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OUT WITH THE OLD, IN WITH THE NEW



Photos by Rick Blain and Timothy P. Howsare

ABOVE: Justin Carlton, a former projectionist at Cinema 4, is all smiles as he gets ready to trash a tangled mass of old 35mm film. BELOW: A digital versus 35mm comparison. Tim Thompson, a technician from Sonic Equipment, holds a hard drive storing both "Jack Reacher" and "Guilt Trip" next to two boxes of film cans just for the movie "Jack Reacher." Each of the boxes weighs about 35 pounds.

Cinema 4 switches to digital projectors

BY TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE
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By the end of 2013, movie studios will completely stop producing new releases on 35mm film, the industry standard for decades, and only ship movies to cinemas — big and small — in digital format.

While big theater chains like AMC have already made the switch from 35mm to digital projectors, which run about \$60,000 per screen, many small theaters like Cinema 4 in Pampa are either being forced to spend a lot of money to make the change or go out of business.

Thanks to a \$246,975 loan from the Pampa Economic Development Corp., Cinema 4 is closed through Thursday this week as it makes

the conversion. Other small cities haven't been so lucky as locally owned theaters had no choice but to close.

"Every one would tell me Pampa needs a movie theater," said Clay Rice, PEDC executive director during a presentation to the Pampa Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday.

Cinema 4 will reopen Friday with current flicks "Django Unchained," "This Is 40," "Jack Reacher" and "Parental Guidance," all with digital pictures and sound.

The old projectors were torn out on Monday.

"It is going good so far," said Jason Scott, who is one of the owners. "We will have all digital for every theater, digital sound and new screens."

There are no plans to keep the old

projectors, but then Scott added, "We might keep one for a souvenir."

Though it is a big change, Scott said they are glad to make the switch. "It will be good for the commu-

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Pampa Fuels groundbreaking is this Friday

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Pampa Fuels will host its groundbreaking ceremony at 2 p.m., Friday at the site of the former Celanese Chemical Plant on FM 2300.

"We're going to have a brief meeting in our office building with everybody," general manager Jim Bob Mitchell said.

Pampa Fuels CEO Timothy Vail will then address the crowd and direct them over to a pool of shuttle buses. The audience will ride the buses a couple of miles over to the groundbreaking ceremony.

Pampa Fuels plans to open a methanol production facility at this location.

"This is a small plant as far as methanol plants go," Mitchell said.

Mitchell noted that methanol is commonly used as an additive in the production of antifreeze and can potentially be used in window washer fluid. Methanol can also be added into synthetic dyes, resins and perfumes.

"Basically, it's a building block for other things," Mitchell said.

Featured guests at Friday's ceremony include Mayor Brad Pingel, County Judge Richard Peet and members of both the city and county commissions.

Hor d'oeuvres will follow the ceremony. The new Pampa Fuels facility is located at 8201 FM 2300.

County to hire new museum curator

BY SASHA HELLER
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The Gray County Commission on Tuesday unanimously approved advertising for a new curator at the White Deer Land Museum.

"Anne passed away a week ago Saturday," Judge Richard Peet said, referring to former curator Anne Davidson.

Assistant Kay Lard has since filled Davidson's position on an interim basis.

"We do have, of course, the assistant there managing things right now," Peet said.

Peet noted that he has created a job description for the curator position to be used in the job advertisement.

The Commission also unanimously approved appointing Robert Williams, Della Moyer, Greg Easley and Commissioner Neil Fulton to the White Deer Land Museum Foundation Board.

Peet said a fifth appointment will be made later this year once the Foundation Board sends its final recommendation.

"They run the museum and we have **COUNTY** cont. on page 3

21ST CENTURY LEARNING

Hundreds of students, parents and teachers gathered Monday night at Pampa High School for Pampa Independent School District's third annual Educational Showcase. All of the district's school were represented. Exhibit booths in the Commons ranged from the history of World War II, to mathematics to language arts. In the auditorium, choirs and bands from several schools performed. Food donations of Pop Tarts and peanut butter for Pampa Snack Pak for Kids were collected, as well as monetary donations.



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Gray County will soon advertise for a new curator at the White Deer Land Museum.

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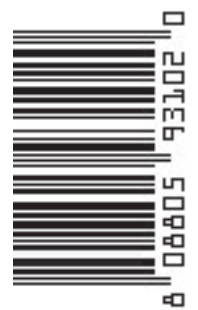
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PAMPA FORECAST

Today	Thursday	Friday
		
High 48 Low 25	High 47 Low 31	High 54 Low 30

Wednesday: Partly cloudy with a high of 48. No chance of rain. Wind northwest at 11 mph. Sunrise at 7:52 a.m.

Wednesday night: Clear skies with a low of 25. No chance of rain. Wind northwest at 11 mph. Sunset at 5:56 p.m.

Thursday: Sunny with a high of 47. No chance of rain. Wind north at 9 mph. Sunrise at 7:52 a.m.

Thursday night: Clear skies with a low of 31. No chance of rain. Wind south at 8 mph. Sunset at 5:57 p.m.

Friday: Sunny with a high of 54. No chance of rain. Wind southwest at 17 mph. Sunrise at 7:52 a.m.

Friday night: Clear skies with a low of 30. Wind west southwest at 8 mph. Sunset at 5:58 p.m.

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Obituaries

Gordon Don Crocker

Gordon Don Crocker died in his home in Los Alamos, N.M. Raised in the Panhandle of Texas, he was born in Pampa to Gordon and Favette (Ray) Crocker. His family lived several years in Lubbock, and Don was a graduate of Tom S. Lubbock High School and began his college career in the opening years of Lubbock Christian College.



Gordon Crocker

Don lived a remarkable life filled with travel, the arts, multiple activities and never-ending interests, a great continuing love of learning, and in his healthier days, the rewarding energy of sports.

He loved the opportunity for discussion, never reticent in expressing his opinion of the idea at hand, and those around him often had to display a serious, unmoving face when he was enjoying his craft at punning.

Don's activities included: Adult Choir member and Youth Choir bass at Evensong, Adult Sunday School teacher, and Vestry member at Trinity on the Hill Episcopal Church; downhill skier and student of karate techniques; automobile builder, repairer and racer; and a pistol target shooter and artist in the fine metal engraving and woodworking gun techniques. His mechanical interests come through his father Gordon, a longtime Master Ford automobile mechanic.

Don's education included engineering degree programs starting at Lubbock Christian College and continuing at Ball State University in Indiana and individual courses in his areas of interest. He read extensively.

Throughout 35 years of professional employment, Don practiced engineering and mechanical design. He worked at private firms in Alabama and Albuquerque and supported the activities of multiple groups within The Los Alamos National Laboratory. Formally, he was a part of the then Engineering Division.

Don is survived by his wife and son: Judy Aplington Crocker and James Andrew Crocker of Los Alamos and Denver. Married July 1, 1972, he and his wife recently celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary.

His surviving family includes his mother Favette Crocker of Pampa; sister and brother-in-law Ginger and Don Stone of Clarendon, brother-in-law James Aplington of Gardners, Pa.; niece Laurie Lynn Holcomb and her husband Steve of Sweetwater, Texas, grand-nieces and -nephews Whitney and Andrew Lamming and Brady Holcomb of Lubbock and Sweetwater, and Ashley and Justin Cardwell of Ft. Collins, Colo. Don's father Gordon Crocker, a deaf evangelist in three states, died in 1997.

A memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, March 2, at Trinity on the Hill Episcopal Church, Los Alamos, N.M. In lieu of flowers, contributions in his name may be sent to Friends of Los Alamos County Libraries, P.O. Box 402, Los Alamos, N.M. 87544.



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Dr. Louis Edward Barker

Dr. Louis Edward Barker, 73, died Jan. 12, 2013 in Pampa. Services will be at 4 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 17, 2013 at Lighthouse Covenant Fellowship with Willy Adams, pastor of Eternal Light Church of Borger, officiating. Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.



