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Pampa man killed in head-on crash



Photos courtesy of Amarillo NewsChannel 10
 A Pampa man and an Alabama woman were killed early Tuesday in a crash about 25 miles north of Pampa.

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A Pampa man was killed in a violent head-on crash that claimed the lives of both drivers Tuesday morning about 25 miles north of Pampa on State Highway 70.

Jorge Avalos, 23, of Pampa, died at the scene. The two-vehicle crash occurred in Roberts County around 6:45 a.m. Both lanes of the highway were closed, stopping traffic in both directions for about a mile, said Joe Millican, chief of the Hoover Volunteer Fire Department.

He said both the HVFD and the Miami-Roberts Volunteer Fire Department used their "jaws of life" to extricate the deceased victims from their vehicles.

The Texas Department of Public Safety confirmed that two people were killed in a two-vehicle crash and is investigating the collision.

A 2013 Dodge Stratus driven by Avalos was traveling south on S.H.70, said Trooper Daniel Hawthorne with DPS.

A 2013 Chrysler four-door sedan driven by Sharon Sweat, 50, of Mobile, Ala. was headed north on S.H.70. Avalos traveled over the center line for an unknown reason and struck Sweat's vehicle head on, Hawthorne said.

Millican said the Gray County and Roberts County sheriff's offices, Pampa EMS and Miami Volunteer EMS also responded to the scene.

He said a truck from the Texas Department of Transportation deposited sand to cover the hazmat materials spilled on the highway from the crash.

Millican said when his department arrived both cars were in the center of the highway.

"It was a very violent crash with lots of wreckage," he said.

Millican said one lane of traffic was opened about a half hour after authorities responded.

Carver Center may find new owners

■ School board approves taking bids on former school for black students.

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Now that the school district's administration staff has moved into the new building on North Hobart Street, there are three parties that have expressed interest in purchasing the district's old office building, the Carver Center at 321 W. Albert St.

The center was the former school for African-American students before the Pampa Independent School District was desegregated in the mid 1960s.

A motion was passed at Monday night's Board of Trustees meeting to

solicit bids for the sale of the building after the floor tiles, which contain asbestos, are removed.

Superintendent David Young said the strongest prospect is a group of the school's alumni, who wrote a letter to the district expressing their interest in the building. Further, a charitable organization has made an inquiry and a businessman who may have been a former student has contacted the district, Young said.

Young estimated the total cost of removing the tiles and the attorney's fee for the property's title work and sale would total around \$5,000.

In an email after the meeting, Young could not estimate how much the building is worth, nor could he guess the value of another building that is vacant now that the new admin build-

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File photo
 A Carver School alumni group has expressed strong interest in acquiring the old building, which the school district will now put up for bids.

ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL



Photo by John Lee

Republican gubernatorial candidate Greg Abbott visited Amarillo Tuesday during his "Get Out the Vote" campaign. At his visit to the Café Marizon on Hillside Road, Abbott answered questions from the media, and Pampa News reporter John Lee was there to interview the candidate. For his story, turn to page 8.

Website ranks Pampa No. 1 for quality of life

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place to live in Texas. Another Panhandle city, Hereford, was ranked No. 4.

A company that lists real estate throughout the country on the Internet has ranked Pampa at No. 1 among cities in Texas for its quality of life.

The site, Movoto.com, is based in San Mateo, Calif. and is a competitor of Zillow, an online real estate database that does TV advertising throughout the country.

Movoto ranked Pampa at No. 6 overall as the best

Fredericksburg in the Hill Country ranked No. 1 while Midland was in the No. 2 position.

While the photo for the Midland article featured the city's skyline at dusk, the photo for Pampa featured a railroad trestle east of town along County Road E.

In its brief article highlighting Pampa, the site had originally ranked Pampa as No. 1 for amenities — far above Amarillo or Dallas —

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Follow the rainbow to Pampa, which was rated by an online real estate listing company as the sixth best place to live in Texas.

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but a representative with the company, Travis Sawrie, said that was a typo. Pampa was listed at 172 for amenities in the chart found at the bottom of the web page, and Sawrie said that was the correct number.

The sentence originally said, "What may be surprising, though was that this city ranked as the very

highest in our analysis for its number of total amenities." The mistake on the site was fixed shortly after The Pampa News contacted the company.

Despite the mix up, Sawrie said Pampans should be proud to be ranked at the very top for quality of life.

To determine quality of life, Sawrie said Movoto.com compared cost of living, median home price, median rent, household income and the high school graduation rate. "It was all batched together

to determine the quality of life," he said.

In its article about Pampa, Movoto said the city is "located just about as north as you can get in North Texas," and "ranked well for a low summer temperature, averaging at 75 degrees, and clear skies, with an air quality score of 21 (the lower the better)."

Sawrie said the company has done similar rankings in other states.

To access the site, visit www.movoto.com/tx/best-places-in-texas/.

Carver

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ing has opened, the former Horace Mann Elementary School at 400 N. Faulkner St.

That building was used as a warehouse and for offices for the district's IT Department.

The first wing of Horace Mann Elementary was constructed in 1928, Young said, but the roof over that part of the building collapsed several years ago during a heavy snow fall. It is now condemned.

The school board voted to get bids to demolish the oldest part of the building, but left their options open for the newer parts of the building. The newest portion of the building was

built in 1987, Young said.

The district could put it up for bids like the Carver Center, or keep the old building and property and find a future use for it.

Young said unlike the Carver Center, asbestos abatement was already done on Horace Mann.

In another action, the board approved installing a custom LED backlighting system for the "wheat wall" in the lobby of the new admin building.

The stalks of wheat patterns on the east wall of the building are made from 3 form, which is a patented construction material that combines recycled materials with organic content to create a translucent wall covering.

Backlighting would significantly enhance the aesthetics of the wall, Danny

Seabourne, the district's CFO, told the board.

The district had originally planned for a lighting system while the building was under construction, but took it out of the budget to save costs.

The process of removing items deemed nonessential during a construction project is called "value engineering."

During the construction project, the district had a contingency budget of \$250,000 for unforeseen costs but only spent about a third of it. The complete cost of installing the backlighting would be around \$26,000 and taken from the contingency budget.

Wiley Hicks Inc., which is working in the admin building right now to finish the Heritage Room, would install the lighting.

For the record

Pampa man arrested for drug possession

• Moses Mireles, 21, Pampa, was arrested Tuesday by the Gray County Sheriff's Office for possession of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana.

• Larry Lawley, 30, Pampa, was arrested Tuesday by the Pampa Police Department for possession of marijuana.

• James White, 23, Pampa, was arrested Sunday by PPD for theft of property between \$50 and \$500.

• Eric Ortiz, 21, Pampa, was arrested Tuesday by GCSO for driving while intoxicated.

DPS trooper seizes \$110K worth of pot

SUBMITTED BY DPS

The Texas Department of Public Safety conducted a traffic stop Sunday on Interstate 40, yielding 25 pounds of marijuana valued at almost \$111,000.

At approximately 9:54 a.m., a DPS trooper conducted a traffic stop on a 2014 Nissan Versa traveling eastbound on I-40, for a traffic violation near Conway in Carson County.

The driver of the Versa was identified as Jo Beth Bynum, 28, of Klamath Falls, Ore. During the traffic stop, the trooper discovered 22 bundles of marijuana in the trunk.

Bynum was placed under arrest for possession of a controlled substance, a second-degree felony, and booked into the Carson County Jail. The illegal drugs were allegedly being transported from Klamath Falls, Ore., to Memphis, Tenn.

Pro-Russian rally in Crimea decries Kiev 'bandits'

SEVASTOPOL, Ukraine (AP) — Dozens of pro-Russian protesters rallied Tuesday in the Crimean Peninsula against "the bandits" in Kiev who are trying to form a new government, with some even speaking of secession, and a Russian lawmaker stoked their passions by promising that Moscow will protect them.

"Russia, save us!" some chanted. An armored personnel carrier and two trucks full of Russian troops made a rare appearance on the streets of the port city where the Kremlin's Black Sea Fleet is based. A Russian flag fluttered in front of the city council building, replacing the Ukrainian flag that demonstrators had torn down a day earlier.

The protesters pleaded with Moscow to protect them from the new authorities who forced President Viktor Yanukovich to flee the capital and go into hiding.

"Bandits have come to power," said

Vyacheslav Tokarev, a 39-year-old construction worker. "I'm ready to take arms to fight the fascists who have seized power in Kiev."

