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Photo by Timothy P. Howsare

Above, Three of the staff at Doug Boyd Motors. From left, Daniela Domínguez, Greg Boyd, owner, and Laura Sanchez. Below, a picture of the dealership from the 1960s.

■ Doug Boyd Motors in business for 55 years.
 BY TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE
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Meanwhile in Pampa, Doug Boyd Motors opens at the intersection of U.S. Highway 60 and State Highway 70. Now 85, Doug works for the business part time

In 1959, Fidel Castro's revolutionaries take power in Cuba, Alaska and Hawaii become the 49th and 50th states respectively and Texas Instruments introduces the integrated circuit microchip, paving the way for the first personal computers.
 In sports, Ernie Banks is named MVP in Major League Baseball for the second year in a row and Lee Petty wins the first Daytona 500.

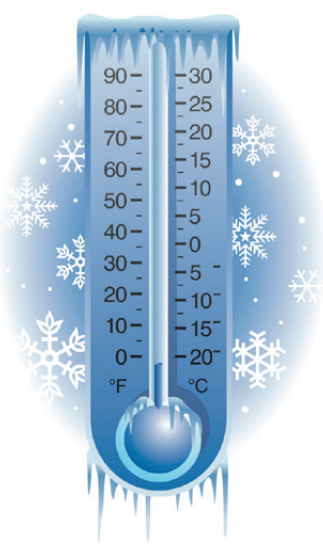
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Monday's low temp skirts record

BY TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE
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A low of 1 degree was recorded Monday morning at Perry Lefors Airport, which is within 2 degrees of a record low of -1 for Jan. 6 set in 2004 in Pampa, according to the National Weather Service.

Pampa started the work week as one of the coldest places in the Texas Panhandle. Though 1 degree was recorded at the airport, a cooperative observer in Pampa recorded a low of 3 degrees. Cooperative observers are weather watchers who keep track of local conditions and then report their data to the NWS, said Nicholas Fenner, a meteorologist for the NWS in Amarillo.



Fenner added that after a light snowfall like the one we had Saturday night, temperatures can vary over short distances of even a mile or two.

Now that we've made it through the bone-chilling temps **WEATHER** cont. on page 2

United way agencies funded at 100% for first quarter

PAMPA UNITED WAY: At Work!
 BY TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE
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Reaching 97 percent of its 2013 campaign goal of \$327,000 on Monday, the Pampa United Way's 17 partner agencies received 100 percent of their first-quarter allocations on the same day.

"They thought it was awesome," said Executive Administrator Jana Gregory of the general reaction to being funded at 100 percent right off the bat. "They were really excited about being funded at 100 percent and us nearly reaching our goal."

The first quarter allocation this time last year was only 83 percent. The Pampa United Way did reach its 2012 goal of \$315,000, Gregory said, but it took until October 2013 for all the donations to finally come in.

The 2013 campaign officially ended Nov. 15, but the agency continued fundraising past that date to meet its goal. Though there is still \$10,159 remaining for the 2013 goal, Gregory is confident it won't be long until the goal is reached.

"Anybody who wishes to help us reach that goal we would be happy to have them donate," she said.

Asked why the 2013 campaign went so well, Gregory said, "I think it was just the visibility of United Way through the whole year and having a great campaign chairman, Brad Morse (CEO of Pampa Regional Medical Center).

The 2014 campaign chair will be Donny Hooper, who served as vice chairman for 2013.

Keith Demetriades will be 2014 campaign 2014 vice-chairman, and the 2014 fundraising goal will not be determined until April.

Morse attributed the success of the 2013 to two main **UNITED** cont. on page 2

Triangle Well Servicing Co. collecting donations for fire victims



Photo by Nate Harvey
 Friday afternoon the Pampa Fire Department responded to a house fire at 2237 Williston St. Six units and 12 personnel responded to the fire and were unable to salvage the house. A mother and child were in the house when the fire started in a rear playroom, but were able to escape without injury. One of the two family pets was saved but the other one died. The exact cause of the fire is not known at this time. Not only did the family lose their house, but a vehicle as well. The husband in the family, Jimmy Medley, is an employee at Triangle Well Servicing Co. on Price Road. The company is collecting donated food, clothing and toys for the family. For more information about clothes' sizes and other specifics about donating items, call Jerry Carrillo at 806-665-8459.

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Son

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while spending winters in Lake Falcon, a reservoir along the Rio Grande River.

His son Greg bought the business from his dad in 1995 and has been running it ever since.

The company is celebrating its 55th anniversary this year.

Greg said many people have assumed he has worked at the dealership all along, but before 1995 he worked in industrial supply.

He wanted to get involved with the dealership to spend more time with his father.

Doug Boyd Motors

sells pre-owned vehicles, including family cars, sports cars, trucks, SUVs and even a few Hummers.

Prices range from the mid \$30,000s to less than \$10,000. The company's website lists an inventory of nearly 150 vehicles with brief descriptions of every one that is on the lot.

Along with the sales office, there is a full-service repair shop with three mechanics. Altogether, 11 people work for the dealership.

Greg said the company started financing its own vehicles when he took over as owner.

Growing up, Greg said he can remember his dad working a lot of hours and being at the dealership most Saturdays.

"There was a lot of hard work on his part to get us to where we are now," he said.

Greg said over the years the dealership has had a lot of repeat business.

"This town has been very good to us," he said.

Along with good customers, the business has been blessed with good employees, he added.

Though Greg doesn't have any specific plans for the future, he did say he will continue to run the dealership for as long he can.

"I'm 50 right now," he said. "Maybe in 35 years I'll be able to take off for the winter."

Doug Boyd Motors is located at 821 W. Wilks St. The phone number is 806-669-6062.

United

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factor, getting an early start and letting people know that the money raised in Pampa stays in Pampa and Gray County.

"We let people know what it is that we are backing," he said. "We let them know that the money stays here and doesn't leave town."

Morse said the United Way and its partner agencies have been well received by the community.

He praised Gregory for doing a great job following up on leads.

The Pampa United Way partner agencies are: Boy Scouts, Golden Spread Council; The Bridge; CASA of the High Plains; CRE-ATE a Beat!; Community Day Care Center; Eastern Texas Panhandle Chapter of the American Red Cross; Epilepsy Foundation West Texas; Girl Scouts of Texas Oklahoma Plains, Inc.; Gray County Child Protective Services; Gray County Latch Key; Lefors Senior Citizens Center; Pampa Meals on Wheels; Pampa Optimist Youth Club; The Salvation Army; Samaritan Pastoral Counseling; Southside Senior Citizens Center and Texas Panhandle Centers.

