

# Sometimes things are not what they appear to be

A rather disheveled-looking man goes into a restaurant and orders food. The waiter says, "No way, I don't think you can pay for it." The guy says, "You're right. I don't have any money, but if I show you something you haven't seen before, will you give me the food?" "Deal!" replies the waiter. The guy reaches into his coat pocket and pulls out a hamster. He puts the hamster on the counter, and it runs to the end, across the room, up the piano, jumps on the keyboard and starts playing Gershwin songs. And the hamster is really good. The waiter says, "You're right. I've never seen anything like that before. That hamster is truly good on the piano." The guy downs the hamburger he ordered and asks the waiter for another.



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● moments from calvary

"Money or another miracle," says the waiter. The guy reaches into his coat again and pulls out a frog. He puts the frog on the counter and the frog starts to sing. He has a marvelous voice and great pitch. He is a fine singer. A stranger from the other end of the counter runs over to the guy and offers him \$500 for the frog. The guy says, "It's a deal." He takes the money and gives the stranger the frog. The stranger runs out of the res-

taurant. The waiter says to the guy, "Are you crazy? You sold a singing frog for \$500? It must have been worth millions." "Not really," says the guy. "The hamster is a ventriloquist." How many know things are not always as they seem or appear to be! Many people say "Perception is Reality," but they may have been distracted, disillusioned or just deaf to really see things as they are. Some people see the glass half empty; others see the same glass as half full. Some of us see a singing frog when in fact it really was a ventriloquist hamster. Be careful that you don't fall into the trap of always walking by how you feel instead of walking by faith and what you believe. We all must realize that feelings are fickle. They can change as quickly as a minute hand on your watch. One of the problems people have is that the temporary stuff of life holds them instead of eternal truths. I want to encourage you more than ever to cling to your faith. Here are a couple of Bible verses that I challenge you to explore and ponder this week. The first one is 2 Corinthians 5:7 (New Living Translation), which says, "That is why we live by believing and not by seeing." The other is found in John 20:24-29. It reads, "One of the disciples, Thomas, was not with the other when Jesus came. They told him,

'We have seen the Lord!' But he replied, 'I won't believe it unless I see the nail wound in his side.' Eight days later the disciples were together again, and this time Thomas was with them. The doors were locked; but suddenly, as before, Jesus was standing among them. He said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Put your hand into the wound in my side. Don't be faithless any longer. Believe!' 'My Lord and my God!' Thomas exclaimed. Then Jesus told him, 'You believe because you have seen me. Blessed are those who haven't seen me and believe anyway.' Remember God wants a relationship with you, not for you to just obey some religious system. You say, "Steve what is the differ-

ence?" It is pretty simple really. Religion says, "Do." It is up to you to do this and to do that. But, a relationship with Christ says, "Done." It is done because of what He did. The amazing thing is He did it for me and for you. He did it because He wants you to have freedom from the heaviness of sin. As we wrap this up, why don't you say two words out loud, don't worry if people say, "Who are you talking to!" Are you ready? Say, "Do" and now say, "Done." Which one feels better? I'm not a betting man, but I am willing to say you said, "Done." I wonder what that hamster was worth? Steve Rains is the pastor at the Calvary Gospel Church, Fourth and College. Go to the church's web site at calvarygospel.net or e-mail Rains at calvarycolumn@st-tel.net.

# You get out of it what you put into it

The old adage, "you get out of it what you put into it" is just as true for business as it is for life. What are you putting into your business? Are you just trying to get by or are you continuously looking for ways to improve? Are you just using your financial software to print checks or are you studying your financial reports and making adjustments to run your business more efficiently? Are you offering the same products and services you've always offered or are you constantly looking for ways to improve what your customers are getting? Do you treat your employees as low-skilled, low-paid staff or do you value their time and insight in helping your business grow? If there are



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● business tips

areas in your business where you don't like what you're getting, take time to evaluate what you're putting in. This tip was brought to you by Western Kansas Business Consulting. We offer free and confidential business consulting in Kearny, Scott, Sherman and Wichita Counties. For more information or to set up an appointment, contact Jamie Morphey at (620) 874-0771 or e-mail wkbc@wbsnet.org. Sponsored in part by Sherman County.

