I wasn't actually sure anyone would show up at my nightly services, but Shari and I gathered anyway about an hour before the service was to start in hopes that God would do something. Shari and I were the only two white people at any of the services that week. The first night we had about 20 and peaked out at about 40 on Thursday night. Something happened on Thursday night during the service that I want to share with you.

That night right before we started the service a big black Cadillac drove up and two young black men and one older black man got out, walked into the building without speaking and sat on the back row. I should have known something was up when they drove up in a totally out of place brand new car, each dressed like a million dollars and then without even speaking sat smugly on the back row. I started the service, we sang a few songs and then I began to preach. Everything seemed to be going fine.

I had noticed that the three men didn't sing any of the hymns and thought that was really strange. That night I was preaching on the "Unity of All Believers." I started with reading Jesus' prayer for unity in John 17 and made a few comments on that text. Then I read 1 Cor. 1:10. "I appeal to you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another so that there may be no divisions

among you and that you may be perfectly united in mind and thought." That's when the older man on the back row blew a fuse.

I hadn't even made any comments on the verse yet, but he went off on me anyway. He started telling the people that I was there to lead them astray and preach false doctrine and make them be just like me. He went on for about 10 minutes. I hadn't even completed my first year in preacher training. I was scared and didn't have a clue what to do. I was praying as hard as I could, asking for the Lord's help.

About that time the man took a breath, so I jumped in and asked him if he believed in the unity of all believers. He said that he did, but not like I was preaching it. I said that I had simply read from John 17 and then 1 Cor. 1:10. I then asked if he believed those passages of scripture. I was just stalling; still didn't have a clue what to do. That is when the Lord stepped in to save the day.

The older man said, "Yes, I believe in all of those 'red letter scrip-

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CHURCH SPOTLIGHT

God is looking for you

One of the most recognized Bible verses is John 3:16, "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that



DAVID BOULER

whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." An older Quaker gentleman name Hartford had a son in the Army; and when he received news that a terrible battle had taken place, he went to the location of the battle to search for his missing son. The

boy's commanding officer told the father he believed the boy had been killed because he had not answered at roll call at the company. This did not satisfy the father, so he set out across the battlefield to call for his beloved son who was more important to him than life itself.

He searched until darkness came and continued looking for the boy by lantern light until a gust of wind blew out the light. In desperation, he began to call out, "John Hartford, thy Father calleth thee." Off in the dark, he heard a voice crying out, "Here father, I am here." The father took his wonderful son in

his arms, carried him to the aid station and nursed him back to health.

Friend, God loves us more than life itself. He sent His only begotten Son to seek us, to die in our place for our sins. He called out to us in a dark world. Put your name here, "thy Father calleth thee." Have you heard Him and replied, "Here Father, I am here. Listen and you will hear God's call to you.

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"Danny Boy"

This tune is generally considered an Irish anthem, although its author was English, and many Irish have never heard the song. In 1910, Frederic Weatherly, an English lawyer, songwriter and radio entertainer, wrote an unsuccessful song called "Danny Boy." In 1912, his sister-in-law from the United States sent him a copy of "Londonderry Air," and with a few changes, he adapted its tune to his version of "Danny Boy." Actually, "Danny Boy" is only one of one hundred songs written to the tune of "Londonderry Air." It is a love song from a woman to a man, but is it sung more by men than by women. The song is much more popular outside Ireland than within, and its author never set foot in Ireland.

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In times of struggle, refocus

Have you ever gone through a difficult time in your life?

These difficulties come in many forms like uncertainty or difficult decisions or difficult people. Your struggles may look



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completely different than my struggles. We go through difficulty in life as individuals and as families and as communities and as a nation we go through struggles.

When going through these difficult times it is easy to lose focus of what the real issue is. It is so easy to get distracted to peripheral issues that have no bearing on the real struggle at hand.

I remember several years ago I was going through a particularly difficult time in my life. I had

served in ministry for two years up to that point and I was really struggling with the effectiveness I was having in ministry. Looking back I realize I was on the roller coaster of ministry. The roller coaster of ministry has to do with the perceived effectiveness of ministry combined with my personal emotions.

Here is an example. When we had a good number of students show up on a Wednesday night my emotions told me I was doing a great job. But the very next week fewer students would show up and my emotions went in

the opposite direction and told me how terrible of a minister I was. It really was a silly approach to ministry.

The real problem of the roller coaster of ministry I was on was the loss of focus that it caused me. Instead of focusing on effectively ministering to the group of students that the Lord had entrusted me with I was focused on building up my emotions. To be honest, I would have to admit I was really trying to build up my ego. I had lost focus and it hurt. It hurt my ministry and my family and myself.

This struggle went on for over a year. It was tough to say the least. Finally I had to get away and just spend some time with the Lord. I went away for the weekend with just my Bible and a notebook. I asked the Lord to show me where I was going wrong and what I needed to do to refocus.

He showed me two truths in 1 John chapter 1. The first is found in verse 3 and here is what the last part of the verse says, "... and indeed our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ." Through this verse the Lord showed me that my first goal in life is to maintain my fellowship with Him. You see when I lost focus in the midst of the struggle I was looking to all the wrong places for answers. I was reading plenty of books and blogs and articles and listening to podcasts all in a search to overcome the struggle but I failed to maintain my

fellowship with Christ. He showed me through this passage that I needed to be correct. My first goal in life is to fellowship with Christ.

The second thing that He showed me in this passage is also found in verse 3 of chapter 1 and here is what it says: "what we have seen and heard we proclaim to you also, so that you may have fellowship with us." The second goal in life for me after first fellowshiping with the Lord is to proclaim that fellowship. In simple terms, that meant, "Go tell somebody that they can have a relationship with their creator just like I do."

These two truths help me to stay focused in life and I hope they will do the same for you. Maybe you are struggling through life right now and need to refocus. Or maybe you are just so busy that you have forgotten what your daily purpose is. Try to refocus by putting these two truths in place.

The real outcome of living out these two truths is found in verse 4, "These things we write, so that our joy may be made complete." Struggles and busyness and lack of focus will steal our joy in life. A daily fellowship with the Lord and a faithful proclamation of that fellowship will restore the joy that the Lord has intended for your life.

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The amazing woman who puts up with me

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

This past weekend I had the opportunity to slip



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over into Oklahoma and do a wedding. It was held in a state park and just a little bit on the warm side, but it was really nice. The young couple made their commitments to one another and the young lady's Dad even challenged them. It was a very special time.

One of the things that I told them was that they had to give themselves fully to the relationship they were entering into at this time. It was not going to be easy, but as they sought to honor Christ and one another, He would direct their path.

I finished the wedding and started home. I text Vicki that I was on the way and she texted back and said, "Drive safe. Watch for deer." Of course, if you know anything about Vicki, she is always telling people to watch for deer.