Dr. Louis Edward Barker

Ed was born Dec. 24, 1939 in Louisville, Ken. to Robert and Cathurn Barker. He met and married his precious wife, Jennie, in New Albany, Indiana. They just celebrated their 53rd anniversary on Dec. 17.

Pastor Ed, as he was called, was a minister for 44 years, pastoring churches in Indiana, Colorado and California, and was presently pastoring Lighthouse Covenant Fellowship in Pampa for the past 8 years. He had an Associate of Arts degree from Nazarene Bible College in Colorado Springs, Colo., a Bachelor of Arts degree from Rockmont College in Denver, a Master of Arts degree from California Graduate School of Theology, a Doctor of Philosophy with honors from Trinity Theological Seminary, and was a graduate of Sarasota Academy of Christian Counseling.

Ed established the chaplaincy program for the Pampa Police Department under J. J. Ryzman in 1982 and then went to the police academy, graduating with top honors and giving the graduation speech. After serving the Pampa Police Department for a number of years, he then became the Gray County Chief Juvenile Probation Officer for 10 years. He was the City Marshall in Lefors for several years and was also with the Sheriff's department in Denver. Ed was a veteran of the U. S. Air Force. He loved God, his family, fishing, motorcycles, and old trucks, old cars and old friends. He was a caring and very giving man. He touched so many lives, leaving his print on their hearts forever.

Survivors include his wife: Jennie Barker of the home; a daughter: Kelly Beesley and husband Rick of Pampa; five granddaughters: Breanna Beesley of Oklahoma City, Okla., Layce Beesley and Rikki Lauer and husband Levi, all of Pampa, Chelsea Barker of Amarillo, and Meagan Scholz and husband Derrick of Lubbock; daughter-in-law: Alicia Barker Marshall; five great-grandchildren; a brother: Michael Barker of Indiana; four sisters: Gaye Blythe and Carol Howard, both of California, and Dorothy Maglione and Cathy McMahan, both of Indiana; and numerous nieces and nephews. Ed was preceded in death by his parents; and his beloved son: Dan Barker.

We are trying to understand how we will live without you. "Strike up the band, assemble the choir...another soldier's coming home."

Memorials may be made to Lighthouse Covenant Fellowship, 1733 N. Banks, Pampa, Texas 79065.
Sign the on-line register at Carmichael-whatley.com.

For the record

Amarillo man arrested for 3rd or more DWI

- 63-year-old Stephen Phillips Adams, Amarillo, was arrested Monday by the Pampa Police Department on an arrest warrant for driving while intoxicated — third offense or more.
- 29-year-old Andrew Lee Daughtery, Canyon, was arrested Monday by the Gray County Sheriff's Office on an arrest warrant for violation of probation — possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces.
- 42-year-old Donald Mark Mundell, Pampa, was arrested Monday by the PPD on an arrest warrant for displaying wrong vehicle registration, no valid drivers license, failure to maintain financial responsibility, defective tail light, operating unregistered motor vehicle and failure to appear.
- 52-year-old Bennie Alford Samuel, Pampa, was arrested Monday by the PPD on an arrest warrant for a seat belt violation and failure to appear.
- 20-year-old Ivan Alberto Torres, Pampa, was arrested Monday by the GCSO on arrest warrants for capias pro fine — leaving the scene of an accident and no drivers license.

Fatal wreck in Hall Co. leaves 1 dead

STAFF REPORT

Richard Carl Wood, Amarillo. The vehicle overturned several times. Wood was pronounced dead on the scene at 8:31 a.m., Monday morning. Wood was wearing his seatbelt at the time of the accident and road conditions were dry.

According to the Texas Department of Public Safety a fatal accident occurred on Farm to Market Road 657, about four miles south of State Highway 256. A 1994 Chevy S10 truck was driven by 51-year-old

Wood's S10 was traveling southbound on FM 657 at 7:30 a.m., Monday morning. For an unknown reason he lost control of his vehicle and traveled off the east side of the roadway and entered a cotton field.

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Senior SPOTLIGHT



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Andrew Morriss is a senior in high school and a 4-H member. Andrew Morriss and other 4-H and FFA exhibitors will participate in the Gray County Livestock Show at the Clyde Carruth Pavilion on Saturday, Jan. 19 and the sale on Monday, Jan. 21 at the M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium. For show information or to support these kids as a sale buyer, contact Becky Bailey at 806-669-8033.

Texas energy industry could be stymied by small grouse

By **KATE GALBRAITH**
The Texas Tribune

In a few months, a grouse known as the lesser prairie chicken will emerge from its West Texas winter hideaway. Males will do a loud and elaborate mating dance, delighting females — and birdwatchers.

But there is less dancing now because the chickens' numbers have declined. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, acting under the Endangered Species Act, will decide by the end of September whether to put the birds on its list of threatened species.

Such a move could have serious repercussions for wind farms, as well as oil and gas drilling, conceivably halting activity in some areas. Those industries are fighting to keep them off the list.

"Clearly if there was some sort of moratorium on development, that would be catastrophic," said Jeff Clark, executive director of the Wind Coalition, a regional advocacy group. He argues that wind power and prairie chickens can co-exist.

That view is not shared by some environmentalists. "The chicken is in serious trouble without protection of the Endangered

Species Act," said Jay Lininger, an ecologist with the Center for Biological Diversity.

About 1,800 to 2,000 lesser prairie chickens are believed to inhabit Texas, primarily in the Panhandle and West Texas, according to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. It is difficult to quantify the decline in the population because of changing survey methods, biologists say.

Classifying the species as threatened would also have implications for Kansas, Oklahoma, Colorado and New Mexico, where the birds live, too.

According to the Fish and Wildlife Service, the land area inhabited by chickens has shrunk by 84 percent over the past century, as native grasslands have vanished.

Earlier this month Gov. Rick Perry and the governors of the other four states issued a joint statement opposing a listing.

The governors said efforts by states, industry and landowners to aid the chicken should "support a 'not warranted' listing decision" by the federal government.

Kansas still allows lesser prairie chickens to be hunted. Texas banned it in 2009.

Listing the bird as "threatened" would not be as onerous to industries as listing it as "endangered," which is a stronger classification. But it could still limit where energy activities take place.

A key problem, biologists say, is that prairie chickens fear tall structures, where predators like hawks can perch and spot them. Wind turbines, transmission towers and drilling rigs are generally the tallest things on the plains.

The Fish and Wildlife Service will hold a hearing next month in Lubbock on the chicken's future, and the public can comment on the issue until March 11.

David Smith, an environmental lawyer with Graves Dougherty Hearon & Moody, said the Obama administration faces the challenge of deciding between two green priorities — endangered species and wind power.

"This is really one of the first times when they're talking about listing a species that could have direct and significant impacts on the ability to deliver renewables," he said.

The Environmental Defense Fund, a nonprofit group, is working to create "habitat exchange" agree-

ments, in which energy companies pay landowners to preserve the lesser prairie chickens' habitat. They should be ready by May, said David Festa, a vice president of the group. The development of similar exchanges helped keep a West Texas lizard off the endangered species list last year, to the immense relief of the oil and gas industry.

Regardless of the federal government's decision on the chicken, a raft of other possible listings under the Endangered Species Act is imminent in Texas and nationwide.

That is partly a result of lawsuits settled between the Fish and Wildlife Service and some environmental groups that want the government to act more quickly.

Digital

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ment," he said. "They will get a better picture, better sound, and in another six months there won't even be film. If we hadn't converted we would have had

to shut down."

Scott is co-owner of the theater with Troy Schwiegerath.

On Tuesday, a three-man crew from Sonic Equipment was at the theater installing the digital projectors.

The new projectors are square, black boxes com-

parable in size to a laser printer.

Rather than several cans of film for each movie, the shows will now come to the theater on hard drives about the size of a paper back book.

