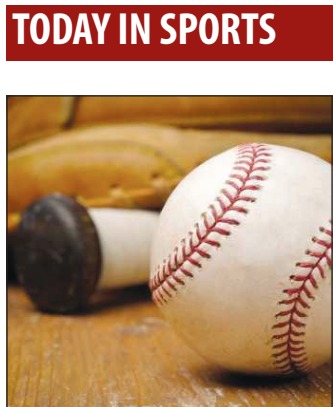


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Legal challenge claims 'threatened' listing will not protect bird

■ Conservation groups file legal action against U.S. Fish and Wildlife to close 'loopholes.'

By **TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE**
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Three conservation groups have filed a legal challenge in federal court to force full protection of the lesser prairie chicken under the Endangered Species

Act. The action was filed Wednesday in the U.S. District Court of Washington D.C. and comes less than two weeks after the listing of the small, reclusive prairie grouse as threatened under the ESA.

"This is the required document that must be filed to initiate a legal challenge under the ESA," said Erik Molvar with WildEarth Guardians, one of the plaintiffs in the action. The other two plaintiffs are Defenders of Wildlife and the Center for Biological Diversity. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) is **BIRD** cont. on page 2



Photo courtesy of Linda Rockwell
 A group of lesser prairie chickens in New Mexico.

Skinner transcripts received by attorneys

■ Defense attorneys requesting extension to 21-day deadline.

By **TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE**
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Attorneys with the state Attorney General's Office and convicted murderer Hank Skinner's defense team say they have received copies of the court transcripts from Skinner's evidentiary hearing in Gray County on Feb. 3 and 4.



Hank Skinner

Receipt of the transcripts triggers a 21-day period for attorneys to file their findings from the witness testimony back to the 31st District Court.

Lauren Been, a spokeswoman for the AG's Office, said both sides are required to respond.

Skinner, who is on death row for the brutal murders of Pampa resident Twila Busby

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FIRST BAPTIST HOLDS JESUS... THE ONE AND ONLY PLAY



Photos by ReDonn Woods



The cast and crew of First Baptist Church's play "Jesus... The One and Only" gathered for a dress rehearsal on Thursday evening. Above, Jesus, played by Mark Mertz, speaks to the children. Left, Stephanie Nelson belts out her solo song "I Quietly Turned To You." The play will be at 7 p.m. on April 12, 13 and 14 at First Baptist Church, which is located at 203 N. West St. The play features several volunteers of all ages from within the church who have put much of their time into making sure the show goes off without a hitch. For more information about the play, call 806-669-1155.

In middle of April, Pampa could see snow

By **JOHN LEE**
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It will be a beautiful day for baseball on Saturday when the Harvesters take the field in Pampa with a high of 88 degrees and winds out of the southwest around 20 mph.

But by late Sunday night and early Monday morning, Old Man Winter will attempt to give Pampa one last pitch of snow before hopefully calling it a season.

"We are monitoring a cold front which will bring some strong winds on Sunday," meteorologist Christine Krause of the National Weather Service in Amarillo said.

"The cold front will bring a small chance of snow, but it should stay north of Amarillo. Pampa could see as much as half-an-inch overnight late Sunday night, early Monday morning. It could linger in

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New auto detailer offers quality, experience to Pampa

By **LINDSEY TOMASCHIK**
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Gregory Lopez has been detailing cars for more than 15 years now. Originally from Hearne, he has worked for numerous car dealerships and companies in the Houston area, and has even worked detailing cars at a day spa while customers were being pampered. Since moving to Pampa three years ago, he has done work for several of the dealerships in town.

About a year ago, Lopez decided he wanted to open his own detailing business because he felt he had

enough experience that he could handle running a business of his own.

Auto Glow Detailing is located at 102 S. Starkweather St. and although it has been open for a year now, Lopez said that so far this year he has had more time to put into the business.

Auto Glow provides its customers with shampooing, stain and odor removal, door jam fixes, engine undercoating, microfiber hand wash-

es, and waxing. He also cleans trunks and truck beds upon request.

Lopez takes pride in his work and takes his time on each vehicle "I use professional chemicals for everything and brand new rags for each hand wash," he said.

He takes the necessary steps to provide quality service for his customers. "A full detail can take anywhere from three to five hours," Lopez said. He added that in some extreme cases, he will keep a vehicle overnight to provide it with enough time to dry after a heavy shampooing.

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the defendant. None of the five habitat states — Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, New Mexico and Colorado — are involved in the action at this time.

Christina Swisher, a spokeswoman for U.S. Rep. Mac Thornberry's office, said the legal action is a "notice of intent."

She said the notice gives the plaintiffs 60 days to formally file a lawsuit.

Swisher said Thornberry's office contacted the USFWS on behalf of the newspaper to see if someone would comment on the action, but the USFWS had no comments at the time.

In a press release, the conservation groups state the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's decision to protect the highly imperiled bird only as threatened provides special exemptions that would allow ongoing destruction of the birds and their dwindling grassland habitat.

"This decision is a recipe for further declines of a rare and beautiful bird already teetering on the brink of extinction," said Jason Rylander, Senior Attorney with Defenders of Wildlife.

"The service has adopted unprecedented and sweeping loopholes that seriously undermine their ability to monitor the implementation and effectiveness of new and inadequate conservation programs, increasing the likelihood of further loss of prairie chickens and further habitat destruction."

The population of the bird declined from 34,500 in 2012 to 17,700 in 2013, a 50 percent decrease. These numbers are not disputed by the Western Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies, an association of western states that will oversee voluntary conservation plans between state wildlife agencies in the five habitat states and private landowners and oil and gas producers.

However, the state wildlife agencies along with elected leaders like U.S. Rep. Mac Thornberry attribute the population decline

to the severe drought that has plagued the Southern Plains in recent years.

The population goals under the conservation plans are a 10-year average of 67,000 birds, which the conservation groups say is inadequate to preserve survival of the species.

The conservation plans, which have enrollment fees, protect landowners from incidental takes, which means the accidental harming or killing of birds or unintentional destruction of their habitats.

The conservation groups call these state-organized conservation plans "special exemptions" that allow participants to kill lesser prairie chickens and destroy their habitat.

Molvar said by phone Thursday that there's always a certain amount of birds that get killed by an increase in traffic from oil and gas development.

He added this development also causes fragmentation of prairie chicken habitat.

His concern is that the conservation agreements do not make protection of

habitat mandatory. He said there only is a recommendation that oil and gas activity not be sited with 1.25 miles of a lek, or breeding ground.

He said for the threatened listing to provide real protection, it should not allow roads and pipelines to be built next to breeding areas and nesting habitats.

Molvar said he has traveled to all five of the habitat states, Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, New Mexico and Colorado.

He said from his experience working on oil and gas industry issues for 13 years, state agencies always allow oil and gas to get around whatever protections are in place.

Oil and gas, ranching and farming are the backbone to many of the local economies within the prairie chicken habitat.

Asked if he has considered what would happen to these economies if the bird was listed as endangered, which has much stricter protections, instead of threatened he said, "There is plenty of room out on the High Plains to have ag-

ricultural and oil and gas development. There is no reason not to have thriving local economies and preservation of the prairie chicken as well. Certainly adjustments will have to be made."

He agreed that climate and drought have diminished the bird's population. But he said when natural causes for decline in a species population are combined with human-caused impacts, there is a synergistic effect in which the total impact is much greater than the sum of its parts.

"Under natural conditions populations will rise and fall," he said.

But with the current trend in the downsizing of the bird's population, a point will be reached where there will be no hope of an upswing.

"There won't be enough prairie chickens left to breed," he said.

H. Wayne Hughes, executive vice president of the Panhandle Producers and Royalty Owners Association (PPROA) in Amarillo, said the claims being made in the legal action have

only "1/16 basis" in truth.

"It's absurd to almost comical to say we are out to murder the prairie chickens," he said. "This kind of rhetoric is not helpful. They are speaking to their own audience for home consumption."

PPROA has members in the Texas Panhandle, Oklahoma and Kansas, and since 1929 has been a trade association representing independent petroleum producers, service companies and mineral royalty owners.

"It's our objective as an industry to play a proactive part in the preservation of species and growth and to do whatever self-policing it takes to make that happen," Hughes said.

"We have no control over climate, no control over fires and no control over predation."

Hughes said the Center for Biological Diversity is a group of attorneys who make their living suing the federal government.

He said whether they lose or win a case, their fees are still paid for by the taxpayers.

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Skinner

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and her two adult sons on New Year's Day 1993, is being represented by attorneys Douglas Robinson and Robert Owen. If District Judge Steven Emmert rules favorably for Skinner, his attorneys could seek an appeal.

Emmert does not have a deadline to file his decision, but his bailiff, Wayne Carter, said the judge wants to move along quickly with the case.

A spokeswoman for Robinson and Owen's office in Washington D.C. said Thursday they are waiting for a few exhib-

its from the court and are requesting the court to extend the filing deadline to May 30.

Skinner was not at the hearing in which both sides presented evidence from a series of recent DNA tests.

Skinner's original attorney, Harold Comer of Pampa, did not seek DNA testing at the time of his original trial, partly out of his concern that the results would have implicated his client.

According to Skinner's attorneys, new DNA test results support the inference that Busby's uncle, Robert Donnell, who made sexual advances to Busby on the night of the killings, committed the crimes and not Skinner.

The AG's office maintains that DNA and crime scene evidence overwhelmingly point to Skinner as the killer.

Snow

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mid-morning Monday."

The snow could come just days after many locations in the Texas Panhandle reached their highest temperatures in six months. In the last seven days, Pampa has received .017 of an inch, which will make the precipitation a welcomed sight, even if it is on the

chilly side.

Accompanying the cold front will be your friend and ours, the wind. Along with highs in the upper 60s, lower 70s, winds on Sunday will be out of the north from 25 to 35 miles an hour, with gusts reaching 50 mph.

Despite the warm weather tempting Pampans to pull out their shorts and flip-flops, it isn't quite time to put away the heavy coat and stocking caps.

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Saturday night: Partly cloudy with a low of 53. Winds southwest at 18 mph. Sunset at 8:14 p.m.

Sunday: Partly cloudy with a high of 72. Chance of rain: 10 percent. Winds north-northwest at 26 mph. Sunrise at 7:14 a.m.

Sunday night: Partly cloudy and windy with a low of 32. Chance of rain: 10 percent. Winds north at 23 mph. Sunset at 8:15 p.m.

Monday: Partly cloudy and windy with a high of 48. Chance of rain: 10 percent. Winds north at 20 mph. Sunrise at 7:13 a.m.

Monday night: Mostly clear with a low of 30. Chance of rain: 30 percent. Winds north-northwest at 10 percent. Sunset at 8:16 p.m.

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Obituaries

Dr. Wil Beck

Our Lord needed a doctor in Heaven and called Wil to be with him on Friday, March 7, 2014. For her family and friends, she was so much more than a great doctor. She will be missed. Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 12, 2014, at First Presbyterian Church, with Dr. Edwin Cooley, former pastor, Rev. Jim Friedewald, pastor, and Nancy Ruff, commissioned lay pastor, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.



Dr. Wil Beck

Dr. Wilhelmina Paula "Wil" von Wolzogen Kuhr Beck was born April 13, 1924 in Bandung, Dutch East Indies as the youngest child and only daughter of Jules Emile Antoine von Wolzogen Kuhr and Catharina van Katwijk. She went two years to the elementary school in Bandung and continued her education in Holland after her father retired and the family repatriated to Holland in 1934 when she was 10 years old. On their way to Holland, the Kuhrs stopped by to see their family, the van Katwijk's (Catharina's brother, Paul), in Dallas. That's where Wil met Uncle Paul's nephew, Curt Buxton Beck.

She went to high school in The Hague, graduating in 1942 after which she enrolled in the Medical Faculty of the Rijks University in Amsterdam. However her studies were interrupted after three months following the German invasion and occupation of the Netherlands. In 1945 she resumed her studies at the Rijks University in Utrecht and graduated with a medical degree in 1950 followed by her internships in 1952. She was a resident in the Children's Clinic in Amsterdam and accepted a job with the Amsterdam Health Department in 1954 and worked as a school physician.

In 1957 she married Curt Buxton Beck and settled in Pampa. This was followed by the birth of their three children: Curt Emile (1958), Anna Catherine (1960) and Paul Buxton (1962).

When Paul started school in Pampa, she started work on getting her Texas medical license. She obtained this in 1970 and joined the Pampa Clinic's Drs. Bellamy and Brown in Family Practice. Wil was the first woman doctor in Pampa. After Dr. Brown died and Dr. Bellamy retired she continued in solo practice, keeping many of the clinic's industrial accounts. In 1978, she served the newly created Hospice of Pampa, later named Hospice of the Panhandle as volunteer medical director.

She closed her medical practice in 1990, but kept her position with hospice until after the merger with BSA. For many years, she was Gray County Health Officer and a Local Medical Consultant for the Texas Rehabilitation Commission. She was on the medical staff of the Worley Hospital, Highland General Hospital, and later, the Coronado Hospital.

