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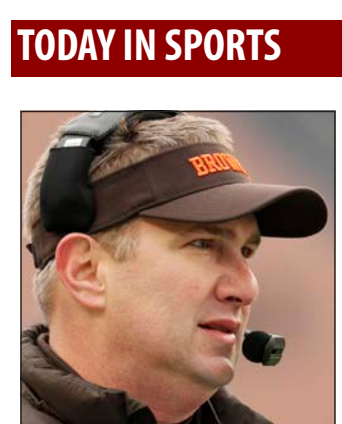
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Victim identified in Saturday morning shooting

BY TIMOTHY P. HOSWARE
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Pampa Police have identified the victim in a fatal shooting that occurred early Saturday morning. At approximately 4:20 a.m., the PPD received a 911 call on a subject who had been shot inside a residence in the 300 block of North Faulkner Street.



Eddie Graham

Officers arrived and found Nicholas Nelson, 28, of Pampa, at the residence with a single gunshot wound. He was pronounced dead at the scene, according to PPD.

The suspect, Eddie Graham, 28, of Pampa, was still on scene and was taken into custody.

Graham was questioned by detectives and later booked into the Gray County Jail on a murder charge stemming from this incident.

Graham is currently being held at the jail on one charge of murder with bond set at \$250,000.

Nelson was transported to Lubbock for an autopsy that was ordered by Justice of the Peace Mary Ann Carpenter. The case remains under investigation by the PPD.

In an unrelated case, Adriana Lisa Perez, 31, was still being held Monday at the Gray County Jail.

Adriana Lisa Perez was arrested on a capital murder charge Christmas Eve in the death of a Leslie Perez, 23, of Shamrock.

Adriana Lisa Perez is accused of driving to Leslie Perez' house, killing her and then stealing her 2-week-old baby on Dec. 23.

About an hour after Lisa Perez' body was found, authorities stopped Adriana Lisa Perez in Gray County in her vehicle with the baby, who was unharmed.

The alleged killing happened in Wheeler County.

Caught on Camera



Photos by Timothy P. Howsare

Top, Lt. Zach Kidd with the PCSO demonstrates how Digital-Ally video works in one of the department's Ford Explorers. Above left, a microphone that Kidd said can pick up sounds over very long distances. The camera functions as a rear-view mirror until an officer either turns on his emergency lights or manually activates the camera.

■ GCSO replaces digital cameras in nine patrol units.

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When Lt. Zach Kidd first started working at the Gray County Sheriff's Office eight years ago, the patrol cars did have video cameras.

But they were fairly clunky-looking and recorded to VCRs that were kept in the trunks of the vehicles.

A year after he started, GCSO decided to go hi-tech and bought all new digital cameras from

a company called Digital-Ally. Instead of the camera being a big, bulky box that hung down behind the windshield, they were much smaller units and the view screens were built into a custom piece of equipment that doubled as a rear-view mirrors.

And instead of recording to a VCR, the data was stored onto memory cards.

Kidd said the GCSO was among the first law enforcement agencies to have the new-fangled digital cameras.

Like most electronic equipment, those units finally wore out.

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NEWS Briefs

Where to dispose of old Christmas trees

City residents can dispose of their real Christmas trees at the city landfill on North Loop 171 during regular hours.

Trees must be brought to the weigh station and you must bring a city water bill. City residents can dispose of up to 1,000 pounds of waste at the landfill per month.

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Commissioners to meet Thursday

The Gray County Commissioners Court will meet at 9 a.m. Thursday in the second floor courtroom of the Gray County Courthouse, 205 N. Russell St.

The Commissioners will pay bills and salaries as approved by the County Auditor and consider participating in the County Transportation Infrastructure Fund Grant Program.

The Commissioners also will consider in executive session a lease agreement on Gray County school lands in Gaines County.

What are your New Year's plans?



STAFF REPORT

The Pampa News asked its Facebook readers what their plans are for New Year's. Although we only got a few responses, here is what readers had to say:

Sherri Sanders: "To come to my home town."

Mark Applegate: "Going to spend time with my family."

Lisamarie Coronado: New Year's is my birthday."

Louise Kephart: "Spend it with my family. That's what it's all about, family."

Liana Goode: "We have no idea, but our son may have his first sleep over with his grandparents New Years Eve!"

Leah Kelln Pearson: "Church fellowship hopefully. It's in the planning stages."

No matter what your plans are, be safe and have a designated driver if you decide to raise a few glasses to celebrate.

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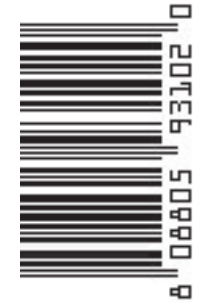
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Cameras

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This fall, the GCSO replaced nine of the digital cameras with new ones that were also bought from Digital-Ally.

"Electronics go bad after a while," he said. "But these were exposed to the hottest summers and coldest winters since I've been here. I'd say that's pretty impressive."

What's cool about the cameras if you happen to be a techie is not so much the cameras themselves, but the view screens that replaced the rear-view mirrors.

You can watch live as it's streaming through the camera, watch videos you have recorded or control the system with the various buttons that are at the bottom of the screen.

While it's not being used as a viewing monitor, the gizmo doubles as a plain ol' rear view mirror.

The camera automatically turns on when an officer switches on his emergency lights or the officer can turn it on and off manually.

The camera is usually aimed forward but can be rotated 360 degrees, Kidd said.

A small microphone is attached to the officer's uniform so the conversation with the subjects are recorded as the camera rolls.

One thing the officer

cannot do is delete a video from the memory.

Kidd said footage from on-board video cameras is frequently used in court when law enforcement officers are presenting their cases.

"Everybody wants documentation," he said. "The video is always subject to court room scrutiny."

Sheriff Don Copeland said the videos have helped many times even outside of court.

"I get complaints from

citizens about getting pulled over and when I show them the video, it usually works in favor of the officer," he said.

Copeland added the cameras "make good officers" because the deputies know their actions always are being recorded when they pull someone over.

The nine cameras cost \$35,809. Copeland said money was split over three accounts, the department's annual budget, the sheriff's office forfeiture fund and the district

attorney's office forfeiture fund.

Two patrol vehicles had cameras that didn't need to be replaced, so altogether the department has 11 cameras.

Sheriff's deputies can patrol and make arrests anywhere in Gray County.

So the next time you're pulled over by a cop or deputy, mind your "Ps and Qs", because most likely you are being recorded as you try to politely — or not so politely — BS your way out of a ticket.



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Statewide gas price average increases as new year approaches

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increase in gas prices is the sustained increased demand for fuel as the year-end travel period continues through New Year's Day. Nine out of 10 year-end travelers are driving as opposed to traveling by air, bus, train or cruise ship.

"Texans are paying about \$44 to fill up the typical 14-gallon size fuel tank," said AAA Texas/New Mexico Representative Sarah Schimmer.

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Wednesday: Sunny with a high of 56. Winds north-northwest at 13 mph. Sunrise at 7:53 a.m.

Wednesday night: Mostly clear with a low of 24. Chance of rain: 10 percent. Winds North-northwest at 9 mph. Sunset at 5:42 p.m.

Thursday: Partly cloudy with a high of 48. Chance of rain: 10 percent. Winds west at 9 mph. Sunrise at 7:54 a.m.

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Obituaries

Gerald Blake McCabe

Gerald Blake McCabe, 76, died Saturday, Dec. 28, 2013 in Amarillo.

Mass will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church with Rev. Francisco Perez, pastor, officiating. Entombment will be in Memory Gardens Mausoleum under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. McCabe was born Jan. 18, 1937 in Harlingen and had been a resident of Pampa since 1969. Gerald was a 1955 graduate of Burkburnett High School and received a bachelor's of science degree in geology from Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls. He served in the U. S. Army from 1960-1962. He married Jimmie Lou Cuddeback on June 1, 1957 in Wichita Falls. She preceded him in death on Sept. 5, 2007. He later married Evon Flippo on Sept. 7, 2012 in Pampa. He was a sales manager for Redman, retiring in 2002. Gerald was a member of St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church and Frank Keim Council of Knights of Columbus.