I missed having her along on this trip but we were called in different directions. She went to watch a grandson play ball in Plainview so going with me was not to be. She loves her family and believe it or not, she loves me!

This past Monday, July 13, Vicki and I celebrated our 37th Anniversary. I told you she was an amazing woman! She has put up with me for all those years. I think I just heard one of my deacons say 'Amen'!

I can assure you that it hasn't been easy on her. She has stood by me when I was struggling with ministry issues. She has stood by me when I was dealing with personal issues. But the greatest thing of all, she has stood by me. If you know Vicki, you know that she is strong in her faith and great in her love for others.

I can't remember all that her Dad shared with us when we got married, but I can tell you it was by 'the Book'! He wanted his daughter and his son-in-law to walk with God and be faithful to His Word. God has blessed us and shown us the way to stay together and be who we need to be.

As I shared with this couple on Saturday, I read a passage from Ecclesiastes 4. The writer talks about 'two are better than one because they have a good return for their labor (verse) 10 for if either of them falls, the one will lift up his companion.' But it is the latter part of v.12 that I emphasized. It says - "A cord of three strands is not quickly torn apart."

My hope for each man and woman that I join in marriage is that they will

join together with Christ and be that 'cord of three strands' that is not quickly torn apart. As long as Vicki and I have walked with the Lord, our marriage has been strong. We know that we can face and overcome anything that this world throws at us.

God's desire is for a man and a woman to walk together under His leadership as they make a commitment to one another in marriage. This is a fulfillment of Genesis 2:24 - "For this cause a man shall leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave to his wife; and they shall become one flesh." You put that man and his wife together with Christ and they will be strong.

Vicki will tell you that God has been her source of strength in putting up with me. I will tell you that I'm thankful that He has been the main strand in our marriage. God is faithful. I am so thankful God brought us together and by His grace kept us together.

By the way, I did remember to give Vicki a card on Monday but I do want to say right here - Happy Anniversary, Vicki! I love you!

JESUS, JESUS, JESUS, there IS something about that name!!

Christ only, always,
Bro. Paul

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tures."

BINGO! That meant that he didn't believe in the N.T. letters in the same way he did the Gospels. But no one in the audience was getting that out of what he said. So I asked him, "Sir, does that mean that you don't consider the words of Paul in 1 Corinthians to be equal to what

we read in Matthew, Mark, Luke and John?" He replied, "That's exactly how I see things." I couldn't believe my ears. And that's when "IT" happened. That's when I threw my New Testament.

I was standing on a small stage and there was a table set up right in front of the stage. The floor of the building was made of hard wood. I removed my pocket New Testament and threw it hard enough to bounce off of the table and slide all the way to

the back row where the older man was sitting. I then took a deep breath and swallowed hard and almost shouted, "Then mister, you and I don't serve the same God and we don't believe in the same Bible. And since that's the case why don't you and your two friends just GET OUT! And any of the rest of you here who only believe in a little part of the Bible and don't believe in it all, you need to GET OUT too."

I was so scared after say-

ing those words that I could hardly get my breath. The next few seconds seemed like half an hour. Everyone had gotten deadly quiet. Praise the Lord, the three men got up and left. And everyone else turned around and looked at me. I guess I stood there speechless for an uncomfortable amount of time because one old woman finally said, "Well, preacher, you gonna finish your sermon."

And so I finished the ser-

mon and we had a GREAT service.

Sometimes in moments of distress God blesses us with knowledge through the Holy Spirit; He gives us the words to say. At other times, I believe that He confounds the thinking and words of the false teacher. That night I am confident that the older man could have argued rings around me, but God intervened and confounded his thinking just long enough to rescue His ill prepared

servant and thereby help the searching souls who had gathered to hear the Bible preached.

Thank you, Lord, for rescuing me that night and for all of the other times where you saved me from my own ignorance or lack of ability. What an awesome God you are. Amen.

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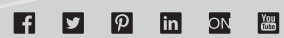
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elbow. Thank God for a fiberglass tub and shower! The tub's bottom gave with my weight. Had it been an antique porcelain coated iron tub, like what was in this old hotel, my elbow would more than likely be broken. Letting the water turn from hot to tepid to cool, I laid in my tub pondering over what had just happened. In my lifetime save for a bruised ego, how many times with nary an injury have I fallen? That's when it hit me. I'm 65 soon to be 66. I've reached my age limit for falling! My in the shower stork-like one legged foot washing stance is now a thing of my past! If I don't change my showering habits, it will be a seniors safe

step tub for me!

Um no, Bill Baldrige, I didn't look around to see if any one had seen my inglorious experience with gravity. Stars and canaries were in the way... What resulted from my prone pondering was twofold. Don't let aging get you down. It's too hard to get back up. And Ronnie Wood, sure as shootin', you're right! You know you're getting old when everything hurts and what doesn't hurt, isn't working.

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detach the South from its traditional Democratic allegiance.

Democratic nominees carried all the Confederate states 17 times before 1948. None ever has again.

George Wallace's third-party candidacy in 1968 advanced that process at the presidential level. But his 1964, 1972 and 1976 campaigns in the Democratic primaries provided a template for conservative Democrats to win congressional and state races in places that tilted Republican presidentially. That delayed Republicans' capture of majorities in the U.S. House until 1994.

Ross Perot's candidacy in 1992 came after Republicans won five of the six previous presidential elections, and after 1988 George Bush carried 40 states in 1988. But Perot's spring campaign "de-partisanized the critique of Bush," as deputy Democratic chairman Paul Tully told me at the time, in a way no Democrat, certainly not a little-known young governor of Arkansas, could have done.

But when Perot abruptly withdrew from the race, on the Wednesday of the Democratic National Convention, Bill Clinton's standing in the polls rose 25 points in one day — surely a record that will never be beaten. Democrats won four of the next six presidential elections.

But their leftist policies, in Clinton's first two years and Barack Obama's two terms, have helped produce Republican majorities in nine of the next House elections and have resulted in the polarization of the electorate that so many pundits lament — and which is the last thing Perot promised.

What could be the consequences of a third-party Trump candidacy? Immediate speculation is that it would cost Republicans the votes of many conservatives disgruntled with the party's officeholders and angry about immigration, trade and Common Core. That's certainly plausible.

But Trump might also siphon votes of non-college whites from Democrats in states where their support was high enough to produce Obama victories. Examples include Iowa, New Hampshire, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Ohio, Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota. All voted 54 percent or less for Obama in 2012, and altogether they have 84 electoral votes.

The present close partisan balance and polarization will not last forever. And Donald Trump seems like just the kind of guy who could disrupt it — in ways no one now can anticipate.

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Polish cow on the run for 2 years is finally caught

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — Matylda finally moo'ed back home.

The cow escaped from her Polish farm two years ago and lived a life on the lam in a nearby forest, sometimes damaging crops. She has finally been caught.

Owner Leszek Zasada spoke about his adventure with the brown cow in a story broadcast Tuesday by the all-news station TVN24.

