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Pampa man involved in fatal crash

STAFF REPORT

A Pampa man on Monday was involved in a collision near Clarendon that killed the driver of the other vehicle and critically injured his wife, who was a passenger.
 Johnnie Lee Lott, 77, of Childress, was headed eastbound on U.S. 287 in a 2012 Cadillac and stopped in the outside lane, according to a Department of Public Safety collision report.
 Teddy Joe Atwood Jr., of Pampa, was driving behind Lott in an F250 Ford pickup and struck the rear of Lott's vehicle.
 The collision occurred around 3:25 p.m. during heavy rain and low visibility, according to the report. Both vehicles went into the median.
 The posted speed limit on the highway in Conley County is 75 mph.
 Lott was killed and pronounced dead at the scene. His wife, June Hall Lott, 77, sustained internal injuries. She was transported to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo and was listed in critical condition.
 There was no indication that Atwood was injured, said Senior Trooper Daniel Hawthorne.

County in midst of budget talks

■ New fiscal year begins Oct. 1.

BY TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE
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Gray County Auditor Elaine Morris has presented to Gray County Commissioners a proposed 2013-14 budget that lists total expenditures at \$8,717,142 and total revenues at \$7,569,328.
 Though the document shows that expenditures are great than revenues by about \$1.2 million, Morris said revenues are estimated conservatively and all expenditures down to weed killers and janitorial supplies are included in the **WEATHER** cont. on page 3

5 members of 'Texas' musical killed in auto wreck

AMARILLO (AP) — Alcohol is suspected as a factor in the deaths of five members of a popular summer musical production who were killed in an auto accident in the Texas Panhandle, an official said Tuesday.
 Texas Department of Public Safety spokesman Christopher Ray said members of the cast of "Texas," a musical performed every year at the Palo Duro Canyon State Park south of Amarillo, were returning from an end-of-the-year party Monday night when the accident occurred.
 Four of the dead were dancers while the fifth worked in the box office, according to Texas Panhandle Heritage Foundation Executive Director Kris Miller. Members of the production spent the night at the foundation's offices in Canyon, comforting each other and awaiting any further details on the accident, Miller said.
 Tuesday night's performance was canceled.
 Their vehicle was attempting to turn onto U.S. 287 near Dumas, about 40 miles north of Amarillo, when it pulled in front of a southbound 18-wheeler and was hit broadside on the **5 DEAD** cont. on page 3

THE BIG HOOK IN THE SKY



Photo by Timothy P. Howsare

The normally quiet Hughes Building attracted some attention from passersby Tuesday afternoon as a tall crane with a large hook planted itself on the west side of the building along Somerville Street. A worker from Verticom in Dallas, whose truck is pictured in the foreground of the photo, said they were installing 4G telecommunications equipment for Sprint. The equipment was lifted from the ground and then placed on the roof. The company with the crane is Neff Crane and Rigging.

A new home away from home

■ PISD administration staff get a glimpse of their new office building.

BY JOHN LEE
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For many years the Pampa Independent School District administration building has been housed in the former Carver School on the south side of Pampa. Those who are making the everyday decisions for the Pampa public schools are doing so from just that, a public school. The administration holds its school board meetings in a classroom, where attendees may feel like students watching a group of teachers talk. They will continue to do so until November, when the new **OFFICE** cont. on page 3



Photo by John Lee

Pampa ISD administration staff and guests stand in what will be the new conference room.

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PAMPA FORECAST

Today	Thursday	Friday
High 82 Low 63	High 83 Low 63	High 85 Low 64

Today: Scattered storms possible with a high of 82 degrees. Chance of rain 40 percent. Winds southeast at 12 mph. Sunrise at 7:07 a.m.

Tonight: Scattered storms possible with a low of 63 degrees. Chance of rain 40 percent. Winds south-southeast at 10 mph. Sunset at 8:37 p.m.

Thursday: Scattered storms possible with a high of 83 degrees. Chance of rain 40 percent. Winds south at 13 mph. Sunrise at 7:08 a.m.

Thursday night: Partly cloudy with a low of 63 degrees. Chance of rain 10 percent. Winds south-southeast at 9 mph. Sunset at 8:36 p.m.

Friday: Isolated storms possible with a high of 85 degrees. Chance of rain 30 percent. Winds south-southeast at 11 mph. Sunrise at 7:08 a.m.

Friday night: Mostly clear with a low of 64. Chance of rain 10 percent. Winds southeast at 8 mph. Sunset at 8:34 p.m.

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Obituaries

Annette L. Griego

Annette L. Griego, 42, died Aug. 9, 2013 in Pampa. Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 15, 2013, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel, with Father Christopher Schwind, associate pastor at St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church, officiating. Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.



Annette Griego

Miss Griego was born July 9, 1971 in Guymon, Okla. She was a 1989 graduate of Pampa High School. She had been a resident of Amarillo for most of her life, returning to Pampa in 2009 to help take care of her dad as he fought cancer. In November of 2012, Annette graduated with Summa Cum Laude honors from Kaplan University with an Associates of Applied Science degree in medical transcription. She loved to write poems and enjoyed music. Annette loved her family whom she always surrounded herself with. She was a strong-hearted person with whom all her family leaned on for support. She was preceded in death by her father, Gabriel John Griego, Sr., and a nephew, Trae Donovan Griego.

Survivors include her mother, Jeanette Griego of the home, a brother, Gabriel John Griego, Jr., and wife DeDe of Plainview, three nephews, Zane Griego and wife Veronica, Kyle Griego, and Dice Griego, all of Plainview, a niece, Calie Griego of Plainview, a great-nephew, Zaden Griego of Plainview, a great-niece, Cadence Griego of Plainview, and her grandmother, Ruth Cordova of Dalhart.

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

Curtis Don Percy

Curtis Don Percy, 59, died Aug. 11, 2013 in Amarillo.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.



Curtis Percy

Mr. Percy was born April 29, 1954 in Borger to Jack and Reba Percy. He received an Associate's Degree in psychology in May of 2013 from Clarendon College in Pampa.

He was a member of Calvary Baptist Church, and was an active member of Alcoholics Anonymous. Curtis was a loving father and grandfather and will be truly missed. He was preceded in death by his parents, Jack Percy and Reba Trimble, and a brother, Toby Percy.

Survivors include his wife, Kelly Percy of Dickinson, two daughters, Cassie Viechec and husband David of Pensacola, Fla., and Shonda Boyd of Amarillo, a son, Randy Percy of Hazelton, Pa., a sister, Jana Brown and husband Dwain of Roswell, N.M., five grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society, c/o Gerry Caylor, 2130 Charles, Pampa, Texas 79065, or VA Hospice.

The family will receive friends at 1100 N. Somerville in Pampa.

Sign the on-line guest register at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

Donald A. Wood

Donald A. Wood, 73, died Aug. 11, 2013, at Pampa, Texas.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 15, 2013, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel, with Rev. Bob Hudson of Bible Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will follow in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Wood was born Aug. 13, 1939 in Florence, Colo. He had been a resident of Pampa since 1945. Donald was a member of Bible Baptist Church. He was a former employee of J. C. Daniels, and was later a heavy duty mechanic for Calwell Production, retiring in

2007. He enjoyed working on cars. Donald was preceded in death by a daughter, Donna Mejia, a son, Dennis Alfred Wood, and a sister, Mary Ellen Warner.



Donald Wood

FORT HOOD (AP) — The Army psychiatrist on trial for the 2009 shooting rampage at Fort Hood told mental health experts after the attack that he “would still be a martyr” if convicted and executed by the government, according to newly released documents.

The remarks by Maj. Nidal Hasan in 2010 were published by the New York Times as military attorneys ordered to help him during his trial, which continued Tuesday at the Texas military base, insist that he wants jurors to sentence him to death.