Wil's active professional memberships included the AMA, TMA, AAFP, TAFP, Top o' Texas Medical Society, American Academy of Palliative and Hospice Medicine and the American Humane Society. For many years, she served as a Cub Scout Den Mother and a Girl Scout Brownie leader - both activities she loved. She served on the Board of Columbia Medical Center in Pampa and the Board of the Community Concert Association, the Samaritan Counseling Service's Satellite Center, St. Matthew's School, and was a member of Twentieth Century Allegro Study Club among many other civic organizations. Additionally, she was always supportive of Curt's many civic activities throughout their 54 years of marriage.

Wil's greatest love, outside of her husband, children, and

grandchildren were her pets. Too many to name, but they ranged from her most beloved horses and dogs, to cats, parrots, rats, and even an alligator. She loved animals and has many waiting for her at the Rainbow Bridge. There are many people in Pampa who will fondly remember Wil riding her horse out by the Kelly Corral.

Wil is survived by her three children: Curt and his wife Rhenalea and their three children, Kelsi (26), Austen (24), and Kaylen (22); Anna and her husband Kelly and her children Erin (23) and Sara (21) and stepchildren Carly (24) and Taylor (18); and Paul and his wife Carol and their children Gregory (19), Steven (17), Catie (12) and Jessie (10).

Over the past years, Wil has received very special and loving care from a number of caregivers. Her family would like to express their deepest appreciation to LaVern Fulton, Kandy Soliz, Rolanda Bowman, Brandi Soliz, Natalie Santacruz, Sherry Bolch, Tommy Henson and Jim Sinyard.

The entire Beck family wishes to thank all for their loving condolences and best wishes during this difficult period. For those who would like to donate in honor of Wil, we believe she would have preferred donations to the Pampa Animal Welfare Society, P.O. Box 2095 Pampa, Texas 79066-2095 or the First Presbyterian Church, 525 N. Gray, Pampa, Texas 79065.

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Laquita Belflower

Laquita Belflower, 60, of Skellytown, died April 9, 2014 in Amarillo.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, April 14, 2014, at Lighthouse Covenant Fellowship in Pampa, with Gary Luckey, pastor, officiating. Entombment will follow in Memory Gardens Mausoleum in Pampa, under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Belflower was born Oct. 28, 1953 in Borger. She attended schools in Perryton and Pampa, graduating from Pampa High School in 1972. She married James Belflower on April 5, 1974 in Pampa. After graduation, Laquita earned her LVN license and worked for Pampa Regional Medical Center for 34

years. She was a member of the River of Life Assembly of God and was currently attending Lighthouse Covenant. Laquita was very involved in church activities, working on several missionary trips, including Mexico and Jamaica, and she especially enjoyed working with the youth. One of her greatest joys was spending time with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She will be remembered as a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother who was the backbone of the family. Laquita was preceded in death by her parents, Lloyd and Pat Plemons.

Survivors include her husband, James Belflower of the home; two daughters, Jamie Munn and husband Johnathan of Skellytown, and Christy Terry and husband Roger of Pampa; a son, Joshua Belflower and wife Betty of Pampa; three sisters, Trudy Wells of White Deer, Verna Schroeder and husband Bill of Pampa, and Sharon King and husband Calvin of Abilene; six grand-daughters, Mariah Belflower, Jazmyn Munn, Shaleigh Terry, Shyanne Terry, Ciara Belflower, and Autumn Belflower; five grandsons, Matt Terry, Dalton Terry, Christopher Terry, Lukas Terry, and Isaiah "Buck" Belflower; and five great-grandchildren, Kizzie Belflower, Jeremiah Belflower, Ocean Sanders, Nick Cardenas and Araya Terry.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Center, 501 St Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105, Source Code: C1204D

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For the record

Pampa woman arrested on drug charges

STAFF REPORT

a controlled substance.

- Katherine Mae Hockaday, 26, Pampa, was arrested Wednesday by the Pampa Police Department for possession of a dangerous drug, possession of drug paraphernalia.
- Delia Ann Grimes, 60, Pampa, was arrested Friday by the Gray County Sheriff's Office for possession of a dangerous drug, possession of drug paraphernalia.
- Jon Wyatt Roe, 45, LeFors, was arrested Wednesday by GCSO for insufficient bond — possession of a controlled substance.
- Katherine Mae Hockaday, 26, Pampa, was arrested Wednesday by the Pampa Police Department for capias pro fine — no driver's license, two charges of capias pro fine — failure to appear, capias pro fine — no valid driver's license, capias pro fine — failure to maintain car insurance.

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Bouncin' Around My experience with thunderstorms

As I write this, there is a thunderstorm approaching. Hopefully, it will bring some much-needed rain, and not do any damage. Growing up in southern California, thunderstorms were really few and far between. Most of the movies you see that are set in California feature some kind of thunderstorm, which (I guess) is staged to make the rain scenes



JUDITH SMITH

more believable. Because there are rarely conflicting cold fronts and warm fronts near the ocean, thunderstorms are not frequent and tornadoes are rare. When I first moved to Illinois, it was months before I experienced my first rip-snorting Midwestern thunderstorm. Most of the storms in northern Illinois approach from the southwest, and you can hear the thunder long before you see the lightning. My husband, who had his own close encounter with a lightning strike while he was on an encampment with the Illinois National Guard, does not like thunderstorms. When our daughter was a baby about eighteen months old, she was terrified of storms, and at the first rumble of thunder she would climb

out of her crib and run to us. We put her in a twin bed so she wouldn't have so far to go to get to the floor. As she got a little older, if a storm came during the night, she wouldn't get out of bed, but call to her Daddy to come get her and bring her into our bed. Fortunately, she has outgrown that fear. Our grandchildren are not frightened of storms. One July my daughter and I went to the local county fair. As it happened, a storm blew up quickly while we were riding on the Ferris wheel, and they stopped the ride while Catherine and I were stuck at the top of the ride. I think I still have dents in my head from the hail! The character of thunderstorms changes depending on where you are located. When we lived in central Indiana, the lightning seemed brighter and the thunder louder. During our year north of Atlanta, Georgia, because there were so many hills and wooded areas near us, the lightning wasn't so bright, but the thunder seemed to rumble on forever, echoing off the hills. In 2007, when we lived in Georgia, they were experiencing drought conditions, and everyone was concerned about the tinder-dry pine straw being set on fire by lightning, or the water-starved pine trees being blown over in the wind. The year we

lived in Amarillo, 2011-2012 there weren't many thunderstorms, but the ones that did blow in produced thunder that bounced off the apartment buildings and rattled windows. The first major hail storm I've ever seen happened that summer and the pea-size stones piled up quickly. We moved to Pampa in May, 2012, and our first night in the house we rented was a very noisy night. There was a thunderstorm that seemed to go on forever, with hail that bounced off the aluminum awnings and tin roof of our patio. It sounded like someone was throwing buckets of nails at the house. Last summer we moved into our own home, and we were very grateful that the hailstorms that did damage throughout Pampa did little more than shred a few of our plants. The best thing (after the needed moisture) about the storms, though, in my opinion, is the view we now have of the rainbows that come after the storm. Oh, and the puddles. I may be of "advanced age" but I still enjoy splashing barefoot in new rain puddles, so if you happen to be driving down our street and see a crazy lady splashing in a puddle, don't worry, it's just me.

Judi Smith resides in Pampa and can be reached at jlsmith46@aol.com.

Pastor's Point The meaning of the cross

There is a well-known symbol in our world, not always displayed for the right reasons, and often its presentation is devoid of its true significance. It is used by baseball players as a good luck charm when they come to bat; it is used by many to decorate their homes, offices, and churches; and it is used by many as an "accessory" as a necklace or pair of earrings. During this Easter season, we see it prominently displayed quite often. It is a symbol that we want the world to see, but the over-familiarity of it concerns me. I think sometimes it is viewed as lagniappe — a little something extra. The cross is not an accessory to our lives or our faith. It is essential.



BYRON WILLIAMSON

When we approached the city of Groom for the first time to visit, we saw this massive structure towering over the city. Standing 190' tall, it catches the attention of every person who drives I-40, especially their first time through Groom. Steve Thomas, founder of Cross of Our Lord Jesus Christ Ministries, tells me that 10 million people a year drive by the Cross on I-40. Of the 10 million passers-by, about 350,000 stop and experience it. I love the way Steve put that, and it carries tremendous spiritual connotations. You see, it was not God's will for His Son to suffer only that we may casually pass by the cross, and glance at it as we go on life's journey. I served as pastor in Groom for about three years. We loved the people (and sausage) every moment. Looking back, I realize that I hadn't been there long before I began to overlook the huge structure that stood over the town. I just got used to it. It wasn't new and unique after a while. Think about how we do something similar in our spiritual lives when the cross becomes no more than an accessory around our neck or on our wall. I encourage you this Easter season to take a closer look at the cross on which Jesus suffered and died. And as you do, you might even say a prayer similar to this old hymn: Jesus, keep me near the cross; there a precious fountain, free to all, a healing stream, flows from Calvary's mountain. Near the cross, a trembling soul, love and mercy found me; and the bright and morning star sheds its beams around me. Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hoping, trusting ever, till I reach the golden strand just beyond the river. In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever, till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river.

We must be careful to never allow the familiarity of the cross to cause us to lose sight of its power and purpose. Isaiah 53 reminds us of the purpose and power of the cross, so much so that it stops me in my tracks when I read, "it pleased The Lord to crush him." (Isaiah 53:10) God desired the suffering of Jesus? God willed it? How could such a thing please The Lord? Further in that line of thought, many ask how any suffering could ever be in the will of God, much less the suffering of the only begotten son of God? It pleased the Lord not because God delights in the suffering of innocence. It pleased the Lord not because the Messiah deserved to suffer, or was in any sense guilty. It pleased the Lord not because Jesus had failed to fulfill His mission. It was the will of God to cause Jesus to suffer because the suffering of the sinless Savior would bring salvation to multitudes of lost for the glory of God. I had the privilege of moving to Groom, TX in 1998 to serve as pastor.

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The Supreme Court has done it again. By a 5-4 vote, with the court's five Republican appointees on one side and the four Democratic appointees on the other, the court struck down limits on total contributions to federal campaigns that have been enforced and were specifically upheld in 1976. What the 1976 court saw in *Buckley v. Valeo* as a "quite modest restraint upon protected political activity" that serves "to prevent evasion" of the limits on contributions to campaigns, the 2014 court has now held violates the fundamental protection of political speech enshrined in the First Amendment.



SUSAN ESTRICH

The arms race for money is not completely out of control. Sure, an individual still can only give \$5,200 to an individual candidate (\$2,600 for the primary, and \$2,600 for the general) and is limited to \$32,500 to national party committees, \$10,000 to state and local committees, and \$5,000 to other committees. But whereas the old law limited contributions to federal candidates and

committees to \$74,600 every two years, now there are no total limits at all. For most of us, of course, these limits are meaningless. How many people can afford \$74,600 in political contributions? We are in the world of the 1 percent already. But now those 1 percenters can give millions or tens of millions. Already maxed out on one committee? Believe me, someone will create another. There is no limit to the avenues to contribute and no law against it, thanks to the Supreme Court. Does it matter? Of course it does. Sure, having more money is no guarantee of victory. But between having more and having less, every candidate alive would rather have more. And they are grateful, most grateful, to have more, however it comes in — including from other candidates and their funds, committees, the party, supposedly "independent" groups and individuals. Very grateful. You don't get a picture in a silver frame when you give this kind of money. You get access and a hearing and maybe a feather on the scale — not something anyone can prove, but enough for it to be a wise business decision and

not just an expression of constitutionally protected political beliefs. And while it is certainly true that both political parties play this game, it is not true that everyone does. As former Sen. Bob Dole famously observed decades ago, every business interest may have a political committee, but poor children don't. There are no million-dollar donations coming in from single mothers struggling to make ends meet, from homeless families seeking shelter, from the 99 percent of Americans who don't even earn enough to make this new decision of any immediate significance to them. As for the argument that disclosure solves all problems, reality is to the contrary. Oh, once in a while we hear a story about a clumsy contribution from someone who is seeking federal funds at the very same time. Sophisticated donors don't make that mistake. They've figured out ways to avoid disclosure altogether through supposed "grassroots" committees that are anything but.

and companies and issues. But very few people are around for or follow up on the calls and meetings that happen months later. Moreover, the very goal of many big donors is nothing: forestall legislation to assure that nothing is done when something should be. How do you follow that? Democracy should be sacrosanct. It should not be for sale. The venerable principle of "one person, one vote" is essentially meaningless when a tiny percent of all Americans, by writing checks and forming supposedly independent and grassroots committees, can and do wield undue influence on the process and its elected beneficiaries. I certainly support the Founders' vision of an independent judiciary: appointed, not elected, and serving for life. But on days like today, I can't help but wonder whether the five-man majority might see things a little bit differently if they had to raise money — and be beholden to moneyed interests — in order to win and keep their jobs.

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Aging and medications

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There are several facts about aging that we should explore. Aging is universal and progressive and no one can escape the aging process. Aging begins when growth and development ends. There is a continuous decline in all physiologic processes due to the aging process. Normal aging is different than pathologic aging (presence of disease).

Females live an average of seven years longer than males and whites live an average of seven years longer than African-Americans.

The good news is that death rates are declining in persons ages 65-84. The fastest growing population is the age 85+ group.