"The movies come on hard drives and plug into the projectors with a

USB cable," said Patrick Megenity, a service technician for Sonic.

Megenity said he and the other technicians from the Kansas-based company have been on the road quite a bit lately as they install new equipment in smaller theaters like Pampa's.

"We just got back from

Three Rivers (Texas) and have to be home Friday to get ready to go back out again," he said.

Scott said he is looking forward to the theater's debut of the all-digital equipment on Friday night.

"I'm pretty excited to see the picture quality and digital sound," he said.

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to be very alert to that point," Peet said, adding that the board serves in an advisory capacity and reports back to the Commission.

In other business, the

Commission unanimously approved extending the burn ban by 90 days.

"We've had some great moisture but overall conditions are still dry," Commissioner Joe Wheeley said.

The commissioners also discussed appropriating around \$6,000 to pay for furnishings for the new

terminal at Perry Lefors Field Airport.

Commissioner Gary Willoughby said the City of Borger recently spent \$7,500 on upgrades to make its terminal at Hutchinson County Airport more hospitable to guests.

Peet said he will follow up with local artist guilds

to inquire about artists who may wish to display their works in the terminal. Peet added that he intends to visit Borger's new terminal to get an idea on what types of improvements can be made to Pampa's terminal.

No vote was made Tuesday regarding the appropriation.

Texas Farmers Union's 111th Convention convenes in Abilene

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WACO — Texas Farmers Union announces the 111th Convention Jan. 25-26 at the MCM Elegante Hotel, 4520 Ridgemont, Abilene, Texas.

The 2013 convention will be dedicated in loving memory of Mel Cherry.

Opening session of the convention will begin at 6 p.m., Friday Jan. 25,

preceded by committee meetings at 5:15 p.m. Friday evening's session will include induction of a new Pioneer in Agriculture.

The following reception will have plenty of good food and feature entertainment by the 2012 "Rural American Idols" Clay Mobley, Kadie Robertson and Rusty Hines.

Texas Farmers Union President Wes Sims reports, "We will have good

speakers and interesting programs during this convention. One of the speakers will be Claudia Svarstad, National Farmers Union Vice-President, who will speak at the banquet on Saturday night."

Dr. Harwood Schaffer from the University of Tennessee's Agriculture Analysis Center, will be speaking as well as Steve Maikell, who will report on Texas Education. Other

invited speakers will be addressing water and other rural issues.

Policy Drafting will begin at 3 p.m. on Saturday with special emphasis on the new Farm Bill, water, education and health care, particularly the sources and adequacy of funding.

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Too young to marry?

Q: As grandparents, we are concerned about the divorce rate. In our family, three marriages have ended in divorce. Last month, our youngest granddaughter, at 17, accepted a ring from a man who is 19. We like him, but we believe they are too young to marry. She is a high school senior, and they plan to marry this summer.



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Because of their ages, we foresee a possible divorce ahead. Should we discourage them from marrying so soon?

A: It is a tough call. Choosing to push for a delayed marriage has its pros and cons. Would a delay cause either partner to go looking elsewhere? Have they seriously asked each other what a successful marriage actually commits them to do? Do they believe they are sexually compatible? Do they want children? Who is supposed to clean the toilet? How much time will they spend with their in-laws?

Often times, marriage partners do not realize they gain not just a partner but the whole

family! Do they agree on their lifetime wants and needs? Does he watch weekend TV sports or play golf, and do they agree on a religious faith?

Do they maintain an exercise and healthy eating routine, do they have health of addiction issues, and have positive attitudes? Are their educational attainments sufficient to qualify for the type of work they want? Do both sets of parents like each other?

On the surface, these questions appear to be innocent enough but are often not even discussed by lovers. Those of us who are happily married know daily practical issues can affect relationships.

Both sexes can mature and choose different paths regardless of age. Only after we have actual experiences do we find our answers. Love, trust, happiness, sharing, possibly raising a family and maturing together determine whether we made the right or wrong choice.

Although few go through the process, the most valuable gift you could offer them now is to offer to pay for an experienced marriage counselor, a religious individual or other expert who

counsels and has a capability checklist for them to determine if they are a match. One wise lady learned that after waking up from their marriage bed, she had married a stranger!

Q: After nearly seven years of widowhood, I find myself slipping, missing appointments and failing to pay bills. I am hiding these incidents from my adult children because I do not want to lose my privacy and lose control. What crutches can I use to stall and avoid the issues?

A: Keeping a written checklist is a major help. Purchase a large desk calendar and list the date, monthly and daily items you must do, family birthdays and anniversaries, your medications, regular appointments, exercise and religious activities, names and phone numbers of those whom you keep in contact, all bills you pay and other details which remind you to do so.

Scheduling your day that way leaves the balance of your day open.

Doug Mayberry makes the most of life in a Southern California retirement community.

Feeding the food stamp economy

The New York Post headline read: "Could You Spend \$500 on Food at This Bodega? A Welfare Recipient Claimed To!" A few days later, another headline: "Welfare Recipients Take Out Cash at Strip Clubs, Liquor Stores and X-Rated Shops."

"They're on the dole — and watching the pole," wrote the Post. "Welfare recipients took out cash at bars, liquor stores, X-rated video shops, hookah parlors and even strip clubs — where they presumably spent their taxpayer money on lap dances rather than diapers."

Here's how it works. Welfare recipients receive Electronic Benefit Transfer cards, preloaded with specified dollar amounts for food and for cash assistance. The EBT card can be used to purchase eligible food products at stores pre-approved by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Swipe the card, enter a PIN, and the amount of the food purchase is deducted from the welfare recipient's food allowance and is credited to the retailer. Some "welfare-ready" ATMs accept the EBT cards just like ATM or debit cards, dispensing cash.

But the Post exposed welfare recipients using the ATMs located inside businesses with names like Hank's Saloon in Brooklyn; an East Village porn shop called Blue Door Video; The Anchor, a SoHo lounge; TriBeCa's Patriot Saloon; a Bronx liquor distributor called Drinks Galore; and Club Eleven and Club Heat, both Bronx strip clubs.

In case welfare recipients want to know where they can find "welfare-ready" ATMs, the New York state's Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance lists some of these EBT-ready ATMs on its website. The Post also disclosed a federal sting that found food stamp "purchases" of several hundred dol-

lars per transaction made at low-end bodegas (aka mini-marts, corner stores, mom-and-pop stores), usually involving little or no foodstuffs actually changing hands.

Whenever there is a government program, there will be more waste, fraud and abuse than you find in the private sector. What a shock.

The real scandal is our tepid 2 percent growth in this fourth year of recovery. At 2 percent, the economy produces too few jobs to make a dent in the nearly 8 percent unemployment rate. Spending just on food stamps (now called SNAP, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) has gone from \$37 billion in President George W. Bush's last year to over \$78 billion for 2012, an increase of 210 percent.

Compare this recovery to any recovery since World War II. Based on past performances, the economy should be generating twice the number of jobs and the gross domestic product should be growing much, much faster.

Not only is unemployment still a high 8 percent, but the labor force participation rate is near a 30-year low. This means many able-bodied and able-minded work-age adults simply dropped out of the job market. Look at the record number of Americans applying for and receiving disability benefits. The Congressional Budget Office blames this on the economy: "When jobs are plentiful, some people who could qualify for the DI program may choose instead to work. ... CBO projects that as a result of the most recent recession and slow recovery, the number of disabled worker beneficiaries will continue to rise over the next few years (although growth will slow as the economy improves)."

The EBT scandal also raises another issue: Is government welfare — as opposed non-government charity — the best way to help the needy and to encourage self-sufficiency?

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Why does a university need a CMO?

The "ivory tower" of academia has become overshadowed by a new edifice on campus that is reaching ridiculous heights: the tower of mammon.



JIM HIGHTOWER

As public universities have been driven by budget-whacking lawmakers to seek ever-more private funding, schools that once prided themselves as being centers of free thinking are increasingly dominated by corporate-think, turning their institutions into sales centers.