# Worship warms the heart



<p><b>Calvary Gospel Church</b>  <b>Pastor:</b> Steve Rains, Ben Coats, youth pastor                  Fourth &amp; College • 890-3605  <b>Sunday:</b> Kid's Church: 10:30 am                  Morning Service: 10:30 am                  Evening Service: 5:00 p.m.  <b>Wednesday:</b> Royal Rangers Missionettes 6:30 p.m.                  Adult mid-week service: 7:00 p.m.                  Youth @ the Rock House: 7:00 p.m.                  Small Group Ministries meets through out the week.                  www.calvarygospel.net</p>	<p><b>Our Lady of Perpetual Help</b>  <b>Pastor:</b> Father Norbert Diabal                  307 W. 13th • 890-7205  <b>Sacrament of Reconciliation:</b>                  4:30-5 pm Saturday or by appointment  <b>Mass Schedule:</b>                  Saturday: 6 pm, Sunday: 10:30 am  <b>Spanish Mass:</b>                  Sunday: 12:30 pm</p>	
<p><b>Sonrise Christian Church</b>                  Ninth &amp; Caldwell • 899-5398  <b>Minister:</b> Charles E. Kerr, Jr.  <b>Sunday:</b> Worship Service: 9:30 am                  Sunday School: 10:45 am                  Team Puppeteers: 6 pm  <b>Wednesday:</b>                  Junior/Senior High Meeting: 7 pm                  Adult &amp; Children's Classes: 7 pm                  Jets, 4th grade and under: 3:30 - 4:30</p>	<p><b>Word of Life                  Foursquare Church</b>                  10th &amp; Clark • 899-5250  <b>Pastor:</b> John Coumerilh  <b>Sunday:</b> Worship Celebration                  and Kids' Church: 10:30 am                  Wednesday: K.W.A.M.!                  Age 3 through grade 6, 6:30 p.m.                  (during school year)</p>	<p><b>Pleasant Home Church</b>                  Serving the rural community                  for over 100 years                  Rt. 1, Box 180 • 694-2807 • 3190 Road 70  <b>Pastor:</b> Charlie Busch                  694-2242  <b>Sunday:</b> Worship Service: 9 am                  Sunday School: 10 am                  Evening Service: 6 pm</p>
<p><b>Bible Baptist Church</b>  <b>Pastor:</b> Michael Estep                  Fifth &amp; Broadway                  890-7368  <b>Sunday:</b> Sunday School: 9 am                  Morning Service: 10 am                  Evening Service: 6:30 pm  <b>Wednesday:</b> Evening Bible Study: 7 pm</p>	<p><b>Church of Jesus Christ                  of Latter-Day Saints</b>                  1200 15th Street • Burlington, CO                  (719) 346-7984  <b>Sacrament Meeting:</b> 10 am  <b>Sunday School:</b> 11:15 am  <b>Priesthood/Relief Society:</b> 12 am</p>	<p><b>Iglesia Del Dios Vivo</b>                  La Luz Del Mundo                  Spanish Speaking Church  <b>Minister:</b> Esteban Ortiz B.                  1601 Texas • 899-5275  <b>Daily Prayer:</b> Sunday thru                  Saturday: 5 am &amp; 6 pm  <b>Sunday:</b> Sunday School: 10 am</p>
<p><b>United Methodist Church                  Brewster:</b>  <b>Pastor:</b> Dorine Chambers                  Worship Service: 10:45 am CST                  Sunday School: 9:45 am CST  <b>Winona:</b>  <b>Minister:</b> Sheryl Johnson                  Worship Service: 9 am CST                  Sunday School: 10:15 am CST</p>	<p><b>First Christian Church                  (Disciples of Christ)</b>  <b>Pastor:</b> Rev. Ted Amos                  Eighth &amp; Arcade • 890-5233  <b>Sunday:</b> Worship Service: 10:30 am  <b>Sunday School:</b> 9:15 a.m.  <b>Activities:</b> Junior High &amp; High School Youth Groups,                  Adult Bible Study, Choir, Men's and Women's Groups,                  Devotions Study, Monthly Fellowship  <b>Special Notice:</b> Handicap Accessible, Hearing                  Assistance Equipment and Infant and Toddler                  Nurseries Available</p>	<p><b>Kanorado                  United Methodist                  Church</b>  <b>Pastor:</b> Leonard Cox                  399-2468  <b>Sunday:</b> Sunday School: 9 am                  Worship Service: 10:15 am</p>
