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Judge declares death penalty unconstitutional

HOUSTON (AP) - A state district judge in Houston has granted a pretrial motion declaring the death penalty unconstitutional, a decision that the Texas attorney general called "an act of unabashed judicial activism."

The motion was one of many submitted by defense attorneys Bob Loper and Casey Keirnan arguing Texas' death penalty is unconstitutional for their client, John Edward Green Jr., the Houston Chronicle reported Thursday.

said in his ruling that it is safe to assume innocent people have been executed.

"Are you willing to have your brother, your father, your mother be the sacrificial lamb, to be the innocent person executed so that we can have a death penalty so that we can execute those who are deserving of the death penalty?" he said. "I don't think society's mindset is that way now.'

The decision is unlikely to with-

State District Judge Kevin Fine stand appellate review, said Sandra Guerra Thompson, professor at the University of Houston Law Center.

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott offered to help the district attorney appeal Fine's decision, which Abbott said ignored U.S. Supreme Court precedent.

"We regret that the court's legally baseless order unnecessarily delays justice and closure for the victim's family including her two children, who witnessed their mother's brutal murder," Abbott said.

Green, 23, is accused of fatally shooting a Houston woman and wounding her sister on June 16, 2008

Gov. Rick Perry joined Abbott and District Attorney Patricia Lykos in slamming Fine's ruling.

"Like the vast majority of Texans, I support the death penalty as a fitting and constitutional punishment for the most heinous crimes," Perry said. "This is a DEATH cont. on page 3

Toyota secretive on 'black box' data

SOUTHLAKE, Texas (AP) Toyota has for years blocked access to data stored in devices similar to airline "black boxes" that could explain crashes blamed on sudden unintended acceleration, according to an Associated Press review of lawsuits nationwide and interviews with auto crash experts.

The AP investigation found that Toyota has been inconsistent and sometimes even contradictory - in revealing exactly what the devices record and don't record, including critical data about whether the brake or accelerator pedals were depressed at the time of a crash.

By contrast, most other auto-

makers routinely allow much more

open access to information from

their event data recorders, com-

vide key information sought by crash victims and survivors.

its EDRs. Until this week, there was only a single laptop in the U.S.

containing the software needed to

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FULTON, Texas (AP)

- A former Air Force sentry dog handler in Vietnam has one last mission.

He's working with others to honor military canines with a national monument. "Our war dogs deserve recognition for the lives they saved," said Larry Chilcoat, who patrolled the combat perimeter of Camp Cameron, Vietnam, throughout 1969 with a German shepherd named Geisha.

I have a beautiful wife and granddaughter, but I don't carry their pictures," said Chilcoat, 62. "But I still carry a photo of Geisha; she changed my life."

was my lifeblood in a jungle nightmare, and we both relied on each other day and night to survive.

staff photo by ReDonn Woods It's a sure sign of spring. The Woods family is preparing their mini-vette for the annual St. Patrick's celebration parade in Shamrock. The celebration is March 19-21, with the parade at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, March 20. Pictured are Kennedey, Keith, Mc Kenzie, and Autumn Woods.

Air Force veteran seeks memorial to war dogs

more than 10,000 lives in

Vietnam, according to the

Military Working Dog

The veterans presented

plans for a bronze ped-

four dogs, designed by

Brian Rich, of Fairfax

Va. He's the uncle of a

Marine dog handler, Cpl.

Dustin Jerome Lee, who

was killed by a rocket-pro-

pelled grenade on March

21, 2007, in Fallujah, Iraq.

Lex who was wounded,

later was adopted by Lee's

family, said Rich, 35, a

Lee's bomb sniffing dog,

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to protect me." Military dogs saved

U.S. War Dog Association. More than 200 of about 4,000 dogs that served in Vietnam, died while on duty, the Fulton retiree said. Chilcoat is one of three former military dog handlers who received Pentagon approval in January for a proposed

"It's been 40 years, and estal with a soldier and

"I love my family," Chilcoat said, "but Geisha

"She heard things I didn't and let me know, and I knew she would die graphic artist and former Marine.

"It's helped my family with the loss of my nephew, and motivated me to design the monument," Rich said.

Chilcoat said Pentagon officials loved the design.

He, project founder John Burnam of Bethesda, Md., and Richard Deggans of Plano are taking back a clay model in mid-April being made by bronze sculptor Paula Slater, of Hidden Valley Lake, Calif.

Chilcoat, Burnam and Deggans, who are among more than 10,000 Vietnam War dog handlers, met through the Vietnam Dog Handlers Association. Their push to honor their dogs led to then-President George W. Bush signing legislation in 2008 for a monument, to be built and maintained with private donations. A location is tentatively planned at Fort DOGS cont. on page 3

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fire danger

The National Weather Service has issued a hazardous weather report for today and tomorrow cautioning residents to be careful with fire. The combination of winds between 15 to 25 mph, with higher gusts, and relative humidity between 20 to 25 percent will lead to elevated fire weather conditions in our area. Burning is

Wind increases

never allowed inside Pampa's city limits.

Oil rises on better US jobs report

as fewer workers than expected lost their jobs in February, a signal that the slow-healing employment market may soon boost demand for energy.

Benchmark crude for April delivery climbed 76 cents to \$80.97 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract fell 66 cents to settle at \$80.21 on Thursday.

The Labor Department said the unemployment rate was steady at 9.7 percent

Oil prices rose Friday last month as employers cut 36,000 jobs. Analysts had expected 50,000.

Economists had estimated that the storms that buffeted the East Coast in February could inflate job losses by 100,000 or more. So, the report suggests that, excluding the storm effect, the economy generated a net gain in jobs last month for only the second time since the recession began in December 2007.

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For the record

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	Low 44	Low 38

Tonight: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 38. South southwest wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 65. Wind chill values between 32 and 42 early. South wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Saturday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after midnight. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 41. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Sunday: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Cloudy, with a high near 55. South southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Sunday Night: A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Cloudy, with a low around 44. Southeast wind around 15 mph becoming southwest. Winds could gust as high as 20 mph.

Monday: A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Cloudy, with a high near 58. Southwest wind 15 to 20 mph becoming north northwest. Winds could gust as high as 25 mph.

