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## Pampans recover nicely from storm

BY TIMOTHY P. HOSWARE  
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It was the calm after the storm.

Instead of waking up to a blizzard with two to three inches of snow falling per hour and gusts up to 60 mph, the winds were calm and the sky was clear after the city of Pampa woke up from a deep, cold slumber.

Though city and county offices were closed, street department crews were busy plowing

streets and a worker was clearing the sidewalks at the county courthouse with a snow blower.

According to the National Weather Service, Pampa received 15 inches of snow while White Deer got 14 and Borger got 16.

The heaviest snowfall was in Amarillo, topping out at 19 inches.

Interstate 40 from New Mexico to Oklahoma was closed for several hours, as were other highways and roads throughout the Panhandle. A

truck driver hauling 25,000 pounds of frozen pizza was stuck on I-40 near Groom for nine hours, news outlets reported.

In Pampa, most residents heeded the warnings to stay home. The Pampa Fire Department reported no weather-related calls from Sunday night through Tuesday morning.

Perhaps to the disappointment of a few readers, there are no arrest reports in today's

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Photo by Timothy P. Howsare  
 A man clears sidewalks with a snow blower at the Gray County Courthouse Tuesday morning.

## City Commission meeting postponed; special meeting Friday

By SASHA HELLER  
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The Pampa City Commission meeting, which was planned for Tuesday afternoon, has been postponed and a make-up date has not yet been announced.

In a brief phone interview Tuesday morning, Mayor Brad Pingel said he and city officials decided not to hold the meeting yesterday because they wanted everyone who planned to attend to be safe in their travels through the city.

However, the Commission will conduct a special called meeting at noon on Friday to consider an ordinance related to the May 11 General Election, in which the Pampa community will elect a mayor and commissioners for Wards 1 and 3. The ordinance also provides notice of a Special Election to legalize, within city limits, the sale of mixed drinks by food and beverage certificate holders only.

That is the only item planned for Friday's special called meeting.

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## ALLSUP'S ALWAYS OPEN



Photo by Timothy P. Howsare  
 Manager Sharon McKenney, left, and assistant manager Starla Harkins were busy Monday waiting on customers and keeping the store clean.

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Hospitals, police departments and fire stations aren't the only places that stay open 24/7 even during a monster blizzard like the one we got this week.

There are five Allsup's convenience stores in Pampa — part of a chain throughout Texas and New Mexico — that stay open no matter what.

"We are always open," said Sharon McKenney, manager of the Allsup's at North Hobart and Alcott streets. "The only time we close is when the power goes out, then we open back up as soon as the power comes on."

At 3 p.m., Monday, a steady stream of customers was coming into the store.

Asked how she got to work, McKinney said she

drove to work at 5 a.m. before the snow had gotten very deep.

"She's brave!" exclaimed assistant manager, Starla Harkins, whose boyfriend drove her to work in her four-wheel-drive truck.

Harkins said business was steady all day but really picked up around 1:30 p.m.

She said all other convenience stores in Pampa besides Allsup's were closed Tuesday. Along with that, all the restaurants were closed, Walmart was closing at 4 p.m. and United Supermarket was closing at 5 p.m. All these closures pretty much give Allsup's the corner on the grocery and prepared food market until other businesses opened back up.

"Customers were buying everything from milk, to cigarettes, to deli food, to burritos, to corn dogs to gasoline," Harkins said.

## SNOWBIRD IN THE 'SNOWPOCALYPSE'



This photo of a feathered critter roosting on a tree at a residence on Christine Street was shot by local shutterbug Janet L. Whitsell. To see more reader-submitted pics from Pampa's "snowpocalypse," turn to page 4.

## Pampa chamber's annual banquet reset for March 11

By SASHA HELLER  
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The Pampa Chamber of Commerce's 82nd annual banquet, which was originally set for Tuesday night, has been postponed until 7 p.m., March 11, due to the heavy snowfall the Pampa area has received these last couple of days.

"We hope this works for everybody," said chamber outgoing president Christy Robinson.

"We tried to reschedule earlier but March 11 was the soonest opening. Tickets are on sale and tickets already



Suzie Humphreys

purchased will still be good."

Former TV talk show host Suzie Humphreys will serve as the keynote speaker at the banquet, which will still be held in the Heritage Room at the M.K. Brown Memorial

Auditorium. In her time working in TV and radio, Humphreys interviewed many influen-

tial guests, has made hundreds of commercials, performed musical comedy and acted in motion pictures. Humphreys also has had to overcome various challenges in her life, including financial difficulties, disappointment, and stress over getting pregnant at 40.

Humphreys lives her life with a passion for learning not only how to be a better person, but to see things differently. For more information, contact the Pampa Chamber of Commerce at 806-669-3241.

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## PAMPA FORECAST

Today	Thursday	Friday
		
High 35 Low 17	High 33 Low 19	High 38 Low 19

**Wednesday:** Sunny with a high of 35. No chance of rain. Wind northwest at 16 mph. Sunrise at 7:16 a.m.

**Wednesday night:** Clear skies with a low of 17. No chance of rain. Wind northwest at 8 mph. Sunset at 6:37 p.m.

**Thursday:** Partly cloudy with a high of 33. No chance of rain. Wind north northwest at 9 mph. Sunrise at 7:15 a.m.

**Thursday night:** Partly cloudy with a low of 19. No chance of rain. Wind northwest at 9 mph. Sunset at 6:38.

**Friday:** Partly cloudy with a high of 38. No chance of rain. Wind north northwest at 14 mph. Sunrise at 7:13 a.m.

**Friday night:** Mostly clear with a low of 19. No chance of rain. Wind north northwest at 11 mph. Sunset at 6:39 a.m.

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# Obituaries

## Katherine Elizabeth Gilbert

Katherine Elizabeth Gilbert, 51, died Sunday, Feb. 24, 2013, in Pampa. Services will be at 11 a.m., Thursday, Feb. 28, 2013 at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel in Pampa, with Gene Gee, minister of Lefors Church of Christ, officiating. Burial will follow in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.