Hasan told a panel of mental health experts that he wished he had been killed in the attack because it would have meant God had chosen him for martyrdom, according to documents given to the newspaper by Hasan's former lead attorney.

Hasan, an American-born Muslim, was left paralyzed from the waist down after Fort Hood police officers ended the rampage by shooting him in the back.

“I'm paraplegic and could be in jail for the rest of my life,” Hasan told the

Survivors include a daughter, Robbie J. Pudwell of Claude, a son, Robert Pudwell of Amarillo, two sisters, Charlene Wood and Betty Orr, both of Pampa, eight grandchildren, one great-grandchild, several nieces and nephews, and a special friend, Norma Arnold of Pampa.

Memorials may be made to Bible Baptist Church Building Fund, P.O. Box 1435, Pampa, Texas 79066-1435, or Interim Hospice, 2217 Perryton Parkway, Pampa, Texas 79065.

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

Gordon Alexander Frashier

Age 82, resident of Albuquerque, N.M., died June 23, 2013.

Gordon was born in the family farm home six miles east of Pampa, Texas and was the fifth and youngest child of Elmer Gordon Frashier and Martha Alice Gray Frashier.

He lived a happy idyllic rural childhood there with two years on a small farm in Rogers, Ark., returning to Pampa for his teen years until he left home for college. Gordon's dad always had a horse for his cowboy son.

Gordon has said his favorite chore was riding his horse out to herd the cattle. He met Joyce Elaine Cummings at Abilene Christian College in 1949 and they married in 1951. Gordon earned a BS degree in Animal Husbandry at Abilene Christian College and the couple planned to farm in the Texas Panhandle. The 1950's drought influenced Gordon to move to Fort Collins Colorado and get a second degree in Range Management at Colorado A&M University.

He started a student summer job in 1955 with the Bureau of Land Management, in Gunnison Colo. and

became a permanent employee in 1957. After twelve years working in several Colorado districts, the family was transferred to Winnemucca, Nev., where they spent five years. In 1971, he transferred to Albuquerque New Mexico and retired there in 1986. He thoroughly enjoyed and loved his work. After his wife retired from her job with the Albuquerque Public Library system, they moved back to Panhandle Texas for 10 years to assist her parents, returning back to Albuquerque in 2002. The couple just recently celebrated 62 years of marriage together. They had two motor homes and traveled extensively after his retirement.

Three daughters were born to the couple: Alice Jan Sorbet, Elaine Avon Hardin and Bonnie Dee Poteet. They have six grand children and two great-grand children. Gordon has been a devoted Christian all his life. Wherever he lived he was an active vital part of every local church congregation where he was a member. At the time of his death he was a member of the Mountainside Church of Christ in Albuquerque Gordon lived close to and loved nature all his life. He felt most at home in the great outdoors, whether in the wilderness or in his own beautiful yard at home. He loved warm summer weather and was known in later years for his many hats. He was a wise business manager, providing well for his family. He was modest and frugal with his lifestyle and generous with his loved ones and others in need. He was meticulous and self-disciplined in managing his home and all areas of life. His children and grandchildren were the joy of his life. Gordon generously donated his rare, universal blood for blood banks in four states since the 1960's. Total amount donated was 23 plus gallons.

Survivors include his wife Joyce; one sister, Betty Jo Epperson; sister-in-law Anne Frashier; three daughters, and son-in-law William Peter Poteet; grandchildren, Gordon Erick Poteet and wife, Michelle, Bonnie Laura Hardin, Cecily Bergine Ponce de Leon and husband, Reuben, Arlie Dee Poteet, Spencer Chase Hardin, and Jared Ryan Sorbet; great-grandchildren, Erick Alexander Poteet and Russell William Poteet. Pampa resident relatives include Gary and Vickie Epperson.

Gordon was preceded in death by his parents; brother Loyd; two sisters, Elgin and Claudine.

A memorial service was held for Gordon at the Mountainside Church of Christ in Albuquerque, N.M. on June 29, 2013.

Gordon was cremated at his request. The remains will be interred into the Panhandle City Cemetery at a later date.

Memorial donation suggestions include Roadrunner Food Bank and the Mountainside Church of Christ Benevolent Fund, two of his favorite charities.

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Hasan: ‘I would still be a martyr’ if executed

magazines, inside the medical building where the shootings took place.

In one area, Martin testified, “There were several bodies. ... There was medical equipment all over the floor. It was a pretty gruesome scene.”

She said agents eventually ran out of numeric markers and had to use sticky notes.

Jurors also were shown a video taken during the initial walk through of the building, which had been crowded with soldiers preparing to deploy, and some crime scene photos. The photos were not displayed for the entire courtroom, which included journalists and victims' relatives in the gallery.

The judge, Col. Tara Osborn, also said she was not allowing prosecutors to show anyone the most graphic photos “that focus unnecessarily on the deceased.”

Hasan, once again, asked no questions and raised no objections Tuesday. He was able to see the photos and the video on a monitor at the defense counsel's table, but he appeared to have no visible reaction.

panel, according to the documents. “However, if I died by lethal injection, I would still be a martyr.”

The documents, part of a report that concluded Hasan was fit to stand trial, were given to the newspaper by John Galligan, who now serves as Hasan's civil attorney after his client dismissed him from the criminal case two years ago. Galligan did not immediately return phone messages Tuesday from The Associated Press

Hasan, 42, is acting as his own attorney but has sat mostly silent as witnesses described a bloody, chaotic scene and identified him as the shooter. That enabled prosecutors to zip through more than 60 witnesses in only four days.

But the pace slowed Tuesday as prosecutors shifted their focus to forensic evidence, with testimony revealing that FBI agents found so much evidence at the crime scene that they ran out of markers.

FBI Special Agent Susan Martin told jurors that she and other agents found hundreds of pieces of evidence, including 146 shell casings and six

County to discuss 3% pay raises for employees

STAFF REPORT

The Gray County Commissioners Court at its regular meeting Thursday will consider a 3 percent per month cost of living increase for all approved county employees and elected officials.

The commissioners also will discuss an additional \$1,800 per year for deputies who receive Master Law Enforcement Certification.

The commission also will consider:

- Paying bills and salaries as approved by the

County Auditor.

- Continuing longevity pay.
- The Treasurer's Report.
- The County Clerk's report.
- A presentation by Gray County 4-H Parent Leaders Council regarding matching grant for new 4-H trailer.
- The Clarendon College-Pampa Center FY 2014 budget.
- A request from Flogistix for waiver of penalty and interest in the amount of \$2,974.28 for late payment on 2012 taxes.

- The reinvestment zone and criteria for Cielo Wind Power.
- The reinvestment zone and criteria for Overland Property Group for a housing development in Pampa.
- The FY 2014 budget.
- A request from Tax Assessor-Collector to replace an employee.

The meeting begins at 9:00 a.m. in the courtroom on the second floor of the County Courthouse, 205 N. Russell St.

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passenger's side, Ray said.

Alcohol is "just suspected at this time," he said.

Killed in the wreck were Andrew Duncan of Wichita Falls; Clinton Diaz of Amarillo; Amanda Starz of Timonium, Md.; Julian Arredondo of Haltom; and Eric Harrison of Fort Worth, Ray said. All five were pronounced dead at the scene, Ray said. Their ages were not immediately available.

Timothy Johnson of Portland, Ore., who was directly behind Diaz, the car's driver, was transported to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo, where he was in surgery, Miller said.

The Texas Panhandle Heritage Foundation produces the musical, which draws up to 65,000 spectators each summer. The last performance of the summer was scheduled for Saturday.

Office

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Pampa ISD administration building is set to open.

As the tour began, many of the staff members were pleased with the developments and progress that has been made on the former grocery store. Many staff members would make witty, warm-hearted remarks like, "It's come a long way from being a frozen food section."