Monday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 38. North northwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

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Austin police note upturn in random gang violence

Obituaries

R. O. Johnson, 87

Pampa- R. O. Johnson, 87, died March 4, 2010, in Amarillo, Texas. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Kingsmill Avenue.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

PAMPA PD

The Pampa Police Department responded to the following calls during the period between 7 a.m. Wednesday, March 3 to 7 a.m. Thursday, March 4.

Animal Control Officers responded to 14 calls or stops.

Pampa Police Officers made 13 traffic stops, had two ongoing investigations, and responded to two requests for information. An attempt to serve was

made in the 200 block of Miami Street. A civil matter was reported in the 200 block of West

Harassment was reported in the 1200 block of North Wells Street. Officers responded to an

accident in the 400 block of N. Ward Street. Narcotics violation was reported in the 1100 block

of N. Starkweather Street. Assault was reported in the 400 block of E. Frederic Avenue.

A civil matter was reported in the 200 block of W.

Kingsmill Avenue. Officers responded to a medical call in the 600

block of N. Price Road. Disorderly Conduct was

reported in the 1400 block

of N. Hobart Street. An agency assist occurred in the 400 block of N. Hazel Street.

A traffic complaint was taken in the 1200 block of S. Dwight Street.

Burglary was reported in the 2600 block of N. Fir Street.

A civil matter was reported in the 500 block of N. Nelson Street.

A welfare check was made in the 1600 block of

W. Somerville Street. Officers responded to an accident in the 1400 block of N. Dwight.

A civil matter was reported in the 1100 block of S.

Dwight Street.

A civil matter was reported in the 200 block of W. Kingsmill Avenue.

Phone Harassment was reported in the 700 block of E. Scott Avenue.

Disorderly Conduct was reported in the 600 block of N. Davis Street.

Domestic disturbance was reported in the 300 block of S. Miami Street. Assault was reported

in the 200 block of W. Kingsmill Avenue.

An alarm was reported in the 1000 block of N. Hobart Street.

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Airport body scanners spreading across US

BOSTON (AP)The Transportation Security Administration on Friday announced nine more U.S. airports that will receive body-scanning technology as the U.S. heightens its effort to detect hidden explosives and contraband.

TSA security director Lee Kair said units will be fielded in the coming months at Fort Lauderdale, Florida; San Jose, California; Columbus, Ohio; San Diego; Charlotte, North Carolina; Cincinnati; Los Angeles; Oakland, California; and Kansas City.

They will join three machines going online Monday at Boston's Logan International Airport, and in the next week at O'Hare International Airport in Chicago.

All are among 150 machines bought with money from the federal stimulus package signed by President Barack Obama last year? They join 40 machines already in use at 19 airports nationwide.

Deployment of the machines announced in the fall, before a Nigerian allegedly tried to blow up a Those who decline will have to walk Detroit-bound airliner on Christmas through a metal detector and also

Day with explosives concealed in his underwear. Even so, that event highlighted the need for additional security in the U.S. aviation system.

Other countries have also signed on to use the technology, including Nigeria and the Netherlands, where the final leg of the man's flight originated.

Civil libertarians and even Pope Benedict XVI have complained that the new machines can violate a passenger's privacy. The American Civil Liberties Union has denounced the screening as a "virtual strip search."

The TSA says that the units won't be able to print or store images, and that the officer viewing them will have no contact with passengers.

The scanners allow the TSA to see beneath a passenger's clothing, to search for contraband not detectable to the eye or a metal screener. man Passengers will have the option of accepting or declining a body scan. Those who do - and pass - will not have to walk through a metal

submit to a patdown.

Images from the scanner will be displayed in a remote viewing room. A passenger's face will be blurred, and the image will be seen only by an officer in the room. The passenger will remain at the checkpoint until the remote officer gives the all-clear to another officer standing with the passenger.

Sample images are on display on the TSA's Web site.

The Obama administration announced in February 2009 that it would provide \$1 billion for airport screening as part of its \$787 billion federal stimulus package.

In May, the administration detailed how that money would be spent - including \$25 million for the new scanners. Between May and September, the department asked contractors to provide proposals for building the scanners. Competing models were tested over the summer.

The department awarded the comtract to California-based Rapiscan at the end of September

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) After recent drive-by shootings and the death of a 75-year-old woman who was beaten during a pursesnatching, Austin police say they're increasingly concerned about random gang violence in the city.

Unlike many gang-related crimes, in which members attack rival groups, recent victims were chosen for no apparent reason, police said.

"It was just complete random violence," Cmdr. Chris Noble told the Austin American-Statesman in Friday's editions. "We can't find anything at all to indicate this was targeted."

Jennie McClusky, 75, died Wednesday from injuries sustained in a January attack as she stood outside a Taco Bell. The woman,

said to be frail and about 90 pounds, was elbowed in the face after resisting the purse-snatching, according to police reports.

Police are investigating her death as a homicide but are awaiting autopsy results before possibly bringing more charges against the eighth-grade student and 17-year-old accused of robbing her. The older teen also has been charged with soliciting membership to a criminal street gang.

McClusky's death followed a pair of drive-by shootings Saturday. One man survived being shot in the neck during one of the attacks and has been released from the hospital, authorities said. No one was hurt in the other shooting.

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Abortion coverage dispute divides House Democrats

WASHINGTON (AP) - On the other side of the obstacle course that President Barack Obama must clear to get his health care overhaul, a final trapdoor is lurking: the divisive politics of abortion.

The issue pits House Democrats against each other just when Obama is calling on them to unite for one last push on health care in a perilous election year. The fate of the sweeping legislation to expand coverage and revamp the health insurance market hangs in the balance.

Democrats House opposed to abortion, as well as their counterparts who support abortion rights, are resisting funding restrictions on the procedure spelled out in the Senate health care overhaul bill. But the plan Democratic leaders have worked out for the health care endgame calls for House Democrats to pass that same Senate bill, with little prospect of changing the abortion language.

Although each chamber is also supposed to pass a companion package of agreed-upon changes, abortion funding is not among them. It doesn't appear likely to be includ-

Speaker Nancy Pelosi vented her frustration Thursday, telling reporters she will not stand for health care legislation getting dragged down in a battle over abortion. "This is not about abortion," said Pelosi, D-Calif. "This is a bill about providing quality affordable health care for all Americans."