He said Matylda es-

caped in 2013 from his farm in Zloty Stok, in Western Poland, the day after he brought her home.

She survived two frigid winters on her own, but the time on the run took its toll. She lost the calf she was sometimes spotted with and returned home with many scars.

Farmers in the area complained of the damage she caused but nobody was able to catch her until last Saturday.

Man admits having cocaine in Gulfport traffic stop

GULFPORT, Miss. (AP) — A 31-year-old man will be sentenced Oct. 22 after pleading guilty to a federal charge of possession with intent to distribute cocaine.

Federal court records show Isidro Duran Valerio entered the plea Monday in U.S. District Court in Gulfport. Valerio faces up to 20 years in prison and a \$1 million fine at his sentencing Oct. 22. He also faces deportation. He is being held without bond.

The Sun Herald reports Valerio was living in Austin, Texas, when a Gulfport police officer pulled him over in a traffic stop Dec. 15 on Interstate 10. He was set for trial July 27 on a two-count indictment.

Valerio had tried to get a judge to suppress the evidence, claiming the search and seizure was illegal because there was no probable cause for the traffic stop.

The motion was denied after police testified at a hearing that an officer stopped Valerio because he was shifting lanes suddenly, causing traffic to move over quickly and was only a car-length behind a vehicle as it merged onto I-10.

The officer's report said Valerio had no driver's license, but showed an identification card from the South Texas Detention Center, a holding facility for Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

While performing a background check, the officer learned Valerio had been driving a pickup truck in November in Harris County, Texas, when officers found \$67,000 found hidden in the trunk.

The Gulfport police officer said Valerio gave permission to search his vehicle, and the officer noticed the vehicle's windshield cowling had been removed and some of the bolts hadn't been replaced.

The officer reported he lifted up the cowling and found the cocaine inside a T-shirt wrapped in a trash bag.

His indictment included a conspiracy count. That count was dismissed as part of his plea.

Airlines carve US into markets dominated by 1 or 2 carriers

DALLAS (AP) — The wave of consolidation that swept the U.S. airline industry has markedly reduced competition at many of the nation's major airports, and passengers appear to be paying the price in higher fares and fees, an Associated Press analysis has found.

Over the past decade, mega-mergers reduced nine large U.S. airlines to four — American, United, Delta and Southwest — with the result that travelers are increasingly finding their home airport dominated by just one or two players.

Over the same period, domestic airfares rose faster than inflation, and analysts believe one leading factor is the decline in competitive pressure.

"Airlines aren't going at each other like they used to," said Mike Boyd, an aviation consultant frequently hired by airports. "They have their turf, and they very rarely go to the mattresses with one another."

At 40 of the 100 largest U.S. airports, a single airline controls a majority of the market, as measured by the number of seats for sale, up from 34 airports a decade earlier. At 93 of the top 100, one or two airlines control a majority of the seats, an increase from 78 airports, according to AP's analysis of data from Diio, an airline-schedule tracking service.

Overall, domestic fares climbed 5 percent over the past 10 years, after adjusting for inflation. And that doesn't include the \$25 checked bag fee and other add-on charges that many fliers now pay.

To be sure, other factors have contributed to higher fares, among them a stronger economy, longer average flight distances and, for most of the past few years, some of the highest fuel prices in history. However, analysts believe consolidation freed airlines to charge more.

The strategy is paying off: In the past two years, U.S. airlines made a record \$19.7 billion in profits, even though air travel is growing only modestly.

The airlines' main trade

group, Airlines for America, said the fare increases reflect stronger demand for travel and are not solely a result of the mergers. The group noted that airlines have used their profits to buy new jets and update airport facilities.

American Airlines CEO Doug Parker rejected the notion that consolidation has hurt travelers.

"We have increased flying out of each of our hubs," Parker said. "We want to expand. That's good for consumers, not bad."

The Justice Department notified the four largest airlines on June 30 that it is investigating whether they are colluding to drive up fares by limiting the availability of flights and seats. Those four control more than 80 percent of the U.S. market.

There was a time — before deregulation in 1978 — when fliers had even fewer choices and paid higher fares than they do now. Back then, the U.S. government controlled which airlines flew to which cities and how much they could charge. Competition intensified in the 1980s. As new airlines entered the market, fares dropped precipitously.

After 9/11 and the recession that hit immediately afterward, major airlines were in financial shambles. Several restructured through bankruptcy, and a wave of deals starting in 2008 led to the combinations of Delta and Northwest, United and Continental, Southwest and AirTran, and American and US Airways.

Justice Department anti-trust regulators let the deals go through but forced airlines in a few cases to give up some of their spots at key airports to try to encourage competition.

Still, "the airline industry is less competitive now than it used to be," said Seth Kaplan, managing partner of industry newsletter Airline Weekly. "Some of us used to have eight or nine airlines to choose from. Now we have maybe four or five, just as we have four or five cellphone companies to choose from."

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Community Calendar

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.

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.

July 2015 DSHS Immunization Clinic

The July 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.

The clinics will be on July 1, July 2, July 8, July 14, July 15 and July 22.

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

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 will 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 St.

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 a 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

CASA of the High Plains will be open 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 Pampa.

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 system.

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 environment.

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 806-665-7411.

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.

Meredith House

Meredith House is hosting an event, Helping Hands for Aging Parents, on Tuesday July 28, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Dinner is provided. It is free taco Tuesday. The guest speakers are Ann Thompson (PRMC), Shannah Heymer (Golden Phoenix) and Linda Littlefield (Hospice of the Plains). This event is for the entire community. Please RSVP to Nita Hogue 661-9111 or Lindsay Jones 665-5668 by July 24.

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First Church of the Nazarene

The Church of the Nazarene is sponsoring some great family activities in July! We are planning to have FREE movie nights outside and show the film on the wall of the fellowship hall at dusk on Fridays July 3, 10, and the 17th. Please bring a lawn chair, mosquito repellent, and some friends to see a wonderful show good for the whole family. It will start at dusk each evening. There will not be an offering- just come enjoy a summer evening and have a good time with the neighbors.

And we are also planning to have Vacation Bible School on the Wednesdays of July 8, 15, 22, 29 for children who have completed Kindergarten through the 5th grades from 6:30 to 8 Pm. There will be Bible stories, great singing, and other activities too. We are asking for an offering at VBS for a children's Special Needs ministry. Thanks in advance for your interest and participation.

Our services are Sunday School at 9:45 Am and Sunday Worship at 10:45 Am at 500 N. West St. You may call 806-669-3144 for more information. Pastor Jimmie and the congregation welcome one and all. God bless you and God bless America!! God is still in charge.

Hi-Land Christian Church

Wednesday nights, Pastor Mike Sublett teaches 2 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 weekly hand-out 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 something later."

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 Discipleship) 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 Bilingual services, and bibles."

Services are Sunday at 10 a.m. and Sundays and Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

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.