The major 3 causes of death in the 65+ population are:

- Cardiovascular diseases - 40 percent
- Cancer - 21 percent
- Stroke - eight percent

There are several disorders that the 65+ age group may present with unusual symptoms that may be hard to diagnose:

- Pneumonia
- Urinary tract infection
- Heart attack
- Depression
- Alcoholism
- Cancer
- electrolyte imbalances (ex. low sodium)

New medications are coming to the market rapidly. The goals of drug therapy are:

- Safest possible therapy
- Most effective therapy
- Positive and optimal outcomes from the therapy
- Most cost effective therapy

Safety considerations when it comes to drug therapy are

- Co-existing medical conditions

• The action of the drug on the body (called pharmacodynamics)

• Absorption, distribution, metabolism, and excretion of the drug (called pharmacokinetics)

• Drug — drug interactions

• Drug — food interactions

• Side effects

• Allergic reactions

• Compliance (taking the medication as prescribed)

• Polypharmacy (taking another medication to counteract side effects of the first medication)

• Self-medication with over-the-counter medications, herbals, and vitamins

Achieving these goals in the 65+ population involves starting with a low dose and titrating up slowly to the desired effect in the case of maintenance medications.

Pharmacokinetics involve four processes:

• Absorption — how the drug gets into the bloodstream

• Distribution — where the drug goes (i.e. to fat cells or fluid)

• Metabolism — how the body renders the drug inactive

• Excretion — how the body rids itself of the drug

Absorption is the process that is least effected by the aging process. However, there are several changes that occur:

• Loss of mucosal protection in the lining of the stomach (thus drugs that are irritating to the stomach in younger persons can possibly cause bleeding in older persons)

• Motility is decreased (medications that can be constipating are even more problematic in the older population)

Excretion is the most effected by the aging process. There are several changes

that occur in the kidneys of the 65+ population

• Kidney size decreases

• Kidney blood flow decreases

• Size and number of kidney cells decrease

These changes can lead to drug elimination that may be reduced by 50 percent. This being said, the dose may only have to be 50 percent of the dose for a younger person to elicit the same affect. Some medications that are excreted via the kidney will stay in the body longer and have a greater effect than in the younger population.

If the drug is excreted by the kidney, the physician and/or pharmacist can calculate the clearance of the medication and adjust the dose accordingly.

Here is a partial list of medications that may require a dose reduction.

Levaquin®(levofloxacin) & Cipro®(ciprofloxacin) ,Bactrim®(sulfamethoxazole/trimethoprim), Neurontin® (gabapentin), Ultram® (tramadol), Allegra® (fexofenadine), Clarinex® (desloratidine), Macrobid® (nitrofurantoin monohydrate), Demerol® (meperidine), Zovirax® (acyclovir), Valtrex®(valacyclovir), Famfir® (famcyclovir), Requip (ropinerole)®, Mirapex® (pramipexole) and Pletal® (cilostazol).

Medications such as Valium® (diazepam) and Librium® (chlordiazepoxide) that are prescribed for anxiety or sleep generally should not be used in the 65+ population due to how long they remain active in the body. These medications can greatly increase the risk of falls. Medications that are fine in the younger population, or what was good for you when you were younger may not be the best choice for you when you are older.

There are better options such as Ativan® (lorazepam) or Xanax® (alprazolam) for the 65+ population.

A study by Duke Clinical Research Institute revealed the following:

• 21.2 percent of the 65 + population received at least one age inappropriate medication

• 15.7 percent received two different age inappropriate medications

• 4.0 percent received three or more age inappropriate medications

A recent study by Oregon State University and Yale University School of Medicine revealed that three out of four older Americans have multiple chronic health conditions. Some 22.6 percent of the study participants received at least one medication that opposed the effect of another medication that they were also receiving.

Awareness of possible problems and communication with your medical provider and your pharmacist is the best way to avoid inappropriate medications and inappropriate dosing. For more information and a list of certified geriatric pharmacists, go to www.ccgp.org or the American Geriatrics Society at www.americangeriatrics.org.

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Professional food manager certification training course set

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DUMAS — A Professional Food Manager Certification Training course will be offered April 14-15 at the Moore County Annex, Room 100, 310 East First Street in Dumas, by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in Moore County.

Cost is \$125 and includes training, materials and a national food manager certification examination. The certification will be valid for five years, according to Sue Owens, AgriLife Extension family and consumer sciences agent in Moore County.

The Texas Department of State Health Services requires every food establishment to have one certified food manager on site, Owens said.

This program is designed to prepare food service managers to pass the certification examination and provide valuable education regarding the safe handling of food, she said.

For more information about the Professional Food Manager Certification Training course, contact Owens at 806-935-2593.

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Tralee Crisis Center activities highlight sexual assault awareness

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April promises to be a busy month for Tralee Crisis Center staff and supporters with special events to promote sexual assault awareness and prevention.

On April 23, Tralee Crisis Center invites local citizens and businesses to join them in "Denim Day." On this day, everyone is asked to wear their favorite jeans to work as a visible gesture of support for sexual assault victims everywhere.

Why denim? In 1998, a teenage girl in Italy was raped by her driving instructor, explained Dee Dee Laramore, Tralee's executive director. The man was convicted, but the case was overturned on appeal a year later, she said. An appellate judge ruled that since the girl wore very tight jeans, she must have had to help remove them, thus giving consent to have sex. The case made international headlines, and the young girl's jeans became of symbol that what someone wears is never an excuse for rape, Laramore said.


Pampa Mayor Brad Pingel joined Tralee and the nation in proclaiming April as "Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month" with a proclamation signed on Tuesday, April 8. The proclamation stated, in part, "The City of Pampa strongly supports the efforts of national, state, our local partners, and of every citizen to actively engage in public and private efforts, including conversations about what sexual violence is, how to prevent it, how to help survivors connect with services, and how every segment of our society can work together to better address

sexual violence. I, Brad Pingel, Mayor of the City of Pampa, do hereby join with Tralee Crisis Center in their endeavors on anti-sexual violence and their support service programs with the belief that all citizens must be part of the solution to end sexual violence."

Since September 2013, 36 new sexual assault victim/survivors have come to Tralee Crisis Center for services, said Laramore. Last year, Tralee assisted a total of 71 new sexual assault victims. The agency also provided continuing assistance to 308 survivors in 2013 and 105 survivors so far this year,

she said. Sexual assault can happen to anyone, any age, gender or socioeconomic level, she said. Tralee's youngest victim in the agency's 30-year history was 3 days old and the oldest was 102.

For more information about "Denim Day" or services for victims of sexual assault, domestic violence or any violent crime, call Tralee Crisis Center's 24-hour hotline, 806-669-1788 or 1-800-658-2796. Tralee Crisis Center's trained staff is also available for presentations on sexual assault prevention. To set up a program, call the Tralee office at 806-669-1131.



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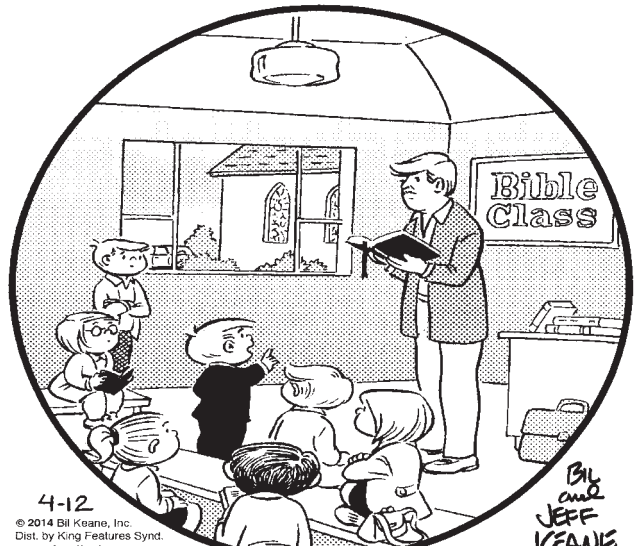
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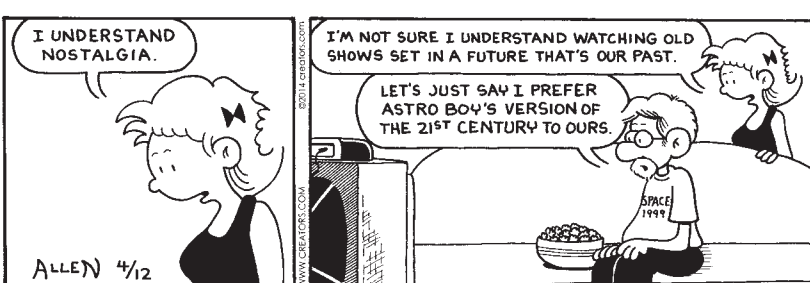
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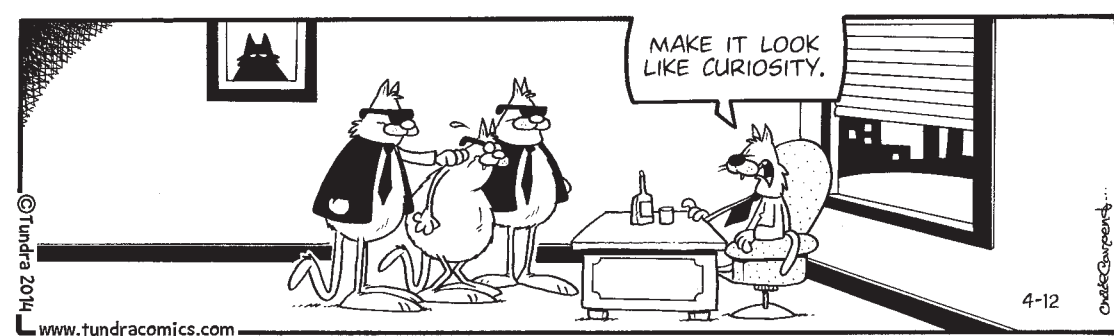
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daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, April 14, 2014:
This year you see many different situations unfold. Your willingness to give 100 percent marks your most successful ventures. If a circumstance does not go in the direction you would like, at least you'll know that you did your best. If you are single, you will be delighted by your choices; however, you often might experience discomfort when someone pulls the reins too tight. The person you choose will need to have similar freedom and intimacy needs. A good period to meet this person will be anytime after spring. If you are attached, you will defer more often to your sweetie this year. Your closeness will grow. LIBRA has the same core issues, but he or she manifests them in different ways.
The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult
ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You could have a heavy underpinning of fatigue as you start your day. Your dream life likely has been quite active, which could leave you feeling somewhat uneasy. You might react to a close partner by unleashing a snappy comment. Tonight: Say "yes" to an offer.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You might be more irritable than you realize. Listen carefully to feedback from an associate without passing judgment. You are likely to cast a sour perspective on any matter right now. A sudden insight could put you on a steadier course. Tonight: Do not push.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Know that you are not seeing the big picture right now. You often strive to gain a more creative perspective. Today you will need to detach from any ingrained views; you will create a more dynamic plan if you do. Brainstorm with a trusted buddy. Tonight: Fun and games.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You tend to come from a secure place, even when you're in an argument. Keep an eye on someone's offbeat energy, and acknowledge what you need to do in order to keep the peace. For some people, it could be as simple as doing some spring cleaning. Tonight: At home.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Initiate a conversation, but give yourself an exit strategy if the other party seems to be unduly difficult. You are unlikely to run into a receptive audience, as those around you might be un-

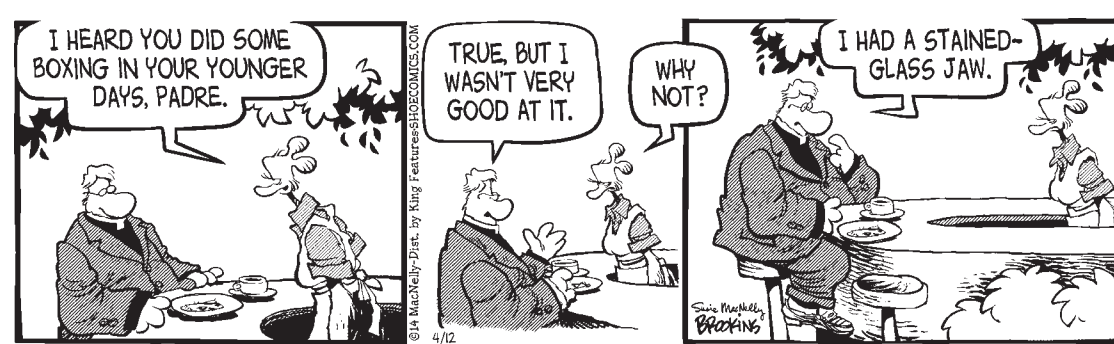
usually aggressive or sensitive. Tonight: Go along with someone's suggestion.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Your concern might be your budget. Certainly a risk seems tempting. You might not be able to say "no." If you were to gamble and lose, what would the damage be? Would you be able to handle it? If you feel you could, then consider it. Tonight: Your treat.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You could find others to be somewhat difficult. Might you be coming across more provocatively than you had intended? Your fuse has been short lately, and news might be overwhelming, but know that all's well that ends well. Tonight: Whatever makes you happy.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★ You might want to defer any interactions with certain people to others. You often suppress your anger, and it easily could be triggered. Unexpected demands at work or from others could send you into a tizzy. Treat yourself as a fragile object today. Tonight: Not to be found.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You flourish when loved ones and friends come together. Gather your cohorts together for a meeting, as it could trigger a flow of ideas. Deal with a partner directly. Do not negotiate a financial matter. You know what is good for you. Tonight: In the whirlwind of living.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ A take-charge attitude will get you far, and it also will allow you to greet unusual success and change. Still, someone might be undermining you on some level. Use care with a personal matter. You inadvertently could trigger a situation. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You might want to step out of your comfort zone in order to find the answers you need. Confusion seems to surround communication. Someone could be looking for you in the wrong spot or at the wrong time. Confirm plans. Tonight: Do not second-guess yourself.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Be direct with a partner. It appears as if you can't make a change without this person by your side. On some level, you believe that you can charm someone to your side of an issue. Realize that you could be taken aback by what you trigger. Tonight: Be nice and naughty.