For more information, call 806-669-1001 or visit www.pampauw.org.

Weather

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of the weekend, Pampans should experience four or five days of much more moderate weather.

The high Tuesday is expect to be around 47,

Fenner said.

"It should be sunny with a little bit of a southwesterly wind," he said. "Along with that the clear skies should help warm things up."

Fenner cautioned there could be a bit of a weak cold front coming in Wednesday. Although day-

time temperatures are expected to stay in the 40s, nighttime temperatures could range in the teens and 20s.

By the weekend, daytime temps are expected to reach into the 50s followed by more winter weather starting early next week, he said.

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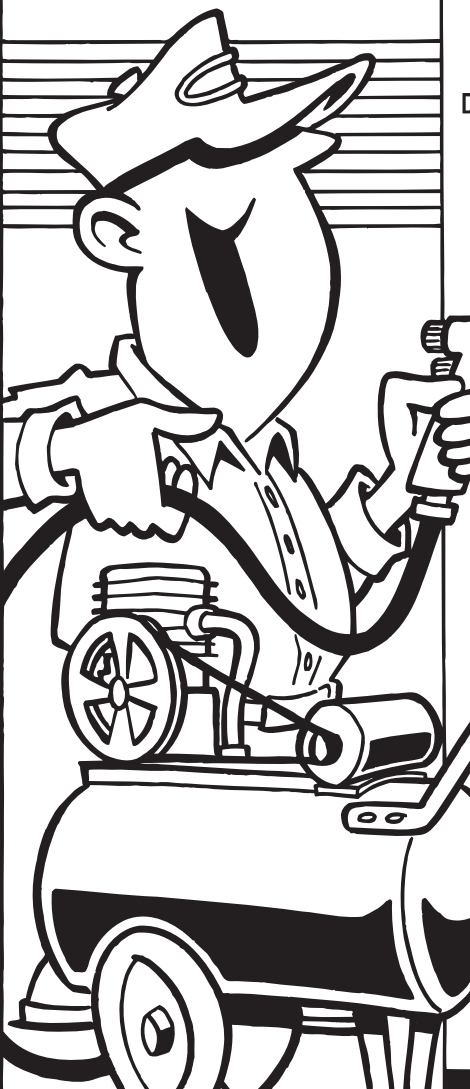
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High 52 Low 25	High 44 Low 21	High 48 Low 32

Today: Mostly sunny with a high of 52. Winds southwest at 15 mph. Sunrise at 7:54 a.m.

Tonight: Mostly cloudy with a low of 25. Winds south-southwest at 12 mph. Sunset at 5:47 p.m.

Wednesday: Morning clouds with afternoon sun and a high of 44. Winds north-northwest at 16 mph. Sunrise at 7:54 a.m.

Wednesday night: Clear with a low of 21. Winds north at 7 mph. Sunset at 5:48 p.m.

Thursday: Partly cloudy with a high of 48. Winds southwest at 13 mph. Sunrise at 7:54 a.m.

Thursday night: Cloudy with a low of 32. Chance of rain: 10 percent. Winds south at 11 mph. Sunset at 5:49 p.m.

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Obituaries

Grace Virginia Lee Cox

Grace Virginia Lee Cox, 93, died Thursday, Jan. 2, 2014, in Clarendon. Services were held Monday, Jan. 6, 2014 at Zion Lutheran Church in Pampa with the Rev. Michael Erickson, pastor, officiating. Arrangements were by Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon. Interment was at Memory Gardens in Pampa. Grace Cox was born May 6, 1920 in Elmo, Mo. to Henry Theodore and Christine Charlotte Sander Held. She married Harold Cox on Dec. 18, 1940 in Cape Griaudeau, Mo. Grace was a homemaker and was a member of the Zion Lutheran Church in Pampa for many years. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband on Dec. 19, 1990; and several brothers and sisters. Survivors include sons, Ricky Cox and wife Sandy, and James Cox; four grandchildren; and seven great grandchildren. Memorials may be made to Zion Lutheran Church, 1200 Duncan Street, Pampa, Texas 79065. *Sign our online guest book at www.RobertsonFuneral.com.*

For the record

Wheeler man arrested for driving while intoxicated

STAFF REPORT

Clearance Simmons, 57, Wheeler, was arrested Saturday by the Department of Public Safety for driving while intoxicated.

- Travis Lay, 28, Stinnett, was arrested Dec. 28 by the Gray County Sheriff's Office for possession of a controlled substance.
- Bracie Lorene Harris, 17, Pampa, was arrested Saturday by the Pampa Police Department for running a stop sign, no driver's license, failure to appear.
- Michelle Butenhoff, 30, Tulsa, Okla., was arrested Saturday by GCSO for fraudulent use or possession of identifying information — less than five items, bond surrender — fraudulent use or possession of identifying information.
- Jeanette Gasca, 32, Pampa, was arrested Saturday by GCSO for nonpayment of court fees, failure to appear, no seatbelt on a passenger between the ages of eight and 16.
- Amanda Barnes, 32, Pampa, was arrested Saturday by GCSO for possession of a controlled substance.

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- Joshua Rivas, 22, Pampa, was arrested Sunday by PPD for public intoxication.
- Albert Tambunga, 54, Pampa, was arrested Sunday by GCSO for two capias pro fine charges.
- Carl Hinds, 30, Pampa, was arrested Sunday by PPD for aggravated assault on a date, family member or household member with a weapon.
- Ricky Diaz, 39, Pampa, was arrested Sunday by GCSO for manufacturing or delivering a controlled substance.
- Aaron Estep, 39, Pampa, was arrested Sunday by PPD for two capias pro fine charges.
- Ashton Cervi, 20, Pampa, was arrested Sunday by PPD for two capias pro fine charges.
- Michael Waldrip, 23, Pampa, was arrested Sunday by GCSO for possession of drug paraphernalia.
- Scott Pearshall, 19, LeFors, was arrested Sunday by PPD for possession of a controlled substance, two charges of evading arrest, two capias pro fine charges.

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As cohabitation gains favor, shotgun weddings fade

WASHINGTON (AP) — No longer taboo, living together has become a more common arrangement for America's dating couples who become parents. It's a cultural shift since the days of so-called shotgun weddings to avoid family embarrassment over an unplanned pregnancy. Soon-to-be-released government research portrays an ever-changing American family. The share of unmarried couples who opt to move in together after a pregnancy surpassed what demographers call "shotgun marriages" for the first time over the last decade. That's according to a forthcoming paper from the National Center for Health Statistics. It's the latest demographic tipping point as cohabitations turn mainstream. About 18.1 percent of all single women who became pregnant opted to move in with their boyfriends. That is compared to 5.3 percent who chose to have a post-conception marriage.