Bible Classes start at 9:30 a.m. with Sunday Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Evening Worship is at 5 p.m. and Ladies Bible Class Wednesday 10 a.m.

Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ also offers 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 Minister.

For more information call 806-665-0031.

Saint Matthew's Episcopal Church

Located at 727 West Browning, St. Matthew's Episcopal Church openly welcomes everyone to a place of worship rich in outreach to the community of Pampa and the surrounding area.

Worship services for the week begin on Sunday 8 a.m. (No music) Sunday School and Adult Christian Education begins at 9:30 a.m. Our main worship service begins Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

Our Wednesday 10 a.m. we offer a service which follows the "Litany of Healing" where prayer needs throughout the community and the world are identified. The Episcopal Church Women's bible study immediately follows the Wednesday 10 a.m. service. Additionally, there is a Wednesday 6 p.m. worship service.

Please note that Saint Matthew's opens its doors to everyone on the third Wednesday of each month with an open invitation to eat with us during our monthly Community Ministry dinners. We serve dinner from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. There is no charge and

we do not ask for donations. It is through God's blessings that we are able to freely offer these meals. We welcome all with open loving arms.

Please call (806) 665-0701 for additional information.

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 p.m.

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 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. Like us on Facebook, too, for all of the latest updates.

For more information please call our church office at 665-1031.

Highland Baptist Church VBS

Highland Baptist Church invites all children; Kindergarten through fifth grade (completed) to join us for VBS SpaceQuest. Get ready for an awesome adventure that is too good to miss. It will

include an exciting worship rally, adventure-filled Bible stories, wonderful space crafts, creative recreation, and an "out-of-this-world" lunch and snack.

We are happy to offer this opportunity to every child in our community

between the ages of five to 12 years old. Our focus will be "Exploring Our Mission with Jesus!"

VBS SpaceQuest will be held at Highland Baptist Church, 1301 N. Banks on Saturday, July 25 for one day only. We will begin at 9:30 a.m. and end at 2:30 p.m. For more information please call 665-3300. Come have a blast with us!

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California kidnapping police called a hoax leads to charges

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A disbarred Harvard-educated lawyer was charged with kidnapping a California woman who said attackers broke into her home, took her and held her for ransom, a twist that came months after police called the abduction a hoax.

Federal prosecutors charged Matthew Muller of Orangevale, California, with kidnapping last month after he was arrested in a separate home-invasion robbery in the San Francisco Bay Area that had similarities to the abduction, the FBI said in an affidavit unsealed Monday.

He is also a suspect in a 2009 home invasion in Palo Alto, another Bay Area city, police said.

The kidnapping charge comes after Vallejo police discounted the story by Denise Huskins and her boyfriend, Aaron Quinn.

Quinn reported that kidnappers broke into the couple's home on March 23, abducted Huskins and demanded \$8,500. His lawyers have said he awoke to a bright light in his face, and two kidnappers bound and drugged him.

Huskins, 29, turned up safe two days later in her hometown of Huntington Beach, where she says she was dropped off. She showed up hours before the ransom

was due.

That day, Vallejo police called the kidnapping a hoax. They have since declined to comment on the case other than to say they continue to investigate. Calls to the agency were not returned.

Huskins and Quinn appeared at a news conference but didn't talk to the media as their attorneys blasted investigators, asking that authorities set the record straight and apologize to the couple.

"What I want is for the Vallejo PD to do their job," said Quinn's lawyer, Daniel Russo. "Go out, find out if there are other guys out there and make sure that next time this happens, they think before they talk."

Huskins' lawyer, Douglas Rappaport, said his client will avoid commenting on the case to preserve the integrity of the prosecution. The teary-eyed couple held hands tightly and hugged before leaving.

FBI Special Agent Jason Walter said in the affidavit that recently discovered evidence led him to conclude there was probable cause to believe Muller kidnapped the woman.

Investigators arrested Muller in South Lake Tahoe and found a laptop that resembled one Quinn had. A search of a stolen car connected to Muller turned up nu-

merous other items, including a water pistol with a flashlight and laser pointer on it. People claiming responsibility for the woman's abduction emailed photos of the items to a newspaper, Walter said.

Muller was in custody on charges of attempted first-degree residential robbery and assault in a June home-invasion robbery in the city of Dublin. His attorney, Thomas Johnson, said in a brief statement that his client will plead not guilty to the kidnapping charges and already has entered that plea to the robbery.

Those two crimes bear similarities to a 2009 home invasion in Palo Alto that Muller is suspected of committing, police Lt. Zach Perron said. Investigators considered him a suspect before he was accused of the other crimes, but police did not have enough evidence to recommend charges against him, Perron said.

Palo Alto detectives plan to go through evidence collected during Muller's arrest in June for any potential links to the 2009 home invasion.

Muller told investigators he served as a Marine from 1995 to 1999 and attended and taught at Harvard University after that, the FBI affidavit said. He said he suffered from psychosis

and in 2008 was diagnosed with bipolar disorder, according to the affidavit.

Muller was admitted to practice law in California in May 2011. His state bar association profile also says he attended Harvard Law School.

His license was suspended in 2013 for failing to pay annual dues, records show. Later that year, the state bar filed disciplinary charges against Muller, citing his failure to file a green card application for a client's son. The notice says Muller took \$1,250 in advance from the client.

Muller failed to cooperate with the bar's investigation, leading the State Bar Court to recommend his disbarment in January. The state Supreme Court ordered him disbarred in June.

Wilson Purves, a partner with the Kerosky, Purves & Bogue in San Francisco, said Muller worked as an associate at the immigration law firm for a year before it terminated his employment in 2012. Purves declined to discuss the termination, but he said there was nothing that stood out about Muller.

"Nothing extraordinary would make me feel that he could be accused of something like this," he said. "I don't know what happened between then and now."

Spotlight shining on Pluto on cold outskirts of solar system

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — The spotlight is bright enough to thaw even Pluto. Well, not quite, but the tiny, icy world is getting front-page, prime-time attention for its first visit by a spacecraft — NASA's New Horizons.

Tuesday morning's 31,000-mph flyby — with closest approach at 7,700 miles, the approximate distance between Seattle and Sydney, or New York and Mumbai — is expected to open up new ground on the last unexplored planetary territory of our solar system.

"Turning little dots, little points of light into planets," is what New Horizons, on the road for 9½ years and 3 billion miles, is all about, principal scientist Alan Stern said Monday.

Here's a rundown on Pluto, a 20th-century discovery about to become the 21st-century darling of astronomers:

DISCOVERY

Pluto is the only planet (OK, now former planet) in our solar system discovered by an American. Astronomer Clyde Tombaugh spotted the dot in 1930 from Lowell Observatory in Flagstaff, Arizona. The name Pluto came from a British schoolgirl, Venetia Burney, then 11, based on the mythological god of the underworld.

