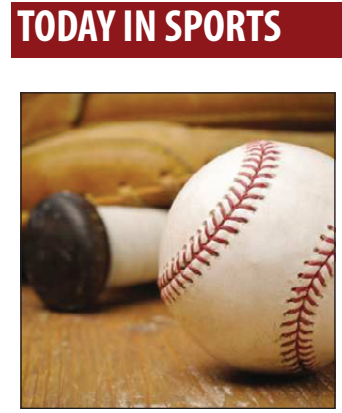


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A WORTHY FUNDRAISER



Photo by Timothy P. Howsare

Christian Community Church in Pampa held its annual banquet Friday to raise money to help pay for student tuition. Tuition cost per student is around \$3,300 per student, which means a total of \$50,000. However, not all families are able to pay the total cost for their child. Principal Marsha Richardson said between the banquet and auction Friday about \$22,000 was raised. Richardson said 340 people attended the banquet. The school has nearly 70 students from pre-K to eighth grade, who are all pictured in the photo. Richardson is in the center holding a plaque that was bought by a man at Friday's auction then returned to the school. On the plaque is written Proverbs 22:6: Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." Richardson said that proverb underscores the school's philosophy.

A tale of 2 arson suspects

■ Lewis still awaiting trial 18 months after indictment; Jimenez, defense attorney requesting reduction in 'excessive' bond.

BY TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE
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Eric Lewis, who in August 2012 was arrested for arson for setting on fire several vacant lots in Pampa, is still awaiting trial.

Lewis, 22, was indicted on Oct. 18, 2012 and released on a \$15,000 bond.

Eyewitnesses provided information to the Pampa Police Department that helped them capture Lewis.

Lewis was arrested on Aug. 13 after dispatchers received three calls on suspicious fires on East Foster Avenue. No one was injured in the fires.

His attorney, John Warner of Pampa, said he could not say where Lewis is living now because that would be a violation of his client's confidentiality.

Lewis' case will be tried in the 223rd District Court in Pampa.

Another man charged with committing arson in Pampa, Daniel Jimenez, 40, also is awaiting a trial in the 223rd District Court and is being represented by Warner.

Jimenez is accused of setting fire to a house owned by his ex-wife, Eva Jimenez, in the 200 block of South Nelson Street on Aug. 30, 2013.

He also is charged with burglary of a habitation for allegedly stealing a computer from the home.

He was indicted on Dec. 11 and his bonds were set at \$250,000 each for arson and burglary.

Jimenez is being held at the Gray County Jail. If released on bond, Jimenez is prohibited from contacting his ex-wife and must stay at least 300 yards away from her.

Warner believes the bonds are excessive and has asked the court for a habeas cor-

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Da da duh, da da duh; former Pampan now works for ESPN

BY JOHN LEE
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One's career path to their dream job can be a long one, other times it is a little quicker.

Aaron Pepper, 24, who graduated from Pampa High School, has always known he wanted to be involved in sports. While he was at Pampa High School he wrote for The Little Harvester and even The Pampa News on the side. While in the journalism program his instructor urged him to go to a school with a great journalism program. From there he decided to go to Northwestern University.

After graduating Northwestern in 2011, Pepper moved to Austin, Texas, where he became a camera operator at the Ce-

dar Park Center. Filming for the Texas Stars and Austin Toros, whose professional affiliates are the Dallas Stars and San Antonio Spurs, gave Pepper some experience in production.

"Regardless of what I was doing for a living whether it was selling cell phones or working in sales, I kept myself involved in sports by working for the arena," Pepper said.

Pepper moved back to Chicago and found out that Northwestern was hosting an information session for ESPN. Pepper had a couple friends who helped him through part of the interview process and Pepper has been a production assistant for ESPN since the start of the year.

"It's surreal," Pepper said. "It's amazing to finish working on something and then walk over to the Sportscenter set, interact with guys like John Buccigross or Stuart Scott and hand them the scripts for the segment or highlight package."

Pepper has been working in the highlights departments for the last three or four weeks and recently had a stretch where his highlight videos were featured on the 11 p.m. or 1 a.m. broadcasts of Sportscenter four to five nights in a row.

His favorite highlight package he put together was a Boston Bruins vs. Washington Capitals hockey package where he highlighted a defender making a block for a scoring play.

"I used some great technology to draw attention to a play that won't show up on the stat sheet but was definitely a difference-maker in the play," Pepper said.

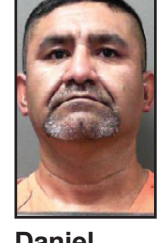
"The highlight package looked really good and I got good feedback and it was neat getting the highlight on the air."

Pepper also said there is a lot of things happening behind the scenes. He was a table away from NFL Insider Adam Schefter Tuesday and they asked if

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Eric Lewis



Daniel Jimenez

Abbott aims big on education reform, but he must aim carefully

BY ROSS RAMSEY
 The Texas Tribune

It's hard to campaign against the status quo — to do what Sarah Palin might call "that hopey-changey stuff" — when the leader of that status quo is an ally.

Consider the case of Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott — this year's Republican nominee for governor — trying to make a moon-shot proposal about public education. Looking for a big idea, Abbott has de-

ecided "to make Texas the No. 1 education system in the United States within 10 years."

You can't win the trophy for most improved unless you start somewhere below the ideal. And it's hard on political allies like Gov. Rick Perry if Abbott says they've been doing mediocre work for more than a decade.

Abbott can defend the "Texas Miracle" against Democratic opponent Wendy Davis' attacks, backing up the governor whenever he says Davis and the Democrats are running down the state's reputation. It's an appeal to Texas exceptionalism — or Texas patriotism — that

has worked for the GOP for years.

That will give Abbott some insulation when he takes exception to the state's achievements — or lack of them — in public and higher education. Davis is hoping to win the public education fight, leveraging her 2011 filibuster against school budget cuts. If Abbott makes a successful claim to education reform, he could undercut an important part of her pitch.

He could undercut Perry, too, assuming the governor is pitching a healthy education system as he finishes off his 14th year in the state's top office.

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Lesser prairie chicken briefing

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A briefing on how the oil and gas producers will be able to function within the bounds of a threatened listing with the Endangered Species Act will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Hemphill County Exhibition Center, 10865 Exhibition Center Road, in Canadian.

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ESPN

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Scheffer would be there for a show Wednesday and Scheffer said, "If the DeSean Jackson signing happens no, but if it doesn't, yeah, I can do your show." He has had the opportunity to meet some neat athletes-turned-analysts at ESPN too, such as Ryan Clark, who just went back

to playing for the Washington Redskins just a couple days ago. He was probably most star-struck when he got to meet legendary running back for the Pittsburgh Steelers Jerome Bettis. "I watched him score touchdowns from one-to-two yards and become known as 'The Bus,'" Pepper said. Pepper's advice to those hoping to get a gig at ESPN or any sports-

driven network is to stay involved with sports at all times. Pepper said there is a lot of opportunity at ESPN. "Keep working at it even if you don't get the job you're looking for," Pepper said. "For me to find it almost on luck, I always knew I would be working here from as far back when I was 10. I thought I'd be older and higher up, but I never thought I would be 24 and working here."

\$425M Powerball winner wants privacy

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The winner of one of the largest Powerball jackpots in history has finally come forward — but he still hasn't quite revealed his identity. B. Raymond Buxton, a Northern California man, waited more than a month to accept his prize on Tuesday at the California Lottery headquarters in Sacramento. In a photo taken after he claimed the money on Tuesday, Buxton was covering his face with an oversized check for \$425 million. Perhaps the only clue to his identity was his unusual shirt, which featured a picture of the Star Wars character Yoda and read, "Luck of the Jedi I have."

private life as best he can," Buxton's publicist Sam Singer told The Associated Press. "He was a solidly middle-class American, and today he is a solidly wealthy one." Buxton is hoping to remain out of the limelight and doesn't want to speak directly to the media, Singer said. He also won't reveal his age, address or what he did for a living until his very recent retirement. One reason that Buxton waited to come forward on April 1 — April Fool's Day — is simply that he has a healthy sense of humor, Singer said. "He still can't believe it's not a prank on him. But the reality is Ray Buxton is the winner." Another reason is that

Buxton has been working since February with an attorney and financial adviser to establish new bank accounts, set up a charity and sort out tax issues. "I'm going to enjoy my new job setting up a charitable foundation focused on the areas of pediatric health, child hunger and education," Buxton said Tuesday in a prepared statement. Buxton bought the sole winning ticket for the Feb. 19 drawing at the Dixon Landing Chevron station in the San Francisco Bay Area city of Milpitas, about 10 miles north of San Jose. Buxton was getting lunch at a Subway restaurant inside the station when he decided to buy another ticket because the jackpot was so large.

