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Humphreys is keynote speaker at Chamber banquet

By **SASHA HELLER**
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Former TV talk show host Suzie Humphreys will serve as the keynote speaker at the Pampa Chamber of Commerce's 82nd annual banquet, set for 7 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 26, in the Heritage Room at the M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium.



Suzie Humphreys

In her time working in TV and radio, Humphreys interviewed many influential guests, has made hundreds of commercials, performed musical comedy and acted in motion pictures.

Humphreys also has had to overcome various challenges in her life, including financial difficulties, disappointment and stress over getting pregnant at 40.

Humphreys lives her life with a passion for learning not only how to be a better person, but to see things differently.

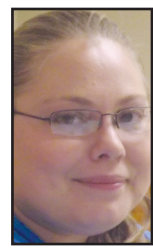
According to a news release, Humphreys received one of the longest standing ovations on record from the National Speakers Association when she spoke to more than 2,500 of her peers at their convention in Palm Springs, Calif. Humphreys received the Council of Peers Award of Excellence in 2002 and was inducted in the Speaker Hall of Fame. Humphreys' honors continued in 2004 when she was inducted in the Texas Radio Hall of Fame.

On a personal note, Humphreys is proud to be a breast cancer survivor.

Chamber hires new admin. assistant

By **SASHA HELLER**
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The Pampa Chamber of Commerce has hired a new administrative assistant, Allie Stark.



Allie Stark

Stark said she's excited to join the chamber staff and is looking forward to her role in the community.

"I'm not nervous because I did train for this," she said.

Stark has an associate's degree in science with business and an associate's of applied sciences in administrative assistant.

Allie moved to Pampa three years ago and has worked as a stay-at-home mom for last several years.

"Now that my daughter is in school full-time, I wanted to rejoin the work force," she said. "I really enjoy working at the chamber and helping the community."

Stark said she's looking forward to contributing to some of the chamber's larger annual events.

"Of all the positions I have had, this is by far my favorite," she said. "I look forward to working at the chamber for a long time."

Chamber Executive Director Lori Byrne welcomed Stark to the office and said the chamber plans to utilize Stark's versatile skill set.

"We're very excited that Allie is part of the chamber team," she said. "She's jumped in with both feet and has been off and running since day one. We're looking forward to her bringing her computer skills to use."

THE RECORD KEEPER



Photo by Sasha Heller

Librarian John Meed reviews compilations of historical records in the Texas Room at the Lovett Memorial Library. The Texas Room features various collections of Pampa, Gray County, cemetery and census records.

Lovett Memorial Library's Texas Room is a treasure trove

By **SASHA HELLER**
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The Lovett Memorial Library's Texas Room is literally a walk down memory lane for local genealogists, both professional and amateur, interested in searching historical documents about Pampa and Gray County.

The Texas Room is managed by librarian John Meed, who also serves as the community historian. Meed has assembled dozens of compilations about the city, county, Pampa Army Airfield and even the Great Depression.

Meed's compilations are so thorough they even feature their own classification system, which directs

readers and researchers to specific volumes and news articles.

"I became interested years ago about my own genealogy," he said.

The Texas Room includes collections of articles from The Pampa News starting with April 1925.

Meed said the newspaper began in 1907, but editions of the earlier papers burned in a fire on an unknown date.

Meed has also walked local cemeteries and recorded biographical info from the tombstones laid there. For his compilation of cemetery records, Meed has obtained copies of obituaries for nearly all of the people buried in Fairview Cemetery and others around Gray County.

Other resources in the Lovett

Memorial Library include a subscription to Ancestry.com, and 20 public computer stations for guests to utilize while researching their family roots.

Meed said he regularly receives inquiries from people across the country and from as far away as England who are searching for past obituaries or news materials.

Meed noted that library staffers urge interested residents to come to the library and inquire about local record keeping.

There are no fees for the research conducted by the library staff. Printed copies of records are 15 cents per page.

For more info, contact the Lovett Memorial Library at 806-669-5780.

Home health agency IntegraCare sinking roots in Pampa

By **TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE**
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You could drive by it a hundred times and not even see it behind the NBC bank on North Hobart Street.

After serving the Pampa area for many years from its location in Amarillo, IntegraCare Home Health opened a site in the home of the Harvesters in April of last year.

"We wanted to locate east of Amarillo to better serve our patients in Pampa," said Branch Director Sarah Deaver. "We wanted to become local."

The health care provider

employs five people, full-time, out of an office in the NBC Plaza and offers nursing, physical, occupational and speech therapy, medical social work services and hospice care.

Medical social work may be a term most people aren't familiar with, so Deaver, who is also a registered nurse, explained.

"For instance, last summer we had a patient who was living in a place that had no air conditioning and holes in the ceiling. It was a bad situation," Deaver said. "We called the Red Cross and the Salvation Army and helped get her into a better living



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Sarah Deaver, left, registered nurse and Branch Director at IntegraCare, and Shirley Arnett, administrative assistance.

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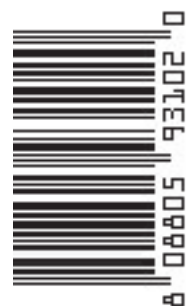
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PAMPA FORECAST

Today	Friday	Saturday
High 38 Low 20	High 41 Low 26	High 58 Low 36

Thursday: Snow showers with a high of 38. Sixty percent chance of snow. Wind west at 18 mph. Sunrise at 7:2 a.m.

Thursday night: Partly cloudy with a low of 20. Ten percent chance of snow. Wind north northwest at 13 mph. Sunset at 6:32 p.m.

Friday: Partly cloudy with a high of 41. Ten percent chance of rain. Wind west northwest at 8 mph. Sunrise at 7:22 a.m.

Friday night: Mostly clear with a low of 26. Ten percent chance of rain. Wind south southeast at 5 mph. Sunset at 6:33 p.m.

Saturday: Sunny with a high of 58. No chance of rain. Wind southwest at 16 mph. Sunrise at 7:21 a.m.

Saturday night: Clear skies with a low of 36. No chance of rain. Wind south at 16 mph. Sunset at 6:34 p.m.

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Obituaries

Evelyn Mason

Evelyn J. Mason, 88, died Feb. 19, 2013 in Pampa. Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 22, 2013 in Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel, with Keith Feerer, minister of Mary Ellen & Harvester Church of Christ, officiating.



Evelyn Mason

Burial will follow in Wheeler Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors. Miss Mason was born June 23, 1924 in Wheeler, graduating from Wheeler High School. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1945. She worked as an office manager for the Department of Agriculture in Wheeler and Pampa, retiring after 45 years of service. She was a member of Mary Ellen & Harvester Church of Christ and the Pampa Altrusa Club. She was preceded in death by her parents, Cliff and Ruby Mason; and a sister, Dot Weatherly.

Survivors include her sister, Wilma Mason of Pampa; her brother, Carl Mason of College Station; five nephews, Mike Mason, Steve Weatherly, Dan Mason and Chris Mason, all of Amarillo, and Mason Weatherly of North Carolina; and two nieces, Dreka Nachlinger of Katy and Jan Cannon of Amarillo.

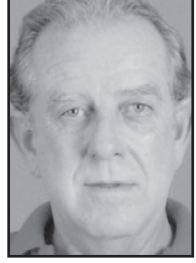
Memorials may be made to Mary Ellen & Harvester Church of Christ, 1342 Mary Ellen, Pampa, Texas 79065.

Sign the on-line register at Carmichael-whatley.com.

Jimmy Hooker

Jimmy Ray Hooker, 69, died Tuesday, Feb. 19, 2013 in Pampa.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.



Jimmy Hooker

Mr. Hooker was born Jan. 12, 1944 in Wheeler County to S. B. and Bernice Wright Hooker. He was raised in Mobeetie. Jimmy was a veteran of the U. S. Navy. He married Judy Hudson on April 25, 1964 in Wellington. He was a longtime mechanic and mechanical consultant in the offshore drilling industry, having worked in such places as Singapore, Africa, Thailand, Brazil, Israel and offshore Gulf Coast. Jimmy was preceded in death by his parents; a brother: Harold Hooker; and a son: James Glenn Hooker.

Survivors include his wife: Judy Hooker of the home; two daughters: Lisa J'Non Winegeart and husband David of Amarillo, and Jessica Lauren Hooker of the home; a son: Dylan James Hooker, U. S. Army, Fort Benning, Ga.; three grandchildren: Kylie Sawyer and husband Brad, Kaitlin Winegeart and Cassidy Winegeart; and two great-grandchildren.

Sign the on-line register at Carmichael-whatley.com.

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For the record

Amarillo man arrested by DPS for DWI

• 25-year-old John Andrew Pope, Amarillo, was arrested Tuesday by the Department of Public Safety for driving while intoxicated.

• 33-year-old Jennifer Elizabeth Slagle, Pampa, was arrested Tuesday by the Gray County Sheriff's Office for no drivers license, failure to maintain financial responsibility and failure to appear.

• 39-year-old Michelle Jean Windle, Pampa, was arrested Tuesday by the GCSO for possession of controlled substance —

less than 1 gram.

• 23-year-old Donald David Privitt Jr., Pampa, was arrested Tuesday by the Pampa Police Department for no drivers license and failure to appear.

• 45-year-old Richard Olney Stark, Pampa, was arrested Tuesday by the PPD for theft under \$50.

• 41-year-old Heather Hutchison, Pampa, was arrested Tuesday by the GCSO and sent to Texas Department of Criminal Justice — SAFF.

Minor structure fire Tuesday night

STAFF REPORT

A structure fire was reported around 10:50 p.m. Tuesday at a residence in the 2100 block of North Faulkner Street.

Three units with six personnel responded to the fire, said Capt. Jerry Tomaschik of the Pampa Fire Department.

The fire was contained to the front door of the house and a resident at the house extinguished the fire before firefighters arrived, Tomaschik said.

New DPS web page highlights unsolved murders

SUBMITTED BY DPS

AUSTIN — The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) today unveiled a new section of its website dedicated to solving cold case murder investigations across the state of Texas. The Texas Rangers' Unsolved Homicides web page is aimed at renewing the public's interest in these cases, including the Rangers Top 12 Unsolved Cold Case Investigations, which features two cases from each of the state's six DPS regions. The cases that are featured in the Top 12 will be changed periodically.

"Cold cases are typically challenging to solve for a variety of reasons, but we want to send a clear message that we are not giving up on these murder victims," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "Our goal for this web page — and the investigative efforts supporting it — is to shine a new light on these crimes, so they are not forgotten. We are committed to bringing these ruthless criminals to justice and to bringing some amount of closure to the families involved."

Texas Rangers, along with local police agencies, will reassess — and in some case reanalyze — evidence, and take another look at persons of interest or attempt to develop new persons of interest. Many of these cases involve smaller or rural police agencies, which the Texas Rangers routinely assist in working murder investigations. Currently, the website features a total of 68 cases dating back to 1978.

By putting the cases back in the public eye, it increases the possibility that people will come forward with new information or leads that can be investigated. The public will have the opportunity to submit information online through the new webpage or by calling a toll free number, 1-800-346-3243. Callers may remain anonymous. (Some of the cases have rewards associated with them, which are noted on the website.)

To view the information on the Unsolved Homicides or to view the Texas Rangers Top 12 Cold Case Investigations visit Dps.texas.gov.

ND announcer suspended after saying 'choke job'

GRAND FORKS, N.D. (AP) — North Dakota has suspended men's basketball play-by-play radio announcer Paul Ralston for two games after he used the phrase "choke job" following an overtime loss to Northern Arizona.

The Grand Forks Herald reports that Ralston used the words during his interview with coach Brian Jones after the team's 74-72 home loss Saturday. North Dakota led in the final minute of regulation, but Northern Arizona rallied to force overtime and win. Athletic director Brian Faison says Ralston will not call the game at Northern Colorado on Wednesday or Saturday's game at Nebraska-Omaha. Associate athletic director Kyle Doperalski will handle the play-by-play duties for those games.

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situation.”

They also have helped patients get set up with Meals on Wheels, Deaver added.

Hospice services are provided from the Amarillo office, but the nurse doesn't have to commute the entire distance.

“The nurse lives in Panhandle and covers this area,” Deaver said.

You only have to hear Deaver speak one sentence to know she's not a native Texan.

She was born and raised in Wales and moved to the Lone Star State 12 years ago with her husband, Shawn, who is a private contractor.

But she is a Texan at heart and loves Pampa. She jumped on an opportunity to leave another home health care agency in Amarillo two years ago to take a job with IntegraCare when she heard of their plans to open a

Pampa office.

Working side by side with Deaver is account executive Deawn Sims, who serves as a liaison between the doctors in town and IntegraCare.

“She is our first contact with the doctors,” Deaver said. “Doctors will contact her and say, ‘We have a patient who needs our services.’”

Asked if IntegraCare planned to open another office in the Panhandle, Deaver said that is unlikely because with the Pampa office they now have enough locations to provide services throughout most of the state.

“We cover a 60-mile radius around Pampa,” Deaver said. “We serve Pampa, McLean, Canadian, Lefors, Borger, Panhandle, White Deer and Groom.”