Tombaugh died at age 90 in 1997, nine years before New Horizons took flight. A smidgen of his ashes is on board. Burney died in 2009, also at age 90. A student-built dust counter aboard New Horizons — from the University of Colorado at Boulder — is named after her.

Both of Tombaugh's two children, now in their 70s, were at the New Horizons mission operations center in Maryland for Tuesday's celebration.

FIVE MOONS

Big moon Charon was discovered in 1978 by Americans using the U.S. Naval Observatory in Flagstaff, followed by little moons Nix and Hydra in 2005, Kerberos in 2011 and Styx in 2012. The Hubble Space Telescope revealed all four baby moons. Astronomers stuck to underworld undertones when it came to the names.

New Horizons will hunt for more moons, but at this point, they would have to be pretty elusive — scientists guess probably less than a mile across. The Pluto empire, complete with six bodies, at least for now, is like its own mini solar system.

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So, sharpen your pencils and vote for all your favorites. You may vote up to ten times, but the ballots can't be copied. Only newspaper pages will be counted as official ballots. All ballots must be turned in by 4 p.m., Friday, July 24. Selections must be businesses or individuals from Gray County.

Let the rest of Pampa know who's the BEST by voting for YOUR favorites!

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29. Best air conditioning/heating repair _____
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46. Best kid's party _____
47. Best photographer _____
48. Best new business _____
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FOOD

50. Best BBQ _____
51. Best breakfast _____
52. Best burger _____
53. Best catering _____
54. Best fast food _____
55. Best steak _____
56. Best coffee _____
57. Best sandwich _____
58. Best dessert _____
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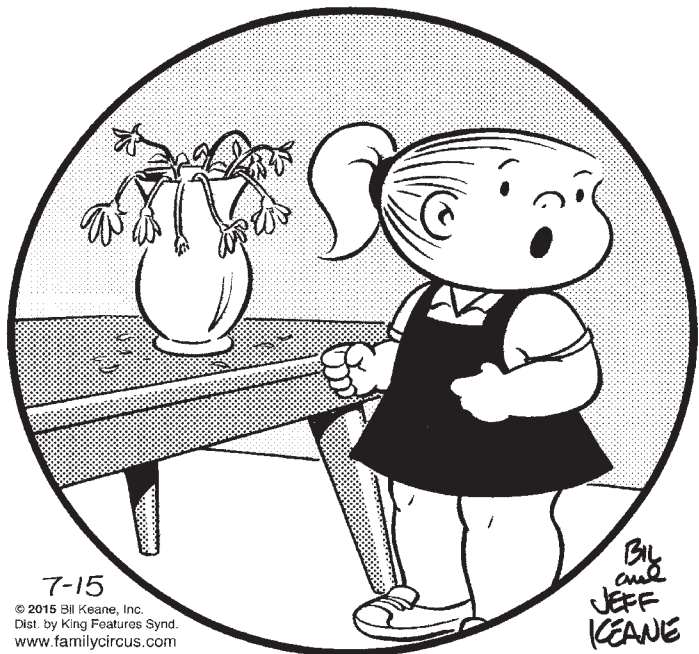
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THE Funnies

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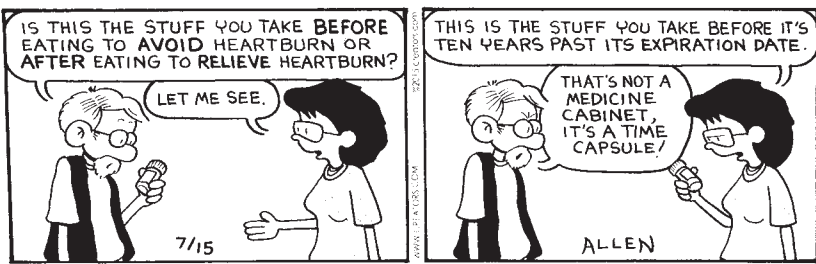
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DAILY Horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, July 16, 2015:

This year you express a very sensitive, emotional and caring personality. However, you will have periods where you evolve into a real party person. One side of you is introverted, whereas the other is extroverted. If you are single, others find you to be naturally seductive. Your multifaceted personality could intrigue many potential suitors, but only a few will actually be able to deal with it. If you are attached, you add so much fun to your sweetie's life that he or she won't want to be separated from you for any length of time. When LEO exposes his or her vulnerabilities, your relationship benefits.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
 ★★★★★ You might wake up wishing you were a kid again and did not have to work. Your instincts will be right-on with regard to drawing in a loved one. Schedule some time off in the near future. Tonight: Make nice. Don't forget to make weekend plans.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 ★★★★★ You could be exhausted. How you manage to keep going seems to amaze many people. A problem involving your home is likely to arise. You would much prefer to be dealing with other matters today. Your instincts will be right-on with a loved one. Tonight: Order in.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 ★★★★★ You are likely to say exactly what you mean. If you have a hunch, especially involving your day-to-day life, follow through on it. You could be delighted by the results. Curb a tendency to spend too much, and be sure to count your change. Tonight: Treat yourself well.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 ★★★★★ You'll smile, and it will encourage others to be more joyful as well. Your fiery side emerges when dealing with a child or loved one. Your creativity peaks no matter what the situation is. You will find that unique solutions come naturally. Tonight: Be more playful.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
 ★★★★★ Others sense that you have a lot on your mind. Nevertheless, you appear to be smiling and open. You will proceed with caution, as you sense that something is off. Out-of-sorts friends seem to appear from out of nowhere. Be willing to close your door. Tonight:

Retreat quickly.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 ★★★★★ You might have felt as though you could make an offer so enticing that someone couldn't say "no." However, this probably won't be the case. How you proceed will reveal your true character. Speak your mind, but avoid using negativity. Tonight: Visit with a neighbor.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
 ★★★★★ A meeting is likely to occupy a good part of your day. You could feel pressured by a boss about something that is important to you. Be more of an observer, and you will know what to do. Happily go along for the ride. Tonight: Meet up with friends at a favorite spot.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
 ★★★★★ Pressure builds for you to take charge, and you will. You could be overwhelmed by what you see. It is important to distance yourself in order to see the big picture. You will be reluctant to follow any other path but your chosen one. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