Survivors include his wife, Evon, of the home; 3 daughters, Janelle McCabe of Denton, Teresa McClintock and husband Mark of San Angelo, and Paula McCabe of Amarillo; a son, James Blake McCabe of Austin; a stepdaughter, Connie Richardson of Colorado Springs, Colo.; a stepson, Duane Richardson and wife Mary of Butler, Okla.; a sister, Patsy McClure and husband Jerry of Burkburnett; 10 grandchildren, Nina, Cory, Ian, Ca-tron, Ryan, Mason, Jennifer, Clint, Jacob, and Eilana; six great grandchildren, four step granddaughters, and nine step great grandchildren.

Sign the online register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

Wanda Jean Salsman

Wanda Jean Salsman, 85, died Monday, Dec. 30, 2013 in Amarillo.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.



Wanda Salsman

Mrs. Salsman was born Sept. 4, 1928, in Elk City, Okla. to James and Norma Music. She married Ray L. Salsman on June 5, 1946 in Cordell, Okla. He preceded her in death on Feb. 16, 2004. She was a 1946 graduate of Port High School in Port, Okla. She moved to Pampa in 1978 from Spearman. Wanda worked at Pampa Credit Bureau and Guaranty Abstract and Title Co. for several years. She was a member of Central Baptist Church. She enjoyed fishing with her husband of 58 years.

Survivors include two daughters, Sue Killough and husband Nathan of Amarillo, and Kathie Clark and husband Jim of Kingston, Okla.; five grandchildren, JoAnn Nalley and husband Brad, Craig Roberts, and Bradley Killough, all of Amarillo, Troy Rhodes and wife Christina of Owasso, Okla., and Kevin Rhodes and wife Tonya of Piedmont, Okla.; three step grandchildren, Michael Killough and wife Stacy of Malakoff, Rodney Killough of Amarillo, and Andy Killough; six great grandchildren, Taylor, Tanner, Spencer, Emily, and Carter Rhodes, and Grace Killough; two sisters-in-law, a brother-in-law, and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, Almon and Abe Music, and by two sisters, Katherine Jones and Margaret Hunt.

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Kari Schaffer

Kari Schaffer, 39, died Friday, Dec. 27, 2013.

Kari was born March 24, 1974, in Beaver, Okla. to Walt and Karen Williams and raised in Garden City, Kan. She graduated from Garden City High School in 1992.



Kari Schaffer

Kari married Taylor Schaffer on Nov. 14, 1992. They moved to Hereford in 1993 then to Bushland in 2010. She loved and cherished her family and her pets. Kari loved going to the beach. She attended Hillside Christian Church.

Survivors include her husband, Taylor Schaffer of Bushland; three daughters; Macie Schaffer, Mackenzie Schaffer and Macaylie Schaffer, all of Bushland; her parents, Walt and Karen Williams of Pampa; a sister; Lori McGraw and husband Brett of Garden City; her grandmother; Katherine Williams of White Deer; her father-in-law and mother-in-law; Jim and Donna Schaffer of Ulysses, Kan.; her mother-in-law and father-in-law; Pam and Doug Rowe of Hereford; a sister-in-law; Misty Winger of Dodge City, Kan.; five nieces and a nephew.

The family suggest memorials be to Amarillo SPCA 11901 S. Coulter St. Amarillo, TX 79119

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Terry Allen Helm

Terry Allen Helm, 52, died Dec. 28, 2013 in Amarillo.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 2, 2014, at Fairview Cemetery with Rick Pearson officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Helm was born Aug. 16, 1961 in Pampa, where he was a lifelong resident. Terry was a painter for Arthur Brothers at the Pampa Celanese Plant. He was a former member of the Fellowship Baptist Church.

Survivors include a daughter, Ashley Helm of Amarillo; a son, Bobby Helm of Pampa; a grandson, Liam Stinnett of Amarillo; his mother, Betty Helm of Pampa; two sisters, Melinda Scott and brother-in-law Mike Ingram, and Melissa Garner and husband Terry, all of Pampa; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, Bobby Helm, on Feb. 8, 2004, and a brother-in-law, Marty Scott on April 4, 2008.

Terry Helm



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Lloyd "Chuck" Lake

Lloyd "Chuck" Lake, 68, died Sunday, Dec. 29, 2013, in Pampa.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 2, 2014, at Hillcrest cemetery in McLean. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Lake was born on Nov. 16, 1945 in Avena Township, Ill. Chuck graduated from Flora Township High School in Illinois. He served in the U. S. Army. Chuck has been a resident of Pampa since 1973. He worked for Legacy Reserves where he finally retired. Chuck met his partner Millie Plemons in 1999 and she preceded him in death on Aug. 7, 2013. Chuck enjoyed working with wood and enjoyed making furniture. Chuck was preceded in death by his parents; Clarence and Margie Lake; three brothers, Norman Lake, Darrell Lake and Thergle; one

Lloyd Lake



sister, Mary Lake.

Survivors include three adoptive daughters, Linda McMullen of Pampa, Connie Franks and husband Larry of Canadian and Sharon Taft and husband Del of Dumas; five brothers, Boyd Lake, Calvin Lake, Roger Lake, Justin Lake and Gary Lake all of Illinois.

Memorials may be made to: American Cancer Society, c/o Gerry Caylor, 2130 Charles, Pampa, Texas 79065.

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Pampa man arrested for murder, warrants

• Eddie Scott Graham, 28, Pampa, was arrested Saturday by the Pampa Police Department for murder, three capias pro fine charges, 24 class C warrants.

• Heath Dylan Henley, 25, Pampa, was arrested Thursday by the Gray County Sheriff's Office for capias pro fine — failure to maintain car insurance, capias pro fine — failure to appear.

• Kandace Deann Roby, 29, Pampa, was arrested Friday by PPD for possession of drug paraphernalia, capias pro fine — no driver's license, capias pro fine.

• Zachary Ryan Murray, 21, Pampa, was arrested Friday by GCSO for criminal trespassing, theft of property, violation of probation — forgery of or altering a prescription, capias pro fine — possession of drug paraphernalia, capias pro fine — failure to appear, capias pro fine — displaying an expired registration, capias pro fine — no driver's license.

• Christina Ragan, 34, Amarillo, was arrested Friday by GCSO for possession of marijuana, manufacturing or delivering a

controlled substance, theft of property, criminal trespassing.

• Jason Heath McKay, 38, Hereford, was arrested Friday by GCSO for manufacturing or delivering a controlled substance, possession of marijuana.

• Gary Glenn Rogers, 38, Amarillo, was arrested Saturday by the Department of Public Safety for driving while intoxicated.

• Jeremy Kent Pritchett, 27, Pampa, was arrested Saturday by PPD for driving while intoxicated, unlawfully carrying a weapon.

• Phillip Allan Sevin, 28, Gonzales, La., was arrested Saturday by PPD for unlawfully carrying a weapon.

• Erik Lee Rodriguez, 25, Pampa, was arrested Saturday by DPS for his second driving while intoxicated offense.

• Christopher Antonio Perez, 17, Pampa, was arrested Sunday by GCSO for possession of marijuana.

• Wendi Miller, 27, Pampa, was arrested Sunday by DPS for terroristic threat, driving while intoxicated, assault causing bodily injury.

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Galveston's population growing after Ike

GALVESTON (AP) — A researcher in Galveston estimates the island's population has surpassed 50,000 residents for the first time since Hurricane Ike five years ago. The Galveston County Daily News reports that 50,000 is an important threshold for Galveston because it would qualify the Gulf Coast city for more federal transportation funding. According to the 2010 U.S. Census, taken two years after the devastating hurricane, Galveston had 47,743 people. University of Texas Medical Branch researcher Karl Eschbach says the city has added more residents based on growth in the local school district's enrollment. Galveston would appeal its Census count, but federal officials would only agree to add two more people to their tally. A city official estimates that falling under the 50,000-person threshold will cost the city \$750,000 a year.

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Pampa Fire Department call log — Dec. 26-29

The Pampa Fire Department responded to these calls for the following dates. One unit with three personnel responded to each call, unless otherwise indicated.

Dec. 26

- At 7:22 a.m., to a medical assist in the 400 block of East 17th.
- At 11:34 a.m., one unit and two personnel to a

dumpster fire in the 1200 block of Christine.

- At 4:01 p.m., one unit and two personnel to a dumpster fire in the 900 block of Cinderella.

Dec. 27

- At 8:02 a.m., one unit and four personnel to a lift assist in the 100 block of South Wells.
- At 8:40 a.m., one unit and four personnel to a lift

assist in the 200 block of Tynnor.