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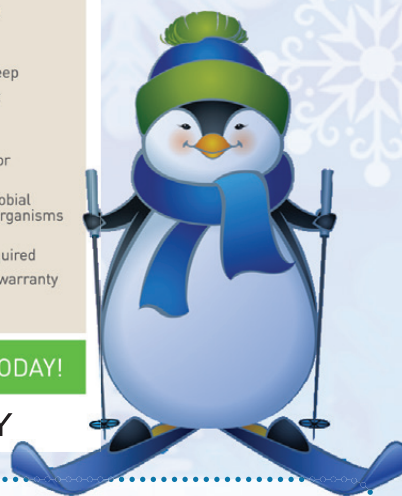
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Financial Aid Night is designed to help explain and simplify the process of applying for financial assistance to attend college or vocational schools. Clarendon College's financial aid officer will be providing information and answering questions pertaining to all areas of application. The information will cover what tests se-

niors need to take, the difference between grants and scholarships, the FAFSA, work-study and many other details.

Parents are encouraged to attend even if their students are unable to be there.

Financial assistance is available from many directions that parents and students are not always familiar with. Clarendon College and PHS want to be sure that everyone knows how to find what they need.

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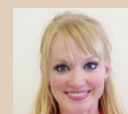


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Loss of proper handwriting shows dumbing down of US

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An article in the Jan. 2 issue of the Amarillo Globe-News titled “Cursive writing falls by the wayside” caught my attention. Per the article, the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (what a mouthful), the state’s curriculum standards, require students to learn cursive script during third and fourth grades. After the fourth grade, students — and I was told this by a PISD student’s parent — are directed to print whenever handwriting is required in the classroom. Here we are in the com-

puter age with the word processor, programs like Microsoft Word, the iPad and every other gizmo and gadget that writes for us. That’s all well and good, but what about the times when handwriting is necessary, when the human thought process requires appropriate words per the circumstance to be read by the intended recipient, because by hand writing your thoughts convey not only manners, but sincerity.

Thank you notes and words of sympathy come to mind. Take some time out of your mundane existence and write those thoughts down, or the same before you email those words of sympathy to a friend having lost a loved one. Handwrite those words down like you mean them! And parents, since your children are not writing in school anymore, a little extra parenting may be called for vis a vis the pertinent times when handwriting is required, for you will have to teach them.

A person doing the three-hundred-sixty in her

grave over cursive writing in Texas schools now being passé is Inez Call, my sixth-grade teacher at Stephen F. Austin Elementary School.

Mrs. Call was a handwriting expert. Her students were required to purchase pens and pencils specially made for writing. And boy howdy, we learned to write correctly!

With Mrs. Call’s stern attentiveness, we learned to write by using our fingers to properly hold the pen or pencil. Those special pens and pencils had a groove made for placement of thumb and index finger. Once thumb and index finger were properly placed, writing commenced by moving our hands to shape whatever

letter we desired, with our hands propelled by our forearms via steady wrists. Move those fingers to write any letters or words, Mrs. Call would literally slap the back of (only boys) our heads to redirect us. Took a few headaches, but I learned to write! To this very day, when necessary and appropriate, I hand write everything.

America’s etiquette maven Emily Post certainly must be spinning in her grave! We Baby Boomers know about Emily Post, she has to do with manners and such. “Such” in this case is Ms. Post’s take when to properly use cursive handwriting. If we parented at all, our Gen X children should recall Ms. Post’s and our directions,

but our Millennial grandchildren, perhaps not so much, other than hearing their grandparents grouching over how education these days is somewhat lacking.

Are there times when the handwriting of a note or letter can best be done by the word processor? Why sure. A law school classmate of my son received a rather tersely worded email from his girlfriend, oh, ex-girlfriend. She emailed a breakup letter to him. In contrast, what about the unruly student who must write one hundred times, “It is wrong to throw spit balls at girls in class?” How can he, if he doesn’t know how to write? Print his punishment out? Why, that would take him an entire school week to ac-

complish!

I always look for humor in matters, but in all seriousness, I feel something is severely lacking in our society with cursive handwriting being dismissed as unnecessary.

By our education system doing such, the loss of proper handwriting is just another step in the dumbing down of a becoming-more-and-more-soulless America.

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

- Jan. 1**
- At 9:03 a.m. in the 800 block of Wells to a lift assist.
 - At 2:57 p.m., in the 2100 block of North Nelson to an animal control assistance.
 - At 5:59 p.m., in the 1400 block of Zimmers to a medical call.
- Jan. 2**
- At 12:48 a.m., five units and nine personnel to the 200 block of Miami on a structure fire. Small fire confined to room of origin and contents.
 - At 12:48 a.m., in the 200 block of Tignor to a false alarm.
 - At 10:46 a.m., to a

- medical call in the 100 block of North Summer.
- At 2:00 p.m., to a medical call in the 1300 block of North Hobart.
- At 3:28 p.m., to a medical call in the 800 block of North Wells.
- At 4:11 p.m., to a medical call in the 1500 block of Dogwood.
- At 7:16 p.m., to a medical call in the 1100 block of East Francis.

- Jan 3**
- At 10:10 a.m., to a medical assist in the 2700 block of Seminole.
 - At 11:49 a.m., to a medical call in the 1200 block of North Wells.
 - At 1:00 p.m., six units and 12 personnel to a structure fire in the 2200 block of Williston.
 - At 1:34 p.m., two units and five personnel to a motor vehicle accident at the intersection of Price

and Kentucky.

- At 9:52 p.m., two units and six personnel to a trash fire in the 1000 block of East Browning.

- Jan 4**
- At 12:13 a.m., to a medical call in the 800 block of Locust.
 - At 12:26 a.m., to a medical call in the 500 block of Finley.
 - At 8:22 p.m., to a medical call in the 1100 block of Gwendolyn.
- Jan 5**
- At 4:01 a.m., one unit and four personnel to a lift assist in the 1300 block of West Kentucky.
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Alane Church tells NBC's "Today" show she was surprised to find the "beautiful, personal" book shoved in the bottom of a damaged box of packages her family opened at their Wadsworth home on New

Year's Day.