She may not have a choice, says a leading abortion foe.

Stupak, Bart Rep.

D-Mich., says he and a dozen fellow Democrats who supported the House bill will vote against it this time unless the Senate language is replaced with stiffer restrictions previously adopted by the House. The House health care bill passed by 220-215 last November, only after Pelosi was forced to give Stupak a floor vote that incorporated his strict abortion funding provision in the measure.

Nothing has changed. said Stupak. "I don't think they have the votes to pass it," he said.

It's not clear, however, that every lawmaker who voted with Stupak the first time will stick with him.

Rep. Dale Kildee said he's keeping an open mind as he studies the Senate bill. "I'm looking at the language in the Senate bill to see if it carries out the purpose of the Hyde amendment," said Kildee, D-Mich. "If it does so to my satisfaction, I think I could go along with it." The long-standing Hyde

amendment bars federal funding for abortion except in cases of rape, incest or to save the mother's life.

Obama is pleading with Democrats to overcome divisions over abortion and other issues to seize a historic moment to remake the health care system.

On Thursday, he summoned more than a dozen House rank-and-file liberals and moderates to the White House. It's the opportunity of a generation, he told them - a chance to revive the party's agenda after his rough first year in office.

In back-to-back meetngs in the Oval Office and Roosevelt Room, Obama

urged lawmakers to focus on the positives rather than their disappointments. Lawmakers said Obama assured them the legislation was merely the first step, and he promised to work with them in the future to improve its provisions.

Settling the dispute over abortion funding remains one of his biggest challenges. Government policy on taxpayer funding for abortion has been settled for years, following the Hyde amendment. Obama insists he never wanted to alter that balance.

But that's exactly what happened. The Democratic bills created a new stream of federal money to help working households afford health insurance premiums. And those funds were not subject to the Hyde restrictions.

Leading abortion oppo-- including the nents nation's Catholic bishops - say the Senate language is a fig leaf, opening the way for government subsidies for abortion. They're urging defeat of the health care bill unless it takes Stupak's approach.

Abortion rights supporters say both measures impose unreasonable restrictions on women's access to a legal medical procedure now widely covered by health insurance.



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DHA allows church at public housing unit after all

DALLAS (AP) - A public housing apartment that has held Sunday worship services for more than a decade can continue to do so, a Dallas Housing Authority official said Thursday, reversing an earlier decision that had upset some residents.

DHA President MaryAnn Russ said Lake Highlands United Methodist Church can have services at Audelia Manor this Sunday after all and apologized for any confusion.

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of church and state and the Housing Authority's contract with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, which provides funding.

"Rather than being constitutional issues, I'd characterize it as being language issues," Russ told The Associated Press.

Russ, who became the local housing chief a year ago, said the DHA was in the process of updating the memorandum of agreement it has with about 45 different agencies, most of them faith-based.

In the interim, "we canseparation celed everything abruptly"

including the church service, Russ said. "Boy, that was a dumb thing for us to do."

After meeting Thursday with Lake Highlands United Methodist Church's associate pastor, a city councilman and other officials, Russ announced DHA's position change, saying it was a miscommunication and praising the role faith-based groups play.

"I take full responsibility for the fact that this was so badly handled," Russ said. This was our fault."

In addition to worship, the church and other groups provide a myriad of support services to public housing residents, including meals, making hospital visits to sick tenants and arranging special events and celebrations.

"Everything we do is about building relationships; that's what we wanted to help them understand," the Rev. Pamela Clark of Lake Highlands United Methodist said.

Clark said she and others are pleased that the worship service — attended by dozens of elderly and disabled residents - can resume.

"God is good and it was

Diego-based collision

In congressional hearthat only they can read," LaHood said.

The AP review of lawsuits around the country found many in which Toyota was accused of refusing to reveal EDR and other data, and not just in sudden acceleration cases.

In Kentucky, to cite one example, a recent lawsuit filed by Dari Martin over a wreck involving a 2007 Prius sought information from Toyota to bolster his claim that the car's seatbelt was defective. Toyota refused, contending there was no reliable way to validate the EDR data and that an engineer would have to travel from New Jersey or California at a cost of some \$5,000 to retrieve it.

tifiable reason for Toyota not to disclose this information," Martin's lawyers said in a court filing.

figured out," Clark said. Washington D.C.-based HUD spokesman Jerry Brown told The Dallas Morning News that the Fair Housing Act allows

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gallon reached on Jan. 14. Many analysts forecast prices will top \$3 per gal-

lon this spring. Prices have jumped 6.6 cents in the past month and remain 78.7 cents higher than prices of a year ago.

In other Nymex trading in April contracts, heating oil rose 0.83 cent to \$2.0770 a gallon, and gasoline gained 1.01 cents to \$2.2438 a gallon. Natural gas gained 0.4 cent at \$4.579 per 1,000 cubic feet.

In London, Brent crude was up 52 cents at \$79.06 on the ICE futures exchange.

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enemies," he said.

"If the dog's body goes rigid, they cock their head. perk ears, fix their eyes, you know it's dangerous," he said. "You certainly don't want to go where the dog doesn't want to go. They saved my butt from enemy fire several times."

In one incident his dog alerted as they led a patrol. into a clearing, he said.

"We hit the ground ambushed by enemies in bunkers," he said. "We laid behind a 10-inch diameter tree trunk, with enemies firing in front of us, and our guys firing over our heads. If we would have moved either direction, they would have blown the that led to ammunition hell out of us."

- In some lawsuits, 125-pound 5-foot-2, when pressed to provide woman told relatives she information was practically standing Toyota either settled or with both feet on the brake provided printouts with the pedal but could not stop the car from slamming into a Toyota's "black box" building. Records confirm information is emerging as that emergency personnel a critical legal issue amid found Grossman with both the recall of 8 million vehifeet on the brake pedal.

> A Toyota representative told the family's attorneys there was "ho sensor that would have preserved information regarding the accelerator and brake positions at the time of impact,' according to a summary of the case provided by Safety Research & Strategies Inc., a Rehoboth, Mass.-based company that does vehicle safety research for attorneys, engineers, government and others.