- At 10:36 a.m., to a lift assist in the 2600 block of Navajo.
- At 1:44 p.m., to an odor investigation in the 2300 block of Charles.
- At 3:43 p.m., to a medical assist in the 800 block of West 25th.

Dec. 28

- At 11:38 a.m., to a

medical assist in the 1800 block of Alcock.

- At 12:48 p.m., to a medical assist in the 2500 block of Perryton Parkway.
- At 3:36 p.m., two units and six personnel to a smoke alarm activation in the 1100 block of Terrace.
- At 5:44 p.m., to a medical assist in the 2200 block of Williston.

- At 7:54 p.m., to a medical assist in the 600 block of Red Deer.

Dec. 29

- At 5:43 a.m., to a medical assist in the 700 block of East Browning.
- At 8:49 a.m., to a medical assist in the 2700 block of North Hobart.
- At 1:07 p.m., one unit and four personnel to a medical assist in the 800

block of Scott.

- At 1:18 p.m., one unit and two personnel to a dumpster fire in the 2200 block of North Russell.
- At 4:30 p.m., one unit and four personnel to a lift assist in the 1400 block of West Somerville.
- At 8:57 p.m., one unit and four personnel to a medical assist in the 900 block of South Gray.

Federal health care sign-ups pass 1 million mark

HONOLULU (AP) — The government's rehabilitated health insurance website has seen a December surge in customer sign-ups, pushing enrollment past the 1 million mark, the Obama administration says.

Combined with numbers for state-run markets, that should put total enrollment in the new private insurance plans under President Barack Obama's health law at about 2 million people through the end of the year, independent experts said.

That would be about two-thirds of the administration's original goal of signing up 3.3 million by Dec. 31, a significant improvement given the technical problems that crippled the federal market during much of the fall. The overall goal remains to enroll 7 million people by March 31.

"It looks like current enrollment is around 2 million despite all the issues," said Dan Mendelson, CEO of Avalere Health, a market analysis firm. "It was a very impressive showing for December."

The administration said that of the more than 1.1 million people now enrolled in the federal insur-

ance exchange, nearly 1 million signed up in December. The majority came days before a pre-Christmas deadline for coverage to start in January. Compare that with a paltry 27,000 in October, the federal website's first, error-prone month.

"We experienced a welcome surge in enrollment as millions of Americans seek access to affordable health care coverage," Marilyn Tavenner, the head of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, said in a blog post announcing the figures.

The numbers don't represent a full accounting for the country.

The federal website serves 36 states. Yet to be reported are December results from the 14 states running their own sites. Overall, states have been signing up more people than the federal government. But most of that has come from high performers such as California, New York, Washington state, Kentucky and Connecticut. Some states continue to struggle.

Still, the end-of-year spike suggests that the fed-

eral insurance marketplace is starting to pull its weight. The windfall comes at a critical moment for Obama's sweeping health care law, which becomes "real" for many Americans on Jan. 1 as coverage through the insurance exchanges and key patient protections kick in.

The administration's concern now shifts to keeping the momentum going for sign-ups, and heading off problems that could arise when people who've already enrolled try to use their new insurance.

"They've got the front end of the system working really well," said insurance industry consultant Robert Laszewski. "Now we can move on to the next question: Do people really want to buy this?"

He also estimated 2 million will probably be enrolled this year.

The fledgling insurance exchanges are online markets for subsidized private coverage. Obama needs millions of mostly younger, healthy Americans to sign up to keep costs low for everyone. Open enrollment runs until the end of March.

Tavenner said fixes to

the website, overhauled to address widespread technical problems, contributed to December's figures. But things haven't totally cleared up. Thousands of people wound up waiting on hold for telephone help on Christmas Eve for a multitude of reasons, including technical difficulties.

"We have been a little bit behind the curve," acknowledged Rep. Joaquin Castro, D-Texas, whose state has the highest proportion of uninsured residents.

"Obamacare is a reality," conceded one of the law's opponents, Rep. Darrell Issa, R-Calif., who as House oversight committee chairman has been investigating the rollout problems. However, he predicted it will only pile on costs.

"The fact that people well into the middle class are going to get subsidies is going to cause them to look at healthcare...sort of in a Third World way of do we get subsidies from the government for our milk, for our gasoline and, oh, by the way, for our healthcare," said Issa.

For consumers who suc-

cessfully selected one of the new insurance plans by Dec. 24, coverage should start on New Year's Day. That's provided they pay their first month's premium by the due date, extended until Jan. 10 in most cases.

But insurers have complained that another set of technical problems, largely hidden from consumers, has resulted in the government passing along inaccurate data on enrollees.

With a flood of signups that must be processed in just days, it remains unclear whether last-minute enrollees will encounter a seamless experience if they try to use their new benefits come Jan. 1.

The White House says the error rate has been significantly reduced, but the political fallout from website woes could pale in comparison with the heat that Obama might take if Americans who signed up and paid their premiums arrive at the pharmacy or the emergency room and find

there's no record of their coverage.

Officials are also working to prevent gaps in coverage for at least 4.7 million Americans whose individual policies were canceled this fall because they fell short of the law's requirements. The administration has said that even if those individuals don't sign up for new plans, they can seek a waiver that would spare them from the law's tax penalty for remaining uninsured.

A few states offering their own updates have posted encouraging totals, including New York, where more than 200,000 have enrolled either through the state exchange or through Medicaid, a government program expanded under Obama's health law to cover more people. In California, a tally released Friday showed nearly 430,000 have enrolled through the exchange so far.

Castro and Issa spoke on NBC's "Meet The Press."

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■ Browns stoop to new low.

Just when I thought my favorite team, the Cleveland Browns, could not reach any lower on their level of stupidity, they did. This happened on Sunday night when they fired head coach Rob Chudzinski after one season.

Yes, the team went 4-12 and lost the last seven games of the season, but there were only two or three games where they just got blown out. Chudzinski has only had one season with his first draft class. Many of these players stem from other regimes.

One of the high points was

the defense. This Browns team ranked ninth in total defense at the end of the season. They had a better overall defense than SEVEN playoff teams.

When a team starts a season with a 30-year-old quarterback in his sophomore NFL season (Brandon Weeden), a journeyman near the end of his career (Jason Campbell) and a journeyman backup (Brian Hoyer), no one expects that team to win many games.

Hoyer led the Browns back from a 0-2 start to 2-2, which translated to 3-2 even after Hoyer went down to an injury against the Bills. Unfortunately, like in most sports, the NFL is not how you start but how you finish. If Hoyer would have had his moment to shine later in

the season, then this conversation about the Browns looking for a new head coach would not be happening.

Weeden was just downright awful. Yes I am a fan of his because he attended Oklahoma State, however, he was the beneficiary there of one of the best offensive lines in the country. Without that protection, he was toast in the NFL.

Campbell did his best just to right the ship and keep it afloat but he knows the end is near for him and trying to turn the Browns into a playoff team with 31-year-old Campbell wasn't happening.

The Browns also traded Trent Richardson in the middle of the season for a first-round pick. Richardson turned out to be a bust, but at the time of the trade everyone in the media was commenting on how asinine that



Rob Chudzinski

trade was for the Browns.

I strongly believe that unless a franchise has the same owner, GM, head coach and quarterback for at least two to three seasons, nothing is going to work out on the positive for that franchise.

The Browns, if not already there, are becoming the laughingstock of the league. They run through GMs, owners, coaches and quarterbacks like they are the horrible white elephant gift no one wants.

The Browns returned to the NFL in 1999 and they are now looking for their EIGHTH head coach since then.

The ownership has only changed hands once during that time period, but it was recent in 2012, which means the new owner, Jimmy Has-

lem, is still trying to clean house to get his guys in position.

The only reason I can logically give for the Browns firing Chudzinski after one season is that there may have been something going on internally that we don't know about, at least not yet.

It was another depress-

ing season being a Browns fan and it looks like fellow Browns fans and myself will have to endure a few more before Cleveland gets on the winning path.

Zac Green is an avid Oklahoma State fan and youth minister at Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ. He can be reached at zac.green@sbcglobal.net.



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(3) Ohio St. at Purdue.....ESPN2 12 p.m.
Seton Hall at Providence.....FOX1 1:30 p.m.
East Michigan at (2) Syracuse.....ESPNU 2 p.m.
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Redskins fire coach Shanahan after 3-13 season

ASHBURN, Va. (AP) — Mike Shanahan's plan to restore order, professionalism and consistent success to the Washington Redskins disintegrated quickly in 2013, costing him his job Monday a day after the team finished a 3-13 season.

