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Photo by Sasha Heller

An accident Saturday at the demolition site of the former Celanese Chemical Company off U.S. Highway 60 left one man dead and another injured.

## Demolition accident leaves 1 dead, another injured

**■ Building collapses at Pampa Energy Center, two men fall 40 feet**

By SASHA HELLER  
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A demolition site accident Saturday at the Pampa Energy Center has left one man dead

and another critically injured at Pampa Regional Medical Center.

Jesus J. Ramirez-Chavez, 44, Pampa, was killed after a portion of a building collapsed and was pronounced dead at the scene.

At 2:40 p.m., the Pampa Police Department received a 911 call from an employee of a company dismantling building com-

ponents of the former Celanese Chemical Company, located off U.S. Highway 60 about six miles southwest of Pampa.

The caller advised that a portion of the building had collapsed causing two workers to fall from approximately 40 feet.

The administration center at PRMC would not release the identity of the worker who was injured.

Both workers involved in the accident were employed by Universal Wrecking, of Pampa, which had been contracted by the Pampa Energy Center to demolish portions of the former Celanese plant.

"There was an incident on Saturday," said Ron Nelson, president of Open Range

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## Police warrant roundup March 2-4

By TIMOTHY P. HOSWARE  
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It's not quite as sweet of a deal as getting the "get out of jail free" card in the board game Monopoly, because you still have to pay your fine.

But if you do pay your fine or fines, at least you won't have to go to jail.

The Pampa Police Department, along with the city's Municipal Court, is giving individuals with outstanding warrants until 5 p.m., March 1 to come into the Municipal Court to pay the fines.

After that, there will be a three-day roundup, March 2-4, in which Pampa police officers will actively go after you — whether you're at home or at work — to arrest you and put you in jail.

"Basically what we are doing now is trying to warn people now, then we go out hunting for them," said Officer Stormy McCullar, the PPD's public information officer.

McCullar advises anyone with a warrant, no matter how far back it dates, to get it resolved now during the grace period.

"The whole purpose of this is to get it taken care of," she said. "If it's not taken care of and we find you, we will pick you up."

She added the grace period is only for those who come into the Municipal Court to pay their fines. If you are pulled over in a traffic stop between now and March 1 and the officer discovers you have a warrant, you can still be arrested.

McCullar said for the year 2012 alone there are more than 700 unpaid warrants.

To view a complete list of warrants, visit www.cityofpampa.org/DocumentCenter/Home/View/2901.

The Municipal Court is located in the basement of City Hall. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. For more information, call 669-5785.

## BIG DADDY IN THE HOUSE



Photos by Timothy P. Howsare

Above, Mike Weaver, lead singer of Big Daddy Weave, emphasizes a message in a song lyric during Sunday night's concert at the M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium. At right is lead guitarist Jeremy Redmon. Big Daddy Weave is on the road with Chris August and Citizen Way on the Redeemed Tour, which began Feb. 1. Below, A sold-out crowd at M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium Sunday.

## Stop on Redeemed Tour fills M.K. Brown

By TIMOTHY P. HOSWARE  
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The doors at M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium opened at 5 p.m. Sunday and the parking lot was nearly full by 5:15.

A sold-out crowd, standing for most of the concert, attended a Christian rock concert Sunday night headlined by Big Daddy Weave, whose song "Redeemed" is currently No. 1 on Christian radio.

Performing with Big Daddy Weave was singer/songwriter Chris August, who hails from Dallas, and Chicago-based Citizen Way.

The concert was sponsored by Briarwood Church in Pampa.

The three Christian acts are touring together as the Redeemed Tour, which began in Feb. 1 in Wausau, Wis.

The next stops on the tour are Clovis and Hobbs in New Mexico, followed by a show in Tucson, Ariz.

"It's been a great tour so far," said Mike Weaver, lead singer of Big Daddy Weave, before the concert.

He added it's good to now be traveling in the Southwest, which is much warmer than the below-freezing temperatures they experienced in Wisconsin.

To warm up the crowd, Citizen Way opened the concert with a sing along of "Deep in the Heart of Texas." They commented on how



friendly people are in Texas, but said they were hoping for warmer weather.

"We are here to lift up Jesus," said lead singer and guitarist Ben Calhoun.

Citizen Way is comprised of two sets of brothers, Josh and Ben Calhoun and David and Ben Blascoe. They grew up in the church and began performing together in 2004.

Sunday night they performed their debut single, "Should've Been Me," which they said was inspired by a teenage boy, who after accepting Jesus, told them it should have been him who died on the cross instead

of Jesus. Citizen Way's set was followed by solo artist Chris August, who soulful voice and jazzy guitar licks were accompanied by keyboard, bass and percussion tracks played by "Cleviss the Computer."

"Cleviss is my only friend ... except for a few Facebook friends I have," August joked.

August, a native Texan, said he grew up in a broken home, with all the associated problems, but turned his life over to God in January 2009.

He emphasized the importance of redemption and forgiveness.  
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## Texas, Calif. govs battle for business

By ROSS RAMSEY  
 The Texas Tribune

Rick Perry is on a four-day "business recruitment trip" to California, escalating his raids on Jerry Brown's economy and getting enough attention to, maybe, get some businesses to think about moving. After new taxes that were imposed by California and Congress at the end of 2012, Californians — including decision-making executives — are among those who pay the highest taxes in the country.



Rick Perry

Perry spent a pittance  
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## PAMPA FORECAST

Today	Wednesday	Thursday
		
High 31 Low 21	High 43 Low 24	High 47 Low 26

**Tuesday:** Snow with a high of 31. Seventy percent chance of snow. Wind north northeast at 17 mph. Sunrise at 7:34 a.m.

**Tuesday:** Snow shows early with a low of 21. Sixty percent chance of snow. Wind northwest at 13 mph. Sunset at 6:23.

**Wednesday:** Sunny with a high of 43. No chance of rain. Wind west at 10 mph. Sunrise at 7:33 a.m.

**Wednesday night:** Clear skies with a low of 24. No chance of rain. Wind southwest at 7 mph. Sunset at 6:24 p.m.

**Thursday:** Mostly sunny with a high of 47. Ten percent chance of rain. Wind northeast at 15 mph. Sunrise at 7:31 a.m.

**Thursday night:** Partly cloudy with a low of 26. Ten percent chance of rain. Wind east at 10 mph. Sunset at 6:25 p.m.

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# Obituaries

## Lee Edward Eslick

Lee Edward Eslick, 93, died Friday, Feb. 8, 2013 in Pampa. Services were at 10 a.m., Monday, Feb. 11, 2013 in Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. James Greer, Director of Missions of the Top O' Texas Baptist Association, and the Rev. Albert Maggard, pastor of First Pentecostal Holiness Church, officiating.



**Lee Eslick**

Burial followed in Fairview Cemetery, with his six grandchildren serving as pallbearers. Arrangements were under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Eslick was born Aug. 31, 1919 in Red Hill, Okla. to Harrison and Mae Eslick. He lived in Dewar, Okla. during his youth and worked in Oklahoma and Arkansas in his young adult years. He shared many happy memories of his childhood such as going out to hunt for food with his dad and pranks he and his seven siblings pulled from time to time. Stories of the hard depression years with his family stayed with him throughout his life. Lee served in the U. S. Army during World War II.

Lee married Katherine Elizabeth Lenox on March 24, 1937, and they moved to Pampa in 1944 where he worked in the oilfields for Phillips Petroleum for 39 years. Katherine preceded him in death on March 3, 1996. He later married Wanda Hogue on July 3, 1999 who survives him with her five children. He was a member of First Pentecostal Holiness Church.

Survivors include his wife, Wanda Eslick, of the home; four daughters, Katherine Eslick Becker Hampson and husband Robert of Colorado Springs, Colo.; Erma Eslick Stanley and husband Norman Lee, I of Fort Myers, Fla.; Gertie Eslick Jeter and husband Gary, and Denise Eslick all of Lubbock; five stepchildren; six grandchildren, Rhonda Bueche, Rebecca McShane, Norman Stanley II, Greg Jeter, Cheri Pittman, and Elizabeth Dent; and several great-grandchildren. His family spent many happy hours sharing outdoor activities at Joe Dan Camp where his daughters went to Hopkins School through the seventh grade.

Memorials may be made to Interim Hospice, 2217 Perryton Pkwy, Pampa, TX 79065.

Sign the online register book at [Carmichael-whatley.com](http://Carmichael-whatley.com).

## James Gordon McConnell Sr.

James Gordon "J.G." McConnell Sr., age 94, died Saturday, Feb. 9, in Amarillo.



**James Gordon McConnell Sr.**

Memorial services for Mr. McConnell will be 10 a.m., Wednesday, Feb. 13, 2013 at First United Methodist Church of Canyon with the Rev. Kevin Deckard, associate pastor of Polk Street United Methodist Church in Amarillo, and the Rev. Rick Enns, senior pastor, officiating.

Arrangements by Brooks Funeral Directors.

J.G. died of congestive heart at Hospice Care of the Southwest, Amarillo. He was born to Roger S. And Willie C. (Hopkins) McConnell on Nov. 29, 1918, in the family home five miles west of Pampa. He was the eldest of three boys. His younger brothers, both deceased, were John Edwin and Glenn Roger.

The family farmed and ranched in Gray and Carson counties. J.G. went to work at an early age, sharecrop-

ping with mules, primitive tractors, and helping tend the family herd of polled Hereford Cattle. He grew up on the frontier stories of his great uncle and aunt, Henry and Fanny Lovett, and attended the funeral of Charles Goodnight. His uncle, Skinny Adams, was a range boss on the JA Ranch.

He saw the oil boom of the 1920s and survived the Dust Bowl, giving a vivid personal account of "Black Sunday," April 14, 1935. In high school, he excelled in FFA livestock judging and in state wide speech tournaments. He attended junior college at New Mexico Military Institute, Roswell, when the cadet corps drilled on horseback. He did his Bachelor's work in animal husbandry at Oklahoma State. His studies were interrupted by World War II, and he served with distinction in the U.S. Army, rising in the ranks from draftee and buck private to first lieutenant in the Medical Corps.

When he returned to Pampa, he met a beautiful high school teacher name Lee Una Sullivan on a blind date and married her in Fort Worth on Nov. 8, 1947. They farmed and ranched in Crowley County, Colo. until 1959. Their only child, James Gordon McConnell Jr. was born in 1950.

After selling the farm, J.G. returned to Stillwater to complete his final semester for his Bachelor's at OSU. He then completed a Master's in Science Education at Adams State College in Alamosa, Colo., and became a science teacher at La Junta Junior High School in La Junta, Colo. A devoted teacher, he soon became head of the science department. He was a lay leader at the First United Methodist Church and a dedicated volunteer and Key Man with the Explorer Scout group, and the Koshare Indian Dancers in La Junta.

In the summers, he took geology field study courses with Dr. Richard Burroughs of Adams State. They floated the Colorado River and explored Canyonlands National Park and other places in the Southwest. Lee often went along on these adventures.

He retired from teaching in the mid-1980s and was able to spend more time with Lee, friends and family in "God's Country" at Pearl Lakes Trout Club, near Creede, Colo. J.G. and Lee were also members of Denver-based Ports of Call Travel Club and traveled more than 200,000 miles together, visiting Mexico, China, Japan, Bali, Western Europe, the Middle East, and seven countries in Africa. As J.G. was fond of saying, they "had a great run together."

In 1995, Lee and J.G. moved to Canyon and joined the First United Methodist Church. They were members of the Crusaders Sunday School Class and developed many warm friendships in the church and community. J.G. continued working in his later years as president of R.S. McConnell, Inc., with properties in Gray and Carson counties, Texas. He supported several ministries and gave generous gratuities to college students working in the eateries of Canyon and Amarillo, helping them, in his words, "climb the ladder."

J.G. lost Lee, the love of his life, after 62 years of marriage in November 2009. Tenaciously independent, he continued to live at home for the next three years, aided by friends from church and the neighborhood and most especially, his "gal Friday" Becky and her husband, Kevin Deckard. He often said, "I thank the Lord every day for my walk on this earth." Those who knew and loved J.G., thank the Lord for him.