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Arson

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pus hearing to request that Jimenez' bonds be reduced. Over the past two years, the other five bond amounts for arson in district court have been \$50,000, \$15,000, \$10,000, \$7,500 and \$3,500. In comparison to the arson bonds, Joshua Keith Rigo, who in late January was convicted for the murder of Lefors resident Kristi Dawn Slatten, was held on a \$500,000 bond for his murder charge. Rigo was convicted by a jury in the 31st District Court. Sometimes high bonds are set when the court believes a suspect is a flight risk. Warner said Jimenez is not a flight risk, because he

did not skip town when he was released on bond for two previous charges and also because Jimenez has family in Pampa. Warner said although both men are charged with arson, there are differences between the cases. Lewis is accused of setting vacant lots on fire, while Jimenez is accused of setting fire to a house valued at \$20,000 by the appraisal district. On March 17, Jimenez wrote a letter to Judge Phil Vanderpool asking for a bond-reduction hearing. Jimenez also wrote that he is a working man who wants to get back to his family. In court documents, Warner wrote that neither the Pampa fire marshal nor the state fire marshal could state how the fire was started. Also, according to a state laboratory, Warner said, there was no evidence

that an accelerant was used. Warner also wrote the possibility that the fire's cause was electrical has not been ruled out. In court documents, investigators state that Jimenez and his wife had an argument at the house on the day of the fire and that Eva left the house, leaving Jimenez alone in the house. Thirty minutes later, a home alarm system company notified Eva and police of a house fire at the residence. When fire personnel arrived at the house, it was engulfed in flames. Video footage from a nearby store showed Jimenez in close proximity to the residence at the time of the fire, according to court documents. Investigators said a witness told them Jimenez was within one block of the house while it was on fire.

Abbott

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State Sen. Dan Patrick doesn't have this problem — he's running against an incumbent, which allows him to rage against the machine in a way that many other Republicans cannot. Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst has been in office since 2003; challengers can blame any problems they see on the current management. Ken Paxton or Dan Branch, who are in a Republican primary runoff for attorney general, could get a little of what Abbott is getting, if Democratic candidate Sam Houston is able to draw the GOP nominee into a November fight. The winner of the GOP runoff will, in a sense, be running for Abbott's fourth term as attorney general. Houston might be more willing to talk about changes than his Republican opponent; Abbott, first elected in 2002, compiled a strong enough record there — at least with Republican voters — to make him their pre-emptive

favorite for governor. Campaigning against Abbott's record in front of that same crowd would put a fellow Republican in an awkward position. Kind of like the position Abbott himself is in right now. The attorney general candidates have an easier time of this. The race for governor is different. Even with U.S. Senate and congressional races above it on the ballot, the governor's race is the main event in Texas in nonpresidential election years. It is the contest most likely to get attention inside and outside the state. If Perry is testing public interest in another run for president, everybody else who is doing the same thing will be particularly interested in anything negative about his tenure at the top of state government, especially if it's coming from another Republican. Reform might be a great and popular idea. Both gubernatorial candidates are looking at education, and both have found some political obstacles. Davis is trying to find a way to talk

about improvements without talking about higher spending. That is bringing some heat from Abbott who unveiled an ad this week razzing her for not putting price tags on her proposals. He will have the same issue as he unveils his own proposals, if he doesn't price them as he goes (he has been, so far), or if the price tags are bigger than voters would like. And he has an obstacle that Davis doesn't. She is completely comfortable campaigning against Perry's record on education and a number of other issues. Abbott has to act carefully, finding a way to suggest improvements interesting and dramatic enough to get voter attention while making sure he isn't blasting the government built by his ally, the current governor. If they thought there was nothing wrong with it, neither of the two candidates would be talking about reform. Both have to find a way to talk about the costs involved, but only one has to worry about what the current governor thinks.

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Friday: Mostly sunny with a high of 66. Winds northwest at 7 mph. Sunrise at 7:26 a.m.

Friday night: Partly cloudy with a low of 37. Chance of rain: 10 percent. Winds south at 13 mph. Sunset at 8:08 p.m.

Saturday: Few showers and wind with a high of 57. Chance of rain: 30 percent. Winds south-southeast at 21 mph. Sunrise at 7:25 a.m.

Saturday night: Partly cloudy with a low of 36. Chance of rain: 10 percent. Winds south-southeast at 17 mph. Sunset at 8:09 p.m.

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Obituaries

Nancy Davis

Nancy Davis, formerly of Pampa, passed away Jan. 19, 2014 in Tucson, Ariz.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 5, 2014, at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in Pampa, with Rev. Mark Lang and Rev. Charles Smith, co-celebrants, officiating.

She was born March 6, 1923 in Emporia, Kan. to William and Esther Teichgraeber. She graduated from Roosevelt High School in Emporia and earned her Bachelor of Fine Arts at the University of Kansas in Lawrence, Kan. She married Billy B. Davis of Pampa on Nov. 2, 1946 in Emporia. She had a long and happy life with her family, was a member of the Women of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church and the 20th Century Study Club, gave personal art instruction, and was active with Boy Scouts of America when her sons were participants.

She lives in our hearts and memories, in the wonderful art she created, and in the lives she touched with her grace and kindness. When asked in recent years how she would like to be remembered, she wanted her family and community to know she was "a very happy woman because of a happy fulfilled marriage, and that she found joy in her creativity and in helping people. One perfect marriage, two perfect sons." When asked what she would miss most, she replied, "family."

She is survived by her son James of Golden, Colo., her son Robert and grandson Alexander both of Tucson, Ariz., and her brother Theodore Teichgraeber of Milford, Conn. Nancy was preceded in death by her husband Bill and her brother James Teichgraeber.

Please make any memorial contributions to the charity of your choice in the memory of a woman whose life was a gift to all of us.

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

Carolyn Horne

Carolyn Horne, 72, went to be with her Heavenly Father Tuesday, April 1, 2014, in Pampa.

Services will be 10 a.m. Friday, April 4, 2014, at Central Baptist Church with Pastor Worley Kennedy, of Faith

Bible Church, officiating.

Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.



Carolyn Horne

Mrs. Horne was born Nov. 30, 1941 in Big Spring. Carolyn married Dr. William "Bill" Horne on June 13, 1964 in Big Spring. She has been a resident of Pampa since 1971. Carolyn was a member of Faith Bible Church and was a homemaker. She was preceded in death by her parents, Rubert and Clara Halbrook and a grandson, Blake Anderson Imel. The family would like to thank Deborah Ferrell and the staff at Interim Hospice of their loving care.

Survivors include her husband, Dr. William "Bill" Horne of the home; two daughters, Laura Green and husband Guy of Pampa and Marci Imel of Amarillo; a sister-in-law, Anita Vaughn and husband Don of Big Spring; four grandchildren, Eden Fowler and husband Dan, Jacob Green and Jordan Green all of Pampa, Hailey Diamond and husband Michael and Tucker Imel all of Amarillo; four great-grandchildren, Cayla Diamond, Trae Diamond and Devari Diamond all of Amarillo and Clara Fowler of Pampa and adopted by heart, Kelly Ferguson and husband Dan of Lubbock.

Memorials may be made to The Hope and Healing Place, 1721 S. Tyler, Amarillo, Texas 79109, Community Christian School, 300 W. Browning, Pampa, Texas 79065 or Faith Bible Church Library, P.O. Box 1645, Pampa, Texas 79066.

Please sign the online register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

Jimmy "Lucky" Rhodes

Jimmy "Lucky" Rhodes, 68, of Pampa, died Sunday, March 30, 2014 in Pampa.

Memorial services will be announced at a later date. Cremation and arrangements are by Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Rhodes was born April 14, 1945 in Claremore, Oklahoma. He had been a resident of Pampa since 1997, moving from Fritch. He was a long haul truck driver for Douglas Trucking, Caprock Trucking, and Swift Trucking for over 16 years. Jimmy was a veteran of the U. S. Navy, serving during the Vietnam War.

Survivors include his wife, Laura King, of the home; a stepson, Eric King of Pampa; a stepdaughter, Brianne King of Oklahoma City; two sons, Shane Rhodes of California and Cody Rhodes of Oregon; a daughter, Sabrina Rhodes of Oregon; a brother, Archie Rhodes, Jr. and wife Mary of Hooker, Oklahoma; two sisters, Judy Douglas of Amarillo and Sheryl Rhodes of Dalhart; several grandchildren including Athena Anderson, Kora Tipton, Skyler King, and Celeste Muller. Jimmy was preceded in death by his parents, Archie and Lorene Rhodes, a brother, Danny Rhodes, and a nephew, Steven Rhodes.

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Tales from the Final Frontier

■ A spoiler-free preview of 'Game of Thrones' season four.

