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## Hathcoat court proceedings end in mistrial

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Hathcoat

The trial of Darren William Hathcoat, who was arrested on charges of assaulting an elderly person, ended Thursday afternoon in a mistrial after jurors told Judge Lee Waters in 223rd District Court that they were divided and deadlocked.

Hathcoat, 45, was accused of injuring his aunt, Shirley Presson, 73, in a fit of rage last May when

she refused to take him to a store to buy sinus medicine. Proceedings began Wednesday morning following the selection of a jury.

Presson testified Wednesday afternoon that Hathcoat had asked

her about 5 p.m., May 8, 2009, to take him to a store to buy some over-the-counter cold medicine. She said that when she told him she couldn't find her driver's license, he became abusive and cursed her.

She said that Hathcoat had grabbed her by her arms and backed into the kitchen at her small home in the 500 block of North Naida and threatened to push her head into a pot of boiling water where she was preparing

potatoes to go with a chicken fried steak for Hathcoat's supper.

After Hathcoat left with a friend, Josh Seymour, 22, Presson went to her niece's and nephew's home and then about 10 p.m. went to the Gray County Sheriff's Office to file a complaint.

Presson said she was so scared of Hathcoat that she returned to the relatives' house until the following Monday when she knew Hathcoat was in jail and she was safe.

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## EGG-STRAVAGANZA



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**Local kids** scramble for goodies as their families look on at last year's Family Easter Egg Hunt at Memory Gardens. This year's event will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday.

## 2010 Family Easter Egg Hunt Sunday

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When you associate holidays with cemeteries, it's Halloween that usually comes to mind.

With Memory Gardens of Pampa set to host its 2010 Family Easter Egg Hunt at its north lot at 2 p.m. this Sunday, Daniel and Jeanna Zuniga are looking to change that.

"It's kind of funny," said Daniel with a chuckle. "When people first heard about it, they would come up to us and ask,

'Are you hiding the eggs around the tombstones?'"

With the event now entering its sixth year, the Zunigas don't have to correct that misconception much anymore. Memory Gardens first began hosting the hunt in 2004 as a way to get involved in the community. The event has quickly become a local tradition, with the Zunigas expecting another large turnout this year.

"When we were first doing it, we started with 300 to 400 kids showing up," said Daniel. "Now

we're up to 800 or 1,000.

"It's really great to see it grow. It's really become a community event. Once we started it, it became something that everyone looks forward to every year, and we're really happy about that. It's amazing to see all the people that show up every year."

Anticipating another big crowd, the Zunigas will be hiding 7,000 Easter eggs in the north lot this year. Also, there will be inflatable bounce houses for the kids, and adults can register for a door

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## Class 4 Winds projects future of Pampa wind programs

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Pampa native A.J. Swope returned to his hometown this week to present a program on the organization he's with, Class 4 Winds and to give a look at the future of wind programs in and around Pampa.

"We're a non-profit energy advocacy group," Swope told a gathering at AmericInn Thursday. "It's our job to educate different people on the different ways to capitalize on wind energy."

He said Class 4 Winds was organized by Xcel Energy, the

Panhandle Regional Planning Commission, West Texas A&M and a few other groups to act as a hub for information and education about wind for landowners, public officials, business owners and other panhandle citizens.

"We do that through large seminars," he said.

He said they had one planned for



Swope

**"The wind is industry is so new here in the Texas Panhandle and the rest of the region that not everybody knows who the players are."**

— A.J. Swope, Class 4 Winds

April 29, in Amarillo. Swope said Class 4 Winds also hosts luncheons, such as the one this week in Pampa, and other presentations.

"We also act as an advocacy group as far as promoting the region to the wind energy indus-

try," he said, "and to try to get more wind development in this region."

After being introduced by Clay Rice, executive director of the Pampa Economic Development Corporation, Swope said Class 4

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## PAMPA FORECAST

Saturday	Sunday	Monday
High 50 Low 36	High 58 Low 36	High 67 Low 36

**Tonight:** A 20 percent chance of showers after 1am. Partly cloudy, with a low around 40. Wind chill values between 32 and 37. Windy, with a south wind 20 to 25 mph becoming south southwest 10 to 15 mph. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph.

**Saturday:** A 30 percent chance of showers, mainly after 1pm. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 50. Wind chill values between 29 and 39 early. Windy, with a northwest wind between 30 and 35 mph, with gusts as high as 50 mph.

**Saturday Night:** A 20 percent chance of showers before 1am. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 36. Wind chill values between 28 and 33. Windy, with a north northwest wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

**Sunday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 58. North northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

**Sunday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 36. North northeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south southwest.

**Monday:** Sunny, with a high near 67. South southwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

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## Obituaries

### Cecil Collum, 91

Pampa—Cecil Collum died March 24, 2010 at Big Spring.

Mr. Collum was born April 9, 1918 in Rockwall. He was a 1936 graduate of Lefors High School. He married Mildred Davis on March 2, 1941 in Pampa. He had been a resident of Pampa since 1943, moving to Big Spring in 2008 to be with his daughter. Cecil was a pumper for Texaco, retiring after 36 1/2 years of service. He was a member of the First Baptist Church from 1942 until 2008 where he served as

a deacon. He and Mildred taught the 3-year-old class where he was known as "the gum man", and they worked with "Campers On A Mission." Cecil enjoyed fishing, hunting arrowheads, walking and gardening. The family would like to thank Crossroads Hospice of Big Spring and First Baptist Church of Big Spring for their love and care.