**Katherine Gilbert**

Katherine was born July 15, 1961 in Chickasha, Okla. She married Danny Gilbert on Nov. 6, 1981 in Laurel, Miss. Katherine had been a resident of Lefors since 1982. She was a cook for Dyers Bar-B-Que for 11 years, and Peggy's Place for 15 years. She was a homemaker and a member of the Church of Christ. Katherine was a loving and caring wife, mother and grandma. She was preceded in death by her father, Martin Ray Brookshire in 1997; a grandson, Phillip Hendricks in 1997; and a daughter, Belinda Renea Brookshire in 2005.

Survivors include her husband, Danny of the home; two daughters, Melissa Newton and husband Curtis of Pampa, and Rebecca Lynn Gilbert of the home; a son, Damyane Shaye Gilbert of the home; her mother, Mary Brookshire of Pampa; two brothers, Martin Guy Brookshire and Johnny Lee Brookshire, both of Pampa; five grandchildren, Dystany Brookshire-Riley, Sierra Blackwell, Jason Blackwell, Cassie Solis and Cody Newton; and five great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Lefors Volunteer Fire

and Ambulance Service.

Sign the online register at [Carmichael-whatley.com](http://Carmichael-whatley.com).

## Terry Young



**Terry Young**

Terry Young, 56, died Sunday, Feb. 24, 2013 in Lefors. Services will be at 2 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 28, 2013, in Memory Gardens Mausoleum in Pampa, with the Rev. Ronnie Lambert, pastor of First Baptist Church of Lefors, officiating. Burial will follow in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Terry was born on Jan. 22, 1957 in Pampa. He attended schools in Pampa. Terry worked for Scarab Manufacturing in White Deer for many years. He was an avid fisherman and he loved his pickup, as well as his dogs.

Survivors include his fiancé, Beverly Cooper of the home; two sisters, Marilyn Burk and boyfriend Steve King of Ponca City, Okla. and Deborah Barnes and boyfriend Alton Day of Pampa; three nieces, Shelly Hayes and Ronna Smith of Pampa and Missy Ebben of Amarillo; nine nephews, Gene LaRue of Texas, Dean LaRue of Ponca City, Okla., Marlin LaRue, Cole Young and D.J. Young, all of Pampa, Brennan Young of south Texas, Michael and Chad Young, both of Lefors, and Allen Young of Pampa. He is preceded in death by his parents, Farris and Bonnie, two brothers, Mike and Ricky Young, and two nephews, David Young and D.J. Brittenham, and one niece Ashley Marcum.

## Senate may reject Texas insurance commish

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas Insurance Commissioner Eleanor Kitzman could have trouble winning Senate confirmation to keep her job, as Democrats with enough votes to defeat her nomination question her credentials.

Kitzman was appointed by Texas Gov. Rick Perry in 2011 between legislative sessions. She faces a formal confirmation process starting with the Senate's Nominations Committee next month, before a vote of the full Senate in which she will need two-

thirds support.

Several Democrats have questioned her leadership and her past ties to the insurance industry, the Austin American-Statesman reported. At least one Republican, Sen. Bob Deuell of Greenville, suggested that Kitzman "has ignored a lot of rules."

"I don't think the votes are there to confirm her," Deuell said.

Kitzman told the newspaper she wanted to talk to each senator and correct any misconceptions, though she didn't specify

what those were.

"I'm aware there are some members that have a view about certain things," Kitzman said. "And some of those views may be pretty entrenched. Others are, I think, based on — let's say — less than the whole story on some things.

And I just want to give them an opportunity to, like I say, have complete information and make an informed decision."

Sen. Kirk Watson, D-Austin, said Kitzman has "serious problems" and

accuses her of not protecting consumers enough. Sen. Wendy Davis, D-Fort Worth, wrote a letter earlier this year criticizing Kitzman for removing a rule that she said would require insurers to warn patients in advance about added out-of-pocket expenses related to services provided out of network.

State Sen. John Whitmire, D-Houston, accused Kitzman of being beholden to consultants, as fees paid to a New York-based firm have passed \$1.5 million.

# The PAMPA NEWS Community Calendar

## City Commission meetings

The Pampa City Commission meets at 4 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. The meetings are held on the third floor of City Hall.

## School board meetings

The Pampa Independent School District board meets at 6 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month. Check The Pampa News for meeting locations.

## County Commission meetings

The Gray County Commission meets at 9 a.m. on the 1st and 15th of each month. If the date falls on a Saturday, the meeting will be held on Friday. If the date falls on a Sunday, the meeting will be held on Monday. The meetings are held on the second floor of the Gray County Courthouse.

## PAWS meets second Tuesdays

Pampa Animal Welfare Society meets the first Tuesday of each month in the north meeting room at the Lovett Library. The meetings are at 6:30 p.m. and are open to the public. There is a desperate need for more members, especially when the new shelter opens.

PAWS members are needed to work at the shelter from 3-5:30 p.m. each day and to work adoption days or take animals to the vets when needed, but mostly people are needed to love and work with the animals where they will be more adoptable. For more information, call the shelter after 3 p.m. at 669-5775 and ask for the PAWS volunteer.

## Jam sessions every Friday night

The Woody Guthrie Folk Music Center has a

jam sessions every Friday night starting at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to play or listen. The center is located at 320 S. Cuyler St. For more information, call 806-664-0824.

## Meredith House presents live music

Meredith House, an assisted-living facility at 812 W. 25th Ave., has a band performing at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday and Saturday night. Join them for Western music, gospel and the classics. For more information, call 806-665-5668.