The moment that fans of HBO's smash-hit, "Game of Thrones," based on the book series "A Song of Ice and Fire," have been waiting for comes to fruition this Sunday at 8 p.m. Thanks to network producers showing they aren't completely evil, we won't have to choose between "The Walking Dead" and GoT because "The Walking Dead" finished last week.

I promised this would be spoiler-free, unfortunately I just meant I won't spoil this season for you. I will, however, need to recap season three of the epic series.

Let's address the proverbial elephant in the room. Who can forget the traumatic event known as the Red Wedding. Robb Stark, Catelyn Stark and the rest of Robb's army were horrifically massacred at the hands of the Frey's at the Twins.

By the way, Robb's pregnant wife, Talisa (Jeyne in the books), was also murdered at the Red Wedding, a cog the TV show threw in probably to end the notion of stopping the Stark line. To make matters even worse, Arya Stark, who had been out in the middle of nowhere until Sandor Clegane had taken her, was at the door steps of the Twins. So now she is back to square one and looking for her next opportunity to get revenge on everyone who has wronged her family.

Staying with the northerners, Bran and Rickon have just separated and, no spoilers, where I am half-way through "A Dance With Dragons," we have no clue what Rickon is doing. But we do know that Bran is north of The Wall and looking for the three-eyed Raven.

He is also mastering his warg ability. He has already shown a strong connection with his direwolf, Summer. To finish off the Stark kids we now have Sansa, out of her betrothal to the boy-king Joffery, now married to Tyrion Lannister. She is starting to become friends with Joffery's betrothed wife Margaery Tyrell, whose grandmother is very leery of the Lannisters.

It will be interesting to see how the marriage of Tyrion and Sansa evolves Tyrion, after all, has compassion for the Stark girl and likes her and has protected her from Joffery on more than one occasion.

Speaking of the young brat that everyone can't wait to hate again, Joffery is having a hard time with his grandfather and patriarch of the Lannister family, Tywin. My favorite line, coming from Tyrion to Tywin, "You just sent the most powerful man in Westeros to bed without his supper."

Tywin, both in the books and on the show, has always been one of my favorite characters. He seems to be the only Lannister besides Tyrion who knows how to play the game. Besides, it was Tywin who was behind the Red Wedding and getting Jamie Lannister back.

I hope that there is sympathy out there for Jaime Lannister now. Jamie **GOT** cont. on page 6

Obama and the 'hipster elite'

Politico reported something interesting before President Barack Obama met with Pope Francis: "The visit is a rare chance for Obama to associate himself with a world leader whose cool factor far outweighs his own."

It's rare for pundits to admit that someone else might top their revered Barack in the coolness category. They're equating coolness and popularity, and the pope certainly polls much better than the president, which is no surprise these days.

Liberals have developed a collective man crush on Pope Francis, even though he hasn't budged an inch on the church's teachings. The Catholic Church is just as "homophobic" as ever in its defense of marriage and just as "intolerant" as ever in its defense of human life.

But Francis is cool. It is a terrible indictment of our culture that what is deemed to be "cool" by the media becomes so important in our national discourse. "Coolness" elects presidents. Fox News personality Greg Gutfeld has a new book out called "Not Cool: The Hipster Elite and Their War On You."

On Fox Business, Gutfeld explained, "You hear John McCain was a war hero. He was a prisoner of war, but he was an old white guy. That's not cool. So, you vote for the young, historically significant candidate, so that election I believe was based on making a cool choice."

And in 2012? "I think it happened again with Mitt Romney, who is a capable person. He was a governor, he was a businessman but he was boring and he's a Mormon. That's so boring and you want somebody edgy and interesting, and again, if you didn't vote for the cool person you could also be called a bigot."

If the closing weeks of the 2012 campaign were a coolness contest, Romney was not only routed; he surrendered. Every "cool" place Obama went, Romney didn't dare to go. For Obama, it was the softest of softballs for interviews. For Romney, every stop was a potential bear trap. Obama went to Nickel-

odeon to be interviewed by liberal former TV news reporter Linda Ellerbee and children. Romney did not. Obama went on MTV to be interviewed by veejay Sway Calloway and college-age voters. Romney would not. Obama was fawned over by David Letterman. Time magazine described it as "pretty much like a stump speech with prompts from Letterman and commercial breaks." Romney, who knew Letterman hated him, did not. Obama was doing radio shows Romney wouldn't touch, like Miami's "Pimp With a Limp."

The result of a coolness gap? Obama beat McCain in the 18-to-29 demographic in the exit polls by 66-32 in 2008, and then thumped Romney 60-37 in 2012. This explains why, as Obamacare sinks, Obama's back on "The Ellen DeGeneres Show" and phoning in to Ryan Seacrest's radio program and exchanging quips on "Between Two Ferns" with comic actor Zach Galifianakis. It underlines the limited power of coolness: Young voters picked Obama and now reject signing up for Obamacare, when he really needs them.

The dignity of the office is in shambles. But man, the dude is cool.

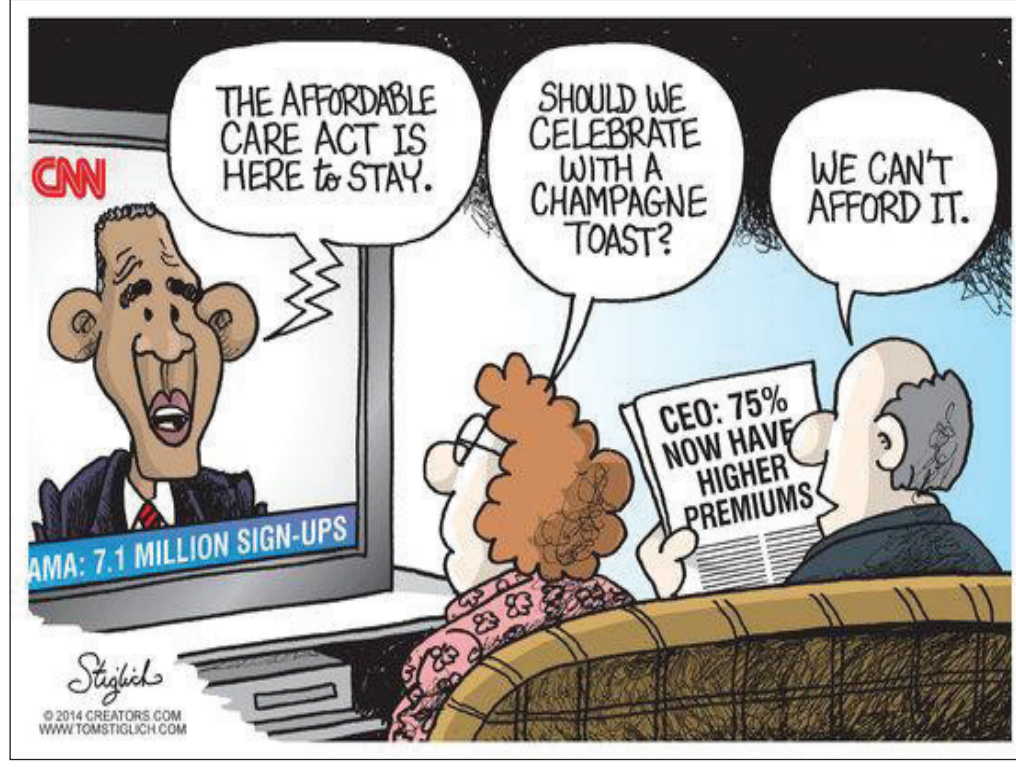
Who is this "hipster elite" that manufactures cool? Gutfeld says it's a media-academic-government complex. They all come from college campuses and teach "what is cool is the subversion of the normal, the subversion of tradition. The great thing about their life is that they can tell you everything sucks that came before, without ever having to replace it. So they make fun of your parents, they make fun of religion, they make fun of actual work." They only like jobs where they just talk or "community organize."

One can imagine that young voters with rising health-care premiums and insane levels of college-loan debt might turn on Obama as time goes on. But that hipster elite packs a wallop of media power. They can't make socialism work, but they can make it sound awfully hip for a while.

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Pedophile: What does it mean and when should it be used?

SUBMITTED BY WOMEN AGAINST REGISTRY

How does one convey the proper use of a tired and overworked word to those who have the eyes and ears in the state of Texas? Women Against Registry, a national organization of wives, mothers, girlfriends, grand-mothers and other family members of registrants would like to make the media and ultimately the public aware of the effects that this misapplied term has on their families. Our families face many obstacles; Having our homes set on fire, our children beaten, signs placed in our yards, people driving by shouting obscenities, rude gestures, vehicles/property damaged, asked to leave our churches and other organizations, children passed over for educational opportunities, flyers distributed around our neighborhoods, wives lose their jobs when someone learns they are married to a registrant and even murder by self-proclaimed heroes who more accurately are vigilante criminals. The media carries this message to the public who then contact their legislators to protect children from all the "pedophiles." The uneducated information the media disseminates to the public is driving wedges in society and causing people harm.