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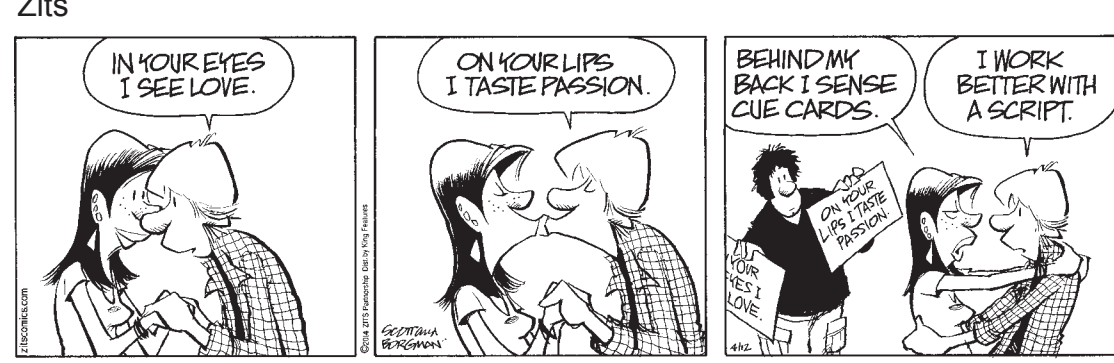


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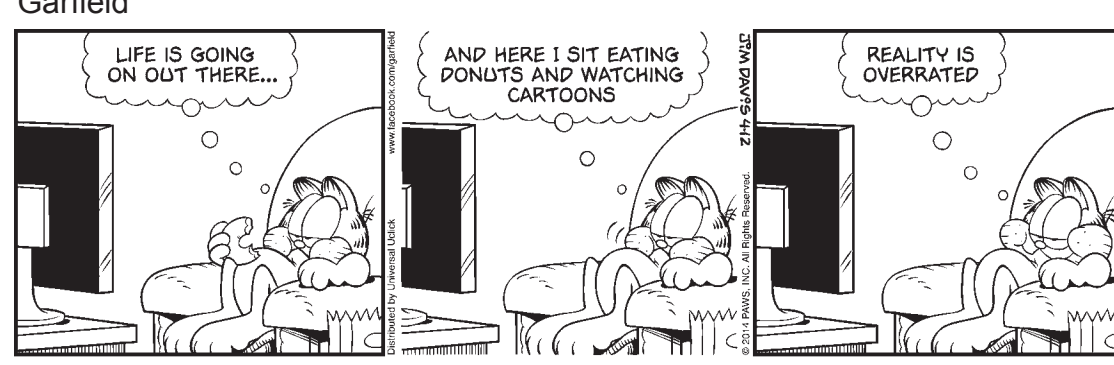
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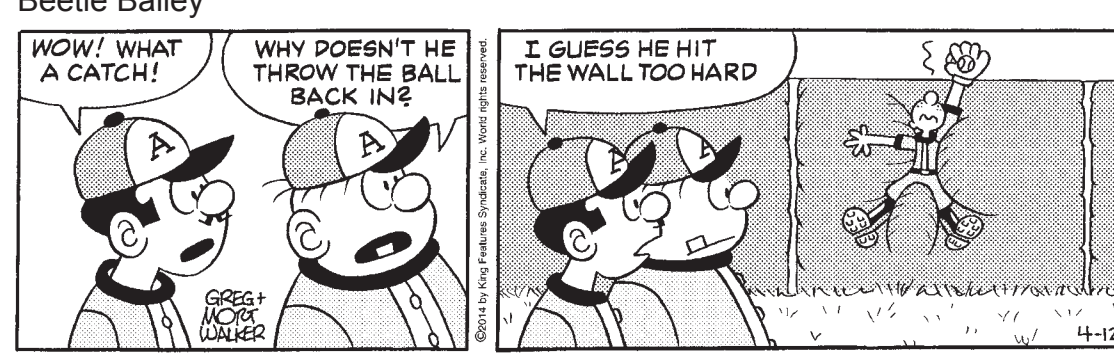
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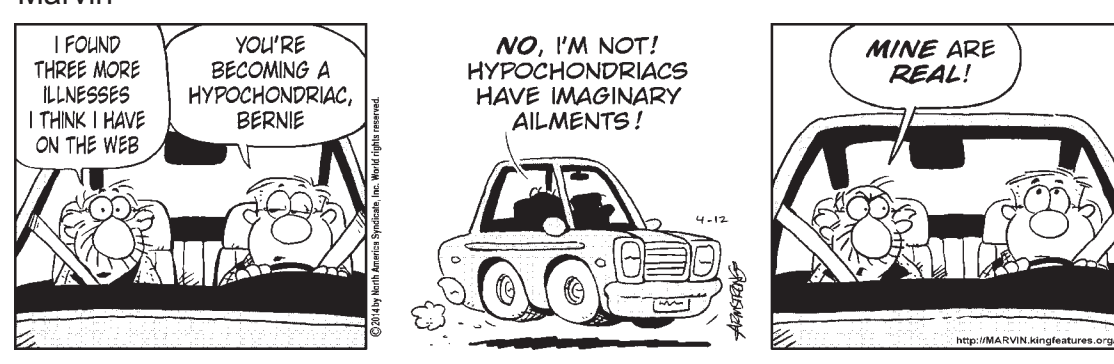
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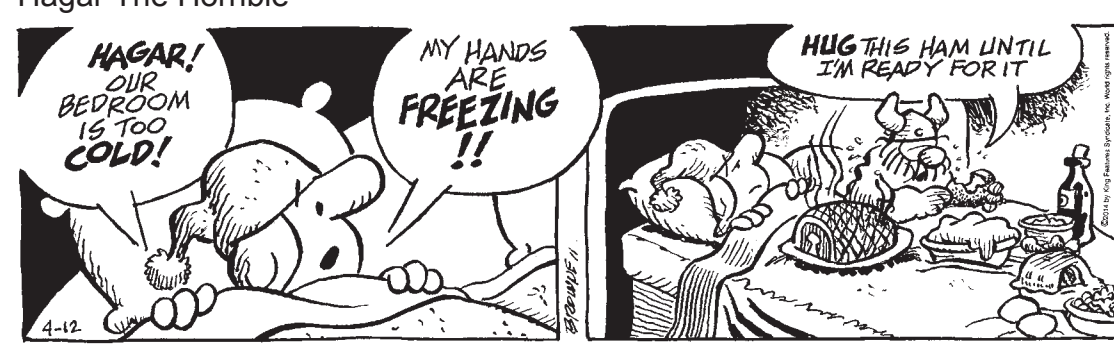
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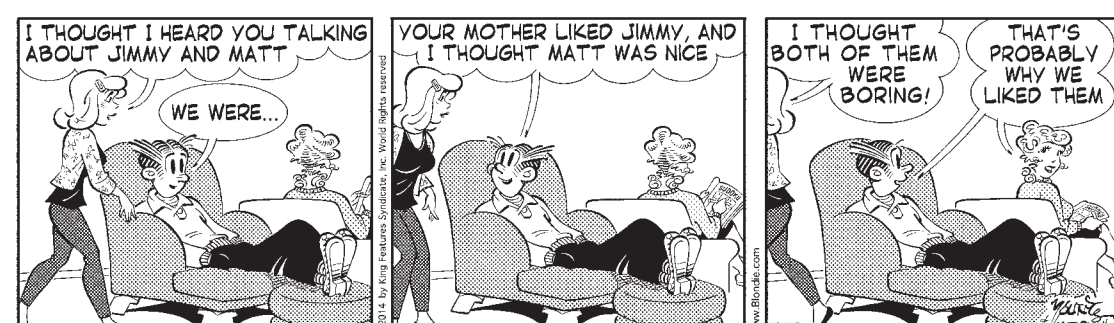
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Lent Devotionals

By Mike Sublett

Day 34 — Saturday — a wooden sign

Scripture: Matthew 27:32-44; Mark 15:21-32; Luke 23:26-43; John 19:17-27

Pilate had a written notice of the charge against him prepared and fastened to the cross above his head. Many of the Jews read this sign, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and the sign was written in Aramaic, Latin and Greek. It read:

Jesus Of Nazareth, The King Of The Jews
This Is Jesus, The King Of The Jews

This Is The King Of The Jews

The chief priests of the Jews protested to Pilate, "Do not write 'The King of the Jews,' but that this man claimed to be king of the Jews." Pilate answered, "What I have written, I have written." Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads and saying, "So! You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, come down from the cross and save yourself, if you are the Son of God!"

The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. In the same way the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders mocked him among themselves. "He saved others," they said, "but he can't save himself." "Let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One." "He's the King of Israel! Let this Christ, this King of Israel, come down now from the cross, that we may see and believe in

him." "He trusts in God. Let God rescue him now if he wants him, for he said, 'I am the Son of God.'"

(The Gospels Interwoven, Zarley)

Devotional: It was just a plain piece of wood, so what was all the stink about it? And the words written on it were absolutely true, no exaggeration at all. So why were so many people ticked off? The scene made no sense. And on top of that, the sign was a direct order from Governor Pilate. He had just given the Jews what they demanded, the head of Jesus on a silver platter — so to speak. Were they content with nothing? The sign simply stated the charges for which Jesus was being crucified. What was the problem with those rabble-rousing, loud mouthed, grumbling Jews? The problem was that they despised the truth of the sign. They believed it to be a sign of heresy.

When their pressure to get the sign removed failed, the Jewish leaders began to mock and belittle Jesus. It was the adult rendition of "nanner, nanner, nanner." How did Jesus handle it all? Like the King of the Jews that He was. He could have called down fire from heaven like in the days of Elijah and turned them all into charcoal briquettes. But He didn't.

Since He is my Lord, I have to consider how I would respond to similar treatment. Do I follow in His footprints? Are my footprints even close to His? Are they even headed in the same direction?

I do try to follow in His steps, but too often I'm not very successful. And even

when I am successful, it doesn't last long. Someone cuts me off in traffic and instead of interceding in prayer for them as Jesus did, I scream at them either out loud or in my head. (As though doing it in my head makes it OK.) Or I discover that a co-worker gossiped about me and I can't wait to get to work so that I can share the five things I know about them that I have been keeping to myself. Not much like Him. This is another thing that needs to change during Lent.

Prayer: Lord, I know that You know that I love You. But I want You to be prouder of how I live. I want You to be more pleased when You watch my daily life. And more often I want You to be downright happy. But that won't happen without Your help, without the Holy Spirit's leading. Unfortunately it won't happen unless You love me enough to thump me from time to time. And if it's OK, I'll thank You right now, in advance, for the upcoming thumps. I'm so glad that You love me that much. Amen.

6th Sunday — Praise The Lord!

Get your celebratory devotional at church.

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

Day 35 — Monday — a sponge

Scripture: Matthew 27:45-56; Mark 15:33-41; Luke 23:44-49; John 19:28-34, 36-37

From the sixth hour until the ninth hour darkness came over all the land, for the sun stopped shining. And at the ninth hour Jesus

cried out in a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?" — which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

When some of those standing there heard this, they said, "Listen, he's calling Elijah."

Later, knowing that all was now completed, and so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I am thirsty." A jar of wine vinegar was there. Immediately one man ran and got a sponge. He soaked it with wine vinegar, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus' lips. The rest said, "Leave him alone now. Let's see if Elijah comes to save him, to take him down." When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished."

Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." When he had said this, he breathed his last; he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

(The Gospels Interwoven, Zarley)

Devotional: It was just a common sponge, part of the gear used by the Roman crucifixion detail more for cleaning up than anything else. But that day it served a different purpose. On that day the sponge would touch the lips of God's only Son only seconds before He died.

We don't really know who attached the sponge to the hyssop branch, doused it in the cheap drinking wine the soldiers had on hand, and then raised it to touch the lips of God. We do know that the action was prompted by Jesus crying out that He was thirsty.

Some commentators believe that it was an act of compassion either by a supporter in the audience or by a soldier who had been ordered to do so by the Roman Centurion in charge of the detail. Others believe that it was just more mockery. We just don't know for sure. Whichever is true, the sponge played its part that day in the greatest drama ever. It played the role that it had been assigned in prophecy 1,000 years before according to Psalms. 69:21. This was no last minute accident; it was God's scheme of redemption unfolding for all to see.

There are quite a few lessons in that sponge.

The first and obvious lesson is that the sponge couldn't touch Jesus until it was close enough. While laying with the other equipment in a box, it was too far away to touch Him. How often do I forget to begin my day by drawing near to my Savior so that I can touch Him; more importantly so that He can touch me?