## Monday night dance club

The Monday night dance club meets from 7-9 p.m., each Monday, in the Pampa Chamber of Commerce building on the corner of Ballard and Kingsmill. Admission is \$3. Cold drinks and coffee are offered.

The club plays Coun-

try music from the 1940s, 50s, 60s and 70s. For more information, call Della at 806-665-2858.

## Lions Club fundraiser

The Lions Club is selling raffle tickets for a chance to win a vacation to Disney World. Tickets are \$5 and proceeds benefit the Texas Lions Camp and other Lions Club Charities. Tickets can be purchased from local Lions Club members and at The Pampa News office. For more information contact the paper at 669-2525.

*Editor's note: Email submissions to [thowsare@thepampanews.com](mailto:thowsare@thepampanews.com). Submissions should be 100 words or less and written in the third person. Please include the title of the event, the date and time, physical address, the admission cost or whether it is a free event and a contact number and/or email address for the public.*

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## Perry endorses reevaluation of STARR exams

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Rick Perry says he supports taking a hard look at the 15 standardized tests Texas high school students are currently required to take for graduation.

Addressing the Texas Business Leadership Council on Tuesday, Perry said schools must be held to the highest accountability standards but "we can certainly debate the best ways" to do so. He endorsed efforts in the Legislature to re-evaluate testing, saying the state should find "the best mix" of State of Texas Assessments of Academic

Readiness, or STAAR, exams required for graduation. But Perry didn't say how many tests he'd ultimately like to see students take.



## VACATION WITH THE PAMPA NEWS



Submitted photo

Pampa resident Keith Woods checked out a copy of The Pampa News while he attended the Bassmasters championship in Tulsa, Okla., over the weekend. If you go on a weekend trip or vacation, take a copy of the newspaper with you and have someone shoot your picture. You can then share your experience with everyone in Pampa by emailing the photo to [thowsare@thepampanews.com](mailto:thowsare@thepampanews.com). Please tell us when and where the picture was taken.

## Weather

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newspaper because nobody got arrested Monday, according to the Gray County Sheriff's Office. As far as the authorities were concerned, everybody was staying indoors and behaving themselves.

Like the fire department, the Sheriff's Office also had no weather-related incidents to report.

And the same went for the Hooper Volunteer Fire Department, which covers rural areas throughout the county.

"Everybody in our response area stayed in and nobody was getting crazy," said Chief Joe Millican. "We made no rescues or emergency runs of any kind."

Donny Hooper, Pampa Public Works director, said Tuesday afternoon he had "all hands on deck" for the snow removal

effort.

"We will be working all of the major through streets, as we always do and will not be going into residential neighborhoods," he said. "We simply do not have the equipment or personnel to do all of them."

Hooper said city crews will be working on all areas around schools except Pampa Junior High School.

"They contract out the work on their private road into the school and TXDOT takes care of the highway," he said.

Hooper said residents can still expect difficult travel on some of the side streets, particularly the east/west streets which drifted the most.

"Allow plenty of time for travel," he said.

Major news outlets reported the storm has affected 21 states, and that 45 million U.S. residents have been under some kind of winter weather warning or advisory.

## Pampa Fire Department call log — Feb. 23-26

The Pampa Fire Department responded to these calls for the dates indicated.

### Friday, Feb. 23

- At 7:48 a.m., one unit, three personnel responded to Kentucky and Duncan on a vehicle accident.

- At 4:38 p.m., one unit, three personnel responded to the 900 block of Duncan on a public service call.

### Saturday, Feb. 24

- At 1:36 p.m., one unit, three personnel responded to Harvester and Browning on a vehicle accident.

- At 1:34 p.m., one unit, three personnel responded to the 1800 block of North Wells on a medical assist.

### Sunday, Feb. 25

- At 1:07 a.m. one unit, three per-

sonnel responded to the 100 block of Neal Road on a medical assist.

- At 10:23 a.m., one unit, three personnel responded to the 1100 of Varnon on a carbon monoxide investigation.

- At 4:40 p.m., one unit, three personnel responded to the 300 block North Wells on a lift assist.

- At 6:19 p.m., one unit, three personnel responded to the 100 block of Village Drive on a medical assist.

### Monday, Feb. 26

- At 10:21 p.m., one unit, three personnel responded to the 2200 block of Beech on a medical assist.

- At 11:19 p.m., one unit, three personnel responded to the 1000 block of East Francis on a medical assist.

## City

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The remaining portion of the full agenda that was set for Tuesday's meeting will be considered when the meeting is rescheduled.

Notable items from the agenda include a public hearing to hear comments from citizens regarding Edward Losoya's request to rezone property at 908 S. Wells from single-family-3 residential to commercial. Losoya plans

to establish a landscaping business along with a nursery. According to city records, the Planning and Zoning Commission voted in favor for the property's rezoning. City staff has researched the zoning request and found no issues with spot zoning.

Other items include installation of a telecommunications network at the new Pampa Animal Welfare Facility and an ordinance to amend fees for RV sites and the group shelter at Recreation Park.

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# SnowDays

■ Reader-submitted photos of Monday's blizzard and Tuesday's 'calm after the storm.'



Top left: Two-year-old Landry Crawford admires the snow with his dog GuGu (Gucci) by his side. **Photo by Lacey Crawford.** Top right: Don't mess with "Fort Weaver!" The Weaver kids, Hudson, 7, Kaylee, 3, and Reese, 2, playing on the fort they built from drifts. **Photo by Alecia Weaver.** Above left: Cattle crossing Price Road during the storm Monday. **Photo by Kate Devoll.** Right: A six-foot snow drift Tuesday morning at Las Pampas Square. **Photo by Bob Conner.**



Clockwise from above left: Pickup trucks along 23rd Avenue near Price Road and Lea Street Tuesday morning. **Photo by Monica Vasquez.** Fred Courtney, Pampa Emergency Management coordinator, heads out for a full day after the storm. **Photo by Charla Shults.** There's a glider somewhere under all that snow! **Photo by Darla Starbuck.** Drifts in the yard. **Photo by Joe Weaver.** Kyle Parnell snow blows the driveway. **Photo by Kayla Parnell.** The Pampa News would like to thank everyone who submitted photos and posted updates on our Facebook page. Everybody stayed safe and we all pulled together as a community.