One attorney in the Texas case contends in court documents that Toyota may have deliberately stopped allowing its EDRs to collect critical information so the Japanese automaker would not be forced to reveal it in court cases.

was used and the angle of "This goes directly to defendants' notice of the There was no initial men- problem and willingness tion of brakes — a key to cover up the problem," said E. lodd Iracy, who had been suing automakers for 20 years. Randy Roberts, an attorney for the driver in that case, said he was surprised at how little information the Avalon's EDR contained.

tion because it is still a prototype, despite being in use since 2001 in Toyota vehicles. Three other laptops capable of reading the devices were delivered this week to NHTSA for training on their use, Toyota said, and 150 more will be brought to the U.S. for commercial use by the end of April.

By contrast, acceptance and distribution of data recorder technology by other automakers is commonplace.

Motors, for General example, has licensed the auto parts maker Bosch to produce a device capable of downloading EDR data directly to a laptop computer, either from the scene of an accident or later. The device is available to law enforcement agencies or any other third party, spokesman Alan Adler said.

Spokesmen from Ford and Chrysler said their recorder data is just as accessible. "We put what you would call 'open systems' in our vehicles, which are readable by law enforcement or anyone ogs

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Belvoir, Va. They have raised about \$20,000 of

an estimated cost of about \$850,000. Pigeons, dolphins, horses and other animals have served in wars since World War I, said Burnam, 62, who served in the Army from 1966 to 1968. But no

animal has done as much as the dog, which has served as sentries, scouts, trackers and patrol leaders, he said. Burnam and his scout dog led infantry patrols. Burnam knows firsthand the dogs, like his scout dog that led infantry patrols, deserve recognition. "We were the tip of the spear, detecting sounds and movement in the jungles,

caches, underground tunnel "There is simply no juscomplexes, and entrenched

ings on the recalls last week, U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood said Toyota's EDR data cannot be read by a commercially available tool used readily by other automakers. "Toyota has a proprietary EDR, which is the system

point in the sudden acceleration problem. When AP went back to Toyota to ask specifically about brake information, Toyota responded that its EDRs do, in fact, record "data on the brake's position and the antilock brake system."

But that does not square with information obtained by attorneys in a deadly crash last year in Southlake, Texas, and in a 2004 accident in Indiana that killed an elderly woman.

In the Texas crash, where four people died when their 2008 Avalon ripped through a fence, hit a tree and flipped into an icy pond, an EDR readout obtained by police listed as "off" any information on acceleration or braking.

In the 2004 crash in Evansville, Ind., that killed 77-year-old Juanita Grossman, attorneys for her family say a Toyota technician traveled from the company's U.S. headquarters in Torrance, Calif., to examine her 2003 Camry.

"When I found out the Toyota black box was so uninformative, I was shocked," Roberts said.

Toyota refused comment Thursday on Tracy's allegations because it is an ongoing legal matter, but said the company does share EDR information with government regulators.

"Because the EDR system is an experimental device and is neither intended, nor reliable, for accident reconstruction, Toyota's policy is to download data only at the direction of law enforcement, NHTSA or a court order," the Toyota statement said.

Last week, Toyota acknowledged it has only a single laptop available in the U.S. to download Before she died, the its data recorder informa-

who has a need to read that data," Chrysler spokesman Mike Palese said.

Nissan also makes its EDR data readily available to third parties using a device called Consult, spokesman Colin Price said. The program allows access to a host of vehicle data, from diagnosing the cause of a check-engine light to downloading EDR data after a crash, he said.

However, Honda does not allow open access to its EDR data. Spokesman Ed Miller said the data is only readable by Honda and is made available only by court order.

In many cases, attorneys and crash experts say EDR data could help explain what happened in the moments before a crash by detailing the positions of the gas and brake pedals as well as the engine's RPM.

"Had Toyota gotten on the stick and made this stuff available early on, I think they'd be in a better position than they are now," said W.R. "Rusty" Haight, owner of a San

Lawsuits in California and Colorado have accused Toyota of systemically withholding key documents and information in a wide variety of accident cases, but no judge or jury has found against the car company on those allegations.

Some crash experts say Toyota shouldn't bear too much criticism for failing to capture large amounts or specific kinds of data, because EDR systems were initially built for air bag deployment and not necessarily to reconstruct wrecks. They also vary widely from vehicle model to model, said Haight, the San Diego collision expert. "That doesn't mean I'm hiding something or preventing you from getting something," Haight said. "It simply means that, in the development of a car, other considerations took priority --- nothing more."

Death

clear violation of public trust and I fully support the Harris County District Attorney's decision to pursue all remedies."

Green's lawyers had argued the law providing for the procedures surrounding instructions to a jury in the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure violate the Eighth and 14th Amendments to the U.S. Constitution prohibiting cruel and unusual punishcont. from page 1

ment and guaranteeing the right of due process.

If Fine's ruling were upheld, it effectively would take away the option of the death penalty in Green's case.

"It's pretty traditional in these cases to file as many motions as you can and try to find something the judge finds approaches unconstitutionality," said Loper, the defense attorney.





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HURCH NOTES

Rushing Wind Emmaus community will meet Saturday, March 13, at the Waka Christian Center at 6 p.m. with a potluck meal, sponsors training and worship. The board will meet at 4 p.m.

KidZTown at Briarwood Church will be hosting a Kid's Crusade at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 10 through Friday March 12. The crusade's theme is "You have questions, he has answers, featuring the life of Joseph. Each service will feature praise and worship, bible games, illustrated sermon and black light puppets. It will be a great time for first through fifth grade students to learn answers to some of life's biggest questions. Children are welcome any of or all three nights. Call 665-7201 for more information.

The Macedonia Baptist Church invites the public to worship the lord and the beauty of his holiness during Pastor Darrin Eugene Wilson's first year appreciation services at 7 p.m. Friday, March 5 and 3:30 p.m. sunday, March 7.

Romans 10, verse 15 states,"And how can they preach unless they are sent?" As it is written," How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news." Please join us on this very special day and occasion.



Bentley Wayne Andreen

Ross Andreen and Paige Willinghan of Pampa welcomed their son Bentley Wayne Andreen at 6:13 p.m. on Jan. 25, 2010.