What is pedophilia?
Pedophilia is a diagnostic term utilized by the

psychiatric community to define a specific type of mental disorder. As such, the term had originally been intended to identify a clinical entity in a way that would both facilitate research and guide treatment. Although in the absence of treatment the condition can predispose illegal behaviors, in and of itself pedophilia is not inevitably associated with criminal misconduct. Nevertheless, nowadays the term has taken on an unintended meaning in society's collective consciousness — a demonizing pejorative that stigmatizes those manifesting the condition. To many in contemporary society, the term pedophilia connotes a criminal mind-set, rather than a mental disorder. (From the "American Journal of Forensic Psychiatry, Volume 32, Issue 2, 2011.)

What does pedophile mean?

A pedophile is a person who has a sustained sexual orientation toward children, generally aged 13 or younger. Not all pedophiles are child molesters (or vice versa). "Child molesters are defined by their acts; pedophiles are defined by their desires," Blanchard says. "Some pedophiles refrain from sexually approaching any child for their entire lives."

But it's not clear how common that is. (Ray Blanchard, PhD, adjunct psychiatry professor at the University of Toronto.)

What is a sexual predator?

While the term "sexual predator" is sometimes used to describe anybody who obtains sexual contact via less-than-honest means, the term has a clear legal connotation, as well. Used to refer to both potential sex criminals and those who have a history of committing sexual crimes, the term is sometimes confusing to those outside law enforcement.

Who are the registrants?

According to the NC-MEC, as of December 2013 there were 769,402 men, women and children as young as 6 years old on the registry nationally with more being added at record-breaking rates. The increased growth of registrants is creating an impossible workload for law enforcement. The state of Texas makes up 78,869 of the above total registered citizens. The "sexual offenses" across the nation can range from urinating in public (indecent exposure), sexting, incest, mooning, exposure, false accusations by a soon-to-be ex-wife, angry girlfriend, spiteful students, viewing abusive/suggestive images of anyone 18 years old or younger, playing doctor, prostitution, solicitation, Romeo and Juliet consensual relationships, rape, endangering the welfare of a child and many others. More and more higher courts are declaring some of the laws unconstitutional. Women Against

Registry believes when a person has been convicted, paid their debt to society and are living a law-abiding life they should be allowed to move on and become a contributing, tax-paying citizen.

Kimberly DuBina, W.A.R. Director states, "According to the Bureau of Justice Statistics the recidivism (re-offense) rate for a new sexual offense is 5.3 percent BUT, the conviction rate is 3 percent."

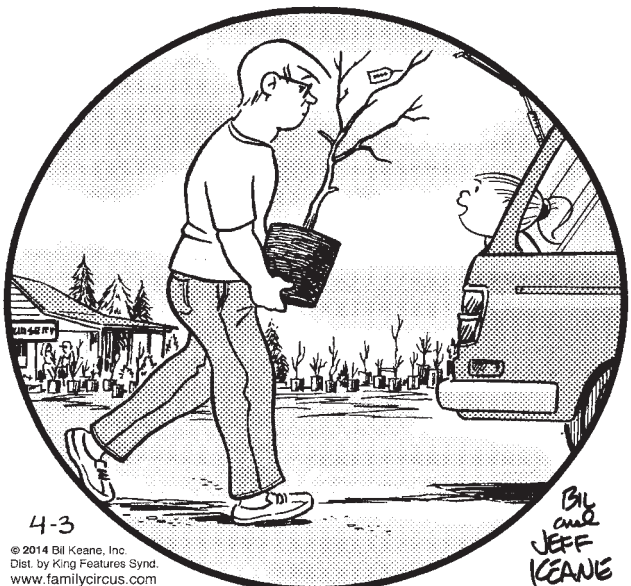
Many law enforcement, child abuse task force personnel and even victims' right advocates are informing the public that 95 percent of sexual offenses occur within the family, their friends or those close to children which never get reported. Lawmakers have become increasingly fruitful when writing legislation built around a few high-profile crimes involving children.

It is clear from this review of recent policies enacted to protect communities from sexual violence that the proliferation of well-intentioned political efforts to curb sexual violence has led to the creation of laws lacking a solid evidence base. Although additional community-based studies are needed, research to date indicates after 15 years, laws have little impact on recidivism rates and the incidence of sexually based crimes. The most significantly noted impact