Yanukovich was reportedly last seen in the Crimea, a staunchly pro-Russian region the size of Massachusetts. Law enforcement agencies have issued an arrest warrant for him over the killing of 82 people, mainly protesters, last week in the bloody violence in Ukraine's post-Soviet history.

His former chief of staff, Andriy Klyuyev, was wounded by gunfire Monday and hospitalized, spokesman Artem Petrenko told The Associated Press. It wasn't clear where in Ukraine the shooting took place.

The protesters gathered for a third day in front of administrative buildings in Sevastopol and in other Crimean cities in the pro-Moscow region in the southern Ukraine. Protests on Sunday numbered in the thousands.

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Thursday: Partly cloudy with a high of 59. Winds south at 15 mph. Sunrise at 7:16 a.m.

Thursday night: Partly cloudy with a low of 40. Winds southeast at 14 mph. Sunset at 6:37 p.m.

Friday: Partly cloudy with a high of 64. Chance of rain: 10 percent. Winds east-northeast at 12 mph. Sunrise at 7:15 a.m.

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Obituaries

Myrtle Irene Horton

Myrtle Irene Horton, 91, died Feb. 24, 2014 in Weatherford, Okla.

Graveside services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Horton was born Sept. 10, 1922 in Olar, S.C. She married Ray Horton on Feb. 17, 1966 in Pampa, Texas. He preceded her in death on Sept. 4, 1995. Myrtle had been a resident of Pampa since 1976, moving to Weatherford in 2008. She was a Baptist. She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Margie Smith in 2009 and two brothers.

Survivors include three daughters: Ruth Johns and Lillian McDowell and husband Mac, all of Summer-ville, S.C., and Loretta Barnhill of Weatherford, Okla.; a son, Clarence Johns and wife Judy of Grand Rapids, Minn.; a sister, Maude Still and husband Kirby of Hilda, S.C.; 11 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren.

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



Myrtle Irene Horton

Edward Carl Juenger

Edward Juenger was born on Aug. 3, 1926 in Houston to the late Adolph Edward and Leona Alice Raley Juenger.

Growing up in the Houston area, he graduated from Jefferson Davis High School. Edward served his country honorably in the United States Army Air Corp as a flight engineer from 1945 to 1946. Upon returning Edward married his high school sweetheart and love of his life, Dorothy Margaret Martin, on December 14, 1946 in Houston, Texas. Edward attended Rice University and graduated with a Bachelors of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering. He went to work for Dow Chemical in Freeport, Texas for a brief period before being recruited by Celanese Chemical Co. Edward and Dorothy moved the family to Pampa where he worked for Celanese for 35 years, retiring in 1985. Edward spent his final

10 years of employment working for The Texas Water Commission; he retired for good in 1996. Edward was a registered professional engineer in Texas for more than 50 years for which he received commendations from the governor.

He was always active in his church, First United Methodist of Georgetown. Edward and Dorothy sang together in church choirs for more than 65 years including the chancel and senior choirs at FUMC. He enjoyed playing golf immensely and continued to do so through his retirement. He was an avid sports fan and, along with Dorothy, cheered for the Dallas Cowboys since their inception. Dorothy preceded Edward in death in February of 2008; they celebrated more than 62 years of marriage.

Edward leaves behind to cherish his memory his loving children, Deborah Bowers and her husband Greg of Greensboro NC, Randall "Randy" Juenger and his wife Clara of Belton, his sister, Joycelyn Bradley, his brother-in-law, A.C. Martin, his four grandchildren, Sarah Juenger-Davis and her husband Bradley, Matthew Bowers, Brent Bowers and Shawn Juenger, as well as a host of other loving family and friends.

In lieu of flowers, Edward's family requests that memorials be sent to the First United Methodist Church of Georgetown, Rice University-College of Engineering, or Children at Heart Ministries Charity.

Elmer "Edd" Brownfield

Elmer "Edd" Brownfield, 78, of Maud, Okla. passed away Tuesday, Feb. 18, 2014 in Shawnee.

Memorial Service will be at 2 p.m., Saturday, March 1, 2014 at Cooper Funeral Home Chapel in Tecumseh, Okla. with Pastor Jerry States and Elder Vic Adams of Shawnee Seventh-Day Adventist Church officiating under the direction of Cooper Funeral Home.

To share memories, or to sign the guest book on-line, go to www.cooperfuneral.com.



Arvilla Dee Carpenter

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A Memorial service to celebrate the life of Arvilla Dee Carpenter will be held at 3 p.m. on Friday, March 28, 2014 at the First Presbyterian Church of Pampa, 525 N. Gray St., Pampa. A reception will immediately follow the service.

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Museum Musings

A preview of WDLM's donated items and collections

The White Deer Land Museum's collections are always growing and changing. Thankful to the residents of Pampa and the surrounding area for these items, the archives have expanded in many ways.

The Hopkins School in Gray County closed in 1973 and consolidated with Grandview to become the Grandview-Hopkins School. The original Hopkins School was located at Bowlers City, the Phillips Petroleum Co. Camp. The WDLM has many items from the school and has recently received a fire extinguisher found at the school site. The extinguisher is one that was common for its time period, yet far different from those used today. It was donated by Roy

Morris. Also, a kerosene iron was donated to the collection. The Akron Lamp Company patented this iron and many other designs on Dec. 22, 1936. The iron is a kerosene model and required preheating with an alcohol torch inserted in the hole near the back. The iron can rest tilted back on the tank. This iron was found in an abandoned building in Gray County. It was donated by Roy Morris.

Three school jackets, belonging to and worn by Gean Martindale, have been given to the museum. The first jacket was worn at Pampa Middle School and is blue and white, the middle school colors at the time. The jacket has a football letterman patch. The second jacket is a Junior Varsity, then known as B team, jacket. It is green and gold. The third jacket is one belonging to

a social club known as the 7-11. It is blue and white and has dice and an embroidered name on the chest. The jackets were all donated by Gean Martindale.

The collection has also received many photos, small farming equipment, a toy baby carriage, small jewelry and books. These are just a few of the items donated to the WDLM.

We appreciate these donations and look forward to rotating them into working displays at the museum.

The WDLM invites everyone to visit the museum to see our collection of more than 20,000 artifacts.

To learn more about Pampa and the Gray County area, 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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The experts agree; if you don't, shut up

It is a happy conceit in the climate change community that true believers are sophisticated, fact-based practitioners of science and that skeptics essentially are a bunch of superstitious nitwits who refuse to respect the — all bow — climate change consensus.

If that were true, you would expect the science-loving know-it-alls to welcome opportunities to challenge the arguments of “deniers” of global warming. To the contrary, climate change groups have been engaging in a spirited battle to muzzle dissenters and pressure news organizations not to publish skeptical opinion.

Last week, Charles Krauthammer, a physician by training, wrote a column that took on what he called the myth of “settled science” on climate change. Krauthammer observed that the consensus can be wrong — as a new study that rebuts the efficacy of annual mammograms suggests. He pointed out the weaknesses of climate models, referred to the “pause” in the rise of surface temperature over the past 15 years and then compared climate change Cassandras to religious zealots.

Critics were free to rebut Krauthammer point by point. Alas, some preferred to respond without content or argument. Under the hashtag “Don'tPublishLies,” Hill Heat Editor Brad Johnson joined a campaign to pressure The Washington Post not to run the Krauthammer column. He later boasted that 110,000 people had joined his censorship crusade.

The muzzle-the-critics corner has friends in the media, too. Last year, the Los Angeles Times revealed it won't print letters that deny a human cause to global warming.

On Sunday, Brian Stelter of CNN's “Reliable Sources” contended that “some stories don't have two sides.” There's no need to present climate change dissenters, he argued, because “between 95 percent and 97 percent of scientists agree that climate change is happening now, that it's damaging the planet and that it's man-made.”

That's one of those factoids that warming believers love to repeat. Apparently, it is an amalgam of two statistics. A 2013 Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report found a 95 percent certainty that humans are the cause of global warming. A 2013 British study of peer-reviewed papers found that of the 33 percent of papers that had taken a position on global warming, 97 percent endorsed the “consensus” position.

That is hardly a surprise. True believers have been hounding dissenters out of the climate community for years. I've written about skeptical state climatologists who were stripped of their titles. Former Delaware climatologist David Legates once told me he warned students to keep their mouths shut if they had doubts about global warming. The grant money goes to the believers. Hal Lewis, professor emeritus of physics at the University of California, Santa Barbara, resigned from the American Physical Society to protest “global warming corruption.”