Bentley weighed 5 pounds 13 ounces and was 19 inches long at birth.

Granparents are Janice and Chuck Andreen, Brent and Nita Williamson and Bill Willingham, all of Pampa.

finished after man's death Supper

NEWTONBURG, Wis. (AP) — Henry Vogt didn't live long enough to see his 13,200-piece Lord's Supper puzzle completed.

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But Vogt's widow fervently believes he'll have the opportunity to say thanks for the help to family and friends when they join him in heaven.

"Doing this puzzle was one way of letting his faith shine through," said Paulette Vogt of her husband of 39 years who died Jan. 31, 2009, some 16 months after a diagnosis of bile duct cancer.

Henry was getting treatment at Froedtert Hospital in Milwaukee when he asked her to buy the puzzle about one-third the size of Leonardo da Vinci's original 15th century masterpiece — at nearby Puzzle World.

"I thought I was nuts buy-

ing the puzzle," Paulette said, noting the 25-pound box contained six bags with 2,200 puzzle pieces in each, comprising the 4-by-10-foot replica.

"He had previously made religious puzzles for the grandkids, but it didn't get this insane till he got sick," said Shelley Vogt, one of Paulette and Henry's four adult children.

Paulette and Shelley talked about the puzzle in the fellowship hall at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church on English Lake Road.

That is exactly where Henry said he wanted it placed after Paulette recalled saying to him, "This puzzle is huge ... what will we do with it?"

With wood frame and glass, the 250-pound puzzle masterpiece is bolted to one wall. It will be on dis-

play for inspiration to St. John's church members for decades to come, Paulette said. Many of them helped complete it from February through October 2009 after Henry's passing.

"There's a story in every piece ... it was a tough puzzle," she said of large portions of the puzzle of similar color making proper placement challenging.

But Henry had plenty of assistance and Shelley and Paulette believe the Christian fellowship strengthened during its monthslong creation is the puzzle's lasting legacy.

The mother and daughter said when friends and family came to visit the former farmer and Lakeside Foods field supervisor at their Carstens Lake Road home Henry would take their car keys and expect them to put in, at least, five pieces before leaving.

diagnosis, Shelley e-mailed her parents with a special message, "A Puzzle," where she expressed her deep faith in a God that helps make life fit, even in difficult times.

"I realize that life, perhaps events in life, are like a puzzle," Shelley wrote. "Each piece serves a purpose, and yet combines with another piece to make a whole ... just when you think you can't get the stupid piece to fit with another, by some glimmer of chance or hope or something ... a piece fits together.

An eighth-grade teacher at a WELS school in Milwaukee, Shelley told her parents, "If we so choose to display the puzzle when it is completed, we can be confident that the glue that holds us together is faith, our faith in Christ Jesus ... with Christ in our puzzle, no matter what stage, our puzzle is complete.

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DEAR ABBY: I have been dating a guy who is wonderful, caring -- everything a woman would want. There's just one problem. When he takes off his shirt, he has an extremely ugly mole. It looks suspicious and is irregularly shaped. I can't stand looking at it, but my eyes are drawn to it like to a car wreck. To top it off, it has hair growing out of it.

I know he probably pays no attention to it because it's on his back. But I see it staring back at me. How do you tell a loving and caring man that you're turned off by his scary mole? -- GROSSED OUT IN OKLAHOMA CITY

GROSSED DEAR OUT: Because man was not born equipped with a rearview mirror, it takes a caring friend to tell him -- or her -- what's going on behind his/her back It's not necessary to say that you are "grossed out" at the sight of the mole. All you need to say is: "Honey, you have a large, irregularly shaped mole on your back that looks suspicious. It doesn't look right, and you need to have it checked out by a dermatologist as soon as possible because I'm worried about you.

DEAR ABBY: It's tax season, and once again, my husband and I are faced with our annual "conflict." We buy a tax program for our computer and do our own taxes. Every year, one of our daughters has my husband do her taxes. After he completes them, he returns the forms so she and her husband can sign them. The problem is, they never pay the taxes they owe.

My daughter and sonin-law owe thousands of dollars, and I know they risk being audited by the

IRS. If that happens, I am sure the kids will say that my husband actually did the taxes, which could draw us into their problem. It might even target us to be audited. I don't want to be dragged into this potential problem. My husband thinks I'm being silly and borrowing trouble unnecessarily. What do you think? -- HONEST TAXPAYER IN WISCONSIN

DEAR HONEST TAXPAYER: Because your husband is preparing the tax return as a favor and not being paid, I doubt he will get into trouble. But there's a good chance your daughter and her husband will. What she needs to do is contact the IRS and work out some kind of workable payment plan. And as loving parents, you and your husband should encourage them to act like responsible adults and do that.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 48-year-old divorced man who has been dating a divorcee for five years. Last night I asked her to marry me, only to be told she was not ready and afraid of being hurt again.

Should I stay in this relationship, or stop seeing her and try to start another relationship? I'm afraid that staying in this one much longer will prevent me from finding someone else who would marry me. -- REJECTED AND DEJECTED IN OHIO

DEAR DEJECTED: After five years of dating, the lady should have some idea of how trustworthy you are. Because she's gun-shy, offer to go with her to some counseling sessions in order to allay her fears. If she's willing, continue the relationship a little longer. If she's not, then your instincts are correct, and it's time to move on.

Dog warns owner of cat in danger

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) morning routine. They eat together. They sleep together.

They're about the same size and look a bit

and barking, so Bjelland let owner figures the cat was the dog back inside. When, after another quarter-hour Chloe still was barking at the door, Bjelland let the pug outside again.

But Chloe kept barking

gone onto ice, which gave way beneath her. The in the pond for about 20 minutes.

After her father's cancer

alike, with similar coloring, although Chloe the 22-pound pug is almost as broad as she's tall and Willow, a Siamese cat, has longer legs and is, well, more willowy.

Sometimes 7-year-old Chloe even deigns to chase and play with Willow or puts up with the 1-year-old feline's rubbing and licking her.

But the bond between the pets of Amanda and Ron Bjelland grew even stronger last Thursday.

The morning began as usual. At about 6:10 a.m., Bjelland walked with her pets to the mailbox to pick up the morning newspaper.