J.G. McConnell was the elder of the McConnell and Hopkins families, esteemed by nieces and nephews and cousins of multiple generations. He is survived by his son, Gordon and his wife, Betty; held in loving memory by Betty's son, Brett Loos, and his family; sister, Lillie Grace; and his sister-in-law, Laverne Sullivan Brewster, of Austin.

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# Obits

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## Jesus Jose Ramirez-Chavez

Jesus Jose Ramirez-Chavez, 44, died Feb. 9, 2013 in Pampa.



Rosary will be at 7 p.m., tonight, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel, with Deacon Scott Schwind officiating.

Funeral mass will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 14, 2013, at St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church, with the Rev. Francisco Perez, pastor, officiating.

Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Ramirez-Chavez was born March 2, 1968 in Durango, Mexico. He married Irene Ayala on May 17, 1992 in Mexico. He had been a resident of Pampa since 2005. Jesus worked for West Texas Landscaping and Ironrock Resources. He was an avid soccer fan, playing in Mexico and watching in the U.S. He was a member of St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church. He was a loving son, husband and father and will be missed by all.

Survivors include his wife: Irene Ramirez of the home; a daughter: Yesenia Ramirez of the home; three sons: Angel Ramirez, Adrian Ramirez and Raul Ramirez, all of the home; his parents: Juana and Gregorio Ramirez, Sr., of Mexico; four sisters: Mercedes, Estela, Teresa, and Ignacia; and three brothers: Conrado, Damian and Gregorio, Jr. Jesus was preceded in death by a daughter: Vanessa Guadalupe Ramirez on Jan. 18, 2013.

Memorials may be made to a favorite charity.

Sign the on-line register at [Carmichael-whatley.com](http://Carmichael-whatley.com).

# Accident

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of folks investigating that, including OSHA. The contractor that was employed had satisfactory safety measures in place.” Universal Wrecking was contracted by Open Range

Engineering to demolish the old buildings on site. Open Range is the lead engineering firm performing developmental services at the Pampa Energy Center.

Universal Wrecking did not return a request for comment before press deadline.

G2X Energy, which

partners with Pampa Fuels, recently broke ground on a lot adjacent to the accident site. Pampa Fuels was not involved in Saturday's accident. However, a spokesperson commented on the tragedy.

“We're deeply saddened at the tragedy and our hearts and prayers go

out to the families of the victims of the accident,” G2X Energy spokesman Trey Fielder said. “Safety is job 1 for Pampa Fuels — for us, all of our employees and contractors. “It is a terrible incident and we're certainly concerned.”

The Gray County Sheriff's Office, Pampa

EMS, Pampa and Hoover fire departments arrived at the scene.

A portion of the building covering a conveyor chute that was still attached to the structure had made the area unsafe for rescue personnel, according to reports. The scene was declared safe around 5:30 p.m.

# Concert

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“The Lord can take something that's broken and make it better than it ever was,” he said.

His upbeat rendition of the gospel hymn “This Is the Day the Lord Has Made” brought the audi-

ence to its feet.

Big Daddy Weaver proved that a Christian band can not only rock, but rock hard.

But perhaps even more important than their music was their mission, which is to bring Jesus to even the most remote places on the globe.

In between songs, the band showed a video of their trip to Tanzania, a

country in East Africa.

All of the band members sponsor children in the country through a mission they support called “World Vision.” Lead singer Mike Weaver said the trip was especially meaningful to him because he got to “meet the little guy whose face is on my refrigerator.”

Weaver not only got to

meet his sponsor child and his family, but got to see where the boy attended school.

He said although the people in the Tanzanian village were dirt poor, they were extremely generous, giving the band members presents even though they had very little of their own.

World Vision not only paid for children in the

village to attend school, but helped the community plant a successful corn crop.

Weaver said the Tanzanians repeated asked why people on the other side of the globe would want to help them, and he said it was Jesus reaching out to them.

# Battle

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—\$24,000 for a radio ad in a state like California has a smaller audience than a tweet from Paris Hilton — to tweak Brown's nose on jobs.

In the recent ad, Perry talks about how hard it is to do business in California and how easy it is in Texas, suggesting the job-makers on the West Coast would have a better time if they would simply move here.

That's nothing more than air support for a news release. And it worked. Perry's proposition quickly became a big story, eclipsing that teensy radio play. Brown took the bait, scolding reporters in his home state for pestering him so insignificant an emission: “It's not even a burp. It's barely a fart.”

It is a lovely thing when two political avatars slug it out in public. The little

radio advertisement has so far become a weeklong conversation about the relative virtues of the nation's two biggest states.

In other words, Perry got just what he wanted. The first part of persuading someone to move is getting them to consider that idea.

Behind the ads and the commentary is a serious competition between the states for economic pre-eminence. In that corner, Athens. In this one, Sparta. Each serves as the other's foil, the Ali to its Frazier, the Moriarty to its Holmes, the red to its blue. Each sees itself as the economic, cultural and political engine of the future.

Over the past decade, Texas has been knocking the feathers out of the competition, adding jobs faster than any other state. That's one of Perry's brags and would have been a centerpiece of his 2012 presidential campaign, had he kept that effort alive long enough to need a centerpiece.

Not from Texas? Here's one argument heard lately in California: Perry and Texas didn't create all those jobs. They stole them. When Countrywide

Financial (may it rest in peace) moved from California to Texas in 2004, Texas threw \$20 million at the company, which in turn promised 7,500 jobs. Even the rosiest spin on that deal failed to add to the number of jobs in the universe. It just relocated them.

You can put all of the eggs under one chicken, but that does not make that chicken the best egg-layer in the coop. On the other hand, it does make that chicken the one with the most eggs.

The governor versus governor and state versus state competition is a king of the hill thing, with winners and losers. For a national candidate, it is a harder sale to make, because a president gets blame or credit for the overall picture and not just for health in one precinct of the country. Both governors have been national candidates; Perry hasn't ruled out being a national candidate again.

Maybe he just wants to make friends. If you had both states in the bag, you'd be the next president. It would be highly unlikely that a candidate could take Texas and California and lose.



Jerry Brown

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But at the moment, it's highly unlikely that anyone could get them into the same camp. New friends or not, Perry would find the same stiff political headwind in California that Democrats face in Texas.

In his speeches, the Texas governor says other states — he doesn't mention the big rival here — have been “trying to beat us at our own game” by, among other things, “aggressively courting major employers.”

Texas' low taxes and regulations are in there, too — that's Perry's stock in trade. “We led the nation out of recession and into recovery, and remain the nation's prime destination for employers and job-seekers alike,” he told lawmakers last month.

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# NYC's Valentine's Day sewage tour back by popular demand

NEW YORK (AP) — Lovers of the unusual are getting another chance to impress their Valentines this year in New York City.

The Department of Environmental Protection is again offering Valentine's Day tours of the Newtown Creek sewage treatment plant in Brooklyn's Greenpoint section.

The DEP says it's offering three tours this year due to “overwhelming demand.” The 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. tours were quickly filled. So another was added at 11 a.m. Thursday.

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## Prairie Plains Perspective

### Questions about housing development

Is it affordable housing or is it low-income housing, that is the question? Many north side residents have their hackles up since last week over news an Overland, Kan., firm is pondering development of affordable housing on property directly east of Navajo Street. Pampa isn't the only Panhandle city in this firm's sites. A little recap from last Wednesday's The Pampa News says the company is also looking at development potential in Plainview and Levelland and has already made their presence known in Dumas. This brouhaha brings to mind the times when I moved back to Pampa in 2003, with some disgruntled folks crying foul over construction of a certain pig farm. There were many folks in accord with one another who stood firm in their beliefs that things didn't and would no matter what, smell in every sense of the word, right... Kinda sorta the same thing with this latest news about affordable housing for Pampa.



**DENNIS PALMIER**

Pampa is one of only two city's in Texas, for those of you not in the know, to vote an economic development commission out of existence. It wasn't solely due to a pig farm, but the foul air of so much innuendo and false rumor wafting around concerning Pampa's first Economic Development Corp. resulted in folks rising up in protest. Hence, a recall vote spelling a rather nasty doom for Pampa's first

EDC, which leads me to: One of the rumors spreading around this past week is our current EDC has anted up more than \$100,000 for the project. I can just hear the huffs of righteous indignation proclaiming, "Oh no, here we go again," arising around our town, so please folks, reread the following. According to Pampa EDC President Clay Rice; the Overland, Kan., firm to date, has not requested any financial aid from our EDC. If they had, I'm willing to bet a press release with full disclosure from our EDC would have occurred. Are you in accord with me? A reading comprehension test will follow to see if everyone concerned understands what Mr. Rice said, for today there is many a soul in this town still desirous of doing away with our present EDC... I feel the EDC clarification is needed in light of the positive effect industry wise Pampa and Gray County is currently experiencing. For example, a methane plant construction and other energy related businesses occupying what was once Celanese. All compliments of our current EDC.

Back to my Shakespearean question. Will it be affordable housing or low-income housing out there next to the reservation? Pardon my A.D.D. moment, but don't you love the semantics of political correctness compliments of HUD and federal government revitalization initiatives? The term "low income" is now "affordable" when it comes to this potential apartment complex. In that aspect, what needs revitalizing out on Pampa's northeast side, where north and east of 23rd Avenue lie some of the

nicest residential streets Pampa has to offer and where citizens living there are burdened with the highest of property taxes? For the matter, a goodly portion of Pampa is already graced with low income and affordable housing, so why isn't the Kansas developer looking at real estate in those neighborhoods?

The big money question in this brouhaha is whether our city fathers will jump on board when Overland Properties comes aknockin' with their construction plan. If you look at a Pampa city map where the company wants to build the complex, streets already exist albeit they need infrastructure under them and pavement on top, which means more than likely the city will have to do that part of the construction, by way of taxpayers dollars... And, as City of Pampa Public Works Director Donny Hooper mentioned earlier, rezoning issues will need to be finalized. Even bigger money is wondering what our EDC will do if the company requests funding from them. Yup, looks as if some rather testy times are on the horizon for some homeowners, our city commission, and perhaps our EDC? At present there is no done deal, just many unhappy homeowners/taxpayers reacting over a possibility, and they certainly have the right to be concerned. I hope clearer heads are in accord and remain so more than they did back in the millennium.

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## No regulation? No problem?

In the short time since President Obama was re-elected, government has issued hundreds of new regulations. The bureaucrats never stop. There are now more than 170,000 pages of federal regulations. President Obama wants still more rules. Cheering on increased financial regulation, he said, "We've got to keep moving forward." To the president, and probably most Americans, "forward" means passing more laws.

It is scary to think about a world without regulation. Intuition leads us to think that without government we'd be victims of fraud, as I explain in my latest book, "No, They Can't!" But our intuition is wrong.

Consider this: An entire sector of the economy operates almost entirely without government controls.

Complete strangers exchange big money there every day.

It's the Internet. It does have regulation, just not government regulation.

On my next TV show, titled "Freedom 2.0" (which the Fox Business Network airs this Thursday at 9 p.m. EST), economics professor Ed Stringham explains that Paypal.com, which transfers billions of dollars for people, at first assumed they needed government help to prevent fraud.

"They faced fraudsters from all over the world. They turned to the FBI," says Stringham. "But the FBI had no idea who these people were."

So PayPal invented a new form of regulation. "They developed a private fraud detection system, where they used computers to say, 'This might be fraudulent,' and then it would send it to a human to investigate that."

That dramatically reduced fraud, and PayPal thrived.

eBay's business model is also threatened by fraud. How can a buyer trust that, say, a seller will actually deliver a \$25 pack of baseball cards and that the cards will be what he claims they are?

In theory, you could sue; but in practice, our legal system is too slow and costly for that.

So eBay came up with self-regulation: The buyers rate the sellers.

"eBay and other groups developed private reputation mechanisms," says Stringham. "When you go onto eBay, you know there's a 99 percent chance that you're going to get the goods delivered."