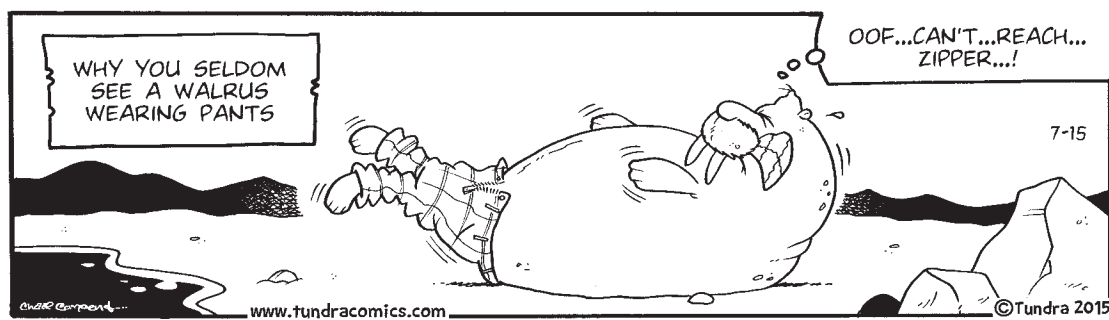
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
 ★★★★★ Be careful, as you could be suppressing a lot of your feelings and overspending. Follow your intuition with a partner, but only if you are willing to be vulnerable. The results might be more pleasing than you realize. Tonight: Consider taking off early for the weekend.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 ★★★★★ Reach out to someone you care about, and make plans to get together. A friend is likely to add to the quality of your day, as long as he or she is willing to be flexible with your schedule. Postpone getting together until the end of the day. Tonight: Cruise into the weekend.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
 ★★★★★ As you look around, you'll see that there is a lot you need to complete today. Clear out as much as possible. A new friend will notice how thorough you are. Before absorbing any more responsibilities, think carefully. Work more social time into your life. Tonight: All smiles.

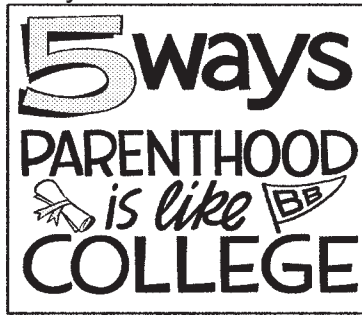
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
 ★★★★★ You might want to experience an easy day, as the tone of the weekend is likely to be seeping in. Others might take off early, which could result in more work for you. Funnel your high energy appropriately. Lighten up. Tonight: Head home early if you can.

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Baby Blues



Shoe



Mother Goose and Grim



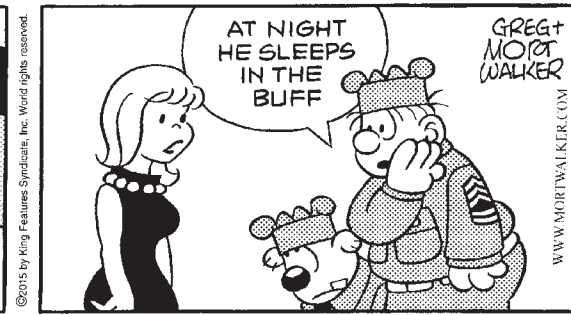
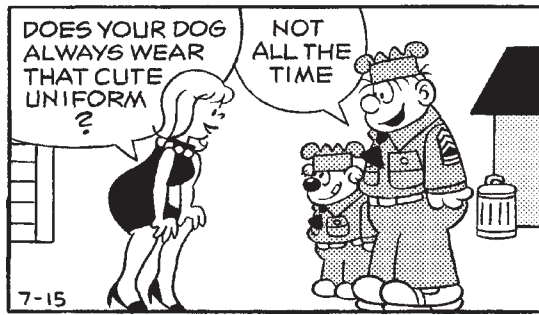
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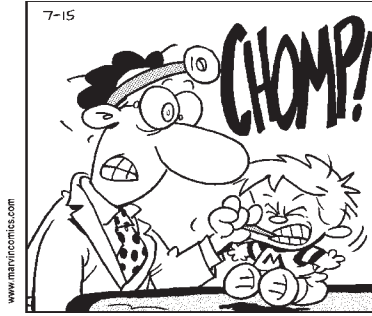
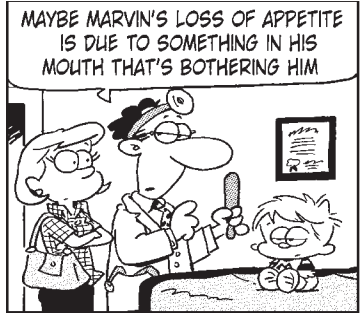
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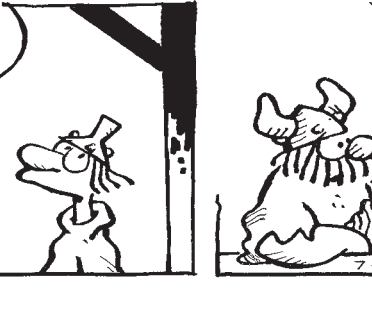
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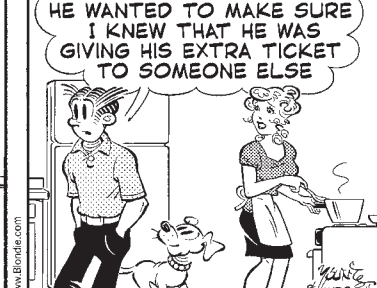
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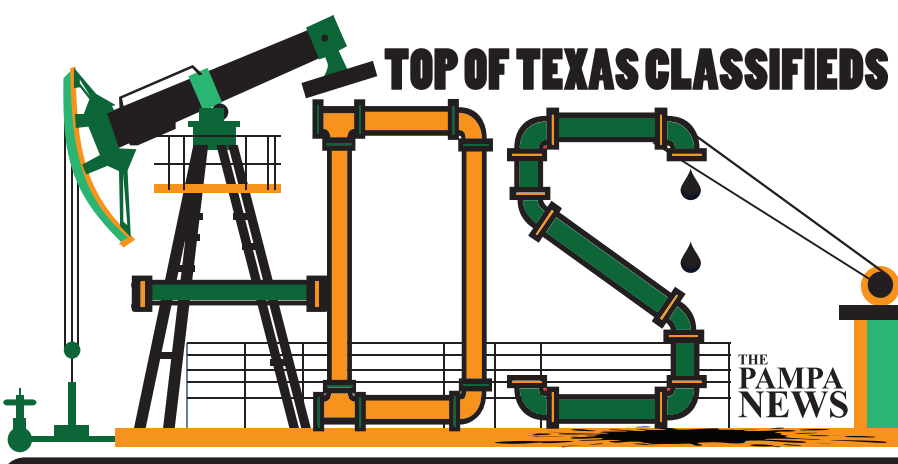


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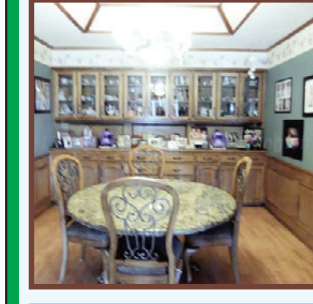
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MRJZR WGH RGAP MJVV
MGFE DGF WGHF TPXPDJC.
— LITFGBP TJPFZP

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: CONTEMPLATION OFTEN MAKES LIFE MISERABLE. WE SHOULD ACT MORE, THINK LESS AND STOP WATCHING OURSELVES LIVE. — NICOLAS CHAMFORT

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Cowboys' Bryant warns he won't play without long-term deal

IRVING (AP) — Dez Bryant is sending another signal that he won't play for the Dallas Cowboys without a long-term contract.