<p><b>Church of the Nazarene</b>  <b>Pastor:</b> Bob Willis                  Third &amp; Caldwell                  899-2080 or 899-3797  <b>Sunday:</b> Sunday School: 9:45 am                  Worship Service: 10:50 am                  Evening Service: 6 pm  <b>Wednesday:</b> Evening Service: 7 pm</p>	<p><b>First United Methodist Church</b>                  1116 Sherman 899-3631  <b>Pastor:</b> Rev. Janet Hernandez  <b>Saturday:</b> Worship: 5:30 pm  <b>Sunday:</b> Adult Classes: 9:15 am                  Worship: 10:30 am  <b>Wednesday:</b> Wednesday Nite Live                  5:45 - 6:45 Simple Supper "Free will Offering                  6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Classes for all ages</p>	<p><b>Goodland Bible Church</b>                  109 Willow Road • 899-6400  <b>Pastor:</b> Chad DeJong  <b>Sunday:</b> Sunday School: 9:30 am                  Morning Worship: 10:45 am                  Evening Worship: 6 pm  <b>Wednesday:</b> AWANA (Winter)                  and prayer: 7 p.m.</p>
<p><b>First Baptist Church</b>  <b>Pastor:</b> Travis Blake                  Fifth &amp; Center • 890-3450  <b>Sunday:</b> Sunday School for all ages:                  9:15 am (Child care provided)                  Morning Worship: 10:30 am  <b>Wednesday:</b> Bible study 7 p.m.                  Call church for information  <b>Thursday:</b> Bible study 9:30 a.m.                  Wheatridge Center</p>	<p><b>St. Paul's Episcopal Church</b>                  13th &amp; Center                  Church 890-2115 or Rectory 890-6969  <b>Priest:</b> Father Hal Lycett  <b>Holy Eucharist:</b> 10:00 a.m. Sunday                  10:00 a.m. Thursday  <b>Morning Prayer:</b> 8:00 a.m. Wed. - Sun.                  For emergencies 890-6969</p>	<p><b>Harvest Evangelical                  Free Church</b>                  104 E. Hwy. 24 • 890-7918  <b>Pastor:</b> Brian Fugleberg  <b>Sunday:</b> Worship: 10:30 am                  Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.  <b>Wednesday:</b> Youth group                  meets at 7 p.m.                  at Scherlings', 827 Caldwell.</p>
<p><b>Seventh Day Adventist Church</b>                  1160 Cattletrail  <b>Pastor:</b> Jim Martin  <b>Saturday:</b> Sabbath School: 9:30 am                  Worship Service: 11 am</p>	<p><b>Emmanuel Lutheran Church</b>                  13th &amp; Sherman • 890-6161  <b>Sunday:</b> Christian education/fellowship:                  10:15 a.m.                  Worship Service: 9 am  <b>Wednesday:</b> Confirmation: 6 pm</p>	<p><b>Church of Christ</b>                  401 Caldwell                  890-6185  <b>Sunday:</b> Bible Study: 9:45 am                  Worship Service: 10:45 am  <b>Wednesday:</b> Bible Study: 7 pm</p>

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## student of the week



changed since kindergarten. My favorite subject is art with Mr. Hagerman. I will never forget Junior English and the way Mrs. Hall challenged us. **Activities involved in at school:** Science Olympiad, Yearbook, Art Club, National Honor Society. **My choice of movies, books, and games:** My favorite movies are Little Women and Cars; my favorite books are the Love comes softly series by Janette Oke; I enjoy listening to whatever music is on the radio. **After I leave Goodland High School I intend to:** attend Northwest College in Powell, Wyoming and major in Agricultural Communications. **And 10 years from now, I think I'll be:** graduated from college and pursuing my career. **Favorite Quote:** "What lies behind us and what lies before us are small matters compared to what lies within us." - Emerson

**Name:** Molly Witzel  
**Parents:** Doug and Joyce Witzel  
**Grade:** Senior  
**Age:** 18  
**We've nominated this student because:** Molly is a conscientious student who manages her classroom work in a superior fashion. In addition to her many other responsibilities, she balances her school work. Her accomplishments and serious work ethic are balanced in a way that enables her to be an excellent role model. **Student Comment:** I enjoy interacting with my classmates and observing how we have all

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