Deaver said the goal of IntegraCare is to look after each patient as an individual.

“Our staff is very professional and we provide care that's as good as any other agency,” she said.

Pistorius applied for licenses for 6 more guns

JOHANNESBURG (AP) — Oscar Pistorius applied for firearm licenses for six more guns weeks before the shooting death of girlfriend Reeva Steenkamp inside his house on Feb. 14, according to official records obtained by The Associated Press on Wednesday.

The applications were made on Jan. 22, just over three weeks before Pistorius shot his girlfriend dead in his home with a licensed 9 mm pistol.

The athlete says the killing of Steenkamp was accidental as he thought she was a dangerous intruder inside his bathroom. Prosecutors say the double-amputee athlete intended to kill his girlfriend and have charged him with premeditated murder.

In details obtained from the South African Police Service's National Firearms Center and given over the telephone, Pistorius applied for licenses for a Smith & Wesson model 500 revolver, a .38-caliber Smith & Wesson revolver, a Vector .223-caliber rifle and three shotguns: A Mossberg shotgun, a Maverick shotgun and a Winchester shotgun.

The details were given to the AP by two separate officials at the government department. They refused to give their names because they were not authorized to speak to the media, although the records are available to the public.

Pistorius registered the

9 mm handgun used in the Valentine's Day killing for self-defense, the firearm center officials said. The six outstanding applications listed those guns for Pistorius' private collection.

The six recent firearm license applications were sent back to a police and firearms station in Johannesburg to be reapplied for on Monday, four days after Steenkamp's killing, the officials said.

Pistorius' license for the 9 mm Parabellum pistol that was used in Steenkamp's shooting was issued to Pistorius on Sept. 10, 2010 on appeal after an initial application in 2008 was rejected. One of the officials said the rejection was procedural as Pistorius had passed his competency test and had no criminal record.

The 9 mm pistol license card was printed on Sept. 16, 2010 and received by Pistorius on Sept. 27, 2010, the officials said.

Under South Africa's strict gun laws, you need a license for every firearm you own. An applicant must undergo a competency test — which includes gun safety training — before a license can be issued.

Pistorius would also have had to provide three character referees, one of the firearms center officials said, one of whom must be a family member and one of whom must be a neighbor.

Emergency services agency has cash it can't spend

By AMAN BATHEJA
The Texas Tribune

Recalled products, natural threats, choking hazards, and items that could cause emergencies when large amounts are ingested by children, are displayed at the South Texas Poison Center in San Antonio. Miguel Fernández, managing director of the center, is reflected in the display case glass.

The agency that oversees the state's 911 system and poison control centers has both too much money and not nearly enough.

What's more, every Texan with a phone is paying to keep it that way.

State budget writers have plans to allocate around \$110 million to the Commission on State Emergency Communications (CSEC). Agency officials say they need at least \$38 million more to update their antiquated 911 system and avoid shuttering two of the state's six poison control centers.

Such tussles over funding happen in every legislative session. The twist in this case: The state is sitting on more than \$180 million collected from phone bill-paying Texans and earmarked specially for the agency — money that has been used as part of an accounting trick to balance the state budget.

“I believe people are paying and thinking they're getting state-of-the-art life safety and they're not,” state Sen. Kevin Eltife, R-Tyler, said at a recent hearing. “We either need to quit taking their money or we need to properly fund this agency.”

CSEC provides poison control services for the entire state and handles 911 calls for a third of the population, mostly in rural areas. Texans pay separate fees of \$0.50 and \$0.06 on their monthly bills for wireless and landline phones to fund the agency. Users of prepaid cell phones also pay a 2 percent surcharge on the price of the phone. Texas has the 14th-highest wireless taxes and fees in the nation when fees assessed by local entities are factored in, according to a report released in January by the nonpartisan Tax Foundation.

Texas law dedicates the statewide phone fees to funding poison control centers and 911 operations. For more than a decade, legislators have been collecting hundreds of dedicated fees like these, but only putting a portion of what's collected toward their intended purpose. State law allows lawmakers to use the money left over in those dedicated fund accounts to certify that the state budget is balanced. Elected officials have decried the accounting gimmick for years, but relied on it more than ever to balance the last budget. Nearly \$5 billion now sits in various dedicated accounts.

“As we pull in these funds through this revenue stream, and the fund balances build up, we become addicted to it,” state Rep. Sylvester Turner, D-Houston, said at a recent House Appropriations Committee hearing.

The phone fees that fund CSEC are directed into two dedicated accounts that together will have accumulated \$187 million at the end of the current fiscal year, according to the Legislative Budget Board. Under the draft budgets proposed by the House and Senate, the balances in the two accounts are projected to grow past \$250 million by 2015.

Kelli Merriweather, CSEC's executive director, said her agency isn't asking to drain the money that has collected in the dedicated accounts. Her full budget request of \$155 million is less than the \$167 million the phone fees are expected to generate over the next biennium. “We could do it within the funds we're going to generate,” she said.

Most of CSEC's budget requests relate to updating its aging 911 system, which now receives 85 percent of its calls from wireless phones. The agency hopes to improve its system in stages over the next few budget cycles so that it can eventually respond to texts, images and video messages, and better pinpoint where a wireless call is coming from. The upgrades would also allow the agency to better respond to emergencies like hurricanes.

“In five to seven years, the existing telecommunications infrastructure and 911 system is going to be obsolete,” Merriweather said.

Six of the country's 57 poison control centers are in Texas. CSEC officials say they also need an extra \$2.2 million to avoid closing two of the centers. The Legislative Budget Board has recommended cutting two centers to reduce costs and make the agency more efficient.

The centers field more than 350,000 calls a year, most of them from parents and caretakers worried because a young child has ingested something they shouldn't have. Doctors and nurses in hospitals emergency rooms also rely on the poison control centers for fast consultations, according to Miguel Fernández, managing director of the South Texas Poison Center in San Antonio.

“We have to make very quick decisions sometimes about very deadly things,” Fernández said. “Our specialists are not people you can just hire off the street. They are very well trained on the job, and they learn very well about thousands of substances.”

Fernández and others stress that the facilities are not glorified call centers but specialized health care providers. The workers engage in telemedicine, diagnosing a patient's situation and advising callers what course of action they should take.

Each call center is partnered with an area teaching hospital. Medical students or residents work at the centers to fulfill a rotation in toxicology. Merriweather said the centers save the state far more than they cost by helping train doctors and reducing unnecessary trips to emergency rooms.

At a House Appropriations hearing this month, Merriweather testified that closing two of the centers would hurt the overall program's effectiveness.

But Mitch Fuller, a Cedar Park city councilman who sits on the CSEC commission, told the committee that he supported the consolidation to cut costs.

Merriweather said a majority of the commission is lobbying to maintain all six.

As lawmakers in the House and Senate are considering the agency's requests, they are also discussing how to reduce the large balances in the dedicated accounts. House Speaker Joe Straus has appointed a committee to study the issue. Senate Finance Chairman Tommy Williams has said he believes the fund balances will have to be whittled down over several sessions. Officials are also discussing lowering the phone fees that continue to pile up in the accounts.

“It just doesn't make any sense to maintain the charges on people's phone lines when we've got a balance and we're telling agencies to reduce their services,” Turner said.

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To government, every penny is sacred

President Obama has new priorities. That means new spending. In his State of the Union, he said, "The American people don't expect government to solve every problem." But then he went on to list how, under his guidance, government will solve a thousand problems, including some (like climate change and a loss of manufacturing jobs) that are probably not even problems.

The president bragged about creating "our first manufacturing innovation institute" in Ohio and says that he will create 15 more.

Politicians claim actions like this are needed to solve the "decline of manufacturing" in America. John McCain, Mike Huckabee and Pat Buchanan also fret about this. But what they call "decline" is myth. There is no decline in manufacturing.

The Federal Reserve says that U.S. manufacturing output is up from 2000, and up almost 50 percent from 1990.

Yes, manufacturing employment is down because automation and government's labor rules led companies to automate and produce more with fewer employees, but that's OK.

Manufacturing jobs are no better than other jobs. Few parents today prefer their children work in factories rather than offices.

When the need for people in one type of industry decreases — say, making wagon wheels — they are freed up to work in other areas. What America needs is a flexible economy that provides new jobs. For years, we had that.

Workers who lost factory jobs found new work in the fast-growing service industry.

Creating software, movies and medical innovation is just as valuable as manufacturing and often more comfortable for workers.

Anyway, politicians don't know where new

jobs will appear. "Yet the president wants 15 'manufacturing hubs,' which I guess will be like Solyndra cities," lamented Deroy Murdock, one of three libertarian reporters who came on my show to react to our president's plans.

Murdock's right. Politicians should accept the fact that making things is something the market does pretty well on its own.

This month, the Energy Department's inspector general reports that, three years after being awarded a \$150 million federal grant, a taxpayer-backed battery plant in Holland, Mich., has not produced a single battery.

At one point, the company's workers were paid to do nothing.

"Then we have a 'college scorecard' that Obama will bring," said Murdock. "U.S. News & World Report updates which colleges do a good job, but (now) government will do that?"

Then came the president's call for more spending on preschool.

"I am sympathetic to people wanting to shove their kids out the door," joked Katherine Mangu-Ward, "but Head Start, our pilot program for universal preschool, has a not-great record. We spend \$8 billion to get very, very little in terms of results. ... We suck at education."

Well, government does.

Michael C. Moynihan was disappointed that President Obama's speech contained no talk of significant reform of Social Security and Medicare.

"Even in this sort of dire circumstance: no change whatsoever."

Both parties are guilty of avoiding our "dire circumstance," said Moynihan.

"There was a big announcement in 2011 — \$300, \$400 billion in spending would be cut, (but) this was a mirage, there were no spending cuts. ... (What) cuts in Washington mean is that you reduce the rate of increase a little."

That would actually do some good.

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The mating dance becomes familiar

Dear John, In the beginning of a relationship, men will open doors, give foot rubs, back rubs and talk for hours. But this all changes after the "move-in" or the wedding. It's like they do a mating dance to get a woman, then once they have her, she has to jump through hoops to get him to be the way he originally was.



JOHN GRAY

This has happened to me more than once, so how can you tell if he's doing all those wonderful things to have sex, as opposed to doing them because he truly is my love and wants to be with the same woman for the rest of his life? —*Tired of Games*, in Madison, Wis.

Dear Tired, In the courting process, each of us, men and women alike, starts out with our best foot forward: We make sure we look great; we are courteous, interesting

and interested in the other party.

As you've pointed out, with familiarity comes a less attentive attitude toward our partner. A man may reason: "Hey, why try so hard?" But the smart man will realize that in order to keep his partner happy, his love for her should always be passionate, romantic, erotic and caring. If it is his desire that his primary relationship be everlasting, he will treat the woman of his life with great respect. If you haven't run into this guy yet, keep looking because he's out there.

Dear John, I am a 28-year-old woman living with a wonderful man who supports everything I do. Our relationship is very open and trusting. However, "Craig" recently pointed out that every time he asks to have sex, I say no. I, on the other hand, feel that we have great sex, but I am usually the one initiating it. I've also noticed that Craig very rarely asks. My guess is that he fears of rejection, something he experienced often in his previous marriage.

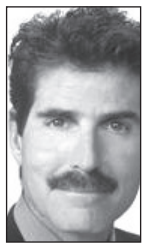
Granted, in the past, he has asked when I was tired, or really not in the mood, but I don't think I've said no every single time! —*Advice Needed* in Evanston, Ill.

Dear Advice Needed, You're right. His past sexual rejections have probably made him gun shy. In truth, a man is at his most vulnerable from the waist down.

My suggestion: Schedule frequent "passion dates," as you would a dinner date or movie date. These passion dates should be a celebration of your mutual love and attraction for each other.

By putting them on the calendar, you'll look forward to them, and the anticipation of these dates will psychologically put both of you in the mood.

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HBO hates popes but it loves Kennedys

Pope Benedict XVI shocked the world on Monday morning by announcing he would resign at the end of February. For Catholics, there was sorrow and there was gratitude for a Holy Father who taught with such distinction and worked with such care to safeguard



L. BRENT BOZELL

the church's theological traditions.

But there are those people who hate the Catholic Church, and they are ecstatic. Take documentary filmmaker Alex Gibney, a man who clearly thinks he is holier than the Pope. He told the Daily Beast that Benedict is a "criminal." This helps explain why he's made a documentary for HBO, the home of toxic God-haters like Bill Maher.

Gibney's new film "Mea Maxima Culpa: Silence in the House of God" centers on a heart-breaking story of a Wisconsin priest named Lawrence Murphy who mercilessly abused deaf boys, and how he was never officially removed from the priesthood. It is a stain, a blemish, and inexcusable.

It is equally inexcusable to distort the story to advance an anti-Catholic narrative. That is bigotry. Within the first 15 minutes, Gibney displays

his complete contempt for facts. He brings in a supposed expert and bitter former priest named Richard Sipe, touting a "25-year study" claiming that, "at any one time, no more than 50 percent of Roman Catholic priests were practicing celibacy."