It makes you wonder: If climate change alarmists are so thoughtful and smart and fact-based, why do they deny the existence of serious critics? The choice, after all, has them peddling an odd scientific proposition: The experts all agree, and they're always right.

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Hump Day with Humphrey

Humphrey the spoiled sleeper

I have been spending a lot of time with Humphrey lately, and the majority of that time has been with him sleeping. Now, Humphrey is not your average sleeper. I have spoiled him from a young age, and he has grown into a self-righteous brat (but he's cute so I let it slide). Sheesh, I have got to get my spoiling in check before I have children.

Anyway, back to sleeping. I am frequently made fun of for having three beds for Humphrey, although I think I can justify all three of them. He has one in the living room right next to my oversized chairs, which he actually does use sometimes rather than sitting on the chair with me. Then he has one in his corner, which I also use to keep his toys in so they are not all over the place, and the third is in his kennel since he is finally potty trained. He actually uses all three of his beds depend-

ing on the time of day or how social Humphrey feels like being at that point in time. Most mornings while I'm getting ready or during the afternoons on week-ends, he spends his time napping in the bed in his corner. If I'm watching TV or sitting in my chair and he doesn't want to sit with me or gets tired of sitting with me, he will slide down to his bed next to my chair and snooze there.

At night, while I leave his kennel open now in case he wants to sleep on my bed, he still prefers to sleep in his kennel because that's where the first bed he had as a puppy is, and he's weird and sentimental like that (he also still has his very first toy and is very gentle with it compared to his other toys).

As Humphrey gets older, he is very particular about where he sleeps, and he has started sleeping a lot more than he used to when he was younger. This past Sunday, I think he was awake for a total of one hour the entire day and then slept all the way through the night. I made it a point to

wear him out on Saturday though, so that probably had something to do with it.

Sunday night, I crawled into bed to go to sleep, and Humphrey actually followed me. I was pretty excited about him possibly wanting to sleep in my bed instead of his kennel for once and eagerly picked him up to join me. I stayed up for awhile finishing my TV show (I'm catching up on Bates Motel before the new season starts next week), and boy did I regret ever letting him sleep on my bed.

The diva dog first took over the bottom half of the bed, which I really didn't mind, but then he squirmed his way up to the pillows and made mine his own personal bed, taking up the whole thing. From there I started to hope he would tire of me waking him up and pushing him aside so I had room... And a pillow... And eventually he grunted at me and jumped down to retreat to his kennel, enabling me to finally be able to roll over and doze off. I don't think either one of us enjoyed the experience one bit.

When he's awake and not using his beds, more often than not he is looking to see if I have left a pile of clothes on the floor for him to lay on and play with his toys. This is something that both drives me nuts and encourages me to pick up after myself, so I will take the good with the bad there. It's been getting nicer outside and he absolutely loves playing in the grass, so hopefully there will be some park days to write about in the near future. I guess that's it for this week though, happy hump day!



Photo by Lindsey Tomaschik
Here's Humphrey in his corner bed, the one I like to keep his toys in. Sometimes he even helps me put them in there.

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Shawn Woodard and Shyla Reppart both represented Chevron and presented a check on behalf of the company to Jeane Autry of Pampa Meals on Wheels Tuesday morning.

Area museum to hold reception for local photographer

SUBMITTED

Saturday, March 1, offers live entertainment and fun at the Armstrong County Museum Gem Theatre and Art Gallery in Claude. The public is encouraged to join in.

Jim Jordan

Events will include a reception for exhibiting master photographer Jim Jordan from Amarillo at 6:30 p.m. His display, "Did You See

That?," heralds multiple roadside images that will make you smile. Jordan is a well-known area photographer whose works hang in both permanent collections and exhibits. Come meet Jordan and enjoy his fine works. The Museum will also open at 6:30 p.m. for tours.

At 7:30 p.m., entertainment will continue in the Gem Theatre as the Tejas Brothers from Ft. Worth make their first appearance on the Claude stage. This band has been together since 2006 and is becoming known across the nation as a "must see." They put a new spin onto familiar songs and tickle

your funny bone with their live performance.

Don't miss these opportunities to initiate the month of March with the delight of both Jim Jordan and the Tejas Brothers! Armstrong County Museum is located at 110 N. Trice St., Claude, adjacent to the town square. The photography show and reception are free. Tours of the museum are also free. The Gem Theatre performance tickets are \$10 adults, \$3 children. Tickets are available at the door or call 806-226-2187 for reservations. For more information, visit www.armstrongcountymuseum.com.



Submitted Photo

The Tejas Brothers will also be present at the reception on Saturday night. Everyone is welcome to come out for a night of fun.

Texas now trails Nebraska's number in cattle feeding

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Federal statistics say Nebraska has surpassed Texas in the number of cattle on feed in the state.

The Lincoln Journal Star says Texas lost its fictional crown as of Feb. 1 because the total in drought-ravaged Texas has dropped

7 percent over the past year, to 2.44 million head in feedlots with a capacity of at least 1,000 head. That compares unfavorably with Nebraska's loss of less than a half a percent, to 2.46 million head.

Nebraska remains far behind in the total number

of cattle with 6.5 million head, compared with 10.9 million in Texas.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture says that, as of Feb. 1 nationally, there were 10.76 million head of cattle being fattened for slaughter, compared with 11.07 million a year ago.

Stocks mixed after consumer confidence weakens

NEW YORK (AP) — U.S. stocks were mixed in mid-morning trading Tuesday as investors reacted to an unexpectedly steep decline in consumer confidence this month. The weak start came a day after the Standard & Poor's 500 index came within a point of closing at another record high.

KEEPING SCORE: The Dow Jones industrial average fell 14 points, or 0.1 percent, at 16,194 as of 11:05 a.m. Eastern. The S&P 500 lost two points, or 0.1 percent, to 1,847 and the Nasdaq composite was up a point to 4,294.

CONSUMERS SHAKEY: The Conference Board's index of consumer confidence fell to 78.1 in February from 80.7 the month before. That was below the 80.1 level economists polled by FactSet were expecting. The report

is a closely watched indicator of how likely consumers are to spend money and keep the economy moving forward.

SICKLY TENET: Hospital management company Tenet Healthcare fell \$3.50, or 7 percent, to \$45.62 after the company reported a loss in the fourth quarter. Tenet took on more debt because of an acquisition and a stock repurchase program.

THE HOME DEPOT IMPROVING: The nation's largest home improvement chain rose \$1.94, or 3 percent, to \$79.78. While Home Depot reported a decline in net income from a year earlier, the results still beat analysts' expectations. Home Depot also raised its dividend by 21 percent.

DEFENSE CONTRACTOR WOES: Shares of several defense contractors fell following Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel's

announcement Monday that the size of the nation's armed forces would be reduced to below World War II levels. Northrup Grumman fell 1 percent, while Raytheon and Lockheed Martin fell 0.5 percent.

WEATHER EFFECT: Macy's rose \$1.72, or 3 percent, to \$54.78 after the company reported that its income rose 11 percent in the fourth quarter. However, the department store chain had a slowing of sales, citing the winter storms that hit most of the country in the last couple months.

BACK NEAR A RECORD HIGH: The S&P 500 barely missed hitting another record high on Monday. It closed at 1,847.61, less than a point from its record close of 1,848.38 set on Jan. 15. Both the Nasdaq and S&P 500 are positive for 2014, while the Dow is still down 2 percent.

Lower Miss. River open after oil spill

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The Coast Guard reopened a normally bustling stretch of the lower Mississippi River to ships and boaters Monday, two days after an oil spill closed the major inland waterway between Baton Rouge and New Orleans.

About 31,500 gallons of light crude oil spilled into the river after a tank barge pushed by the towboat Hannah C. Settoon collided with another towboat Saturday afternoon, officials said.

At least 30 vessels had been waiting for the river to reopen, Coast Guard Petty Officer Matthew Schofield said of the spill near Vacherie, about 50 west of New Orleans by land.

No one was hurt, all vessels were subsequently secured and there were no reports of any wildlife harmed by spilled oil, the Coast Guard said.

Schofield said ships had to go as slowly as possible in the area of the accident, where both the Hannah C. Settoon and the other tow-

boat, the Lindsay Ann Erickson, were moored.

Although the Coast Guard said Sunday that the barge hit the Lindsay Ann Erickson, Schofield said Monday that that was still a question for investigation. He said the Lindsay Ann Erickson was not damaged.

The river, which twists and turns through southern Louisiana, had been closed earlier from Vacherie (VASH-uh-ree) to below the Port of New Orleans. The 40 miles from New Orleans toward Baton Rouge reopened Monday morning and the 25 miles from the accident site downriver in the afternoon.