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# Pampa Faith

## Parental trust: Hard even when deserved

Very late one night in 1990 (I think) I was sorting through a bunch of baseball cards when the phone rang. Now everyone who knew me knew that if there was a call after 10 p.m., then there had better be some blood



**MIKE SUBLETT**

somewhere. I angrily jumped to answer the phone, but no second ring. That meant that someone had picked up the phone downstairs; most likely my daughter, Christina, a junior in high school. I went back to sorting cards, but deep down couldn't get my mind off of the call; wondering who it could have been and what they could have wanted with my little girl. Rather than rush downstairs and find out what in tarnation was going on, I bit my lip and my tongue and sat there and prayed. I didn't have long to wait. About that time I heard creaks from the stairway. Christina made her way to the front door and paused. "So who was that and where in the world do you think you are going at this time of night?" I can still remember my baby's reply that night. "I'd really rather not tell you, dad. Please, don't make me tell you." Every overbearing bone in my body wanted to explode in Technicolor. But God was gracious to my prayers and blessed me with discernment that certainly wasn't my normal nature. "Do I need to be worried about you?" Christina replied, "No, sir, honest." I paused to pray and then commented, "One of these days your child is going to ask you for this same degree of complete trust. On that day I hope you will remember just how much trust and faith that it took for your dad to let you walk out of this house with no explanation. Go on ahead and please be careful."

Those of you who know me really well are probably scratching your

head, wondering if I made this story up. Why? Because we both know that my normal manner was completely opposite. But God was indeed marvelous that night. He helped me be what I all too often wasn't.

That night was repeated several times over the next 18 months. Not often, but all too often for a protecting father, the phone would ring again late at night and Christina would leave. We didn't really talk much when she would walk out the door. About all I ever said was, "Remember, one of these days you are going to know. Please be careful." And then I would just pray and pray.

During the Spring of Christina's senior year she walked in one day and asked me, "So dad, would you like to know where I went and what I was doing after all of those late night calls?" I wanted to thump her; OF COURSE I WANTED TO KNOW!

"Well you see, I made a deal with all my friends. I made them promise me that when they had too much to drink or were wasted that they would call me and let me drive them home. The reason why I was gone longer sometimes was that I had to clean them up first before I could take them home." Christina was teary and I was a mixture of wanting to pinch her head off for leaving me hanging all those months and wanting to throw a party because I was so proud of the dynamite young woman my daughter had become.

Christina wrapped things up with, "I didn't want you to make me tell you because I just wanted you to trust me. Thanks for trusting me, dad." Those are some of the best words I ever heard. "Thank You, Father God, for constraining my normal nature on those late nights." God bless. Mike

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## A week without church makes you weak

People often say to me, "You're always going to church." Some even say, "Wouldn't it be easier just to stay home sometimes?" Well, yes, it might be easier to stay home some Sundays. But the rest of the week would be a whole lot harder.

We all need to go to church. We need each other. Most of all, we need to meet God there. It is there, with other believers, that we are encouraged and find strength for a new week. I can tell you it makes a difference in my life.

There are many reasons why we should go to church. It is at church where we find and fulfill our purpose in life. We find our purpose through a relationship with Jesus Christ — and others. Church is where we learn to be a part of the family of God. We learn how to love and share with each other. In

1 Corinthians 12:26, it says, "If one part of the body suffers, all the other parts suffer with it."

By coming together with other believers, we can grow together in God's love, and we will grow spiritually. Ephesians 4:16 tells us, "As each part does its own work, it helps all the other parts grow, so the whole body is healthy."

Being a Christian and living the Christian life is more than just a commitment to Christ. It's a commitment to other believers, too. The Bible tells us to be involved in each other's lives. God says to love each other and bear each other's burdens. Hebrews 3:13 says, "Encourage one another daily."

The Bible tells us to encourage one another, serve one another, teach one another, accept one another and be devoted to one another. In Romans 1:12, Paul says, "I want us to help each other. Your faith will help me, and my faith will help you."

Many times, when we've stumbled or had

a tough week, we may feel like staying away from church, but those are the times when we need it most. That's where we find God's grace. Our church family can help us through the hard times. As it says in 2 Corinthians 2:7, "When people stumble, you should forgive and comfort them, so they won't give up." How true it is. We need each other in the hard times as well as the good times.

I read a great quote once that really sums it all up: We need church "because it gives us a purpose to live for, people to live with, principles to live by, a profession to live out and power to live on. There's no other place on Earth where you can find all these benefits in one place."

If you haven't been going to church, try it next Sunday. It will change your life!

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### CHURCH SPOTLIGHT

#### Pampa Pride religion section

The Pampa News will publish multiple special sections in the paper on March 29. One of those sections is the religion section. To have your church featured, please contact the paper.

Send us a story and/or picture about your church or bring it by the paper. For more information, call 669-2525.