On screen, you can even see his claim in print, accompanied with the words "I estimate." Gibney does not explain to the viewer in 2013 that Sipe's so-called "study" ended in 1985 or even how Sipe arrived at this fantasy of an "estimate."

This should give you a taste for the Sipe worldview, ignored by Gibney. In a 1995 book, he compared Catholic celibacy to the Nazis — "everything fits with Nazi theory and practice" — and blamed celibacy for the Holocaust. "I cannot forget that the people and forces that generated Nazism and the Holocaust were all products of one Christian culture and the celibate power system."

This is Gibney's and HBO's expert.

Gibney continues the assault. He's told the Daily Beast that not only is the pope a crook, but "what's peculiar about the Roman Catholic Church is that at the heart of its doctrine is a lie — the lie of forced celibacy." Every vow of celibacy is forced and a lie? This man needs to be checked for rabies.

Gibney, like his hero Sipe, believes the Catholic Church must "evolve"

into the modern age and renounce its condemnation of masturbation, contraception, divorce, abortion, homosexuality and premarital sex, proving he fundamentally knows nothing about Catholic dogma. (Hint: You don't "evolve" from it.)

The country and especially the Catholic faithful are right to be outraged that abusive priests were not removed from the priesthood but were instead shuffled to other churches to begin another cycle of abuse. But Gibney again overdoses by bringing in another hanging judge, Rev. Thomas Doyle, who slanders the entire Church by declaring that some bishops' previous attitude against turning their priests over to civil authorities was so corrupt that "I don't know what they would have done if there were a slew of murders."

Bringing this kind of lurid, factually unsupported conspiracy theorizing to the entire Catholic Church, besmirching every priest and every bishop and every cardinal and every pope as if it were a non-fictional "DaVinci Code" — welcome to HBO.

This is the big picture of the morally upside-down HBO documentary unit: Pope Benedict is portrayed as a vicious crook, but Ted Kennedy and his brothers are portrayed as secular saints.

Don't take my word for it. Los Angeles Times TV critic Mary McNamara

was a fan of the Gibney screed: "The message of 'Mea Maxima Culpa' is clear: No member of the hierarchy of the Catholic Church is innocent in this almost unbelievably ubiquitous wave of abuse and certainly not the man who sits in his cloak of infallibility at its head."

Then there was McNamara's review of "Teddy: In His Own Words" in 2009. "(B)io-graphy quickly vanishes into mythology ... much more tribute than analysis. ... At its worst, the film can be blindly sentimental. Kennedy is portrayed as a man driven by devotion to service; base catalysts like personal or political ambition simply don't come up. Although the drowning of Mary Jo Kopechne in Chappaquiddick is discussed, it is far more quickly dismissed by the film than it has been by many Americans."

On HBO, over imagery of a priest holding up the Eucharistic host, Gibney explained that the problem with Catholics is "noble cause corruption," that somehow abusive priests could turn every perversion "into a holy act." But for the Left, their noble cause is never corrupt, no matter how reckless, vicious and dishonest their accusations are in the feverish pursuit of "reforming" the Catholic Church in their own Bill Maher-friendly image.

L. Brent Bozell III is the president of the Media Research Center.

Pentagon prepares Congress for furloughs

WASHINGTON (AP) — Defense Secretary Leon Panetta told Congress on Wednesday that if automatic government spending cuts kick in on March 1 he may have to shorten the workweek for the “vast majority” of the Defense Department’s 800,000 civilian workers.

They would lose one day of work per week, or 20 percent of their pay, for up to 22 weeks.

Panetta also said the across-the-board spending reductions would “put us on a path toward a hollow force,” meaning a military incapable of fulfilling all of its missions.

In a written message to employees, Panetta said that he notified members of Congress Wednesday that if the White House and Congress cannot strike a deficit reduction deal before March 1 to avoid the furloughs, all affected workers will get at least 30 days’ advance notice.

The furloughs would be part of a broader plan the Pentagon is preparing in order to cut \$46 billion through the end of this budget year, which ends Sept. 30. More cuts would come in future years as long as the automatic government spending cuts, known as sequestration, remained in effect.

“In the event of sequestration we will do everything we can to be able to continue to perform our core mission of providing for the security of the United States, but there is no mistaking that the rigid nature of the cuts forced upon this department, and their scale, will result in a serious erosion of readiness across the force,” Panetta wrote.

Adding his voice to the budget debate, Secretary of State John Kerry said the fiscal impasse is a serious threat to American credibility around the world.

“Think about it: It is hard to tell the leadership of any number of countries that they must resolve their economic issues if we don’t resolve our own,” Kerry said Wednesday in a speech at the University of Virginia.

Panetta was flying Wednesday to Brussels to attend a NATO defense ministers meeting. Spokesman George Little told reporters en route that Panetta would tell his counterparts that across-the-board budget cuts will hurt not only the U.S. military but also the ability of NATO to respond to crises.

Little said the Pentagon is also discussing the possibility of not being able to send military units on planned rotations to various places around the world. In anticipation of cuts, the Pentagon has already decided not to send one aircraft carrier back to the Persian Gulf, reducing the U.S. presence there to one carrier.

Pentagon officials have said their furloughs would be structured so that nearly all 800,000 civilian workers lose one day of work per week for 22 weeks, probably starting in late April. That means they would lose 20 percent of their pay over that period.

The Pentagon has begun discussing details of the furloughs with defense worker union officials.

President Barack Obama has exempted military personnel from furloughs.

House Speaker John Boehner put the blame on Obama and said he agrees with Panetta that automatic spending cuts would devastate the military.

Boehner released a copy of Panetta’s letter formally notifying Congress that the Pentagon will have to consider furloughing a large portion of its civilian workforce if sequestration kicks in.

“The furloughs contemplated by this notice will do real harm to our national security,” Panetta wrote in his congressional notification letter, adding that it would make troops less ready for combat and slow the acquisition of important weapons.

“Overall, sequestration will put us on a path toward a hollow force and inflict serious damage on our national security,” Panetta wrote.

The only civilian Pentagon workers who would be exempt from furloughs would be Senate-confirmed political appointees such as the defense secretary and deputy defense secretary, as well as a relatively small number of workers deemed essential to protect the safety of defense property and personnel.

Panetta said the administration is still working with Congress to avoid automatic budget cuts by reaching agreement on a deficit reduction plan.

Protesters call for Medicaid expansion

AUSTIN (AP) — Dozens of activists representing religious groups are gathered at the Texas Capitol calling for expanding health care for the poor.

Democratic lawmakers from across the state joined the religious leaders from all faiths on the north steps to call for more Medicaid spending.

Texas is one of a handful of states that has refused to expand the number of poor people covered by Medicaid, a joint state-federal program. The federal government is offering to cover more than 90 percent of the cost if Texas adds about 1.5 million uninsured, working poor people to the program.

Republican Gov. Rick Perry, though, has said Medicaid is a broken program and has said he opposes adding more people to it.

Democrats argue that by spending \$15 billion, the state would get \$100 billion.

Texas lawmakers to investigate UT regents

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and House Speaker Joe Straus have formed a special committee to investigate the board that oversees the University of Texas system.

Dewhurst signed a proclamation Wednesday that named lawmakers from the House Education and Senate Higher Education committees to a joint panel probing the activities of the regents.

The action follows an emotional speech Dewhurst gave on the Senate floor on Monday. He joined lawmakers in honoring the work of Bill Powers, the president of the University of Texas. Dewhurst alluded to personal attacks on Powers and his family by the regents.

After the Senate adjourned on Wednesday, Dewhurst emerged on the floor holding a copy of his proclamation. He said the new committee will convene in the next few weeks, with subpoena power.

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Theresa Maness, left, president of the Heritage Art Club, presents a check to Nancy Looper from the Pampa Senior Citizens Center. The money donated to the senior center came from a quilt raffle held in December. The winner of the raffle was Marie Niccum.



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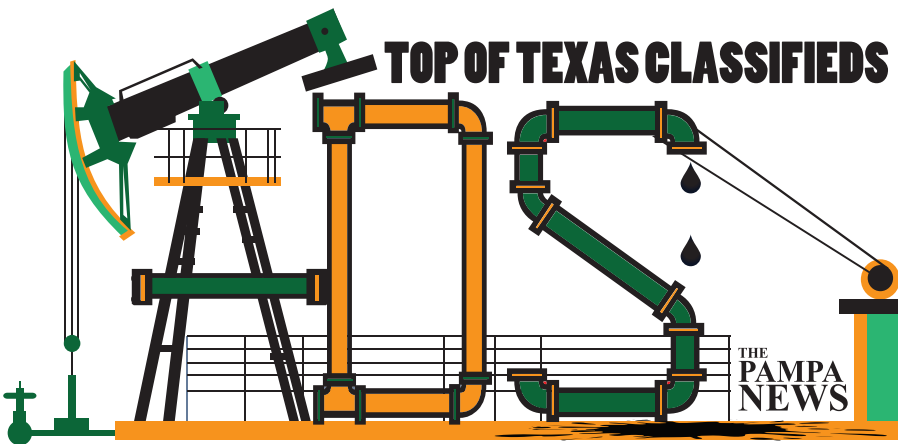
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c/o: **Vanessa G. Buzzard** Attorney at Law 208 N. Russell St. Pampa, TX 79065 DATED the 4th day of February, 2013. D-



Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 43-year-old single mom with three young boys. I am also a veteran and getting ready to go back to school. I have been dating a gentleman for two months now, and we get along great. He's three years older than I am and good with my kids and family.

I like him a lot and we seem to have a LOT in common — more than most. I really want him to kiss me, but I don't want to seem pushy. He's a real gentleman. We have gone from hugs to holding hands while sitting on the couch watching television. I don't mind taking things slow, but ...

How do I find out if he wants to kiss me or not? Sometimes it seems like it, but then he seems afraid to. How do I let him know it's OK? Sorry I seem like a teenager. — **CONFUSED IN IDAHO**

DEAR **CONFUSED**: This man isn't taking things slow. Glaciers have been known to move faster. Two months is a very long time to wait for a first kiss.

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Gray Co. Genealogical Society meets for Jan.



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Pictured are Carl and Shirley Williamson at the January meeting of the Gray County Genealogical Society.

The Gray County Genealogical Society held its monthly meeting at 7 p.m., Jan. 28 at the Lovett Memorial Library. President Lynn Lively called the meeting to order with 16 members attending. Secretary Dalton Lewis read the minutes from the November meeting and were approved. The Treasurer's Report was read by treasurer, Lucille Roden, and approved.

Lorene Thompson Paris was chosen in November by secret ballot for "The Gray County Genealogical Society Patron of The Year."

Her family attended the January meeting to honor Lorene's life and her many accomplishments. The Gray County Genealogical Society presented her husband, J.D. Paris of Miami, and her daughter and husband, Martha and Steve Porter of Pampa, with a framed document. Lorene served in many civic organizations in her community. She was a member and past president of the Child's Study Club. Since 1968, Lorene wrote the "Heritage Most Interesting" column in the

Miami Chief, and she painted the panoramic backdrop in the Roberts County Museum. Lorene was a member of The Gray County Genealogical Society for many years and held the office of treasurer. Carl and Shirley Williamson of Miami, were chosen as "Family Patrons of



Submitted Photo

From left, Steve Porter, J.D. Paris and Martha Porter.

The Year." They were honored with a framed document for their work on a book that contains all the cemeteries and graves in Roberts County.

The Williamsons have spoken at numerous clubs and gatherings in the area.

First California city corruption case drawing to a close

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Closing the first act in a corruption case, a prosecutor and defense attorneys plan to argue Wednesday whether testimony in the trial of six former Bell city officials proves they paid themselves exorbitant salaries and made up sham commissions to bolster their pay.

Most of the defendants testified in the month-long trial, saying they earned six-figure salaries as City Council members in the Los Angeles suburb where one in six of its 40,000 residents live in poverty. The six defendants, charged with misappropriation of funds, justified their salaries as fair pay for long hours of work, according to The Los Angeles Times.

They blamed City Manager Robert Rizzo for the rip-off that cost the city millions of dollars and nearly bankrupted it. Rizzo and his assistant city manager, Angela Spazio, face a trial later in the year.

The defendants said they were never told anything they did was illegal, according to the Times. Bell City Attorney Edward Lee wrote the city's charter and was blamed by defendants for not tell-

ing them their salaries could be illegal, though neither side called him as a witness.

Testimony revealed evidence of falsified salaries and a city clerk who signed minutes for meetings she didn't attend.

Authorities say the defendants stole more than \$300,000 during a two-minute meeting in which they voted themselves salary raises for their sham positions.

Legally, said Deputy District Attorney Edward Miller, the officials could have paid themselves \$673 a month for what was a part-time job, since they did not actually run the city.

Those on trial are former mayor Oscar Hernandez, former vice mayor Teresa Jacobo, and former council members George Mirabal, George Cole, Victor Bello and Luis Artiga.

All but one of the defendants served as mayor at some point.