One of the notable modifications made to fit inside the budget was rather than having every wall of every office go from floor to ceiling, they are cutting the walls off at eight to 10 feet tall.

"You can see there is a really high volume, so there are some walls to deck and some walls that won't be going to deck," principal in charge with SHW group, Terry Hoyle, said to the tour group. "The idea is rather than spending all the money on those walls

to support it, just keep them low. You will see a lot of office buildings today that are really an open plan. The walls provide privacy, security and there are other ways to mask the sound."

The entire interior is painted white and will feature several "graphics" to make the building look like more than just a converted grocery store.

When standing at the conference room entrance, to the right there will be a section that highlights the history of Pampa ISD.

The board room will have an elevated desk for the board to be able to see not only who is addressing them, but also the group at the back of the room. The conference room will also be convertible into a training room.

"There is a folding wall that comes down or closes this space (the back of the room) off," Hoyle said. "So you can have an intimate space in a board room where you won't have much activity but in the event you have lots of awards and things you can

open it all the way to the back."

Many staff members seemed excited about their new workspace and were taking pictures of what will become their office and workspaces. The size of the offices compared to the anticipated size is what seemed to impress many of them.

"The offices seem to look a lot larger than we anticipated," information technology director Melody Baker said. "I am very relieved [that there is going to be a storm shelter]. I don't know that our walls are secure with the metal and sheet rock."

The new administration building is still set on a Nov. 15 opening.

"I am thrilled with how things are going," superintendent Dr. David Young said. "The way everyone is collaborating, the architect, the contractor and school district have been great."

For more information on Pampa ISD, visit to www.pampaisd.net.

Federal government sues to block airline merger

DALLAS (AP) — American Airlines and US Airways expected to spend this week cruising toward completion of their huge merger, a deal that was worth \$14 billion on paper and would create the world's biggest airline.

Instead, they were stunned Tuesday when the federal government and six states sued to block the deal, saying it would hurt competition and cost consumers hundreds of millions of dollars a year in higher fares and extra fees.

Antitrust regulators had done little to interfere with three other big airline mergers in the past five years, so they were not expected to stand in the way of American and US Airways. But this latest deal would leave four airlines controlling more than 80 percent of the U.S. air-travel market.

The Justice Department turned the words of US Airways leaders against them. The 56-page lawsuit filed in federal district court in Washington, D.C., was peppered with quotes from internal emails, investor presentations and public comments in which the airlines' top executives noted that previous mergers had helped lead to higher fares and higher fees to check a bag or change a ticket.

Executives of the two companies vowed to challenge the lawsuit.

"We will fight them," declared US Airways CEO Doug Parker, who would run the combined company.

Paul Denis, a Washington antitrust lawyer hired by US Airways, said Tuesday was the Justice Department's "best day."

"They got to hold their press conference. Now they've got to try their case in court," he said.

Tom Horton, CEO of American Airlines parent AMR Corp., noted that the companies had spent months trying to convince the Justice Department that the merger would help customers and boost competition by creating a tough new rival to larger airlines United and Delta.

"Since the DOJ has formed a contrary view, the matter will now be settled by the courts," Horton said.

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Budget

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42-page proposed budget.

The new budget begins Oct. 1 and the commission will discuss the budget at its regular meeting Thursday.

"This is a worst-case scenario," Morris said. "We estimate all the expenditures, the full expenditures and we only budget revenues we know for sure we will collect."

She said the county's collection rate is very solid at around 99 percent.

The proposed effective tax rate for this year is .456 per \$100 of assessed value. This rate is 3.77

cents lower than the current rate, she said.

For those whose property values have not increased, this will mean a decrease in taxes.

For those whose assessed values have gone up, the lower effective rate could still mean a lower tax bill even with a higher assessed value.

Morris said she is proposing a 5 percent increase to the effective rate of .456, which would narrow the gap between revenues and expenditures to \$877,000.

Though the region is experiencing a boom in the oil and gas industry, Morris said that has more of a trickle down effect than a direct impact on the county's revenue stream, as the

county can only collect taxes on actual production and not land with minerals still in the ground.

She said the county's revenue stream does pick up a bit as more vehicles are registered and more money is paid at weigh stations.

But unlike the City of Pampa, which benefits from increased sale tax revenues, Morris said, "Gray County as an entity isn't enjoying it."

Morris, who has been auditor for 16 years, said preparing a budget that conservatively estimates revenues is something she does from year to year.

"We are financially stable and I don't see any real problems," she said.

Corrections

A Saturday, July 27, story on the Pampa Army Airfield should have stated the airfield was located east of town.

A photo caption in the Aug. 8 edition of an event at Clarendon College should have identified a student speaking to a radio DJ as Brenda Reed.

A photo caption in the Friday, Aug. 9, edition should have stated that Cleo

Franklin Nix's granddaughter is Andrea Walling. She lives and works in Pampa.

A graphic published in the Tuesday, Aug. 13, sports section called "Harvesters in Action" should have stated that Fridays are the only mornings the football teams will be practicing. Readers can find the practice schedules on the Pampa ISD website.

The Pampa News apologizes for these errors and any inconveniences they may have caused.

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Upcoming events at Austin Elementary

Meet the new Austin principal and assistant principal! You are invited to come Gab with the Girls on Tuesday, August 13th @ 10:30, 2:30, or 5:30. Door prizes and refreshments will be provided. Hope to see you there!

Kindergarten Kickoff

Parents of incoming kindergarten students—plan to bring your child to Austin Elementary's Kindergarten Kickoff. This will be a time for your child to interact with the kindergarten teachers and share their knowledge of colors, letters, and numbers. Join us on Thursday, August 15th from 11:00 - 1:00 or 5:00 - 7:00. Remember to bring your child for the come and go event.

Meet the Teacher

Austin Elementary's Meet the Teacher night is Friday, August 23rd from 4:00 - 6:00. This is your opportunity to meet the teachers and drop off your school supplies for the exciting new year. Class lists will be posted on Thursday, August 22nd @ 4:00.

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Cheating is rife in colleges — by admissions officers

What is the most intellectually dishonest profession around? My nomination: the admissions officers at highly selective colleges and universities.

Evidence in support of this comes from, of all places, a recent article in The New York Times.

The writer is Ruth Starkman, and the subject is her experience as a reader of applications to the highly selective University of California, Berkeley.

“Admissions officers were careful not to mention gender, ethnicity and race during our training sessions,” she notes. But when she asked one privately, “What are we doing about race?” she was told it was illegal to consider it, but that they were looking at “the ‘bigger picture’ of the applicant’s life.”

Racial discrimination in state universities was made illegal in 1996 when California voters by a 55 percent margin passed UC Regent Ward Connerly’s Proposition 209.

At first UC admissions officers enforced the law, as Richard Sander (a UCLA law professor) and Stuart Taylor report in their book, “Mismatch: How Affirmative Action Hurts Students It’s Intended to Help, and Why Universities Won’t Admit It.”

The result was that fewer blacks and Hispanics were admitted to the most selective UC schools, Berkeley and UCLA, but more were admitted to and graduated from less selective UC campuses.

But then admissions officers started to cheat. They declared that they were using “holistic” criteria, trying to gauge from students’ applications the “bigger picture” of their life.

In practice, this meant racial discrimination in favor of blacks and Hispanics, and against Asians and whites

Starkman’s job was to read applications and rate them on a numeric scale, with 1’s being the most desirable. She “was told I needed more 1’s and referrals. A referral is a flag that a student’s grades and scores do not make the cut but the application merits a special read because of ‘stressors’ — socioeconomic disadvantages that admissions offices can use to increase diversity.”