Survivors include his wife, Mildred Collum of the home; daughter, Judy Husted and husband Carroll of Big Spring; son,

Cecil Ray Collum and wife Tamara Lambert Collum of Pampa; seven grandchildren, Binky Collum of Odessa, Matt Collum and wife Sam, both of Amarillo, Debbie Husted Ramirez and husband Manuel and Michelle Husted Grigg and husband Pank, all of Big Spring; Donn Lambert and wife Christine, April Lambert and Theresa Lambert, all of Pampa; eleven great-grandchildren, Randy Phillippe Ramirez of Lubbock, Matt Ramirez, Mason Grigg, Tucker

Grigg, Cooper Grigg, all of Big Spring, Ethan Collum and Gabby Collum, both of San Angelo, Jace Collum, Missy Collum, both of Amarillo, Destiny Lambert and Emmalee Lambert, both of Pampa; two great-great-grandchildren.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 621, Pampa, TX 79066-0621.

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## Cop's Corner

The Pampa Police Department has received calls regarding citizens crossing across the streets into oncoming traffic, due to this we feel it is very important to remind citizens that not only is it against the law it is very dangerous. Texas Traffic Code Section 552.005 states a pedestrian shall yield the right of way to a vehicle on the highway if crossing a roadway at a place other than in a marked crosswalk or in an unmarked crosswalk at an intersection.

A few pedestrian tips from the Department of Transportation:

- Yield to vehicles on the roadway if you cross the street at a place other than a marked crosswalk or pedestrian tunnel or crossing. If you're hit while jaywalking, the driver may not be liable, and his or her auto insurance may not cover your injuries.
- Stay on sidewalks and the right-hand side of crosswalks. Drivers are supposed to yield the right of way to pedestrians in crosswalks.
- If the road has no sidewalk, walk on the left side of the road facing traffic.
- Always cross at intersections.

Look left, then right, then left again before proceeding.

- Look for traffic when stepping off a bus or from behind parked cars.
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## Hunt

prize drawing. Many local businesses have donated money or candy to help make the event possible.

The hunt itself is organized into five sections separated by age groups to ensure that everyone gets a fair opportunity to find the eggs.

"It's so much fun to watch the kids when they're out there looking," Daniel said. "You can really tell they're having fun. The parents, too. The name of (the event) is the Family Easter Egg Hunt, and it's cool to see all the families come out to have a good time together."

The Zunigas, who have two kids of their own, couldn't be happier with how the Easter egg hunt has been embraced by the community.

"Just the fact that we're able to give back to the community as a family is great," said Daniel. "Jeanna was born and raised in Pampa, so giving back is especially special for her. It helps to kind of remove the stigma of the business, which you're always going to have because of the nature of it. But what we're really all about is family, and this is a way for us to share that with everyone in town."

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## Wind

Winds partners with economic development corporations to bring in manufacturing for wind industry equipment.

The networking side of Class 4 Winds has grown substantially during the past few months, he said.

"The wind industry is so new here in the Texas Panhandle and the rest of the region," Swope said, "that not everybody knows who the players are."

He said that it is important that everyone in the wind industry gets together and figure out who can work together and partner up in order to capitalize in this new industry.

Class 4 Winds is funded by memberships, he said.

Ken Starcher, associate director of the Alternative Energy Institute at West Texas A&M University and on the Class 4 Winds board, said he doesn't know that wind energy has paid off yet, but the industry is growing at a time that few others are.

He said he sees a lot of things coming in the future for wind energy.

There are a lot of wind turbines in the State of Texas, Starcher said.

He said there's about 10,000 megawatts of wind power being produced in the state.

"That's about three to five percent of what we need day in and day out," Starcher said.

A lot of money is being spent on wind energy, and Starcher said he would like to see some of that money spent in the panhandle.

"Winds like we have here in the panhandle," he said, "we have great potential."

The problem is marketing the wind energy.

"But we're getting there," Starcher said.

Cameron Fredkin with Cross Texas Transmission with an office in Pampa said the power transmission systems from the proposed wind farms in the panhandle to the metropolitan markets downstate have been slowed by a power company in Garland, next to Dallas, but disagreements in the transmission competition are being worked out.

Transmission lines routes are being proposed, but it will take a while.

Cross Texas Transmission will propose some 700 routes, he said. From these the Public Utility Commission of Texas will pick one to carry electricity to metropolitan areas downstate.

Fredkin said Cross Texas is only one of the companies working to build out transmission lines to carry wind-generated electricity to other parts of the state. Its primary area of operation as designated by the Public Utility Commission is essentially around Pampa.

He said his company will build about 230 miles of the transmission lines in the panhandle that will tie into other lines to carry the electricity across the state.

Fredkin said other parts of the proposed power grid that will tie West Texas together with the rest of the state are ahead of the panhandle because of the objections filed by Garland.

It now appears that Garland will be working on lines from

the southwestern part of the panhandle, and the plans for the area around Pampa should beginning to move forward following a meeting next week.

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# CPR

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"The compressions are the same, but the hands and the airways are a little different. Kids are built differently from adults — and then, of course, there may be times when you have to do CPR on a baby like with Braley — so people need to be aware of how to handle each situation."

Gregory said that, while the process may seem complex and intimidating at first, CPR methods are actually very easy to learn.

"It's simple, really," she said. "The Red Cross class has made it so that a layperson can understand it easily. What we want to do is make that knowledge available to as many people as we can."

To sign up for the class or for more information, call the Red Cross at 806-669-7121.

# Hathcoat

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Protesting that he loved his aunt, Hathcoat denied Wednesday that he hit Presson and pushed her against the stove. He said that he had a toothache, an infection and suffered a spider bite on his thumb. He only wanted his aunt to give him a ride to the hospital and store to buy cold medicine.