Miller alleged that in addition to their council salaries of upward of \$80,000 a year, the officials appointed each other to the commissions that did nothing and often met yearly just to increase their salaries.

The most blatant, he said, was creation of the

Solid Waste and Recycling Authority, which he called "a fiction" designed to line the officials' pockets.

"They gave themselves raises which were not even drafted by a lawyer. Somebody just made this up out of the blue," Miller said.

During Cole's testimony, the prosecutor pointed out that the councilman had a chauffeur and car to get around the city, which spans just 2 1/2 miles.

After disclosure of the scandal, Bell residents revolted and turned out in the thousands to protest at City Council meetings. They ultimately staged a successful recall election at which they threw out the entire council and elected a slate of new leaders.

An audit by the state controller's office determined Bell had illegally raised property taxes, business license fees and other sources of revenue to pay the salaries and ordered the money repaid.

School activists gather at Capitol

AUSTIN (AP) — A small group of demonstrators chanting "more funding now!" has gathered in front of the Texas Capitol to call for restoring \$5.4 billion in cuts to public

education approved by the Legislature in 2011.

The advocacy group "Save Texas Schools" has begun an online petition calling for rolling back the funding reductions passed two years ago. It organized Wednesday's gathering.

Save Texas Schools expects thousands of students, teachers, parents, school administrators and community activists to gather at the Capitol on Saturday as part of its larger, annual rally in Austin.

Meanwhile, a group of lawmakers from both parties in the state House are discussing the possibility of restoring as much as nearly \$1 billion to public education without exceeding spending limits in the current Texas budget.

GOP lawmakers push for secret ballots

AUSTIN (AP) — Two Republican lawmakers want to require workers to cast a secret ballot in order to organize a union.

The bill was introduced Wednesday by Amarillo Sen. Kel Seliger and Waco Rep. Doc Anderson. Current Texas law makes it illegal to force someone to join a union, but allows labor organizers to collect signature cards to unionize a workplace.

The bill would require a secret ballot before a union could begin representing workers.

Critics say the measure is designed to make it more difficult for workers to organize into a union workplace.

Seliger and Anderson say the legislation will protect worker rights.

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott also voiced support the bill. He also announced an optional notice for businesses to post that informs workers that Texas is a right-to-work state.

Critics in court seek delay of NYC soda rule

NEW YORK (AP) — Soda makers and sellers are in court over a bid to delay enforcement of New York City's first-of-its-kind effort to limit the size of sugary drinks.

The American Beverage Association and other groups are facing off with city officials Wednesday in a Manhattan courtroom.

The city Board of Health agreed in September to bar restaurants, delis and some other eateries from selling sugary drinks in cups or containers bigger than 16 ounces. The rule is set to take effect March 12.

The city says it's a

groundbreaking effort to fight obesity.

Opponents say it's an unfair burden on businesses. They say they shouldn't have to comply until a lawsuit over the matter is resolved.

Woman, 104, forced to lie about age on FB

GROSSE POINTE SHORES, Mich. (AP) — Marguerite Joseph can be forgiven for lying about her age on Facebook.

The 104-year-old Michigan woman's granddaughter says Joseph is unable to list her real age on the social media site.

Gail Marlow says when she tries inputting her grandmother's birth year as 1908, Facebook changes it to 1928. So for the past two years, the Grosse Pointe Shores centenarian has remained 99 — online, anyway.

Joseph is legally blind and can't hear well, but Marlow reads and responds to all of her Facebook messages.

Marlow tells WDIV-TV she "would love to see" Joseph's real age displayed on Facebook and chalks up her inability to do so to "a glitch in the system."

A Facebook official did not immediately respond to a message Wednesday seeking comment.

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HUSTLIN' HARVESTERS PLAYOFF WIN



Above left, Jon Cox shooting one of his four three-pointers. Right, Tyler Powell shoots a baseline jumper. Below left, Cox rejecting a Lubbock Cooper shot. Right, Cade Engle soaring for a layup.



Photos by Charla Shults

Girls soccer drops a pair

By ZACHARY GREEN
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The Pampa girls soccer team traveled to Amarillo Saturday for a game with the Sandies of Amarillo High. Pampa would lose the game 11-1.

"Number nine, Samantha Woodruff, scored a goal for us. She ran on a pass past their defense and dribbled the ball down to the goalie. After passing the ball between the goalie's legs, she chipped it in for an easy goal," said coach David Willis. "Unfortunately, we weren't able to make many shots this game. That was really the key to our loss. We were unable to keep control of the ball on their side of the field and as a result we let them take shots on our goal."

Willis added that Pampa was down some important players for this game that hurt the overall performance. "We did, however, play a fantastic defensive game. Even though they scored 11 on us, we were able to stuff them on a great many shots," said Willis.

Willis mentioned some key players in the ballgame. "Madeyn Solis had 31 saves on goal. Viante Ellison and Olga Garcia held down the defensive line and forced several off-sides calls against Amarillo High."

The girls team hosted Canyon on Tuesday night. Canyon won the game 6-0. "We struggled with the wind and to get shots on goal. We held the defensive together well, but we allowed them to take too many shots on our goal," said Willis. "The wind and the cold were a bit of a fac-

tor for us, but we need to work on completing our passing game so that we create situations that will allow us to score."

Willis said that Woodruff, Solis, Bennett Campbell and Karoley Villareal played a good game Tuesday night.

With the losses, Pampa falls to 1-9 on the season. They will be back in action Friday in Pampa when they host Borger.

Boys soccer

The Pampa boys soccer team hosted Canyon on Tuesday night. Pampa lost 3-0. Canyon's goals came in the 12th, 34th and 44th minute.

"The most disappointing thing was the score wasn't indicative of the improvement we've made since we've last played Canyon," said Coach Byron May. "They've averaged about three goals a game, but the ones we gave up were mental lapses. Our passing has improved dramatically, and we're moving the ball around in the midfield effectively at times. The boys are putting in the work, and it's starting to show on the field."

May credited Brian Blancas, junior defender, with a good game. "Blancas was thrown into the starting lineup after one of our players came down with food poisoning. Even though that can be a nerve-racking situation, I'm proud of the way he responded with great effort and composure," said May.

Pampa falls to 1-13 on the season. They will be back in action Friday night when they host Borger in Pampa.

Tennis at Canyon Tournament

STAFF REPORT

The tennis team traveled to Canyon this past weekend for a tournament. Nick Nelson and Emily Terry placed fifth in mixed doubles and Maddie Fatheree and Blake Chisum placed 11th in mixed doubles. In girls singles Kindle Hunt placed 10th, Genevieve Zavala placed 11th. "Overall we played good. Our next tournament will be team regionals in Odessa," said coach Sarah Corse.

Former Texas player fractures skull in Israel game

By CHRIS LEHOURITES
AP Sports Writer

Former Texas forward Gary Johnson is expected to make a full recovery after fracturing his skull in a collision with an opponent during a second-division Israeli basketball game.

The 24-year-old Johnson was put in a medically induced coma but has regained consciousness, the Israel Basketball Association said Wednesday. IBA spokesman Hagai Segal said Johnson was awake and communicative.

Johnson will require some plastic surgery but should make a full recovery, Segal said.

Johnson, who plays for Hapoel Galil Elyon, was injured Tuesday when Elitzur Ramla forward Johnndre Jefferson hit Johnson in the head with his elbow.

"Gary made a step-through move and when he was going up I was close enough to block the shot and I blocked it on the backboard," Jefferson told The Associated Press. "I don't know how it happened, but when I was coming down my elbow caught him in the forehead. "When we both came down I was standing over his feet trying to tap him on his side to ask him if he was OK.

He was holding his head and kind of rolling around."

Jefferson said play was delayed for about 25 minutes as trainers and coaches tended to Johnson, who rolled on the court in agony before being taken to a hospital.

"You could see the fracture, the break," said Jefferson, who went back to his team's bench to wait while officials worked on Johnson. "I just had to walk away."

Jefferson, who played at South Carolina, said he and Johnson had never met before Tuesday. But since the collision, Jefferson has been getting updates on Johnson's condition.

"I have never seen anything like ever happen. Never heard about anything like that," Jefferson said, adding he hasn't watched a replay of the collision. "I didn't see the video because I didn't want to watch it."

Johnson had 13 points and nine rebounds before his third-period injury.

Elitzur Ramla eventually won the game 92-73.

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Mavs back from break with playoff streak in peril

By SCHUYLER DIXON
AP Sports Writer

DALLAS (AP) — With or without Dirk Nowitzki, the Dallas Mavericks have virtually the same record this season a losing one.

If they don't start winning at a pace reminiscent of the three 60-win seasons they've had in the Nowitzki era, the Mavericks are likely to miss the playoffs for the first time since the big German's second year in 2000.

But Dallas better be careful weighing all that history, Vince Carter figures.

"I don't think we can board watch as far as the standings are concerned," said Carter, who came into the league the same year as Nowitzki. "I think it just drives you crazy. You just go out there and you press, press, press, because you know you need the game. That's already understood anyway."

It's been understood since the season started. For the second straight year since winning the franchise's first championship, Dallas rebuilt the roster with Nowitzki as the anchor. But this time the Mavericks realized they needed to grab every win they could after they found out he would miss the beginning of the season because of the first knee surgery of his career.

When their star came back after missing 27 games, the Mavericks were in a brutal stretch of their schedule and couldn't find a way to win close games.

Nearly two months later, Dallas (23-29) is still finding ways to lose and entered the All-Star break 4-0 games behind Houston for the final playoff spot in the Western Conference. The Mavericks, who play for the first time in a week when Orlando visits on Wednesday night, were 12-15 before Nowitzki returned Dec. 23 against San Antonio, and they're 11-14 since.

"Some of that is guys sharing court time and chemistry and certain guys zigging while the other guy thought he was zagging," said Mavericks president of basketball operations Donnie Nelson. "The whole mantra of the first half of the season was, 'Hey, let's win our share, let's stay in the hunt, let's get the big German back and see where things take us.'"

A lot of that strategy relied on new backcourt mates Darren Collison and O.J. Mayo, who helped Dallas to a 4-1 start before Collison started regressing and teams realized Mayo was

the most dangerous scoring threat and started taking him away.

Collison lost his starting job after a particularly bad game in a blowout loss to the Los Angeles Lakers, and the Mavericks brought in veterans Derek Fisher and Mike James as mentors, and even as replacements in certain situations in case Collison's struggles continued.



Rick Carlisle

Dallas coach Rick Carlisle admittedly has been hard on the replacement for Jason Kidd, and Collison has responded by re-establishing himself as the starter.

"It's not about my mood," Carlisle said. "It's about us playing well and doing everything we can possibly do to play our best to give ourselves a chance to trend upward. I understand that this job that I'm in is about being demanding and it's about having standards of excellence that are uncompromised. We just haven't been able to sustain, but I still believe we can do it."

Mayo's biggest problem has been turnovers he has a team-high 149 and the issue was never more evident than the last time the Mavericks looked like they finally might be on to something before faltering.

Dallas had won two straight and had a chance to beat East playoff contender Atlanta two games before the break when Mayo stole the ball and was headed for a layup trailing by one in the final minute. He switched hands on the dribble just before he got to the basket, giving Devin Harris a chance to steal it back. Mayo had another turnover on a bad pass when the Mavericks had one last chance to tie.

"It's tough when you look at it now," said Nowitzki, whose scoring (15.2) and rebounding (5.7) averages are the lowest since his rookie season. "We've had close losses that could come back and haunt us. Atlanta, we shouldn't have lost. We've had too many of those close games where we've been on the short end of the stick."

The Mavericks thought they built a playoff contender even after Deron Williams spurned them in free agency, and they still have a chance to prove it assuming center Chris Kaman returns soon from a concussion that has sidelined him for eight games. The other

significant offseason addition was Elton Brand, who was picked up in an amnesty claim from Philadelphia.

Carter came to Dallas in the first roster purge last year, when the Mavericks didn't bring back center Tyson Chandler and other important pieces of their title team and got swept in the first round by Oklahoma City. Carter's 10.1-point scoring average last season was the lowest of his career, but he's emerged recently as the biggest scoring threat behind Mayo and Nowitzki.

In the last game before the break, Carter scored 26 and hit five 3-pointers in the third quarter to carry Dallas past Sacramento, another reason the Mavericks probably will end up keeping him and Shawn Marion despite both names being popular in rumors leading to Thursday's trading deadline.

"I don't get caught up in what's being read and if we have a shot or not," Carter said. "If we don't believe in the locker room that we have a shot, we won't ever have a shot. It doesn't matter what's said outside the locker room, and I think our guys are pretty confident."

The playoffs start now for the Mavericks and their 12-year postseason streak.

NCAA knows 'lack of institutional control'

By JIM LITKE
AP Sports Columnist

The folks at the NCAA finally got around to charging the University of Miami with a lack of institutional control, and if there's one thing you can be confident they still know something about, that's it.

No phrase better describes the way the NCAA has gone about its business during the brief tenure of President Mark Emmert.