WLS-TV reports the book included a handwritten gift tag from "Barack, Michelle + the girls."

Church won't show anyone what's in the book. But she says the pictures of first daughters Sasha and Malia Obama offer a glimpse of "very special, private moments of their year of 2013 together."

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AgriLife agent hired in Armstrong County

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CLAUDE — Dustin Sanders, a native of Claude, has been hired as the new Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service agriculture and natural resources agent for Armstrong County, effective Jan. 6, according to Brandon Dukes, AgriLife Extension district administrator in Amarillo.

Sanders will spend January participating in the First Step training program and then begin in the Armstrong County office on Feb. 3, Dukes said.

"I am excited about Dustin beginning his career with AgriLife Extension in Armstrong County," Dukes said. "Dustin is very passionate about the 4-H program, and has many years of 4-H experience."

As a former Gold Star winner in 4-H, he knows what young people must do to be successful.

"Dustin also brings a great deal of practical production agriculture experience to the position," Dukes said.

"I know he will be able to effectively communicate research-based best management practices to farmers and ranchers alike."

Sanders has owned and operated his family farm and ranch for the past six years.

He earned his bachelor's degree from West Texas A&M University.

He said he is anxious to get started at his new

job and looks forward to working both with the youth and the agriculture producers of the county.

"I was raised on a family farm and ranch and have seen many things that are good and bad in operating an agricultural business," Sanders said. "I know

how AgriLife Extension can help local farmers and ranchers, because they have helped our operation in the past.

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Outdoor exercise still a possibility when temperatures drop

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When colder weather sets in, some people abandon their outdoor fitness routines for the comfort of indoor gyms and home exercise equipment. However, walking in the winter and even jogging, when practical, are not limited to the warmer months of the year. Outdoor conditions can be a bit treacherous, so safety and common sense should always prevail.

Footwear

While winter walking is a good way to warm up and get in a workout, it requires different footwear than regular walking shoes. The correct footwear will provide support, warmth and traction for traversing various conditions.

Start by choosing footwear that is warm. Certain boots and booties will have a lining that improves heat retention. Wear warm socks and waterproof or water-resistant shoes. They will protect against wet, chilled feet if you come across slushy puddles along the way. Although wet feet might be merely an inconvenience other times of the year, in very cold temperatures, a cold and wet body can be susceptible to hypothermia and even frostbite.

Look for shoes that have a mid-height ankle. This height offers support and stability to the ankles when walking on uneven surfaces, such as snow-covered paths. Also, should your foot slip on slick pavement, a taller shoe will protect the ankle against sprains or fractures.

Additionally, choose a shoe or boot that has a thick but not too heavy sole for better traction on icy areas.

Wardrobe

Layering is essential when exercising outdoors in cold weather. You want to ensure that you will be warm enough, but not so warm that you begin to sweat and run the risk of hypothermia later on.

Dress so that you feel chilled when stepping outdoors, not toasty warm. As your body warms up with the exercise, it will reach a comfortable temperature.

A windbreaker is good for blocking chilly, winter winds. Choose a jacket that will move with your body and not impede walking stride or jogging ability. Tights or yoga pants that wick moisture away will insulate your legs, and a fleece vest can help keep your body's core warm when it is particularly cold outside.

Don't overlook gloves and a hat when walking. These items will prevent heat from escaping through your extremities.

Safety

Winter conditions may lead to snowblindness or reduced visibility for drivers. If you will be walking on roads, dress for visibility. Avoid colors that will blend in with snowy surroundings and opt for bright flashes of color that make you more visible, particularly at dawn, dusk and night.

Whenever possible, do your outdoor exercising when the sun is up. You'll benefit from the mood-

boosting properties of the sun and will have added warmth and visibility. Furthermore, spending time in the outdoor sun enables your body to produce vitamin D, which helps maintain healthy bones. Spending time outdoors can stave off winter doldrums and cabin fever.

Exercise with a buddy, who can help you if you slip or fall on icy surfaces. Walking or running with a partner also is a great way to remain motivated.

If you feel very unstable walking on slippery roads and pathways, you may want to invest in winter cleats or crampons that can

be attached to the underside of your shoes. These devices offer superior traction.

Off-roading

If you want to pack in a more powerful winter workout, you can think about walking through the snow rather than around it. According to fitness experts at Weight Watchers International, walking in packed snow increases the calories burned by 60 percent compared to walking on a paved road.

Walking in soft snow triples the calories burned compared to walking at the same speed on a treadmill. In addition, the added resistance of the snow can firm

and tone muscles.

Purchase snow shoes or cross-country skis and poles to facilitate walking in the snow.

For those who want to forego structured exercise, simply having fun in the snow, by trekking up a mountain when sledding or having a snowball fight with the kids, is a great way to exercise outdoors in the winter.

There is no need to pack away exercise clothing for the winter season. With the right equipment and know-how, winter lovers can still spend adequate time outdoors once the mercury drops.

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Gone with the wind chill: Gusts spread winter pain

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — It's not the heat, it's the humidity, goes the old saying. For the tens of millions of Americans currently trapped in the deep freeze: It's not the cold, it's the wind.

Air temperatures plunging into the negative teens, twenties and even thirties Sunday into Monday are bad enough. But add wind speeds of even a few miles per hour, and what's already deeply unpleasant becomes downright dangerous.

"It's not so much the absolute cold, though that's certainly not pleasant either," said Mark Seeley, a climatologist for the University of Minnesota. "But what the wind does when it starts blowing it around is force the cold air onto whatever it touches. Whether it's hu-

man skin or a car engine, the wind pushes away the warmth being generated and replaces it with cold."

Thus the popular term "wind chill," which a couple of Polar explorers originated in 1945 to differentiate between the actual temperature, and the temperature that it feels like thanks to the wind. For instance: In International Falls, Minn., along the Canadian border, it was forecast to reach an air temperature of 30 below zero early Monday. But wind gusts will make it feel more like negative 60.

"Fighting a fire on a night like that, a lot of our guys would rather do recon in the burning structure than man the hoses," said Jim Hultman, a veteran firefighter in International Falls, frequently

one of the coldest spots in the nation. "I'm not kidding. Because at least you're warm."

Hultman said cold winds ice up the nozzles, slow the water streams and blow an icy mist onto the firefighters. "It's just miserable," said Hultman, 59, adding in an interview Sunday that he's "nine shifts away from retirement and then I'm headed someplace warm for a few months."