The return to the house ended as usual, with Bjelland and Chloe going in the front door and Willow wandering around back to explore.

But by 6:15 a.m., things began to change.

Chloe started crying at the glass door to the back yard. Bjelland let the 7-year-old dog out onto the deck and continued her More barking.

So Bjelland went out to see what was causing the ruckus.

Chloe led her owner down the back steps. Willow was nowhere in sight as Bjelland and the dog reached family's koi pond.

The cat had fallen through the ice that covered the 5-by-9-foot fish pond except for a hole in the center kept open to allow gasses to escape from the koi habitat. The cat was churning with her front paws but couldn't escape the frigid 3-foot-deep waters.

Shaking, shivering and meowing, Willow was pulled from the pond, then rushed to the house to be warmed up.

Rabbit tracks were in the snow near the pond. Bjelland suspects that the cat may have been checking out birds or wildlife that frequent the yard and

For raising the alarm, Chloe was rewarded with a special bone.

With the warmer weather in recent days, the Bjellands worked to chip away the ice on the pond. The pets are back to their

love-you/maybe-I'll-tolerate-you relationship. And Chloe?

"She knows she did good," Bjelland said.





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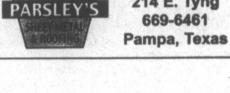
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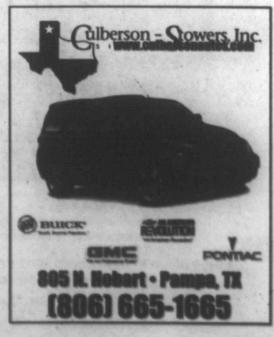
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Fexas World War II vet gets high school diploma

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) - Orange A. Cunningham was 18 when the United States called him to serve in World War II.

Cunningham heeded the call to duty in 1944, but it meant missing his senior year of high school. After military service, family and work beckoned, so Cunningham's dream of earning a high school diploma took a back seat. Still, throughout the 66 years since his draft, Cunningham, an Army veteran, often told relatives that he wanted his diploma.

On Sunday, he received that prized certificate just in time for his 84th birthday. Relatives and friends attended a ceremony at Hope of Glory Kingdom Ministries in north Fort Worth.

the celebration.

He felt so strongly about his dream that his family worked to help him realize it.

"During the whole time he has talked about his diploma," said Mildred Marshall, one of his three daughters.

After some historical sleuth work, the help of state Rep. Marc Veasey, D-Fort Worth, the Buffalo school district and the Texas Education Agency, Cunningham received an honorary diploma.

The school district established that if Cunningham were a senior today, he would be a student in the Buffalo schools, between Dallas and Houston, Veasey said. For the ceremony, Cunningham had a black cap and gown with a purple and gold "I feel good," Cunningham said before tassel - the spirit colors for Buffalo High

School. Cunningham has a knack for writing, so relatives presented Veasey with a poem that Cunningham penned.

He had attended an all-black high school in the Mexia area, Veasey said. But finding school records from formerly segregated schools is difficult because many no longer exist, or the schools changed names or closed while students were attending them, Veasey said. Sometimes, students had to attend all-black schools in a different town or county from where they lived.

Veasey said Cunningham benefited from a program that helps get diplomas for veterans whose schooling was interrupted by duty to country.

"It wasn't unusual for veterans to make this sacrifice," Veasey said.

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Cunningham worked for 30 years helping make sure Will Rogers Coliseum was swept and clean, Marshall said.

He also work nights doing janitorial work. At one time he owned Cunningham Janitorial Services.

"He was working to send us to school," Marshall said, adding that he stressed the importance of an education.

Veasey said Cunningham's quest can help younger generations understand the experience of segregation.

"It's hard for people to accept and for a lot of people to talk about," he said. "It happened, but we are a better country today. It's OK to highlight these schools and let people celebrate their family histories."

Jobless claims drop, retail sales climb

WASHINGTON (AP) - New claims for jobless benefits fell last week in a sign that layoffs may be easing as the economy slowly recovers.

Meanwhile, retailers reported Thursday that sales rose in February by the largest amount since November 2007, a month before the recession began. Factory orders also rose in January, the Commerce Department said.

The reports provide fresh evidence that the economy is steadily growing. But it's not clear when that improve-ment will translate into new hiring.

The Labor Department said Thursday that initial

claims for unemployment insurance fell by 29,000 to a seasonally adjusted 469,000. That nearly matches Wall Street analysts' estimates of 470,000.

Still, last week's drop only partly reverses a sharp rise in claims in the previous two weeks.

The four-week average of claims, which smooths out volatility, fell by 3,500 to 470,750. Despite the drop, the average has risen by about 20,000 since the beginning of the year.

The stock market ticked up on the news. The Dow Jones industrial average rose by about 20 points in morning trading.

Initial claims are considered a gauge of the pace of layoffs and an indication of companies' willingness to hire new workers. But they have been volatile in recent weeks as last month's severe snowstorms in the Northeast have distorted the data.

Claims rose sharply two weeks ago partly because several states processed a backlog of claims that had built up from previous weeks when government offices closed due to bad weather. No states reported backlogs this week, a Labor Department analyst said.