During the river closure, the Coast Guard did let two cruise ships leave New Orleans for the Gulf of Mexico on schedule Sunday, Gresham said.

The American Queen sternwheeler, a river cruise ship with hundreds of passengers, was stopped partway on its trip from New Orleans to Vacherie early Sunday, said Greg Brown,

executive vice president of operations for the American Queen Steamboat Co. of Memphis, Tenn.

Brown, reached in Indiana, said the American Queen was not able to stop at Oak Alley Plantation in Vacherie, but was allowed to continue upriver around noon Sunday.

"Cruise ships are generally given priority because their 'cargo' is very valuable to all," Gresham wrote in an email. He wrote later: "And there are very few cruise ships as opposed to cargo ships."

Few details about the collision have been released by the Coast Guard, which said the Settoon boat was pushing two barges full of light crude oil and the Lindsay Ann Erickson was pushing grain barges. Even the directions they were headed and their destinations are part of the investigation, Schofield said. Settoon attorney Alex Pucheu (pronounced PEE-shoo) said the company was dealing with the cleanup and would comment Tuesday.

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Put to death the deeds of our body

Can a Christian “put to death the deeds of their body”? NO! Will the Holy Spirit “put to death the deeds of their body” for them? NO! Then how does a Christian “put to death the deeds of their body”? Because if they don’t and they live a life according to the flesh, they must DIE! Don’t believe any of this? Check out Romans 8:12-13. “So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.”

So how does this all work? Pretty simple actually. First, no human has the power or strength to overcome and conquer their flesh. Check out 8:7-8: “For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God’s law; indeed, it cannot. Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.” Pretty easy to understand, huh. Not necessarily pleasant to accept, but not hard to comprehend. No human has the strength to triumph over their flesh. NOBODY!

Second, the Holy Spirit has more than enough power to put the flesh to death. That is the point of 8:11. “If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.”

Third, 8:13 says, “YOU put to death the deeds of the body”. Notice that it is “by the Spirit”, but the Holy Spirit doesn’t do it for the believer. The Holy Spirit supplies the power, but the believer must choose to use the power. The Holy Spirit may be our sword, but we are required to wield the sword. He may be our electrical power, but we must plug ourselves into His socket. The old adage is true: GOD WILL NOT DO FOR US WHAT WE CAN DO FOR OURSELVES.

Here is another verse that says the

same thing. Colossians 3:5-10 “Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming. In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator.”

In both Romans 8:13 and Colossians 3:5-10 Christians are NOT told to just lazily meander through life waiting for the Holy Spirit to conquer every sin and fleshly temptation that comes our way. We are commanded “YOU PUT AWAY.” Now we can only do that by the power of the Holy Spirit, but we must choose to use that power and ATTACK!

Too many believers muddle around in sins of the past waiting to be miraculously delivered by the Holy Spirit while doing NOTHING! That is NOT what the Word of God teaches. So what now? Pick up the sword! Plug yourself into the heavenly socket! Load your spiritual cannon with the Holy Spirit ammunition.

Finally accept personal accountability for NOT overcoming the sins of your past. It is not Father God’s fault! It is NOT Jesus Christ’s fault! It is NOT the Holy Spirit’s fault! Every believer has been given UNLIMITED heavenly power to overcome every power of our flesh. However, we have to choose to accept that heavenly power and use it.

Stop making excuses and stop blaming God for not delivering you from the domination of the sins of your past. Receive the power from on high and OVERCOME! CONQUER by the Holy Spirit the deeds of your body and then give the glory to God. God bless. Mike

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MIKE SUBLETT



CHURCH SPOTLIGHT

How’s your sense of humor?

When I speak in churches or conferences, I enjoy shaking hands and visiting with people as they leave. They often comment, “I appreciate your sense of humor.”



DAVID BOULTER

I’m sure they mean it, and I appreciate them saying it. I don’t think it is spiritual to be dull. The Bible says that laughing is good for you and I enjoy it. However, I must admit over the years there have been some who reproved me. One lady told me, “You have too much levity in the pulpit.” I remember when Charles H. Spurgeon of the great Metropolitan Tabernacle in London was told this, and he replied, “Madam, if you knew how much I held back, you would not scold me but rather commend me. There are things in my sermons that may produce smiles, but what of them? I am not sure about a smile being a sin, but I think it is less of a crime to cause momentary laughter than a half-hour of profound slumber.”

On that note, I heard of an older woman who went to the Post Office to purchase stamps. The postal clerk asked, “What denomination would you like?” She replied, “Oh, my goodness, has it come to that? Well then

give me twenty-five Baptists, twenty-five Methodists, and twenty-five Presbyterians.”

A little boy came up to the pastor after the sermon. He said, “When I grow up and get a job, I am going to give you some money.” The pastor smiled and replied, “Well, thank you, why do you want to do this?” The little boy smiled sadly and said, “Well, my dad said, “You are the poorest preacher we have ever had.”

An elderly Floridian called 911 on her cell phone to report that her car had been broken into. She is hysterical as she explains her situation to the dispatcher: “They’ve stolen the stereo, the steering wheel, the brake pedal and even the accelerator,” she cried!

The dispatcher said, “Stay calm, an officer is on the way.”

A few minutes later, the officer radios in, “Disregard.” He says, “She got in the back seat by mistake.”

Take time to remember, “The joy of the Lord is our strength.” Take time to laugh. Always remember to laugh with someone and not at someone. It says in Proverbs that “laughter is a medicine to the soul.”

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Church Calendar

Saturday concert at Nazarene church

Pampa Church of the Nazarene will hold a concert at 7 p.m. Saturday in its fellowship hall. Outset Generation from Dumas will perform. The concert is mainly for teens but every is welcome. Beginning

at 5 p.m., there will be basketball, volleyball and food. The fellowship hall is located across from the church at 500 N. West St. For more information, call 806-669-3144.

St. Matthew’s pancake supper

St. Matthew’s Episcopal

Church will hold its 58th annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper from 5-8 p.m. on Tuesday, March 4. Tickets are \$5 for all you can eat. Preschool children and younger are free. The church is located at 727 W. Browning Ave. For more information, call 806-665-0701.

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AMARILLO — “This is not a fight I can wage alone. This is something that requires everyone across Amarillo, Potter County, Randall County and the rest of the State of Texas to be involved in. Speeches help, TV ads help, but what really matters is votes.”

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott encouraged Amarilloans with these words Tuesday at Café Marizón in south Amarillo for the first of two of his campaign stops in the Texas High Plains.

“This event is the first step to insure we keep Barack Obama and his people out of the State of Texas,” Abbott said to the crowd as they cheered as if he had already won the governor’s seat.

Abbott then talked about his wife of almost 32 years,

Cecilia P. Abbott. Cecilia is Hispanic and Abbott said she will “become the first Latina First Lady of Texas” should he be elected governor. He praised his wife for being so strong in their marriage through the hardships.

“I was jogging in Houston, Texas. While I was jogging a tall oak tree fell on my back, leaving me permanently paralyzed for the rest of my life,” Abbott said.

“My life changed forever. It has been awe-inspiring seeing a spouse live up to her vows. That is the kind of woman the next First Lady of Texas will be.”

Abbott got the crowd fired up by noting his accomplishments and the moves made in the political chess game of the State of Texas versus the Federal Government. Abbott has filed more than 30 lawsuits against U.S. President

Barack Obama and the Federal Government and said he “has just gotten started.”

After announcing his national ambitions, Abbott turned to the 268,581 square miles that is the Lone Star State. He said the three greatest concerns for Texas is improved schools and education, the state’s irrigation and water supply and, in somewhat of a surprise priority, the Texas roads.

“You ever been stuck in traffic here [in Amarillo]?” Abbott asked the crowd. “Try being stuck in someplace like Dallas. I often joke that you can’t make a trip to and from Dallas in one day. If you get stuck there in Dallas, you may be stuck there for a couple days.”

While Abbott was clearly exaggerating about the Dallas highway situation, he joked about making an ad where a man in a wheelchair can get through Dallas faster than a car.

Abbott also stressed the need for voter reform, which would lead to better security at the polls and in-



Greg Abbott

sure that votes are properly and ethically cast correctly.

By the same token as voting, Abbott stressed to the crowd to go out and vote and keep Texas red.

“Barack Obama’s ‘Turn Texas Blue’ campaign has out-of-state people have been sweeping across Texas,” Abbott said. “We should not be concerned if Barack Obama can turn Potter and Randall county blue, but we should be concerned about their efforts to turn Texas blue. If we lose Texas, we lose the United States of America.”