Seymour, brought to the courtroom in his orange jail jumpsuit by a Gray County deputy, testified that he had gone to Presson's house with Hathcoat about 10 a.m. that morning, but waited on the porch while the two talked. He said he couldn't hear what they said, only that Presson seemed upset.

In closing arguments Thursday morning, Assistant District Attorney Jeromie Oney said Hathcoat was angry with his aunt because she wouldn't purchase the pills he wanted so he took her by the arms and pushed her into the stove as she was preparing his supper about 5 p.m., May 8, 2009.

Defense attorney Todd Alvey told the jury that if Hathcoat had backed Presson up against her stove, the bruises on Presson's arms should have been on the back of her arms, not on the front as sheriff department photos showed.

Alvey questioned why Presson had waited four hours before going to the sheriff's office.

Oney said the jury had to decide which witness was credible.

Presson, he said, remembered very specific details in her testimony. He noted that Presson's testimony was very detailed and consistent.

Oney said Seymour had trouble with his time and days and was not credible.

He pointed to inconsistencies in Hathcoat's and Seymour's testimony.

The jury began their deliberations shortly before 10 a.m. Thursday.

When jurors sent a note out to Judge Waters about 1:45 p.m., saying they were deadlocked, the judge encouraged them to keep trying, but a few minutes after 4 p.m., the jury returned to the courtroom, saying they remained hopelessly deadlocked.

Judge Waters declared a mistrial and discharged the jury.

The case will be put back on the trial docket and rescheduled.

# Sudoku

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7	4	9	5	3	8	1	6	2
5	8	1	2	9	6	7	3	4
1	9	8	7	4	3	2	5	6
3	2	6	9	1	5	8	4	7
4	7	5	6	8	2	3	9	1
9	1	7	3	5	4	6	2	8
6	3	4	8	2	7	5	1	9
8	5	2	1	6	9	4	7	3

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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Level: Intermediate

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One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

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This year, you have the ability to revive your daily life, your work and/or your community standing. You often will have to settle in and handle details that others would prefer not to. Be sensitive to your changing needs within and honor them. If you are single, you could be quite taken by someone you meet in your day-to-day life. Don't rush! If you are attached, you grease the wheels of interaction so that you flow better together. VIRGO willingly pitches in.

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)  
\*\*\* Adjust your plans if need be. You were in one mood when deciding on plans; now you are in a different mood. Settling in and getting a project done might be more important than you realize. A parent, older relative or friend might need some of your time. Tonight: Do only what relaxes you.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)  
\*\*\*\*\* Sometimes you can't hold back (nor should you). The playful child within emerges, especially as you eye a day trip or a change of scenery. Invite someone you don't see that often to join in or meet you. Tonight: Whatever fits your fantasy.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)  
\*\*\*\* Someone you care about extends a very special invitation. You can hardly say "no," and you most likely want to say "yes." Honor certain priorities first. Errands and perhaps completing a project might star on this list.

Tonight: Make it easy.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)  
\*\*\*\*\* Communication flourishes between you and another person. You might be wondering what is happening within a special relationship. What better time for a lengthy brunch or off to the movies with dinner than today? Tonight: Catch up on a pal's news.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)  
\*\*\* Take a hint from Gemini's message. Share a hobby with a friend or loved one. You don't need to make spectacular plans. In fact, the two of you might enjoy a low-key but fun few hours. Recharge and relax. Tonight: Do what you like, and be with the people you like.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)  
\*\*\*\*\* Express your more dynamic, creative side with a fun event or get-together. Whether you are off skating with a child, off to the movies with a pal or throwing an unexpected get-together makes no difference — you'll have a good time. Tonight: Let your hair down.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)  
\*\*\*\* Sometimes you are so busy "doing," you rarely stop long enough to take stock and see what you need. Make this your personal day, where you do for yourself. For some, this might look like a lazy day. Everyone needs some downtime. Tonight: Close to home.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)  
\*\*\*\*\* Visualize, discuss and enjoy the process of interacting. Whether talking to a sibling or visiting with a neighbor, it makes no difference. You might adapt to another's plans and join in, whether it is a Scrabble marathon or off to the movies. Tonight: Where the action is.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

\*\*\*\* You might want to discuss an ongoing matter involving taxes, finances or investments. Then again, you might not. Clearly someone you look up to has a lot of good advice. Why not tap into this person's knowledge? Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)  
\*\*\*\*\* Decide on taking that bold step. Know that you want to go in a new direction. For some, taking the day off and visiting with friends at a distance or just going off to explore a favorite spot helps you clarify your direction. Tonight: Go for adventure.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)  
\*\*\*\* A partner or dear friend might read you too well, as this person offers you a very special opportunity. Though you appreciate the knowledge of this person, you could be a little uncomfortable with the intimacy or closeness. Tonight: One-on-one time.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)  
\*\*\*\*\* Defer to a dear friend or loved one who has very set ideas. You'll discover that you can relax more if you allow someone else to orchestrate the happening. Use care with how much you spend or share. Tonight: The more people around you, the better.

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# Viewpoints

## Letter to the Editor

To the Editor:

What's this! Our city commission is considering adaptation of an ordinance banning citizens from using their front lawns for parking lots? Drat! One of my lifetime goals is to own as many homes and empty buildings in Pampa that I can afford, let them go derelict if not already so, and park as many equally derelict vehicles that I possibly can on those premises...