Second, the sponge was of little use until it was filled. Dunk a sponge into

a liquid and it will begin to soak it up immediately. When I report for duty each day, do I let Jesus fill me up?

Third, the sponge couldn't lift itself up to the lips of Jesus; it had to have help. The same is true with me. Without God's help I will never be close to the Savior.

Finally, the sponge was not discerning regarding what it soaked up. Dunk it into poison, and it will soak up poison; into pure water and it will soak up pure water. Sponges have to be careful. I need to be careful too. There may be people I need to stay away from so that I won't soak up any of their ways.

Prayer: Father God, I don't ever want to be far away from Jesus. I want to be close, close enough to touch Him. And I want to be full of Him; not a little bit, but a lot. So I'm definitely going to need Your help. Lift me up to Him. Keep me near Him and far away from His enemies. I need to be more careful who and what I soak up. So please bless me with discernment. Amen.

Man with 1st name 'God' sues credit rating agency

NEW YORK (AP) — A New York City man claims that a credit reporting agency falsely reported he had no financial history because his first name is God.

According to the New York Post, God Gazarov of Brooklyn says in a lawsuit that Equifax has refused to

correct its system to recognize his name as legitimate.

He says an Equifax customer service representative even suggested that he change his name to resolve the issue.

Gazarov is a Russian native who is named after his grandfather.

The 26-year-old owns a Brighton Beach jewelry store and is a graduate of Brooklyn College.

He says he has high scores with two other major credit agencies.

The Post says Equifax did not return calls or emails seeking comment.



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My Mailbag

TOM MARGENAU
Creator's Syndicate

Social Security and you



I get dozens, sometimes hundreds, of questions emailed to me every day. As you might guess, many of them are the same questions I've been asked thousands of times in the past. And as I put those questions into a column, I worry about covering the same topic over and over again. I know I shouldn't feel guilty about this, because I always hear from readers who tell me something like this: "I know you wrote about [name a Social Security topic] in a past column, but to tell the truth, I didn't pay enough attention to it at the time. Could you please go over it again?"

So today, I'm simply going to open my emails randomly and start answering as many as I can

squeeze into the limited space of this column.

Q: I am about to turn 62. Can I take a spousal benefit on my husband's record and later switch to full benefits on my own account?

A: Not unless he's dead. Only a widow can take reduced benefits on one record and later switch to full benefits on another record. But as long as he is alive, you will have to take your own reduced retirement benefits at 62 and then see if that benefit can be supplemented up to about 35 percent of his rate. If you were to wait until your 66th birthday,

then you could take half of your husband's Social Security until age 70, at which point you could switch to your own full retirement benefits, which would come with a 32 percent delayed retirement bonus.

Q: I have Part D of Medicare and am not sure I really need it. Can you help me decide?

A: As I've written many times in this column, I am a Social Security expert, but not much of a Medicare expert. I can tell you this. You generally don't need Part D, which is the prescription drug coverage part of Medicare, if you already have good insurance that pays for your medications.

And I can steer you in the right direction for more advice. There are Medicare counselors around the country who are called SHIPs. I think that stands for State Health Insurance Assistance Program counselors. You can find the SHIP in your area by going to Medicare's website: www.medicare.gov. On the homepage, look for the link labeled "Find someone to talk to" and then pick your

state and click on "SHIP."

Q: I am 77 years old and still working. Each year, my monthly Social Security check goes up by about \$5 because of these additional earnings. Does this sound right to you?

A: Once a year, Social Security automatically recalculates monthly checks for anyone who is getting retirement benefits and is still working. Sometimes that recalculation might result in a \$20 per month increase. Sometimes it might be \$5 increase. And many times, it will be no increase at all. It depends entirely on how your current earnings compare to the earnings used to figure your original Social Security benefit. If you're working as Warren Buffett's right-hand man, you might get a \$20 dollar increase. If you are a greeter at Wal-Mart, you probably won't get anything. My hunch is you are getting the right amount. But if you are going to lose sleep over this, contact your local Social Security office and ask them to go over the calculation with you.

Q: I am 72 years old and have been married twice.

I am getting widow's benefits from my second husband. I am thinking of remarrying my first husband. How will this impact my Social Security checks?

A: It won't have any impact at all. Normally, if a woman remarries, she can only get benefits from the man she will be marrying. But the law says a widow who remarries after age 60 can keep getting those benefits even though she is married to another man. You are potentially due one half of your first (and now new) husband's Social Security. But you'd only get that if it pays more than you are currently receiving as a widow, which is unlikely since the widow's rate (usually 100 percent) is much higher than a wife's rate.

Q: I have been getting disability benefits since age 57. I am about to turn 62. Can I file for real Social Security at that point?

A: You are already getting "real" Social Security! You just happen to be getting Social Security disability benefits instead of Social Security retirement benefits. When you reach age 66, you will be automatically switched from the disability program to

the retirement program. But the transition will be transparent to you because your benefit amount will remain the same.

Q: My wife took her Social Security at 62. Several years later, I turned 65 and filed for my own Social Security. We are now in our 70s, and just learned that my wife could have been drawing a small supplemental spousal benefit on my account all along. Can we get retroactive benefits from Social Security?

A: Your wife certainly can now file for those extra spousal benefits, but I don't think she will get any retroactive payments. To qualify for back payments, she would have to prove that SSA made a mistake in denying her benefits in the first place.

But the mistake was hers. Or to put that another way, the ball was in your court. It was your job to make yourselves aware of these extra benefits your wife was due and to file for them accordingly.

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

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AgriLife Extension to host cattle, wildlife conference

SUBMITTED BY TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION

CANADIAN — A Beef Cattle, Range and Wildlife Conference will be held April 25 at the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service office for Hemphill County, 10865 Exhibition Center Road in Canadian.

The AgriLife Extension agriculture and natural resource agents hosting the program are J.R. Sprague, Lipscomb County; Scott Strawn, Ochiltree County; Michael Wilkes, Roberts County; and Andy Holloway, Hemphill County.

Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m., with the pro-

gram following at 9 a.m.

There will be a \$10 registration fee, payable at the door. A noon lunch will be provided by Capital Farm Credit. Those planning to attend should register in advance by contacting Kristi Huffman at the AgriLife Extension office in Hemphill County at 806-323-9114.

"We are in the driest 42 months in recorded history, so rangeland is not in good shape, and ranchers need to look at their stocking rates," Sprague said. "And we've recently had the lesser prairie chicken listed so ranchers need to know what this means to

them. The program will include the following topics and speakers:

- Stocking Rates on Native Rangeland, Dr. Ted McCollum, AgriLife Extension beef cattle specialist, Amarillo.
- Rangeland Recovery/Renovations, Dr. Tim Stefens, West Texas A&M University/AgriLife Extension range specialist, Canyon.
- Prairie Chicken Habitat — What is it?, Jeff Bonner, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department technical guidance biologist, Pampa.
- What Now with the Prairie Chicken?, Sean

Kyle, Texas Parks and Wildlife wildlife diversity specialist, Lubbock.

• Texas State Beef Check-off, Ross Wilson, Texas Cattle Feeders Association president, Amarillo.

Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units — one in laws and regulations and one in integrated pest management — for pesticide applicators will be offered for a two-hour portion of the program beginning at 2 p.m.

For more information, contact any of the AgriLife Extension offices in Hemphill, Lipscomb, Ochiltree and Roberts counties.

Lubbock council wants expanded synthetic pot ban

LUBBOCK (AP) — Lubbock city officials want to expand a ban on synthetic marijuana.

The city council Thursday gave preliminary approval to a measure that identifies new chemical compounds in synthetic marijuana sold in shops as potpourri or incense or

on the streets as a legal alternative to marijuana.

Mayor Pro Tem Karen Gibson says the issue needs to be revisited twice a year to add new chemicals that surface.

But the Lubbock Avalanche Journal says Mayor Glen Robertson believes the ordinance

isn't effective or enforceable and that as soon as one chemical is added to a banned list, a new one pops up. And he says the ban won't stop people from buying the stuff elsewhere.

The measure faces a second vote at the council's next meeting.

4 years after spill, questions on long-term health

CHALMETTE, La. (AP)

— As the fourth anniversary of BP's Deepwater Horizon oil rig disaster approaches, workers who cleaned up oil in the Gulf of Mexico are able to file claims for medical problems they developed after the spill.

But questions about their long-term health linger.

Research being done by the government's National Institutes of Environmental Health Sciences may one day provide answers. The agency is tracking the health of more than 30,000 of those workers, hoping someday to see if there are links between exposure to oil spills and chemical dispersants and any current or future illnesses.

The leader of that study has a midday news conference set Friday to discuss what researchers have found so far.

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Gray County marriage applications

STAFF REPORT

- Jason D. Olivier and Fnu Winengsih, applied March 5.
- Nicholas James Ciesla and Jaime Lee Leib, applied March 5.
- Ricky Dale Davis and Tonja Jo Walker, applied March 7.
- Johnathan Robe Thompson and Tin Marie Sasak, applied March 7.
- Marcus Harrison Walden and Kayla Rose Richerson, applied March 10.
- Talon Lee Crouch and Kirston D. Ann Weddle, applied March 11.
- Michael Paul Bertrand and Brittany Nichole Vick, applied March 13.
- Jorge Soria Torres and Adrianna Hernandez, ap-

- plied March 17.
- Bradley Dewayne Sellers and Erika Ann Lovejoy, applied March 21.
- Eloy Chavez Solis and Vasthi Vargas, applied March 21.
- Boumy Somchay and Eirka Lore Sophamysay, applied March 24.
- Clarence William Lucas and Daniela Nicole McCoy, applied March 25.
- Scott Cameron Monds and Wendy Ann Ottoson, March 25.
- Matthew Bryant Hathcoat and Briana Dawn Tucker, March 27.
- Gary Michael Montgomery and Holley Paige Bimson, March 28.
- Roland Ezmond Newman and Korina Dean Medley, March 28.

AAA Texas: Gas prices up again in Texas, but remain lower than last year

SUBMITTED BY AAA TEXAS

Texans are now paying an average of \$3.43 for a gallon of regular unleaded fuel. According to the AAA Texas Weekend Gas Watch, that price is five cents more than one week ago but three cents less than a year ago. Of the major metropolitan areas surveyed in the Lone Star State, drivers in Dallas and Fort Worth are paying the most at \$3.49, and drivers in El Paso are paying the least at \$3.30 per gallon. The national average is now \$3.61, which is 18 cents more than the average in Texas.

however temporary spikes are not out of the question for motorists in a region that might be affected by an unexpected disruption.

Pump prices in 36 states and Washington D.C. have moved higher over the last week, led by increases in the Southeast and Gulf Coast. These increases have been supported by the seasonal maintenance outlined above, which has resulted in a number of Texas refineries being offline for planned or unplanned maintenance.

“As drivers enjoy the spring weather and take road trips with friends and family, we encourage them to get their vehicles up to par with manufacturer’s maintenance recommendations before leaving,” said AAA Texas/New Mexico Representative Doug Shupe. “Also to save on fuel costs, we recommend drivers lighten their load by removing unnecessary weight, obey the speed limit, and combine errands into fewer trips.”

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sunday horoscope

Note: Bigar’s Stars is based on the degree of your sun at birth. The sign name is simply a label astrologers put on a set of degrees for convenience. For best results, readers should refer to the dates following each sign.

A baby born today has a Sun in Aries and a Moon in Virgo if born before 4:32 a.m. (PDT). Afterward, the Moon will be in Libra.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, April 13, 2014:

This year you have wonderful ideas -- only, before you can share them, others seem to move on. You might want to allow others to give you feedback sooner. How you handle a personal matter could change as a result. If you are single, this summer could prove to be very exciting, as you are in a period when you are likely to meet someone important to your life history. Fall and winter will carry the same theme. If you are attached, the two of you act like new-found lovers this summer. LIBRA looks at life very differently from how you do.

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)

★★★★ Let a loved one take the lead. You might have a sense that a choice seems to be off, but let it be. The other party needs to see what will happen. You are likely to be in the mood to snooze and over-indulge a little. Tonight: A close friend has a great idea.

This Week: There is change in the air.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ You could be so easygoing that you might miss a scheduled get-together. A friend

could be quite disconcerted when you don’t show up. Make a phone call quickly, and adjust your plans. Consider making a caring gesture toward this person. Tonight: Go for lazy.

This Week: Be more adaptable to change.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Your playful spirit might emerge, which will allow for great fun and interpersonal relating. You actually could become child-like and expressive. You have the ability to pull the wool over a parent’s or older relative’s eyes. Be careful. Tonight: Act as if there were no tomorrow.

This Week: A romance could heat up.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Invite several friends over for an early dinner. You could be taken aback by someone’s response. Let it go, as nearly everyone has been under unusual pressure lately. Be careful when dealing with a loved one at a distance. Tonight: Play it low-key, but enjoy those around you.

This Week: Your willingness to adapt could define your happiness.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Don’t worry about making the first move -- just do it. Someone you care about can be quite slack when it comes to money. Be careful to keep your funds separate if you decide to let this relationship evolve into something more. Tonight: Invite friends to join you.

This Week: Choose your words with care.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ Be more aware of someone else’s spending needs as well his or her tendency to take risks. In any case, make today your treat, and invite several friends to brunch or

a movie. You will note a difference in how you feel when you are with your pals. Tonight: Pay bills.