“The second thing you must do (after voting), is each person in this room must find three people between now and primary day and get them to go vote. Note, I didn’t say ask them to go vote, make them go vote in Randall and Potter County.”

in education curriculum) results in a more well-rounded population. I had a great tour of the Lubbock Independent School District and they have a great program,” Abbott said.

“What it does is it recognizes the reality that different people are different. We shouldn’t force everyone to try to be the same. It also recognizes, that the jobs employers are offering are skilled.”

I hear from employers about students graduating from college who still aren’t prepared. What we need from individuals and their families in the future is a skilled workforce. Students who graduate high school can earn \$40,000 a year straight out of high school. Or those who go to a two-year program can make \$50-60,000 out of that program. This is great for that and great for the families.”

need to continue to develop the various sources of energy in this state to keep Texas the No.1 source of energy.”

Lastly, Abbott touched on the hot topic that is the Affordable Care Act and health reform.

“First thing we have to do to reform health care is to get rid of Obamacare (also known as the Affordable Care Act). Obamacare is a complete disaster.”

“We will roll out a program which we will have some details on later, but some quick examples. Allow the sale of insurance and health care across state lines,” Abbott said.

“Two, don’t tie insurance to jobs, but to the person, which leads to affordability. And we insure that pre-existing conditions remain covered, as opposed lapses of coverages because of pre-existing conditions. We have to improve health savings accounts. It has to be a consumer/patient-driven coverage. It keeps the government from stepping between the patient-relationship.”

For more information of Attorney General Greg Abbott, visit www.gregabbott.com.

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California 'lifers' leaving prison at record pace

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — For decades, California's criminal justice policies ensured that murderers and others sentenced to life, with the possibility of parole, could expect to die in prison. And most of the time, they did.

Since Gov. Jerry Brown assumed office in January 2011, a record number of inmates with life sentences are winning parole. Brown has allowed the release of nearly 1,400 lifers, while going along with the parole board about 82 percent of the time.

Brown's predecessor, Arnold Schwarzenegger, authorized the release of 557 lifers during his six-year term, sustaining the board at a 27 percent clip. Before that, Gov. Gray Davis over 3 years approved the release of two.

This dramatic shift in releases under Brown comes as the state grapples with court orders to ease a decades-long prison crowding crisis that has seen triple bunking, prison gyms turned into dormitories and inmates shipped out of state.

Crime victims and their advocates have said the releases are an injustice to the victims and that the parolees could pose a danger

to the public. More than 80 percent of lifers are in prison for murder, while the remaining are mostly rapists and kidnapers.

"This is playing Russian roulette with public safety," said Christine Ward, executive director of the Crime Victims Action Alliance. "This is a change of philosophy that can be dangerous."

Brown said he is bound by court orders that require state officials to ease the stringent parole requirements that have dramatically increased the time murderers spend in prison.

Today, an inmate convicted of first-degree murders can expect to serve an average of 27 years — almost twice what it was two decades ago before California became the fourth state to give governors the politically fraught final decision on lifer paroles.

Since then, the number of lifers has grown from 9,000 to 35,000 inmates, representing a quarter of the state prison population. But two seminal California Supreme Court rulings in 2008 have significantly eased tough parole restrictions.

The court ordered prison officials to consider more than the severity of

the applicant's underlying crimes. It ruled that inmates' records while incarcerated plus their volunteer work should count heavily in assessing early release.

State figures show that since the rulings, the board has granted parole to nearly 3,000 lifers, including 590 last year and a record 670 in 2012. In the three decades prior to the 2008 rulings, only about 1,800 such prisoners were granted parole.

Davis reversed only two of 232 parole board decisions granting parole between 1999 and 2002 — a rate of 2 percent.

Schwarzenegger sustained the board at a 27 percent clip during his seven years in office when he was presented with 2,050 paroles granted by the board.

Brown has allowed 82 percent of the 1,590 paroles granted by the board.

Brown's office says he is operating under a different legal landscape than previous governors, and that he is following court rulings and a 23-year-old state law that gave governors the power to block paroles of lifers who the state board found suitable for release.

A Stanford University

study of lifer paroles between 1990 and 2010 found that a murderer had a 6 percent chance of leaving prison alive since governors were given the power to veto board decisions.

Gov. Pete Wilson, the first governor vested with veto power, used it sparingly, though the parole board was approving just a few dozen paroles a year compared with the hundreds the board has been approving in recent years.

Between 1991 and when he left office in January 1999, he approved 115 of the 171, or 67 percent, of the lifers the board found suitable for release.

"If an individual is eligible for parole and the board determines they are no longer a threat, the law says they must be paroled unless there is firm evidence indicating they are still a threat," Brown spokesman Evan Westrup said.

The few studies of recidivism among released lifers including a Stanford University report show they re-offend at much lower rates than other inmates released on parole and none has been convicted of a new murder.

Of the 860 murderers paroled between 1990 and

2010 that Stanford tracked, only five inmates committed new crimes and none were convicted of murder. The average released lifer is in his mid-50s. Experts say older ex-cons are less prone to commit new crimes than younger ones.

Brown has reversed the parole board. On Friday, his office announced it blocked the parole of 100 inmates deemed fit by the board for release and sent two others back to the board for reconsideration.

One of those inmates found fit for release by the board but blocked by Brown was James Mackey, a former University of Pacific football player found guilty of shooting his victim with a crossbow and then strangling him. Brown said Mackey hasn't sufficiently owned up to the crime.

"Until he can give a better explanation for his actions," Brown wrote, "I do not think he is ready to be released."

Ernest Morgan on the other hand, is a lifer Brown did let free.

Morgan, a San Francisco man convicted of the shotgun slaying of his 14-year-old stepdaughter burglarizing the family home, was turned down for parole

five times before the board granted him parole, only to be overruled by Schwarzenegger.

Schwarzenegger wrote that Morgan posed "a current, unreasonable risk to public safety." And he noted that Morgan had at one point claimed that the shotgun had gone off accidentally, although he later acknowledged his guilt to the parole board.

"So I was devastated when Schwarzenegger denied my release," said Morgan, who now is majoring in business management at San Francisco State. "I felt I was a political pawn who would never get out."

In 2011, Brown approved his release after 24 years in prison. Brown made no comment in granting Morgan his release. Instead, the governor signaled his approval by taking no action within 30 days of the parole board's decision becoming official.

"It's been a remarkable and unexpected change," said Johanna Hoffman, Morgan's lawyer who has represented hundreds of lifers vying for parole since becoming a California lawyer in 2008. "The overcrowding issue has a huge amount to do with it."

Hundreds of cold-stunned turtles saved in Texas

GALVESTON (AP) — Hundreds of cold-stunned green sea turtles have survived after being rescued from Texas bays and estuaries during wintry weather

er since late November.

A research fishery biologist with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in Galveston on Tuesday said most of

the creatures were found in the Corpus Christi area.

Lyndsey Howell says researchers began the turtle count Nov. 25 when cold conditions reached coastal

Texas. Howell says since then 1,174 green sea turtles were located but 279 died.

She says the Upper Laguna Madre and the Cor-

pus Christi area have growing turtle populations and that's where cold weather was the worst.

The Beaumont Enterprise reported Monday

that about 20 turtles were rescued from the Galveston area.

Howell says green sea turtles take about 30 years to reach maturity.



Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I'm incredibly fond of my friend "Russell." He is always supportive, considerate and kind to me. However, I know that he is into S&M and this worries me, as I can't reconcile the two different people — a gentle person with someone wanting to dominate and possibly hurt a woman in bed.

Should I be worried that Russell is hiding a dark side that will eventually come out and ruin our friendship? — WORRIED FRIEND IN AUSTRALIA

DEAR WORRIED: You and Russell must be very close friends if he is describing his sexual practices with you. My experts tell me that acting out on aggressive fantasies does not necessarily mean a person is aggressive.

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DEAR CONFUSED: You have my sympathy. I hope your mother's rehabilitation will be successful. It's good that she is going to meetings, and I agree with you that it's too soon for her to be staying with her boyfriend.

However, she's unlikely to accept hearing it from you or me, which is why you should talk to your grandmother about your feelings. Your mother might accept it if she hears from your grandmother that should there be any "bumps" in her relationship with this man — and there usually are a few — that they could jeopardize her sobriety.