#### 22nd Annual Czech Sausage Dinner

St. Ann's Catholic Church in Canyon will be hosting the 22nd Annual Czech Sausage Dinner from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 3. Tickets are \$9 for adults and \$5 for children. Children age 5 and under eat free. The event will be held at the Parish Family Center at 605 38th Street in Canyon. For more information

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*Editor's note: Email submissions to [thowsare@thepampanews.com](mailto:thowsare@thepampanews.com). Submissions should be 100 words or less. Please include the name of the church, the dates and times of worship services and community events, physical address, and a contact number and/or email address for the public.*

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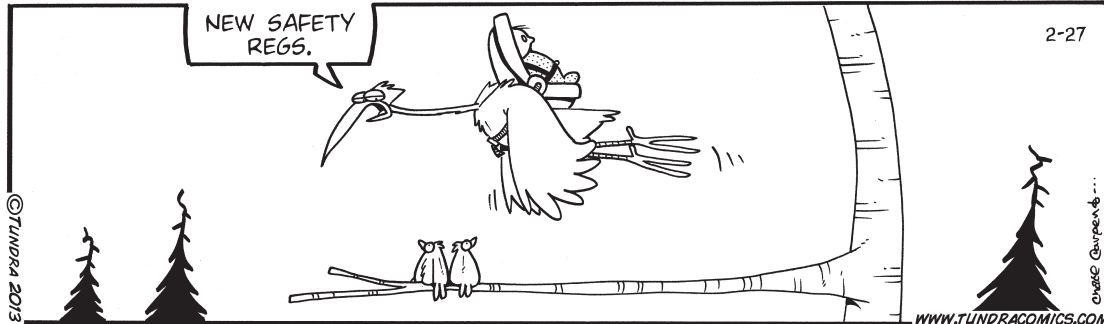
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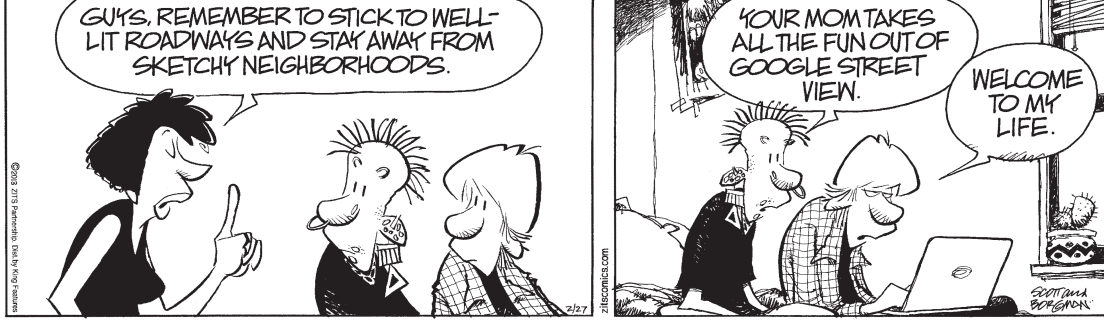
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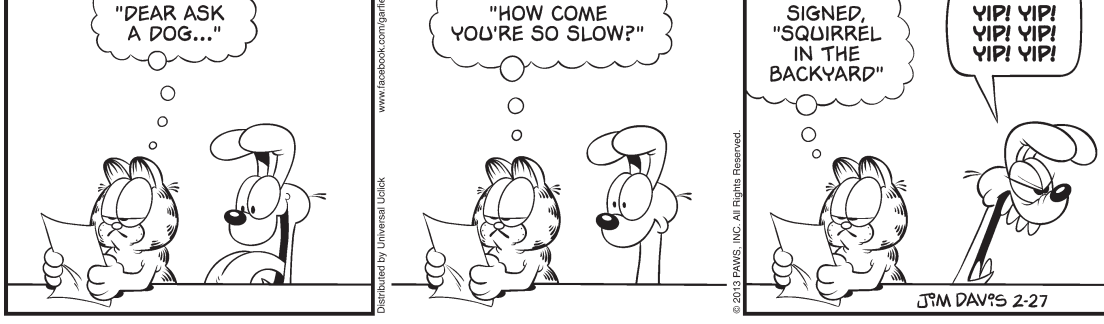
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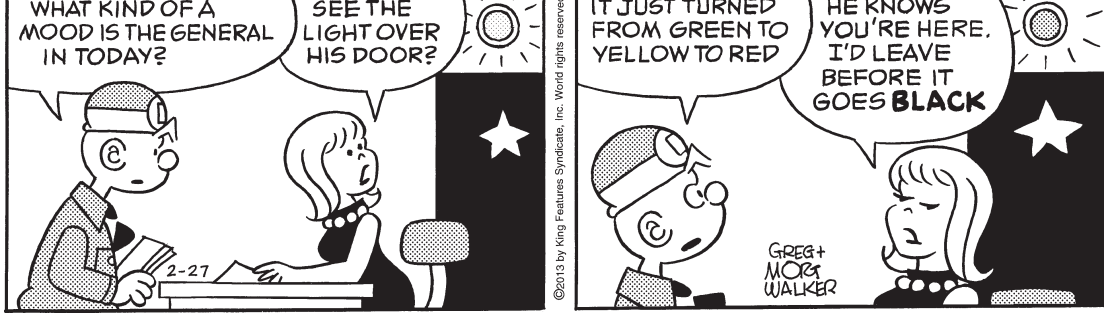
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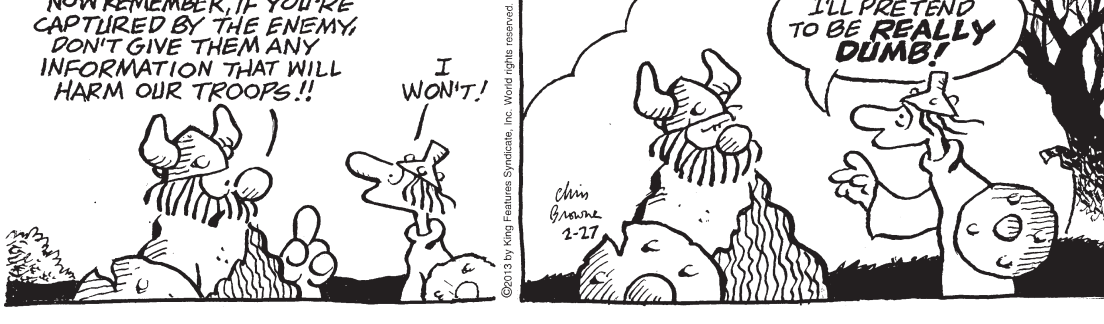
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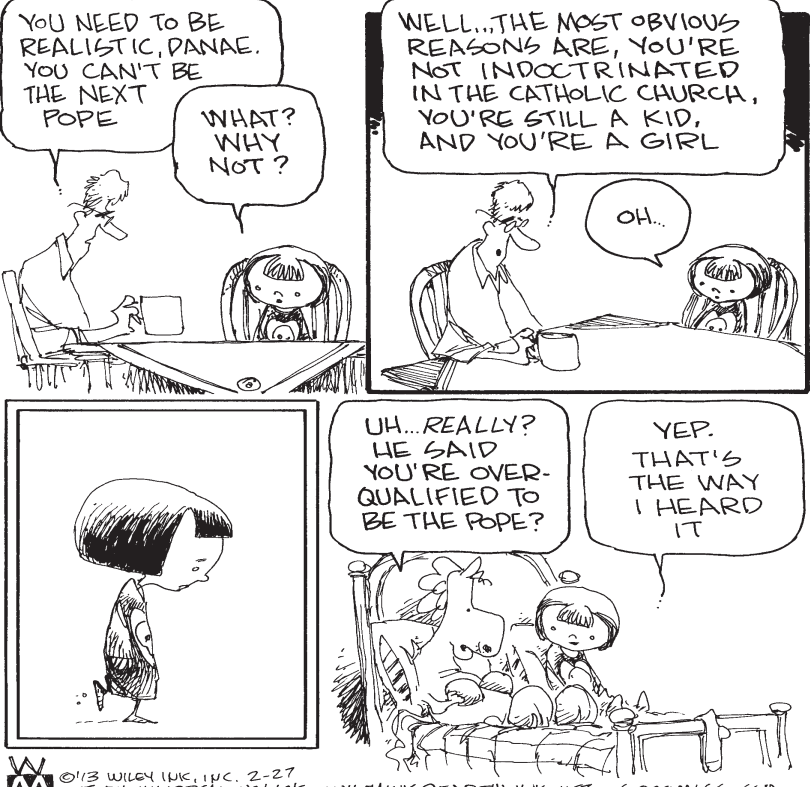
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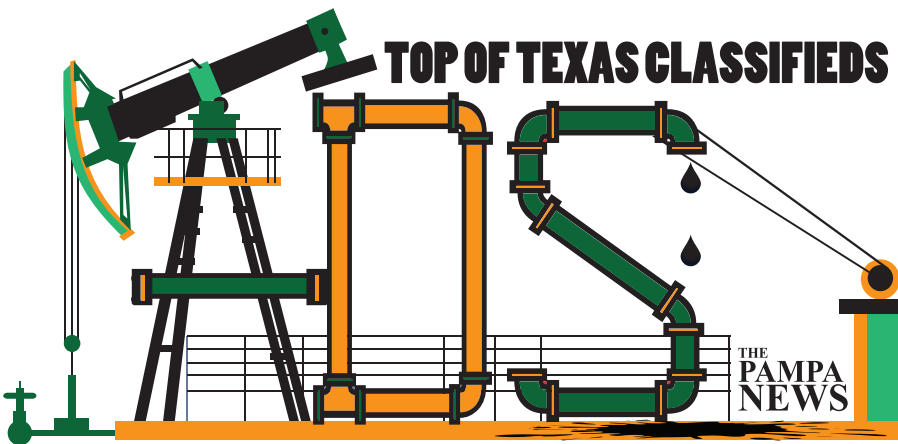