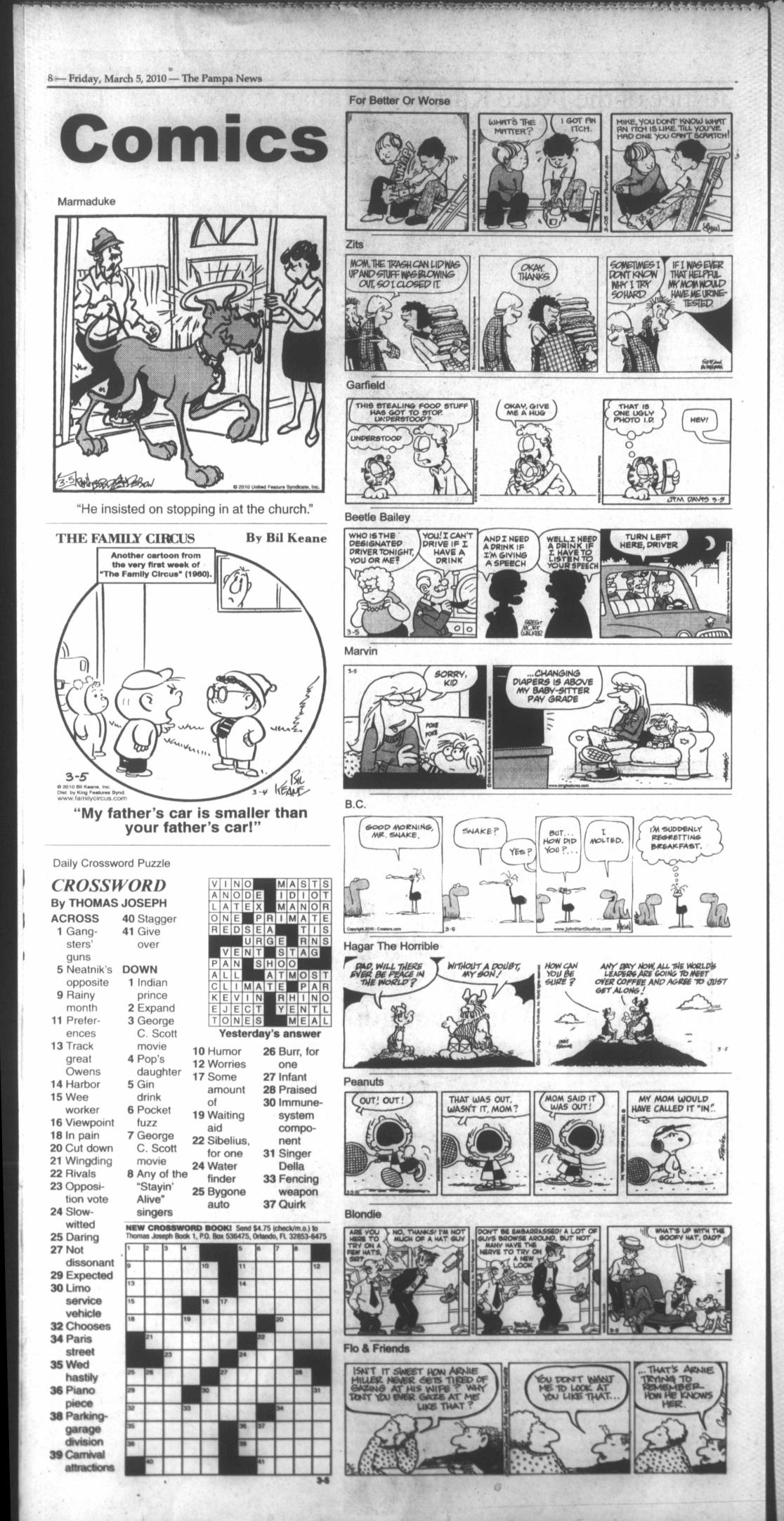
"It might be another couple of weeks until we get a clear picture of where claims are settling in," said Conrad DeQuadros, an economist at RDQ Economics.

In another sign that companies are raising output without adding many jobs, the department said in a separate report that productivity rose by 6.9 percent in the fourth quarter, higher than analysts' expectations of a 6.3 percent rise.

While higher productivity, or output per hour worked, raises living standards in the long run, it also enables companies to get by with fewer workers.

Separately, the number of buyers who agreed to purchase a home fell sharply in January, a sign that demand for housing is sinking this winter as stormy weather slammed Eastern states

The rise in retail sales reflected gains among a broad array of merchants, from luxury retailer Nordstrom to more mainstream Macy's Inc. Limited Brands Inc. and discounter Target Corp. also reported rising sales on Thursday that beat Wall Street analysts' estimates. The gains came in the face of a decline in consumer confidence.



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, March 6, 2010:

You start a new life and luck cycle this year. Please don't expect to play it lowkey. Many people will want to be around you. Pick and choose your company and friends with care. You only have so much time, and with an expanding circle of friends, time is getting even shorter. Be careful what you wish for, as you are likely to get just that. If you are single, you no longer need to maintain that status. You will be surrounded by admirers and potential suitors. If you're attached, the two of you need to become more visible as a couple. SAGITTARIUS pushes you into the limelight.

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) ★★★★ If you feel like taking off, the sooner the better. Someone who could be rather serious or dour might "need" to come along, but might be a drag. It is your call ultimately. Make it a day trip.

your can unimitely, sense it a on or pro-Tonight: Try a new restaurant. TAURUS (April 20-May 20) #*** Deal with others directly. You might not be as energized as you'd like, but you can inspire others. Don't hesitate to do just that. Friends invite you here and there. Choose only what works for you. Tonight: Chat over dinner.

and there. Choose only what works for you. Tonight: Chat over dinner. GEMENI (May 21-June 20) ***** Others seek you out, and you could be overwhelmed by everything that you hear. Pressure builds with an oble select of the second second second second second that you hear. ative or someone you look up to. fos might not feel like socializing all day long. Tonight: Defer to another per-

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ** You might need to pull back and rest. Others want you to join them, and they make their desires clear. If you are happiest at home, then that is where you need to be. Don't feel pressured by anyone. Tonight: Just make it easy. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

*** Take the initiative with a child or loved one. Let go of a serious or stern tone. Aren't you just posturing anyway? Someone might be excessive in his or her self-expression and feelings. You understand drama. Tonight: Where you are, the action is

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) *** You still can have fun on a tight budget. You can prove that fact right now. Stay close to home and invite friends over. Let them bring a favorite munchie or treat. Let everyone unwind and just have a good time. Tonight: Where the action is

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ** Give up your somber, serious tone. Remember that how you approach eone has a lot to do with how he or she receives you. Why not invite a couple of friends to go to a ballgame or to the movies? Tonight: Share with friends. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

*** Sometimes you simply don't want to hold back, and today is a good example. Temptation comes along in some form, and you decide ... OK! Still, remember that there is a tomorrow. Remain playful with a child or loved one. Romp like kids. Tonight: Paint the town

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

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**** Be impulsive and worry less about others' reactions. By being your own person, you unleash a lot of happiness, not just for you, but also for others Throw a party, and everyone will be all smiles at your pad. Tonight: Making the most of the moment. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

*** Know when to slow down. You might be happy doing your taxes or simply curling up with a good book, taking a snooze or two. Screen your calls, as others will be looking for you. Touch base with a special loved one. Tonight: Play it low-key.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

*** Don't plan on spending any time alone. Find your friends and have a good time wherever you are. Just don't choose to be alone. At some point, count on going just a bit wild. Holding you back is close to impossible. Tonight: Where the party is

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) **** Others drop their respon

ties on you, though you might not mind. Whatever you are doing, you really get into it and have a great time. A partner lets you know how much he or she wish-es you could be with him or her. Tonight: Could be late.