An outside investigation of how his organization handled the Miami case concluded as much. The report released Monday cited a lack of effective oversight and numerous examples of how its enforcement staff violated the NCAA's own internal policies while conducting its investigation (more on

that in a moment), including ignoring advice from its legal counsel. Conveniently, the same outside investigation also decided none of the NCAA's laws or bylaws were broken, meaning that Emmert and any staff members who could claim plausible deniability and haven't already been fired, forced out, resigned or retired likely will hang onto their jobs. Too bad.

Even worse was Emmert's self-serving answer to whether the NCAA's tactics had damaged its credibility.

"The damage is, first of all, for those people who were already skeptical or cynics, this feeds into their cynicism," he said Monday. "For those of us who have great confidence in all the people around this building, it's painful to have to deal with an issue that fails to live up to our standards and expectations. I think that's the challenge for all of us that work here."

That's hardly the only challenge, though, now that the university has decided to fight back.

In September 2010, after widely circulated reports that convicted Ponzi schemer and Hurricane booster Nevin Shapiro had provided Miami players with walk-around money, strip-club trips, prostitutes — and in one case, even paid for an abortion — Miami did what every school that previously faced the NCAA did. It cowered. It self-imposed wide-ranging sanctions — in the hope the NCAA wouldn't pile on — including sitting out two bowl games and a conference football championship game, as well as suspending players on both the football and basketball teams and making some pay restitution.

But once Miami found out about the NCAA's by-any-means necessary tactics, university President Donna Shalala decided that was enough.

In a strongly worded statement Monday, she said, "The lengthy and already flawed investigation has demonstrated a disappointing pattern of unprofessional and unethical behavior."

On Tuesday, with the NCAA's "lack of institutional control" charge levied against Miami and the sanctions phase of the process about to begin, she was even bolder. "We have suffered enough. ... Many of the charges brought forth are based on the word of a man who made a fortune by lying. The

NCAA enforcement staff acknowledged to the University that if Nevin Shapiro, a convicted con man, said something more than once, it considered the allegation 'corroborated' — an argument which is both ludicrous and counter to legal practice."

Ludicrous barely begins to describe the NCAA's conduct in the Miami case.

Ameen Najjar, the veteran investigator who was working the Miami case and has since been fired, arranged to pay Shapiro's lawyer to ask questions he wanted answered while she was deposing her client on another matter. Julie Roe Lach, hand-picked by Emmert to be the NCAA's vice president for enforcement, approved those payments and has also been fired. Former NCAA associate enforcement director Rich Johanningmeier, who retired in 2012, made sure Shapiro could get in touch with the NCAA by purchasing a disposable mobile phone, in addition to paying for Shapiro's use of the prison's phone system — ringing up an \$8,200 bill and expensing those costs to the NCAA. Corporate Operating Officer Jim Isch, Emmert's right-hand man, approved some of those expenses, but escaped punishment, the NCAA said, because his role was limited to "addressing only the fiscal issue and not any legal/prudential concerns."

But the most damning piece of all — at least as it pertains to a lack of institutional control at the NCAA — is that Emmert didn't know about any of this until last fall. And even after he did, Emmert blithely vowed none of the "tainted" evidence would be used against Miami, and then went ahead Tuesday and dropped the other shoe on the program.

It's hard to say why Emmert never bothered to keep tabs on the Miami case, since his investigators have botched so many others on his watch. The NCAA ended up firing an investigator looking into the case of UCLA's Shabazz Muhammad after she was found to be sharing confidential information. Pennsylvania's governor is suing the NCAA after it levied unprecedented fines against Penn State in the wake of the Jerry Sandusky scandal.

What makes it even more hypocritical is that the organization only months ago notified head coaches that they would be held responsible for the actions of their assistants. Guess that memo got lost in the inter-office mail.

UH-related treasurer guilty of fraud

HOUSTON (AP) — A former treasurer of a foundation that benefits athletics programs at the University of Houston has pleaded guilty to wire fraud in a \$1 million Ponzi scam.

Prosecutors say Brian Anthony Bjork of Missouri City pleaded guilty Tuesday in Houston. He's free on bond pending sentencing in June.

Bjork was an investment adviser with J. David Financial Group and Select Asset Management. Both were owned by David Salinas. Salinas committed suicide in July 2011 just weeks before federal regulators filed a lawsuit accusing him and Bjork of selling bogus corporate bonds.

Prosecutors say Bjork on his own scammed nearly a dozen investors and used his position as treasurer of the Houston Athletics Foundation to steal about \$550,000 from the group.

A message left with UH athletics wasn't immediately returned Wednesday.

Russia to fight to keep wrestling in Olympics

MOSCOW (AP) — President Vladimir Putin's spokesman says Russia will do all it can to persuade the International Olympic Committee to keep wrestling in the Olympics.

According to Russian news reports, Dmitry Peskov says Russia will work with the IOC "at all possible levels" to argue against the move to drop wrestling.

The IOC's executive board voted to cut wrestling from the 2020 Olympics, angering Russia, whose wrestlers have won 77 gold medals since the Soviet times.


The IOC executive board will meet in May in St. Petersburg to consider the issue.

The final decision will be made at the IOC general assembly in September in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

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Lent devotionals — 40 days of redemption

Day 9 – Friday
Scripture: Mt 25:31-33; Lk 21:37-38

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his throne in heavenly glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.” (The Gospels Interwoven)

Devotional:

Nothing was more common on the Judean landscape than the herds of sheep and goats. Jesus took advantage of this common

site to remind everyone of the reality of judgment. No one liked to hear about that truth then and the same is true today. No human wants to think about judgment for long. Why? You know why. Because most humans are not faithful worshipers and servants of the Lord God and that means that the vast majority of humanity is goats (on the left) and headed for “eternal punishment”.

I remember when I was a goat, waking up each day in my own little world with no consideration for God’s will for my life. I also remember when the Holy Spirit came to convict me of the wickedness of that way of living. Thank You, Holy Spirit; thank You, thank You, thank You. Praise God, I am no longer a goat, but not by own might.

A sheep awakes each day to simply listen for the Shepherd’s voice. As long as I live, I want to do

that too. Father, I pledge to arise each day, report for duty and then live each day in Your strength.

Prayer:

Jehovah Rohi, You have always yearned to be my Shepherd God. Each day You speak to me, hoping I will listen. Too often I do not. I am so sorry for my deafness. Please, lead me in path where the lowly sheep walks. Protect me from the dangers of the stubborn goat. Be my Shepherd; not just today, but every day until I am with You face to face. Amen.

Day 10 – Saturday

Scripture: Mt 26:6-13; Mk 14:3-9; Jn 12:2-8

While he was in Bethany in the home of a man known as Simon the Leper, a dinner was given in Jesus’ honor. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him. Then Mary took an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume, about

a pin~ of pure nard. She broke the jar and poured the perfume on Jesus’ head as he was reclining at the table. She poured it on Jesus’ feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

Devotional:

So far every object for these Lenten devotionals has been very “commonplace”. Well, not this jar. It was a tiny inexpensive alabaster jar. Therefore the value of it wasn’t based on the outside material, but on what was on the inside. This particular jar was full of a rare perfume that was valued at 1 year’s wages for the average person.

The jar showed up at a dinner in the Bethany home of Simon the leper. Jesus’ close friends, Lazarus, Martha and Mary had been invited also. At some point during the meal Mary did the unthinkable. She took the entire jar of perfume and anointed

Jesus from head to foot. Who ever heard of such a thing? What was she thinking? What a waste? Now there were those who immediately responded with those objections – the disciples. Did Jesus? NO! He basically told everyone 3 things: 1- leave her alone, 2- you can’t be too extravagant with Jesus and 3- Mary will be famous forever for what she did.

How extravagant in my life for Jesus have I been? Are there people who accuse me of giving too much to Him? Of doing too much for Him? Of worshiping Him too intensely? Of praising Him too vigorously? Of loving Him too much? I haven’t been accused of that one single time in the past year that I can remember. Mary was. Why not me? Why not me? Why not

me? I want to be more extravagant in my relationship with Jesus, more like Mary.

Prayer:

Oh, Lamb of God, You are worthy of so much more than I ever give You. Teach me more of what filled Mary that night at Simon’s house. Holy Spirit, lead me down the path that she walked. Help me see more clearly the significance of what Mary did that night. And if there is any part of me like Judas was that night, please cut it out. Amen.

2nd Sunday – Praise The Lord!

Get your celebratory devotional at church.

And if you weren’t planning on going, then there is still time to repent and GO! God bless.

Former Pampa resident, author returns Feb. 23

Local author Randy Ray will be at the Pampa Library, located at 111 N. Houston, at 4 p.m., Feb. 23. He will be reading from his book and performing some songs.

In his book, *Thank The Lord For Leroy, A Humorous Look at Life, Love, Friends and Faith*, Ray walks us through his journey in life with some off the wall and amusing stories.

Many of the stories are drawn from his early years

in Pampa.

“Shortly after we got married, my wife and I moved to Nashville. One of the jobs I had there was writing a humor column for one of the local newspapers.

A lot of things out of this book first appeared in that column. I must have been a little homesick at the time; many of these stories are about growing up in the Texas Panhandle.”

Ray was also an artist with WORD records in



Randy Ray

on the road, seeing new places, gave me a new perspective and appreciation for growing up here,” Ray states.

the early 1990s. The book looks at some of the crazy things that happen on the road with a Christian band. “I think being

So who is Leroy? “A lot of people have asked me that,” Ray says. “Leroy is one of those rare friends we make in life who sticks closer than a brother. Even, if at times, you wish he didn’t!”

Thank The Lord For Leroy, *A Humorous Look at Life, Love, Friends and Faith* is published on Crossbooks Publishing, a division of Lifeway, Inc. It is available on Amazon. Com, Barnes & Noble and randyrayonline.com.

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Works from established and recognized artists will comprise the exhibition that opens in the Foran Gallery with an invitation-only viewing and artists’ reception at 5:30 p.m., Saturday, March 2.

The fixed-price sale follows at 6:30 p.m.

Art not purchased that night will be for sale through the remainder of the exhibition, which ends March 30.

Now in its 14th year, the Panhandle-Plains Invitational Western Art Show and Sale boasts an online catalog available for those who want museum-quality art but can’t make it to the show and sale in person. Last year’s catalog can be seen at Panhandleplains.org.

The 2013 catalog will be on the museum’s website two weeks prior to the event.

The art is selected by Michael R. Grauer, PPHM Associate Director for Curatorial Affairs and Curator of Art, from a list of artists known for their portrayal of life west of the Mississippi River.

The museum’s own art collection contains works in need of conservation, so proceeds from the show and sale are used to restore such pieces and acquire art for the museum collection.

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White House tries to keep immigration on track

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House on Tuesday sought to keep delicate immigration negotiations on track, as a key Republican senator distanced himself further from a draft bill President Barack Obama's aides are readying in case congressional talks crumble.

Florida Republican Sen. Marco Rubio's office said Obama's plan "injected additional partisanship into an already difficult process."

The White House, following the weekend leak of its draft legislation, insisted the president wants the bipartisan Senate group Rubio is a member of to put forward its own bill instead.

Obama spoke with Rubio on Tuesday to reiterate his commitment to the Senate process and to make clear that he had his own legislation ready, the White House said. The president also called Republicans Sens. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina and John McCain of Arizona, two other GOP lawmakers involved in the immigration negotiations.

"It is, by far, the president's preference that the Senate process move forward, that the bipartisan group of eight have success, and that they produce a bill that wins the support of Democrats and Republicans in Senate," White House spokesman Jay Carney said.

Senate aides said privately Tuesday that bipartisan negotiations are in a good place and they did not feel as though the disclosure of details in Obama's draft bill would disrupt their process.

In fact, Obama's backup bill could end up spurring GOP lawmakers to rally behind a congressional plan with many similarities rather than support legislation attached to the president.

While they differ on some key details, both sides are contemplating legislation that would provide a pathway to citizenship for most of the 11 million illegal immigrants already in the U.S., tighten border security, crack down on businesses that employ illegal workers and strengthen the legal immigration system.

Rubio, a rising Republican star and favorite of his party's conservative wing, has particular incentive to publicly disavow Obama's proposals.

As one of his party's leading voices on immigration, Rubio will be called on to sell other conservatives on any deal and he knows that doing so will be harder if that deal has the president's stamp on it. He'll also have to convince Republicans that a bipartisan Senate agreement would be more conservative than what Obama would propose on his own.

Rubio's office, trying to further distance itself from the White House, insisted Tuesday that the senator's team had not been in talks with the administration on immigration.

But Rubio spokesman Alex Conant later said that a representative from the senator's office participated in five meetings with administration officials.

Administration officials said they were willing to take hits from the Florida lawmaker if doing so gave him the cover to work with Senate Democrats to reach a deal.

"As long as Sen. Rubio and the rest of the gang are making real progress on immigration reform, we are happy to be on the sidelines and even serve as a punching bag every once in a while," Dan Pfeiffer, Obama's senior adviser, said.