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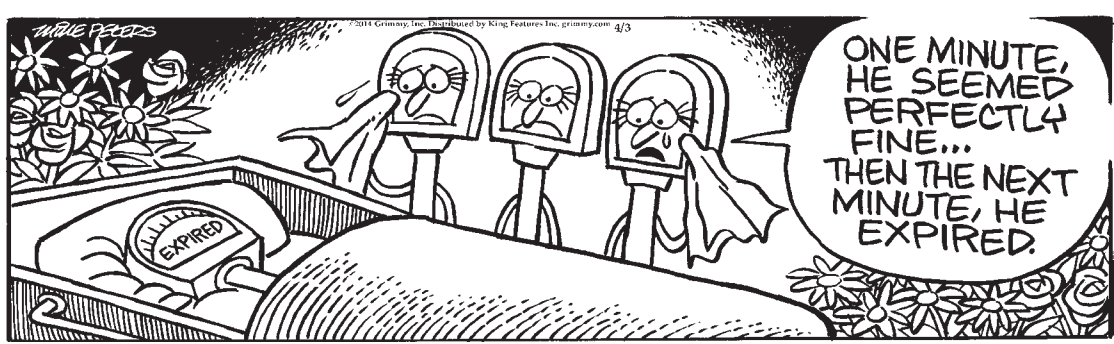
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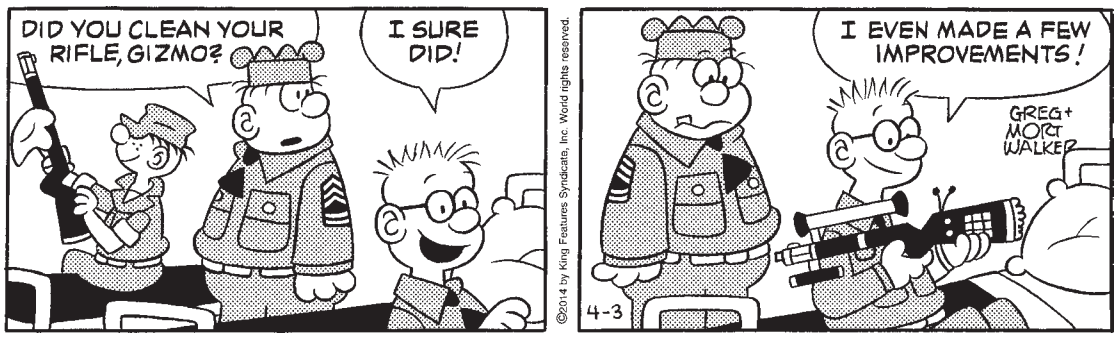
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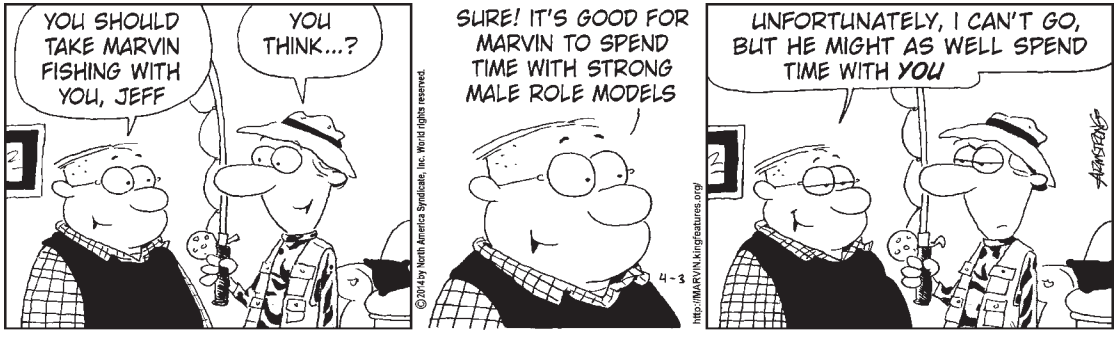
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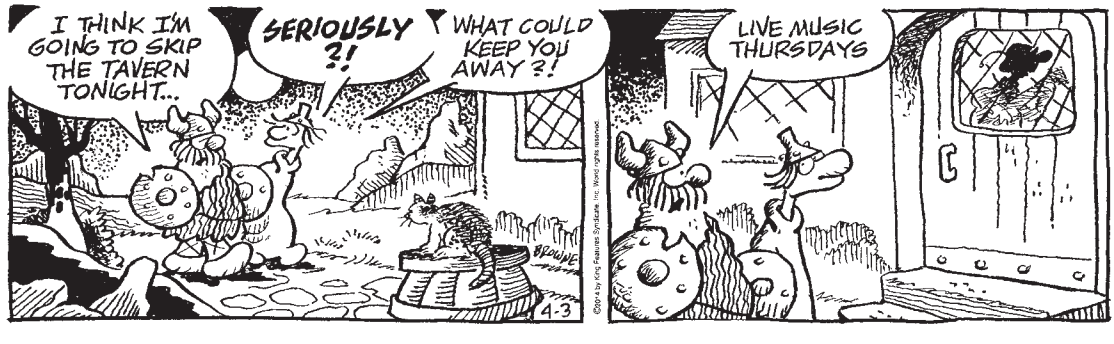
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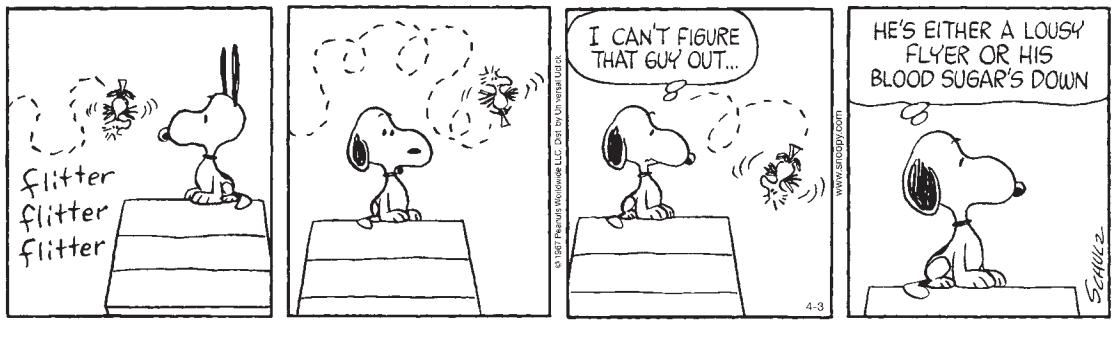
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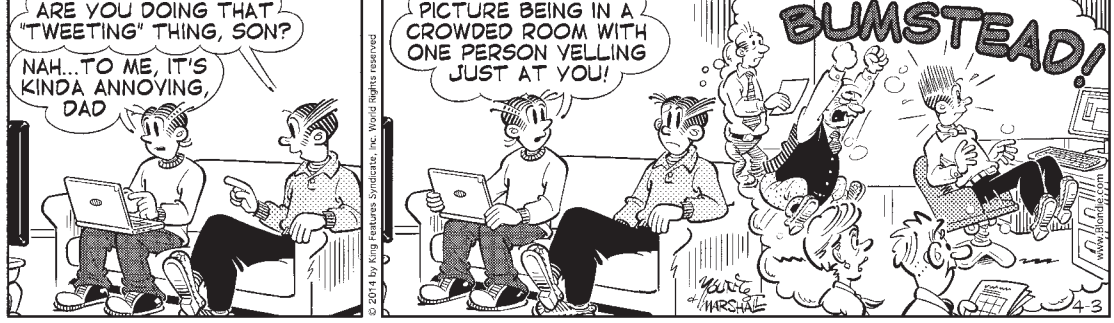
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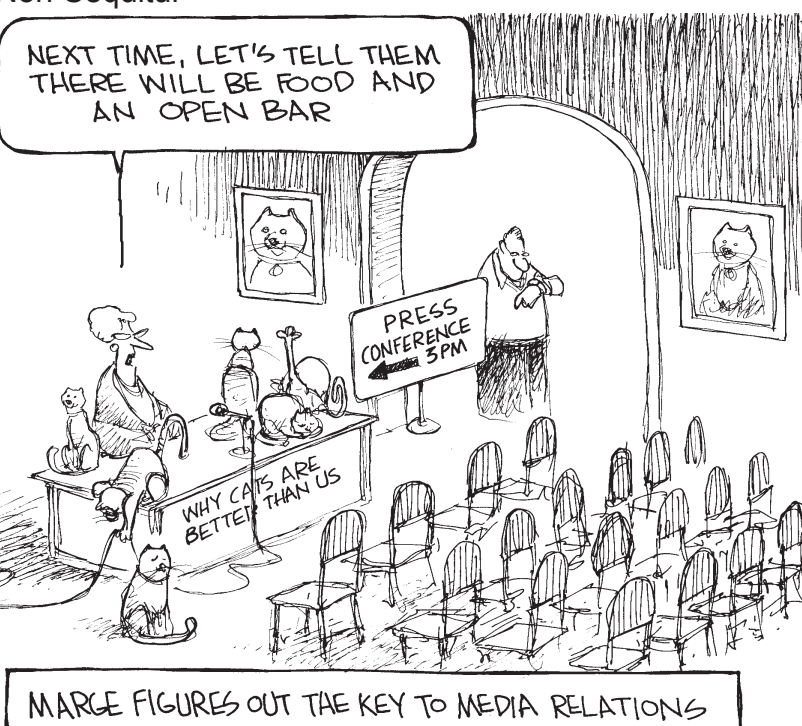
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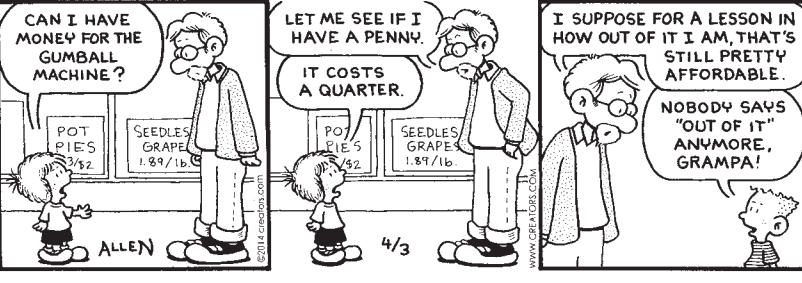


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daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, April 4, 2014:
This year you are full of surprises. You will receive your fair share of them, too. Sometimes you feel as though a friend, relative or boss expects you to respond to him or her at the drop of a hat. You could feel manipulated as a result. Try working through this issue together. If you are single, you could attract someone who is a lot like you. Being too similar could become irritating, though, and as a result, you might decide to move on. If you are attached, you often find your sweetie putting on war paint. Learn to air out problems when they begin, and both of you will be happier. GEMINI makes you laugh.
The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult
ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Return calls and make important decisions that surround your plans. Someone you look up to could cause a problem. Realize what is happening: The other party feels threatened and does not want to be dominated. Listen carefully to a suggestion. Tonight: A must appearance.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ A lot has been happening, and you keep gaining new insights. Use some of your intuitive ability with your interactions. Listen to feedback that is heading in your direction, and focus on the risks of taking action. You will make an excellent decision if you do. Tonight: Your treat.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You're likely to attract someone who has a different point of view and a creative, unique approach. Go along with this person's suggestion. You have thought so much about a project that you easily could be blindsided and not see the obvious. Tonight: Start the weekend in style.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Know when to kick back and not push so hard. A partner and/or an associate could become unusually controlling. You know when to say "enough." Recognize your limits, and let others clearly know your boundaries. Tonight: Make it private.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You have an opportunity to make a popular decision. Do not hesitate, and move forward. Keep others posted -- that is, if you want to continue this kind of support and interaction.

You are more direct and fiery than you realize. Tonight: Go with tradition.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Pressure seems to build quickly, and it could put you in an uncomfortable situation. Be aware of what others think, especially someone you need to answer to. Avoid overspending when trying to straighten out a problem. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Confirm plans. You might need to make a long-distance call or two. Someone might not be as responsive as you would like. Is this a pattern? You might want to resolve the issue or perhaps make an adjustment to your plans. Tonight: Opt for something new.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ A partner might be demanding, as he or she seems to need a lot from you. It's up to you to decide whether this is manipulation. Express your irritation without upsetting the applecart. Avoid being standoffish or withdrawn. Tonight: A close encounter.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Others do whatever they need to do to get your attention. You could be shocked by what goes on. Be careful with your funds, as someone you deal with might not be on the up and up. A friend could be too assertive for your taste. Tonight: So many invitations.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Pace yourself, and establish some much-needed boundaries. What you do with a situation could impress others. Realize that you don't need to support yourself in what you want. Be sensitive to the alternatives. Tonight: In the limelight.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Be playful and forthright in what you do. Somehow, you will need to open up to the lighter side of life. You hear so many problems from so many people that you could start to feel down. Listen to what someone is sharing with you. Tonight: Time to frolic.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You'll want to accomplish more; however, a loved one could be very distracting. Listen to news with an open mind and a more caring attitude. Do not fall prey to someone's manipulation. Honor a change. Tonight: Say "yes" to being out and about.