Severely low wind chills are a serious threat to the human body. "Really, the best advice I can give is don't go outside at all unless you absolutely have to," said Douglas Brunette, an emergency room doctor at Hennepin County Medical Center in Minneapolis. Skin exposed to such wind chills can develop frostbite within

five minutes; hypothermia comes close behind.

"I have seen frostbite occur through clothing," Brunette said. "It's not enough just to be covered. You need clothes made for the elements. You need to repel the wind."

Right now, winds are blowing arctic air across large swaths of the United States. Temperatures were being suppressed by what meteorologists called a "polar vortex," a rotating pool of frigid air forecast to affect more than half the continental U.S. into Tuesday. Wind chill warnings were stretching from Montana to Alabama.

"I've lived in Minnesota or Wisconsin most of my life. You figure out how to be prepared," said Jesse Roehl, a 39-year-old marketing manager who ventured out Sunday to a

Minneapolis grocery store for provisions. Swaddled in a parka, heavy boots, stocking cap, scarf, gloves and several layers underneath, Roehl said he was amused by the fashion choices forced by the wind chill factor.

"Function over fashion," he said. "Even teenagers are wearing stocking caps today."

In Columbus, Ohio, 43-year-old student and consultant Lorna West was worried for Ohioans and residents of other states not used to such frosty blasts.

West, a Chicago native, said she couldn't explain the exact science of wind chills, "but I understand the basic, which is it's going to be damn cold."

Few know the brutality of the winter wind more than lifelong Minnesotan

Will Steger, an explorer who has traveled by dog-sled to both poles. Steger said even with the coldest temperatures, a few miles per hour of wind make a huge difference.

"A minus 50 day with no wind is a pleasant day if your body is working, it's not that bad," Steger said. "But a minus 30 day with a 10 mile per hour wind is much, much colder. The wind drives the cold in, it magnifies it. It pushes it into your skin."

Steger said the only thing he liked about the wind on polar expeditions was the sound it made at night.

"It's a melody. It lulls me to sleep," he said. "What I didn't like was waking up in the morning and hearing it, because you know you have to go back out and face it again."

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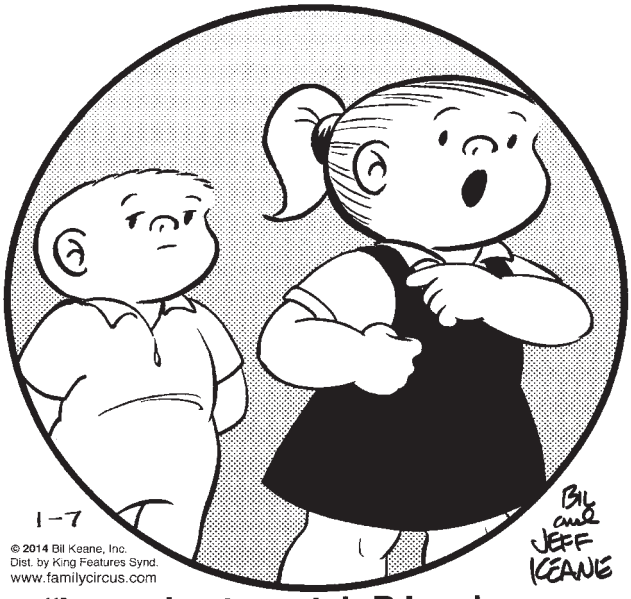
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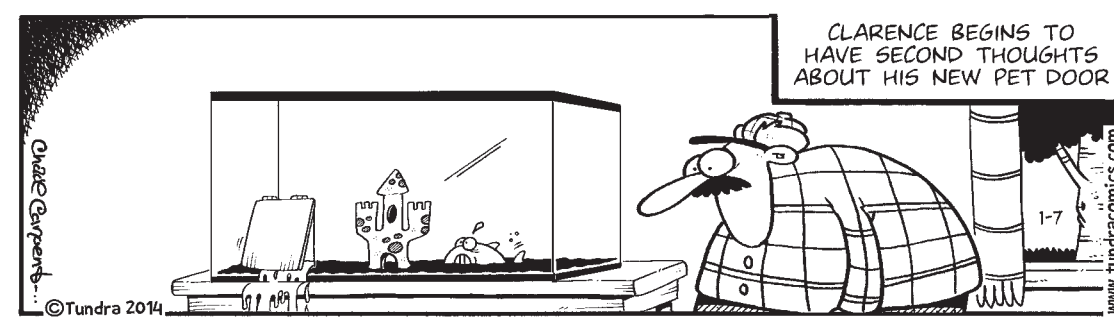
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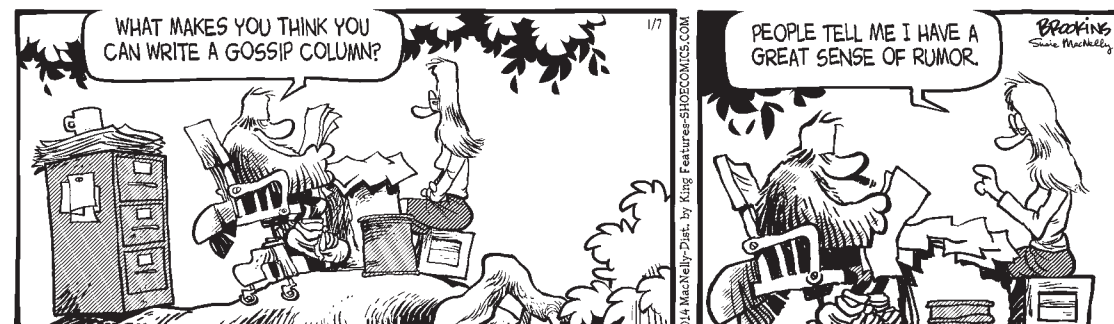
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★★★ Observe what is going on behind the scenes. You might be surprised by how someone can say few words yet still reveal what is happening. Your sense of humor emerges later in the day, once you get some errands or work done. Tonight: Toss your Wheaties.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Others seem to be acting independently and not in unison with a project. Keeping everyone on the same page will be challenging. Suggest a meeting for a discussion on this matter. If this issue does not dissolve, you are likely to vanish. Tonight: Get some R and R.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Take praise as it is intended to be received. Your energy is very high, so be sure to expend it appropriately; otherwise, you could become snappy and difficult. Meanwhile, go dancing at a favorite place or find your friends. Tonight: Say "yes" to an interesting offer.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Keep reaching out to someone at a distance. You might want to get more facts before coming to a final conclusion about an evolving decision. You will shed light on the situation, which could help others understand. Tonight: Pretend it is the weekend, and make plans now!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You'll want to get more information about an important situation. You might ask a question that draws out a money issue. An opportunity could become obvious in a meeting. Don't hesitate, or you could lose this opportunity. Tonight: Accept an offbeat offer.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You might have a lot to say, but getting in a word with others, as animated as they are, could be difficult. Instead, go off and handle a responsibility that you are only too happy to take care of. Be happy to be away from the chaos. Tonight: Say "yes" to a loved one.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Pace yourself, as you seem to have a lot to do. You might want to keep an even pace, but an important discussion demands your time. Know when to let go of rigidity. Step back and allow yourself to see the big picture. You can't dictate every moment. Tonight: Do more listening.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Let your creativity help a situation involving your finances. You might want to reach out for more feedback. As a result, you could decide that a different course would be better. Way to not let your ego get involved! Tonight: Enjoy some downtime with loved ones.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Think in terms of what needs to happen and what will happen if you let someone run over your more grounded ideas. You could experience disappointment at not being understood, but the smart move would be to try a different approach. Tonight: Go for naughty and nice.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Keep reaching out to someone with whom you chat often. This person's opinion means a lot to you, as he or she offers a different perspective. You will get interesting feedback. Others often are amazed by how easily the two of you can see eye to eye. Tonight: At home.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Communication flourishes later in the day, but know that a friend could dump his or her frustration on you. It serves you to say little, as this person will recognize on his or her own that he or she was being a bit outrageous. Tonight: Visit with a close loved one.