It’s not hard to imagine what “stressors” might include. A Spanish surname. A home address or high school in a heavily black neighborhood. An essay recounting “the hardships that prevented the student from achieving better grades, test scores and honors.”

So the admissions officers were tipping the scale heavily in favor of certain students — and heavily against others.

“When I asked about an Asian student who I thought was a 2 but had received only a 3, the officer noted, ‘Oh, you’ll get a lot of them,’” Starkman writes. “She said the same when I asked why a low-income student with top grades and scores, and who had served in the Israeli Army, was a 3.”

What’s extraordinary about this is that you have an organization every member of which is well aware of its main purpose — illegal racial discrimination — but in which no one will say so out loud. A willingness to lie and break the law are job requirements.

Now I am aware that there are arguments against a college just admitting the students with the highest test scores. It does probably serve some educational purpose to bring together people with different interests and different strengths.

Preferences to offspring of alumni and talented athletes may be warranted for schools that need private contributions to thrive.

But racial discrimination is unlawful and has been rightly repudiated by the American people. The corrupt silence concerning such discrimination in college and university admissions suggests that at some level these people know they are doing something for which they should be ashamed.

Unfortunately they are doing their intended benefit.

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Museum Musings

Take the kids to museum before summer ends

It’s now nearing the end of summer, so if you haven’t made a trip to the White Deer Land Museum with the kids you should plan to visit soon!

The history wall of the White Deer land Museum, dedicated on June 25, 1983, was painted by Jan Nelson Ragsdale of the Grandview community. The Gray County portion shows some of the early Texas Panhandle history.

The horse and rider at the extreme left are part of Coronado’s expedition in 1541. Castaneda, Coronado’s historian, wrote that “it was impossible to find tracks in this country because the grass straightened up again as soon as it was trodden down.” The Spanish explorers thought the region was not worth exploring, but they left many names such as Llano Estacado (Staked plain) and Palo Duro

(hard wood).

Another portion of the timeline shows the massive herds of buffalo. The plains were the natural habitat of millions of buffalo. Army officers once reported that it took three days to travel through a herd. At one time a train had to wait eight hours for the herd to cross the track.

The principle Indian tribes who followed the buffalo were the Comanches, Kiowas, and the Kiowa Apaches.

The timeline shows that Anglo-Americans entered the Panhandle in 1820, when the party of Major Stephen Harriman Lang explored the area south of the Canadian River and made the region a reality to Americans. In 1840 Josiah Gregg blazed the first trail across the Panhandle — the Fort Smith — Santa Fe Trail. Wagon trains of the California gold seekers used the trail.

The timeline continues through the 1849 missions of Captain Randolph Barnes Marcy and the discovery of McClellan’s Creek by Captain

George Brinton McClellan into the days of ranching and farming and Charles Goodnight and Tom Bugbee who came in 1876. The first agriculture endeavor in Gray County, the farming along creek beds and the earliest farming community, Laketon.

The first school is shown on the timeline, Highwindy. The school was later knows as Plaines, Snowden Lake and Davis. The building was moved to Pampa and used by the Lutheran Church and was moved to the Top O’ Texas Rodeo Grounds.

The little flags below the train and extending below the courthouse show Gray County towns and communities. The building below on the right of the engine is the second office of the White Deer Lands on South Cuyler. The figures in the windows represent the four managers, George Tyng, T.D. Hobart, M.K. Brown and C.P. Buckler.

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Obamacare: A nuclear missile that must be shot down

Instead of the GOP focusing all its energy on infighting over the so-called “tactical” decision

of whether to defund Obamacare, how about remembering who the real enemies of freedom are and directing its energies toward the

Democrats, who are proping up this monster?

It is painful to witness the expenditure of so much negative energy among people who all say they oppose the law. This law is so bad and so unpopular and its negative consequences so apparent that we would have to be complete incompetents not to be able to make this case to the American people, the majority of whom already agree.

Why not rip a page right out of President Obama’s political playbook and go directly to the people? It obviously works for Obama, even though he doesn’t have the facts or history on his side; there has never been such a radical disconnect between a president’s miserable record and his approval ratings.

He’s just doing what he’s done all his adult life: agitating and community organizing. He’s on a never-ending campaign, because that is all he knows. He knows nothing about governing and, truth be told, doesn’t want to bother with it, provided he can order his subordinates to implement his big

strokes.

This time, he’s campaigning to resurrect and salvage the most atrocious policy albatross ever foisted on the free American people by an arrogant, out-of-touch federal government that has come to believe it has the right to force us to do whatever it believes is good for us, collectively, individuality and liberty be damned.

People register disgust and dismay at Obama’s cynically self-degrading appearance on Jay Leno’s show, but Obama’s laughing all the way to the political bank — again. He makes a mockery of the serious policies he pretended to discuss there and a greater mockery of the media by offering softball answers to softball questions from an entertainer while continuing to refuse to submit himself to any real exchange with the media in a bona fide news conference.

Can you believe this cabal of fawning mainstream media sycophants still willing to serve as Obama’s doormats and his political cover?

But I digress.

Everyone, from Howard Dean to Max Baucus to Marco Rubio to John Boehner, knows this horrific law is a multiple independently targeted re-entry vehicle — a nuclear ballistic missile with multiple warheads aimed at the American health care system, American liberties and America’s fiscal integrity. Everyone knows this law cannot work, except to wreak havoc on everything and everyone it promises to improve.

Do you think that might be enough ammunition for the Republican Party to get its act together and call a cease-fire on one another and launch a united campaign with unprecedented focus and vigor to take out Obamacare’s missile payload before it fully hits the U.S. mainland?

Are we children here, afraid of ghosts and goblins — and our shadows? Are we so intimidated by this charlatan of a president that we lack the courage to stand up to him on an issue on which the public is on our side?

Why are so many on our side willing to throw in the towel and surrender on this law? Every day, Congress changes laws it purportedly made permanent the year before. It changes the tax laws as often as its members brush their teeth.

Or are they instead resigned to the fatalistic notion that our system has become so unworkable — or that they are so politically impotent and lethargic — that they prefer to roll over and accept the imposition of this nuclear nightmare and then wait to clean up the fallout after the bombs have dropped? Really?

We have the political equivalent of the Strategic Defense Initiative at our disposal because the American people are behind us, but we’re going to stand down for fear that some people might think of us as big bad meanies if we were to finally get off our rear ends and take perfectly constitutional steps to end this menace?

I come from the school that teaches that if you want something done, you do it.

Your default position isn’t to wring your hands and expend all your creative energy figuring out why you can’t get something done — especially something of such paramount importance to the preservation of our republic.

Come on, my friends in the GOP establishment. Just once, quit using your juice to tell us how impractical and extreme we are and how you are just as conservative as we are but more prudent and pragmatic. It is not pragmatic to sit on your hands and idly watch the republic be assaulted on this level and do nothing but wait until that fictional time in the future when the law will implode on itself.

That’s laughably ridiculous. It’s not going to happen. Now is the time to shoot this missile down — as it has entered our atmosphere and before it detonates in our major cities and our countryside.

If we can’t draw a line in the sand on an issue this important and convince the American people that an already unpopular bill must be stopped in its tracks — while we watch as a failed president convinces the American people that his policies aren’t responsible for the misery he’s causing — then how can we say we deserve to carry the banner of liberty?

No more excuses. If you don’t have the stomach for it, please get out of the way and let those who do press forward; then thank them later.

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Depp is delightful as Rango, a lizard on a quest

That's deep, Depp. (No sarcasm intended.) I'm responding to Johnny Depp's observations about his character Rango, in Industrial Light and Magic's first animated full length feature film "Rango."

It's all about "a chameleon trying to find himself" says Johnny.