Pedophile

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of these laws seems to be the numerous collateral consequences for communities, registered sex offenders (including a potential increased risk for recidivism), and their family members.

Dr. Jill Levenson, in the Collateral Damage — Family of Registered Sex Offender Impact Study, said, "In contrast to the guidelines set forth by the Adam Walsh Act, evidence-based sex crime policies which employ empirically validated risk-assessment strategies would be more apt to accomplish goals of public safety and successful reintegration."

W.A.R. has begun

"Pushing Back" on laws, restrictions and especially media fear-mongering which is annihilating our families.

Vicki Henry, president, says, "Each time the media misuses the word pedophile it diminishes a registrant family's chance of successful reintegration." She went on to say, "We are concerned about all children and are actively collaborating with other organizations on prevention messages and programs."

We are at a tipping point where reason must be applied to this runaway train of laws that are demolishing everything in its path.

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revealed last season that the reason he is called "The Kingslayer" is because when Aerys Targaryen, "The Mad King," was going to order King's Landing burned to the ground while the city was being sacked by Lannister forces, Eddard Stark saw him murder Aerys. Eddard Labeled him "The Kingslayer" despite the fact Jamie saved millions of lives in doing so.

With that in mind, Jamie has returned to King's Landing thanks to Brienne of Tarth. In the books, Jamie keeps his rugged looks. I am convinced that is symbolic for someone who truly developed as a character, but season four trailers show he shaves the beard and cuts

his hair and looks like Jamie of old.

But if it holds true to the book, he will continue to go through some serious character development, including a special mission he sends Brienne on, which should be mid-way through the season.

Cersei Lannister will continue to be herself. She will find a rival in King's Landing though, whom she has already butted heads with a few times.

Now let's head to The Wall where the fan favorite Jon Snow just returned. Just for fun, when I read the scene where he escapes the wildlings, I envisioned it in a thunderstorm.

It didn't get filmed that way and that is just one way the books are more fun sometimes. But he returns to The Wall and he will soon be finding an ally that will

be rather unexpected.

In the Iron-born realm, Theon Greyjoy, poor Theon, is still being tortured by who m was recently revealed to be Roose Bolton's illegitimate son Ramsay.

The tortures just started happening in the book with "A Dance of Dragons" and let me just say, the torturing is far worse in the book than on TV, and that is saying something.

For those who may have forgotten, Roose is also the guy who was the middleman between the Lannisters and the Freys in the slaying of Robb Stark's army. Roose even admits that Ramsay is definitely far more wicked and twisted than himself.

But Theon's sister Yara, Asha in the books (not to be confused with Osha), is setting sail to free her brother, which hasn't happened in the books yet.

Now how can we forget Daenerys, she is making her way through Slaver's Bay in Essos. She has just taken Yunkai and Astapor last season but still has one more city left in the bay, Meeren.

Dany is not making any friends in the bay, however, with her liberating ways. But she is building an army with her liberated soldiers and it seems to be only a matter of time before she can set sail to Westeros and take what's rightfully hers, the Iron Throne.

Game of Thrones premieres Sunday at 8 p.m. on HBO.

Let me know what you think will happen this season or what you are looking forward to (if you have read the books.)

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Gray County divorce decrees — March 1-31

STAFF REPORT

• Plaintiff: Pamela Sue Allen, defendant: Kenneth Ray Allen. Filed: March 4.

• Plaintiff: Ricky Joe Diaz, defendant: Anna Jimenez Diaz. Filed: March 6.

• Plaintiff: Rosa Garcia, defendant: Anna Arthur

Garcia. Filed: March 19.

• Plaintiff: Jose Martin Hernandez, defendant: Sylvia F. Hernandez. Filed: March 20.

• Plaintiff: Russell Patrick Tillian, defendant: Elena Michaellovna Titavenko. Filed: March 20.

• Plaintiff: Juan Carlos Salazar, defendant: Danita

Yvonne Salazar. Filed: March 20.

• Plaintiff: Ricky Antonio Josue Acosta, defendant: Jocelyn Pamela Acosta. Filed: March 20.

• Plaintiff: Tori Lyn Lackey, defendant: Brady Alan Lackey. Filed: March 20.

• Plaintiff: Adam Thom-

as Mull, defendant: Jacqueline Nicole Mull. Filed: March 20.

• Plaintiff: Mary Selina Smith, defendant: Rodney Gene Smith. Filed: March 20.

• Plaintiff: Lisette A. Cortez, defendant: Sergio Orlando Cortez. Filed: March 25.

For the record Pampa man arrested on assault charges

STAFF REPORT

Alton Glen Cook, 31, Pampa, was arrested Tuesday by the Gray County Sheriff's Office for assault with intent of causing bodily injury to a family member.

• Alice Acosta Garcia, 44,

Pampa, was arrested Tuesday by the Department of Public Safety for burglary of a habitation — Midland County.

• Damien Cox, 51, Pampa, was arrested Tuesday by the Pampa Police Department for failure to appear — family violence.

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DPS joins nationwide 'Drive to Save Lives' campaign

SUBMITTED BY DPS

AUSTIN — The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is partnering with the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), United States Department of Transportation (DOT), and fellow state police and highway patrol leaders from more than 40 states to promote the "Drive to Save Lives" campaign to help reduce highway fatalities across the country this year.

"Drive to Save Lives" is a united effort by state police and highway patrol leaders to reduce highway fatalities by 15 percent in 2014. Tragically, more than 33,000 deaths occur each year on our nation's roadways. Highway fatalities rank as one of the top 12 causes of death in the United States and it is the leading cause of death among teens.

"The Texas Department of Public Safety is proud to join our partners across the country in an effort to reduce the number of highway fatalities, because as we know, most crashes are preventable," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "This program is an important initiative to help impact the behavior of drivers, and ultimately save lives."

As Texas' population continues to grow at a substantial rate — with approximately 1,200 individuals moving here each day — the number of roadway travelers is also on the rise. From 2012 to 2013, the number of total crashes in Texas increased 6.3 percent from 417,637 to 443,793, and fatal crashes increased from 3,032 to 3,035, according to preliminary crash data.

In an effort to decrease highway fatalities, "Drive to Save Lives" participants will make data driven decisions; focus on the use of seat belts and speeding; and target impaired and distracted driving. This effort will also include enforcement actions against the unsafe driving behaviors of the operators of large trucks and buses, and working to change the high-risk behaviors of motorists that lead to

crashes through education and awareness, partnerships and high-visibility traffic enforcement.

"The IACP is thrilled to partner with the U.S. Department of Transportation on the 'Drive to Save Lives' campaign," said Chief Yousry "Yost" Zakhary, IACP President. "During my 34 years as a law enforcement officer, I have responded to far too many crashes caused by speeding and witnessed too many deaths because drivers and/or passengers were not wearing their seat belts, and because of impaired and distracted driving. Crashes are preventable — and that is what this campaign aims to do. Prevent them from occurring in the first place. Through our partnership, we will work to reduce highway deaths in 2014, and the coming years, because even one death is too many."

"Last year, we lost 33,000 lives on our nation's roads, many of them because of drunk driving and from people not wearing seatbelts, speeding, and driving distracted," said U.S. Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx. "That's why I'm pleased to join the International Association of Chiefs of Police in its ambitious goal to reduce highway fatalities by 15 percent. The Department of Transportation stands ready to do its part to help them achieve it."

Another major element of "Drive to Save Lives" is officer safety, as traffic-related incidents are the leading cause of line-of-duty deaths of law enforcement officers.

"This coordinated effort with IACP, U.S. DOT and our state law enforcement partners will become a force multiplier in keeping our roads safe, as well as the brave men and women putting their lives on the line every day to protect our communities," said Director McCraw.

"Drive to Save Lives" will be an ongoing effort to prevent the needless deaths that occur on our roadways each year. Follow the campaign on Twitter at #Drive2SaveLives.

TWC's Civil Rights Division to present at two events in April

■ April designated as National Fair Housing Month.

SUBMITTED

AUSTIN — The Texas Workforce Commission's Civil Rights Division (TWC's CRD) will present at two Texas conferences in April to honor National Fair Housing Month and remind Texans that the Federal Fair Housing Act and the Texas Fair Housing Act ensure that all individuals have equal access to housing. These acts prohibit discrimination in

housing based on disability, race, color, religion, national origin, sex and familial status. TWC's CRD, which enforces fair housing laws, resolved more than 343 cases involving allegations of housing discrimination in Fiscal Year 2013.