DEAR ABBY: I have a 19-month-old son, "Nicky." He stays at my in-laws' house most days while my husband and I work. Lately, I've no-

ticed when I go to pick him up that Grandma and Grandpa like to give him "kiss attacks," where they hold him "hostage" and give him several kisses.

Sometimes he lets them, and it's not a problem. Other times he squirms, whines and tells them no. It's painful to watch, especially when they respond with, "I know you're not going to like this, but I'm going to do it anyway."

I think this is a huge violation of my son's boundaries. It teaches him he should just give in because nobody cares that he's uncomfortable. My husband thinks Nicky is too young to understand, and that it's not going to hurt him to have extra affection.

I'm an affectionate person who likes to hug and kiss my son, too, but if he's not in the mood, I let him be. Who is right? — LOVING MOMMY IN COLORADO

DEAR LOVING MOMMY: You are. Affection is something welcome. If you don't want it, it's not affection. The most significant

issues in child development have to do with nurturing and building trust. However well meant, holding a child "hostage" is more a display of power than affection.

If your in-laws stopped "attacking," your son would

be more likely to seek their affection when he wants it. A better way to demonstrate their love for him would be to do something creative, like draw a picture showing their affection for him.

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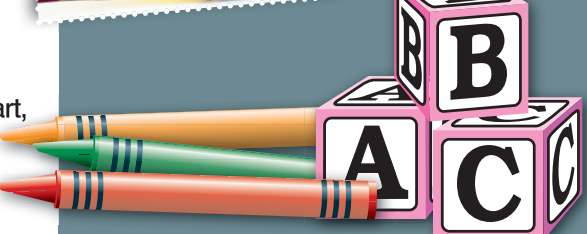
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3. Invite your child to find that letter and to place or tape the index card onto the item. If multiple objects begin with the same letter (such as couch and chair), create additional cards.
4. To extend the activity, create a chart to show how many objects began with certain letters. At the bottom of the chart, write the relevant letters. Then, mark how many objects began with each letter. Which letters were used the most often?



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Effort to build gay marriage support heads South

ATLANTA (AP) — Less than two weeks after a federal judge declared Virginia's ban on same-sex marriage unconstitutional, a new effort has been launched in the South seeking to build wider acceptance of gay and lesbian couples in the hope of overturning similar bans across the region.

The \$1 million effort will be focused on field organizing and sharing the stories of gay couples through local community and business events as well as social media in 14 Southern states.

The key, supporters say, will be to share stories like those of Linda Ellis and her partner, Lesley Brogan, who appeared at

Monday's event. The two have been together since 1988 and are raising their sons John, 15, and Sam, 12, in Decatur, Ga.

"They will tell you we are just like any other old married couple," Ellis said. "They will tell you that, and it's not true. Not yet. And we're ready for it to be."

Atlanta Mayor Kasim Reed was among those kicking off the "Southerners for the Freedom to Marry" campaign Monday, saying he believes gay marriage supporters are on the "right side of history."

"This is about a trajectory. This is about the fact that marriage equality is on an irreversible path

toward being legalized across the United States of America," said Reed, who spoke of his initial reluctance to move from civil unions to supporting gay marriage based on religious reasons.

"And some folks have to decide, just like I did, where they want to be on a historical issue," said Reed. "I was wrong, and I changed my opinion."

Georgia and the 13 other states targeted in the campaign all have either a constitutional or statutory provision defining marriage as between a man and a woman, and Republicans still hold considerable sway in those states.

Meanwhile, lawsuits have been filed across the

region challenging those bans. Virginia became the first state in the South to see its voter-approved ban overturned when U.S. District Judge Arenda Wright Allen found it unconstitutional in a ruling Feb. 13. A day earlier, a federal judge in Kentucky ruled that state must recognize same-sex marriages performed in other states.

"We know that the South is ready," said Evan Wolfson, founder and president of Freedom to Marry, which is spearheading the effort. "For too long the conversation has come from other parts of the country who have moved forward faster."

Seventeen states and the District of Columbia have

state laws or court decisions that allow same-sex couples to marry, according to a recent update by the National Conference of State Legislatures. Polls have shown growing public support for gay marriage, although a large majority of Republicans still oppose it.

Jerry Luquire, president of the Georgia Christian Coalition, said he doesn't believe the effort will gain momentum in the South as long as the focus is on marriage.

"There is no right way to do a wrong thing, and a marriage between a man and a woman and between a woman and a woman is simply wrong," Luquire said. "What they need to

do is find another word that means the same thing and doesn't offend the sensibilities of those who believe marriage is between a man and a woman."

Democratic Rep. John Lewis of Atlanta, an icon of the civil rights movement, has lent his clout to the gay marriage effort, calling it a civil rights issue in a Web video released by the group.

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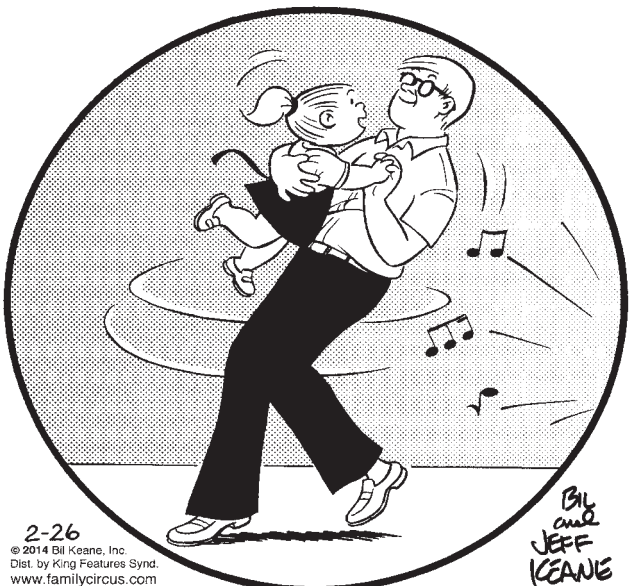


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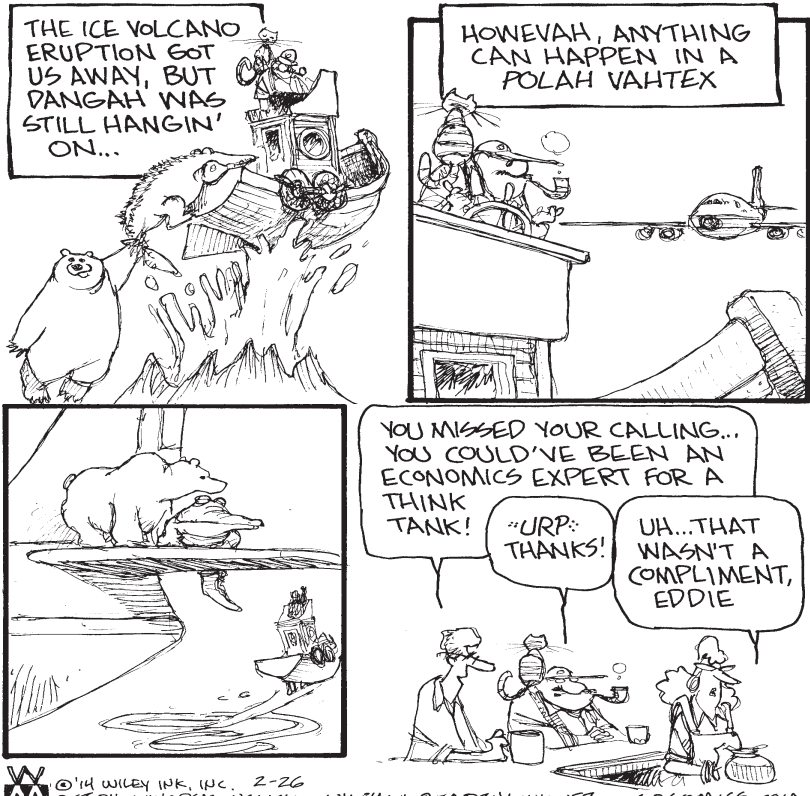