Private companies found they could "crowd-source" enforcement against fraud and low-quality products, in much the same way that Wikipedia discovered an encyclopedia could be created without a central organizer.

Wikipedia founder Jimmy Wales tells me that method "works far better than the top-down system that it replaced."

Those that don't may get shut down.

Intrade is an innovative "prediction market" website where people bet about future events — who will win the Oscars, elections, etc.

The betting odds are great indicators of what will happen in the future because people think carefully before putting their money on the line.

But a government agency called the Commodity Futures Trading Commission determined that Intrade's bets are "commodity options" and Intrade does not have the right license to trade those options.

The agency sued, and Intrade decided it had to close its site to Americans. The result: We lose knowledge — and opportunity.

President Obama is wrong. We don't need new rules. Government should stop adding regulations — or try following the Stossel Law: For every new rule, repeal two old ones.

*John Stossel is host of "Stossel" on the Fox Business Network.*

well up peace in people's hearts, either. As proud as they were of their newfound republic, they would rely instead upon personal core values to perpetuate decency, respect, morality, honesty and restraint, to name a few.

Our founders' "human values curriculum," if you will, consisted of two primary principles: 1) Human life has an intrinsic or inherent value esteemed far above the rest of creation. 2) Human life is to be respected and cared for via each person's accountability to moral absolutes (that is, a moral creed to which he confesses and clings).

I will discuss the first point today and the second next week.

Most people's view and value of humanity were shaped around two beliefs: that God created us and that we were created equal.

The book of Genesis says, "Then God said, 'Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness'; And God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and

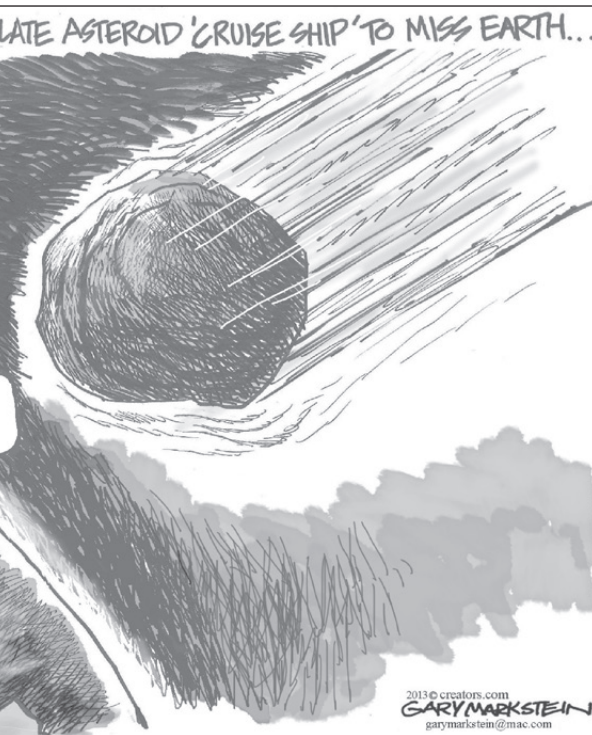
female He created them."

"We hold these Truths to be self-evident, that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness."

The founders believed that equality eventually would give legs to everyone's freedom, though they themselves struggled with its execution as much as slavery and their treatment of Native Americans and women, for example.

John Adams, our second president, said, "We should begin by setting conscience free. When all men of all religions ... shall enjoy equal liberty, property, and an equal chance for honors and power ... we may expect that improvements will be made in the human character and the state of society."

Scholar Thomas West, author of "Vindicating the Founders," explained: "The Founders believed that all men are created equal and that they have certain inalienable rights. All are also obliged



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## Reducing violent crime in the U.S.

In the past two weeks, I've highlighted ways we can reduce violent crime in the U.S. But I've saved the best and most powerful solutions for last because they work from the inside out.

In Part 1, I revealed how rational and rewarding it would be to post armed guards at our schools.

In Part 2, I showed how reducing the number of firearms in the U.S. would not curb violent crime.

Today and next week, I will discuss an age-old solution that America's Founding Fathers knew was key for maintaining civility in our communities — a solution being mimicked by a few nonprofit organizations in our public schools.

Our founders knew that more government regulation and taking away guns from law-abiding citizens would not curb violent crime.

And they didn't expect the law of the land to

well up peace in people's hearts, either. As proud as they were of their newfound republic, they would rely instead upon personal core values to perpetuate decency, respect, morality, honesty and restraint, to name a few.

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to obey the natural law, under which we have not only rights but duties. We are obliged 'to respect those rights in others which we value in ourselves' (Jefferson)."

Thomas Jefferson also explained that preserving human value and life was even government's primary role: "The care of human life and happiness, and not their destruction, is the first and only legitimate object of good government."

So lofty was their view of human life back then that in 1786, George Washington explained, "We have probably had too good an opinion of human nature in forming our confederation."

Next week, I will not only discuss the second core value our founders utilized to maintain civility but also show you how two nonprofit organizations are utilizing core value curricula to do the same.

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# Pope's bombshell sends troubled church scrambling

VATICAN CITY (AP) — With a few words in Latin, Pope Benedict XVI did Monday what no pope has done in half a millennium, announcing his resignation and sending the already troubled Catholic Church scrambling to replace the leader of its one billion followers by Easter.

Not even his closest collaborators had advance word of the news, a bombshell that he dropped during a routine morning meeting of Vatican cardinals. And with no clear favorites to succeed him, another surprise likely awaits when the cardinals elect Benedict's successor next month.

"Without doubt this is a historic moment," said Cardinal Christoph Schoenborn, a protege and former theology student of Benedict's who is considered a papal contender. "Right now, 1.2 billion Catholics the world over are holding their breath."

The move allows for a fast-track conclave to elect a new pope, since the traditional nine days of mourning that would follow a pope's death doesn't have to be observed. It also gives Benedict great sway over the choice of his successor. Though he will not himself vote, he has hand-picked the bulk of the College of Cardinals — the princes of the church who will elect his successor — to guarantee his conservative legacy and ensure an orthodox future for the church.

The resignation may mean that age will become less of a factor when electing a new pope, since candidates may no longer feel compelled to stay for life.

"For the century to come I think that none of Benedict's successors will feel morally obliged to remain until their death," said Paris Cardinal Andre Vingt-Trois.

Benedict had said as recently as 2010 that a pontiff should resign if he got too old or infirm to do the job, but it was a tremendous surprise when he said in Latin that his "strength of mind and body" had diminished and that he couldn't carry on. He said he would resign

effective 8 p.m. local time on Feb. 28.

"All the cardinals remained shocked and were looking at each other," said Monsignor Oscar Sanchez of Mexico, who was in the room at the time of the announcement.

As a top aide, Benedict watched from up close as Pope John Paul II suffered publicly from the Parkinson's disease that enfeebled him in the final years of his papacy.

Clearly Benedict wanted to avoid the same fate as his advancing age took its toll, though the Vatican insisted the announcement was not prompted by any specific malady.

The Vatican said Benedict would live in a congregation for cloistered nuns inside the Vatican, although he will be free to go in and out. Much of this is uncharted territory.

The Vatican's chief spokesman, the Rev. Federico Lombardi, said he isn't even sure of Benedict's title — perhaps "pope emeritus."

Since becoming pope in 2005, Benedict has charted a very conservative course for the church, trying to reawaken Christianity in Europe where it had fallen by the wayside and return the church to its traditional roots, which he felt had been betrayed by a botched interpretation of the modernizing reforms of the Second Vatican Council.

His efforts though, were overshadowed by a worldwide clerical sex abuse scandal, communication gaffes that outraged Jews and Muslims alike and, more recently, a scandal over leaked documents by his own butler. Many of his stated priorities as pope also fell short: he failed to establish relations with China, heal the schism and reunite with the Orthodox Church, or reconcile with a group of breakaway, traditionalist Catholics.

There are several papal contenders in the wings, but no obvious front-runner — the same situation as when Benedict was elected after the death of John Paul. As in recent elections, some push is expected for the election of



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Pope Benedict XVI retired from his position at the Vatican on Monday.

a Third World pope, with several names emerging from Asia, Africa and Latin America, home to half the world's Catholics.

The Vatican stressed that no specific medical condition prompted Benedict's decision, saying he remains fully lucid and took his decision independently.

"Any interference or intervention is alien to his style," Lombardi said.

The pope has clearly slowed down significantly in recent years, cutting back his foreign travel and limiting his audiences.

He now goes to and from the altar in St. Peter's Basilica on a moving platform to spare him the long walk down the aisle. Occasionally he uses a cane.

As early as 2010, Benedict began to look worn out: He had lost weight and didn't seem fully engaged when visiting bishops briefed him on their

dioceses.

But as tired as he often seemed, he would also bounce back, enduring searing heat in Benin to caress a child and gamely hanging on when a freak storm forced him to cut short a speech during a youth festival in Madrid in 2011.

His 89-year-old brother, Georg Ratzinger, said doctors recently advised the pope not to take any more trans-Atlantic trips.

"His age is weighing on him," Ratzinger told the dpa news agency in Germany. "At this age, my brother wants more rest." Benedict emphasized that to carry out the duties of being pope, "both strength of mind and body are necessary — strengths which in the last few months, have deteriorated in me."

"After having repeatedly examined my conscience before God, I have come to the certainty that

my strengths due to an advanced age are no longer suited" to the demands of being the pope, he told the cardinals.

In a way, it shouldn't have come as a surprise. Benedict himself in 2010 raised the possibility of resigning if he were too old or sick to continue.

"If a pope clearly realizes that he is no longer physically, psychologically and spiritually capable of handling the duties of his office, then he has a right, and under some circumstances, also an obligation to resign," Benedict said in the book "Light of the World."

But he stressed that resignation was not an option to escape a particular burden, such as the sex abuse scandal.

"When the danger is great one must not run away. For that reason, now is certainly not the time to resign. Precisely at a time like this one must stand fast and endure the situation," he said. Although popes are allowed to resign, only a handful has done it — and none for a very long time.

The last pope to resign was Pope Gregory XII, who stepped down in 1415 in a deal to end the Great Western Schism, a dispute

among competing papal claimants. The most famous resignation was Pope Celestine V in 1294; Dante placed him in hell for it.

There are good reasons why others haven't followed suit, primarily because of the fear of a schism with two living popes. Lombardi sought to rule out such a scenario, saying church law makes clear that a resigning pope no longer has the right to govern the church.

When Benedict was elected in 2005 at age 78 he was the oldest pope chosen in nearly 300 years. At the time, he had already been planning to retire as the Vatican's chief orthodox watchdog to spend his final years writing in the "peace and quiet" of his native Bavaria.

On Monday, Benedict said he plans to serve the church for the remainder of his days "through a life dedicated to prayer." The Vatican said after he resigns he will travel to Castel Gandolfo, the papal summer retreat south of Rome, and then live in the monastery. All cardinals under age 80 are allowed to vote in the conclave, the secret meeting held in the Sistine Chapel where cardinals cast ballots to elect a new pope.

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AUSTIN — Texas is ranked as the number one exporting state for the 11th year in a row, according to 2012 annual trade data released today by the U.S. Department of Commerce.

“The fact that Texas is ranked the nation’s top exporter for the 11th year in a row further demonstrates that our strong economic climate provides a broad range of opportunities for businesses to succeed,” Gov. Perry said. “Our longstanding commitment to holding the line on taxes, keeping our workforce strong, and

maintaining reasonable regulations and fair courts has led to more than a decade of leading the nation in exports.”

Texas exports for 2012 totaled \$265 billion, a 5.4 percent increase from \$251 billion in 2011 and outperformed overall U.S. exports, which only grew by 4.3 percent to \$1.54 trillion.

The state’s top export recipients were Mexico, Canada, China, Brazil, and the Netherlands, which respectively imported \$94.8 billion, \$23.7 billion, \$10.3 billion, \$10.0 billion, and \$9.5 billion in Texas-manufactured goods. Additionally, Texas’ top exporting industries in 2012 were

petroleum and coal products, chemicals, computer and electronic products, non-electrical machinery, and transportation equipment.