Depp is right and Rango's journey to self-discovery is delightful. Rango is a pet lizard (with an asymmetrical head) whom, while directing his imaginary friends in a one act play, is ejected, terrarium and all, out of his owner's speeding car into

the harsh Mojave Desert. Road-kill, a semi-flattened armadillo, speaks of a spiritual quest and directs Rango to the Old West town of Dirt which is inhabited by scraggly desert animals.

Hoping to find a drink of water, Rango steps into the saloon where he is eyed with suspicion by the patrons. Deciding that now is his chance to finally be somebody he uses his acting and storytelling skills to quickly dazzle the locals, humiliate the town ruffian and rid the town of its top predator.

He is summoned to the mayor's office and given the job of sheriff by the old tortoise mayor who is running some kind of land scheme and may be involved in the water shortage which threatens the town's

existence. Sinking "deeper into the guacamole of his own deception" Rango must eventually find his true self if he is to survive.

Gore Verbinski, who directed three of the "Pirates of the Caribbean" movies did a masterful job directing this, his first animated film. Rango is just so watchable, the characters are well defined and the whole family will love it. Adults will love the sophisticated humor. With a quick eye you may notice the subtle, and not so subtle, nods it gives to other great films e.g., "A Fistful of Dollars," "Chinatown," "The Good, the Bad and the Ugly," "Once Upon a Time in the West," "Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas" (which also stars Depp), "Cat Ballou," "Rais-

ing Arizona," "El Topo," "Star Wars" and probably more that I didn't notice.

"Rango" features the voices of Johnny Depp, Isla Fisher, Bill Nighy, Harry Dean Stanton, Timothy Olyphant and Ned Beatty. Released on March 4, 2011, it won the Oscar for best animated film as well as a BAFTA and People's Choice Award. Rango cost just over \$135 million to make and made \$245 million at the box office worldwide.

I asked 10 movie making friends and actors to rate the movie on a five-star scale. I asked the same of normal friends and family. I anticipated that my filmmaker friends would rate it high, and they did, averaging in at four stars. Regular folks gave it 3 1/2 stars.

I've thoroughly enjoyed this movie the three times I've watch it. I love the Greek chorus of mariachi owls, the wide variety of odd characters and the music. The theme song from "Raising Arizona" is the old "Sons of the Pioneers" tune "Away Out There." It's usually yodeled, but the mariachi owls do it with a flare that would make you think it was native to south of the border. I give "Rango" four stars.

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Last dry SD reservation voting on alcohol sales

PINE RIDGE, S.D. (AP) — Jobs and confidence are in short supply on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, where the rugged beauty of South Dakota's Badlands contrasts sharply with dilapidated houses, rusted-out vehicles and trash in the streets — symbols of troubles blamed largely on bootlegged alcohol from a tiny Nebraska town.

Members of the Oglala Sioux Tribe are voting all day Tuesday on whether to give up the fight against bootlegging by allowing alcohol to be sold on the reservation — the last place in the state's American Indian territory where it's not allowed. Profits would be used for education, detoxification and treatment centers, for which there is currently little to no funding.

"Alcohol is here. They're kidding themselves if they think we're a dry reservation," said Larry Eagle Bull, a recovering alcoholic and one of nine council members who supported the vote. "Prohibition is not working. Alcohol is going to stay. We need to get our people educated about it."

Critics say legalization would only exacerbate the reservation's troubles. Alcohol is blamed for some of the highest rates of domestic abuse, suicide, infant mortality, unemployment and violent crime in Indian Country.

Both sides in the debate agree something must be done to limit the scourge of alcohol on the Lakota

people. They also share a goal of putting out of business the current main suppliers of booze for tribal members — four stores in Whiteclay, Neb., two miles south of Pine Ridge, that sell millions of cans of beer a year.

There are 43,000 tribal members, and 26,000 — including a large number of children — live on the reservation. The tribe has distributed 4,000 ballots, and that would represent a good turnout compared to past elections.

Many tribal members live on Whiteclay's barren streets to avoid arrest on the reservation for being drunk. Some people try to barter vegetables, electronics and other things for alcohol. One man recently had a store clerk repeatedly try to run through a sale for a couple of bottles on his debit card, but the transaction was rejected due to insufficient funds.

The stores have posted fliers urging customers to contact their tribal council representative if they don't want the businesses to close.

Owners didn't want to comment on Tuesday's vote, though Stuart Kozal, co-owner of the Jumping Eagle, said tribal members seem to be evenly divided.

"I think the vote, one way or the other, is going to be close," he said.

Aloysius White Dress, one of Whiteclay's homeless, said even though he drinks alcohol, he opposes

legalization because of the damage it has done.

"There's too much drunks on the reservation," he said. "People are miserable on the reservation."

Federal law bans the sale of alcohol on Native American reservations unless the tribal council allows it. Pine Ridge, the only dry reservation in South Dakota, legalized alcohol for two months in 1970s, but the ban was quickly restored. An attempt to lift prohibition in 2004 also failed.

Opponents of the latest effort, including tribal president Bryan Brewer, believe a vote in favor of legal sales is a vote for alcoholism and the problem only will get worse.

"It's destroying our families and children," he said. "It's affected every family on the reservation. If it's legal, I anticipate the use will go up. Abuse of women and children will go up. A lot of people are saying we'll have all this money for treatment, and that's not true."

Most profits from alcohol sales would go to the distributors, Brewer said. The tribe, ultimately, would have very little left to fund meaningful treatment and education, he said.

A 14-page tribal council draft of the law offers no specifics about funding or required qualifications for the people who would run the operation. The proposed law calls for a new department and a full-time director to administer and

enforce the law. A new commission comprised of nine members, one from each reservation district, also would be created to guide the director, buy the alcohol, open and operate the liquor stores, hire employees and investigate violations.

Brewer said there are problems with the document that need to be resolved if Tuesday's vote succeeds. Eagle Bull acknowledged it would be amended and a hearty debate would follow legalization before any law takes effect.

The council's plan calls for two detoxification facilities, one in the eastern part of the reservation and one in the west, and treatment and counseling programs for adults, youth and families.

Tribal members would lead the effort, Eagle Bull said.

"They'd rather hear it from one of their own who has dealt with the effects of alcohol," he said.

Museum

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hopes you'll stop by soon and explore the museum. You can view the timeline which runs along the time of the United States and another of world history. You can visit the Red River Wars exhibits, or the current temporary exhibit of the Top O' Texas Rodeo history, and find the parlor in the old post office or the doctor's and lawyer's offices upstairs. Come and explore 864 square feet of history and archives.

For more information about the museum, visit the White Deer Land Museum in downtown Pampa. Regular tours are offered Tuesday through Saturday from 1-4 p.m. If you would like to schedule a special or group tour, please call or email the museum at 806-669-8041 or courtney.oxley@graycch.com.

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ciaries no favors. That's proved beyond demur by Sander and Taylor's "Mismatch." Black and Hispanic students tend to drop out of schools when they find themselves less well prepared than their schoolmates.

Those intending to major in science and engineering tend to back out of those fields. Many do not graduate yet are stuck with mounds of student loan debt.

Meanwhile, there appears to be a ceiling on the number of Asians in selective private schools, similar to the ceiling imposed on Jews there from

the 1920s to the 1960s.

Just 19 percent of students at Stanford and 16 percent in the Ivy League are Asian — numbers that have remained static for two decades despite increasing numbers of Asian applicants.

This is, in my American Enterprise Institute colleague Charles Murray's phrase, "discrimination against hardworking, high-achieving young people because of the color of their skin." His word for it: "despicable."

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Missing Iowa border collie found stuck in a tree

DAVENPORT, Iowa (AP) — A 7-year-old border collie who was missing from his Iowa home for a few days didn't get very far — he only went up.

Laddy the dog was found Sunday morning stuck up a tree two blocks from his Davenport home, the Quad-City Times reported.