The unsigned All-Pro receiver posted a message on Twitter to Dallas fans Monday, apologizing while saying he "will not be there" if he doesn't have a new deal by Wednesday's deadline.

Bryant, who led the NFL with 16 touchdowns receiving last season, has a one-year offer of \$12.8 million under the franchise tag. Because he hasn't signed a contract, Bryant can't be fined for missing training camp, which starts July 30. He would lose about \$750,000 for each regular-season game he skipped.

"As much as I love football ... I apologize #cowboynation but I will not be there if no deal," wrote Bryant, who skipped offseason workouts and has said he would consider missing games.

Bryant showed up on the sidelines at offseason practice a couple of times, including the final mandatory minicamp workout at AT&T Stadium in June.

He had about a 15-minute chat with owner Jerry Jones.

The Cowboys are not commenting on negotiations with Bryant, who was trending after his tweet. Actor Rob Lowe chimed in on Twitter, writing, "Pay Dez. #Cowboys #NFL This is a no-brainer (sic)."

If the 26-year-old Bryant doesn't sign the franchise tender by 4 p.m. Eastern time Wednesday, he can't sign a long-term contract until after the season.

That makes his situation different from former Dallas running back Emmitt Smith.

The NFL's all-time rushing leader missed the first two games in 1993 in a contract dispute, and signed a new deal after the defending Super Bowl champions lost both.

The contract is guaranteed if Bryant signs, but he has indicated that long-term financial stability is important to him. Bryant just completed his five-year rookie deal that paid him a total of about \$11.8 million.

Watch the Pros

- College Football**
Media Days.....ESPNU 12 p.m.
 - Espy Awards**
Sports Awards Show.....ABC 7 p.m.
 - Golf**
Champion Golfers' Challenge.....ESPN2 10 a.m.
 - Cycling**
Tour de France: Stage 11.....NBCS 7 a.m.
 - Cap Cod Baseball**
Hyannis at Bourne.....FCSA 5 p.m.
 - Gold Cup Soccer**
Cuba v. Guatemala.....FS2 5 p.m.
Mexico v. Trinidad and Tobago.....FS2 7:30 p.m.
 - Pan American Games**
From Toronto.....ESPN2 7 p.m.
- *Game times and channels are subject to change.**

Texas to spend \$200k to review support programs for athletes

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The University of Texas will pay about \$200,000 to the consultant hired to review academic support services for athletes, a move ordered by the school president after the school had begun investigating allegations of misconduct within the men's basketball program.

Consultant Gene Marsh had already been hired to look into the basketball program when President Greg

Fenves announced the larger inquiry into all student services for athletes, including admissions, advising and tutoring.

The review began June 15. Texas said the finances could change as Marsh develops a more detailed framework of his review. Fenves said he hopes to get a report from Marsh by the end of the year.

Marsh was a member of the NCAA infractions committee from 1999-2008.

Denver Nuggets player Ty Lawson arrested on DUI allegations again

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Denver Nuggets point guard Ty Lawson has been arrested in Los Angeles on suspicion of driving under the influence of alcohol — his second DUI arrest this year.

California Highway Patrol Officer Jennifer Cassidy says Lawson was driving at a high rate of speed before being pulled over around 2 a.m. Tuesday on state Route 101 in

Hollywood. Cassidy says Lawson displayed several signs of intoxication. Jail records show he was released on \$5,000 bail.

The Denver Nuggets said the team was aware of the arrest and would have no further comment.

Lawson was arrested on suspicion of DUI last January in Denver.

He is expected in court in that case on Friday.

SUDOKU

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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Level: Intermediate



Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: Do you have any information or advice on how to talk to my 12-year-old stepdaughter about sex? I have a pretty good idea about where to take the conversation. I don't plan to make it a big deal — not so serious as to scare her, but not too lighthearted either. You never know what kids are saying about it in school these days. I want her to know the door is always open should she need to talk. (My mother did that with me, which I appreciated.)

If you have any pointers or reading material suited for her age, that would be great. — STEPMOM IN TEXAS

DEAR STEPMOM: I'm glad you are opening up the subject because "the talk" with your stepdaughter should have started long ago as part of an ongoing discussion. For a variety of reasons, young people today mature much earlier than they did years ago. She should be told that, if they haven't already started, the changes that will take place in her body are normal and nothing to fear.

As for reading material, my booklet, "What Every Teen Should Know" can help you to start that conversation. It has been distributed in doctors' offices and used to promote discussions by educators and religious leaders, as well as parents who find it hard to discuss these topics with their children. You can order one by sending your name and address, plus check or money order for \$7 (U.S. funds), to Dear Abby Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. Shipping and handling are included in the price. You should review it before starting the conversation so you will be prepared

in advance to answer her questions. The more information you can give her, the better prepared she will be to make intelligent decisions in the future.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 25-year-old, well-educated woman, engaged to a wonderful man. Although we don't plan to wed for another couple of years, I have a question on my mind. Neither of us is traditional or religious. What should I do about my name?

My fiancé would be honored if I took his name, but wouldn't be insulted or hurt if I didn't. For a long time I had thought that hyphenating would be an appropriate solution, but the more I consider it, a long double name on everything I will have to sign might become an inconvenience. I don't dislike his last name or have strong feelings against taking it, but I like the name I have now. Part of me likes the idea of always carrying it.

Since children are not going to be part of the equation, there's no risk of confusing them or their

teachers. What do other young couples do? I would love an outside perspective. — NAME GAME IN KANSAS

DEAR NAME GAME: It is no longer unusual for women to retain their maiden names after marriage. Many choose to do it because they have become established/successful in their careers, others because they want to maintain their identity as an individual. Some women solve the problem by using their husband's name legally and retaining their maiden name professionally. Others use their maiden name as a middle name and their husband's last name. Please don't worry about this; you have time to make your final decision.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

BANANAGRAMS!

Each set of letters below is arranged alphabetically, and the ? is in the correct alphabetical position. Figure out what letter the ? represents, and then rearrange the letters to spell a six-letter word. For example, in HH?RTY the ? could be an H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q or R. Here it represents an M, which can be combined with the other letters to spell RHYTHM. We've given you the first letter as a hint.