Texas was recently named the top state to do business by Area Development magazine, and Business Facilities magazine awarded Texas as the “State of the Year” for the aggressive economic development strategies that have helped attract jobs and investment. Texas governor Rick Perry was awarded the “Governor’s Award 2012” by fDi Magazine for being the most successful in attracting new investments to the state.

Boasting our continued economic success, the governor will travel to California to meet with business leaders across a variety of industries to promote doing business in Texas. He will visit San Francisco, the Silicon Valley, Los Angeles and Orange County, departing Sunday, February 10 and returning Wednesday, February 13. The governor’s trip will be paid for by TexasOne - no tax dollars will be used for his travel and accommodations. For more information, visit Governor.state.tx.us/news/press-release/18139/.

To view the annual trade report, please visit Wisetrade.org/naics/ftbregin .

## Three dead in helicopter crash on California reality TV set

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Three people were killed Sunday in a pre-dawn helicopter crash in a rural area of northern Los Angeles County while filming for a new reality TV show for the Discovery Channel.

The copter crashed at about 3:40 a.m. at the popular filming location of Palsa Rosa Ranch in the city of Acton, Los Angeles County Fire dispatcher Robert Diaz said.

All three people aboard died, Diaz said. Coroner’s spokesman Ed Winter identified the victims Monday as David Gene Gibbs, 59, of Valencia, Calif.; Darren Arthur Rydstrom, 46, of Whittier, Calif., and Michael William Donatelli, 45, of Indiana, Pa.

Autopsies were pending. The show, listed on a filming permit as an untitled military-theme TV program, had not yet been aired or announced by Discovery, channel spokeswoman Laurie Goldberg said.

“A production company was shooting a show for Discovery Channel when this tragic accident occurred,” the station said in a statement.

“We are all cooperating fully with authorities. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families.”

The show’s production company, Eyeworks USA, best known for creating NBC’s “The Biggest Loser,” also issued a statement expressing sympathies to the victims’ families and saying they were cooperating with authorities.

The company had been approved to use a helicopter for a reality TV show shooting at the ranch from Saturday afternoon until Sunday morning, said Philip Sokoloski, a spokesman for FilmLA, which processes filming permits for location shootings in the Los Angeles region.

Records also showed that Crossbow Helicopters received approval to participate in filming from the Federal Aviation Administration.

“We wouldn’t have referenced helicopter activity if we didn’t already have pre-approval from the FAA,” Sokoloski said.

The cause and other circumstances surrounding the crash were still unknown, Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Allen Kenitzer said.

Television footage showed mangled wreckage in a rugged canyon.

According to its website, Palsa Rosa is a “movie ranch” where film crews can utilize a variety of terrains as well as two airstrips.

The ranch, according to the Internet Movie Database, was used in “Windtalkers” and last year’s remake of “Red Dawn.”

It was the site of another entertainment industry death in September, when a 48-year-old crew member died of an apparent heart attack while underwater in scuba gear on the set of the upcoming Johnny Depp film “The Lone Ranger.”

Sunday’s wreck was also just 25 miles from a similar rural spot in Santa

Clarita where actor Vic Morrow and two children were killed in another helicopter crash while filming the “Twilight Zone” movie in 1982.

That crash brought changes in production restrictions and led to producer John Landis and four others being charged with involuntary manslaughter. All were acquitted.

### Testimony resumes in Ariz. boyfriend killing

PHOENIX (AP) — A woman charged with killing her lover in his Arizona home after a lust-filled day of sex and raunchy photographs told jurors Monday that she once awoke from sleeping in his bed to find the victim having sex with her.

Jodi Arias, 32, faces the death penalty if convicted of first-degree murder in the killing of Travis Alexander in June 2008.

Arias testified last week in Phoenix about the volatile relationship that culminated with Alexander’s death.

Prosecutors claim Arias killed him in a jealous rage, stabbing and slashing him 27 times, slitting his throat and shooting him in the head.

Arias says it was self-defense after initially tell-

ing authorities she wasn’t there. She then blamed it on masked intruders. She now claims Alexander attacked her, forcing her to fight for her life.

In provocative testimony during three days on the stand last week, Arias recounted her troubled childhood marred by abuse at the hands of her parents, a string of bad relationships and struggles to pay bills. She later described for jurors in graphic detail how Alexander made repeated sexual advances all while converting her into the Mormon faith during their heated initial courtship.

Defense attorneys have been trying to portray Alexander as a hypocrite, liar and philanderer in hopes of gaining sympathy from jurors.

Arias has described Alexander as a domineering womanizer who belittled her, called her derogatory names and used her for sex throughout their stormy five-month relationship, and even afterward, as the pair continued to see each other for trysts.

On Monday, she described an encounter with Alexander in May 2007, about a year before his death, when she was sleeping in his bed and awoke to find him having

sexual intercourse with her.

“He was on top of me, and had already penetrated and started having sex with me,” Arias said.

She said she didn’t tell him to stop but the sex made her uncomfortable

because she felt it violated the teachings of the Mormon church, which discourages sex before marriage.

Defense attorney Kirk Nurmi asked why she felt the sex while she slept was OK.

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# For the record

## Pampa woman arrested for burglary of a habitation

- 30-year-old Amy Renee Cole, Pampa, was arrested Saturday by the Gray County Sheriff's Office for burglary of a habitation.
- 36-year-old Cynthia Miller, Pampa, was arrested Saturday by the Pampa Police Department for failure to appear, no drivers license, failure to maintain responsibility, and no valid drivers license.
- 40-year-old Erik Lamont Brand, Shamrock, was arrested Sunday by the PPD for assault causing bodily injury — family.
- 52-year-old Patricia Griffin, Pampa, was arrested Monday by the GCSO for bond surrender — possession of controlled substance and bond surrender — tampering with evidence.
- 29-year-old Jerry James

- Mears, Pampa, was arrested Monday by the PPD for theft of property — over \$50 and under \$500.
- 25-year-old Cody Don Russell, Pampa, was arrested Friday by the GCSO for violating a protective order.
- 21-year-old Benjamin Samuel Griffin, Pampa, was arrested Friday by the PPD for resisting arrest and violation of probation — possession of marijuana.
- 17-year-old Seth Martin, Fort Worth, was arrested Friday by the GCSO for violation of probation — inure to child/elderly/disabled with intent to injure.
- 20-year-old Savanna Nicole Hinshaw, Pampa, was arrested Friday by the PPD for burglary of a habitat and three counts of capias pro fine.
- 44-year-old Rafael

- Vasquez Feliz, El Paso, was arrested Friday by the GCSO for assault causing bodily injury, violation of probation — violating a protective order, bond surrender — driving while intoxicated (third offense or more), bond surrender — assault on a public servant, and bond surrender — possession of controlled substance.
- 30-year-old Manuel Palomares Jr., Pampa, was arrested Friday by the GCSO for theft of service.
- 48-year-old Clayton Durand Johnson, Pampa, was arrested Friday by the PPD for dog fighting.
- 38-year-old Jana Elizabeth Turlington, Pampa, was arrested Friday by the

- PPD for dog fighting.
- 23-year-old Lexton Bryan Larue, Pampa, was arrested Friday by the Department of Public Safety for driving while license invalid with a previous conviction.
- 19-year-old Jacob Aaron Johnson, Pampa, was arrested Friday by the PPD for possession of a dangerous drug.
- 21-year-old Juan Botello, Pampa, was arrested Saturday by the DPS for possession of a controlled substance — less than 1 gram.
- 21-year-old Octavio Rios-Mendez, Pampa, was arrested Saturday by the DPS for driving while intoxicated and fraudulent

- use of ID info.
- 25-year-old Nikita Leann Ford, Pampa, was arrested Saturday by the PPD for resisting arrest/detention, theft under \$50.



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## Cast member from MTV show arrested

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) — A cast member of the MTV reality show "Buckwild" is facing a drug charge in West Virginia.

Twenty-four-year-old Salwa Amin was arraigned Monday in Nicholas County Magistrate Court on felony charges of possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver. She is being held at the Central Regional Jail on \$200,000 bond.

State police say a multi-

agency task force arrested Amin and two others late Sunday at a home in Summersville after receiving a tip from an informant. Officers say they found oxycodone pills and heroin.

Jail Administrative Sgt. Rick Drake says Amin doesn't want to talk to the media.

"Buckwild" shows wild young West Virginians and has drawn criticism for what some see as a negative portrayal of the state's youth.

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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 Mary Smith of Dallas, Texas. She is the great-granddaughter of the late Edward Mary Adams of Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Robert and Jan Smith of Wichita Falls, Texas.

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# Texas Democrats plan to force education votes

AUSTIN (AP) — How the state will pay for public schools will take center stage this week in the political theater known as the Texas Legislature, and it will likely remain there throughout the session.

A very public and somewhat tense conversation between House Appropriations Chairman Jim Pitts and his Democratic vice chair, Sylvester Turner, provided a sneak preview. Turner spoke up after their committee finished its work earlier than expected on Tuesday, the morning after a judge declared their public school finance system unconstitutional.

"There are a lot of things we could discuss, like what happened yesterday afternoon at around 5 o'clock," Turner said as Pitts started to end the meeting. "I'm sure we'll be discussing that, too," Pitts answered with a tight smile.

"And there is no place better to discuss it than right here, right now," Turner pressed, tapping his finger on the dais.

"I think when the judge finishes his opinion, we'll be discussing that," Pitts replied, hoping to end the on-camera conversation before a crowded committee room.

"Because I don't think we should be allowing judges to determine legislative priorities. That is not the conservative thing to do," Turner added wryly, prompting laughter from the audience. Rather than reply, Pitts called on a fellow Republican and ended the meeting. That interaction betrayed how Texas Democrats are laying the ground work to make public school funding a major issue this legislative session, and how they hope to set Republicans up for some potentially embarrassing votes that can be used against them in 2014.

Last session, the Republican-controlled Legislature rewrote the public education funding formulas to cut \$5.4 billion from the budget, the first cut in per-student spending since World War II.

That prompted two-thirds of

the state's school districts to sue and win a ruling that the Legislature has failed its constitutional obligation to adequately fund public schools.

Democrats have repeatedly called on the Legislature to restore those cuts. But House Speaker Joe Straus, R-San Antonio, has said lawmakers shouldn't make any major changes to the school finance system until the Texas Supreme Court has a chance to rule on the lawsuit, something that will not happen before the legislative session ends in May. Like Turner, though, Democrats want action now. They have called on Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott to accept the ruling without filing an appeal and for the Legislature to fix the school finance problem this session.

In addition, the House Democratic Caucus says it will introduce a measure to restore the \$5.4 billion in cuts to this year's budget by adding it to an emergency spending bill needed to pay for Medicaid. Rep. Trey Martinez Fischer, D-San Antonio, will also try on Monday to convince the House to declare school finance an emergency item and begin work on the matter immediately.

These votes will be just the beginning of a long, drawn out effort to get Republicans to either vote for increased government spending — which will get them in trouble in the 2014 Republican primaries — or get them to vote against public education spending, which will give Democrats an issue in the 2014 general elections. The Republican leadership recognizes the trap and will do its best to side-step it. The GOP will also use parliamentary procedure to block votes and argue that rewriting school finance laws while there is ongoing litigation is foolish.

Privately, Republicans say they want to delay any action on school finance for as long as possible and are considering stalling tactics. Abbott can do Republican lawmakers a favor and slow-peddle the appeals process to make sure the lawsuit lasts well

into 2014. Then Gov. Rick Perry can call a special legislative session after the 2014 primaries and before the 2014 general election.

Such a special session would allow Republican lawmakers to vote for a school finance overhaul that boosts spending after they've made it past the notoriously conservative Republican primary voter. They would also solve the school finance problem before Democrats could attack them for not taking care of public schools, one of the most important issues for the general election voter. Fischer's opening gambit on Monday will be just the beginning of a political drama that has as much to do with politics as it does with the school children of Texas.