Shanahan was fired after a morning meeting with owner Dan Snyder and general manager Bruce Allen at Redskins Park, a formality expected for several weeks

as the losses mounted and tension rose among Shanahan, Snyder and franchise player Robert Griffin III.

Shanahan went 24-40 in four seasons in Washington and had one year remaining on his five-year, \$35 million contract.

Minnesota Vikings fire Leslie Frazier

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The Minnesota Vikings fired coach Leslie Frazier on

Monday morning, one year after they made the playoffs and one day after they finished a 5-10-1 season.

After going 10-6 in 2012, the Vikings regressed this year, done in by a leaky defense and an ongoing inability to find stability at quarterback. Frazier finished 21-33-1 in three-plus seasons.

The 54-year-old Frazier had one season remaining on his contract.

Bucs fire coach Greg Schiano, GM Dominik

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — The Tampa Bay Buccaneers have fired coach Greg Schiano and (general manager) Mark Dominik following a 4-12 finish.

The Bucs made the announcement Monday, a day after a season-ending 42-17 loss to the New Orleans dropped Schiano's record to 11-21 over two seasons.

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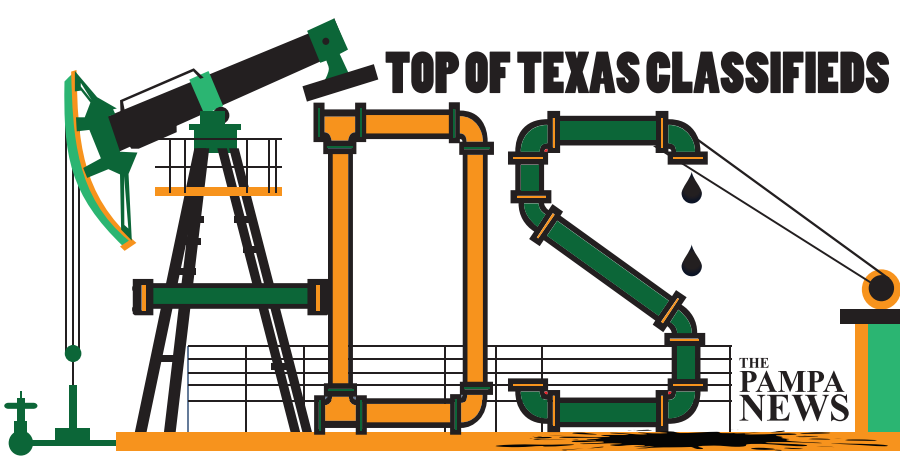
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WXHZ. — CDDNGDC CLMUDT

Saturday's Cryptoquote: YOU SEE, GEORGE, YOU'VE REALLY HAD A WONDERFUL LIFE. DON'T YOU SEE WHAT A MISTAKE IT WOULD BE TO JUST THROW IT AWAY? — CLARENCE THE ANGEL ("IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE")

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: Have you any advice for how a person can handle mornings better? No matter what I do, I start off every work day irritated and grumpy.

I love the mornings, and even get up early so I can enjoy sitting with my coffee and relax before heading out the door. But as soon as I get out into traffic, I'm immediately in a bad mood. Then, sitting down at work and facing all the emails that come in from my global associates — usually about some emergency that is plopped in my lap — puts me in more of a foul mood.

I actually like my job, despite what it sounds like. I just hate starting off every day like this. Telecommuting is not an option for me. What can I do? — MS. GRUMP IN DENVER

DEAR MS. GRUMP: OK, so you're fine until you leave the house. Many people who

find morning rush hour to be nerve-racking find it calming to listen to audio books or music during their commute. If that doesn't help you, and it is feasible, consider using another form of transportation that's less stressful.

And when you arrive at work, take a little time to decompress before turning on your computer, whether it is with meditation or deep-breathing exercises for the first 10 or 15 minutes. Both can do wonders for a person's outlook.

DEAR ABBY: A cute little girl lives up the street from my husband and me and attends the same church we do. A few years ago we taught her in a Sunday school class. At the time, she developed a crush on my husband. We both laughed about it then and thought it was sweet.

Fast-forward three years, and

it's not so sweet anymore. It's downright awkward. She runs up to my husband multiple times while we're at church, while ignoring me. Last Sunday, she turned to me as she did it and announced, "He's mine!" I stood there thinking, "Uh, no — he's MINE."

I know this jealous reaction may seem silly and I'm trying hard not to feel this way, but it felt like I was fighting over my husband with an 8-year-old. He is aware of her crush and how I feel about it, but he doesn't want to hurt her feelings. Her mother knows about the crush, and we shared a laugh early on.

What can I do? Would speaking to the girl's mother help? What should I say? Or would it make things more awkward? — NO LONGER AMUSED IN OGDEN, UTAH

DEAR NO LONGER AMUSED: The cute little neighbor girl is no longer 5. Three years is a long time for a child to hang onto a crush. Because her behavior bothers you, tell her mother you find it excessive at this point and ask her to tell her daugh-

ter she's getting too old to act that way. It's the truth, and your husband should back you up.

DEAR ABBY: I thought I'd share my own New Year's resolution with you. For the past 25 years I have made the following resolution: Each day I will ask myself, "What is the kindest, most loving thing I can say or do at this particular moment?" I invite your readers to consider this. — WAYNE IN PUYALLUP, WASH.

DEAR WAYNE: I consider it a refreshingly positive way to start a day, and I'm sure others will agree and add it to their list of New Year's resolutions. Thank you for sharing it.

CONFIDENTIAL TO MY READERS: A word to the wise: If you plan to toast the New Year tonight, please appoint a designated driver. And on this night especially, designated drivers should remember to drive defensively. To one and all, a happy, healthy New Year! — LOVE, ABBY

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HOCWI BMS IZEL Z RCOYE,
IPLY IPL RCOYE IZELW Z
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IZELW BMS. — H. WFMII

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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: ONE COOL JUDGMENT IS WORTH A THOUSAND HASTY COUNSELS. THE THING TO DO IS TO SUPPLY LIGHT AND NOT HEAT. — WOODROW WILSON

BANANAGRAMS!

There is one letter that, when added to all of the four-letter words below, can be used to form new five-letter words. Find the letter that works for all four words, add it to each word, and then rearrange each set of letters to form a new word.

LEVEL

OMIT HILT

DIET SOLD

COMMON LETTER

Yesterday's Answer: BOUNCY, COUNTY, TOUCAN, ACTION, RATION, RETAIN, ATTIRE

12.30

BANANAGRAMS!

Use the 15 tiles in this bunch to create words that fit into the grids below. To get you started, a few tiles from the bunch have been placed. The BANANA BITES provide hints. Reuse the tiles for each grid.

LEVEL

A E D T U V E
C F O A E X U Z

BANANA BITE: Long-standing fight

BANANA BITE: Wedding suit

Yesterday's Answer: Common: F; MOTIF, FILTH, FETID, FOLDS

12.31

SUDOKU

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

3	4	7	1	8	9	5	6	2
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Level: Beginner

SUDOKU

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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Level: Beginner

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

41 Ham or lamb
1 Refer to
5 Mexican peninsula
9 Penalized
10 Blow one's top
12 Plain silly
13 Musical pace
14 Stand up for
16 Writing tool
17 Give off
18 Diner activity
21 Indulgent
22 Corsica or Cuba
23 Indy auto
24 Wise sayings
26 Filming site
29 Trample
30 Royal address
31 Catchall abbr.
32 Rely
34 Diner offerings
37 Gave medicine to
38 Nepal neighbor
39 Pretentiously designed
40 Like ocean trenches

DOWN

1 Films
2 Stuck, figuratively
3 Basic belief
4 Genesis site
5 Wager
6 "— we there yet?"
7 Get involved eagerly
8 Tack on
9 Raul Castro's brother
11 Chinese secret society
15 Go down
19 Pub pints
20 Road goo
22 Othello's betrayer
23 Eminem's music
24 Go to
25 Century part
26 Midday break
27 Writer Hemingway
28 Lacy nightwear
29 Convoy truck
30 Fern source
33 Dutch cheese
35 Tell tales
36 Easy victim