The White House insisted it did not intentionally leak details of its immigration plan, which circulated widely at key government agencies. Top Obama aides tried to clear up the mess over the weekend, sending apologetic emails to the offices of the eight senators, including Rubio, at the center of the Capitol Hill negotiations.

Obama officials say the documents represent draft proposals, not a final bill. The president and his aides have repeatedly said publicly that the White House was readying legislation and would submit it to Congress if the Senate process stalls.

The draft White House proposal and the principles outlined by the Senate group overlap in many areas, though there are some key differences.

The administration's draft proposal would create a visa for those in the country illegally and allow them to become legal permanent residents within about eight years as part of a broader pathway to citizenship. The Senate group is looking at a 10-year timeline before people already in the U.S. illegally could get green cards.

While Obama's proposal calls for more funding for securing the border, it does not make border security a pre-condition for opening a pathway to citizenship.

Rubio's office has also criticized the president's proposals for not including a guest worker program or a plan for dealing with the future flow of immigrants.

Officials say the White House has not set a deadline for when the president would choose to abandon the Senate process and send his bill to Capitol Hill. Senate lawmakers have raised the prospect of drafting a bill next month.

Hanging over the entire immigration debate in Washington is a changed political landscape that gives Hispanics more influence in national politics than ever before. Hispanics made up 10 percent of the electorate in the November presidential election and Obama won more two-thirds of their votes, causing many Republican lawmakers to rethink their opposition to immigration reform.

Immigration advocates have vowed to keep reminding GOP lawmakers of the growing political power of Hispanic voters. "You can choose not to do it, you can choose inaction, but keep in mind that the Latino community is not going to forget," said Eliseo Medina, an immigration advocate and labor leader at the Service Employees International Union.

"If the Senate blocks it, then get prepared for 2014," he added, referring

to next year's congressional elections.

Texas lawmakers take up \$2B water measure

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas lawmakers are expected to begin public hearings on a proposed \$2 billion fund to finance water projects across the state.

The House Natural Resources Committee will hear testimony on Tuesday about using money from the Rainy Day Fund to create a water development bank.

The State Water Development Board says Texas needs to spend \$53 billion over the next 50 years to make sure the state has enough water for a growing population. Committee Chairman Alan Ritter has proposed a \$2 billion revolving fund that he says can finance those needs.

Texas has one of the fastest growing populations in the country, and a recent drought has demonstrated the state's vulnerability.

The proposal is known as the State Water Infrastructure Fund for Texas, or SWIFT.

Texas teacher dead in murder-suicide

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Investigators say the bodies of a music teacher at a San Antonio-area school and her boyfriend have been found at their home in an apparent murder-suicide.

Counselors were available Wednesday in the Northside Independent School District to help students and staff deal with the slaying of 50-year-old Deanna Tiller.

Tiller's body was located Tuesday morning. A co-worker went to the home when the victim didn't show up at Allen Elementary School as classes resumed following the Presidents Day holiday weekend.

Bexar (bayr) County Sheriff's spokesman Paul Berry says a man's body was found with a gunshot wound to the head. Investigators believe the boyfriend, whose name wasn't immediately released, killed Tiller and then himself on Saturday. Her cause of death wasn't immediately released.

Voting for Obama got her fired

DAYTON, Ohio (AP) — A southwest Ohio woman says she was fired three days after the November election because she voted for President Barack Obama.

The woman has filed a

lawsuit in Montgomery County Common Pleas Court seeking damages starting at \$25,000 against Q-Mark Inc. and its president. The Dayton-based company is a sales firm representing manufacturers and defense contractors.

The Dayton Daily News reports that Patricia Kunkle alleges that company President Roberta Gentile told employees last year that Obama supporters would be the first to be terminated if he got re-elected.

The company says she was laid off for economic reasons and cited uncertainty over U.S. defense spending.

Kunkle had become a full-time employee of the company in May 2012 and says she never received any negative evaluations or disciplinary action.

Perry shows support for agreement with EU

AUSTIN (AP) — Britain's deputy ambassador to the United States is asking Texas politicians to support a new, expanded trade agreement with the European Union.

Deputy Ambassador Philip Barton has invited a number of Texas political and business leaders to Austin on Wednesday. A new trade agreement is currently under negotiation.

A bipartisan group that includes Congressman Michael McCaul, Mayor Lee Leffingwell and Rep. Rafael Anchia are expected to express their support.

Texas exported \$29 billion worth of products to the European Union last year, and Barton is expected to release a study showing the economic benefit to Texas if trade is expanded.

Teachers ditch student chairs for yoga balls

WEST CHESTER, Pa. (AP) — In 11 years of teaching, ditching students' desk chairs in favor of yoga balls is one of the best decisions Robbi Giuliano thinks she ever made.

Replacing stationary seats with inflatable bouncers has raised productivity in her fifth-graders at Westtown-Thornbury Elementary School, making students better able to focus on lessons while improving their balance and core strength, she said.

"I have more attentive children," Giuliano said. "I'm able to get a lot done with them because they're sitting on yoga balls."

The giant rubber spheres,

also called stability balls, come in different sizes, colors and degrees of firmness. By making the sitter work to stay balanced, the balls force muscle engagement and increased blood flow, leading to more alertness.

The exercise gear is part a larger effort to modernize schools based on research linking physical activity with better learning, said John Kilbourne, a professor of movement science at Grand Valley State University in Allendale, Mich.

Traditional classroom setups are being challenged as teachers nationwide experiment with yoga balls, footrests and standing desks, which give children outlets to fidget without disrupting class.

"It's the future of education," Kilbourne said.

Stability balls, frequently used in yoga, Pilates and physical therapy, have even begun appearing in offices in the wake of recent studies stressing the dangers of sedentary work environments.

The balls first began to surface in schools as aids

for kids with attention problems or autism, said Michelle Rowe, executive director of the Kinney Center for Autism at Saint Joseph's University in Philadelphia. The equipment has since gone mainstream.

"It takes away the taboo of wiggling, which most kids do anyway," said Rowe, who also is a professor of health services.

Giuliano began using the balls in her class in West Chester, a Philadelphia suburb, about three years ago after her husband mentioned how they increased productivity at the holistic wellness company where he worked.

Student Ashley Hasson conceded that adjusting to her dark pink ball was tough at first.

"But once you get used to it, it's not that hard because basically you're just sitting down," she said.

"I don't like sitting on a chair all day ... so I started sitting on a yoga ball, and I find I'm more alert," Giuliano said.

"And my message is to try it with your class and see if it works for you."

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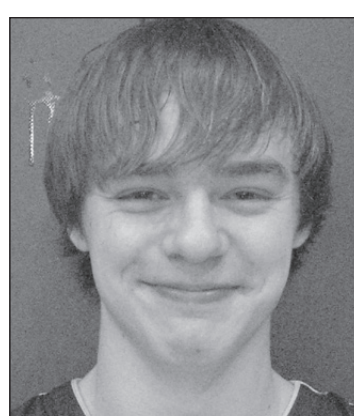
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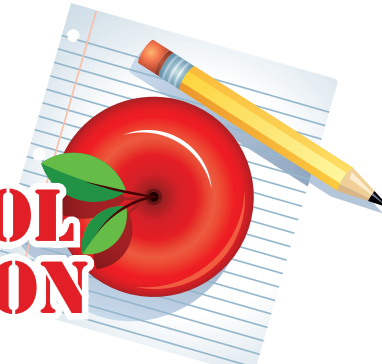
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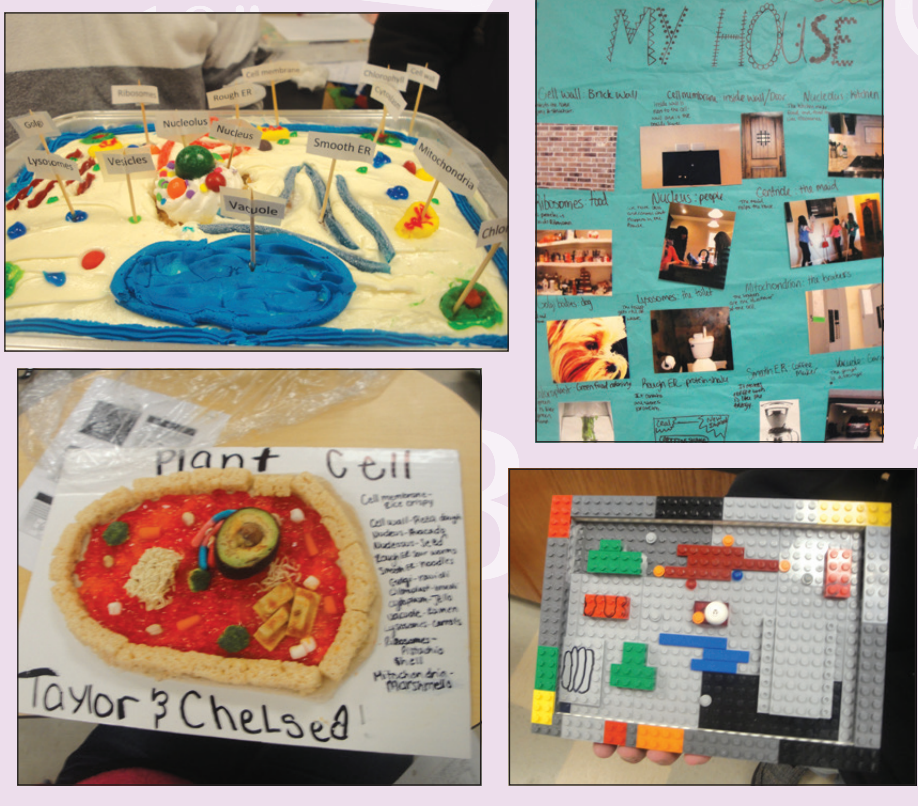
8th grade girls take 1st & 3rd in district tournament play

Student Council skit takes first in TASC District 1

Weird Science



7th grade science teachers, Mr. Sharber and Ms. Hollingsworth, tried something different this time when doing a unit on cells – they had the students make 3D models. Some very interesting products came out of this. As you can see, some chose to bake a cake; use clay, LEGOs, or Play-Doh; and still others chose to make a cell model out of what they could find around the house.



A lesson in subtraction



All of Mr. Rayburn's classes competed to win the opportunity to hold the clippers to Mr. Rayburn's Hair. Mr. Rayburn's 3rd period class was victorious because they were "on task" and engaged in class discussion more than any other during the 1st semester.

Above: Mr. Rayburn uses his phone to check the back. Right: Zane McCoy gives Mr. Rayburn a "rub down" AFTER it's over.

8th grade girls' tournaments

Right, the 8th grade B Team who won 1st in the district B tournament. Back row left to right: Darian Harkcom, Tastazia Lofton, Shandasia Captain, Gabby Flores, Herston Alford, and Ale Jimenez. Middle row left to right: Jasmin Gonzalez, Paola DeLaTorre, Shelby Landers, DJ Ford, Indy Sullivan. Front row: Montaisha Brown, Abby Olveda, and Nicole Juarez. (Not Pictured is Lauren Pingel.)



Left, the 8th grade A team who placed 3rd in the district A tournament. Back row left to right: Maddie Young, Alexis Munguia, Gabby Flores, Herston Alford, and Alazay Maples. Middle row left to right: Shavonna Fields, Holland Poole, Alondra Zarate, and Cynthia Ramirez. Front Row: Ariel Cambern, Elise Kennedy, and Kristin Robison. (Not pictured is Lauren Pingel.) Coach Cramer leads both teams.

Student council skit



Junior High student council—sitting: Brett West, Jacey Baten, and Destiny Portillo; kneeling: Ethan Brock, Fernando Anguiano, Christian Tapia; standing: Kristin Robison, Ariel Cambern, Paola DeLaTorre, Taylor Ramming, Megan Dickinson, Xander Karson, Jonta Pollard, Jherman Morales, Lauren Pingel, Brooke Ramming, Elle McCracken, Jett Richards, and Nicholas Thomas.

Our student council practiced for a month on a skit they performed several days ago for 1,000 students at TASC District 1, where 40 schools were represented.

WE WON! We are now the parliamentarian school of the TASC District 1 for this year. Congratulations to sponsor Stefania Devoll and her student council team!

'Duck Dynasty' becomes ELA lesson

The idea to use "Duck Dynasty" as an ELA lesson was very unusual, but sometimes those are the most meaningful lessons. Students dressed in beards and shirts that said, "Si is my role model!" to compete. They wore appropriate bandanas to portray Willie, Si, or a stocking cap and sunglasses to play Jase. The competitions included spinning chair/cone walk, football toss, and of course fishing with plastic poles for plastic critters. Several students did mention to Mrs. Grice that their parents would not believe watching an episode of "Duck Dynasty" was their homework... Yes, it really was.

Students have been working very hard to write what will prove to be some fantastic essays!

Top: Tyler McCam looks on as "Jase" and "Si" go fishing...Destiny Portillo as Jase and Zack Trimble as "Si". Lower right: "Willie" is portrayed by Santana Villarreal thinking how he is going to do in his competition. Middle left: Mrs. Grice gets into the act, also. Lower right: "Jase" is Bryce Weeden and "Si" is Aide Quiroz.