As is the norm with any ordinance in Pampa, enforcement seems to be the snag when it comes to citing individuals that are breaking city, and for

the matter, county law. Example. Simply drive Duncan Street and count the vehicles parked on the sidewalk. Long has there been an ordinance against such practice, yet I have never witnessed any enforcement of this particular city law...

So, if the city commission does enact a new ordinance against any citizen parking his/her vehicle(s) on their property, what current/past action by our city fathers leads us to think the law will ever be enforced?

Dennis Palmitier  
Pampa

Send your "Letters to the Editor" to:  
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## Today in History

Today is Friday, March 26, the 85th day of 2010. There are 280 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On March 26, 1979, a peace treaty was signed by Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin (men-AH'-kem BAY'-gihn) and Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and witnessed by President Jimmy Carter at the White House.

### On this date:

In 1804, the Louisiana Purchase was divided into the Territory of Orleans and the District of Louisiana.

In 1827, composer Ludwig van Beethoven died in Vienna.

In 1885, the Eastman Dry Plate Co. of Rochester, N.Y. began manufacturing the first commercial photographic film on paper rolls.

In 1892, poet Walt Whitman died in Camden, N.J.

In 1917, the Seattle Metropolitans became the first U.S. team to win the Stanley Cup as they defeated the Montreal Canadiens.

In 1958, the U.S. Army launched America's third successful satellite, Explorer 3.

In 1971, East Pakistan proclaimed its independence, taking the name Bangladesh.

In 1982, groundbreaking ceremonies took place in Washington, D.C. for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

In 1990, designer Roy Halston died in San Francisco at age 57.

In 1997, the bodies of 39 members of the Heaven's Gate techno-religious cult who'd committed suicide were found inside a rented mansion in Rancho Santa Fe, Calif.

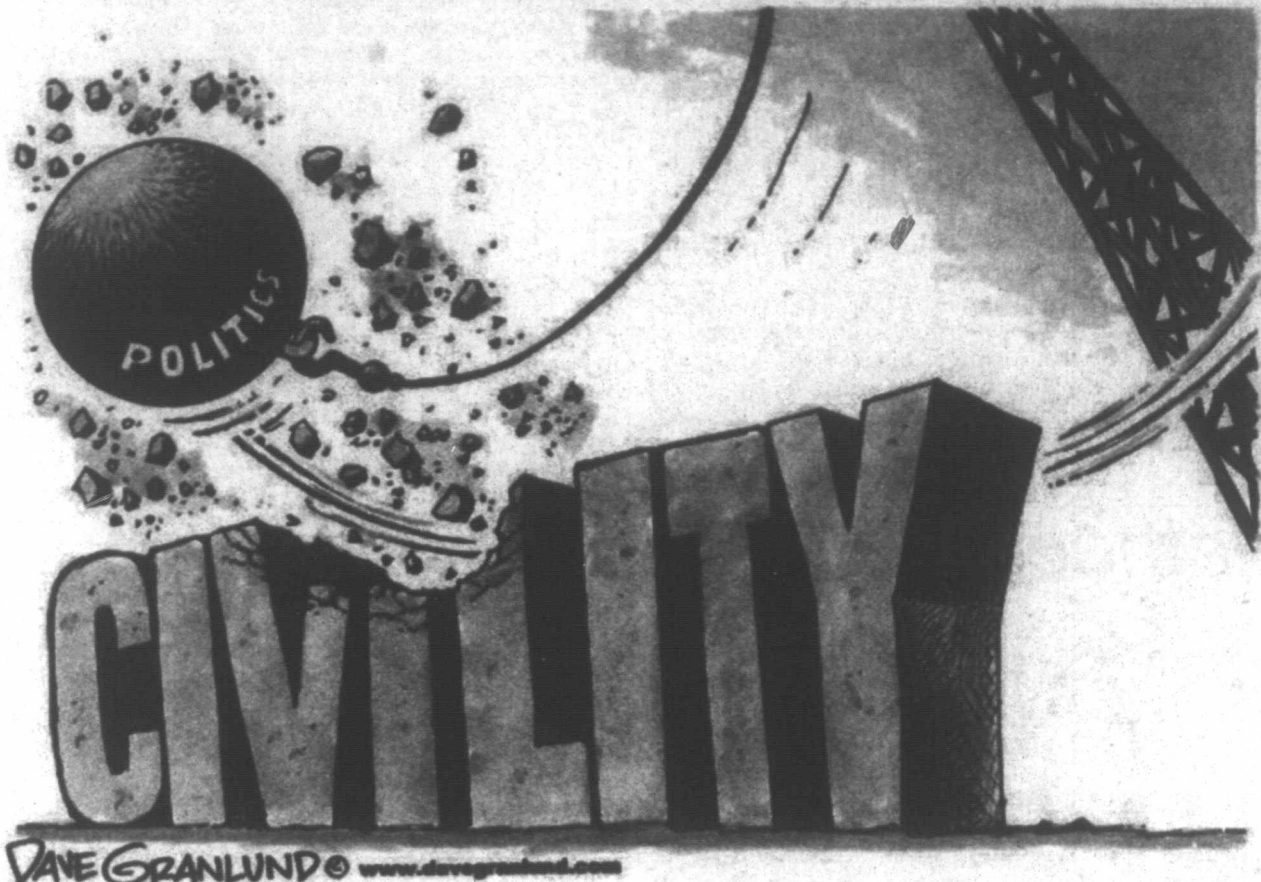
**Ten years ago:** "American Beauty" won five Oscars, including best picture; its leading man, Kevin Spacey, won best actor, while Hilary Swank won best actress for "Boys Don't Cry." Vladimir Putin was elected Russia's second democratically chosen president. "Joy of Sex" author Alex Comfort died in Oxfordshire, England, at age 80.