Saturday's answer

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Champagne poppers
6 Glass-raised salute
11 Mighty as —
12 Big name in TV talk
13 Annual celebration
15 Mountain road shape
16 Light metal
17 Behold
18 Wash vigorously
20 Bar in a canary's cage
23 Lasagna and linguine
27 Noted lab assistant
28 Map line
29 Spoil
31 Small drum
32 Heathen
34 Relaxing spot
37 Fellow
38 Drill part
41 Busy place on 13-Across
44 Martini garnish
45 City-based
46 Bike part
47 Without letup

DOWN

1 Walking aid
2 Wallet bills
3 Uses oars
4 Band-leader
5 Rough drawing
6 Distraught
7 Harvest goddess
8 War god
9 Be thrifty
10 "Of — I Sing"
14 Vacuum lack
18 Throw away
19 British nobleman
20 Sty resident
21 Sense of self
22 Hold up
24 Bart, to Homer
25 Price place
26 Hoopla
30 Oft-distressed one
31 "Macbeth" ghost
33 Methane, for one
34 Halt
35 Carpet feature
36 In the center of
38 Paul Bunyan's ox
39 Turkey neighbor
40 Watch over
42 Longoria of TV
43 Coffee dispenser

Yesterday's answer

	C	I	T	E		B	A	J	A							
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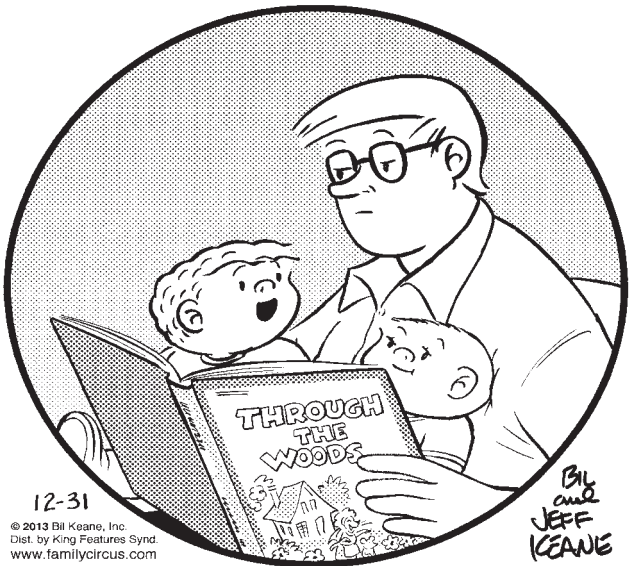
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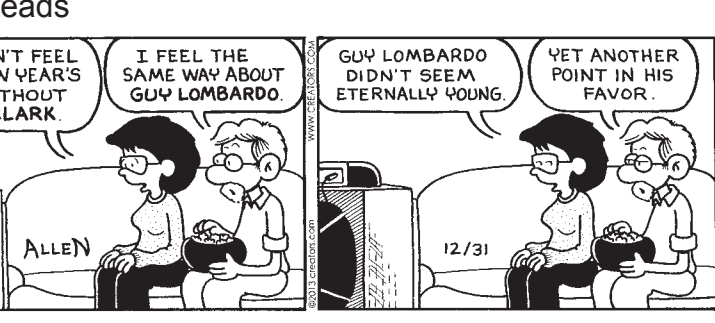
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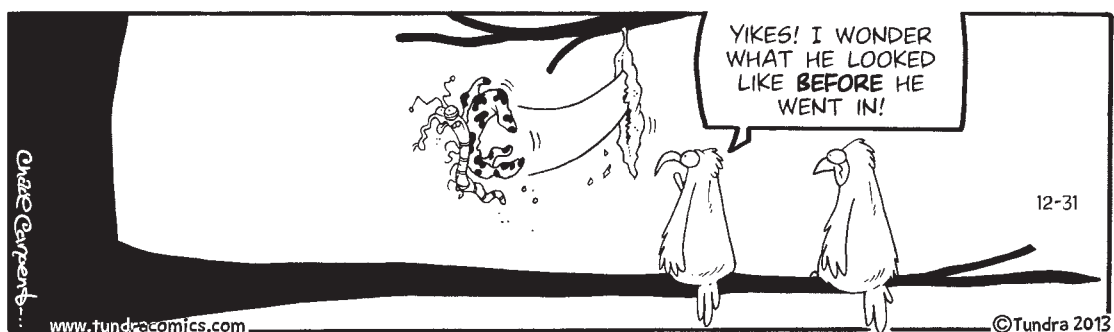
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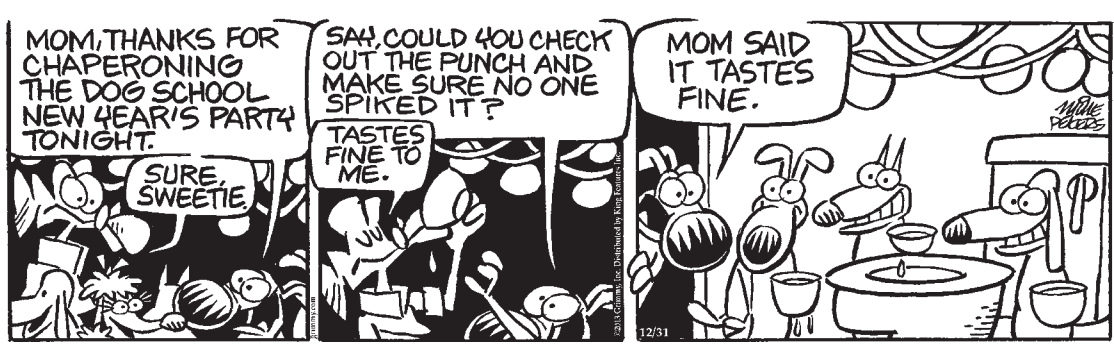
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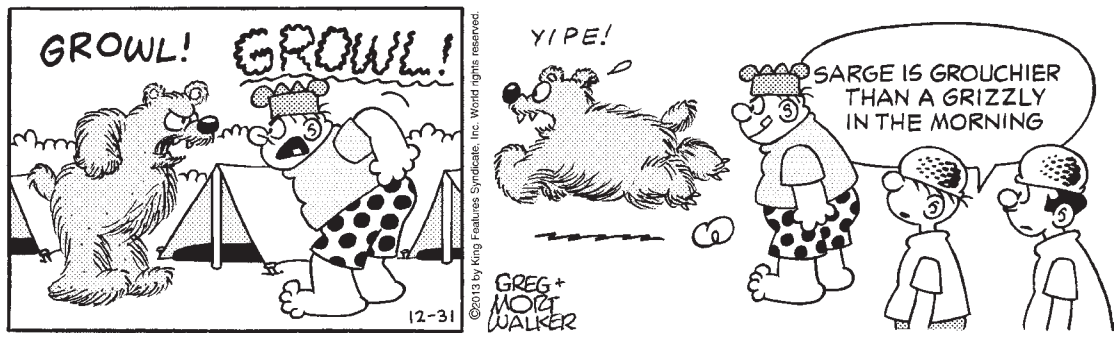
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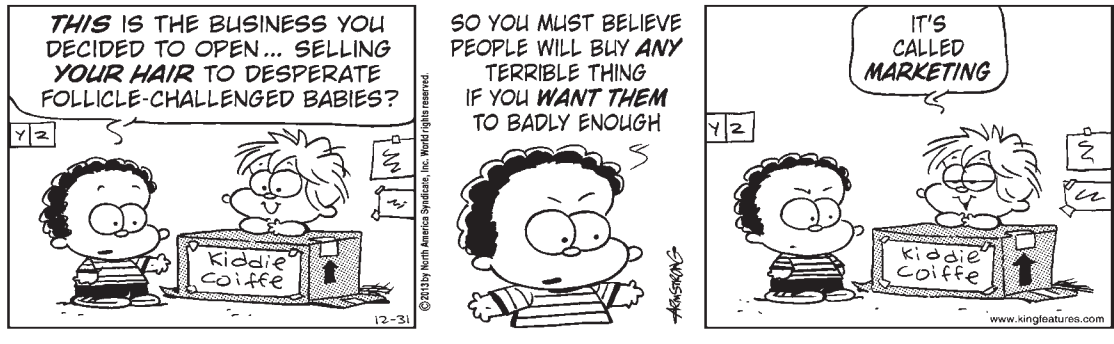
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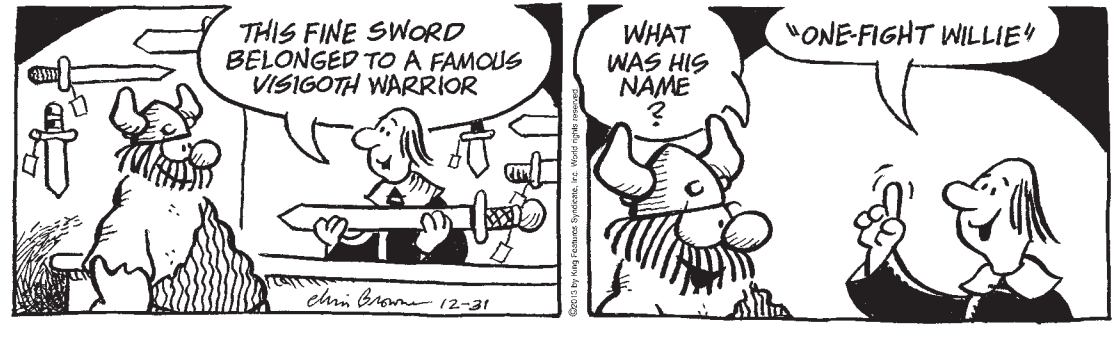
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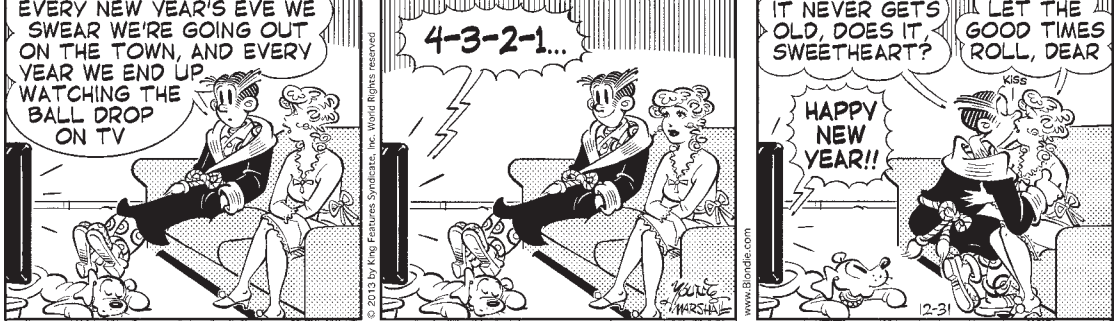
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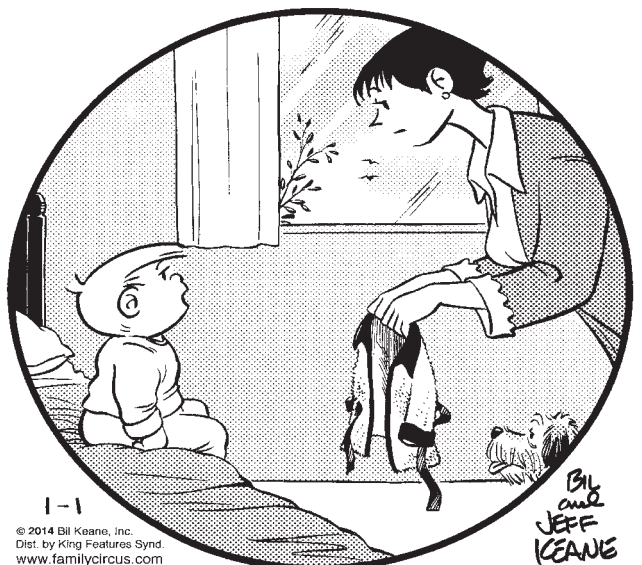
daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2014:
This year you eye a new beginning. You will tend to be overserious, and you sometimes might take a joke or a fun comment the wrong way. Be aware of this tendency to make more of a statement than the other party intended. If you are single, you are likely to meet someone you feel is your soul mate. You naturally will take your time getting to know this person. If you are attached, understand that you might be a little too me-oriented. Do your best to make time for your partner and his or her desires. A fellow CAPRICORN might be more challenging than you think.
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)
★★★★ The New Moon christens the New Year. This specific New Moon carries responsibilities and a serious tone with it. This event is merely a passage. Make time for what you enjoy, whether you watch a football game or visit with friends. Tonight: Get some much-needed rest.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You might not appreciate the insight you gain, yet you still know how to look at the big picture. Do not make more of a situation than is necessary. Catch up on your friends' and family's news. Tonight: Don't back away from an important question.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Make it your pleasure to share your resolutions with a loved one. You might find that a child or a new heartthrob could aggravate you and be a source of irritation. A change of plans could take some pressure off you. Tonight: Be with your favorite person.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ The New Moon affects you more than it affects any other sign. Partners, friends and loved ones could feel a bit out of sync. They could be acting out or making strange requests. You understand moodiness. Let this roll off your back like water. Tonight: You are the party.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You could be playing it unusually low-key, perhaps because your mind is on taking care of another person. Someone actually might try to engage you in a fight, just to see some of your