"A lot of schools are taking a much more corporate approach," exulted a PR executive who works with top university administrators, marveling that "a CMO didn't even exist on most campuses 10 years ago." A what? A chief marketing officer, whose job is to peddle the place like it's a new model of car or line of cosmetics. As explained by the CMO of the University of California system, "the changing funding landscape" requires universities to sell themselves to mon-

eyed elites, which means academic institutions must rework what he calls "their visual identities." In the snappy new parlance of university commercialism, this is "rebranding" — an attempt to modernize the image of venerable institutions by adopting corporate-styled logos, slogans and other marketing fluff. Forget intellectual pursuits, we're talking about pursuing buyers, in the brave new academic marketplace. This results in colleges resorting to the same kind of ridiculous come-ones that hawkers of consumer products often barf-up.

Iowa's Drake University, for example, rebranded itself a couple of years ago with the slogan "Drake-plus." That was intended to sell students and donors alike on the clever equation that Drake-plus-you would equal remarkable results — even excellence. This could have been just another bit of inane but innocuous PR puffery — except that the school's marketing geniuses chose to reach for graphic artistry. Rather than going with the boring literalism of "Drake-plus," they rebranded with a more hip, abstract design, substituting the letter

"D" to refer to Drake and punctuating it with the plus sign. Yes, that meant that the official brand they created to characterize their institution of higher learning was: "D-plus." Not exactly a standard of academic excellence.

Meanwhile, back at the University of California, it's hyperactive CMO declared the official seal of the system to be fusty, long overdue for a spiffy update. Actually, while the seal was 144 years old, it was rather elegant, and it made a straightforward statement about the institution's academic purpose. The venerable emblem featured a bright star beaming onto an open book, with a banner proclaiming, "Let there be light." But that's so old school, cried the rebranders, so out of sync with today's market-oriented world — especially now that universities are multibillion-dollar, conglomeratized enterprises run by highly paid executives whose chief role is to charm money out of wealthy individuals and corporate benefactors. Forget light, "Let there be money" is the new academic aspiration. Thus, the UC system was rebranded with an abstract,

U-shaped logo with the letter "C" subtly burned into the bottom of the U. It looks very much like a logo for a bank — and that's the point, for it's meant to impress money people. As explained by the CMO of UC, "The university needed to do a better job and a more proactive job" in expressing "where the university was headed." Yes, and what better way to do that than by resorting to PR artifice and corporate gobbledygook, right? All you need to know about where universities are "headed" is that most of them have now installed CMOs atop their managerial hierarchy. The good news is that the people of the university overwhelmingly prefer light to marketing. More than 50,000 outraged UC students and alumni signed an online petition in November protesting the corporatized logo, forcing officials there to suspend its use. So here's a marketing concept: Fire the CMO, and hire a couple more teachers.

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Teacher with fear of young kids sues Ohio district

CINCINNATI (AP) — A former high school teacher suing the school district where she used to work is accusing its administrators of discriminating against her because of a rare phobia she says she has: a fear of young children.

Maria Waltherr-Willard, 61, had been teaching Spanish and French at Mariemont High School in Cincinnati since 1976.

Waltherr-Willard, who does not have children of her own, said that when she was transferred to the district's middle school in 2009, the seventh- and eighth-graders triggered her phobia, caused her blood pressure to soar and forced her to retire in the middle of the 2010-2011 school year.

In her lawsuit against the district, filed in federal court in Cincinnati, Waltherr-Willard said that her fear of young children falls under the federal American with Disabilities Act and that the district violated it by transferring her in the first place and then refusing to allow her to return to the high school.

The lawsuit seeks unspecified damages.

Gary Winters, the school district's attorney, said Tuesday that Waltherr-Willard was transferred because the French program at the high school was being turned into an online one and that the middle school needed a Spanish teacher.

"She wants money," Winters said of Waltherr-Willard's motivation to sue. "Let's keep in mind that our goal here is to provide the best teachers for students and the best academic experience for students, which certainly wasn't accomplished by her walking out on them in the middle of the year."

Waltherr-Willard and her attorney, Brad Weber, did not return calls for comment Tuesday.

Winters also denied Waltherr-Willard's claim that the district transferred her out of retaliation for her unauthorized comments to parents about the French program ending — "the beginning of a deliberate, systematic and calculated effort to squeeze her out of a job altogether," Weber wrote in a July 2011 letter to the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

The lawsuit said that Waltherr-Willard has been treated for her phobia since 1991 and also suffers from general anxiety disorder, high blood pressure and a gastrointestinal illness.

She was managing her conditions well until the transfer, according to the lawsuit.

"Working with these younger students adversely affected (Waltherr-Willard's) health, due to her disability.

(She) was unable to control her blood pressure, which was so high at times that it posed a stroke risk," according to the lawsuit, which includes a statement from her doctor about her high blood pressure.

"The mental anguish suffered by (Waltherr-Willard) is serious and of a nature that no reasonable person could be expected to endure the same."

The lawsuit was filed in June and is set to go to trial in February 2014.

The judge in the case last week dismissed three of the lawsuit's claims, but the claims of discrimination remain pending.

The lawsuit says that Waltherr-Willard has lost out on at least \$100,000 of potential income as a result of her retirement.

Winters said that doesn't make sense, considering that Waltherr-Willard's take from retirement is 89 percent of what her annual salary was, which was around \$80,000.

40 students in hospital after Tenn. gas leak

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — More than three dozen students have spent the night in a hospital after carbon monoxide leaked at their Nashville private school.

Drexel Preparatory Academy principal Cheryl Bowman told WTVF-TV students began coming to the office Monday morning complaining of flu-like symptoms.

Officials decided to cancel classes.

After students were sent home, the school got a call from Vanderbilt University Children's Hospital, saying several students had been brought in and showed high levels of carbon monoxide.

Hospital spokesman Craig Boerner said Tuesday that 49 students were eventually brought in by parents and 40 of them were admitted for 23 hours of oxygen treatment.

Workers found a hole in a heating unit that serves the central part of the school.

Carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless gas produced by combustion.

Dads wronged on Pa. birth certificates

JOHNSTOWN, Pa. (AP) — About 500 new Pennsylvanians will get the wrong answer to the question "Who's your Daddy?" if they rely on their misprinted birth certificates.

The Tribune-Democrat of Johnstown reports Tuesday that a computer glitch caused the problem when the state Department of Vital Statistics recently transitioned to new records software.

Spokeswoman Holli Senior says the problem affected about 500 birth certificates.

The software was supposed to pull the fathers' names from state records, but wound up pulling information from other areas of the birth records so the fathers' names were incorrectly printed on the birth certificates.

The state's permanent, computerized birth records are correct, however.

Those with boggled birth certificates have received a letter explaining the mix-up and instructions on how to get a corrected copy.

TX woman accused of killing 19-year old son

HOUSTON (AP) — A Houston-area woman has been accused of killing her 19-year-old son by shooting him in the head as he sat on a couch after they argued.

The Harris County Sheriff's Office on Tuesday did not immediately provide information on a murder charge pending against the woman.

She told investigators that her son shoved her during the first of two arguments Monday.

He was later shot while sitting on a sofa.

Phillip Vanshawn Apostolo was declared dead at a hospital.

Investigators did not immediately say why the woman and Apostolo disagreed.

Junior high teams in action Monday night against Dalhart

STAFF REPORT

Monday the Pampa Junior High boys hosted Dalhart.

The 7th grade B team lost 21-17. Oscar Gonzalez had five points.

The 7th grade A team lost 28-14. Cade Lauderdale had four points.

The 8th grade B team won 34-15.

Juan Perez led the team in scoring with nine points, followed by Brett West with seven and Greyson Wilson with six.

Jared Lake led the team in rebounds.

The 8th grade A team lost 45-28. Nick Stevens had 15 points.

Brandon Sieck played good defense.