This Week: Take a stand against frivolous spending.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ You could be a lot more content than you have been in a while. Try to better understand a friend and figure out what is getting to him or her. Your sensitivity will help this person understand his or her limits within a relationship. Tonight: Find a reason to celebrate.

This Week: Relationships are pivotal to your success.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ Slow down. You often jump to conclusions based on what you would do in the same situation. Remain sensitive to a loved one who adores you.

Explain that you need some time to yourself. Tonight: Get a good night’s sleep.

This Week: Be sure to get enough sleep, and remember to eat well.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ Play it low-key with a personal matter. Go off and enjoy your friends, wherever they might be. You could end up at several different events as a result. You could make a big difference and help someone feel comfortable with him- or herself. Tonight: Do what you want.

This Week: You could feel like you’re between a

rock and a hard spot.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ A must-show event or family happening could define your day. Remain sensitive to a sibling or close person in your life. Make time for this person, and you might gain a greater sense of levity around him or her. Tonight: Out till the wee hours.

This Week: Be aware of your image, yet remain authentic.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Make a call to a friend at a distance that you have been putting off. Understand what is going on with this person before you decide to visit. You could be surprised by what you hear. Decide whether it is wise to get together right now. Tonight: Go hear some live music.

This Week: Break past rigidity.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Make today about you and a loved one. This type of togetherness will fuel your bond. Make plans at some point to join a dear friend for munchies. Know that you do not need to make this a big deal. Tonight: You are especially alluring.

This Week: Finances become more involved with a relationship.

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TUESDAY, April 15
Turkey & cheese wrap or popcorn chicken, steamed broccoli, baby carrots, diced apricots
Breakfast- Donut, sausage patty
WEDNESDAY, April 16
Spaghetti or corndog, green beans, tossed salad, pineapple tidbits
Breakfast- Waffle sticks
THURSDAY, April 17
Soft taco or pizza, refried beans, broccoli florets, mixed fruit
Breakfast- Biscuit, sausage patty
FRIDAY, April 18
CLOSED - HOLIDAY

Pampa Senior Citizens Center

MONDAY, April 14
Chicken fried steak or chicken pot pie, mashed potatoes, green beans, beets, northern beans, slaw, tossed salad, Jell-O, German chocolate cake, cherry cream pie, fruit cup, hot roll, cornbread
TUESDAY, April 15
Meatloaf or chicken salad, scalloped potatoes, fried okra, California blend, pintos, slaw, tossed salad, Jell-O, spice cake, butterscotch pie, fruit cup, hot roll, cornbread
WEDNESDAY, April 16
Roast beef brisket/brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, peas, carrots, butter beans, slaw, tossed salad, Jell-O, marble cake, apple cobbler, fruit cup, hot roll, cornbread
THURSDAY, April 17
Chicken strips or ham/fruit sauce, potato salad, spinach, mac & cheese, baked beans, slaw, tossed salad, Jell-O, brownies, apricot pie, fruit cup, hot roll, cornbread
FRIDAY, April 18
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WEDNESDAY, April 16
Chicken nuggets, baked potatoes, peas/carrots, peaches
THURSDAY, April 17
Chicken breast, bread stick, green beans, applesauce
FRIDAY, April 18
CLOSED - HOLIDAY
GOOD FRIDAY!

ENGAGEMENTS

Ashleigh McWilliams and John Johnson III



Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne Meadows of Pampa and Mr. and Mrs. Jim McWilliams of Amarillo announce the engagement of their daughter Ashleigh Beth McWilliams of Irving to John Andrew Johnson III of Pampa, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Andrew Johnson II of San Antonio. Ashleigh is the granddaughter of Cecil Meadows of Wheeler and John is the grandson of Mary Johnson of Pampa.

Ashleigh is a 1999 graduate of Pampa High School and received her master's degree in English Literature from Texas Tech University in December 2003. She is currently employed with the Irving Independent School District where she teaches English and serves as department chair.

John is a 2000 graduate of Pampa High School. He attended West Texas A&M University. After graduating from the Kilgore College Fire Academy, he was employed as a firefighter in Iraq for the US Department of Defense.

Ashleigh Beth McWilliams and John Andrew Johnson III plan to wed July 26, 2014 at St. Paul United Methodist Church in Amarillo. (photo by Kudos by Stephanie)

ENGAGEMENTS

Aleah Noble and Sean Beedy



Butch and Theresa Noble of Pampa are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Aleah Noble, to Sean Beedy, also of Pampa. Aleah is a 2010 graduate of Pampa High School. She will graduate in May with a bachelor of science degree in mathematics from West Texas A & M University in Canyon.

The groom's parents are Michael and Cheri Beedy of Amarillo. He is a 2008 graduate of Pampa High School. Sean is attending Arizona State University, pursuing a degree in electrical engineering. He is employed at Hunting Titan.

Grandparents of the bride are Barbara and Vance Ketcherside of Pampa, Rex and Erlinda Taylor of Cookeville, and the late Buddy and Peggy Noble of Clarksville, Arkansas.

The groom's grandparents are Janie and David Massey of Brownfield, Larry and Gayle Beedy of San Saba, and Joe and Theresa Lopez of Dumas.

The wedding will be May 31, 2014 in the backyard of the bride's parents' home.

Altrusa Club news

SUBMITTED

Altrusa International, Inc. of Pampa met April 8 at First United Methodist Church with President Kitty Hall presiding. Roxane Funderburk and Mattie Norton served as greeters. Ann Braxton, Sue Cree, Samantha Helms and Rene Tellier attended as guests. The Accent was given by Barb Hahn who shared information regarding Relay for Life to be held at the Horace Mann campus

on June 27 from 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. The event is held to honor cancer survivors. Altrusans were encouraged to participate in the team walk, "Altrusa and Friends."

New Business

Ann Braxton was approved for membership. The club voted to order new name badges for all active members. Altrusa will sponsor the Relay for Life dinner on June 19 to be held at First

United Methodist Church. Committee Reports
ASTRA – Recent activities include Community Concert, PAWS adoption, park clean-up and Eternal Threads at the Women's Expo.
Lamar Reading – April 15, 9:45 a.m.
Lunch with Dignitaries – April 10, VFW and Freedom Museum.
Snack Paks 4 Kids – May 5, PISD Administration Building, 6:45 p.m.
Taste of Pampa – April

21, M.K. Brown Heritage Room, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
The following reminders were given:
Altrusa Awareness Day – April 11.
Program Meeting – April 22.
District Nine Conference, Austin, April 25-27.
Gal Night – Dutch treat at the Plaza Restaurant, April 29, 6:30 p.m.
President Kitty Hall presented appreciation gifts to Brenda Guess, Rochelle Lacy and Kay West.

ALTRUSA TO HOLD TASTE OF PAMPA



Submitted photo Altrusa member, Mattie Norton, displays a poster advertising "Taste of Pampa" to be held at M.K. Brown Heritage Room from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on April 21. The event is one of Altrusa's annual fundraisers to benefit the local service projects sponsored by the club. Tickets may be purchased from any Altrusa member or at the Chamber of Commerce for \$15.00 adults age 13 and up; \$10.00 children age 6-12. Children 5 and under are free.

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St. Matthew's Holy Week schedule

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St. Matthew's Episcopal Church is preparing for a busy Holy Week from April 13-20.

Holy Week traditionally begins on Palm Sunday, commemorating Christ's entry into Jerusalem. The service begins with a procession by the congregation carrying palm fronds. The Passion Gospel is read by parish members taking the parts of Jesus, Judas, Peter, Caiaphas, Pilate and others during the service. The Maundy Thursday service begins with a simple "agape" (Greek for unconditional love) meal in commemoration of Christ's last supper with his disciples. The washing of

feet during the following service is done in remembrance of Christ's washing the feet of his disciples. The service closes with the stripping of the altar of all vessels and vestments and a silent departure from the church.

On Good Friday, a noon day service will be observed recalling the last words of Christ at his crucifixion. That evening a rare opportunity for silent meditation and prayer accompanied by special music provided by musicians Rick Land and Russ Tapp will be offered. The oldest Easter celebration is believed to be that of the Great Easter Vigil held at dusk on Easter Eve (Saturday). This service is rich

in history and begins in the courtyard with the lighting of the new Easter fire from which the great Paschal Candle is lit.

This new light of Christ is then brought into the darkened church and is passed on to members of the congregation holding smaller candles. It is truly symbolic of the light of Christ coming into the world. Sunday ushers in a new week with the glorious celebration of Easter Day. St. Matthew's offers two services with an Easter Brunch in between. All are invited to share in these special services in the most holy of weeks in the Christian year.

St. Matthew's Holy Week Schedule

Sunday, April 13: Palm Sunday Service with Palm procession — 8 and 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, April 16: Community Ministry Dinner - 5:30 p.m. — Holy Eucharist (communion) - 6 p.m.

Thursday, April 17: Agape Meal (light meal in parish hall) - 6 p.m. — Holy Eucharist and foot washing at 7 p.m.

Friday, April 18: Noon-day Good Friday service, Evening Meditation and Silent Prayer — 6:30 p.m. with music provided by Rick Land and Russ Tapp

Saturday, April 19: Great Easter Vigil — 7 p.m.

Sunday, April 20: Easter Brunch — 9:30 a.m. at parish hall.



Submitted photo

St Matthew's is located at 727 W. Browning Ave.



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Anna Bergman will join Lady Sings the Blues and pianist Kevin Cole for the conclusion of the symphony's 89th season.

Amarillo Symphony's 89th season concludes with tribute to American legends

SUBMITTED

AMARILLO — The legendary music of George Gershwin, Leonard Bernstein and Duke Ellington will be featured when the Amarillo Symphony concludes its season April 25 and 26 with a program titled Lady Sings the Blues.

The concert will be held at the Globe-News Center for the Performing Arts in Amarillo.

Lady Sings the Blues will feature favorites like Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue" and "Lullaby for Strings," plus the overture from Bernstein's

"Wonderful Town" and Ellington's beloved "Ellington Medley" among others.

Guest conductor Joseph Young will lead the orchestra for the season finale performance. Young is increasingly regarded as one of America's rising young conductors and was recently appointed as the new assistant conductor of the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra and the music director of the Atlanta Symphony Youth Orchestra.

Lady Sings the Blues will also feature guest soprano Anna Bergman and guest pianist Kevin

Cole. Bergman has performed internationally in virtually every arena and highlights include performing as a soloist at the White House and for HM Queen Elizabeth's birthday, while Cole is regarded as the best Gershwin pianist in America today. Cole is an award-winning musical director, composer, arranger, vocalist and archivist who delights audiences with a repertoire that includes the best of 20th century American music.

The concerts begin at 8 p.m. For more information about Visionaries or to purchase tickets,

please visit www.amarillosymphony.org or call 806-376-8782.

Tickets are \$10, \$25 or \$40 plus the applicable City of Amarillo and Panhandle Tickets charges.

The Amarillo Symphony is the only professional orchestra in the Texas Panhandle and offers an array of successful youth educational programs in addition to regularly scheduled concerts.

The 2013-14 season is sponsored in part by the Texas Commission on the Arts. Learn more about the Amarillo Symphony at www.amarillosymphony.org.

Pampa ISD to hold kindergarten round up

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Pampa ISD's annual kindergarten round up will be from 5-7 p.m. on Thursday, April 24. Enrollment will take place at each campus: Austin Elementary (1900 Duncan, 806-669-4760), Lamar Elementary (1234

S. Nelson, 806-669-4880), Travis Elementary (2300 Primrose, 806-669-4950) and Wilson Elementary (801 E. Browning, 806-669-4930).

The following documents will need to be present in order to enroll a child: the birth certificate

of the child, child's social security card, current shot records, proof of address (i.e. utility bill or lease agreement or mortgage contract) and valid ID of the person enrolling the student.

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Submitted photos

A reader has identified three of the four young men in two black and white photos that were published last Saturday. The boys were identified by Freddie Seitz, who was married to the late Bobby Seitz, the boy who was by himself. Bobby died in April 1992. In the photo with three boys, the late Robert Pullen is in the middle. He died in January 1968 during the Vietnam War. Pullen was Freddie Seitz' nephew. The boy on the right was Freddie Seitz' brother, Jessie Conner. He died in 1972. Freddie Seitz did not know who the boy on the left was. If you know the name of the boy, call the newspaper at 806-669-2525.

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Pampa Fire Department call log — April 3-11

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

- April 3**
- At 11:12 a.m., one unit and five personnel to a medical call in the 900 block of South Banks.
 - At 1:36 p.m., one unit and five personnel to a medical call in the 100 block of North Cuyler.
 - At 4:06 p.m., to a lift assist in the 900 block of North Crest.
 - At 7:13 p.m., one unit and five personnel to a medical call in the 700 block of Dean.