**Five years ago:** German Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger stood in for Pope John Paul II during the Easter Vigil Mass at the Vatican. (Ratzinger later succeeded John Paul, becoming Pope Benedict XVI.) Former British Prime Minister James Callaghan died one day before his 93rd birthday in East Sussex county, England.

**One year ago:** President Barack Obama held an unprecedented Internet town hall from the White House as he made a direct sales pitch for his \$3.6 trillion budget. A 23,000-ton Norwegian-owned vessel with a crew of 27 was hijacked off the Somali coastline. (The Bow Asir was released two weeks later.) A Soyuz capsule carrying a Russian-American crew and U.S. billionaire space tourist Charles Simonyi blasted off for the international space station. All-Star shortstop Miguel Tejada received a sentence of a year's probation for misleading Congress about an ex-teammate's use of performance-enhancing drugs. Evan Lysacek became the first American since Todd Eldredge in 1996 to win the men's title at the World Figure Skating Championship, held in Los Angeles.

**Today's Birthdays:** Jazz musician James Moody is 85. Conductor-composer Pierre Boulez is 85. Retired Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor is 80. Actor-director Leonard Nimoy is 79. Actor Alan Arkin is 76. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (puh-LOH'-see) is 70. Actor James Caan is 70. Author Erica Jong is 68. Journalist Bob Woodward is 67. Singer Diana Ross is 66. Actor Johnny Crawford is 64. Rock singer Steven Tyler (Aerosmith) is 62. Singer and TV personality Vicki Lawrence is 61. Actor Ernest Thomas is 61. Comedian Martin Short is 60. Country singer Ronnie McDowell is 60. Movie composer Alan Silvestri is 60. Rock musician Monte Yoho is 58. Radio talk show host Curtis Sliwa is 56. Country singer Dean Dillon is 55. Country singer Charly McClain is 54. TV personality Leeza Gibbons is 53. Actress Jennifer Grey is 50. College and Pro Football Hall of Famer Marcus Allen is 50. Basketball Hall of Famer John Stockton is 48. Actor Michael Imperioli is 44. Rock musician James Iha (EE'-hah) is 42. Country singer Kenny Chesney is 42. Actor T.R. Knight is 37. Rapper Juvenile is 35. Actress Amy Smart is 34. Actress Bianca Kajlich (KY'-lihk) is 33. Actress Keira Knightley is 25. Rapper J-Kwon is 24.

**Thought for Today:** "Our whole life is an attempt to discover when our spontaneity is whimsical, sentimental irresponsibility and when it is a valid expression of our deepest desires and values." - Helen Merrell Lynd, American sociologist and author (1896-1982).



## A time for civility, not bitterness

DONNA BRAZILE  
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The long, heated and emotionally corrosive debate over health care reform may be coming to an end on the House and Senate floors, but it's far from over as an issue in local and statewide campaigns across the country.

Voters have every right to learn how the landmark legislation will impact their lives. Seniors are right to demand answers about the solvency of Medicare. Doctors and nurses will focus on how it impacts the delivery of services. Parents are going to focus on their monthly premiums. And everyone will focus on the bottom line: Will it improve the quality of health care?

These concerns can and should be addressed in a civil and constructive manner. Partisanship is good, but there is no need for angry and bitter invectives that only sow seeds of division. Threatening lawmakers, their families and their staff with bodily harm is unacceptable. It's also reprehensible to hurl racial slurs.

It's time all lawmakers behave like responsible adults, end the name-calling and work together to encourage constructive dialogue and strongly discourage destructive, over-the-top rhetoric aimed at scoring political points.

House Minority Leader John Boehner said of fellow Ohioan Rep. Steve Driehaus, D-Ohio: "He may be a dead man. He can't go home to the west side of Cincinnati. The Catholics will run him out of town." A man in Driehaus' congressional district who had read Boehner's comments on "Politics Extra" blog commented: "Excellent job lil Stevie! Way to defecate [sic] on the Constitution... Way to ensure that the tax dollars of America goes to the systematic wholesale slaughter of children...!"

This kind of vitriol was directed at a staunch pro-life lawmaker whose only sin was to accept a presidential executive order reaffirming the federal ban on funding abortions instead of the more limited language some interpreted from the Senate's health bill.

The day before the historic vote, a person participating in a rally outside the Capitol split on Rep. Emanuel Cleaver, D-Mo. Another opponent of health care reform shouted "Fag!" at Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass. Others screamed the "n-word" at Rep. John Lewis, D-Ga.,

a man revered by GOP Sen. John McCain as "a national hero" who had been beaten bloody by a mob in Selma in the spring of 1965.

Some dismiss these events as "isolated." They are not.

The following news reports are from lawmakers faced with harassments of all sorts.

The same day a brick was thrown through the Niagara Falls office of Rep. Louise Slaughter, D-N.Y., with a note that read, "Extremism [sic] in defense of liberty is no vice," her office received a phone call threatening to "assassinate" the children of those who voted for reform. Slaughter has three daughters and seven grandchildren.

Rep. Bart Stupak, D-Mich., a former police officer who led an unflinching demand for stronger anti-abortion restrictions, told of threatening phone messages he had received, including a caller who said: "You're dead. We know where you live. We'll get you."

The day after a Tea Party sympathizer published the home address of Rep. Tom Perriello, D-Va., and urged people to pay him a visit, his brother, whose address was cited erroneously instead of the congressman's, arrived home and smelled gas. Someone had severed the propane gas line to his outdoor grill.