The boys travel to River Road next Monday.

Junior high girls

The 8th grade A team lost to Dalhart last night 25-7.

The 8th grade B team had their first loss of the season with a score of 18-16.

The high scorer was Darian Harkcom with 10 points.

7th A team lost 35-4.

7th B team won 17-16. The top scorer for the B team was Yolanda Blanco.

The girls will host River Road next Monday night.

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Erica Susanne Smith

Chad and Stephanie Smith are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Erica Susanne. Erica was born on January 10, 2013, in Pampa, Texas. She weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces, and was 20 1/2 inches long. Susanne was welcomed home by her big brother, Aaron, 3 years old. Erica is the granddaughter of Bill and Rachael Adams of Pampa, Texas and Charles and May Smith of Dallas, Texas. She is the great-granddaughter of the late Edward and Mary Adams of Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Robert and Jan Smith of Wichita Falls, Texas.

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Favorite neighborhood games, guns growing up

What were your favorite outdoor games as a kid? Oh, I don't mean sports like baseball, football, basketball, etc.

You know, neighborhood games. I grew up on 2133 N. Hamilton right here in Pampa and we had a ton of neighborhood games.

Game No. 1- When the summer weather was really hot we would play chicken on our bare feet on the street asphalt, boys and girls.

Everyone would stand at the curb and then we would all jump on to the asphalt at the same time and start running around.

Our feet got so hot that eventually we couldn't stand it anymore and the last one to jump on to the grass was the winner. We played that a lot.

Game No. 2- We always had yellow-jacket nests and in my front yard we always had a huge hornet's nest in or of our elm trees.

We would draw straws to see who lost and had to climb the tree with the hornet's nest.

That boy (girls didn't play this game with us) would take a fly swatter with him and get just close enough to the nest to swat two to three hornets and the rest of us would be under the tree with Mason jars and lids.

When the hornets got hit with the fly swatter they were stunned just long enough to put them in the jars; just put the jar over them, then they would wake up and fly to the top of the jar and then you put the lid on.

We would then run through the same routine with yellow-jacket nests and catch each one in a separate jar. Then would have fights to the death.

Of course, the hornets always won. Their reward for conquering the wasp was death by magnifying glass. And no we weren't some kind of weirdos, we were just normal boys.

Game No. 3 - Hide & seek was a real highlight. We had to wait til dark, but what a blast it was to stumble through the dark, trying to get to the base before you got caught. We all spent a lot of hours on Hamilton having fun with this game.

Game No. 4 - We also had a lot of fun "playing dead." We would all get at one end of somebody's yard and then

one at a time we go to the other end of the yard and on queue run at the other boys. (girls didn't much like this game either)

As we neared the other boys one of them would shoot us with one our multitude of play pistols and rifles that we all had. Once shot, it was our job to die the best we could.

We would jump, moan, stumble around, cry out and then eventually fall dramatically to the ground. We would all vote on who died the best and that boy was the winner. And YES, we played this game a lot. I've spent many, many hours playing dead.

Game No. 5 - We often played cowboys & indians or just cowboys & outlaws.

Every boy in the neighborhood had an array of toy weapons for these games.

My arsenal consisted of: one pop rifle that had to be cocked; one Mattel greenie stick em cap rifle; two Colt .45 fanning revolvers with holster; and my prize weaponry were two Hubley Colt .45 revolvers with holster from Christmas in 1958.

We then divided into sides (cowboys & indians/outlaws) and spent the day shooting each other and dying in spectacular, melodramatic ways.

And note: NOT A SINGLE ONE OF US EVER GREW UP TO BE A MASS KILLER.

My very first actual memory is of getting in trouble at Sam Houston Elementary for shooting my pop rifle and making too much noise in Mrs. Gibson's first grade class.

I can't remember when I didn't have toy guns and play with them constantly. I got my first Daisy BB rifle when I was 7 or 8 and my first .410 shotgun when I was 10.

And yet I've never shot anyone. If you aren't getting my drift, GUNS AREN'T THE STINKING PROBLEM!

The problem is the ANTI-GOD culture that we have either helped create by our ungodliness or have allowed to evolve without a fight.

So what is it time to do? FIGHT! FIGHT! FIGHT! God needs warriors. God bless. Mike

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MIKE SUBLETT



We are salt and light to the world

You have the power of influence. If you think your life doesn't matter, consider this: It's estimated that 10,000 or more people will pass under your influence during your lifetime.

Those people will then influence thousands more. Now think about this:

One life dedicated to Christ can touch hundreds of thousands of people with the Gospel.

We all impact the lives of others — either for good or evil. In the beginning, Satan influenced

Eve. Eve influenced Adam, and they influenced all of mankind. Look how that turned out!

As followers of Christ, we influence others by the way we live. When we profess Jesus as Lord of our lives, people begin to take notice.

They're watching us! If we want to have a strong influence for the Lord, we should be careful how we talk, how we do business and how we live.

We should make sure we're living how the Bible instructs us to live.

In Matthew 5, Jesus says we are the

salt of the earth and the light of the world. But what does it mean to be the salt and light?

Just as salt is used as a preservative in food, we preserve God's moral law by living lives that are holy.

Jesus expects us to take a stand against sin, immorality and the exploitation of the unborn. He commands us to take care of orphans and widows.

As the "salt of the earth," we can attract others to a life free from sin and committed to Christ.

Jesus also tells us we are the light of the world. When we live our lives according to God's Word, we provide light to the rest of the world.

Jesus is the true light of the world. He has ignited a light in the life of each of his followers.

Our job is not to hide the light. Rather, we should shine so others may see the light and come to God.

You do have the power of influence, so be careful how you live.

Remember, you may be the only Bible some people will ever read!

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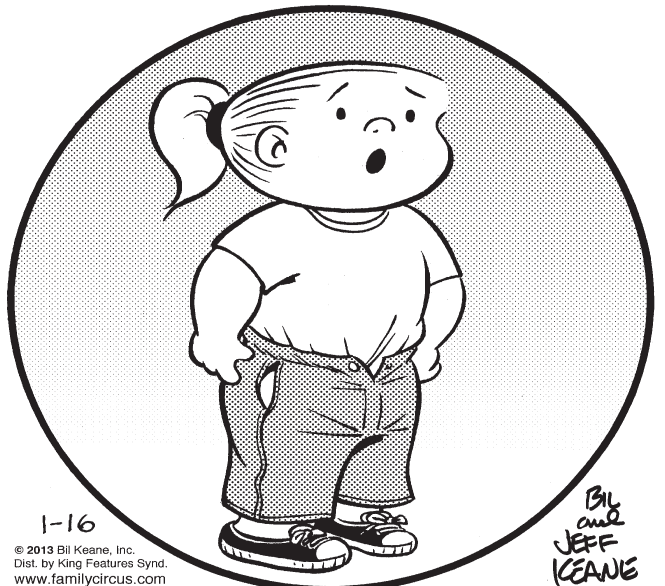
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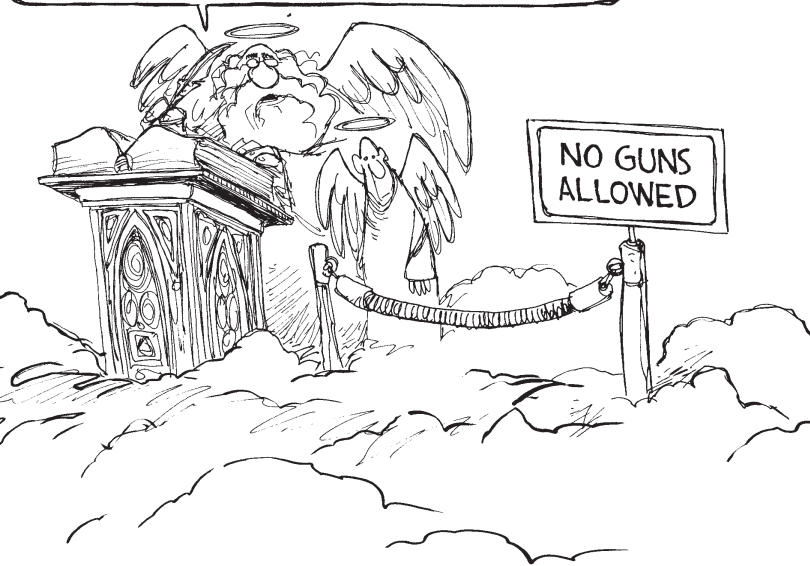
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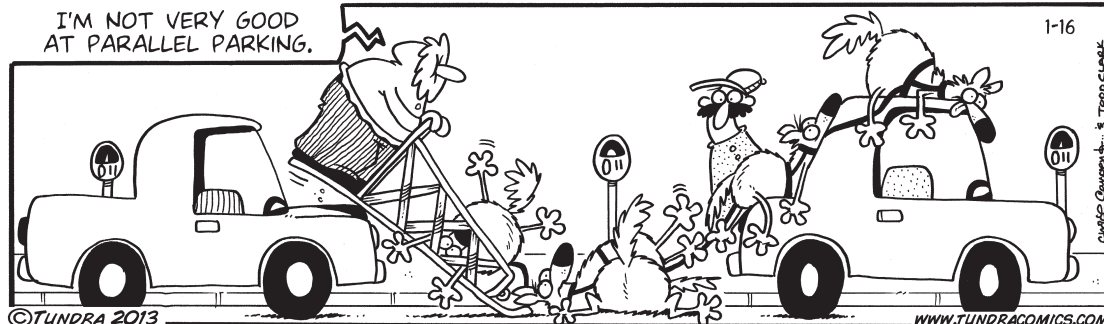


daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Jan. 17, 2013:
This year you will make an unusually strong effort to keep the peace; however, remember that you are human. You will remain responsive to others' demands only to a certain point. You will be coming from a place of clarity and compassion, even in your professional life. If you are single, a serious yet attractive member of the opposite sex strolls right through your door. This event is far more likely to occur during the second half of your birthday year. If you are attached, the two of you have serious talks and become more accepting of each other. **ARIES** is likely to trigger a reaction from you.
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)
★★★★ Avoid getting into a situation where control is the major issue. Once that behavior is eliminated or toned down, you will be able to see the feelings behind the manipulation. A partner could be uptight about a money matter. Tonight: A friend wants you to join him or her.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★ Pull back and do some thinking before acting on an evolving situation with a difficult loved one. You might want to stop making judgments. When you walk in this person's shoes, you will gain a very different perspective. Tonight: Get into a favorite hobby.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ A meeting energizes you to become more proactive about a long-term goal or desire. It is you who will need to make this happen. Work or a matter you deal with on a daily basis might be bringing you down. Consider accepting an invitation. Tonight: Make plans with a friend or loved one.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Step forward, and be willing to take a stand with someone who makes many demands. This person is not a good fit with your personality. A partner might be unusually controlling. You might need to subtly root out the issue. Tonight: Find your best friend and make plans.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Keep reaching out to experts or people you respect for advice. When you hit a roadblock, you might want a different take on how to bypass it. A matter involving real estate or your personal life could mark a decision. Tonight: Read be-

tween the lines.
 VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Relate to an associate directly. You'll hear what this person is saying, but you might wonder if there is a hidden agenda behind his or her words. Do not be overserious in a conversation, yet be sure to express your bottom line. Tonight: Off to the gym.
 LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Defer to a strong-willed associate or friend. Apparently, this person has a strong vision for what needs to happen. Having your trust makes him or her feel good. Whether this fact is true is another question! Your choices often are made from a realistic perspective. Tonight: Say "yes."
 SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Pace yourself, as you could have a lot to do. You might hit a wall in a discussion, or perhaps someone seems to be pulling away. His or her perception of you might be the same. Be more open, and make time in the near future for a long-overdue talk. Tonight: Choose a stress-buster.
 SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Stay focused regarding an important conversation. A disagreement could emerge over a financial issue with a partner or loved one. Look at what exists below that surface. What is he or she really asking for? Tap into your imagination for answers. Tonight: Express your playfulness.
 CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★ You have a lot going on around your home and personal life. You could have a very strong reaction to a discussion. You'll become quite controlling, if you are not careful. In that mindset, you will hit a stalemate. Is that what you want? Tonight: Buy someone a gift on the way home.
 AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Do not stand on ceremony. Everyone will be happier once there is resolution, and the answer is in your hands. You need to get past a personal issue. The issue arose long before a key person became involved in the present scenario. Tonight: Join a friend at a favorite spot.
 PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Be aware of the costs of a problem that evolves. One path might be hard on your ego. A different path involves spending more money than you would like to. Deal with your strong feelings first, and you'll come up with positive responses. Tonight: Treat yourself.

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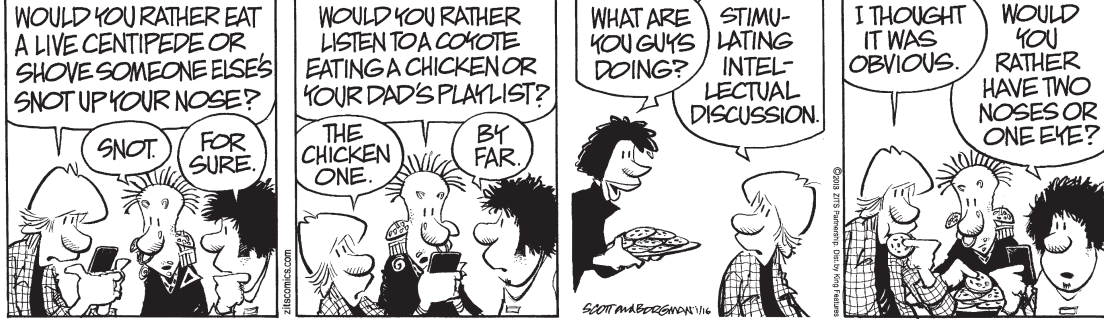
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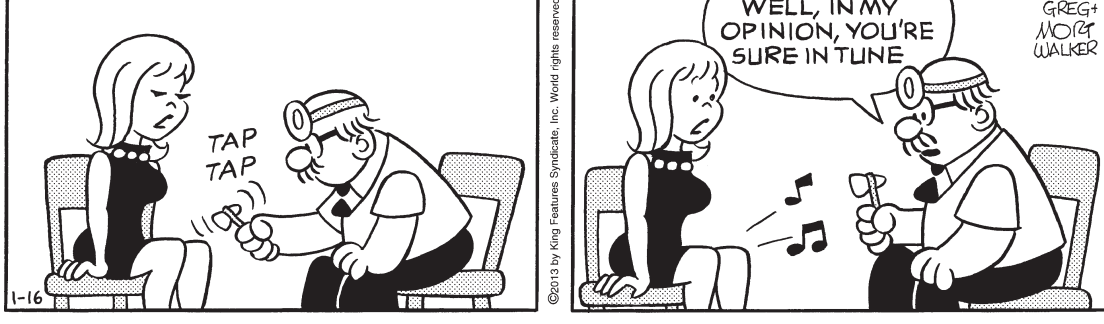
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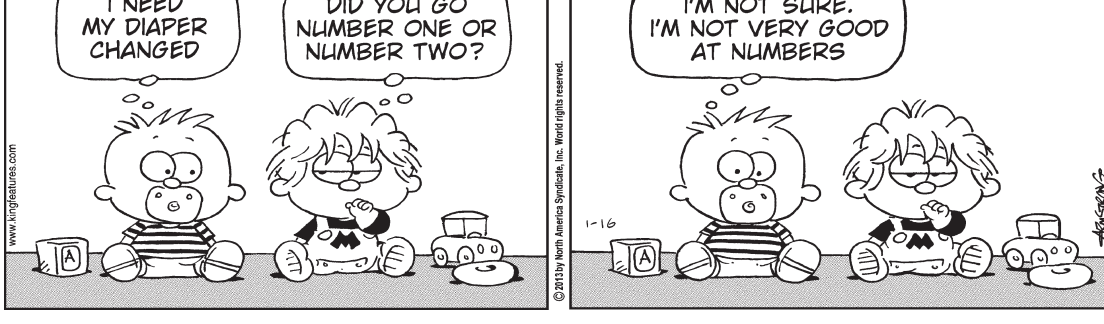
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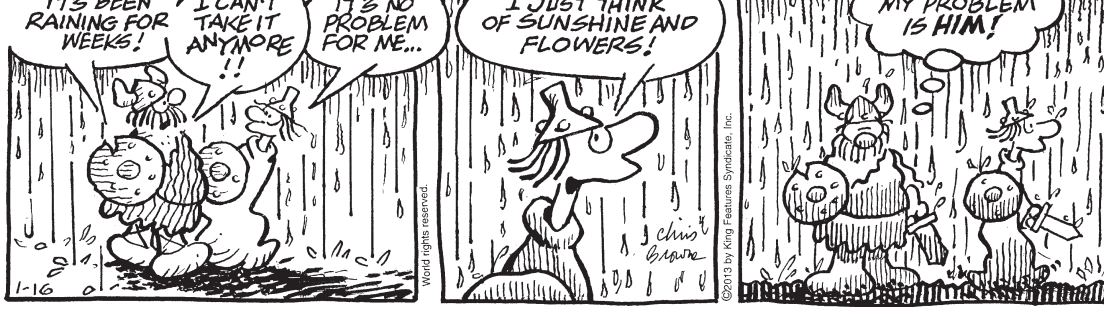
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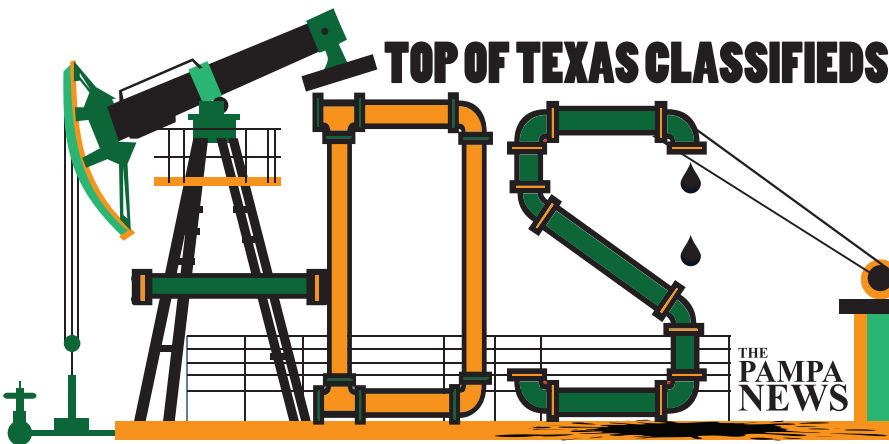