spark come out. Deal with this person directly. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Today's New Moon might affect your mood toward a loved one, or if you're single, it could ignite a new romance. Children could be very touchy or serious. Use your imagination to help others perk up. Your resourcefulness emerges. Tonight: Let the romantic within come out.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You could be more irritable than you have been in a while. Whatever symbolism this particular day holds for you might need evaluation. In any case, you have a very serious and touchy overtone to whatever you do. Tonight: Don't be surprised at others' distancing.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Speak your mind with a little diplomacy, and you will get positive results. Others could be unusually sensitive and reactive. If you find that you are getting angry, try to detach rather than judge the situation. Tonight: Make a call to a friend. Listen to his or her resolution.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ A loved one might need to kick up his or her heels. Avoid a discussion, at least for today. Don't make any financial commitments at present; otherwise, there could be a problem. Tonight: Try not to let someone pick your brain on a certain topic.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You might want to revise your New Year's resolutions after some thought. Do it today, while the symbolism of the New Year still exists. Some of you could be overserious and decide not to follow through on a resolution. Tonight: Let the party begin.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You will sense that a partner or loved one is off or depressed. You might choose to express your sensitive side when interacting with this person. Hold off on making any judgments. News from a distance could be irritating at best. Tonight: Take some personal time for yourself.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ The New Moon could give power to an important resolution or decision on your part. This notion might stem from an extended period of deep thought and evaluation. Let go of seriousness for now, and head over to a get-together of loved ones. Tonight: Let the party begin.

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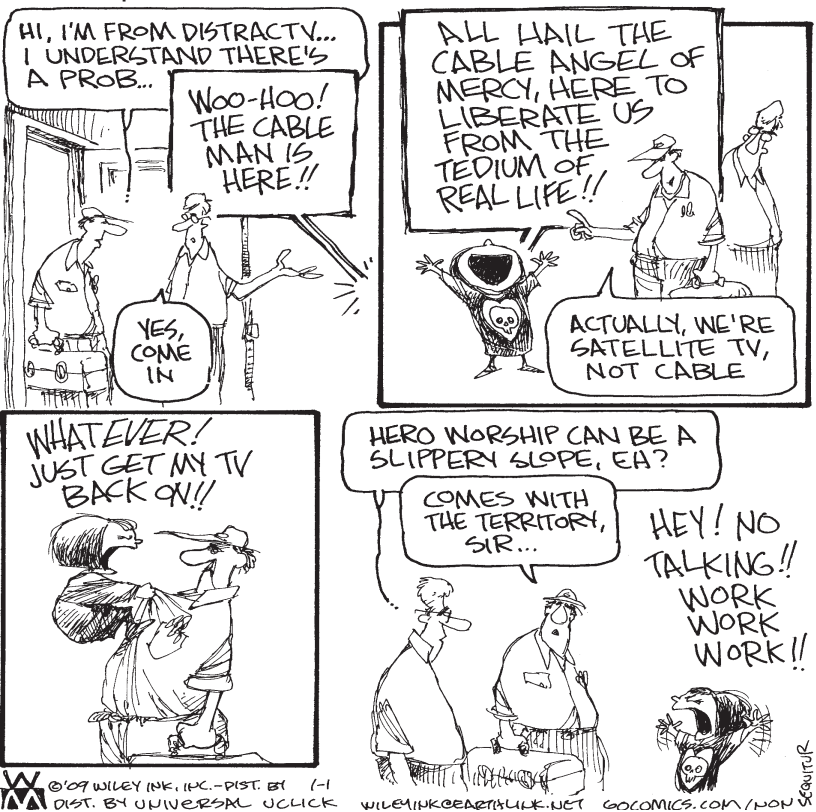


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"My dreams must be boring. I keep sleeping right through them."