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Yesterday's Answer:

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U	O
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS DOWN

- 1 Music's Hampton
- 7 Pale tan
- 11 Show up
- 12 Greek letters
- 13 Cautioned
- 14 Dole out
- 15 Like "Hamlet"
- 17 St. Louis sight
- 20 Egyptian symbols for life
- 23 "Well, that's obvious!"
- 24 Web directory
- 26 Tad Lincoln's dad
- 27 High card
- 28 Some amount of
- 29 Spears in a deli
- 31 Aussie hopper
- 32 Pot puffs
- 33 Tattoo site
- 34 Grazing spot
- 37 Shower need
- 39 Leon Uris novel
- 43 Choir voice
- 44 Deep red
- 45 Prom attendee
- 46 Kind of band or show

- 1 Bar concern
- 2 Radio's Glass
- 3 Hockey's Bobby
- 4 Last inning, usually
- 5 At any time
- 6 Mother of Castor and Pollux
- 7 Royal fur
- 8 Approval indicator
- 9 Go bad
- 10 Exploit
- 16 Airport areas
- 17 Make suitable
- 18 Marco from Miami

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Yesterday's answer

- 19 Chess victory
- 21 Vietnam's capital
- 22 Watch secretly
- 24 Party dip
- 25 Drink cooler
- 30 Continue
- 33 Took an oath
- 35 1920s art style
- 36 Plow pullers
- 37 Stopped standing
- 38 Bullring call
- 40 Slow-witted
- 41 Much of N. Amer.
- 42 Capitol Bldg. figure

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PAMPA Sports

Hidden Hills seniors scramble results

SUBMITTED Hidden Hills Golf Course hosted a seniors scramble on Wednesday. Here are the results.

First place, with a score of 56, was the team of Kelly Everson, D.D. Lofton, Chris Kutin and Ray Covalt.

Second place, with a score of 62, was the team of R.D. Stephens, Gerrell Owens, Ken Burkett and Nathan Lancaster.

Third place, with a score of 62, was the team of Jim Brashears, Jerry Dorman, Lucio Moreno and Loyd Waters.

Fourth place, with a score of 62, was the team of Whitey White, Tom Lindsey, Joe Mabry and Jerry Davis.

Dick Dunham was closest to the pin for hole No. 6. Gerrell Owens was closest to the pin for hole No. 15.

Harvester Football Camp

STAFF REPORT

The Pampa High School football team will be hosting a football camp July 20-23 at Harvester Field. The first through fifth grade camp runs from 8 to 10 a.m. Sixth grade through ninth grade will be from 10 a.m. to Noon. The cost is \$50. There is a family discount of \$35 for the second child and \$20 for each additional child after that.

Bring your cleats, sunscreen and a great attitude. Snacks and drinks will be available at the camp concession stand. Each camper gets a T-Shirt.

Please return or mail registration forms to the Athletic Office at 111. E. Harvester, Pampa, Texas 79065. Please make checks payable to Pampa Football. For more information contact Jason Farmer at 806-669-4830 or jason.farmer@pampaisd.net.

SEC to post medical observer in replay booth

HOOVER, Ala. (AP) — The Southeastern Conference will have an extra person monitoring games for possible head and neck trauma.

SEC coordinator of officials Steve Shaw said Tuesday at league media days that an independent medical observer will be in the instant replay booth.

The person will be a certified athletic trainer appointed by the league. Shaw describes it as a fourth line of defense in protection after the players themselves, coaches and game officials.

The observer will have a replay monitor and be able to communicate with the referee to have a player taken from the game. Any player pulled must miss at least one play.

The observer will be used at all SEC games and league home games. Florida used one at some games last year.

Holt 1st All-Star to start at 7 positions before break

CINCINNATI (AP) — Brock Holt brought his infield glove to the All-Star Game. And his outfield glove.

If he winds up playing first base, he'll borrow a mitt.

Of the 1,457 players who have appeared in All-Star Games, none have started at seven different positions before the break. He could be the first.

"I think people are starting to realize that having guys that can move around and play different positions and give your starters day off and keep them healthy is big," the lone All-Star from the Boston Red Sox said Monday.

Holt has started three games at first, 18 at second, six at shortstop and 12 at third. He's begun six in left, two in center and 16 in right.

At the plate, the 27-year-old has put together a .292 batting average with two homers and 22 RBIs, and on June 16 against Atlanta he became the first Boston player to hit for the cycle since John Valentin in 1996. The last-place Red Sox are 33-31 when he starts and 9-16 when he starts on the bench, and he entered the All-Star break with an 11-game hitting streak.

"I just think the All-Star Game is a place to celebrate successes, but there's no category for super utility," said AL manager Ned Yost of the Kansas City Royals. "I think he is probably the finest super utility player in the American League."

Holt spent two years at Navarro College in Texas, then transferred to Rice and helped the Owls reach the 2009 NCAA tournament, where they lost to LSU in a super regional. Taken by Pittsburgh in the ninth round of the 2009 amateur draft with the 265th pick, Holt made it up to the Pirates in September 2012, had two hits in his first big league start and two nights later put together a four-hit game.

He was looking forward to reporting to spring training with the Pirates and many of the players he became friends with in the minors. Holt never got to the camp in Bradenton, Florida.

"I got called the day after Christmas by Neal Huntington," Holt said, referring to the Pirates general manager, "and he said, 'Hey, we traded you to the Red Sox. So it was kind of surprise, a shock at first.'"

Boston acquired closer Joel Hanrahan and Holt from the Pirates for right-handers Mark Melancon and Stolmy Pimentel, infielder Ivan DeJesus Jr. and first baseman-outfielder Jerry Sands.

Hanrahan didn't work out, lasting just nine games before needing elbow surgery, but Holt became an All-Star.

After appearing in 24 games with Pittsburgh in 2012 and 26 with the Red Sox the following season, Holt was still a rookie when Boston brought him up on May 17 last year. He stayed in the lineup for a streak of 59 consecutive games and 533 innings until July 23, and had four doubles one night against Tampa Bay. Holt had never played the outfield or first base in the minor leagues.

As Boston skidded to a last-place finish, Red Sox manager John Farrell called him "something of a silver lining in our season."

Popping up all over the field, Holt has earned the attention of division rivals.

"You give a guy like Brock a lot of respect, and he's important for an All-Star Game like this," said the New York Yankees' Mark Teixeira, who hasn't played the field other than at first for the past decade.

"You never want an injury or something to happen in an All-Star Game, but if something does happen, a guy like Brock can go in and fit multiple positions and really give the manager some flexibility. Those guys are very important to a team."

Cops coerced Aaron Hernandez associate into talking

FALL RIVER, Mass. (AP) — An attorney for an associate of former NFL player Aaron Hernandez says his client was pressured into talking to police investigating the death of Odin Lloyd.

The Herald News (<http://bit.ly/1K5E4Kb>) reports that attorneys presented final arguments Monday for why Carlos Ortiz's statements should either be allowed or suppressed when he is tried on a murder charge in Lloyd's 2013 shooting. Hernandez was convicted and sentenced to life in prison.

Defense attorney John Connors says police used coercive and manipulative tactics to pressure Ortiz into talking even when he said he was tired and wanted to go home. Connors also says police "minimized" Ortiz's Miranda rights.

Prosecutors countered that Ortiz was "alert, sober and lucid," during questioning and never asserted his right to an attorney.

The judge didn't immediately rule.



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