# daily horoscope

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Thursday, Feb. 28, 2013:  
This year you seem to inspire others on a deep level, especially close loved ones and friends. Your trademark will be to look squarely at life-and-death issues before coming to your own conclusions about a life philosophy. If you are single, you certainly are desirable. You will meet someone of the caliber you seek sometime after June 2013. If you are attached, your sweetie most likely will want to participate in your search for depth and meaning. If not, his or her adjustment to the new you could be a little rocky. LIBRA always is congenial.  
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)  
★★★★ Defer to others. You'll come up with unusual answers because of your ability to bypass certain situations. Others initially might react strangely, but don't worry ... they will adjust. Your imagination could stretch far in present circumstances. Tonight: Listen to suggestions.  
**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)  
★★★★ You might have more to complete than you realize. An associate or a meeting could be more challenging than you anticipated. In the future, take some time and do a little more research on what might be going on behind the scenes. Tonight: Take care of yourself, first.  
**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)  
★★★★ A partner might be more possessive than you realize, and it could result in an unpleasant situation. Use your imagination in order to find an interesting path out of this problem. A boss lets you know what he or she thinks of your work. Tonight: Let your imagination call the shots.  
**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)  
★★★★ You might want to go past a boundary, but someone could put his or her foot down just as you are about to break free. Detach rather than react. You might have an interesting route to make your goals a reality. Consider taking a few days off. Tonight: At home.  
**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)  
★★★★ Make an effort to touch base with others in your immediate circle. You could be taken back by what someone has been up to behind your back. Avoid a controlling person, if possible. Remember, the only way to win is not to play. Tonight: Be more