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daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Feb. 27, 2014:
This year you often feel like your imagination could be your enemy, as you might have a difficult time focusing on conversations. You inadvertently could trigger your creative process, so keep a notebook handy to jot down your ideas. Use care around machinery, as you are likely to be distracted. If you are single, you suddenly might think that you have met "the one." Avoid putting this person on a pedestal. If you are attached, your rose-colored glasses could add more magic to your bond. Forget long-distance vacations this year. **AQUARIUS** is your natural healer.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ An important get-together or meeting will define your mood, and therefore your plans, for the day. Unexpected developments might encourage you to be more spontaneous as well. You could have a lengthy conversation with a dear friend. Tonight: Where the gang is.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Know that all eyes are on you. As a result, people could get an indirect lesson in how to approach the boss. Stay centered when dealing with an associate or close loved one who seems to be even colder than usual. Tonight: A must appearance.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Listen to news with an open mind. Seek out more information by finding people who are more knowledgeable or experienced. Make an appointment for a checkup at the dentist in the near future. Tonight: Make plans to take a few days off.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Remain playful. A discussion with a partner will point to a dramatic shift in activity. You need variety in terms of focus and energy; otherwise, you could become bored and moody because of a lack of excitement. Tonight: Opt for togetherness.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Others will present unusual ideas that could force you to think past typical boundaries. Your sixth sense will come out when dealing with today's issues. How you see a friend or loved one could change as the result of these intense discussions. Tonight:

Sort through suggestions.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You have high energy working with your solid focus. Meetings right now will be important in paving your path to success. Someone will push you hard; this person feels as if his or her ideas are better. Avoid a fight or a difficult interaction, if possible. Tonight: Time to relax.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You might want to understand what is happening around you, yet you could find others to be evasive. Avoid getting angry with a loved one. Make a point to relax, and you will find the answers you're looking for. Curb a tendency to be possessive. Tonight: Play it light and easy.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Pressure seems to build around a family member or a domestic matter. Suppressing your irritation on a regular basis could backfire, as you are likely to make yourself sick or so angry that you won't be able to speak in an effective manner. Tonight: Visit with a loved one.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You will be full of energy. A conversation could start up out of the blue, and you might hear a lot more than you are ready for. It would be wise to think through a personal matter more deeply in order to understand what you want. Tonight: Ask, and you shall receive.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Ask an important question regarding the results of a recent conversation. A partner or close friend will be full of facts and suggestions. Sometimes this person is a well of information. Listen carefully to what he or she has to say. Tonight: Make it your treat.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You have a lot to do, but you also have the energy to meet your responsibilities. Be careful with machinery and electrical equipment, as you could be distracted by the many thoughts in your mind. New information might filter through in a strange way. Tonight: It is your choice.

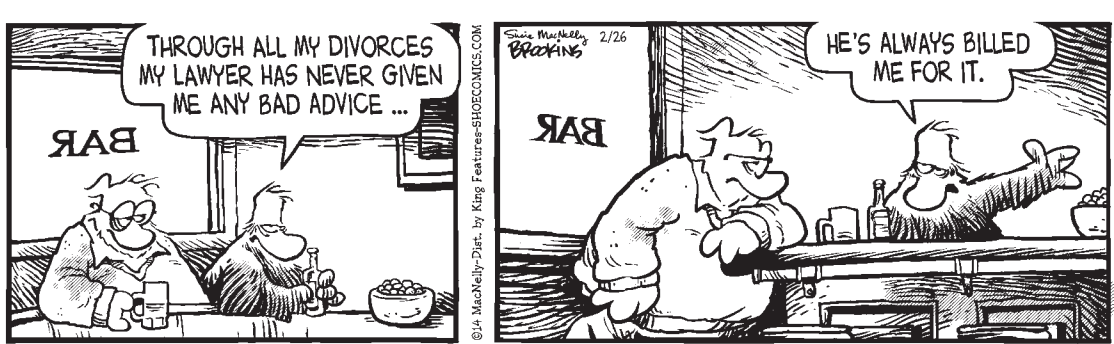
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ You'll gain a new understanding because of recent conversations and new insights. Still, you might want to keep this to yourself, as your thoughts will continue to evolve. What you think now could change radically. Tonight: Get as much R and R as you can.

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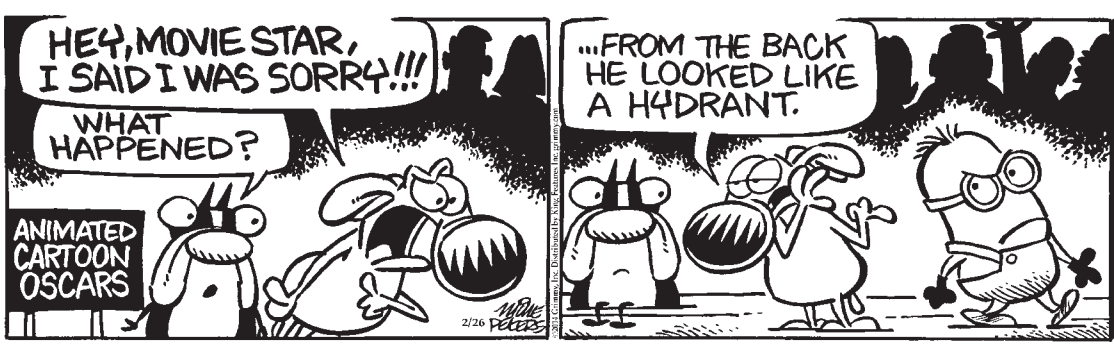


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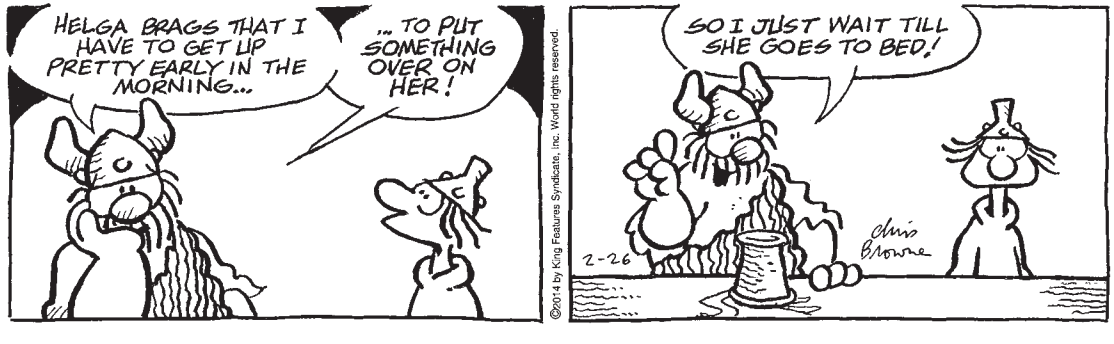
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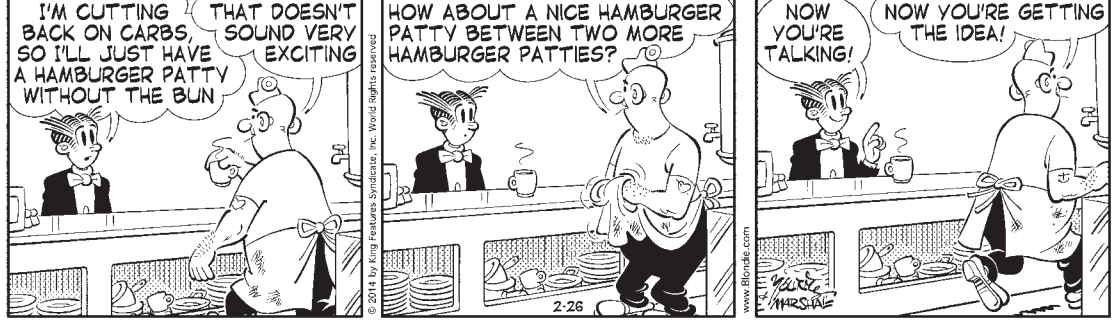
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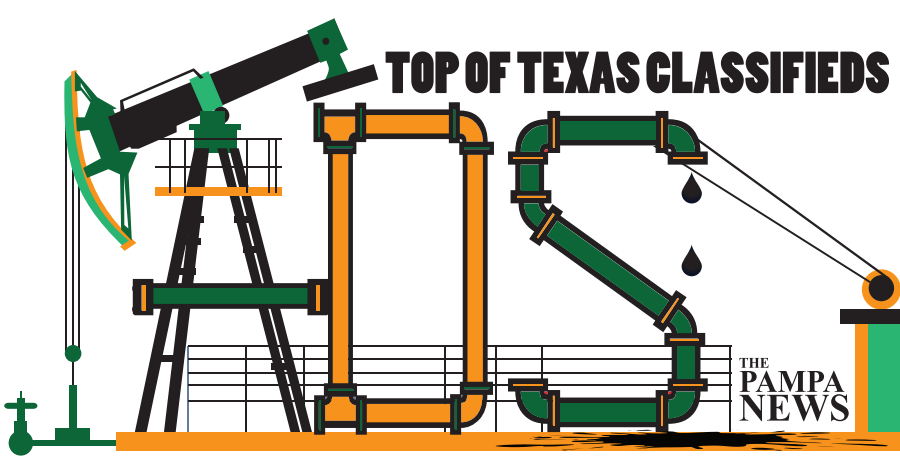


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3RD- AND 4TH-GRADE BASKETBALL



Submitted photos

The third and fourth grade traveling basketball teams participated in tournaments in White Deer and Panhandle recently. Above, front row from left, Sam Anguiano, Hunter Dyer and Huston Skinner. Back, Justin Steward, Hunter Nichols, Kayden Steward, Hayden Henson, Troy Perez and Albert Nichols. Below, front row, Huston Skinner and Hunter Dyer. Back, Albert Nichols, Hayden Henson, Kayden Steward, Hunter Nichols and Troy Perez.