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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: "Myles" and I have known each other for five years, but have grown really close over the past three. We tell each other everything, and I have fallen in love with him.

A few months ago, Myles sent me a text saying he needed to tell me a "secret." He went on to say the guy he had told me was his brother, "Jeff," is really his lover. Needless to say, that bombshell floored me.

We have discussed it in person, and I have never told him how I feel. I visit them a couple of times a month and always go home feeling hurt. I want Myles for myself, even though I know I can't have him. I don't want to lose him as my

friend, but it hurts seeing him and Jeff together. How do I resolve this? — GIRL LEFT BEHIND IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR LEFT BEHIND: Start by being as honest with Myles as he was with you. Tell him that over the course of your friendship you fell in love with him — and that you wish you had known he was gay before you became so emotionally involved.

If you want romance, you will have to look for it elsewhere. In order for you to find it, I cannot stress strongly enough that you will need to feel good about yourself. Stop torturing yourself by visiting the two lovebirds and take a break for a while. A LONG while.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 36-year-old woman who has never been married or had children. For the past two years I've been seeing a man I'll call Frank. I love him deeply, and I believe he feels the same about me.

Frank is still married but legally separated from his wife. They have one child who lives with his mom. Frank lives with me, and Frank's wife lives with another man and has a second child by yet another guy.

My problem is, Frank's wife calls ME whenever she has a fight with her boyfriend. She confides in me like I'm her best friend. I have never talked to Frank about divorcing her, but I'm at my wit's end over this whole circle. Sometimes I feel like

I'm wasting my time with him. Abby, I'm a long-time reader who needs to find a solution to this soap opera. Please help me. — GETTING DIZZY IN EAST BOSTON

DEAR GETTING DIZZY: You need to talk to Frank about his degree of commitment to you. Two years is a long time to live with someone who's married to someone else — let alone be trying to solve his wife's love problems. Perhaps it's time to distance yourself from both of them and figure out what you want to do for YOU.

DEAR ABBY: My friend "Maggie" is getting a divorce. She has been living with my husband and me for four months. She pays one-third of our utility bill but pays no rent.

My husband feels that since Maggie is living with us, she should pay something — even if it's only \$100 a month. She's

a lifelong friend, and I don't know what to do. Maggie is very upset over her messy divorce. Should I ask her for rent money? (I don't want to fight over this with my husband.) — ONLY FRIEND IN KENTUCKY

DEAR ONLY FRIEND: It depends on

Maggie's financial circumstances. If she has the money, it's certainly OK to ask. If she doesn't have the resources — or a job — she should consider finding one so she's not completely financially dependent on others.

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is LONGFELLOW

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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— YSMYFI XWMMGFO

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: DON'T EVER TAKE A FENCE DOWN UNTIL YOU KNOW WHY IT WAS PUT UP. — ROBERT FROST

BANANAGRAMS!

Each set of 11 tiles below contains one common five-letter word and one common six-letter word. The letters of the five-letter word are adjacent, but not in order. Find them and rearrange them to spell a word. Rearrange the six remaining letters to spell the second word.

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Yesterday's Answer: DRAGON, TARGET, NAUGHT, FRIDGE

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS DOWN

- 1 Quarter of a bushel
- 5 Black suit
- 11 Not busy
- 12 Washing-ton city
- 13 Pride member
- 14 Half a pint
- 15 Catchall abbr.
- 16 Raised, as Rottweilers
- 17 Prepare to propose
- 19 Move up and down
- 22 Plague
- 24 Dip for a chip
- 26 Oodles
- 27 Abrupt shock
- 28 Melting snow
- 30 Folded meals
- 31 Milliner's ware
- 32 Arkansas's — Mountains
- 34 Small songbird
- 35 Hotel amenity
- 38 Peaceful protests
- 41 Butter on the farm
- 42 Brunch choice
- 43 Camera setting
- 44 Swift
- 45 Goblet part

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Take precautions to protect pets from winter cold

When temperatures drop, humans are not the only ones who feel the chill. Cold weather also can take its toll on animals, including dogs, cats and birds. Protecting pets when winter arrives involves modifying care tactics.

A major winter snowfall or simply a snap of cold weather can cause many problems for pets. Much like humans, dogs and cats can experience frostbite on extremities when subjected to cold temperatures. Ears, noses and paws all may bear the brunt of cold weather, increasing the risk of injury.

Provide warm shelter

Although it may appear that pets are well insulated against cold temperatures, fur or feathers do not make pets impervious to the cold. According to the ASPCA, fur wetted by snow may not dry quickly, putting animals at risk for a chill or even hypothermia. As a precautionary measure, keep companion animals inside when temperatures drop below 30°F.

If yours is an outside dog, be sure that he or she is equipped with dry, draft-free shelter. A dog house that is too large will not retain heat, so keep this in mind. Reduce wind chill by placing the dog house where it will not be in the direct line of wind. You may want to think about keeping the dog in an insulated shed or garage if you prefer not to move the pet inside.