The glass door to the district office of Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, D-Ariz., was shattered. Local Democratic party headquarters across the country have reported harassing calls and some threats of violence. The list goes on and on.

One of my students at Georgetown University went to the Capitol that day to express support for the bill. She wrote of her experience:

"One of the (anti-reform) women engaged me and asked if I was old enough to vote. I said yes. She then asked if I had a job. I said I was a student at Georgetown. She then said, 'Oh, does your daddy pay for you to go there?' I responded, 'No, actually, I am on a full scholarship and my father does not have health insurance.' She proceeded to call me a whore and then walked away."

"Several other women approached us throughout the day, called me and my two female friends 'little privileged bitches' and 'sluts.' (They) pushed us when the police were

not looking and tried to cover our 'For Health Reform' signs with theirs.

... Another woman, who brought her 9-year-old daughter for the entire day, thought it appropriate to call us 'Hitler youth' and 'Nazis.' I informed her that I was Jewish, and she called me a 'bad Jew.'

"Never have I encountered such hate. The look in the protesters' eyes as we left was one that I have never in my life witnessed before. While I was excited about the health care victory, I was thoroughly upset at the divisiveness and hate I had just witnessed. I wondered how individuals with so much hate for so many Americans could call themselves Americans."

There's nothing wrong about disagreeing with someone over public policy. This is what our great democracy encour-



Brazile

ages. But death threats, racist and sexist comments, vandalism, and vile name-calling must be condemned — loudly, clearly and unequivocally.

I don't expect my readers to agree with my opinions, but I ask that you respect my right to express them without hurling insults or threats. Our lawmakers deserve the same consideration.

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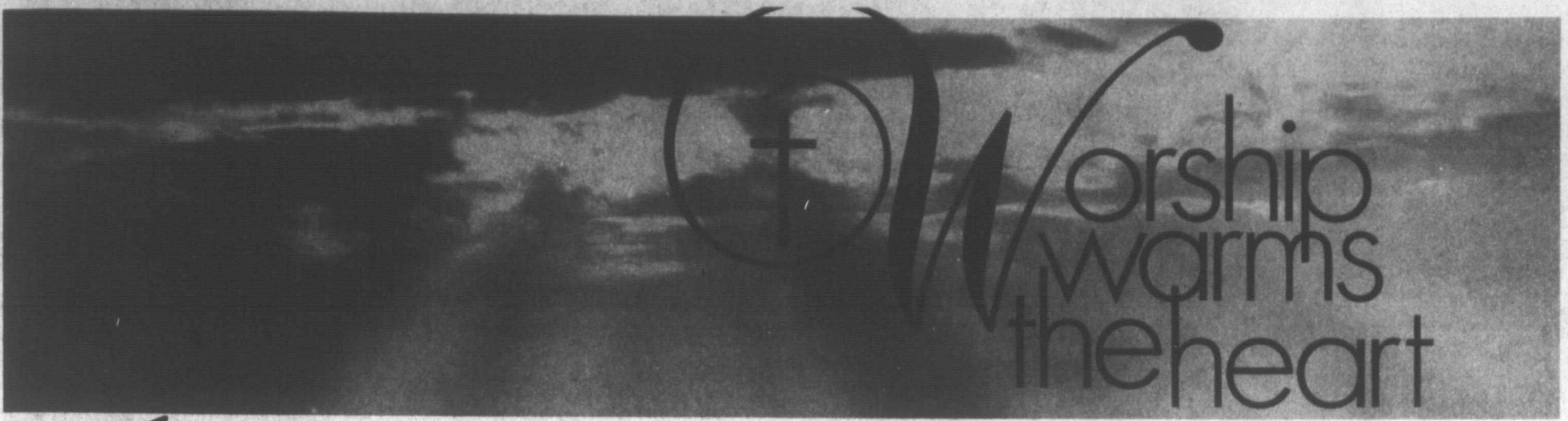
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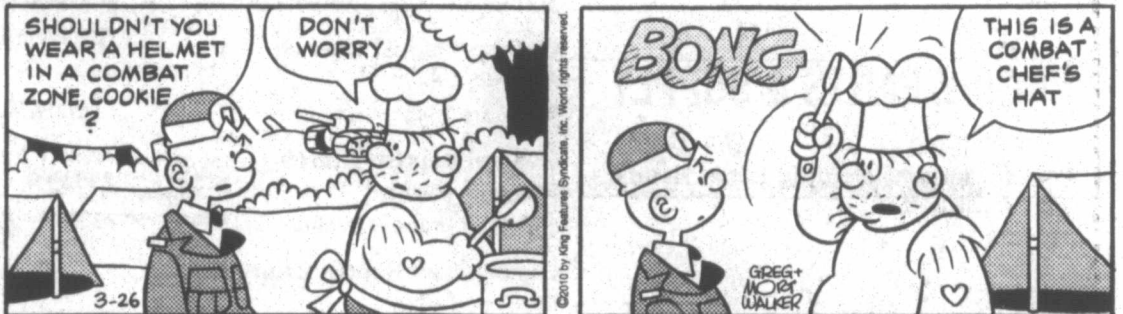
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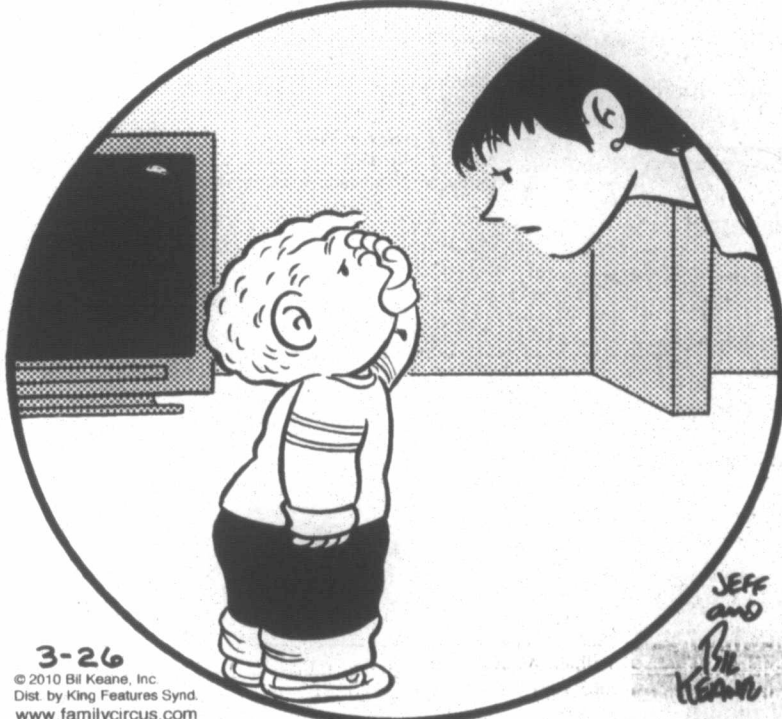