whimsical.  
**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)  
★★★★ Curb a need to keep up with the Joneses. You are better off just being you. A family member pushes you beyond reason. Try not to play into this person's manipulative ways. Your compassion will come across clearly if you stay neutral. Tonight: Do some shopping.  
**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)  
★★★★ You are in your element, so feel free to pursue a new path. A family member could give you a lot of flak, but don't let that get to you. An effort to please someone in your day-to-day environment will attract more caring than you intended. Tonight: Avoid going to the wee hours.  
**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)  
★★★★ Be aware of the cost of continuing in your chosen direction. You might be stubborn, but don't be stubborn to the point of self-destruction. Note how far-out your ideas can be in a conversation. Infuse more realism into your day. Tonight: Be naughty and nice.  
**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)  
★★★★ You know what you want and where you are heading. A family member might have a different opinion. You could find yourself in a willpower struggle. You come from a very creative point of view, and you will find a way out. Tonight: Where the crowds are.  
**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)  
★★★★ Others will follow your lead if you are just willing to take the first step toward fixing a problem. Someone who admires you might test your patience. A conversation or a visit with this person could make a brewing storm finally calm down. Tonight: To the wee hours.  
**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)  
★★★★ Keep reaching out for more information. You won't be satisfied until you have clarified a problem. You could be taking a hard look at something that dominates your thinking. Be as clear as possible about a money matter. Tonight: Let your creativity take over.  
**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)  
★★★★ A partner or an associate wants to continue a conversation. This person hopes to convince you of the rightness of his or her ways. Listen, but don't feel pressured to agree. New information could color your thinking. Take your time processing it. Tonight: Dinner for two.





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## Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I need help and I can't talk to anyone I know, so I'm pouring my heart out to you. My husband is addicted to online porn. Our sex life has suffered massively because of it. He seems uninterested in sex with me. I had a feeling that it might be something or someone else.

My woman's intuition told me there had to be a reason for him turning to porn, so I checked our computer's history log and found he has been surfing gay porn. He does watch straight porn, but now peppers it with male-on-male porn as well.

It has shattered my world. I don't know what to think or what to do. I can't discuss this with my family. They would never view him in the same way again. Help! -- J. IN BRIGHTON, ENGLAND

DEAR J.: Your husband may be curious, bisexual or have discovered (late) that he is gay. It happens. You need to have a frank conversation with him. Remain calm, stay strong and remember that you, too, are entitled to a sex life. You have nothing to lose by discussing this, and everything to gain. If you need more help afterward, consider going online and con-

tacting the Straight Spouse Network at [www.straight-spouse.org](http://www.straight-spouse.org).

DEAR ABBY: I have been in therapy for four years. I like my therapist, who has helped me immensely. However, over the past year she has become increasingly tardy in keeping her appointment times. I understand there are sometimes emergencies, but being a half-hour late every week is excessive. I feel it is disrespectful to me. She keeps saying I just don't understand.

How can I get across to her how frustrated I am? Or do I need to find a new therapist? -- BY THE CLOCK IN CONNECTICUT

DEAR BY THE CLOCK: Tell your therapist exactly how this is affecting you and ask what HER problem is. She owes you an explanation. I agree that being late for your appointment is disrespectful if it happens regularly. You may need to find another therapist. If that's the case, be sure to tell her why you are leaving. It takes courage to be assertive, but it will help you in your personal growth.

DEAR ABBY: Please help me with a delicate situation between me and my husband of seven years.

For our 20th anniversary, my first husband gave me a diamond anniversary ring. After running across it again, I have recently started wearing it.

My husband is very offended that I have chosen to do this. I wear it on the middle finger of my left hand. (The knuckle on my right hand was broken when I was a teen and it won't fit on that hand.)

I have tried explaining that there is no sentimental reason for wearing the ring. It's just a beautiful piece of jewelry. He doesn't want me to wear it at all, but I do. Do you have any advice? -- LIKES THE SPARKLE IN WISCONSIN

DEAR LIKES THE SPARKLE: While the ring may be just a beautiful piece of jewelry to you, to your husband it may symbolize the 20-plus years you spent with someone else. Ask if he would mind if you had the stones in the ring remounted into something you could wear on your right hand -- or consider selling it and using the money to buy another piece of jewelry that would be less threatening to your current spouse.

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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# PampaSports

## PAMPA GREEN TAKES FIRST PLACE



Submitted photo

Pampa Green Basketball team won first place in the Jim Brinkley/Red Bell 25th Anniversary Tournament in Panhandle this weekend. Pictured are, back row from left, coach Jodi Roden, Callin Burleson, Avery Hoganson, Madison Davis, Remi Didway, Kambry Smith, Maddie Yates and coach Natalie Davis. Front row, Mikaela Gonzales, Bethany Roden and Lexi Didway.

## GYMNASTICS OF PAMPA IN LUBBOCK



Submitted photo

The Gymnastics of Pampa competition team competed this weekend in Lubbock. Pictured are, back row from left, Jordan Demetriades, Chandler Petty, McKenna Etheredge, Katie Smith and Stori Stribling. Front row, Jaden Perez, Saylor Stribling, Peyton Demetriades and Haley Fossett.

# Ten things from this year's NFL combine

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Who's the best athlete? The best quarterback? A rundown of 10 story lines, none of them related to Manti Te'o, from the NFL combine:

- 1. WHO'S NO. 1?** Expect another shake-up atop the draft board after this weekend's craziness. Defensive tackle Star Lotulelei went home after being diagnosed with a heart condition, cornerback Dee Milliner is preparing for shoulder surgery and offensive tackle Eric Fisher appears to be closing the gap on Luke Joeckel, the presumptive No. 1 pick (hello, Kansas City?). Some analysts are moving guard Chance Warmack and defensive tackle Sharrif Floyd into the top five.
- 2. MEDICAL EXAMS:** Nothing is more important at the combine than passing a physical, and nothing can hurt a draft prospect's stock faster than a bad exam. Just ask Lotulelei, who has generally been ranked in the top three since the college sea-