Cats can easily freeze while outdoors; therefore, it is safer to keep them inside. Also, outdoors a cat may seek unsafe shelter, such as under the hoods of cars where they can be injured or killed if the car is started.

Dress warmly

A mammal's system for regulating heat can be compromised when there is excessive cold. No matter its type of fur,

a dog or cat may not be able to tolerate long periods of cold weather, unless it is a breed that was specifically bred for remaining outdoors in the cold, like a Malamute or Husky. When venturing outside, consider the use of a sweater or vest on short-haired dogs, but keep an eye on the pet. Wearing a coat doesn't mean he should be left outdoors unattended.

Cats probably will not tolerate any type of clothing. If going outdoors to a vet appointment, use a carrier that is insulated from the cold with thick blankets.

Limit drafts

Address drafts around the house, which will increase your comfort and that of your companion animals. Dogs and cats lie on the ground, where colder air tends to collect. It may be several degrees cooler near the floor where they reside. Check windows and doors for drafts. If repairs or replacements aren't financially possible, consider the use of draft guards or insulating

curtains.

These measures also will protect pet birds. Most birds that are kept as pets are from tropical climates and cannot tolerate severe colder temperatures. Reduce risk of illness by keeping birds away from drafty windows and doors that open and close frequently during the winter.

Keep them leashed

Many dogs like to frolic in the snow, but snow can cause a pooch to lose his scent on the ground and get lost. A dog also may run off and get smothered by tall snowdrifts or slip through thin ice when not being able to gauge its surroundings. It is best to keep dogs on leashes during any type of inclement weather.

Be mindful of pets young and old

Puppies and kittens as well as older dogs and cats may be less tolerant of colder weather.

Young animals are lacking the fat stores and thick coats of their adult counterparts that can help protect them against the cold. Housebreaking a puppy during the cold weather could be challenging.

Senior dogs may feel aches and pains from the cold, which can irritate existing

conditions like arthritis. Limit their time outdoors to bathroom breaks.

Remove chemical poisons

Antifreeze and specialized nonicing window cleaners used in automobiles are commonly used in winter. These chemicals are often sweet to the smell and taste and very attractive to curious pets. But only a few laps of antifreeze can be deadly.

Keep any dangerous winterizing chemicals—even salt used to melt snow—away from pets to avoid accidental ingestion.

Provide extra food and water

Pets need extra calories in order to keep their bodies warm in the cold weather. You may need to feed them a little extra during the winter. Extra water may also be necessary when the pet's metabolism is working harder.

If a pet is kept outdoors, be sure to check if its water has frozen and replace it frequently.

Watch for symptoms of hypothermia

Even well-meaning pet owners may be unaware if their pet is suffering from the effects of too much cold. Here are some symptoms of hypothermia.

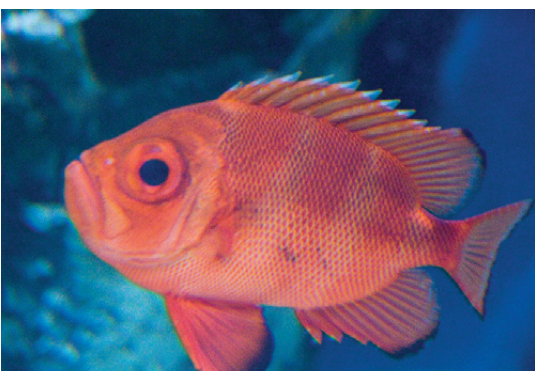
- violent shivering, followed by listlessness
- weak pulse
- lethargy
- muscle stiffness
- problems breathing
- lack of appetite
- rectal temperature below 98°F
- coma
- cardiac arrest

Companion animals may experience anything from discomfort to serious problems when cold weather arrives. Take precautions to keep pets safe and healthy all winter long.



Make sure your pet has a warm place and plenty of food and water when temperatures dip below freezing.

How to address common aquarium problems



Fish tank hobbyists tend to gravitate toward fish as pets because of the seemingly less-intensive maintenance and care required of these animals. Although fish don't require visits to the vet or walks around the neighborhood, that doesn't mean that having a home aquarium is a hands-off approach to pet ownership. In fact, even the most devoted home aquarium owners may find they are plagued by one or more issues with water quality or fish health.

Much like a swimming pool, aquariums need proper water chemistry and some other conditions to thrive. If there is a slight sway in one direction or another, you can be left with sick fish or an unsightly tank.

• **Algae:** Algae is a form of plant life that is often a sign of a healthy underwater environment. Many types of marine life feed on algae, and small

amounts of it in a fish tank are nothing to worry about. Large amounts of algae may be more unsightly than troublesome. Algae needs a light source to grow, so a good deal of algae in a tank may be indicative of too much light in the aquarium. Relocate the fish tank if it is by a sunny window or door. Otherwise, you may need to reduce the amount of time you leave the aquarium light on. This combined with introducing a few algae-eating species of fish to the tank could correct the problem.

• **Cloudy water:** Another thing many aquarium owners may encounter is cloudy water conditions. Cloudy water can be a byproduct of many things. However, one of the more frequent offenders is overfeeding fish. New fish tank owners may not be able to determine just how much food to give their fish and may have a heavy hand when shaking the container. Uneaten food breaks down and may begin to decompose and foul the water, particularly if it is not being thoroughly cleaned by the filter. Reduce the food given to the fish and change 25 percent of the water volume to alleviate the cloudy water. If cloudiness persists, have your water tested at the pet

store.

• **Toxic water:** Fish need a careful water environment to thrive. It takes time for the right balance of helpful bacteria to form in the water and time for the water quality to equalize. Water straight out of the tap may be toxic to fish because of cleansing agents. It is important to add water conditioner to tap water and allow it to distill before adding it to the tank. Also, allow time for a new tank to filter before gradually adding fish.

• **Too many fish:** It's easy to fall in love with all of the interesting fish in a pet store and want them all for your tank. Too often aquariums are crowded with fish, which creates an unhealthy environment. Small fish may each need 2 gallons of water, where larger ones may need 5 to 10 gallons. Err on the side of more space for your fish, and you'll give them the best chance to blossom.

• **Mixing incompatible fish:** It is unlikely that all types of fish will cohabitate peacefully in a home aquarium. Some fish are prey to other breeds, and there are some fish that are naturally aggressive and territorial. To ensure you do not end up with a tank with one, very large, well-fed fish, it is important to research different species of fish and know which ones can live together and even complement others.

Choose the best dog food

Being a dog owner is a big job, and ensuring that your dog receives the correct nutrition is a key part of that job. Here are three quick and easy tips that will help you make the best choice for your pet while they savor their mealtime with you even more:

1. Shop in a specialty pet store that sells premium quality food. Many commercially available/economy brands of dog food are made from inexpensive ingredients, which might not be easily digested due to possible degradation of protein sources or oxidation of fat sources. While the ingredients may technically meet the legal specifications for percentages of protein, fat, carbohydrates, etc., these foods have lower energy values and lower-grade proteins and don't provide the same quality nutrition.

2. Look at the ingredient panel.

• Look for a species-specific meat or meal as the first ingredient (e.g. "chicken" or "chicken

meal", not "poultry meal").

• Ensure that the product is naturally preserved with vitamin E (you don't want any chemical preservatives such as BHA, BHT or ethoxyquin listed).

• Look for the "extras" (like pre- and probiotics, digestive enzymes and antioxidant rich fruits and vegetables).

3. Consider your dog's activity level, weight and any specific health needs. Many "all life stage" products exist. However, some manufacturers also include life-stage-specific foods that have unique features and benefits tailored to a puppy or a senior dog. Also, there are many breed-size specific diets and diets that are specifically tailored to unique health needs, such as allergies, mobility issues or weight management.

A store expert can help you by asking some specific questions about your pet or online food selectors, like that at petcurean.com, can help you make a good choice.

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