## House budget writers take action on \$4.8B bill

AUSTIN (AP) — Budget writers in the Texas House have taken the first step toward passing one of the first priorities of the new legislative session. The House Appropriations Committee on Monday unanimously approved a \$4.8 billion supplemental spending bill. The majority of that covers a Medicaid tab that lawmakers didn't pay two years ago. Republican chairman Jim Pitts told the committee that the spending bill must be on Gov. Rick Perry's desk by March. He says failing to do so will mean that doctors and hospitals won't get paid.

Democrats have indicated they'll make Republicans vote on restoring \$5.4 billion in education cuts in the supplemental bill, which must be addressed before lawmakers begin fine-tuning the next budget. The supplemental bill now moves to the Texas House.

## Texas officers find \$500k worth of cocaine in car

WEIMAR (AP) — Cocaine isn't cool even when stuffed in a radiator. East Texas law officers have confiscated about \$500,000 worth of cocaine hidden in a false compartment of a vehicle's radiator. The Fayette County Sheriff's Office on Monday an-

nounced the drug bust and the arrest of two people from Lakeway, Fla.

A traffic stop Friday on Interstate 10 several miles east of Weimar led to a search. A Texas trooper noticed the radiator appeared to have been altered. A drug-sniffing dog located packages with more than 20 pounds of cocaine. The Colorado County Sheriff's Office says 43-year-old Marciano Moreno and his 52-year-old wife Maria were being held Monday on charges of manufacture and delivery of a controlled substance. Bond was set at \$25,000. Jail records didn't list attorneys for the pair.

## Mom, 3 kids die in South Texas SUV wreck

GEORGE WEST (AP) — Investigators say a woman and her three children have died after their SUV hit a tree and burst into flames in a South Texas wreck. The Department of Public Safety says the victims were dead at the scene Sunday morning in the accident about 12 miles northeast of George West. DPS says the woman's husband survived but suffered a broken left arm and left leg.

Officials say 22-year-old Joannie Lopez of George West was driving when the SUV went off U.S. 59. The accident also killed 2-year-olds Christopher and Alonzo Lopez, plus 3-year-old Andrew Lopez Jr. Investigators say the woman was the only person wearing a seat belt and driver fatigue may have contributed to the accident. George West is 60 miles northwest of Corpus Christi.

## Shooting suspect killed by Fort Worth police

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Fort Worth police say they shot and killed a man after he drove his vehicle at them. A department news release Sunday said the incident occurred late Saturday as police investigated an earlier shooting.

The driver, a 22-year-old man, died at the scene. Police say the driver was a suspect in the earlier shooting. According to the

news release, the vehicle was approached because officers believed it matched one involved in that shooting. Shots were fired because officers feared for their safety and believed one had been struck by the vehicle, the news release said. The officers have been placed on administrative leave pending an investigation.

## Texas man convicted of '81 shooting could go free

CORSICANA (AP) — A man convicted three decades ago of stabbing a woman more than 40 times could soon be freed thanks to DNA testing.

Randolph Arledge has spent half of his life in prison due to a 1984 murder conviction. Prosecutors and Arledge's attorneys at the national Innocence Project will ask a judge Monday to recommend that the 58-year-old Arledge go free.

Arledge was given 99 years for the 1981 death of Carolyn Armstrong, whose body was found on a dirt road in Navarro County, southeast of Dallas.

Investigators focused on Arledge after two co-conspirators in an armed robbery said he had admitted to stabbing someone. One of them later recanted. DNA from a hairnet found in Armstrong's car was a near-perfect match for another man now at large.

## Michigan lovebirds rescued after marriage proposal

DETROIT (AP) — A Detroit-area couple who became stranded on an island last year exchanged vows in a wedding ceremony that — unlike the elaborate proposal that prompted their rescue — went according to plan. WDIV-TV reports Nathan Bluestein and May Gorial were married Saturday at Assumption Grotto Catholic Church in Detroit. Bluestein and Gorial set out by canoe in September in Wild Fowl Bay near Caseville, about 110 miles north of Detroit. Gorial accepted the proposal, but strong wind and waves kept them from returning to shore. Bluestein had planned the proposal for months.

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Doug Carmichael, guest speaker, draws the winning tickets for the Rotary Club gift card raffle. The drawing was held at the club's meeting on Jan. 30. Winners received gift cards to United Supermarket and Walmart. The four winners drawn were: Benny Horton, \$1,000; Pat Mitchell, \$500; Benny Horton, \$250; and Jessica Whiteley, \$250. Proceeds raised by the Rotary Club are used to fund scholarships for Pampa High School Seniors.

PRMC welcomes Texas Tech resident

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Here is our first Texas Tech resident to come to Pampa. Dr. Sharma has a family and will be living here during the week, but lives in Amarillo.

He is a very smart, articulate man, said Brad Morse, CEO of Pampa Regional Medical Center.

Dr. Sharma is a physician licensed in training for rural family medicine.

He is the first of several that we can look forward to introducing to Pampa that will be learning from our medical staff here at Pampa Regional Medical Center.

He is in his second year of residency out of Texas Tech in Amarillo. He is

interested in Rural family practice, nursery pediatrics, OB, procedural medicine, general medicine and emergency medicine.

"Pampa Regional is the perfect laboratory for that" said Morse.

All of our doctors at Pampa Regional are more than qualified to teach medicine to the residence and this is evident by Texas Tech entering into this agreement to affiliate with our hospital here in Pampa.

Dr. Sharma is the first in line and there are more to come!

The residents are board screened at Tech and have to stay there for a year if not two before they come here.

Suspect charged with stealing sheriff's paper

CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa (AP) — Sheriff's deputies in Cedar Rapids didn't have to go far to arrest a man charged with stealing the newspaper outside their office. Linn County Sheriff Brian Gardner said his deputies arrested 50-year-old David Dillon on Friday morning after he was seen stealing the Gazette newspaper from the steps of the office. Gardner sent a press release to announce his office had solved the - quote - "paper caper."

Gardner says Dillon was seen on security camera stealing the office's newspaper Wednesday and Thursday. He says

deputies waited for Dillon and caught him in the act Friday. Gardner says Dillon told deputies that he took the papers because he simply wanted to read them.

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# Community Calendar

## City Commission meetings

The Pampa City Commission meets at 4 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. The meetings are held on the third floor of City Hall.

## School board meetings

The Pampa Independent School District board meets at 6 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month. Check The Pampa News for meeting locations.

## County Commission meetings

The Gray County Commission meets at 9 a.m. on the 1st and 15th of each month. If the date falls on a Saturday, the meeting will be held on Friday. If the date falls on a Sunday, the meeting will be held on Monday.

The meetings are held on the second floor of the Gray County Courthouse.

## Jam sessions every Friday night

The Woody Guthrie Folk Music Center has a jam sessions every Friday night starting at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to play or listen. The center is located at 320 S. Cuyler St. For more information, call 806-664-0824.

## Meredith House presents live music

Meredith House, an assisted-living facility at 812 W. 25th Ave., has a band performing at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday and Saturday night.

Join them for Western music, gospel and the classics. For more information, call 806-665-5668.

## Pampa Pride religion section

The Pampa News will

publish multiple special sections in the paper on March 29.

One of those sections is the religion section. To have your church featured, please contact the paper.

Send us a story and/or picture about your church or bring it by the paper. For more information, call 669-2525.

## Pampa Pride

The Pampa News will publish multiple special sections in a paper on March 29. Send us a story and/or picture you want featured. You may also bring the story to the paper. Submissions deadlines vary by section. Please get the stories in ASAP to increase the chances of the story being included. For more information, call 669-2525.

## Social planned on Valentine's Day

The Meredith House is celebrating its community sweethearts at 2 p.m. on Valentine's Day. All visitors will have a chance to win a grand prize and join them as they crown the Meredith House King and Queen. RSVP by Feb. 11 by calling 665-5668.

## Monday night dance club

The Monday night dance club meets from 7-9 p.m., each Monday, in the Pampa Chamber of Commerce building on the corner of Ballard and Kingsmill. Admission is \$3. Cold drinks and coffee are offered. The club plays Country music from the 1940s, 50s, 60s and 70s. For more information, call Della at 806-665-2858.

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## Meeting on prairie chicken Feb. 15

The Panhandle Produces and Royalty Owners Association (PPROA) will brief its members on the potential listing of the lesser prairie chicken as an endangered species from 3-5 p.m., Friday, Feb. 15, at the Palace Theater, 210 Main St., in Canadian.

The meeting is open to the public. For more information, contact Wayne Hughes at 806-352-5637 or pproa@pproa.org.

*Editor's note: Email submissions to thowsare@thepampanews.com. Submissions should be 100 words or less and written in the third person. Please include the title of the event, the date and time, physical address, the admission cost or whether it is a free event and a contact number and/or email address for the public.*



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## Former military instructor's court-martial set

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The court-martial of an Air Force basic training instructor accused of sexual misconduct at Lackland Air Force Base is set to begin.

The trial of Staff Sgt. Craig Leblanc starts Monday in San Antonio.

Leblanc was an instructor at the 331st Training Squadron at Lackland, where every American airman receives basic training.

His trial was postponed in October for further investigation.

Charges against him include obstruction of justice and making a false official statement.

He also is accused of using his post as a military instructor to sexually assault and pursue a sexual relationship with one female trainee and have a wrongful sexual relationship with another.

Leblanc is one of 20 basic training instructors at Lackland to be implicated in allegations of sexual misconduct with female trainees.

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## Swim team at the Andrews Regional

By ZACHARY GREEN  
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The Pampa swim team competed in the Andrews regional over the weekend. Swimmers had to finish in the top two of their heat to advance to state, which made for some stiff competition.

Pampa faced off against teams from the entire Panhandle and West Texas regions.

In the girls 200-yard medley relay, Pampa's team of Alexis Stuart, Morgan Graef, Jenna Bonner and Holly Osborn finished 11th with a time of 2:15.03.

In the boys 200-yard medley relay, Pampa's team of Gerrek Watson, J.T. Brown, Dalton Hudson and Chris Garvin placed ninth with a time of 1:57.66.

Samantha Van Houten finished 14th for Pampa in the girls 200-yard freestyle with a time of 2:27.01. Van Houten also took 16th in the girls 100-yard butterfly with a time of 1:24.00.

Graef took 11th in the girls 200-yard individual medley relay with a time of 2:42.60. Graef also took 9th in the girls 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 1:19.42.

For the boys 200-yard individual medley relay Hudson took home 15th with a time of 2:29.52.

Mackenzie Parks finished 13th in the girls 500-yard freestyle with a time of 6:46.52.

Pampa's team of Osborn, Stuart, Cindy Majalca and Van Houten placed 11th in the girls 200-yard freestyle relay.

Travis Hinkle, Esteban Alonzo, Garvin and Watson comprised the boys 200-yard freestyle relay team for Pampa. The team finished 13th with a time of 1:49.08.

Stuart had a time of 1:15.85 in the girls 100-yard backstroke, which was good enough for 14th.

Brown finished 16th in the boys 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 1:14.54.

Garvin, Hudson, Watson and Brown made up the team for Pampa's boys 400-yard freestyle relay. The team finished 13th with a time of 3:58.67.

As a team Pampa finished 14th with a score of 87 for the boys. Pampa finished 11th for the girls with a score of 50.

This completes the swimming season for Pampa as no swimmers advanced to the state meet in Austin.

## Two wrestlers headed to state

By ZACHARY GREEN  
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In the 215-pound class, Bella Wilson took home first place from regionals and punched her ticket to state while improving her season record to 26-4. Wilson pinned every opponent she faced in the regionals.

"Bella will realistically be the No. 2 or No. 3 ranked wrestler for state," said Pampa coach Michael Stovall. "Bella was the first girl from Pampa to ever be a regional champion. She wrestled very well this weekend."

In the 285 weight class, Isidro Estrada lost his first match of the season (25-1) in the regional championship, finishing second in regionals and punching a ticket to state. In the championship match Isidro lost 7-4.