TWC's CRD Director Lowell Keig will provide the keynote address at the City of Garland Fair Housing Month Luncheon on April 7 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at The Atrium at Granville Arts Center, located at 300 N. Fifth St. in Garland. Registration is required, but the conference is free and open to anyone with an interest in fair housing or civil rights issues.

TWC's CRD also will co-host the "Fair Housing Matters" conference with the City of Austin Equal Employment and Fair Housing Office on April 11 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Asian American Resource Center located at 8401 Cameron Road in Austin. The conference will highlight the latest developments and trends in fair housing discrimination. Registration for the event is \$40 and includes a light breakfast, full lunch and conference materials. Members of the Austin Apartment Association may receive up to 3.5 Continuing Learning Education hours for attending. For more information and to register, visit <http://austintexas.gov/fairhousingconference>.

Complaints filed by prospective renters or home buyers can include denial to rent or purchase housing, or being told housing is unavailable when it is on the market.

Other discriminatory practices include being shown apartments or homes only in certain neighborhoods, or being refused information about mortgage loans. Additionally, housing providers and homeowners' associations must allow occupants with disabilities to make reasonable structural modifications to residences that would enable full accessibility of the premises.

Texas pushes to keep execution drug source secret

HOUSTON (AP) — Texas is set to execute its first inmate with a new batch of drugs, but the state prison agency remains determined to keep its supplier a secret, citing threats of violence to pharmacies that sell drugs used in lethal injections.

Since obtaining a new supply of the drug pentobarbital two weeks ago, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice had cited unspecified security concerns in refusing to disclose the source and other details about the sedative it plans to use to put inmates to death.

But in a brief filed Tuesday with the state attorney general's office, Patricia Fleming, an assistant general counsel for the Texas prison system, argued that a supplier in another state received a specific threat of physical violence.

"An individual threatened to blow up a truck full

of fertilizer outside a pharmacy supplying substances to be used in executions," Fleming wrote.

As such, she argued, an open-records request filed by an attorney for a condemned inmate seeking the drugmaker's identity should not be granted.

Questions about the source of drugs used by states to carry out lethal injections have arisen in several states in recent months as numerous drugmakers — particularly in Europe, where opposition is strongest to capital punishment — have refused to sell their products if they will be used to carry out executions.

That has led several U.S. prison systems to compounding pharmacies, which are not as heavily regulated by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration as more conventional pharmacies.

A batch of pentobarbital Texas purchased from such a compounding pharmacy in suburban Houston expired at the end of March. That pharmacy refused to sell the state any more drugs, citing threats it received after its name was made public. That led Texas to its new, undisclosed supplier.

An attorney for inmate Ramiro Hernandez-Llanas, set to die later this month, had filed an open-records request with the Department of Criminal Justice March 11 seeking the name of that supplier.

The agency had until March 25 to either provide the records, set a specific date to provide them or seek a decision from the attorney general's office that would allow it to withhold the information.

In three past such opinions, the attorney general's office has directed the

agency to release records about its lethal injection drugs. Fleming, in the request filed Tuesday, argued that circumstances have changed since 2012, the last time the attorney general's office said the information should be disclosed.

"It is the (prison system's) opinion that release of the information at issue creates a risk of physical harm to pharmacy personnel and customers in and surrounding the pharmacy," she wrote.

Lauren Bean, a spokeswoman for Attorney General Greg Abbott, said before receipt of Fleming's request that the office had 45 business days to reply.

That timing is an issue for both Hernandez-Llanas and Tommy Lynn Sells, who is scheduled for execution on Thursday.

"Even for the fastest court case you could ever imagine under the Public

Information Act, it would involve weeks at least, and probably more like months before you ever get to a ... hearing in it," said Bill Aleshire, an Austin attorney experienced in open government issues.

Unwilling to wait, attorneys for both men asked a federal court on Tuesday to either force state prison officials to disclose the drug source or delay the executions while the issue is addressed.

The inmates "are entitled to discover how the state plans to put them to death," said attorneys Jonathan Ross and Maurie Levin.

Last week, they won an order from a state court that directed prison officials to identify the new provider of pentobarbital, but only to attorneys for the two prisoners. The Texas Supreme Court put that order on hold on Friday and set a deadline for briefs that will

arrive after the Sells and Hernandez-Llanas' scheduled execution dates.

The federal lawsuit filed Tuesday asked the court to compel the agency to immediately disclose the drug source information so the sedatives can be tested to determine they are "safe and will reliably perform their function, or if they are tainted, counterfeited, expired, or compromised in some other way."

It also seeks a court order halting the two executions so the inmates are "able to litigate their right to be executed in a manner devoid of cruel and unusual pain," the lawyers said.

State attorneys have argued the new drugs have been tested and fall within acceptable ranges for potency. Last month, the U.S. Supreme Court rejected similar arguments from a Missouri death row inmate who was later put to death.

Obits

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Brett Anthony Montgomery

Brett Anthony Montgomery, Jr. was born Dec. 26, 1980 in Amarillo to Donna Lee and Brett Anthony Montgomery, Sr.



Brett Montgomery

He passed away April 1, 2014 at Kingfisher, Okla. at the age of 33 years, 3 months and 5 days. Brett lived and grew up in McLean, where he graduated from high school in 2000.

He began working as a carpenter before beginning to work in the petroleum industry. He was married to Terry Lynn (Hair) in Wheeler on June 25, 2002.

Brett began working for Galmor's Inc. in 2008 and the family moved to Elk City, Okla. to make their home.

At six foot eight inches, his presence was known, but to those who knew him, he was a gentle giant. He loved to hunt, fish, ride motorcycles, play pool and spend time with his family.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents and paternal grandfather.

He is survived by his wife, Terry, of the home; four children, Mallorie Jayde Petty, of Pampa, Ethan Montgomery, Jozlynn and Zoe Montgomery, all of the home; his mother, Donna Montgomery, of Cheyenne, Okla.; his father, Brett Montgomery and wife, Teresa, Elk City, Okla.; mother and father-in-law, Sheila and Grover Mack, of Shamrock; one sister, Jamie Green and husband, Donny, of Hobbs, N.M.; two brothers, Jason Hooper, of Elk City, Okla., Coy Tolleson, of Panhandle; and a host of other relatives and friends. Services will be held Saturday, April 5, 2014 at 10:30 a.m. at Elk City Second and Adams Church of Christ officiated by Casey LaValley.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: "Maybe Only One in Georgia" (Jan. 7), who asked whether she should have a second child, needs to understand there are no guarantees. Her 5-year-old could end up hating her younger sibling, or adoring her. Parents create a child because they want to share their union with a new life. Each child is unique and represents a life commitment, not just 18 years of hard work.

I am the youngest of four, the "surprise" baby boy when my parents were in their 40s. I loved them and they never made me feel unwanted. I adore my older sister. We were always close despite the eight-year age difference. My two brothers are very different than I am, and we don't have much to do with one another.

"Maybe" should not produce another child to be a playmate to the one they have. It should be done only if they're financially, emotionally and spiritually willing and capable of rearing another person. If not, they should enjoy the extra time, money and energy they'll have, and perhaps give a needy dog or cat a home. — YOUNGEST CHILD IN SAVANNAH

DEAR YOUNGEST CHILD: I told "Maybe" I couldn't decide this for her, but would open up the question to my readers. And they sure had some comments! Here are a few:

DEAR ABBY: My advice is DON'T! I have two sons, 27 and 31. They hardly

know each other and have no interest in what the other is doing. It breaks my heart, as they are the only close blood relatives they have.

I didn't have the younger one so the older would have company. I wanted another baby. I was 29, but wouldn't consider it at "Maybe's" age (38). How long does she think she can run that fast? — MITZI IN DAYTON

DEAR ABBY: Most only children I know are spoiled and used to getting their own way, largely because they haven't had to share. My husband is from a large family and they are all close, even with a 20-year age span.

We recently dealt with issues related to elderly parents, and trust me, I was so thankful to have the help of my siblings. I feel it is unfair to raise a child alone if you're able to add to the family unit. — GRATEFUL MOM

DEAR ABBY: I am a happily only child. I was raised by kind people. I have a positive self-image, was a self-reliant kid and am a confident, productive adult.

As a parent, I had a lot to learn. My husband, one of four siblings, reassured me that the quarreling and jealousy among our three was normal. They learned to fight and stick up for themselves — something I had to master later.

As a child, I wondered what it would be like to have a brother or sister, but my imaginary friends were good company. When my aging parents were ailing, it

might have been nice to have a sibling to share that with, but my husband was ample support.