- April 4**
- At 5:46 a.m., one unit and five personnel to a lift assist in the 500 block of Powell.
 - At 10:47 a.m., to a medical call in the 400 block of Lowry.
 - At 11:01 a.m., to a medical call in the 1000 block of East Francis.
- April 5**
- At 3:34 a.m., to a lift assist in the 1400 block of West Somerville.
 - At 5:19 p.m., to a lift assist in the 1800 block of Christy.
 - At 7:40 p.m., to a medical call in the 1400 block of Williston.
- April 6**
- At 12:31 a.m., three units and six personnel to a structure fire in the 600 block of Lowry. Fire extinguished upon arrival.
 - At 3:15 a.m., to a medical call in the 700 block of North Dwight.
 - At 8:08 a.m., one unit and four personnel to a medical call in the 600 block of Doucett.
 - At 1:39 p.m., one unit and four personnel to a lift assist in the 1100 block of East Francis.
 - At 6:01 p.m., one unit and four personnel to a medical call in the 1500 block of West Kentucky.
- April 7**
- At 11:35 a.m., to a lift

- assist in the 1100 block of East Francis.
 - At 12:49 p.m., to a motor-vehicle accident in the intersection of Kentucky and Charles. One patient taken to Pampa Regional Medical Center.
 - At 1:30 p.m., to a medical call in the 1300 block of East Francis.
 - At 11:41 p.m., to a gas leak in the 100 block of West Browning.
- April 8**
- At 10:04 a.m., to a medical call in the 900 block of Gordon.
 - At 11:37 a.m., to a medical call in the 100 block of North Sumner.
 - At 12:51 p.m., one unit and two personnel to a medical call in the 1000 block of North Russell.
 - At 1:57 p.m., one unit and two personnel to a grass fire in the 600 block of North Price.
 - At 9:05 p.m., to a lift assist in the 2100 block of Christine.
- April 9**
- At 12:28 a.m., two units and six personnel to a medical call in the 1500 block of West Kentucky.
 - At 1:12 a.m., two units and six personnel to a medical call in the 1500 block of West Kentucky.
 - At 7:09 a.m., to a

- medical call in the 1500 block of West Kentucky.
 - At 9:22 a.m., three units and six personnel to a lift assist at Pampa Regional Medical Center.
 - At 12:52 p.m., to a medical call cancelled in route in the 1200 block of South Nelson.
 - At 2:59 p.m., to a lift assist in the 200 block of North Sumner.
 - At 5:36 p.m., to a good intent call in the 2800 block of Perryton Parkway.
 - At 8:42 p.m., to a medical call in the 500 block of Montague.
 - At 10:46 p.m., to a medical call in the 800 block of South Banks.
- April 10**
- At 4:47 a.m., to a medical call in the 1000 block of East Browning.
 - At 8:25 a.m., to a medical call in the 2700 block of Seminole.
 - At 1:46 p.m., to a medical call in the 600 block of Texas.
 - At 6:17 p.m., to a lift assist in the 500 block of Powell.
- April 11**
- At 9:07 a.m., to a medical call cancelled in route in the 700 block of West Wilks.
 - At 10:20 a.m., to a medical assist in the 600 block of Texas.

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County Commission to meet

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The Gray County Court of Commissioners will hold its regular meeting at 9 a.m. Tuesday, April 15. In new business, the Commissioners will consider the following:

- Pay bills and salaries as approved by the County Auditor.
- Treasurer's Report.
- Quarterly Investment Report.
- County Clerk's report.
- Veteran Service Officer quarterly report.
- IT Committee requests.
- Sheriff and County Judge's request for computer settings.
- Budget amendments for Heliport.
- Discuss roof repair needs at White Deer Land Museum and Annex Building.
- Three bridge cross replacements in Precinct 3.

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Man arrested for slashing \$25,000 in tires

HOUSTON (AP) — A Harris County stable's office assistant says 37-year-old Christopher Schreiber is in custody. He was questioned while drinking at a bar where other tires had been slashed and was arrested later after he was identified on the video.

A surveillance video shows the man walking around vehicles parked in driveways and puncturing all four tires.

In all, at least 35 vehicles were left flattened Thursday.

When arrested, he had driven his truck through a field and got stuck. Authorities say he was uncooperative and was found carrying crack cocaine in a pocket.

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Texas Rangers mark 20 years in home ballpark

ARLINGTON (AP) — A perfect game, Major League Baseball's first regular-season interleague game and consecutive World Series for the Texas Rangers.

Those are some of the highlights over the past two decades at the Texas ballpark that has also been home to four AL MVPs, used to have a Hall of Fame pitcher sitting in the front row and been the site of the franchise's best seasons.

The 20th anniversary of the first regular-season game played there is Friday, when the Rangers host Houston in the opener of a 10-game homestand.

When Texas played its 1994 home opener against Milwaukee, the Brewers were still in the American League and there weren't even teams yet in Arizona or Tampa Bay. George W. Bush was part of the Rangers' ownership group before his two terms as Texas governor and then two terms as president of the United States.

Here are some things that stand out over 1,619 regular-season and postseason home games in the stadium that opened as The Ballpark in Arlington, after 22 seasons across the parking lot at old Arlington Stadium:

RANGERS WIN PENNANT: Under Friday night lights at home on Oct. 22,

2010, Texas clinched its first AL championship. Neftali Feliz got former Rangers shortstop Alex Rodriguez on a called third strike to end Game 6 of the ALCS against the New York Yankees, the team that had ended the Rangers' only three previous playoff appearances.

Texas lost the World Series in five games against San Francisco. The Rangers made it two AL titles in a row in 2011 when they beat Detroit in six games, also clinching at home, before losing the World Series in seven games to St. Louis.

HOME OF MVPs: Juan Gonzalez was a two-time AL MVP (1996 and 1998), before catcher Ivan Rodriguez (1999), Alex Rodriguez (2003) and Josh Hamilton (2010) won the award while playing in Texas.

A-Rod's MVP season capped a three-year stint with the Rangers when he had 156 homers and 395 RBIs before the rest of his \$252 million, 10-year contract was dealt to the New York Yankees. When A-Rod got to Texas as a free agent in December 2000, his deal was worth about \$2 million more than what Tom Hicks had paid to buy the team just less than three years before that.

PERFECTION: On July 28, 1994, 3½ months after

losing the home opener, Rogers threw the Rangers' only perfect game, and their last no-hitter. Rookie center fielder Rusty Greer made a spectacular diving catch in the ninth before catching a routine flyball to end the perfect game against the Anaheim Angels.

RYAN'S ROLE: Nolan Ryan's final season as a pitcher was in old Arlington Stadium, but he remained a big presence after that. He sat in the front row near the Rangers dugout from 2008-13, when he was CEO, president and part-owner for the team's only two World Series teams.

There is a life-size bronze

statue of Ryan in the center field plaza recognizing the last five of his record 27 MLB seasons, when with the Rangers he recorded his 5,000th strikeout and last two of his record seven no-hitters of his career. He is the only Texas player whose number has been retired, and went into the Hall of Fame as a Ranger.

TRAGIC NIGHT: Shannon Stone was attending a game with his 6-year-old son on July 7, 2011, when the Brownwood, Texas, firefighter reached out for a foul ball tossed into the stands by Hamilton, his son's favorite player. Stone fell headfirst about 20 feet

onto concrete behind the outfield wall and was pronounced dead within an hour.

By the following season, new higher railings had been installed throughout the ballpark. The team also dedicated a statue at the home plate gate that depicts Stone and his son, Cooper, and is inscribed "In memory of Shannon Stone and dedicated to all fans who love the game."

OTHER LEAGUE: Other than the World Series or exhibitions, there had never been an MLB interleague game until Barry Bonds and the San Francisco Giants visit-

ed Texas on June 12, 1997. Darren Oliver was the starting pitcher for the Rangers in their 4-3 loss.

SHINING STAR: The 1995 MLB All-Star game was played in Arlington.

WINNING MANAGER: Johnny Oates was the manager who led Texas to its first three AL West titles from 1996-99. His No. 26 jersey was retired by the team months after he died from a brain tumor on Christmas Eve 2004. Ron Washington, the manager for both World Series teams and now in his eighth season, is the franchise's winningest skipper with 615 wins.

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Houston Astros at Texas Rangers.....FSSW 7:05 p.m.
Boston Red Sox at New York Yankees.....FS1 noon
Cleveland Indians at Chicago White Sox..WGName 1 p.m.

Golf
The Masters: Third-round play.....CBS 2 p.m.

Soccer
Fulham vs. Norwich.....NBCSN 8:55 a.m.

College Football
Notre Dame Spring Game.....NBCSN 11:30 a.m.
South Carolina Spring Game.....ESPNU 11 a.m.
Florida State Spring Game.....ESPN 2 p.m.
Clemson Spring Game.....ESPNU 3 p.m.

College Baseball
Arkansas at LSU.....ESPN2 noon
UCLA at Arizona.....ESPNU 9:30 p.m.

College Lacrosse
Maryland at Johns Hopkins.....ESPNU 1 p.m.
North Carolina at Syracuse.....EPSNU 5 p.m.

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Oklahoma at Baylor.....ESPN 4 p.m.
Washington at Stanford.....ESPN2 9 p.m.

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Chicago Blackhawks at Nashville Predators...NBCSN 7 p.m.

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Prosecutor: Pistorius story doesn't add up

PRETORIA, South Africa (AP) — The prosecutor cross-examined Oscar Pistorius at his murder trial Friday tried to shred his version of events on the night he shot and killed his girlfriend, saying they do not add up and go completely against how people would react in the situation the double-amputee Olympian has described.

Instead, chief prosecutor Gerrie Nel said the “only reasonable explanation” for what happened in the pre-dawn hours of Feb. 14 last year was that Pistorius fatally shot Steenkamp multiple times through a toilet door from around three meters away as they argued.

“She was standing behind the toilet door talking to you when you shot her,” Nel put to Pistorius right at the end of the first week of the athlete’s testimony.

“That’s not true,” replied Pistorius, one of numerous denials he issued to accusations that he was a liar through three days of rigorous cross-examination by the dogged prosecutor.

Nel cited the trajectory of the three bullets that hit the model in the hip, arm and

head and which showed she was standing behind the door and facing it, and not backing away as she would have been if she thought there was an intruder in the house, Nel said. Steenkamp wasn’t scared of anyone “other than you” Nel said to the 27-year-old athlete charged with premeditated murder.

Pistorius claims he shot Steenkamp, 29, by mistake, thinking she was an intruder about to come out of the toilet and attack him. Pistorius, once the hero of disabled sport and a multiple Paralympic champion, faces going to prison for 25 years to life if convicted on the premeditated murder charge.

Nel also scrutinized the positioning of items in the bedroom. They also indicated that Pistorius’ story was a fabrication, he argued. Nel said a duvet strewn on the floor in the bedroom in police photos shows the pair was awake and arguing just before the shooting and not in bed as Pistorius has claimed. Pistorius says it was one of many items moved by police after the shooting.

Nel led Pistorius through his own account of what happened moments before he shot Steenkamp. Pistorius said he heard a noise in the bathroom and moved down a passageway on his stumps toward the bath-

room with his pistol while screaming to his girlfriend to get down from the bed and call the police. Pistorius said he then heard a noise in the toilet that he perceived to be the sound of wood on wood, which he said made him think someone was opening the toilet door to attack him. Then, Pistorius said, he opened fire.

At each stage, Nel argued that the account was improbable, questioning why Pistorius did not establish where Steenkamp was and make sure she was OK, why he would approach the alleged danger zone in the dark if he felt vulnerable on his stumps, why Steenkamp would not respond to him and why an intruder would close himself in a toilet stall.

“If you spoke to Reeve, the two of you could have taken lots of other steps,” Nel said, adding that they could have merely left the bedroom.

Pistorius said he wanted to put himself between the bathroom and the bed, where he said he thought Steenkamp was.

Nel noted that throughout Pistorius’ version Steenkamp “never uttered a word.”

“It’s not probable. It’s not possible,” the prosecutor said, asking why Steenkamp never responded to Pistorius’ panicked shouts of an intruder when she was

in the cubicle.

“I agree with Mr. Nel she would have been terrified,” Pistorius said, “but I don’t think she would have shouted out ... In her mind I must have been retreating toward the bathroom.” Nel responded that gave Steenkamp even more reason to talk to Pistorius, who was meters away.

Nel earlier argued that Pistorius was also prepared to lie about an incident as far back as five or six years ago — when he claims someone shot at him from another car on a highway — to build a backstory that he had a long-held fear of being attacked.

Pistorius said he saw a “muzzle flash” and heard “a banging noise” as a black Mercedes drove past him in the incident, which he said was in 2008 or 2009. Pistorius said he turned off the highway and went to a restaurant parking lot and called someone to come and pick him up. Nel asked Pistorius who he called and Pistorius replied he couldn’t remember.

But it was “such a traumatic incident,” the prosecutor said. Nel said Pistorius’ failing to remember who he called was because it never happened.

“If I could remember who I phoned I would gladly give you their name,” Pistorius said.

GREEN, WHITE CHECKERED

Denny Hamlin and Jeff Gordon are poised to have strong runs at Darlington.

BY JOHN LEE
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After having a rain delay forcing the race at Texas Motor Speedway to be run on Monday, the drivers take a short week to “The Lady in Black” that is Darlington Raceway. The racetrack, which is nicknamed “Too



Jeff Gordon

tough to tame,” has a unique egg-shaped layout and will be hosting the Bojangles’ Southern 500. Jeff Gordon has the historic advantage at Darlington, along with seven wins in 33 starts, Gordon also has 22 top-10s and 19 top-5s. Although recently he had been placing outside the top-10 for two years straight, he broke the streak last year with a third place finish.