"I asked where they found him, and the officer said, 'You'll never believe this,'" said his owner, Cynthia Weeks.

Ron Stevenson was working in the yard of his home when he heard a dog. He had previously heard the dog barking, but he didn't want to complain. However, something was different this time.

"I heard a whining, and I knew something wasn't right. This time, it sounded in distress," Stevenson said.

He followed the sound along his driveway and, counter-intuitively, looked up. There was the dog, at least 10 feet up in the tree.

"He was kind of shielded by leaves on the tree," Stevenson said of the dog, who he thinks maybe ran up the oak tree's gradually sloping trunk but then became too scared to run back down.

Stevenson told the newspaper that he called police

and accepted one dispatcher's skepticism.

"They got here pretty fast, but I was getting impatient," he said. "I didn't know if the dog would bite me, but I just sort of shimmied up the tree. I grabbed him by the collar and sort of pulled him. I said, 'It's time for you to get out of this tree.'"

A responding police officer had seen fliers about Laddy and knew where the dog lived. He was reunited with Weeks a short time

later.

Weeks said she believes Laddy escaped Friday from an invisible electronic fencing system thanks to a non-working battery in his collar. She said his love for squirrels and chasing things probably led him up the tree. Despite a few abrasions on the pads of his feet, he's otherwise fine.

"He was pretty subdued when he got home," she said. "He's been doing a ton of sleeping."

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DEAR ABBY: My 22-year-old daughter and her two young children live with me. She doesn't work, which is fine. I don't mind supporting her because I'd rather have the kids see their mom.

I spent most of my life as a single mom, working long hours and not seeing my kids. My work has finally paid off, and I'm at a point where, while not rich, I can support my daughter and grandbabies.

The problem is the baby daddy. He has a history of drug abuse, theft and jail time. He works only part-time jobs, which he loses monthly. He gives my daughter nothing and treats her as if she owes him.

I don't want to support him, but he has moved in and won't leave my house. I have told him to go, that he's welcome to visit the kids, but he ignores me. It's like talking to a wall. He won't even acknowledge that I told him to leave. He acts like he's king of the castle when it's my home! I can't take it anymore. I pay all the bills.

I told my daughter, and she ignores me as well. My oldest son has offered to talk to them for me. I don't want to lose my grandbabies. They are my purpose in life. Please help. — FURIOUS IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR FURIOUS: Part of your problem may be the degree to which you enable your daughter. You won't be around forever. She needs to learn to be independent so she can support herself and those children. Clearly, Baby Daddy isn't man enough to be of any assistance.

If he has lived with you for a while, you may need a lawyer to get him out. According to Los Angeles attorney Lee Dresie: "You

can get rid of the freeloader by giving him a 30-day 'notice to leave' in writing. It should say, 'You have 30 days to leave my home. If you don't, I will bring an action to evict you.' If he still refuses to go, consult an attorney who specializes in eviction law."

This is Abby again: Be sure you have a witness present when the notice is given so Baby Daddy can't deny receiving it. Your son could be that witness, and yes, he should be asked to lead the discussion on how to resolve this situation.

It is also troubling that the daughter for whom you provide food and shelter is ignoring you. You're treated this way because you don't assert yourself. Please do it before Baby Daddy impregnates her again and you have four people to support.

DEAR ABBY: I'm 27 and have an issue that has bothered me for most of my life. I have overly hot/sweaty

hands and feet. When I was dating women, they wouldn't want to hold my hand, which bothered me a lot. Also, my friends sometimes make fun of me for it.

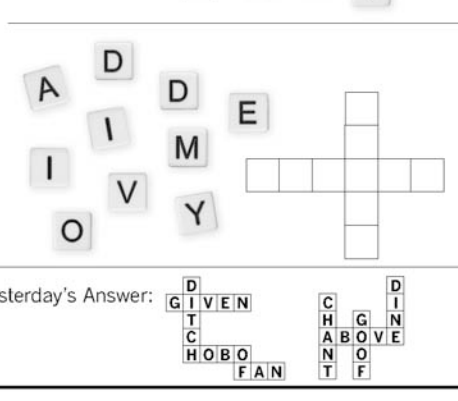
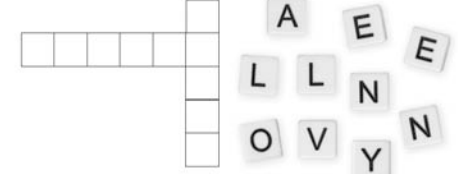
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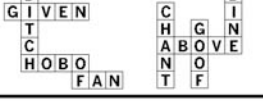
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Yesterday's Answer:



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By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- 1 Unrefined
- 7 Slant
- 11 Other-worldly
- 12 Onetime Peruvian
- 13 Bring to mind
- 14 Crockpot contents
- 15 Scarcity
- 17 "Lucky Jim" author
- 20 Put up
- 23 Freight weight
- 24 Not at all
- 26 Tipsy
- 27 Bolt's partner
- 28 Little rascal
- 29 Depth charges, in slang
- 31 Confederate general
- 32 Girder material
- 33 Inactive
- 34 Day-dreamer Mitty
- 37 Sacred bird of Egypt
- 39 Orbital point
- 43 Sugar source
- 44 League of Nations base
- 45 Goals

46 Sonnet part

DOWN

- 1 Nasty dog
- 2 Count starter
- 3 Pendulum path
- 4 Goes through
- 5 Mall come-on
- 6 First name in jazz
- 7 Café's cousin
- 8 Outside of captivity
- 9 Superb serve
- 10 Cutting tool
- 16 Doesn't own
- 17 One of the Titans
- 18 Like some brownies
- 19 Afoot
- 21 Caravan creature
- 22 Melville novel
- 24 Counting everything
- 25 Convent resident
- 30 Stops

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Yesterday's answer

- 33 "The Borgias" star
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- 38 Prohibit
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better is natural.

“In practice a lot of times I will just throw him a pointer,” Bolin said. “If I noticed something he didn’t I will just throw it in there.”

Bolin said his favorite part of playing quarterback is the way the coaches turn to quarterbacks to be responsible for the offense.

Bolin feels like the biggest things he needs to work on are his drops and hand-offs. He continues to improve his game by running and working out a lot. He does so because after high school Bolin is going to fulfill his dream of becoming a Marine.

Scott Bussell, sophomore, JV

Scott Bussell is new to Pampa but is already making an impact for his football team. His favorite thing about playing quarterback is getting the ball into the hands of play-makers and helping the team score. He doesn’t feel like he has the strongest arm, but will beat the opponent with other attributes.

“I got good field eyes and my scrambling is decent,” Bussell said. “My arm’s not the strongest but I will still get it to you.”

Bussell has been doing a lot of exercises to improve the arm strength.

“For my arm strength I am just doing a lot of shoulder complexes,” Bussell said. “Every day I practice. I write down what I did wrong and everything I got chewed out for, and then I go home and work on that. Sometimes I usually work until midnight, 1 or 2 in the morning.”

Bussell, like the other quarterbacks, plays corner and said it doesn’t matter if he plays offense or defense, he just wants to be on the field helping his team. His favorite players are Kurt Warner and Drew Brees, both Super Bowl MVPs who were criticized for arm strength.

Erick Vizcaino, sophomore, JV

Erick Vizcaino is a sophomore quarterback and is the other half of the quarterback competition between him and fellow sophomore Scott Bussell. He said it means a lot to him that he is even being considered for the position.

“It means a lot, knowing that the team is looking at me,” Vizcaino said. “I am having to be a leader every time I step on the field and off the field.”

His favorite part of

playing quarterback is the continuous fight to get better. He said his greatest attribute is his team-first mentality.

“I like to put the team first and make a decision as a member of the team,” Vizcaino said. “We are all leaders and trying to be really connected with the team.”