"Onlies" can be very peaceful people. Most of us prefer to cooperate rather than compete. As kids, we're the center of the universe and responsible for everything. That sense of responsibility carries over into adulthood. — ANNE IN ILLINOIS

DEAR ABBY: Have that second child if fate wills it. Your life will be richer for it. Your daughter will appreciate having a sibling, and you will wonder how you ever imagined life without him/her.

I was 6 when my sister was born. Yes, we went to different schools and had different friends. But we shared a bedroom as we matured and had many memorable times we still talk about today. There is no age barrier as time passes, and really, that gap closes earlier than you would think. — BIG SIS IN FLORIDA

DEAR ABBY: Many kids, such as a classmate of your child, need a second temporary home — if only for a play date away from their own house. Open your home to these opportunities. Expose your child to those less fortunate than she. On travels, visit a school (or community), so she can see how it differs from her own circumstances. Create independence in her, but also teach her the INTERDEPENDENCE she'll need for a balanced life. — WYOMING TEACHER

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Change one letter in the top word to one of the letters that appears in the bottom word, then rearrange the tiles to form a new common word. Do the same with each new word until you arrive at the bottom word. For example, one path from BARK to PLUM is BARK, MARK, RAMP, RUMP, PLUM.

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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- 14 Calls for
- 15 Priest's subordinate
- 17 Card spot
- 19 Stick in a pack
- 20 Joaquin Phoenix film
- 23 Magazine worker
- 25 Grow paler
- 26 Watch parts
- 28 Appropriate
- 29 Highland boy
- 30 CIA's forerunner
- 31 Hankering
- 32 Wager
- 33 Iago stabs him
- 35 Eggs buy
- 38 Maine college town
- 41 Bold way to solve cross-words
- 42 Kobe, for one
- 43 Co. divisions
- 44 Beginning

DOWN

- 1 Nile serpent
- 2 Busy one in Apr.
- 3 Selects carefully
- 4 Great Lakes port
- 5 Ten-sided figure
- 6 Viper's poison
- 7 Plow pullers
- 8 Motel freebie
- 9 Haddock's cousin
- 10 Print measures
- 16 Becomes clotted
- 17 Green sauce
- 18 Think tank output
- 20 Manuals
- 21 "Frasier" pooch
- 22 Stopwatch button
- 24 Sandal sight
- 25 Craze
- 27 Chewbacca's pal
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Directly from the Dugout

Rangers limping into the season.

By ZAC GREEN

Special weekly column to The Pampa News

This will be your Rangers Insider article every week. Check in for the latest news and previews for your Texas Rangers.



The Rangers have had some major injury problems this season, and it isn't even

been a week old.

Derek Holland starts the year on the 60-day disabled list (DL) after having a freak accident at home, in which his dog tripped him on the stairs and the fall required surgery on his knee. 2013 was Holland's best year in his career. He went 10-9 with a 3.42 ERA and struck out 189 batters. When healthy he is the Rangers number two starter. He will be sorely missed.

It would not be so bad for the Rangers if Holland was their only injured pitcher. But he's not. The staff ace, Yu Darvish was placed on the 15-day DL Sunday as he recovers from a neck injury. He is slated to return from the DL, this Sunday, which is good news for the Rangers. At times last year Darvish was unhittable with a 2.83 ERA, he was 13-9 and struck out a whopping 277 batters.

Matt Harrison also starts the year on the 15-day DL while recovering from back surgery. Harrison missed nearly all of 2013 with the same injury. In 2012 he won 18 games for the Rangers.

Monday, it was very apparent that the pitching injuries are going to be a problem for the Rangers until they all get healthy. Tanner Scheppers made his first career start and it showed. He allowed seven runs, all of them were earned. The bullpen did not fare any better as they gave up seven more earned runs.

Now there are even more injuries, let's focus on the batters. Infielder Jurickson Profar is recovering from a torn shoulder muscle and will begin the year on the 15-day DL. Profar is expected to fill the void by the loss of Ian Kinsler.

Catcher Geovany Soto starts the season on the 60-day DL as he continues to recover from surgery on his right knee.

Phew! That was a doozy. And we are in April! Most MLB teams struggle to stay healthy in the dog days of summer in June and July, but the Rangers are suffering a year's worth of injuries right off the bat.

In addition to injuries, the Rangers lost a few players due to trades or free agency last season.

Here are some key losses: 2B, Ian Kinsler (Tigers). OF, Nelson Cruz (Orioles). DH, Lance Berkman (Retired). SP, Matt Garza (Brewers). OF, David Murphy (Indians). Closer, Joe Nathan (Tigers). C, A.J. Pierzynski (Red Sox).

Now onto the key additions:

1B, Prince Fielder. OF, Shin-Soo Choo. SP, Tommy Hanson. SS, Adam Rosales.

Now for the weekend series. This will be the Rangers first road trip and it won't be an easy one. The Tampa Bay Rays will host the Rangers on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Joe Saunders hits the mound for the Rangers against Jake Odorizzi on Friday. This will be the most likely swing game of the series. Not quite a must win for the Rangers, but pretty close to it. It should be a high-scoring affair as Saunders is a washed up pitcher the Rangers are just plugging in to fill holes while all their starters are out and the Rays send out Odorizzi who is still young and might get shaky.

Saturday should be a Rays' win. The Rays will send out their ace, David Price. Price is a pitcher who has constantly had the Rangers' number. The Rangers will be sending Nick Martinez to the hill for his first career outing. Darvish will return from the DL and start for the Rangers in Sunday's finale. It will be interesting to see how he does in his first game back from injury.

Scheppers will hit the bump for the Rangers in Sunday's finale. Scheppers is another fill in for the rotation and spent most of last year in the bullpen. Alex Cobb will be the opposing pitcher. Cobb had a breakout season last year and will try to prove it was no fluke.

Be sure to check back next week for the weekly report on the Texas Rangers. Hopefully the Rangers will be above .500 after week one.

Qualified for Spring Classic



Submitted photo

These boys won the USSSA Spring Classic World Series Qualifier on March 22-23. There were 12 teams in their 10U division. Front Row, from left, Rhett Hill, Sam Anguiano, Jade Ward, Hunter Dyer and Jacobi Carroll. Middle, Troy Perez, Hunter Nichols, Armando Miranda, Cason Steward and Brekyn Gaines. Back, Coaches Brandon Hill and Jason Dyer.

Tennis results from Amarillo relays

STAFF REPORT

The Pampa Harvesters and Lady Harvesters' tennis teams played in the Amarillo Relays tennis tournament this past weekend.

Head coach Sarah Corse said the team played well.

In the gold bracket girls' doubles Harley Elliott and Kaycee Sellers went 2-2 and finished 11th place in the tournament "playing very well."

Also in the gold bracket in girls' singles, Genevieve Zavala finished

12th.

In the silver bracket in boys' doubles Blake Chisum and Chase Cree finished second having a great tournament as well as Ashton Robison and Lane Terry finishing third in boys' doubles.

In girls' singles Zoe Hulsey finished third and Kami Ware finished fourth. "They all played well and are ready for district," Corse said.

District play will be next Monday, April 7.

Tuesday: Phillies lose run on reversal, fall to Rangers 3-2

ARLINGTON (AP) — Ben Revere got the call on the field. The Philadelphia speedster wasn't as fortunate in the replay office more than a thousand miles away.

Revere was picked off second base in a reversal that saved Texas a run, and Adrian Beltre singled home Shin-Soo Choo with the game winner in the ninth inning of the Rangers' 3-2 victory against the Phillies on Tuesday night.

"I saw the replay and I was a millimeter off the bag," Revere said.

"Replay got me this time, but that was one of those

plays where the ball was right around my body as I was going to the bag. I felt like I got my hand in there."

Rangers' manager Ron Washington saw it differently, and he was right for the second time in a matter of minutes.

Washington's first big decision in Philadelphia's two-run sixth inning was not to challenge a play at third when Jim Joyce called Cesar Hernandez safe on a sacrifice bunt by Revere. Washington came out to talk to the crew chief but didn't challenge.

Replay showed the call was correct.

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College Baseball

South Carolina at Arkansas.....ESPNU 7 p.m.

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Northside Christian Academy vs. Oak Hill Academy.....ESPNU 1 p.m.

Prime Prep vs. Montverde.....ESPNU 5 p.m.

Hockey

L.A. Kings at San Jose Sharks.....NBCSN 9:30 p.m.

Minnesota Wild at Chicago Blackhawks..NBCSN 7 p.m.

Fighting

Ortiz-Barrett (Heavyweights).....FS1 9 p.m.

Golf

LPGA Tour Golf: Kraft Nabisco Championship.....GOLF 10 p.m.

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Lyon vs. Juventus.....FS1 2 p.m.

Tennis

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