- son ended. After doctors diagnosed the Utah star with a heart condition, he was sent home to see a specialist. Before he even left town, some teams were already saying he'd be off their draft board if he couldn't get cleared.
- 3. GOING DEEP.** Teams looking for an Andrew Luck or a Robert Griffin III or even a Jake Long will be hard pressed to find a franchise anchor at the top of the 2013 draft. That means the big winners will be the teams looking to fill in around Luck, Griffin or Cam Newton because this year's talent pool runs deep. And teams may find more value in dealing for Alex Smith or Matt Flynn than drafting Geno Smith or Matt Barkley, and those rumors are already flying.
- 4. HOLD THE LINE.** Coaches and general managers often talk about building teams around the line of scrimmage. This year, they can show they mean it. Of the 333 players who attended this week's combine, 112 (33.6

- percent) were either offensive or defensive linemen. Fans might want to start learning names like Corey Lemonier (Auburn DE) and Eric Herman (Ohio State OL).
- 5. CHECK IT OUT.** This year's rookie class will keep the NFL's background checkers busy through draft weekend. There are plenty of concerns that need to be sorted out, from drug use and alcohol abuse to academic woes and criminal allegations.
- Teams want some sort of certainty that they're not going to be risking too much by using a high pick on a talented player such as Alec Ogletree (DUI arrest on Feb. 16) and then having to contend with more problems.
- 6. BELIEVE YOUR EYES.** Fans become enamored with things like times in the 40-yard dash and the number of reps players have on the bench press. Scouts prefer to look at the tape.
- The reality is the workout warriors (see Mike Mamula in

- shorts don't always meet the expectations in pads. Don't believe it? Here are the top five 40 times since 2000: Trindon Holliday, Jacoby Ford, Chris Johnson, Darrius Heyward-Bey and Demarcus Van Dyke.
- 7. FEEL-GOOD STORIES.** Defensive lineman Walter Stewart of Cincinnati and Georgia linebacker Jarvis Jones were told they would have to give up football in college after doctors discovered congenital spinal conditions.
- Both have been cleared to play and hope to embark on NFL careers. Then there's defensive back D.J. Hayden, who tore a heart vein in a practice collision in November and was rushed into surgery. He's now on verge of fulfilling a lifelong dream.
- 8. QB QUANDARY.** While there is debate about who will be the first quarterback taken this year? Matt Barkley, Mike Glennon, Geno Smith or someone else? few analysts believe there's a top-10 QB available.

- 9. SEC RULES.** No conference has been better at winning national championships over the last decade and now the SEC's domination is carrying over to the NFL. The SEC easily had the highest number of players at the combine (73), and could have the highest total of first-round picks in April, too, thanks in large part to the contingents from Alabama and LSU. The ACC had the second-most invites (43), with the Pac-12 third (38).
- 10. GOING GLOBAL.** American football is suddenly becoming a hit overseas, too. Players at this year's combine were born or reared in the following countries: Australia, England, Estonia, Ghana, Germany, Japan, Liberia and Tonga. Not everyone believes American football is a great sport, as defensive lineman Magus Hunt, a native of Estonia, can attest. But it's a start for a league that is trying to give its game a global spin.

# Gonzaga Zags deserving of a No. 1 NCAA Tournament seed

BY TIM DAHLBERG  
AP SPORTS COLUMNIST

Now is when things really start to get interesting for the little school that always seems to play so big. Look for Gonzaga on the map and it takes someone in the know to find the Catholic school in the corner of the Pacific Northwest. Look for the Zags on the basketball map at this time of the year and they're usually a lot easier to find. John Stockton once played for the school, before he went on to a Hall of Fame career making sure the Mailman was always in position to deliver. Stockton's son, David, plays there now, though he's not quite the assist machine his father once was. Gonzaga has gone to the last 14 NCAA tournaments, once advancing to within one win of the Final Four. They're usually the kind of team other coaches hate to face early because they always seem so fundamentally sound. Now they're No. 2 in The Associated Press Top 25 poll this week, the school's highest ranking ever. And as selection time gets near and the No. 1 seeds are picked, the question becomes this: Why not Gonzaga? Why not, indeed. If there's ever a season a mid-major can become a No. 1 seed and get on the inside track to the Final Four, it's this one. The Zags have been tournament darlings before, sure. But this year they're a legitimate top-five pick on anyone's ballot and a No. 1 pick by one voter in the AP weekly poll. Parity reigns across the na-

tion and, until Indiana solidified things at the top, being No. 1 was a crown to be worn uneasily. But while the Bulldogs may play in a small conference, they played a big-school schedule to make sure they're ready in March. They're done with the label of being the little school that can. Their coach points to the schedule and says they can't even be considered a mid-major anymore. They've been playing — and beating — the big boys for so long they're simply a very good college basketball team. Period. "Our body of work speaks for itself," guard Mike Hart said Monday. "Our two losses (Illinois and at Butler) were quality losses. We've had a great group of games and a schedule that has been tough." That Gonzaga is a heart-beat away from the top spot in American basketball is largely due to a pair of Canadians who couldn't be more different. Kevin Pangos is the guard who grew up idolizing Steve Nash and can't stand to not be in the gym. Kelly Olynyk is the late-blooming 7-footer with the flowing locks who looks like he would be com-

fortable joining Bill Walton at a Grateful Dead concert. Pangos was a success from the minute he put on a uniform at Gonzaga, coming off the bench in his first game as a freshman last year and then starting every game since. Olynyk, who grew seven inches while in high school, struggled off the bench for two seasons before taking a year off

last season to bulk up and work on his skill set and become one of the top big men in the country. Together they've got the Bulldogs at 27-2 with two games left until the West Coast Conference tournament. It would all be heady stuff, except Gonzaga has been here before. Maybe not quite this high in

the rankings, but coach Mark Few's team has won four of every five games since he took over in 1999, and the Zags always seem to be in the mix late in the season. If there's a knock against the Bulldogs — the official team nickname, though they're known everywhere as the Zags — it's the usual one for teams from smaller schools.

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