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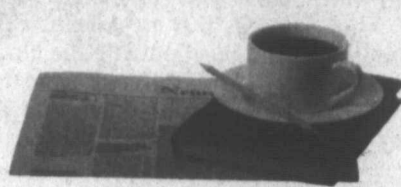
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# Sports

## Tough non-district schedule prepares Pampa for district play

BY ANDREW GLOVER  
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Before the season started, the Pampa Lady Harvesters softball team had two goals: win district and make it to at least the fourth round in the state playoffs. Part of what's going to help them do that was a tough non-district schedule.

The Lady Harvesters opened the season playing in the Abilene Ice Breaker Tournament. Pampa went 5-1 with victories over Bastrop, Coleman, Hawley, Abilene Wylie and Forsan, who is currently ninth in class 1A.

The Lady Harvesters season continued with a tournament in Burkburnett. Pampa went 2-2-1 in that tournament with wins over Wichita Falls Hirschi and Eula, tied Graham and lost to Vernon and Azle, who is currently ranked 21st in



Andrew Glover

class 4A. Pampa played their final non-district tournament in Little Elm. The Lady Harvesters finished the tournament with a 2-3 record, with wins over Bonham and Farmersville. Pampa lost to Corsicana, Little Elm and Prosper who is ranked 25th in class 3A.

The Lady Harvesters wrapped up non district defeating Plainview and losing to Vernon and Burkburnett, who is ranked

ninth in class 3A. Pampa finished non-district with a record of 10-8-1 and played against three ranked teams. The Lady Harvesters went 1-2 against ranked opponents but was competitive in all of three games.

This tough non-district schedule will prepare Pampa for tough district competition. As of press time Canyon and Randall lead the district with 3-0 records. The Lady Harvesters lost 1-0 to Randall to open district. Pampa currently sits in third with a 1-1 record. Dumas and Caprock are right behind them with 1-2 district records. The Lady Harvesters play at Dumas tonight and host Caprock Saturday. It's still early in district, so Hereford and Palo Duro can get back in the race.

One of the major

strengths for the Lady Harvesters is their pitching. Carlyn Teichmann and Ashley Facio. Teichmann had a shutout victory over Plainview and held Randall to only three hits. Facio pitched a no-hitter against Palo Duro Friday for the Lady Harvesters first district win.

Pampa also has hitting all through their lineup, from the lead-off batter to the ninth batter. Shelbie Watson, Teichmann and Samantha Pearson are swinging hot bats to name a few. So it will be fun and interesting to see how the Lady Harvesters navigate through their district schedule. I definitely think they'll be ready after their tough non-district schedule.

## District 3-4A Softball Standings

Team	W	L	W%	W	L	T	W%
Canyon	3	0	1.000	17	6	1	.729
Randall	3	0	1.000	11	9	0	.550
Pampa	1	1	.500	11	9	1	.548
Dumas	1	2	.333	8	8	1	.500
Caprock	1	2	.333	9	14	0	.391
Palo Duro	0	2	.000	5	11	0	.313
Hereford	0	2	.000	6	14	0	.300

## Pullen's key 3 helps K-State win

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Long after the jump shots stop falling and their ballyhooed beards go gray, Kansas State players will look back on this game as one of the best they ever played.

Same for the guys at Xavier, hard as it was to appreciate after a heart-breaker like that.

Jacob Pullen the guard who brought the phrase "Fear the Beard" to the Little Apple hit a pair of 3-pointers in the second overtime to help K-State outlast Xavier 101-96 on Thursday night in the West Regional semifinals.

An instant classic. "It was two teams that didn't want their season to end," said Pullen, who finished with 28 points.

It added yet another dramatic chapter to an NCAA tournament that has already been crazy. This was the fifth game to go to overtime — and the second that went to double OT.

After knocking off one so called mid-major, the second-seeded Wildcats (29-7) will play another fifth-seeded Butler on Saturday to try to make their first Final Four since 1964.

This is the first time Kansas State has made it this far since 1988.

The sixth-seeded Musketeers (26-9) were seeking their third trip to the regional finals in seven years. They missed, just barely, but it was hard to call anyone a loser on this night.

"As good a game as I've ever coached or been a part of," coach Chris Mack said.