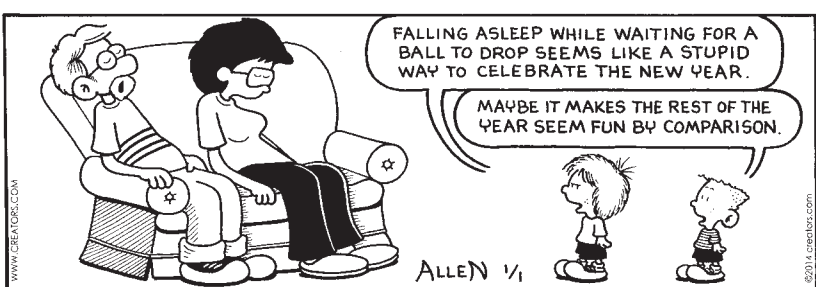
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Nest Heads



daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Jan. 2, 2014:
 This year you jump into the limelight. You also have good money sense. Try not to become too adventuresome and cause yourself a problem. Someone of the opposite sex finds you very charismatic. If you are single, you could develop an intriguing tie with this person. Others are unusually clear about their interest in you. If you are attached, the two of you could choose to indulge a little more than in past years. Be careful with a higher-up, especially if he or she is an **AQUARIUS**. You might assume that you are on cruise control when you really aren't.
 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 or a key person in your life could become hot-tempered when dealing with an interpersonal issue. The presence of your friends might clear up who is doing what to whom. Remember, it takes two to tango. Tonight: A dream's realization could be on the horizon.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 ***** Tension builds. As much as you might like to diffuse a situation, any action you take could prove to be problematic. Tune in to your higher self, and attempt to see the big picture. Good will could come through. Tonight: A possibility will become a reality.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 ***** Keep reaching out for new ideas. Consider planning a vacation for you and a friend or loved one. Your ability to touch someone and calm him or her down will be more appreciated than you know. Continue being a good listener. Tonight: Surf the Web.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 ***** You might be more in touch with what you need than you realize. Sometimes you feel as if you give too much away, but your need to give feels good in many ways. Perhaps consider establishing stronger boundaries. Tonight: Share with a favorite person.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
 ***** A gentle, kind attitude will be appreciated. News could surprise many people, including you. Your ability to adapt will emerge. You'll see the total perspective, whereas many people won't. Someone's words sound harsher than he or she anticipated. Tonight: Speak your mind.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 ***** Be careful with your funds and count your change. Make sure your wallet is nicely tucked away. You might want to indulge a child or loved one. Recognize that there are other ways that do not cost much or are free. Tonight: Get into the pace of a normal week.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
 ***** You seem to be releasing pent-up feelings. You easily could snap at a family member over a domestic issue. A close associate might be unpredictable, which is one of the reasons you are disgruntled. Recognize where the problem comes from. Tonight: Let off some steam.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
 ***** You could be tense over a domestic matter or a misunderstanding with a roommate or family member. Express your concern about what is happening without expectations of a response. Be patient. Tonight: At home with a good book.

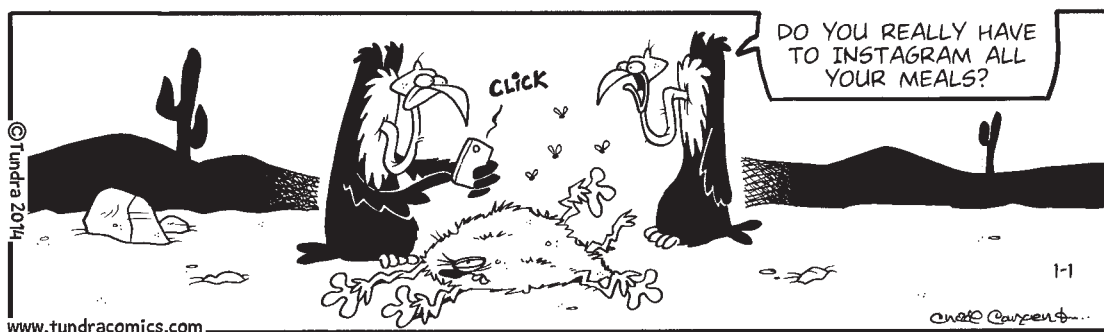
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
 ***** A friend easily could lose his or her cool. Your ability to communicate can and will make a difference here. Don't allow this person to intimidate you. A close friend or loved one could point you toward a new venture or interest. Tonight: Hang out with a family member.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 ***** Be aware of the costs of proceeding as you have. You might not be comfortable with everything that is going down. Your finances demand attention and precision. A family member once more could make demands that you might feel you can't meet. Tonight: Pay bills first.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
 ***** Many thoughts might be going through your mind. You would be wise not to discuss all of them, as you tend to go back and forth between ideas. Someone from a distance could be irritable. Use caution with this person. Tonight: Someone wants to court you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
 ***** Defer to someone else, and know full well how this person will approach what you deem a difficult situation. Once this individual walks in your shoes, he or she will have great respect for you, your decisions and how you handle challenges. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

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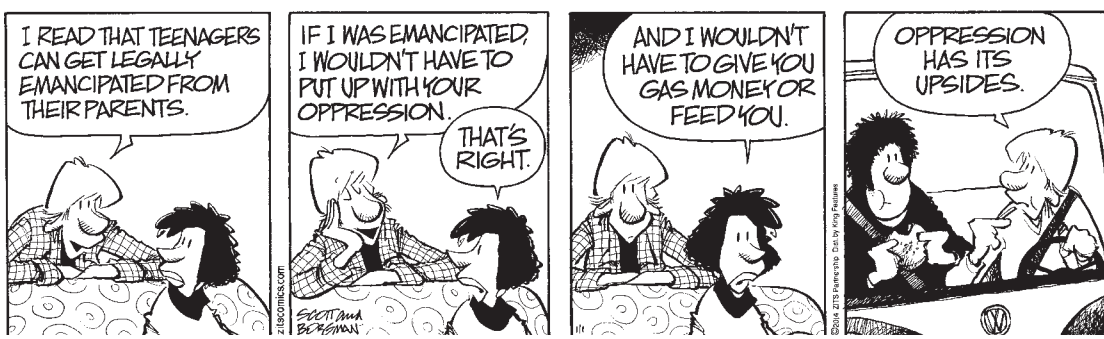
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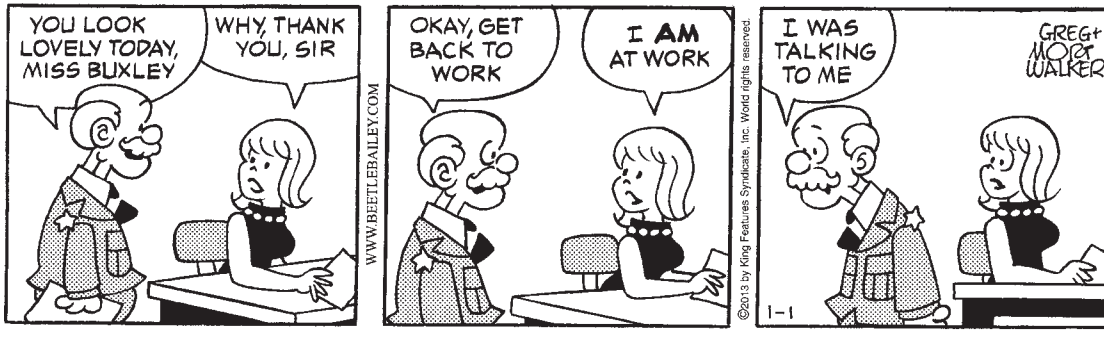
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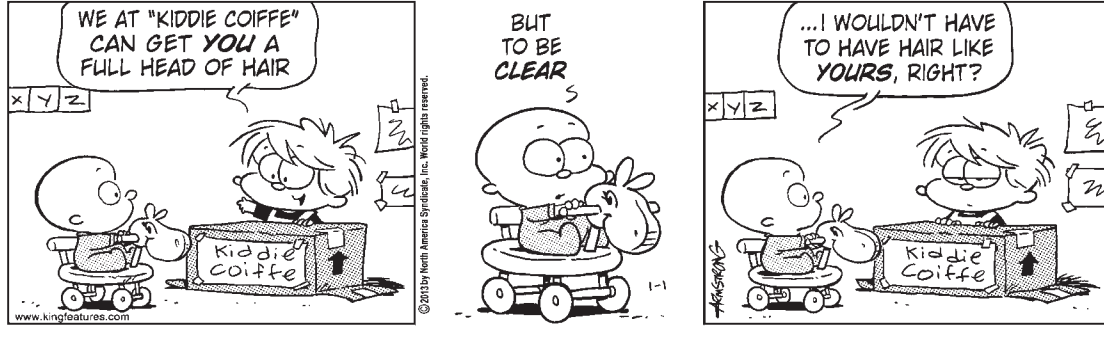
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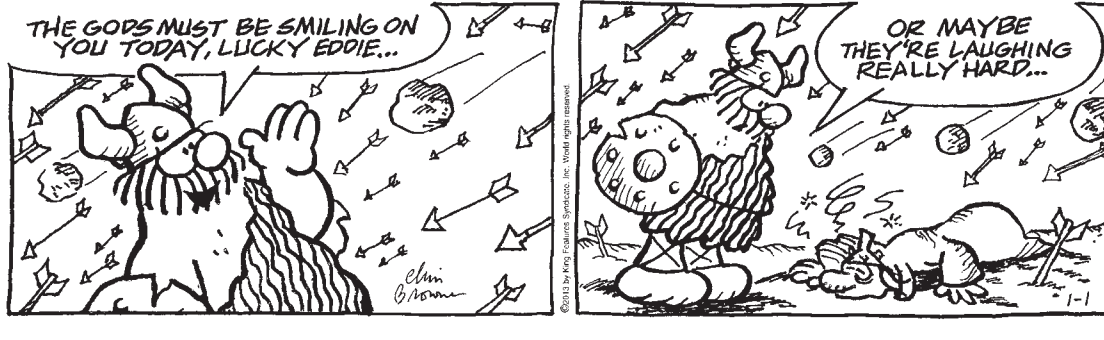
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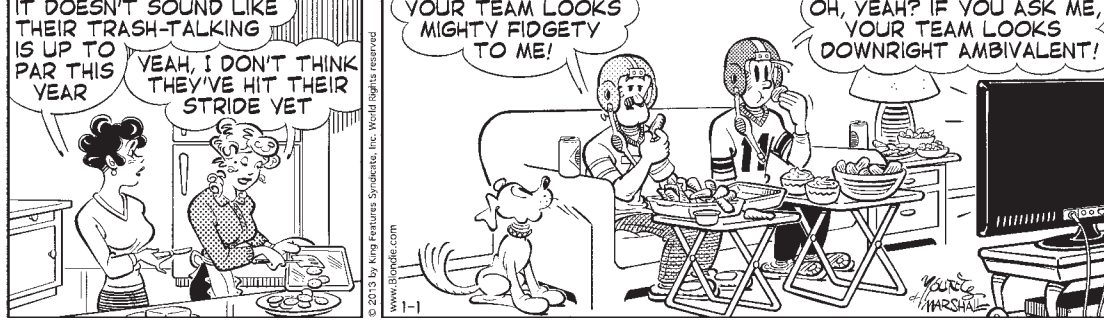
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Only act of God can change child support court