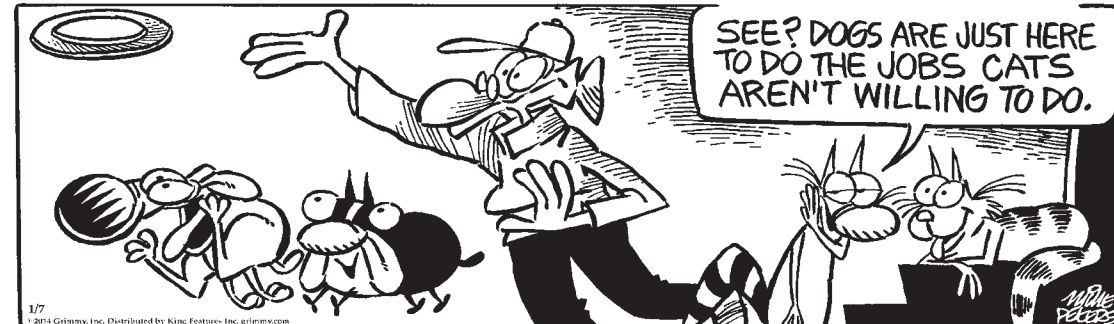
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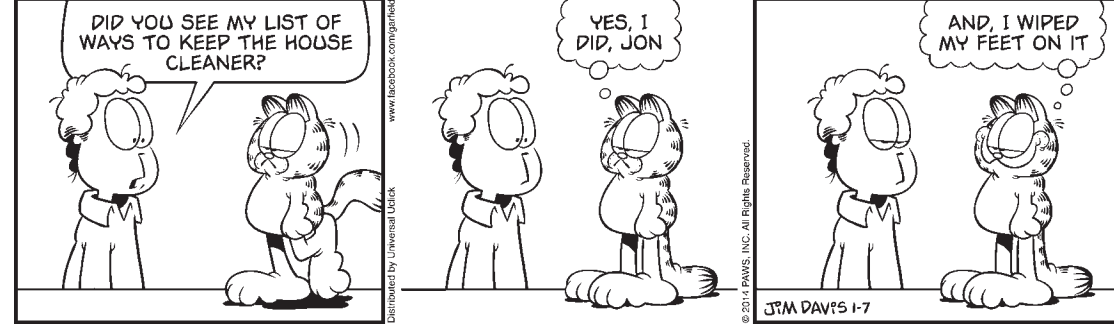
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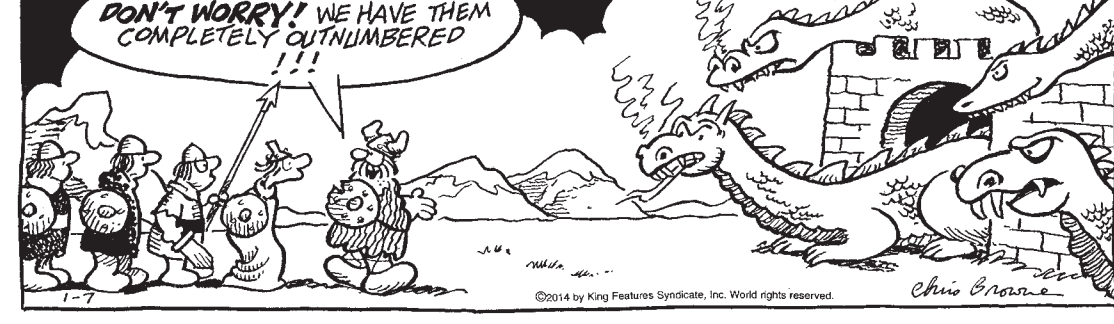
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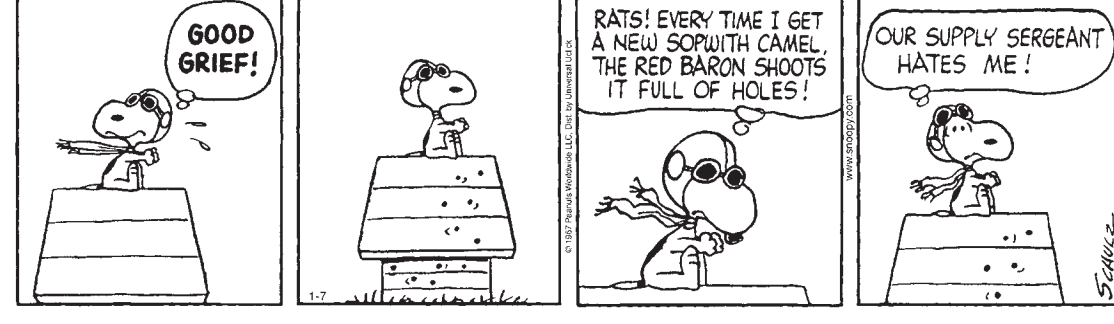
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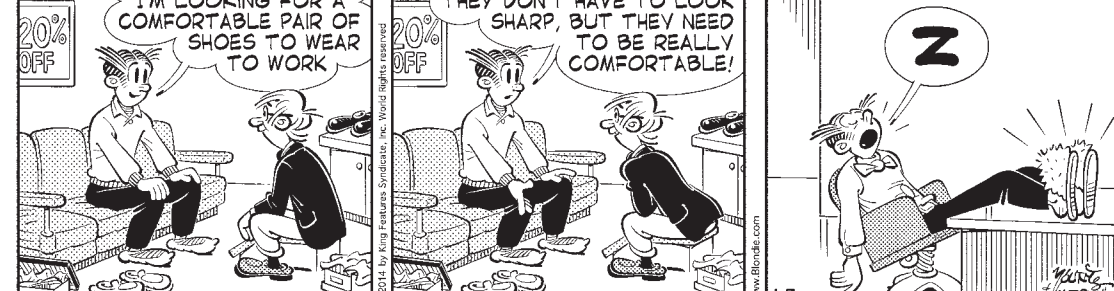
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■ Let's recap the college football year.