"Isidro will have his work cut out for him at state," Stovall said.

At 128 pounds, Ericka Spence finished her season at 20-12 with a sixth place finish in the regionals.

Cade Furgason, Sierra Sieber, Miranda Foreman, Dinah Radke and Shalor

Sokolosky also participated in the regionals but did not finish in the top six of their respective weight classes.

As a team, Pampa finished 10th for the girls and tied for 18th for the boys.

"We had three girls that were one match away from wrestling for a chance to go to state. This whole squad battled this weekend," Stovall said. "It is a tough regional and these kids came and battled with the best in the state and represented Pampa well."

Stovall said that not one of the nine wrestlers Pampa sent to regionals went 0-2, all of them won at least one match. "Our wrestlers got bruised up, beat up and battled through. It is a testament to their will and desire. They are already talking about coming back next year and improving off this season's success."

Wilson and Estrada will travel to Austin for state Feb. 21-23.

Stovall starts his new job as a high school principal in the Austin area on Monday.

"I am going to go to state and if these kids want me in their corner during their matches, I will be right there," said Stovall.

## Freshman win Friday

By ZACHARY GREEN  
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The Pampa freshman boys team hosted Perryton on Friday night in their second to last game of the season.

Pampa led the close game 8-7 after the first quarter. At the half, Pampa was tied 22-22. After three quarters, Pampa led 38-25. The third quarter was the big story of the night with Pampa outscoring the Rangers 16-3 over the period and boosting their lead to 13.

The final score was Pampa 45, Perryton 34.

Kambrin Scott led Pampa with 12 points, including one three-pointer. Colton Thompson finished with nine points. Alec McClendon scored eight points. Adam Zuniga and Bryson Burrell each added seven points. Zuniga hit one three-pointer. Kolton Jefferis finished with two points. Pampa had nine assists as a team. Three were from Thompson, Scott and Burrell had two each and Zuniga and Andres Losoya had one each.

Pampa had 37 rebounds as a team. Thompson had 16 to lead Pampa. Scott had seven, Zuniga had five and McClendon had four. Jefferis finished with three rebounds and Rhett Harden and Burrell had one rebound each.

With the win, Pampa improves to 10-7 overall and 4-3 in district play. Their next, and final game, was Monday night at River Road. Look for those results in future editions of The Pampa News.



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## Pampa soccer at Dumas



Photos by Barb Amrhein

Above, Bennet Cambren (30) leads the Pampa defense after a Dumas corner kick Friday in a 2-0 District 5-4A soccer loss at the Demonette pitch. Right, Cheyenne Young dribbles during the game and looks for a player to pass the ball to. The Lady Harvesters fell to 0-5 in district competition.

**BY BARB AMRHEIN**

Special to The Pampa News

The Pampa Harvesters soccer team played to 0-0 tie at Dumas Friday night while the the Lady Harvesters lost 2-0.

Neither team could find an offense in the boys games, and Pampa goal keeper Cesar Garcia made a critical stop with less than three minutes remaining to help preserve the tie for the Harvesters who failed to score despite two free kick attempts in the waning minutes.

Pampa improved to 0-4-1 in District 5-4A play.

“Both teams left the field thinking they missed some opportunities to win the game, but our boys took home a result to be proud of. Dumas went three rounds deep in the playoffs last year. They were hoping

to use a win against us to leap-frog Amarillo High in the district standings, but those plans are spoiled for now. This was the best soccer the boys have played all season,” said Pampa coach Byron May. “Our defense was still struggling with organization, but we communicated well, and that covers for a lot of mistakes. At one point in the game, we had five freshmen on the field with only a little drop-off, so I think that shows we’re growing up a little. We have a lot of improving left to do — but it was refreshing to see their work and film study pay off.”

The Demonettes controlled the girls’ game with 20 shots on goal. Sandra Gomez scored in the 16th minute and Nancy Zubia in the 45th minute to give Dumas its first

win in district play.

“The Lady Harvester Soccer program is still struggling to mature as a team. Each game the girls get better and better at communicating with each other. We started out strong, but lost momentum after the first 15 minutes of the game,” said Pampa coach David Willis. “We played great defense, but just couldn’t link our passes together in the red zone.

As a result, we were not able to put Dumas in the kind of danger necessary to put goals in. Samantha Woodruff, Cheyenne Young, and Olga Garcia all had shots on goal. Tristen Morgan had 17 saves and two goals allowed.”

The Lady Harvesters fell to 0-5 in district play.

Both teams were back in action Monday night vs. Randall. Results will be in an upcoming edition.

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## Tennis at Andrews

**BY ZACHARY GREEN**

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Pampa’s tennis team played in the Andrews Tournament this past weekend and finished fourth as a team.

“It was a good tournament with a lot of good play with some great playing by some individuals,” said Pampa coach Sarah Corse. “Genevieve Zavala did great in girls singles flight two where she finished second.”

Nick Nelson and Kinde Hunt finished fourth in flight one singles. Zoe Hulsey finished fourth in flight three singles. Brandon Gage finished fourth in flight five.

Nick Rodriguez, Ashton Robison, Blake Chisum all were first in consolation or fifth in flight two, three and four boys singles.

In doubles, the team of Nick Nelson and Emily Terry won mixed doubles. The teams of Nick Rodriguez and Brandon Gage, Ashton Robison and Blake Chisum and Kristi Klusmeyer and Kaycee Sellers won consolation or fifth place in flight one, two and three doubles.

“I am proud of the way all of them played we are starting to get better each day,” added Corse.

The next tournament for Pampa will be this weekend in Canyon.

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# Girls golf in Plainview

By ZACHARY GREEN  
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The girls golf team traveled to Plainview over the weekend for a tournament.

In the first round Pampa's scores were as follows:

Ashley Keith 99, Savanna Mertz 106, McKinley Hancox 121, Mickey Lanning 120 and Gracie Little 121.

In round two Keith shot 100. Mertz shot a 104. Little shot 113. Hancox shot 120 and Lanning shot 129.

The combined scores for both rounds were Keith 199, Mertz 210, Hancox 241, Lanning 249 and Little 234.

As a team, Pampa finished 7th out of 11 teams. Keith placed 16th individually.

"The girls didn't particularly play as well as possible, but we are working to get better. We have a ways to go to catch up with Borger, but it is not impossible," said Pampa coach Alan Segura. "Fortunately for me and our program, we now have coach Brooke Sanford who was a college golf player helping us out. She is a huge asset to our program and I feel like we can get these girls where they need to be in a short amount of time."

The girls team will travel to Borger this Friday and Saturday.

# We don't want widows "Living in sin!"

TOM MARGENAU  
Creator's Syndicate

Q: I've been rereading some of your past articles online. You usually explain Social Security rules pretty well. But there is one situation I am having trouble with. A 62-year-old woman who is married to a slightly younger man wrote to ask if she could get benefits from her older ex-husband's Social Security record. You said no. You went on to explain that as long as she was married to husband number two, she can't get benefits from husband number one. But in another column, a 63-year-old woman who was getting widow's benefits asked if she could continue receiving those benefits if she marries another man. And you answered that as long as she remarried after the age of 60, she could continue to receive her deceased husband's benefits. Isn't this a contradiction of your first answer?

A: My answers to both women are correct. But you are right; one answer does contradict the other. And the contradiction grows out of this country's conservative moral values. We just don't want nice old ladies "living in sin!" I'll explain.

Social Security has always had a general rule that says if you are married to one man, you can only get his Social Security. You can't get a prior husband's benefits if you are married to another guy.

And if you think of it, the law makes sense. Remember, we are talking about spousal benefits — benefits to a wife or widow, or to a divorced wife or widow. And for Social Security purposes, spousal benefits imply "dependency." In other words, you only qualify for a wife or widow's benefit if you were dependent on your husband or ex-husband. So if a woman marries another man, the law then assumes she is now dependent on that new husband. Because she is no longer dependent on her prior husband, why should she get dependent Social Security spousal benefits on his account?

(Before I go on here, I must make it very clear that we are talking only about dependent spousal benefits a woman might be due from her husband or ex-husband. If a woman has worked and earned her own Social Security benefit, nothing regarding her marital status prevents her from collecting that benefit.)

But now back to the issue of spousal benefits. Again, the general rule, a rule that makes perfect sense, has always said that you can't get benefits from a prior husband as long as you are married to a different husband.

But back in the '70s, stories started to appear in the press about women forced to "live in sin" by their government! Those stories always involved elderly women getting Social Security widow's benefits that eventually found another man and wanted to start a new life with him. But if she married him, she would lose her monthly widow's payment from her first husband. So they would simply start living together. And conservative religious people in this country went nuts! My gosh — little old ladies were "shacking up" with lonely old men, and we just couldn't have that!

They demanded change, and they eventually got it. Congress felt the political heat and rewrote the law. Ever since then, the rules have said that if a woman is getting widow's benefits from a prior husband, she can remarry after the age of 60 and continue to get Social Security benefits from her first husband. She is potentially due benefits from her second husband, too. But because a widow's rate — up to 100 percent — is much higher than the rate paid to a current wife — only up to 50 percent — a woman usually gets much higher benefits from her deceased husband's account than she would be due from her current husband.

Oh, and if husband number two dies, the twice-widowed woman can pick and choose. She would get benefits from whichever husband had the more generous Social Security account.

Q: I am about to turn 66. I started getting widow's benefits at age 60. I was told at that time that my own Social Security retirement rate was



much less than my deceased husband's benefit. But now that I am 66, I am wondering if my own benefit is higher. Will they automatically switch me over if it is? Or should I wait until age 70 when I understand I can get the maximum rate?

A: They will not automatically switch you from widow's benefits to retirement benefits. This is something you will have to initiate by contacting your local Social Security office or by calling them at 800-772-1213.

You can switch over to your own retirement rate only if it is higher than your widow's benefit. Now that you are 66, you should check with Social Security to find out what your own retirement benefit is. If it

(your age 66 rate) is still less than your widow's payment, there is nothing to switch to — for now. The only thing you can do is wait until age 70 to find out if by then your own Social Security benefit (which would come with a 32 percent bonus at that age) is finally higher than your widow's rate. If even at age 70, your own rate is still less than your widow's benefit, then you will simply continue to get widow's benefits for the rest of your life.

If you check with Social Security and find that your age 66 rate is already higher than your widow's benefit, then you have two choices. You can either switch to that higher benefit on your own record now. Or you can wait until age 70 and switch to an even higher benefit (with that 32 percent bonus).

If you have a Social Security question, Tom Margenau has the answer. Contact him at thomas.margenau@comcast.net.

# Three dead in courthouse shooting in Delaware

WILMINGTON, Del. (AP) — Three people died Monday morning in a shooting at a courthouse in Delaware, including the shooter, authorities said.

Delaware State Police Sgt. Paul Shavack confirmed three people died in the shooting at the New Castle County Courthouse in Wilmington. He said the suspected gunman and two women are dead. The city's mayor said one of the women killed was the shooter's estranged wife, but Shavack said police had not confirmed that was the case.

Wilmington Mayor Dennis Williams said in a telephone interview that he was told the man shot and killed his wife.

Shavack said two police officers suffered non-life-threatening injuries.

He said officers exchanged gunfire with the shooter in courthouse's lobby before he passed metal detectors. Shavack did not say whether the shooter killed the two women or whether they were killed in the gunfire. Shavack also did not say how the shooter died.

Dozens of police cars and emergency vehicles were on the streets sur-

rounding the courthouse in the hours after the shooting, and police were searching the courthouse room by room as a precaution.

Jose Beltran, 53, a court employee who works in the building, was entering the lobby Monday morning when he heard two shots. He said he turned around and ran.

"It happened so fast," he said, adding he heard three or more shots as he ran.

Dick Lawyer works part time across the street at the law office of Casarino, Christman, Shalk, Ransom & Doss and said his office building had been on lockdown since about 8:15 a.m. The shooting occurred about five minutes earlier. He said he and colleagues were shaken at first but calmer hours later. "We have a couple of people whose relatives work at the courthouse," said Lawyer, who works as a document management specialist for the firm.