Like the other quarterbacks he has also played defensive back and feels like that gives him an edge over defenses.

Vizcaino said that his dad, who played high school football, made him want to play football and that Barry Sanders was his favorite player.

Bryce Parker, freshman, 9th grade

Bryce Parker is a freshman football player for the Pampa Harvesters and is excited about being the starter for the freshmen squad.

“I really want to be a leader of the team and try and lead them to a good season,” Parker said. “[My favorite part about playing quarterback] is that I get to make everyone around me better.”

With his dad being the varsity head coach, he grew up wanting to play football and that he grew up around it. Being a freshman now, he said the practices are a little different than his junior high practices.

“They’re a little bit more intense than they were in junior high,” Parker said. “I look forward to going to them everyday just making myself better. The coaches are more intense and they (the practices) are a little bit faster paced.”

Parker feels like he needs to work on his throwing motion and learning coverages. Playing corner is helping with the learning coverages because he will know concepts that they (defenders) know. But playing Thursday nights, he is looking forward to being out there with his teammates.

“Just going through a game with my teammates,” Parker said. “I have been looking forward to it all summer, lifting and trying to get ready. I am just ready to hit somebody.”

Parker said it is a little overwhelming trying to learn offense and defense, but he has played corner before and that is coming easy to him.

The Pampa Harvesters have a scrimmage this Saturday, Aug. 17, and is taking donations at the gates for Angela Rivera, who recently discovered she has a cancer in her jaw and needs surgery to get it removed. She has two boys that play football for the Harvesters.

5 things to watch in final week of Cowboys camp

OXNARD, Calif. (AP) — Tony Romo is progressing, Dez Bryant is dominating and DeMarcus Ware is gearing up for full-time pass rushing.

The stars of the Dallas Cowboys look strong heading into the final week of a long training camp in California. There are plenty of concerns for Dallas, and the biggest won’t be settled before the team returns to Texas for the final three weeks of preparation for the season opener Sept. 8 against the New York Giants.

Romo and the other big names on offense finally got their first game action Friday night in a 19-17 preseason loss at Oakland — 19 days after the first practice.

The leaders of a revamped defense under new defensive coordinator Monte Kiffin also got into their first game. Dallas now has four turnovers in two games after getting just 16 a year ago. The highlight was Sean Lee’s sack on Matt Flynn that forced a fumble deep in Oakland territory on its first possession.

Here are five things to watch before the Cowboys break camp Friday.

1. Romo’s receivers: Bryant has been the best player in training camp, and he showed it against the Raiders. He had three catches for 55 yards on a long drive that ended in Dan Bailey’s blocked field goal. Miles Austin has shown no signs of trouble with his hamstrings.

Rookie Terrance Williams has missed a week with a concussion but is expected back, and the battle for the third receiver looks like it will come down to him and Dwayne Harris.

The Cowboys like 5-foot-8 Cole Beasley, who had a touchdown against the Raiders but sprained ligaments in his left foot and is sidelined for now.

2. Defensive depth: Ware looks as if he could have a huge season as a pass-rushing end free of other responsibilities that went with being a linebacker in the old scheme with a three-man front.

The Cowboys are counting on Lee and Bruce Carter to stay healthy and lead the defense at linebacker.

Anthony Spencer, Ware’s pass-rushing partner, has missed all of camp after knee surgery but is expected to

be ready for the opener. Jay Ratliff, who missed 10 games last year, won’t practice in California because of a hamstring problem but also is expected to be ready.

The second-team defense got pushed around by Oakland. An otherwise disastrous night was offset somewhat by rookie J.J. Wilcox’s interception in the end zone in the first half.

3. Running backs: The battle to see who will back up DeMarco Murray has been one of the most intriguing stories of camp.

Joseph Randle, a fifth-round pick out of Oklahoma State, figured to be the favorite for that role behind his former rival from Oklahoma. But he’s been behind because of thumb surgery in the offseason, leaving an opening that Lance Dunbar seems intent on taking.

The undrafted second-year player out of North Texas has been strong in camp and is the No. 2 back right now. Randle had a touchdown against the Raiders but needs more work against second-team opposition for the Cowboys to figure out what they have.

Phillip Tanner is currently ahead of Randle on the depth chart, and there’s a good chance all four will be on the 53-man roster.

4. Not-so-special teams: It will be an interesting week for special teams after an awful night in Oakland.

The Cowboys had a short field goal from Dan Bailey blocked and gave up a 51-yard kickoff return. The Raiders scored the go-ahead field goal after a fumbled punt by B.W. Webb gave them the ball at the Dallas 9. The Cowboys also had a personal foul for hitting a punt returner who called for a fair catch.

5. On guards: The Cowboys still have questions lingering in the interior of their offensive line, and might add a veteran who could be a starter.

But it looks as if a potential crisis could be easing if Ron Leary continues to develop now that he’s healthy and Mackenzy Bernadeau doesn’t have any more setbacks with a troublesome hamstring.

The Cowboys may need to let first-round pick Travis Frederick focus on center since he’s expected to start there and is struggling with only occasional work at guard.

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Cowboys moving to new ‘burb in Dallas

FRISCO (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys formally announced Tuesday they are moving their headquarters from suburban Irving to suburban Frisco after winning overwhelming approval for a \$115 million development that includes an indoor stadium for practice and use by area prep teams.

Accompanied by cheerleaders and city officials, Cowboys owner Jerry Jones and his son, executive vice president Stephen Jones, made a quick trip home from training camp in Oxnard, Calif., to celebrate Frisco officials. The multi-use sports facilities, which will be shared with Frisco Independent School District’s sports teams, are expected to open in 2016.

“Frisco is a city (that) they think big and they act bold. They have a vision and they act on it,” said Stephen Jones. “It gives us great comfort to do business with people who think like this.”

The stadium will be paid for mostly through a city sales tax, with the school district funding part of the construction. The deal, which was approved late Monday, calls for the Cowboys to manage the facilities and pay operating costs.

Beamer, Hokies look to rebound from last year

BLACKSBURG, Va. (AP) — As the losses piled up and preseason goals became unreachable for Virginia Tech last season, the frustration mounted.

The Hokies, after all, had won at least 10 games eight straight seasons, the longest streak in the country, and eventually found themselves needing to win their last three games just to qualify for a bowl and possible winning season.

“That was unacceptable by any means,” center turned right guard Andrew Miller said.

The Hokies closed with a bowl victory against Rutgers, and then coach Frank Beamer made changes. Three offensive coaches left, long-time offensive coordinator Bryan Stinespring was reassigned and offensive coordinator Scot Loeffler, line coach Jeff Grimes and receivers coach Aaron Moorehead were brought in to infuse the staff with some fresh ideas.

“Sometimes you need change for change’s sake,” Beamer said.

Beamer, entering his 27th season, sees plenty of reasons to expect big things, starting with the return of quarterback Logan Thomas, who decided a year under Loeffler’s tutelage would be to his benefit.

Eagles get Maehl from Texans for Menkin

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The Philadelphia Eagles have acquired wide receiver Jeff Maehl from Houston for offensive lineman Nate Menkin.

Maehl, who played for Eagles coach Chip Kelly at Oregon, appeared in three games for the Texans in 2011 and spent last year on the practice squad.

Monday’s move gives the Eagles another option at a position where they lost starter Jeremy Macclin and potential backup Arrelious Benn to season-ending knee injuries.

Maehl starred for Kelly at Oregon, catching 77 passes for 1,076 yards and 12 touchdowns in his senior season. He signed with Houston as a rookie free agent in 2011.

Menkin originally signed with the Texans as an undrafted free agent and was claimed off waivers by the Eagles last year. He didn’t play a down for Philadelphia.