The other driver who could have a strong finish Sunday is Denny Hamlin. Hamlin has only recorded one win at Darlington, but his past four years at Darlington have been remarkable. Since 2010,



Denny Hamlin

he’s finished first, sixth, second and second. That is actually a Cup-best stretch. For those wondering, Jimmie Johnson has 11 top-10s in 15 races. He also has an average finish of 8.8. Closest to that is Hendrick Motorsports Teammate Jeff Gordon who has an average finish of 11.5.

Others who could have strong finishes include Carl Edwards (Seven top-10s in 10 starts), Kyle Busch (Five top-10s in nine starts), Matt Kenseth (one win, nine top 10s in 20 starts) and Brad

Keselowski (two top-10s in five starts).

Picks for the race: Denny Hamlin and Jeff Gordon.

Track facts

The egg-shaped track is 1.366 miles long with six-degree banking on the front and back stretches. Turns one and two have 25-degree banking while turns three and four have 23-degree banking. Both straightaways are 1,229 feet long.

The race is 367 laps equaling 501.3 miles. Kurt Busch holds the qualifying record, set last year, with a lap of 27.032 seconds.

When it was built in 1949-50, it was only 1.25 miles long. It has undergone two changes over time, a re-measurement to 1.375 in 1953 and a re-configuring to 1.366 in 1970. It was repaved in 1995 and again in 2008.

The past five winners at the track are: Matt Kenseth, Jimmie Johnson, Regan Smith, Denny Hamlin and Mark Martin.

Fun facts

Kyle Busch was the youngest winner at Darlington when he won in the summer of 2008 and was 23 years old. The oldest winner was Harry Grant in 1991 when the 51-year old won a fall race there.

Hendrick has recorded the most wins at Darlington with 14 wins. 95 of the 110 races at Darlington have been from the top-10 position. The pole position has produced 19 winners, while second place has produced 17 winners.

The deepest a race winner has won was in 1950 at the inaugural race when Johnny Mantz won from the 43rd slot. In 33 starts, Jeff Gordon is the series lap leader with 1,736 laps in 33 starts.

Give me sunshine!

The forecast for Saturday evening in Darlington, S.C., calls for sunny skies with a high of 81. The race starts at 5 p.m. Saturday evening on FOX.

Correction

An update to the column, “Directly from the Dug-out,” which ran April 10.

It was erroneously stated the Colby Lewis will pitch Saturday’s game for the Rangers. Due to an MRI on Adrian Beltre coming out with better results than the Rangers expected, Beltre will not head to the DL

right now. Beltre moving to the DL, was going to be how the Rangers made room for Lewis. Lewis will be back in the early part of next week however and a decision on Beltre will be made in a few days. Tanner Scheppers will get the nod Saturday and Martin Perez will go for Texas on Sunday.

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 - IndyCar Series in Long Beach.....NBCSN 3 p.m.
- Hockey**
 - Detroit Red Wings at St. Louis Blues.....NBC 11:30 a.m.
 - Boston Bruins at New Jersey Devils.....NBC 2 p.m.
 - Dallas Stars at Phoenix Coyotes.....NBCSN 8 p.m.
- Golf**
 - The Masters: Final round.....CBS 1 p.m.
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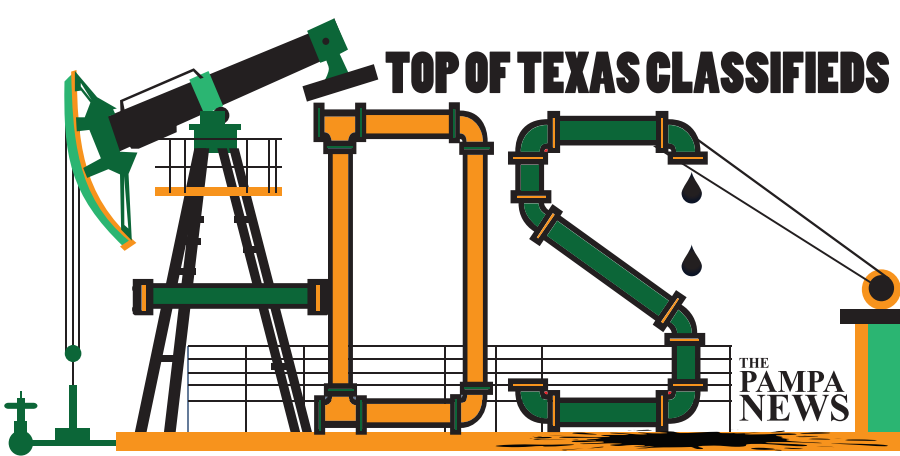


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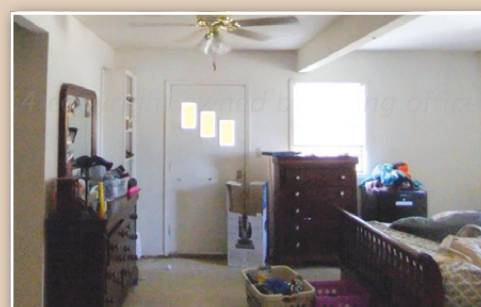
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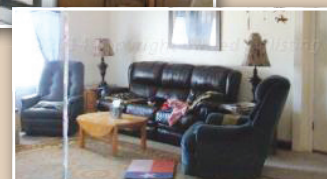
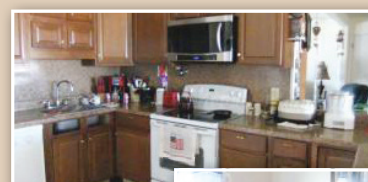
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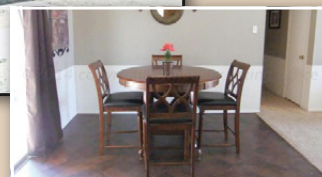
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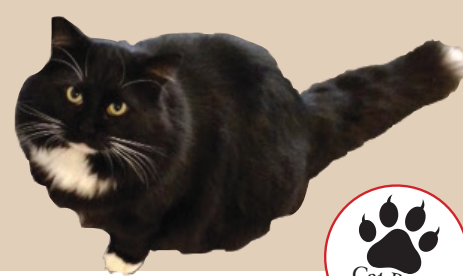
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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I use a service dog, and I'm constantly barraged with requests to pet him. Other people who use service dogs warned me this would happen. Although the ADA does not require him to wear a vest, I bought one for him that reads, "Do Not Pet," which he wears in public. They ask me anyway!

They also ask what I use the dog for. Sometimes I'm tempted to say, "First, tell me about your medical history and then I'll tell you mine." I don't mind quietly and discreetly discussing with a store owner what my dog does, but for a stranger to walk up and expect me to share personal information is rude.

As excited as I am about how my dog has expanded my life, I do not want to spend my time answering

strangers' questions or hearing about every dog they've ever owned.

Obviously, I'm still learning what it means to live with a service dog. Would you kindly share with your readers proper etiquette with service dogs and their owners? — LIVING LARGER IN WASHINGTON STATE

DEAR LIVING LARGER: I'm happy to. But you must be realistic. If you have a service dog, you must accept that people will be curious. However, what many people fail to understand is that when a service dog is out in public, the animal is WORKING, and should not be distracted from its task — which is ensuring the well-being of the owner.

The basics for interacting with service dogs are:

1. Always speak to the person first. Do not try to distract the dog.

2. Never touch the service dog — or ANY dog, for that matter — without first asking for and receiving permission.

3. Do not offer food to the animal.

4. Do not ask personal questions about the handler's disability or otherwise intrude on his or her privacy.

5. Do not be offended if the handler refuses to chat about the service dog.

DEAR ABBY: My son "John" and daughter-in-law "Bree" recently announced their second pregnancy via email, and asked that we keep the news in the immediate family for now.

I was so happy and excited that I notified my sister. She is my best friend and lives in another state. As it turns out, my sister shared the news with her daughter, who is good friends with Bree. My niece then texted congratula-

tions to her. At the end of the day, I received a nasty, dramatic phone call from Bree. She was furious that I had revealed her secret. My heart sank. It wasn't my intention to hurt her in any way. I apologized profusely, but now I'm afraid that this may have solidified the wedge between us because our relationship was never very close to begin with.

I realize I was wrong and apologized. What more can I do to make this the joyful occasion it should be? — NOW WHAT? IN NORTH CAROLINA

DEAR NOW WHAT?: Now you pay the penalty for leaking the news, and gracefully accept that you will be relegated to the second tier when it comes to announcements from your son and daughter-in-law. Perhaps you can eventually get back in their good graces by respecting their wishes in the future.

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.

4-14 CRYPTOQUOTE
J P T Q M R G P T D I G P I Y G Z P A P B
V G M Q V P Q R S L S A R , V P Q B X G
D M N G P V I G M J G . — A G Y D P A

U M A Z G Y M
Saturday's Cryptoquote: I FANTASIZE AND IDEALIZE MYSELF AS BUGS BUNNY, BUT I KNOW DEEP DOWN I'M DAFFY DUCK. — PATTON OSWALT

BANANAGRAMS!

Each set of letters is arranged alphabetically, and the ? is in the correct alphabetical position. Figure out what letter the ? represents and rearrange the letters to spell a seven-letter word that ends with the given letter. For example, in HH?RTY the ? could be an H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q or R. Here it represents an M, which can be combined with the other letters to spell RHYTHM.

LEVEL

A B E I K ? T A C ? N O O V
B V

A C D I ? O R A A ? N O T Y
C A

A C ? P T U Y A ? O O P T T
P T

Yesterday's Answer: BROMINE, ATOMIC, ELEMENT 4.12

BANANAGRAMS!

Using each two- and three-letter word just once, combine a word in the left column with a word in the right column. Then rearrange each five-letter scramble to form a word that begins with an H, L or B and write it into the appropriate space below.

LEVEL

H A R O B
A N I L L
B E T H E

H
L
B

Yesterday's Answer: Common H; BULKHEAD, BANISHED, ABSINTHE, ADHERING 4.14

SUDOKU

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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

SUDOKU

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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Level: Beginner

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS 42 Raring to go

- 1 Completely wreck
- 6 Ready to swing
- 11 Sleepy colleague
- 12 Wake
- 13 Shred
- 14 Physical power
- 15 Never before seen
- 17 Long time
- 18 Horse-shoe shape
- 19 Prepares leftovers
- 22 Mag. workers
- 23 Marshy inlets
- 24 Army group
- 25 Man in a mask
- 27 Truck part
- 30 Artist from Delft
- 31 Gardner of movies
- 32 Cut off
- 33 In a panic
- 35 Gaggle group
- 38 Putting to work
- 39 Profit
- 40 Gluttonous spree
- 41 Sea dogs

DOWN

- 1 Ancient Balkan nation
- 2 Complained bitterly
- 3 Orchard crop
- 4 Took turns
- 5 Exaggerated claims
- 6 Sandy's sound
- 7 Overly
- 8 Agency
- 9 Fancy ties
- 10 Prom crowd
- 16 Tires
- 20 Four-dimensional figure
- 21 Dawn goddess
- 24 Engine part
- 25 City on the Rhone
- 26 Trial

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Yesterday's answer

- 16 Tires
- 20 Four-dimensional figure
- 21 Dawn goddess
- 24 Engine part
- 25 City on the Rhone
- 26 Trial
- 27 Sympathetic
- 28 Pay back
- 29 Wolverine's cousin
- 30 Gambling mecca
- 34 China setting
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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS 1 Breakfast bread

- 6 Happy or Grumpy
- 11 Relative by marriage
- 12 Circle spokes
- 13 Syrup source
- 14 Midterms and finals
- 15 Circle parts
- 17 Got together
- 18 Cloverleaf feature
- 22 Frontiersman
- 23 Brewing vessel
- 27 Chilled
- 29 Mournful music
- 30 Empathize
- 32 "Damn Yankees" role
- 33 Spring holiday
- 35 Back, on a boat
- 38 Bike part
- 39 Tremble
- 41 Throw away
- 45 Beneath
- 46 Port-au-Prince's nation
- 47 Wise saying
- 48 Winesap, for one

DOWN

- 1 Director Burton
- 2 "Cat — Hot Tin Roof"
- 3 Swiss peak
- 4 Spending limit in pro sports
- 5 Annoying fellow
- 6 Not naked
- 7 Candle material
- 8 First person
- 9 Frost
- 10 Balled hand
- 16 Mouse chaser
- 18 Sneaker problem

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Saturday's answer

- 19 Wind pointer
- 20 Demonic
- 21 Tar topper
- 24 Sask. or Alta.
- 25 Lusty look
- 26 Eye drop
- 28 Curio cabinet
- 31 Language suffix
- 34 Malia's sister
- 35 Blue hue
- 36 Supply with cash
- 37 Unveiling cry
- 40 Gun-powder holder
- 42 Tear
- 43 Eur.-Amer. separator
- 44 Diner dessert

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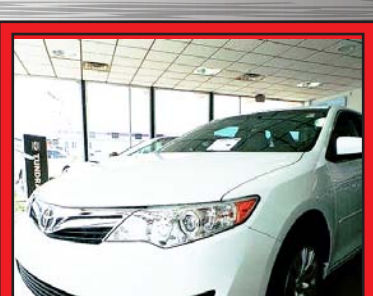


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