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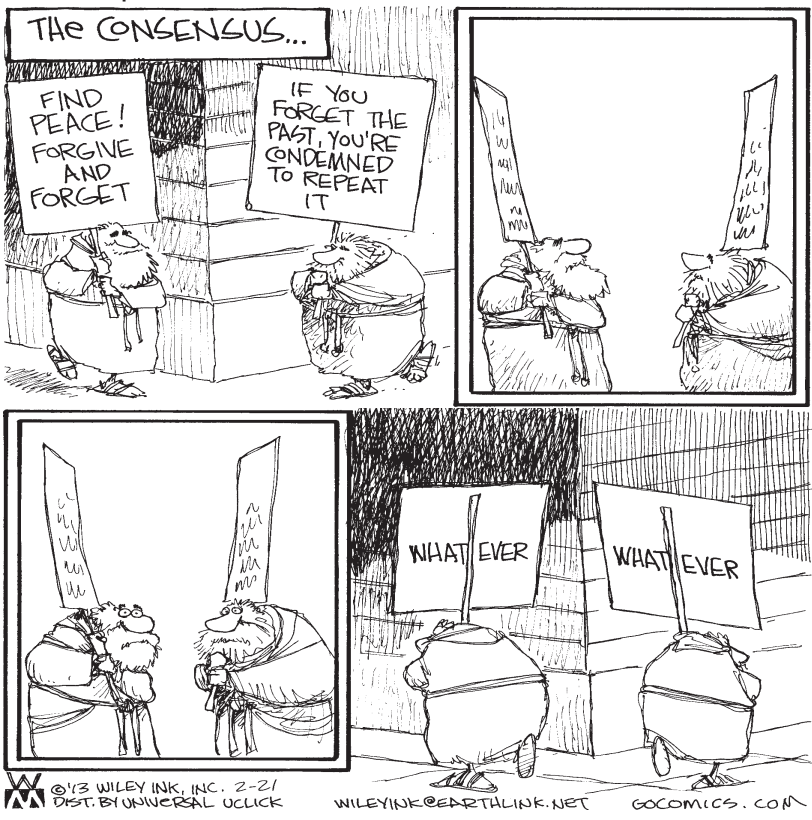


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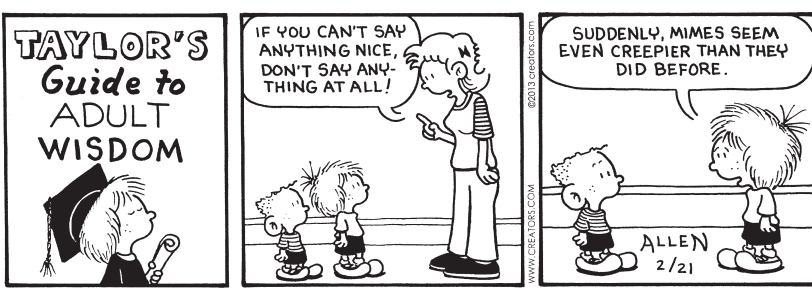
"When I get to heaven, do I get to hug God or just shake His hand?"

Non Sequitur



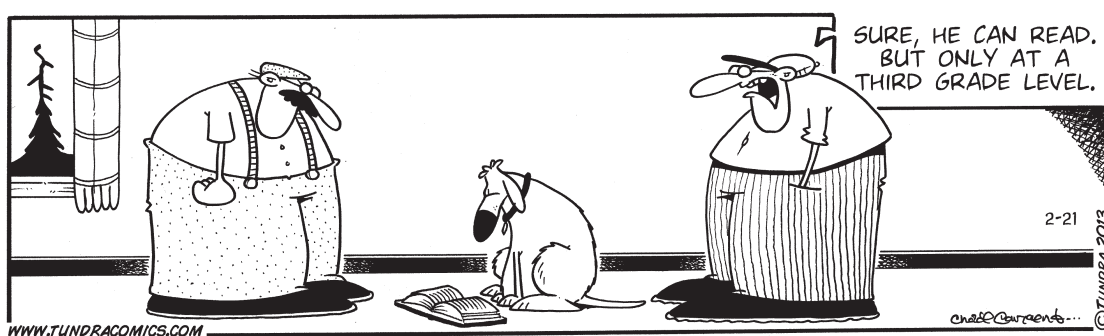
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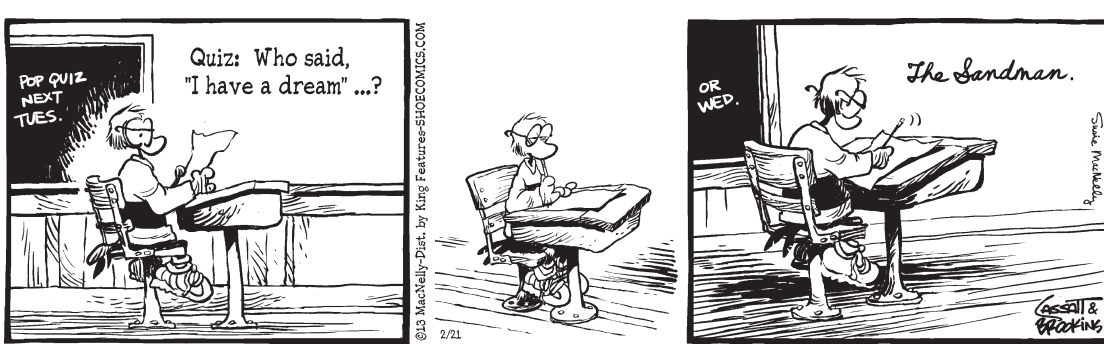
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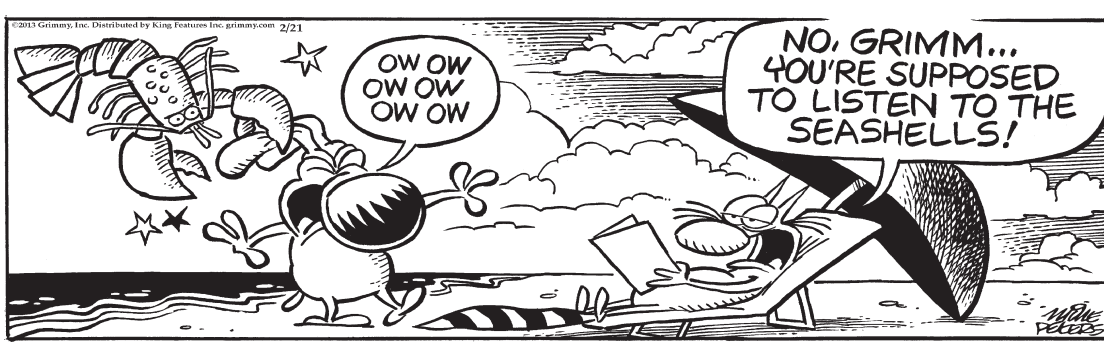
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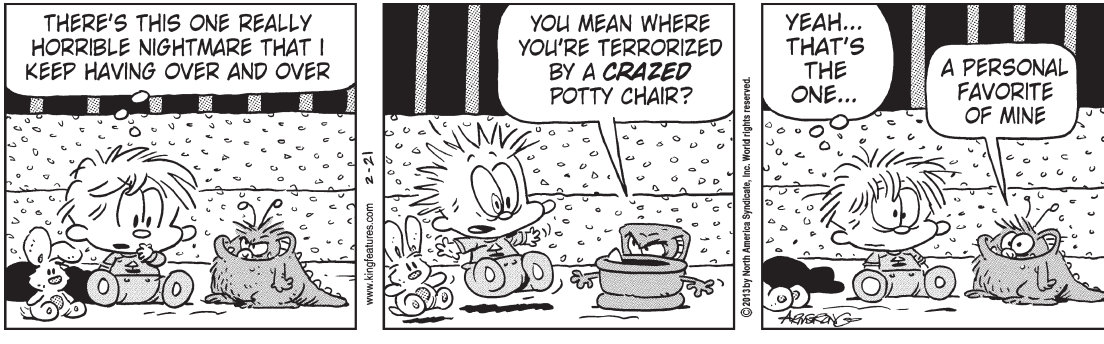
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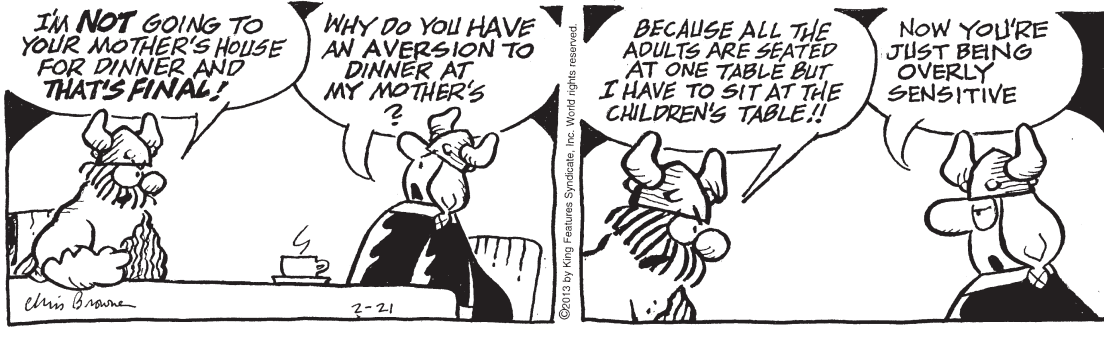
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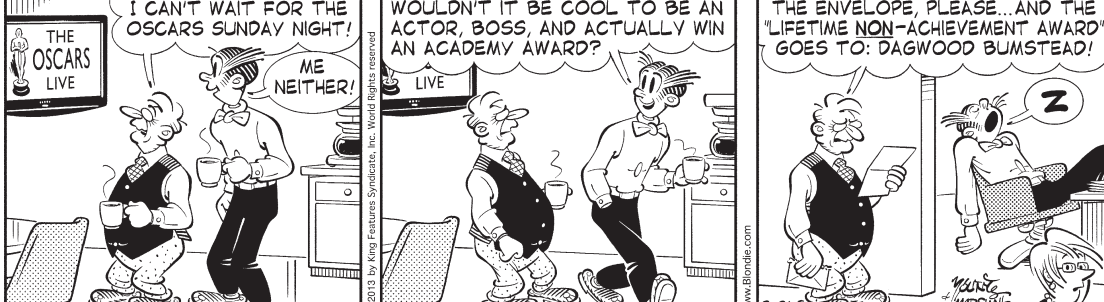
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, Feb. 22, 2013:
This year others find you to be alluring and nearly magical. You have a flair for the dramatic. It is a given that you will be noticed. Romance ranks high in your life, as you are unusually passionate this year. If you are single, you could encounter one great person after another. Go with what feels 100 percent right. If you are attached, the two of you will spice up your relationship in many ways. Do something very special for your sweetie this year. LEO might not show it, but he or she often gets jealous.
The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult
ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You switch gears with ease. You also put a lot of emphasis on your priorities, and you tend to break down self-imposed barriers. By dusk, others clearly receive your message: It is time for a change of pace. Even workaholics would benefit from this advice. Tonight: Life becomes fun.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You are able to say what you want, but it might appear as if your message isn't well-received. Don't be surprised if you have to repeat this discussion at least two more times; there might be something that the other party isn't getting. Tonight: Head on home.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Return all of your phone calls and clear your desk in the morning. Come midafternoon, you will want some time for yourself. A meeting could go far longer than you thought. Relax and go with the flow. This, too, shall pass. Tonight: Catch up on a friend's news.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Follow through on key matters as you wish, and keep an eye on the change of pace as the weekend draws near. You will need to clear up a miscommunication or a problem with someone at a distance. Tonight: Time to go off and treat yourself to that long-desired item.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You could feel a little off in the morning, but later you'll feel as if nothing can stop you. The difference is not only remarkable to you, but also to others. If you have been postponing an important discussion, the time to have it is now. Tonight: You are the top dog.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ Understand what is happening behind the scenes. Ask questions if you feel that you are missing some details. Realize that you need more information, and refrain from taking action for a while. You could develop a different opinion as a result. Tonight: Not to be found.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You have taken on more responsibility than you would have liked to with a project. Complete it, if possible, and you will feel much better. Also, work on saying "no" more often. An afternoon meeting could develop into a get-together. Tonight: A must appearance.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Finish some research and make some calls in order to get to the root of what is going on. You could feel as if no one is giving you all the facts. Details keep slipping, no matter who you speak to. Try a different approach, if need be. Tonight: In the limelight.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Someone really needs your time and attention. Make it your pleasure to be his or her voice of reason and/or a source of advice. Imagine what it might be like to be this person, and know that you might need to repeat this conversation again. Tonight: Do something different.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Others seek you out. Be receptive, but resist taking on someone else's responsibilities. You will be a lot happier in the long run. Many invitations head your way. Sort through them, and you could find the right one for you. Tonight: Make plans to be with a special friend.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Focus on accomplishing what you need to get done. Also, take time to schedule some personal appointments that you have let go for far too long. Your sense of humor helps dispel some tension. Make time later in the day for friends. Tonight: Accept an invitation
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Your imagination takes over and forces you to concentrate. This is effective, as it helps you get through important tasks and complete your to-do list. You'll see an end to all this extra effort, so lighten up. Tonight: Join a friend for munchies, but don't make it a late night.