Darvish throws career-top 15 in no-hit try vs Astros

HOUSTON (AP) — With every swing and miss, this looked as if it might be the day Yu Darvish pitched a no-hitter against the overmatched Houston Astros.

And then with one out in the eighth inning, Carlos Corporan ended Darvish’s latest bid with a home run.

Darvish once again neared perfection versus Houston, striking out a career-high 15 and permitting only one hit in eight innings as the Texas Rangers won 2-1 Monday for their season-high eighth straight victory.

“A win’s a win,” Darvish said through a translator. “I’m just glad I was a big part of this win.”

Texas won for the 13th time in 14 games and

headed home atop the AL West.

In early April, Darvish (12-5) was one out away from a perfect game at Minute Maid Park before Marwin Gonzalez singled between his legs. Darvish joined Nolan Ryan as the only pitchers in team history to have more than one start of at least eight innings with one hit or less.

Darvish became the first pitcher to have two no-hitters broken up in the eighth inning or later since it happened to Justin Verlander in 2011.

Outfielder Alex Rios chased Corporan’s drive to the wall, but had to watch as it sailed about five rows into the stands. Darvish simply looked around, and



Yu Darvish

Ron Washington said. “But those are professional hitters over there, too, and Corporan caught one.”

Until the homer, Houston’s lone runner came when rookie Jonathan Villar drew a two-out walk on a full count in the sixth. Texas catcher A.J. Pierzynski was ejected for arguing with plate umpire Ron Kulpa about a 2-2 breaking

pitch he called low — Pierzynski was tossed after Villar walked.

“Was it a strike? I don’t know,” Pierzynski said. “Obviously I thought it was and Ron didn’t, and I was upset we walked the guy and I said a bad word and I was ejected.”

Darvish was perplexed by the actions of his catcher.

“When he got ejected, I thought, ‘What is he doing?’” Darvish said with a laugh.

The two-time All-Star ace from Japan was sharp all game, retiring the last two batters in eighth and exiting after increasing his major league-leading strikeout total to 207.

“He used everything to-

day: slider, curveball, cutter, fastball,” Washington said. “He moved it around, kept them off-balance. When they were looking for breaking balls he was throwing fastballs and cutters and when they were looking for cutters he was throwing breaking balls.”

“I was pretty locked in,” he said.

Darvish struck out 14 in four prior games this year, including his earlier gem at Houston.

His 15 strikeouts on Monday matched his career-high from his professional career in Japan.

He is 3-0 with a 1.52 ERA and 37 strikeouts in three starts in Houston this season, and is 4-1 with a 1.31 ERA and 50 strikeouts

in five starts since returning from the disabled list.

Joe Nathan pitched a perfect ninth for his 35th save.

The AL West-leading Rangers took a quick lead over the last-place Astros. With two outs in the first, Ian Kinsler and Adrian Beltre doubled and Pierzynski hit an RBI single off Brett Oberholtzer (2-1).

Oberholtzer yielded seven hits and two runs with six strikeouts in 6 2-3 innings for his first loss in three major league starts.

The Houston hitters had no such luck with Darvish.

Darvish was strong from the start relying mostly on a four-seam fastball, sliders and a cutter against the Astros’ inexperienced lineup.

PampaFaith

Putting everything in perspective

I have a little friend named Emma. She lives much of her life in a wheelchair. Today was her birthday, she turned 7 years old. I had asked her mom if she could bring her by United Super-market this morning so that several of us old men who get together for coffee could sing Happy Birthday to her.

I put the word out to the early morning coffee crew that we had an opportunity to bless Emma on her birthday. I bought a card on Thursday, one of those music cards with Princess Marida on the front and Irish music inside. I wanted to make sure that everyone who donated to the cause signed the card. I think we ended up with about 12 signatures. My bud Bob was elected to lead the song when Emma arrived.

Emma came flying into United about 7:30 a.m. and I do mean flying. When she wants to she can make that little wheelchair ZIP! But her ear-to-ear smile was what lit the room. I asked her if it really was her birthday and of course she fired back, "It

sure is." I then told her, "Well, Emma, I have some friends who would like to meet you and sing Happy Birthday to you. Would that be OK?" Emma replied, "It sure would."

Emma followed me to the 4 tables located in the back of the deli area at United. "Hey, men, I want you to meet somebody. Men, this is Emma and Emma these are the men who want to sing Happy Birthday to you. Bob, hit it." Bob started us off and we gave Emma our version of Happy Birthday. No recording contract was issued, but Emma sure enjoyed it.

That is when I got to give her the card that was filled with money inside. Emma was so excited and emotional; she turned around to show her mom with another ear-to-ear smile. As she began to push the wheels of her chair, Emma looked back over her shoulder and exclaimed, "Thank You, Thank You."

As we all began to resume our coffee drinking, 3 things stuck me:

1. I was reminded of the truthfulness of Acts 20:35: "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Every man was beaming and commenting on how wonderful it was to be a part of blessing Emma. Each of us understood that

we had been blessed so much more than we had blessed Emma.

2. The quality of the hearts of my coffee drinking friends was affirmed once again and so was their generosity (\$77). Those are some fine men who serve as blessings in our community.

3. Most importantly everything in life was put into proper perspective. So often we humans tend to moan and groan about whatever difficulties we encounter. If someone were listening they might think that we had huge trials in our life. But this morning all of us men were reminded just how tiny our problems are.

That happens to me every time I get to see my friend Emma. Without saying a word, Emma helps me remember just how blessed my life is.

So God, please bless Emma with an awesome day today. And Lord, help the rest of us not to grumble so much. And thank You for every opportunity You give us to practice giving. And thank You for the blessings You send our way when we do give. Amen.

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CHURCH SPOTLIGHT

Study finds distorted views on Christianity

In this politically correct world where "anything goes," it's no wonder why



CHRIS ELY

I came across a recent study by LifeWay Research about church members' beliefs. It showed that one reason for the distorted views among churchgoers is the lack of solid Bible teaching for and understanding by many church members.

According to the research, 81 percent of churchgoers believe, "When you die, you will go to heaven because you have confessed your sins and accepted Jesus Christ as your savior." For a believer, that may seem obvious, but there are other opinions among churchgoers.

Take a look at a few of

the alarming statistics from the LifeWay survey:

Seven percent of churchgoers said, "When you die, you will go to heaven because you have tried your best to be a good person and live a good life." This has been the prevailing view among unbelievers for a long time, but now it is accepted by at least 7 percent of those in the church.

Twenty-six percent agreed with this statement, "If a person is sincerely seeking God, he can obtain eternal life through religions other than Christianity." The good news is 57 percent disagree. The bad news is that means only 57 percent agreed with Jesus' proclamation in John 14:6, "No one comes to the Father except through me."

Four percent said, "When you die, you will go to heaven because God loves everyone and we will all be in heaven with Him." This belief in "universal reconciliation" makes you ask, "why bother living for God when everyone will go to heaven anyway?"

Only 82 percent agreed that "The Bible is the written word of God and is totally accurate in all that it teaches." So what about the other 18 percent?

And 13 percent think the God of the Bible is no different from the gods or spiritual beings depicted by other world religions such as Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, etc. Another 12 percent had no opinion on the matter. Wow! "No different?"

Ed Stetzer, president of LifeWay Research, concluded, "If churches stopped to assess their congregation on these biblical truths, many would be surprised to find out how many are struggling with basic doctrinal issues..."

Too many churchgoers are stuck on square one."

People with such distorted views on Christianity obviously haven't been paying attention in church. Or maybe they have.... and that's even more alarming.

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Church Calendar

McLean Cowboy Church

McLean Cowboy Church is a non-denominational spirit-filled Christian church. The Pastor is Ronnie Ferguson.

Worship services and children's ministry are on Sundays at 2 p.m. only.

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, 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.

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