Robert Vess, 68, dropped off his wife, Dorothy, 69, for jury duty at the courthouse Monday morning. He said it wasn't until after 10:30 a.m. that she was able to call him and let him know she was safe.

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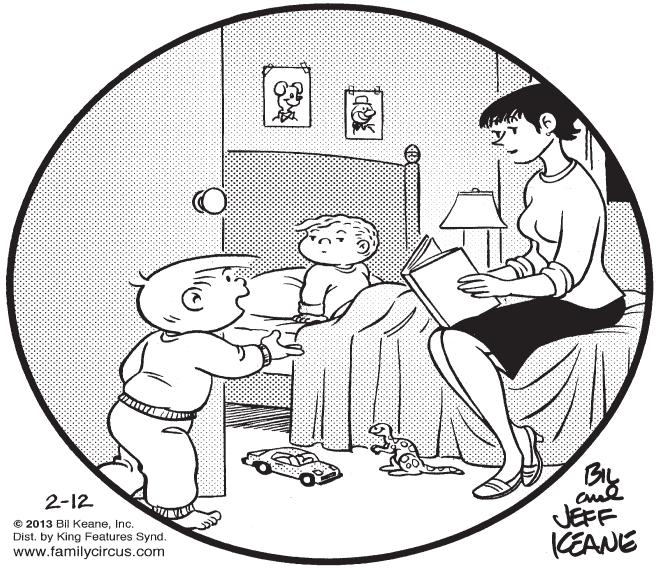
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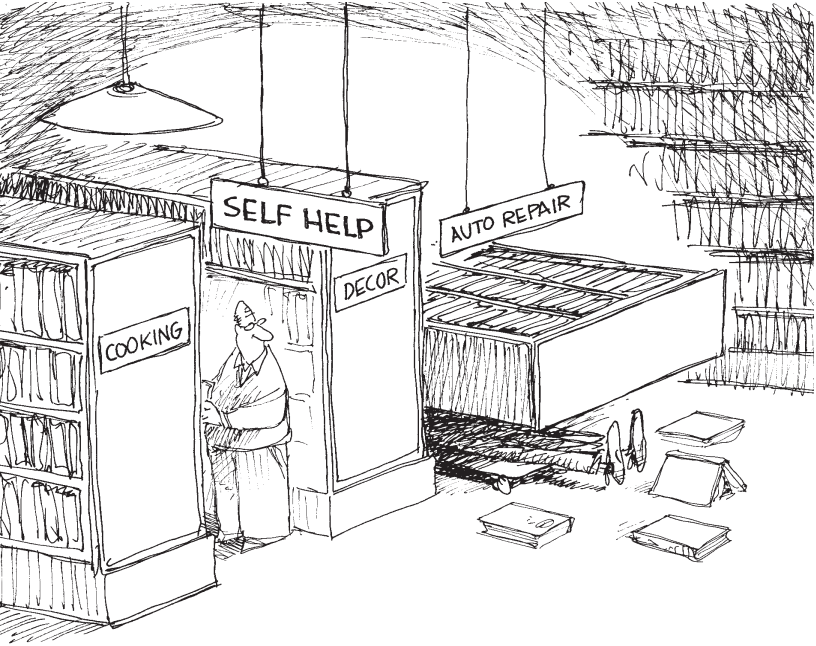
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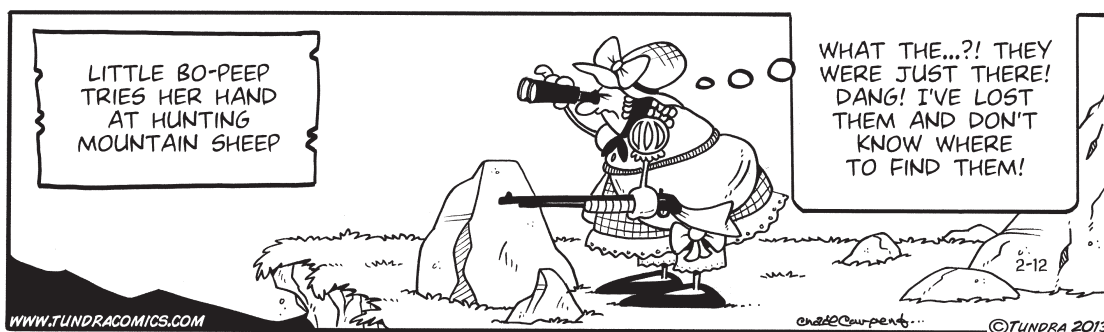


## daily horoscope

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Wednesday, Feb. 13, 2013:  
 This year the unexpected runs rampant in your day-to-day life. It prevents boredom, and it helps you identify your priorities. You might have difficulty walking away from drama. Rather than fight the trend, let the exciting dynamics roll right past you. If there's one thing you can be sure of, it is change, and it is right around the corner. If you are single, you could have a sequence of intense potential sweeties. Take your time deciding, and you will benefit. If you are attached, the two of you have a great time together. When you relax, you are like two kids playing together. **ARIES** makes you laugh.  
 The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult  
**ARIES** (March 20-April 19)  
 ★★★★★ Put your best foot forward, even in an unpredictable situation. You tend to help others feel a lot more relaxed and at ease. Claim your power, and do what you want. Someone who pushes you hard will respect you more as a result. Tonight: Do your own thing.  
**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)  
 ★★ Read between the lines rather than immediately react. In fact, the less said, the better. You might have difficulty getting past a problem or a bad mood. Just let time do its thing. Someone at a distance could be exceptionally difficult. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.  
**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)  
 ★★★★★ Look at what is going on in a meeting. Note the different roles others play. These roles are interesting in that they reflect each person's issues. You might be so detached that others could feel uncomfortable with you. Recognize your limits. Tonight: Only where the crowds are.  
**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)  
 ★★ Take a stand and know what you want to do. Somehow others easily misunderstand you. You could feel as if someone is bullying you. Walk away. You might take a strong stand in a key matter. Realize that you might be the one creating a problem. Tonight: Take the lead.  
**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)  
 ★★★★★ Take the lead in a situation before someone can interfere. The unexpected occurs, and it floors you and many others. A meeting points your attention in

the right direction. Pressure comes from your schedule and its demands. Tonight: Go to a favorite spot that has music.  
**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)  
 ★★★★★ Deal with someone you care about directly. The interaction might surprise you at first, and then could delight you later. You need that type of dynamic in a bond in order to stay interested. Understand your need for change. Tonight: Play "follow the leader."  
**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)  
 ★★★★★ Defer to others, and avoid an argument. A power play might get the best of you if you get involved in it. The smart move is to steer clear and do what is necessary. Do not respond. If you continue to say nothing, the game might end. Tonight: Say "yes" to an invitation.  
**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)  
 ★★ You might try to bypass a problem when the unexpected occurs. Recognize that you can do only so much. Do not attempt a power play or any other type of manipulation. You know what is acceptable. Tonight: Opt for a foot rub or a massage, should someone offer.  
**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 21-Dec. 21)  
 ★★★★★ Your playfulness emerges when speaking to friends and loved ones. You express your love of the good life by living in the moment. Pressure builds around your finances. Someone might have an expectation you can't seem to meet. Tonight: Celebrate the moment.  
**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)  
 ★★★★★ Get back to the basics, and understand what is happening with a family member. You really don't need to ask questions. Just trust in this person's ability to work through these issues. You have a little too much energy for your own good. Go for a jog. Tonight: At home.  
**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)  
 ★★★★★ You'll speak your mind. Others will either brainstorm with you or decide to counter your thoughts. Perhaps they even might choose to ignore you. Make a call to a relative you no longer can avoid. Have a gossip session if you want to keep the peace. Tonight: Paint the town red.  
**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)  
 ★★ You could have a different opinion from a friend about a money matter. This situation could blow up in your face or evolve into a major power play. Decide which way to go, or consider a different option. Your mind can be unusually resourceful. Tonight: Keep it low-key.