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Sports

Harvesters drop Snyder Tourney opener to

SUBMITTED BY KEVIN HUNT Fresh off of a 4-1 start, the Pampa Harvestes travelled to Snyder to face Lubbock Christian High School in game 1 of the annual Snyder baseball tournament. The game would not go as the Harversters hoped and they would suffer an 8-1 defeat.

In the first inning, Pampa

would get 2 runners on base but they were unable to score any runs. Lubbock Christian would get all the runs they needed in the bottom of the first by scoring 3 runs on 3 singles, a walk and hit batter.

Pampa , would threaten again in the top of the 2nd, by getting 2 more runners on base. But once again, they were unable to plate

Lubbock Christian would add 1 run in the bottom of the 2nd, 1 run in the bottom of the 3rd, and 1 more run in the bottom of the 4th to take a commanding 6-0 lead.

In the top of the 5th Pampa would threaten with a rally. With 2 outs, Doug Smith and Anthony Allen would walk. Mitchell

Killgo, would deliver an RBI single that sored Smith from 2nd base. But the rally would end with runners on 2nd and 3rd. Lubbock Christian

would score 2 more runs in the bottom of the 5th and would eventually bat long enough that the time limit expired and the game would end 8-1.

Colling Killgo pitched 2

innings, giving up 4 runs on 3 hits, striking out 2, walking 2 and hitting 1 batter. Tyler Malone also pitched 2 innings, giving up 2 runs on 3 hits, striking out 1, walking 1 and hitting 1 batter. Mitch Simon pitched the 5th, giving up 2 runs on 1 hit, walking 2 and striking out 1.

Pampa could get nothing going offensively as they could only muster 1 base hit. Pampa was able to get some runners on the bases but were never able to get the big hit when they needed to. Pampa stranded 6 runners on base during the game.

Pampa will play Pecos at 10 a.m. and Abilene Wiley at 4:30 p.m. on Friday.

Baylor's Griner suspended two games for punch in Tech game

DALLAS (AP) Brittney Griner, the dunking freshman sensation for No. 14 Baylor, has been suspended for two games after throwing a punch that broke an opposing player's nose in a Big 12 game.

Lady Bears coach Kim Mulkey said in a statement issued late Thursday that Griner will be suspended for one game in addition to a one-game suspension mandated by NCAA rules.

Griner was automatically suspended for Baylor's next contest, Sunday against No. 18 Texas in Waco. Mulkey's additional onegame suspension will force Griner to miss Baylor's Big 12 Championship tournament opener on March 11 or 12.

"Due to the severity of the act, it is appropriate that Ms. Griner is suspended for an additional game," Big 12 commissioner Dan Beebe said in a statement. "Therefore, I have accepted Baylor's action and commend athletics director Ian McCaw and head coach Kim Mulkey for taking a strong stance to support good sportsmanship."

The Big 12 tournament is next week in Kansas City, Mo., and Baylor is all but guaranteed a spot in the NCAA tournament the following week.

In the written statement from Baylor, Griner apologized to "the Lady Raider team, my teammates and coaches, the fans and the game of women's basketball."

"I let my emotions get the best of me and I am deeply sorry for my actions. I am committed to doing a better job of maintaining my composure in the future," she said. "I will grow from this and I am dedicated to setting an example to others of how to learn from personal mistakes."

The 19-year-old Griner is one of the most talked-about women's college players in years. The Houston native was an Internet sensation in high school with her incredible dunks and earlier this season she became only the second player to dunk more than once in a women's college game during a 99-18 rout of Texas State. Candace Parker of Tennessee was the first.

Griner was tentative at first, but has become one of the most dominant frontcourt players in the country and gets the most attention from opposing teams, often forcing them to be physical with her around the basket.

She's averaging 19 points, 8.7 rebounds and 6.1 blocks - second nationally - per game. She has season highs of 34 points and 21 rebounds, while recording 11 blocks in three different games. She already holds the Big 12 single-season blocks record.

On Wednesday night, she punched Texas Tech's Jordan Barncastle in the face after the two tangled in the second half of Baylor's 69-60 win in Lubbock.

The 6-foot-8 Griner and Barncastle were battling for position near the lane before Barncastle spun around and sent Griner lunging toward the baseline. As a foul was called on Barncastle, Griner straightened up and took two steps toward her before throwing a roundhouse punch with her right hand.

Players had to be separated in the scrum that ensued, and Baylor's Morghan Medlock was given a technical foul.

Barncastle stayed in long enough to shoot four technical free throws but didn't play again. Video showed her on the bench with gauze in her right nostril, smiling while describing the play to teammates by simulating a punch.

Barncastle's father and former high school coach, Doug Barncastle, said his daughter's nose was broken and declined further comment. Texas Tech spokeswoman Tammi Hoffman said Barncastle would be evaluated daily and it wasn't clear when she would be cleared to

play. After the game, Mulkey said she would deal with Griner but didn't plan to discuss disciplinary measures publicly.

"There's no place for that in sports," Mulkey said. "It was ugly for women's basketball."



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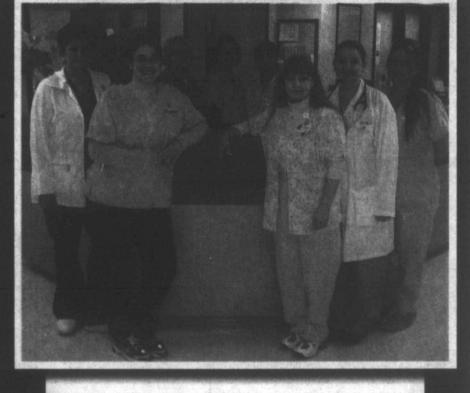


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