“Your Honor!” I lamented, “I cannot afford to pay \$650 a month!”



DENNIS PALMITIER

Not a month prior to that woe-filled lament, my butt had received a thorough kicking due to my ex-wife and her lawyer’s victory in our version of the mother of all divorces-to-end-all-divorces. A new lawyer and I were in the same family court room, before the same court master, who for the matter I did not like, contesting his decreed monthly child support amount.

When it comes to calculating child support, the state of Texas reviews the loser’s, ahem, previous year’s net earnings and calculates ten percent of that amount to be the child support payment. That may not be the case nowadays, but it was in 1986 before the turn of the 21st Century. Due to a corporate takeover of my then employer, I was back contesting the \$650 monthly payment because I had lost that well paying position and had only been able to find a replacement paying half what I had been earning.

Reading ‘A Legal Conundrum’ in The Pampa News last Thursday, Dec. 26, about a local gentleman’s plight over a rather sizable child support arrearage along with him facing possible jail time over such, the article regurgitated from within me issues regarding my divorce. This person’s ongoing nightmare resulted in that trying time of my life coming forth to hang squarely in the front of my mind’s eye. Courtesy John Wayne — “Life can be hard, especially if you are stupid.” I was to learn that and much more when my stupidity was fueled by anger.

Hearing the court master deny my request to lower child support, I could not believe what I was hearing! “But your

honor, I repeat,” as my lawyer suddenly grabbed my arm in an attempt to silence my protest, “What do you not understand? I lost that job, I cannot afford to pay that amount!” Down came his gavel again with a firm “Motion is denied!” Shocked was I to say the least, for I and my lawyer had thought my financial plight would be a slam dunk victory.

I was so aggravated by the court master’s decision that I blurted aloud to my lawyer “What an... (Best described as the south end of a north bound mule!)” Odd, how you say things when you think there is appropriate noise to get away with such, when all of a sudden everything gets quiet. At the most inopportune of moments, that courtroom did.

The court master heard me. I incurred his more than slight irritation and what came forth was a tersely worded contempt of court charge. My indignant outburst cost me a \$500 fine. Do you know that a contempt of court charge will not let you leave the courtroom with-

out first paying the fine? I certainly found out. With a smile on my face and emitting nothing but “Yes, your honor” with a bailiff each standing to my left and right, I paid the \$500.

After that debacle, one would think my bout with stupidity would have ended. One would think such, but anger had grabbed a hold of me and would not let things rest.

In my self righteous huff, for half a year mind you, I refused to pay the \$650 a month child support payment. Yep, real smart move. My former wife did the only thing she could do, she filed charges.

I was a very good marathoner in those days of yore. Every morn at dark thirty would find me at Houston’s Memorial Park doing my running thing. My ex, of course, knew that fact and mentioned the same to the Assistant Attorney General handling her case. I’m at the park by my vehicle stretching before a run. Save for some lights at the park office, it’s pitch black, when this rather

attractive woman runner gets out of her vehicle next to mine.

Wow! I mean she was a spectacular sight to behold, which I was doing when she stepped up to me and asked if I was Dennis Palmitier. I grinned a great big “How do you do!” smile and before I finished saying yes, she slapped me across my chest with some folded papers. She was a family district court certified process server. Two weeks after that fact, I paid my delinquent child support. No need to tell you what option No. 1 was.

To me, the gentleman in last week’s article

certainly has some merit over his financial woes and inability to pay child support.

I had none whatsoever, but what I did learn about child support was once that decree is mandated, it is as if the wordage is etched in Mason County granite (see history of Texas capital) and the only thing that will change such, be it good or bad, is an act of God.

What is also the case, the majority of divorce decrees involving child support favor the managing custodial parent.

Also the case, there are those who will find any means possible not to pay child support, which

overshadows those who, like this gentleman, cannot.

I wish you luck sir, I truly do, for you’re going to need it. As for me and my stupid move I humbly offer: “No space of regret can make amends for one life’s opportunity misused...” — from “A Christmas Carol” by Charles Dickens.

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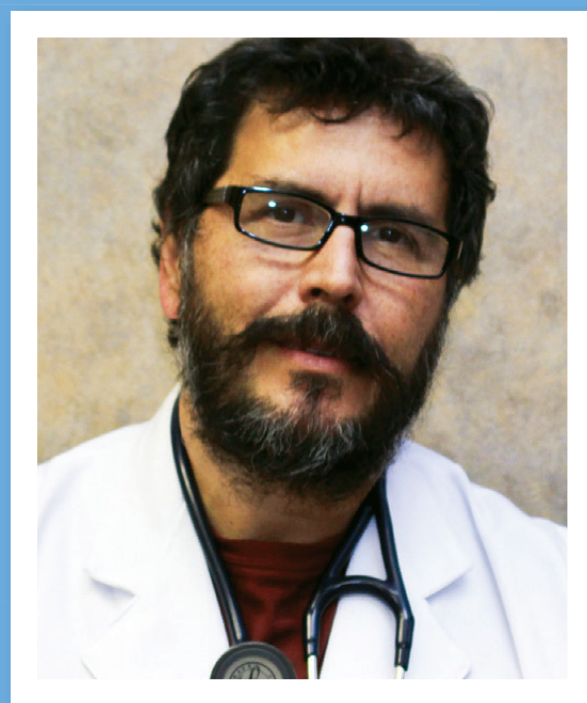
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