2013 was another great year of college football with many surprises, exciting finishes and questionable calls by both referees and coaches.

The book on the 2013 season was closed last night by a great finale between Florida State and Auburn. Neither were picked in the preseason



ZAC GREEN

top 10 in all of the national polls. Auburn was not even ranked in the top 25. It's safe to say before the season everyone was picking Alabama to win the national championship regardless of who they played.

Thanks to an unimaginable finish to the Iron Bowl, Auburn knocked off Alabama and earned a trip to Pasadena for the championship.

Florida State did it the simple way by winning every single game on their schedule. Obviously there was nothing simple about that accomplishment as it is a rare feat but that is how they got there.

We saw great high-scoring games in the Orange, Cotton, Fiesta, Chick-Fil-A, Sugar and New Mexico Bowls.

There were upsets not many saw coming like Oklahoma knocking off the defending champions Alabama in the Sugar Bowl. UCF upended Baylor in both schools' first appearance in a BCS bowl for another upset. And on the local scene, Texas Tech came in and surprised everyone with their win over Arizona State.

I will now give a brief summary of how local Texas teams' seasons went.

Texas Tech: The season started off with hopes of a Big 12 title for the Red Raiders after winning their first seven games. But then the meat of the schedule came and Tech lost the last five. The big Holiday Bowl win will give the Red Raiders momentum heading into 2014.

Baylor: Once again the Bears could not tame the Cowboys in Stillwater. The loss to Oklahoma State derailed Baylor's national title hopes and Big 12 title hopes. (That was until Oklahoma State lost to Oklahoma and gave the Big 12 title right back). The Bears should have been amped and ready to play in their first BCS bowl, but they showed up flat and ended the season with a loss.

Texas A&M: The season started with high hopes for the Aggies with Johnny Manziel back at the helm at QB. But the Aggies couldn't beat a ranked team until their bowl game. They lost to Alabama, Auburn, LSU and Missouri. Manziel saw his draft stock rise when he brought A&M back from a 38-17 deficit to Duke in the Chick-Fil-A Bowl. At the same time that is a positive note for the Aggies going into 2014.

Texas: Every season has high hopes in Austin. Longhorn fans were calling for Mack Brown's head after starting 1-2 but Brown righted the ship and Texas won 7 of their last 10 games. Brown resigned after the end of the season and unfortunately the Longhorns received a bad draw for their bowl with Oregon. Brown deserved to go out a winner but it wasn't in the making. Charlie Strong has been hired by the Longhorns and he should bring back that hard fighting Longhorn team everyone is familiar with.

West Texas A&M: The Buffs finished 11-3 for the season after another long run in the playoffs before losing in the quarterfinals to Grand Valley State.

It has been another fun season of college football and we will now have to wait a long eight months to be able to cheer on our teams.

The good news is now, no matter what team you root for, we are all undefeated right now in 2014!

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Inexperience thwarts Lady Harvesters in district opener

■ Outscoring Pampa 21-6, the Perryton Rangerettes won 67-27.

By JOHN LEE
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The Pampa Lady Harvesters traveled to Perryton on Friday night to take on the Rangerettes in the opener of District 1-3A action. The 67-27 loss drops the Lady Harvesters to 9-12 (0-1 district).

This was the first district game for many of the Lady Harvesters, and their inexperience was what head coach Gene Valentine said led to their district loss.

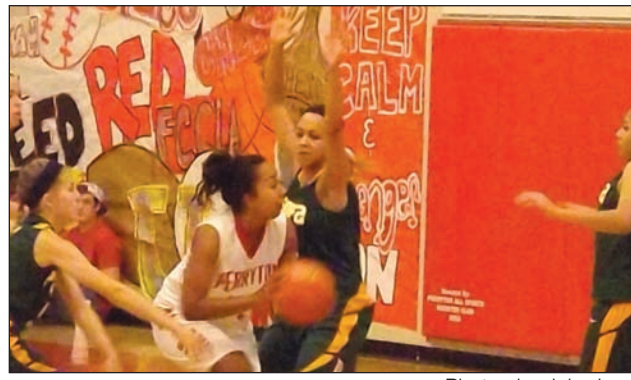
"I think most of it was inexperience. This was the first (district game) for eight of them," Valentine said. "Playing on the road against a defending district champion [and] they were nervous."

"I told them earlier, we've got to withstand their momentum, and we did for a little while but once it got away from us it spiraled out of control and we tried to play the speed they were playing and we weren't able to execute what we wanted to do."

The Lady Harvesters opened the first quarter on a 5-2 scoring run. But that ended abruptly as Perryton tied the game at six, and then two hit consecutive 3-pointers to give them the 12-6 lead at the end of the quarter.

The Lady Harvesters started the second quarter strong, scoring six unanswered points, all from Hayley Burnett hitting layups. The comeback was short-lived, however, as those were the only points scored by the Lady Harvesters in the second quarter.

"The times that we did (execute), we did fine. But when we got caught up in what the other team's doing we lost track of what were trying to do. That's just inexperience



Photos by John Lee

Above, Madison Brown defends against a Perryton Rangerette. Below, (20) Risa Rodriguez passes to (3) Ty'Randa Johnson.

and it got us tonight," Valentine said.

The Lady Harvesters never really got back in the game as Perryton continued to pour the points on. Some bright spots in the game were that Burnett did finish with 15 points, and junior Risa Rodriguez hit a 3-pointer, her only points on the game. Junior Madison Brown finished with six points also.

It is worth noting that Burnett is the only senior on the team, to compliment Valentine's reasoning behind the loss.