Trailing by three at the end of regulation, Xavier's Terrell Holloway got fouled while heaving up a 30-footer with 5 seconds left and calmly made all three free throws. Xavier was down by three again at the end of the first overtime, but Jordan Crawford

jackd up a 35-footer that hit nothing but net.

"It was just one of those moments," Pullen said.

One that certainly belongs on YouTube, right beside Crawford's dunk on LeBron James, for sure.

But for Kansas State, this victory might land in a more permanent archive.

It was the next great moment in a season that took on its own personality in January, when Pullen decided to let the beard he grows along his jaw turn into something Abe Lincoln could love — and the K-State administration went along with it, passing out fake beards to fans who came to Bramlage Coliseum.

Now, the whole team has facial hair and fans wear T-shirts that say "Fear the Beard."

Only entertaining if the team plays well, and at this point, there's no arguing that.

"Real proud of our guys to find the courage and character to figure out a way to overcome some of our mistakes and some of the shots that Xavier made," K-State coach Frank Martin said.

With Pullen slowed down and in foul trouble, Denis Clemente kept Kansas State in it, scoring 21 of his 25 points in the second half.

It looked as though Kansas State had it wrapped up when Pullen made a 3-pointer and two clutch free throws late in regulation to help the Wildcats take a pair of three-point leads.

"It was an emotional roller-coaster," Pullen said. "I hit a shot at the end of the game, I'm thinking, 'That's game. That's the nail in the coffin.'"

Xavier still had 9.7 seconds left, though, and needed to go the length of the court and make a 3-pointer. Martin called on the familiar strategy of try-

ing to foul before a Xavier player could take the shot.

Clemente and Chris Merriewether were hacking away at Holloway (26 points), but no whistle came until Holloway, feeling the slaps, heaved up a shot from 30 feet and got the whistle with 5 seconds left. Hit all three free throws and the first overtime was on.

"Denis tried to foul beforehand, but the ref

didn't see it," Pullen said. "And then Chris went to foul again, and Holloway made a smart play and put the ball up."

K-State's inside team of Curtis Kelly (21 points) and Jamar Samuels (14) did most of the damage in the first OT to make it 87-84 with 18.1 seconds left.



## Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I am a medic in the Middle East. I was out on patrol with some of our guys when we were hit with a mortar attack. More than one guy was wounded.

I ran to the first guy and saw that he was hit. He had a wound I knew he wouldn't be able to survive. He pulled a letter from his pocket, put it in my hands and pushed me away. I tried to apply pressure to his wound to slow the bleeding, but he pushed me away again. It was like he was telling me to go to the next man who needed my attention. Everyone survived except him.

At first, I thought I did the right thing by respecting his wishes to help someone I could save. When I got back and talked to his family, they were angry at me for not trying harder to save his life. When I signed up for this job, I knew I wouldn't be able to save everyone, but I am supposed to try my best no matter who it is I am saving.

Was I wrong by going to another man who I could save? Was it wrong of me to take his letter and leave him after he pushed me away twice? Please tell me what you think. -- DOC IN DISTRESS

DEAR DOC: I think you were doing the best you could in an impossible situation. Your patient may have instinctively known he was not going to make it — which is why he gave you the letter. Of course the family was angry that you couldn't save their loved one — they are grieving. I urge you to talk to a counselor about what happened and the feelings of guilt you're experiencing. In a situation like the one in which you found yourself, wrenching choices sometimes have to be made. Please stop second-guessing yourself.

DEAR ABBY: My father is in the early stages of Alzheimer's. While at a family party, my stepmother started talking about how she and Dad had just visited their friends, the Royal Family in England.

I assume she thought she was being funny. My poor father was completely confused, but my stepmother continued on with the charade. We all felt uncomfortable and didn't know how to handle the situation. The grandkids felt bad for Grandpop.

I recently learned that my stepmother pretended her friend was his daughter. Dad is confused enough without having to be tricked in this manner. My stepmother is a very complex, challenging woman, and I need to handle this matter very carefully. Any suggestions would be greatly appreciated. -- SAD ABOUT DAD IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR SAD: Your stepmother is not only "complex and challenging," she has a twisted sense of humor. Ridiculing someone with dementia is cruel and, in my opinion, qualifies as elder abuse. As to "tricking" your father into thinking her friend was his daughter, I wish you had mentioned what she was trying to accomplish by doing that. Your father — and his assets — may need protection. Please consider discussing this with a social worker who specializes in senior services.

DEAR ABBY: My husband doesn't like his sister. When he drinks beer, he says ugly things about her and starts to cry. When I said she's his only sister and to cut it out, he closed his hands into fists.

I twice tried calling her at 1 a.m., after he fell asleep. Well, our phone bill arrived and her phone number is on it. He's the one who gets the mail, so please answer this in the paper. The bill is due in 10 days. -- PEACEMAKER IN FLORIDA

DEAR PEACEMAKER: If your husband is the one who pays the bills, fess up while he's sober, because it appears he doesn't handle his beer very well. And from now on, respect his boundaries because there may be good reason why he and his sister are on the outs.

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Wed., March 31, 6:15pm

**Mourning Thursday Service**  
Highlighting the First Lord's Supper  
Thursday, April 1, 7:00pm

**Good Friday Rock Opera Service**  
Telling of the story of Jesus' crucifixion through drama and music  
Friday, April 2, 7:00pm

**San Rise Service**  
Brief Easter Service with a Breakfast potluck to follow  
Sunday, April 4, 7:20am

**Easter Sunday Service Celebrating Christ's Rising**  
Sunday, April 4, 10:50am

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