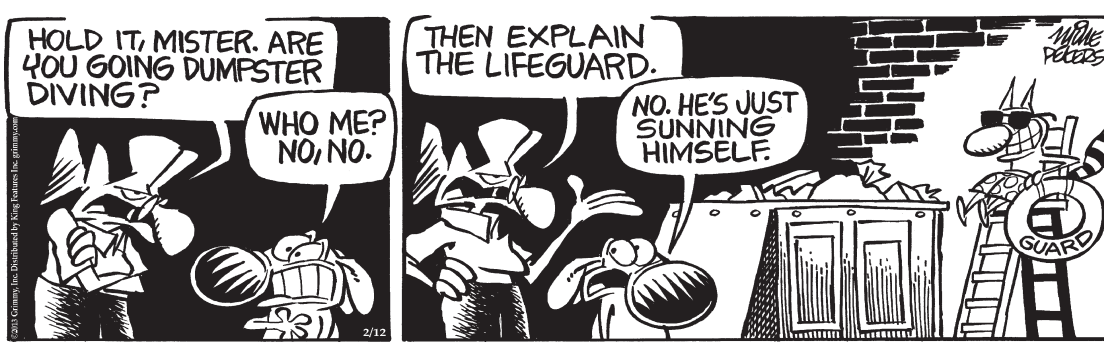
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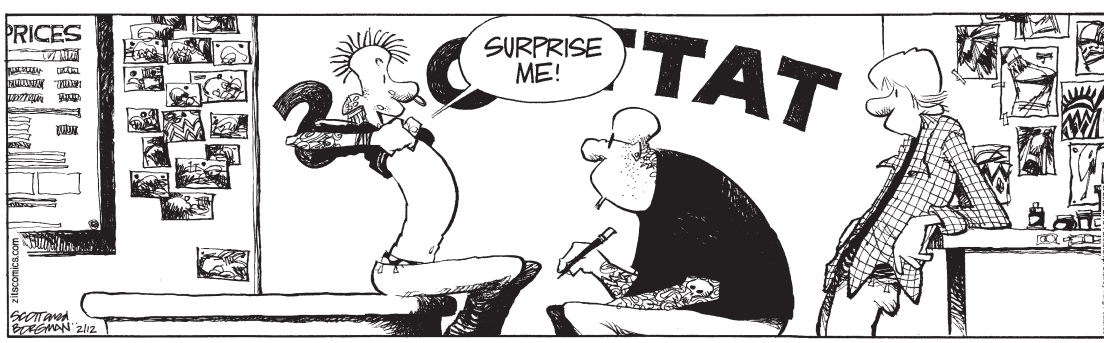
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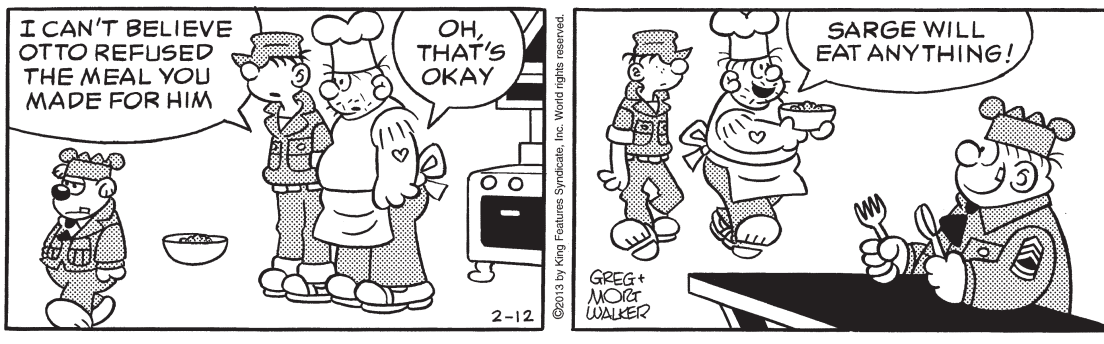
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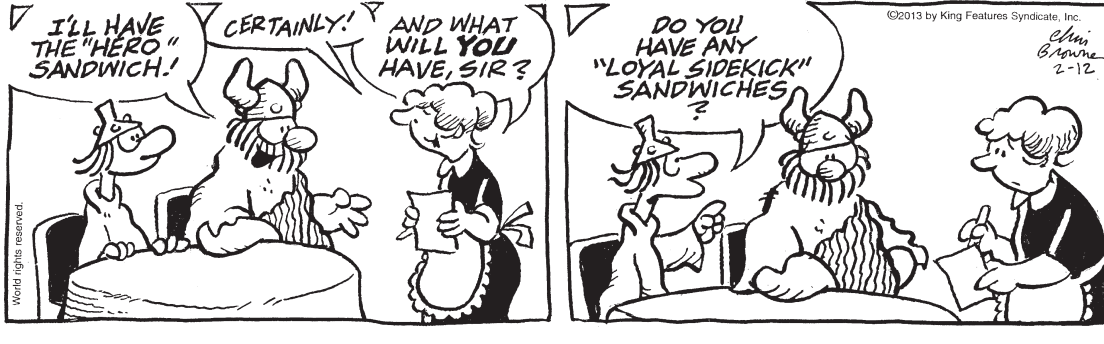
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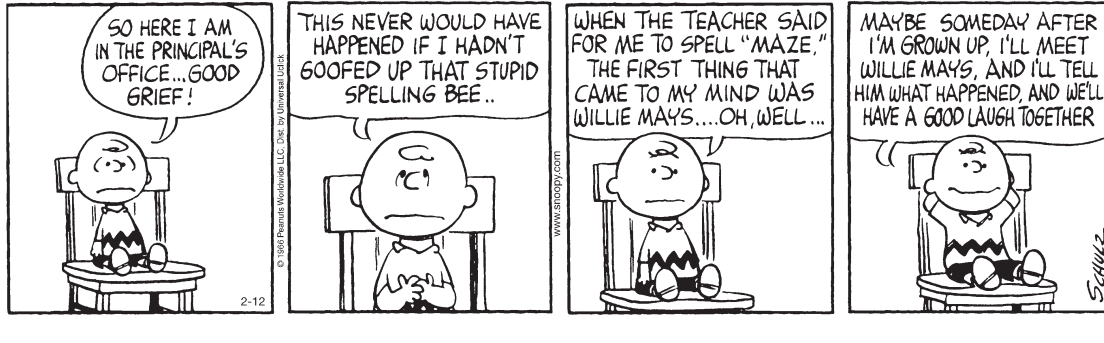
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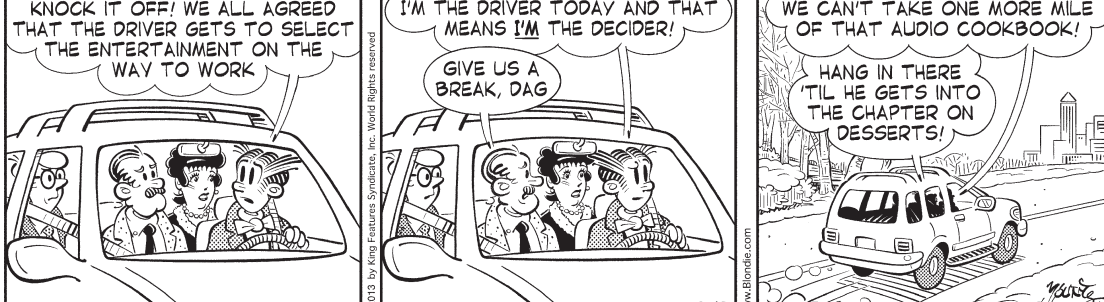
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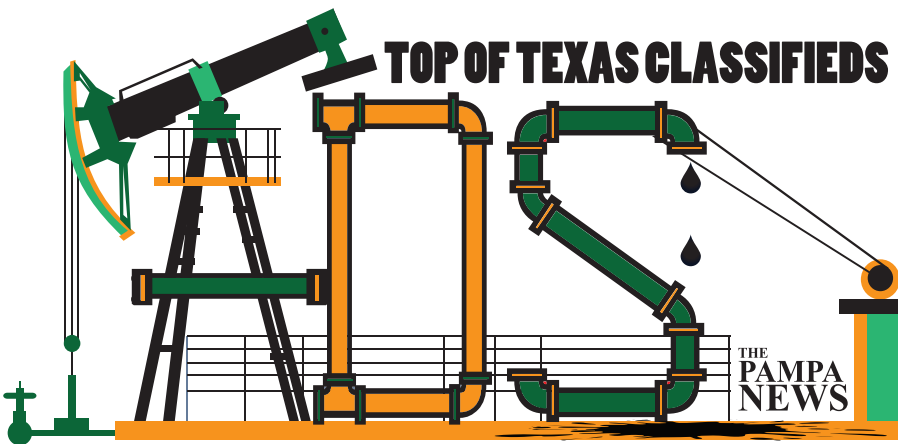
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D HPU' C HP ZFEC D HP CP  
CIX EUH WITER E KSENN  
L T D S D U K . — R E C F I X U  
W D K T S P Z  
Yesterday's Cryptoquote: TALENT IS GOD-GIVEN. BE HUMBLE. FAME IS MAN-GIVEN. BE GRATEFUL. CONCEIT IS SELF-GIVEN. BE CAREFUL. — JOHN WOODEN

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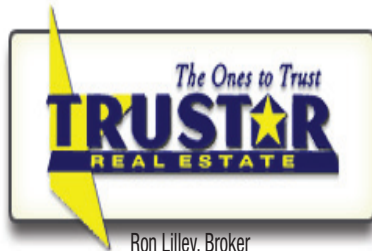
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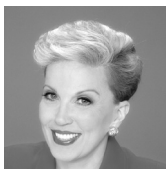
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By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I just found out that my girlfriend of nearly four years had an abortion when she was in high school. I overheard her during a conversation she was having with someone. I later asked her what was implied when the name of her ex-boyfriend from high school was brought up. She proceeded to tell me what had happened and then said, "I never told you that?" Obviously, she never mentioned it to me because I certainly would have remembered something of that magnitude.

My reaction is feelings of disgust, betrayal and of having been lied to. Am I overreacting or are my feelings warranted? — FEELS BETRAYED IN CONNECTICUT

DEAR FEELS BETRAYED: That depends upon whether you

ever had a conversation with your girlfriend about her sexual history during which you were supposed to tell each other "everything." If so, then the omission was deliberate. If not, she was under no obligation to reveal that she had terminated a pregnancy during high school.

Abortion is a deeply personal and often complex decision for women. Ultimately, I am told, most women feel a sense of relief after an abortion. However, many do not feel that it is something to celebrate and may not be comfortable sharing that they have had one.

DEAR ABBY: My husband gives me gift cards for my birthday and special occasions, but with it comes, "I want to know everything you buy!" I tell him it's a

gift and I shouldn't HAVE to tell him what I use it for. If I do tell him what I bought, he invariably says, "Did you really need that?"

It ruins the whole thing for me when I must reveal what I bought with the card. So who's right — he or I? — RELUCTANT RECIPIENT IN ALASKA

DEAR RELUCTANT RECIPIENT: You are, for the reason you stated. The object of a gift is to bring pleasure, and there are few comments your husband could make that would put a bigger damper on your purchase than, "Do you really need that?" The next time he asks what you bought, tell him, "None of your beeswax!"

DEAR ABBY: My stepmother was in a fatal car accident. She was very dear to me. A few days after the funeral, Dad told me the best way to handle grief is to clean house — so we began cleaning house like crazy, stopping to cry every now and then.

We ran out of towels, so I went to fetch more from the guest bathroom where they are kept. Seeing a penny on the sink, I grabbed it and threw it in the wastebasket. (I wondered where it had come from because I hadn't noticed it there earlier in the day.) Suddenly, I remembered the letters in your column from people saying if you find a penny after you have lost a loved one, it means they are sending you a message of love from heaven.

I quickly reached into the wastebasket to retrieve the penny, praying that it was newly minted — and it was! I showed it to Dad, explaining the significance, and we both had a good cry. We keep it in my stepmother's china cabinet to remind us that love is eternal.

To us, that penny is priceless. Thank you for running those "pennies from heaven" stories. — READER IN CONNECTICUT

DEAR READER: You're welcome. To me your EXPERIENCE is priceless.

AXYDLBAAXR  
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2-11 CRYPTOQUOTE  
YZXMTY KR LPO-LKQMT. CM  
BVDCXM. IZDM KR DZT-  
LKQMT. CM LHZYMIVX.  
EPTMKY KR RMXI-LKQMT.  
CM EZHMIVX. — APBT UPPOINT  
Saturday's Cryptoquote: DELEGATING WORK WORKS, PROVIDED THE ONE DELEGATING WORKS, TOO. — ROBERT HALF

## BANANAGRAMS!

Use the 15 tiles in this bunch to create words that fit into the grids below. The BANANA BITES provide hints. Reuse the tiles for each grid.

LEVEL

A O D E R L T F  
E B A L N W Z

BANANA BITE: One word is a kind of jacket.

BANANA BITE: One word is a kind of animal.

Yesterday's Answer: HEMOSTAT, EDGEWISE 2.11

## BANANAGRAMS!

Each of the three-letter groups below may be extended both on the right and the left to form a seven-letter word. Use the tiles directly above each group to fill in the blanks.

LEVEL

C E E G M S T  
L I P  
A C E H I N S  
B O O  
E F L N R U W  
A R F

Yesterday's Answer: F O W N F A L L O W  
B L A Z E R Z E B R A  
A D N T  
L E D 2.12

Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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

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

Level: Beginner

Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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

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

Level: Beginner

## CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS
- 1 Together, liquid in music
  - 5 Lunch and dinner
  - 10 Gambler's giveaway
  - 11 Friends
  - 13 Road division
  - 14 Convey
  - 15 Apple pie order
  - 17 Vining plant
  - 18 More precipitous
  - 19 — vous plait
  - 20 Convent resident
  - 21 Solitary
  - 22 Petty quarrels
  - 25 Big ringers
  - 26 Lights-out tune
  - 27 Heir, at times
  - 28 Artist Jean
  - 29 Hard bargainer
  - 33 In favor of
  - 34 Battle site of 1945
  - 35 Unyielding
  - 37 Mile or meter
  - 38 Bagel choice
- DOWN
- 39 Turn to
  - 40 Dis-
  - 41 Victim
  - 1 Book of maps
  - 2 Coped
  - 3 Arm bones
  - 4 Periodic table
  - 5 Horse with no wins
  - 6 Playwright
  - 7 Swiss peak
  - 8 Intermediary
  - 9 Dinner unit
  - 12 Fashions
  - 16 Musical work
  - 21 Olympics leap
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## CROSSWORD

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- ACROSS
- 1 Went under
  - 5 Kitchen pest
  - 10 Steer clear of
  - 12 Usher's place
  - 13 Lepidopterist's collection
  - 15 Quarterback Manning
  - 16 Squirrel's snack
  - 17 Got together
  - 18 Bigot's problem
  - 20 Stance
  - 21 Cut off
  - 22 At any time
  - 23 Make speeches
  - 25 Rating unit
  - 28 Small amounts
  - 31 Battle group
  - 32 James of "Boston Legal"
  - 34 Spring month
  - 35 Life story, for short
  - 36 6, on the phone
  - 37 Features of some jeans
  - 40 With all one's might
  - 41 Impel
- DOWN
- 42 "Game of Thrones" girl
  - 43 Brewed drinks
  - 1 Fencing sword
  - 2 Throat danglers
  - 3 Catch sight of
  - 4 Young fox
  - 5 Vessel for Huck
  - 6 Engine need
  - 7 "I, Robot" writer
  - 8 John of Monty Python
  - 9 Prynne in "The Scarlet Letter"
  - 11 More tightly packed
  - 14 Ice cream choice
  - 19 Tusk material
  - 20 "The Hunger Games" boy
  - 24 Complete
  - 25 Brazilian dances
  - 26 Emotional wound
  - 27 "The Joy Luck Club" author
  - 29 Look up to
  - 30 New York tribe
  - 33 Romantic dozen
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