"I told them one game is not going to define the whole district, we have seven more games. They've (Perryton) got to go through some good teams, then we'll get them at home and we always play better at home," Valentine said.

"It's not over. Just learn from what you saw tonight and let's work on it and get to work Monday and get ready for River Road on Tuesday."

The Lady Harvesters host the River Road Lady Cats tonight at McNeely Field House. River Road is coming off of a loss to Dalhart Friday night.

"They're decent sized, they've got one good shooter who's a junior, but I feel like if we push the ball and play at our speed, take advantage of Hayley (Burnett) and Madison (Brown) and people like that we should be OK."

"For some reason if it's going good early we stay with it, if not and we fall off then we work ourselves into a hole and have to dig out. It's just part of that inexperience," Valentine said.



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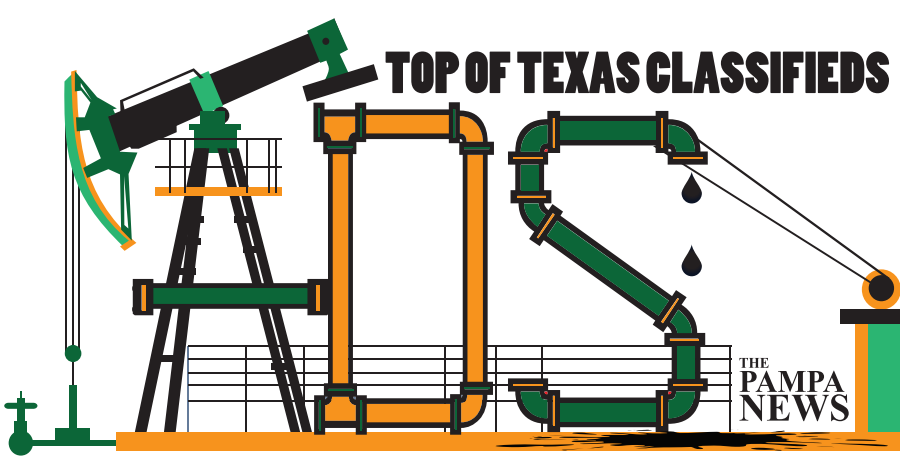
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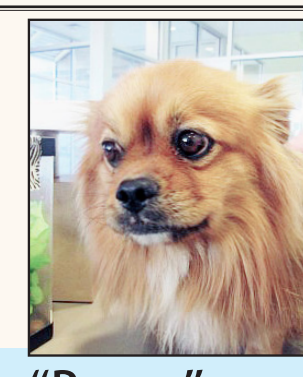
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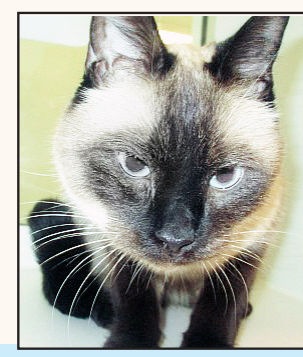


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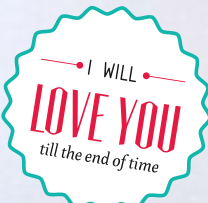
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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I are happily married and will celebrate 15 years of marriage next year. We have a 5-year-old daughter. Our dilemma is whether or not we should have another child.

I'm 38 and my husband is 40. We have become comfortable with the fact that our daughter is getting more independent. We plan on doing a lot of traveling, and I will change jobs after I complete school. We are not sure about starting over with a baby.

We are doing OK financially, and if we have a second child, it would have to be within the next year, while I finish my classes and can be home to be with the baby. Our daughter is well-adjusted, and we plan on putting her in activities such as dance and gymnastics.

We would like your opinion,

and also to hear from parents who had only one child, as well as people who were raised without a sibling. — MAYBE ONLY ONE IN GEORGIA

DEAR MAYBE ONLY ONE: If you are considering enlarging your family only so your daughter will have a sibling, I don't recommend it. What the six-year age difference means is that your children will not grow up "together." By the time the younger one is starting high school, the older one will be in college and gone. Even when they are closer in age, it's no guarantee that siblings will be close.

I cannot — and should not — decide this for you. I am throwing your question open to my readers and will share their opinions with you. However, I'm sure

they will be varied.

DEAR ABBY: I am generally a conservative person. My 17-year-old son, "Leo," asked for an ear piercing when he was 13. I wasn't sure whether I liked the kind of impression it made, but because it was only one piercing, I agreed on the condition that he would stop at one hole.

When Leo was 15, he begged to have dreadlocks. Thinking it was a phase, I allowed it even though I wasn't thrilled. He has since cut off the dreads, but now says he wants an eyebrow piercing.

My son is a loving, wonderful, happy kid. He's active in school, well-liked, and an excellent student in an advanced academic program. I couldn't honestly think of a good reason to say no, even though this piercing freaks me out. I sense that Leo wants to do more piercings, but he's respectful enough to wait awhile.

My question is, what is a good reason to NOT agree

to more piercings? Every argument I've thought of — unsightly, unsanitary, makes the wrong impression — is rather thin.

My 12-year-old daughter wants to dye her hair purple. I'm saying no, but still have no good reason for that, either. Am I just too old-fashioned? — NOT-WITH-IT MOM IN MACCABIM, ISRAEL

DEAR NOT-WITH-IT MOM: Tell your son he was born with a perfect body. When you agreed to the ear piercing, it was on the condition that there would be only one piercing, and you expect him to keep his part of the bargain. If he asks for a further explanation, tell him it's because he has enough holes in his head.

As to your daughter, remember it's only hair and it will grow out. If this is her only form of rebellion, consider yourself lucky.

As to your being "too old-fashioned," it's a mother's JOB to be old-fashioned. Keep up the good work.

AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW. One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different. 1-7 CRYPTOQUOTE

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

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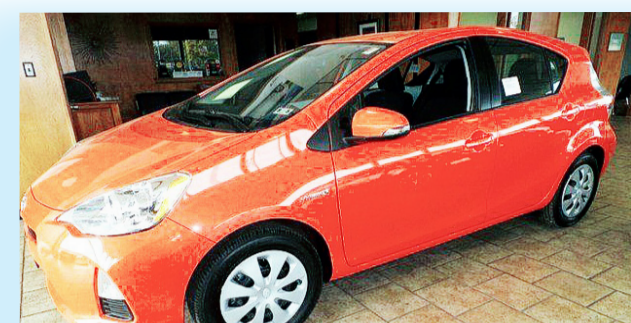


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