Collins gets positive feedback upon return to NBA

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Jason Collins has received support from everyone on Facebook and Twitter, and has been spending time “just trying to thank everyone for their support.”

The 7-footer said one of the most meaningful messages was a text Monday night from King, the former tennis great.

“She just got back from Sochi. With all that’s happening with the loss of her mother, she was great. It was really nice to hear from her. It was very meaningful and very much appreciated,” Collins said.

King and two other openly gay athletes — Brian Boitano and Caitlin Cahow — were selected for President Barack Obama’s official U.S. delegation for the opening ceremony of the Sochi Olympics, but King delayed her trip because of her mother’s death. She at-

tended the closing ceremony on Sunday.

Collins signed a 10-day contract on Sunday and played 10 scoreless minutes in a victory against the Los Angeles Lakers.

He revealed at the end of last season that he is gay, but was a free agent and had remained unsigned until the Nets needed another big man.

The 35-year-old center said there have been a few “crazies” on Twitter, but added: “I’ve always done a good job of just blocking those people immediately and never responding. That’s Twitter.”

“As far as people who have my number, the support has been overwhelming.”

Collins spoke briefly with reporters before the Nets practiced at UCLA on Tuesday morning. They resume their road trip with a game at Portland on Wednesday night.

At one point he was practically drowned out by the clatter of a dozen or so basketballs bouncing on the hardwood at the Student Activities Center as his teammates began warming up.

It was a reminder of why Collins is with the Nets.

“I’m just trying to prioritize things. Basketball right now is a priority,” he said. “Again, it’s about the plays, our calls, trying to

get comfortable with just what it is the Brooklyn Nets do on both ends of the court.”

Collins said he was glad things happened quickly Sunday. He was signed to a contract in the morning, attended a breakfast team meeting and then played that evening.

“That way there was no buildup,” he said. “It is what it is and you can start to move on and start to focus on the basketball stuff.”

For Collins, that’s doing a lot of grunt work.

“Being big, using my size and strength, setting screens and going out there and hitting somebody on both ends of the court,” he said.

Guard Deron Williams chuckled about Collins getting five fouls on Sunday night.

“Jason is solid. He sets screens, plays hard, uses his fouls wisely. We were joking that he’s a professional fouler. He used five fouls wisely,” Williams said. “He did a good job.”

Williams also talked about how bad Collins’ golf game is.

“It’s almost like Charles Barkley. It’s pretty bad,” he said.

With a need for another big man, the Nets turned to Collins, who helped them reach two NBA Finals in the early 2000s.



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Harvesters soccer falls to Borger 0-3, Lady Harvesters 0-1

STAFF REPORT

The Harvesters fell to the Borger Bulldogs after scores in the 15th, 27th and 68th minutes. Coach Byron May said that the film will probably show that Pampa controlled the possession game, which is good. "Unfortunately, our struggles over the last couple of games really hurt us tonight. We had several opportunities to attack. Midfielders making good runs, players possessing the ball and recognizing those runs but haven't had those opportunities against the likes of Canyon and Amarillo

High. So the boys were having to learn on the fly, so to speak." May was pleased with sophomore midfielder Ersi Vukatuna "who was all over the field for us." May also said he is happy with freshmen goalkeeper Jayson Thomas, who kept the Harvesters in the game a long time with his saves. "Overall, this group has renewed its focus, and has begun to improve again. I look forward to the next opportunity we have," May said. On the Lady Harvesters end, they lost a close one to Borger 0-1. The one score

was a strong upper corner shot which is very difficult to save. "We were a bit off at times not being able to control the middle and push up to attack which caused them to shoot at us more," head coach Hugo Aguillon said. "Our defense had a good game." Aguillon was pleased with the performances from juniors Karen Duarte and Bennett Cambern who "played great controlling the backside." The Harvesters and Lady Harvesters return to action next Tuesday for senior night against Palo Duro.

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No. 5 Kansas beats Oklahoma 83-75 for Big 12 title

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP) — Naadir Tharpe finally got to stand in the middle of the court at Allen Fieldhouse, bask in the adulation of another sellout crowd and celebrate a conference championship.

The junior guard, who wrapped up his first two Big 12 titles on the road, had 19 points to lead five Kansas players in double figures Monday night, and the fifth-ranked Jayhawks held off Oklahoma 83-75 to ensure a share of their 10th consecutive league crown. "Just a great feeling," Tharpe said. "To be at home, to hear the fans and all that, it's a beautiful feeling. It just shows the tradition of Kansas and what it means to us."

Wayne Selden and Andrew Wiggins added 15 points each, and Joel Embiid had 12 points and 13 rebounds for the Jayhawks (22-6, 13-2), who poured off the bench at the buzzer to celebrate the latest addition to their nation-leading 57 conference titles.

It might be the only one for Wiggins and Embiid, the dynamic freshman duo projected to be lottery picks if they come out this season. Wiggins has already stated his intention to do so.

"Winning the championship," Wiggins said, "just a great feeling on the court." Only two schools in men's Division I basketball have won more consecutive conference titles than Kansas: UCLA captured 13 straight from 1967-79 in the Pac-10, and Gonzaga won 11 straight in the West Coast Conference from 2001-11.

"It's something you know," Selden said. "When

you come in here, that's the standard." Cameron Clark had 18 points and Buddy Hield finished with 16 for the Sooners (20-8, 9-6), who have lost 12 of their last 13 games against the Jayhawks, including both this season.

Oklahoma still has not won in the Phog since 1993, when Billy Tubbs was on its sideline.

"It's so tough here for a lot of reasons," current Sooners coach Lon Kruger said. "Bill does a great job, they're very talented, the atmosphere is great, the difference really is in the runs they make, and that's what you have to avoid. Easier said than done."

The first half Monday night boiled down to an old-fashioned Big Eight tussle.

The Jayhawks threw the first body punch, picking up right where they left off in a rout of Texas by taking a 15-4 lead. Oklahoma answered with a few haymakers of its own, going on a 13-2 charge and eventually pulling ahead 27-25 with 5:26 left in the half.

Selden took over down the stretch, though, scoring seven straight points to give Kansas the lead back. Frank Mason's 3-pointer capped a 10-0 surge and made it 42-33 at halftime.

"We handled the ball well, made tough plays, but two or three stretches is why Kansas is so tough," Kruger said. "We gave them moments of run that you have to try to avoid."

The Jayhawks, arguably the deepest team in the Big 12, forged their lead despite playing without a handful of players due to foul

trouble. Wiggins, Tharpe, Perry Ellis, who finished with 11 points, and Jamari Traylor all had two fouls, and Connor Frankamp was on the bench with three.

Wiggins picked up his third on the first play of the second half, when Ryan Spangler drove to the basket for an and-one. It was the start of a 10-2 run that got the Sooners back in the game.

"They made a couple shots, we made a couple shots," Clark said, "but the main thing is we didn't take care of the ball at critical times."

Clark's hot shooting and a couple of timely 3-pointers by Hield gave Oklahoma the lead, only for Kansas to come back once more. Wiggins scored on a putback of his own miss with 8:01 left to give the Jayhawks a 60-59 lead, and their advantage grew to 69-63 a few minutes later.

The Sooners kept finding answers. When Wiggins hit a 3-pointer to make it 74-66, Isaiah Cousins promptly scored in the paint. When Tharpe got a home-rim bounce on a pull-up jumper, Hield was there to hit a fall-away 3-pointer to close within 76-71 with 1:30 left.

Oklahoma simply ran out of time, and as the final seconds ticked off the clock, another sellout crowd at the Phog began to chant, "Ten straight! Ten straight!"

"In a league this competitive, thought by many to be the toughest league in the country, to have a three-game lead with three to play is pretty special," Kansas coach Bill Self said.

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