daily horoscope



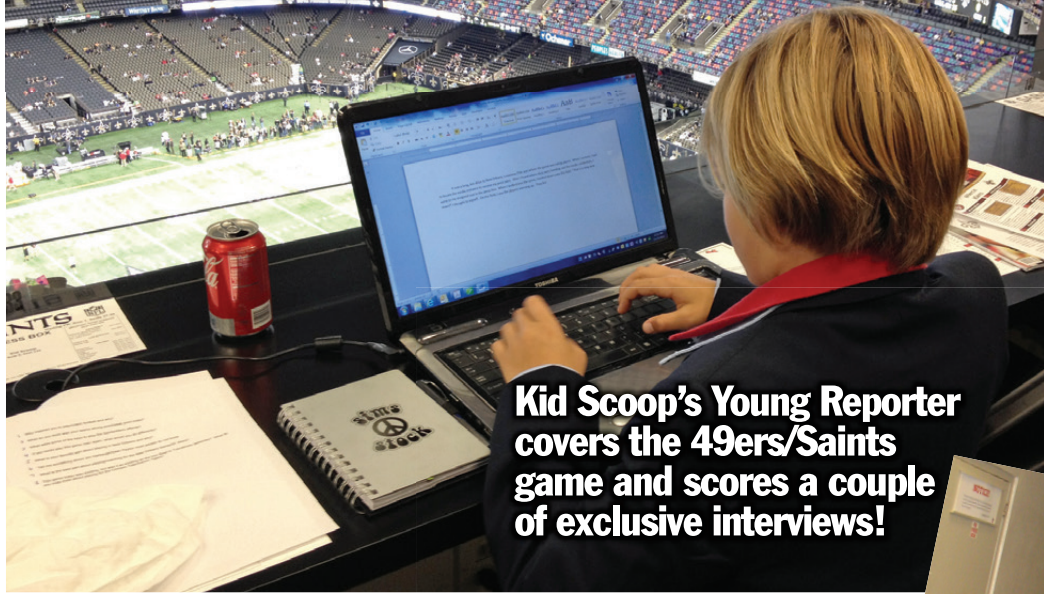
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Can you do something physically active for one hour every day of the week?

Complete the circle charts below, one for each day of the week. Each wedge in the charts equals 10 minutes. If you dance for 20 minutes, color in two wedges. If you play basketball for one hour, fill in an entire circle.

BEHIND THE SCENES OF A PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL GAME



Kid Scoop's Young Reporter covers the 49ers/Saints game and scores a couple of exclusive interviews!

by **Jadon Bosarge**
KID SCOOP YOUNG REPORTER

NEW ORLEANS, La. — It was a hot and humid day in New Orleans, even though the calendar proved the year's end was fast approaching. As an eleven-year-old California native, I was out of my element, yet excited as I approached the Mercedes Benz Superdome. For the next few hours I would serve as a sports reporter at a professional football game — the New Orleans Saints vs. the San Francisco 49ers.

“I quickly met other professional reporters from ESPN, NFL Network, and Yahoo Sports. Today I was not just a kid, I was their colleague.”

— JADON BOSARGE

A quick elevator ride took me to the Press Box. It was an awesome view, perfect for seeing everything in the stadium. I quickly found my assigned seat and spotted the teams warming up on the field below. I was greeted by the PR Directors from both teams: Matt Ryan with the Saints and Bob Lange with SF. I quickly met

Jadon interviews 49ers coach Jim Harbaugh.

professional reporters from ESPN, NFL Network, and Yahoo Sports. Today I was not just a kid, I was their colleague. There was a nice lunch buffet for all holding a media credential. However, my nerves only allowed me to nibble on a few cookies and sip a soda.

GAME TIME!

As game time approached, the excitement could be felt in the air. The home team appeared on the field running through a tunnel of smoke, while the visiting team walked on from the sidelines. The noise in the Superdome soon became deafening. This was an advantage for the Saints, but perhaps an obstacle for the 49ers. I could hardly hear myself think. As points were scored, the game became much more exciting.

INTERVIEWING PROS

At halftime, burgers were added to the menu in the Press Box. By that time I was feeling more comfortable and able to enjoy the meal. Before I realized it, the 4th quarter was almost over. This is when all the reporters leave the Press Box and head down to the field and locker rooms. I was with them as we

squeezed into elevator 8 (used only for the press and coaches). I was a kid in a grown-ups world, yet no one seemed to mind — especially me. It did not matter which team won, I felt like a champion!



Jadon interviews Saints player Malcolm Jenkins.

I was very nervous as I interviewed Saints player Malcolm Jenkins. He was a first round draft pick (which means he was the very first player selected by New Orleans that season). I think Malcolm enjoyed being interviewed by a kid, as I am sure it rarely ever happens.

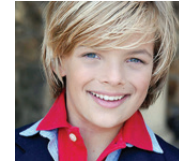
As the 49ers were piling onto their buses, I met with their head coach, Jim Harbaugh. I could feel my heart in my throat as I forced out the words for each question. He balanced out my nerves with his calm and relaxed demeanor.

UNFORGETTABLE DAY

Leaving the Superdome, my dad and I headed to the French Quarter (downtown New Orleans) to take in the sights. My favorite was the St. Louis Cathedral. It is the oldest cathedral in North America. Next we sampled the world famous beignets — square pieces of fried dough, dusted with powdered sugar. It was a sweet ending to an extremely sweet day!



Jadon enjoys a tasty treat in New Orleans after the game.



About This Kid Scoop Young Reporter

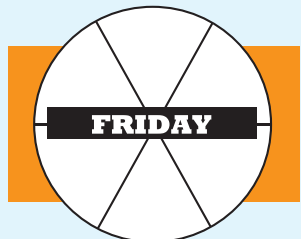
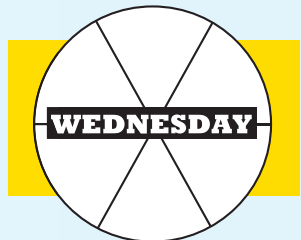
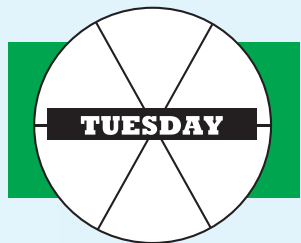
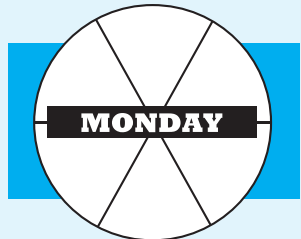
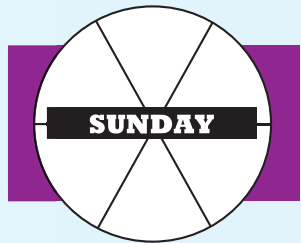
Jadon Bosarge has a passion for football and he loves to write. Between 6th grade school work at Corona Creek Elementary in Petaluma, Calif. he juggles drums, modeling, GATE, volunteering and playing football for the Petaluma Panthers. His goals are to be a sports reporter and to make everyone a football fan. Go to www.kidscoop.com to read his interviews with Saints safety Malcolm Jenkins and San Francisco 49ers head coach Jim Harbaugh.

Extra! Extra!

Photo Frames

Cut out a sports photograph from the newspaper. What is inside each photo's "frame" or edges? What is not seen in the photograph? Would the picture have a different feeling if they showed something that is now not seen?

Standards Link: Structural Features of Informational Materials: Understand how features (including photos) make information accessible and useable.



Standards Link: Physical Education: Understand how to monitor and maintain a health-enhancing level of physical fitness.

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Write the missing numbers in each row of football jerseys to complete that row's number pattern.



Standards Link: Patterns: Complete patterns.



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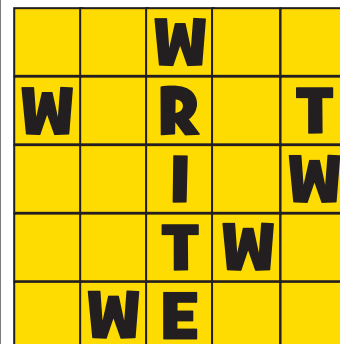
Find the words in the puzzle. Then look for each word in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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Complete the grid by using all the letters in the word WRITE in each vertical and horizontal row. Each letter should only be used once in each row. Some spaces have been filled in for you.



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Sports Math

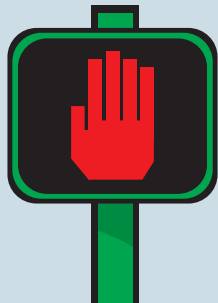
Make a math problem using the scores of a sporting event published in the sports section of your newspaper. Solve the problem with a friend.

Standards Link: Math: Problem solving.



What can run but can't walk?

ANSWER: A drop of water.



Write On!

Invention Lab

Think of a problem people face. Then come up with an invention that would solve the problem.

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Kids' suspensions renew debate over zero tolerance

By **MICHAEL RUBINKAM**
Associated Press

Waiting in line for the bus, a Pennsylvania kindergartener tells her pals she's going to shoot them with a Hello Kitty toy that makes soap bubbles. In Maryland, a 6-year-old boy pretends his fingers are a gun during a playground game of cops and robbers. In Massachusetts, a 5-year-old boy attending an after-school program makes a gun out of Legos and points it at other students while "simulating the sound of gunfire," as one school official put it.

Kids with active imaginations? Or potential threats to school safety?

Some school officials are taking the latter view, suspending or threatening to suspend small children over behavior their parents consider perfectly normal and age-appropriate — even now, with schools in a state of heightened sensitivity following the mass shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary in December.

The extent to which the Newtown, Conn., shooting might influence educators' disciplinary decisions is unclear. But parents contend administrators are projecting adult fears onto children who know little about the massacre of 20 first-graders and six educators, and who certainly pose no threat to anyone.

"It's horrible what they're doing to these kids," said Kelly Guarna, whose 5-year-old daughter, Madison, was suspended by Mount Carmel Area School District in eastern Pennsylvania last month for making a "terroristic threat" with the bubble gun. "They're treating them as mini-adults, making them grow up too fast, and robbing them of their imaginations."

Mary Czajkowski, superintendent of Barnstable Public Schools in Hyannis, Mass., acknowledged that Sandy Hook has teachers and parents on edge. But she defended Hyannis West Elementary School's warning to a 5-year-old boy who chased his classmates with a gun he'd made from plastic building blocks, saying the student didn't listen to the teacher when she told him repeatedly to stop.

The school told his mother if it happened again, he'd face a two-week suspension.

"Given the heightened awareness and sensitivity, we must do all that we can to ensure that all students and adults both remain safe and feel safe in schools," Czajkowski said in a statement. "To dismiss or overlook an incident that re-

sults in any member of our school community feeling unsafe or threatened would be irresponsible and negligent."

The boy's mother, Sheila Cruz-Cardosa, said school officials are responding irrationally in the wake of Sandy Hook. She said they should be concentrating on "high school kids or kids who are more of a threat, not an innocent 5-year-old who's playing with Legos."

Though Newtown introduces a wrinkle to the debate, the slew of recent high-profile suspensions over perceived threats or weapons infractions has renewed old questions about the wisdom of "zero tolerance" policies.

Conceived as a way to improve school security and maintain consistent discipline and order, zero tolerance was enshrined by a 1994 federal law that required states to mandate a minimum one-year expulsion of any student caught with a firearm on school property. Over the years, many states and school districts expanded zero tolerance to include offenses as varied as fighting, skipping school or arguing with a teacher.

Some experts say there's little evidence that zero tolerance — in which certain infractions compel automatic discipline, usually suspension or expulsion — makes schools safer, and contend the policies leads to increased rates of dropouts and involvement with the juvenile justice system. Supporters respond that zero tolerance is a useful and necessary tool for removing disruptive kids from the classroom, and say any problems stem from its misapplication.

The original 1994 federal law, and most state and local zero tolerance policies, give school administrators the flexibility to tailor punishments to fit the circumstances, noted school safety expert Kenneth Trump.

"Contrary to the myth of zero tolerance, most school board policies provide options and flexibility for administrators. What you see is poor decision-making and poor implementation of the policies, rather than the fact school administrators are handcuffed in terms of their discretion," he said.

Trump said most school officials bend over backward to be fair. But he added there's no question that Sandy Hook weighs heavily.

"It's a normal occurrence to have a heightened sensitivity after a high-profile tragedy, but that does not negate the need for common sense," he said.

RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION



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Suzanne Pingel, counselor and social worker for Pampa ISD, spoke to Pampa Retired Teachers Association on Monday, Feb. 18, at the Pampa Senior Citizens Center. Pingel gave information on the homeless students in the PISD system. She also talked about the Snacks4Kids program and encouraged the members to participate in providing or helping pack the snacks.

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